

EXPERIENCE TANZANIA



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DAY 1: LEGENDARY LODGE, Arusha

Arriving at Kilimanjaro Airport you will be met by representatives from Roberts Safaris and assisted through the airport to your private transfer to Legendary Lodge, set in the grounds of a coffee estate this offers the opportunity to explore Arusha for those who would like to. Arusha, in northern Tanzania is a pioneering safari town that services many of the popular wildlife destinations that Northern Tanzania has to offer. Sitting at an altitude of 1500 metres on the foothills of Mount Meru, this is often the first stop for guests arriving into Tanzania. For guests that would like to spend more time here there is a bustling curio and artisan scene and day trips to Arusha National Park can also be arranged.

DAYS 2 - 4: LITTLE CHEM CHEM - Tarangire National Park

After breakfast at Legendary Lodge, you will be transferred to Arusha Airport arriving in time to check-in for the scheduled morning flight to Manyara Airstrip. The flight takes about 25 minutes and on landing you will be met by your guide and your first experience of the beauty of Tarangire.

Tarangire National Park is a national park in Tanzania's Manyara Region. The name of the park originates from the Tarangire River that crosses the park. The Tarangire River is the primary source of fresh water for wild animals in the Tarangire Ecosystem during the annual dry season. The Tarangire Ecosystem is defined by the long-distance migration of wildebeest and zebras. During the dry season, thousands of animals concentrate in Tarangire National Park from the surrounding wet-season dispersal and calving areas. It covers an area of approximately 2,850 square kilometers (1,100 square miles). The landscape is composed of granitic ridges, river valley, and swamps. Vegetation is a mix of Acacia woodland, Combretum woodland, seasonally flooded grassland and baobab trees.

The park is famous for its high density of elephants and baobab trees. Visitors to the park in the June to November dry season can expect to see large herds of thousands of zebra, wildebeest and cape buffalo. Other common resident animals include waterbuck, giraffe, dik dik, impala, eland, Grant's gazelle, vervet monkey, banded mongoose and olive baboon.

Predators in Tarangire include lion, leopard, cheetah, caracal, honey badger, and African wild dog. The oldest known elephant to give birth to twins is found in Tarangire. A recent birth of elephant twins in the Tarangire National Park of Tanzania is a great example of how the birth of these two healthy and thriving twins can beat the odds.

Home to more than 550 bird species, the park is a haven for bird enthusiasts. The park is also famous for the termite mounds that dot the landscape. Those that have been abandoned are often home to dwarf mongoose. In 2015, a giraffe that is white due to leucism was spotted in the park.

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DAYS 5 & 6: CRATER LODGE, Ngorogoro

Leaving Tarangire behind you, a 3 hour drive takes you to Crater Lodge and the spectacular Ngorogoro Crater. On arrival we would recommend a walk around the Crater rim to acclimatise yourself and enjoy the vista to the crater floor.

Of significant interest for this area is that the crater has formed its own micro ecosystem. The scenery is dramatic and varied, combining a shallow soda lake (Lake Magadi) with dense forests, swamps and natural springs and expansive savannah grasslands.

The mineral rich crater floor provides high nutrient concentrations in the grasses holding large numbers of zebra and wildebeest year round. The crater is also home to the endangered black rhino that are often seen grassing on the open grasslands. Although elephants are not as common here as in other areas of East Africa, there are a few older bulls in the park and breeding herds do sometimes move through but do not seem to loiter here. Notable absentees from the crater are both giraffe and impala, it is thought that the flora of the area is not compatible to their feeding habits.

The high numbers of plains game supports one of the densest populations of predators found anywhere in Africa. Lion, cheetah, leopard, wild dog and spotted hyaena are all found in the crater.

That being said the lion population's have seen significant fluctuations, dropping to as low as 12 animals in 1962. It is now estimated that the areas hold a population of some 60 animals. Research has indicated that these populations are now significantly inbred and very few migrating males move into this area and if they do any potential breeding is normally limited by the resident males of the area. That being said these animals have relatively little concern in regards to humans and vehicles and will often hunt or rest very close to the vehicles offering guests the opportunity to get pretty up close to these majestic animals.

DAYS 7 - 9: MWIBA LODGE, Serengeti

This morning will start with a drive to Manyara Airstrip where you will take a scheduled flight to the Serengeti and the delights of Mwiba Lodge in the central Serengeti.

The Serengeti has some of East Africa's finest game areas. Besides being known for the great migration, the Serengeti is also famous for its abundant large predators. The ecosystem is home to over 3,000 lions, 1,000 leopards, and 7,700 to 8,700 spotted hyenas. The East African cheetah are also present in Serengeti. Wild dogs are relatively scarce in much of the Serengeti. This is particularly true in places such as Serengeti National Park, in which lions and spotted hyenas, predators that steal wild dog kills. The Serengeti is also home to a diversity of grazers, including African buffalo, warthogs, Grant's gazelle, eland, waterbuck, and topi. The Serengeti can support this remarkable variety of grazers only because each species, even those that are closely related, has a different diet. For example, wildebeests prefer to consume shorter grasses, while zebras prefer taller ones.

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DAYS 10 & 11: FARU FARU, Grumeti

A short hop by scheduled flight from the Serengeti will find you in the private Grumeti Reserve and the beautifully appointed Faru Faru. Singita Grumeti, situated adjacent to the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, is an integral part of the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, the home of the Great Migration.

The reserve was created by the Tanzanian government in 1994 in order to protect the path of the annual wildebeest migration and the indigenous biodiversity of this vast and important ecosystem. In 2002, the Grumeti Community and Wildlife Conservation Fund, a not-for-profit organisation, was granted the right to manage and conserve these 350,000 acres, for the benefit of Tanzania, Africa and the world. Four years later, Singita took over the management of the property to enhance low impact, luxury tourism, at the request of the concessionaire. Then, through the Grumeti Fund, began the task of generating the funds necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the reserve through conservation and community partnerships.

DAYS 12 - 14: GREYSTOKE, Mahale

Leaving the northern Tanzania behind a 2 hour flight will take you to Mahale National Park. Mahale Mountains National Park lies on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Kigoma Region, Tanzania. Named after the Mahale Mountains range that is within its borders, the park has several unusual characteristics. First, it is one of only two protected areas for chimpanzees in the country. (The other is nearby Gombe Stream National Park made famous by the researcher Jane Goodall.) The chimpanzee population in Mahale Mountains National Park is the largest known and due to its size and remoteness, the chimpanzees flourish. It is also the only place where chimpanzees and lions co-exist. Another unusual feature of the park is that it is one of the very few in Africa that must be experienced by foot. There are no roads or other infrastructure within the park boundaries, and the only way in and out of the park is via boat on the lake.

This will allow you to experience Tanzania from a different aspect and in walking and trekking through this area will allow you, not only to spend time with these amazing Chimp families but also to immerse yourself in the smaller fauna that call this area home.

Away from the mountain trekking there is also the opportunity to explore Lake Tanganyika by boat or kayak. This provides a perfect balance from the action packed days of safari and being able to relax on white sand beaches and appreciate the beauty of this unspoilt area of Africa where few visit but the rewards for those that do are exceptional.

Greystoke Mahale also offers guests the opportunity to visit Katumbi village on the edge of the park where there are numerous conservation initiatives supported by the property and previous guests that have visited.

DAY 15: Departure. Fly back to Arusha for your International Departure

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LEGENDARY LODGE



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Legendary Lodge is one of a kind: it is a luxury property located on the outskirts of Arusha, set in a lush tropical garden surrounded by a working coffee farm. Enjoy inspiring views of Mount Meru from the privacy of your own garden cottage while their staff takes care of your every whim. Conveniently located, the lodge is a 10 minutes' drive from the Arusha Airport and 1 to 2 hours' drive from Kilimanjaro International Airport. Legendary Lodge offers the highest standard in accommodations and service.

The ten one-bedroomed garden cottages and two-bedroomed Meru Cottage each have private verandahs and stunning views of Mount Meru that make for the perfect place to relax before or after a safari. The interiors have been designed with a unique blend of African style combined with Western comforts and old colonial luxury. Each ensuite cottage features comfortable split level living to include king size beds with mosquito nets, lounge with fireplace, satellite television, direct dial phone, broadband connection, complimentary mini-bar, fruit basket and coffee and tea station.

The bathrooms have a vanity with double basins, bathtub, rain shower, separate toilet and the full range of amenities. Legendary Cottage features three ensuite bedrooms in a large and spacious home with beautiful indoor - outdoor flow, a beautiful garden and private swimming pool.

Indulge in gourmet meals served at the old farmhouse. Meal times are flexible and guests are accommodated at their convenience. Wake up calls are accompanied by freshly brewed coffee and tea along with a full English breakfast. Delicious lunches are followed by romantic candle-lit dinners, served with a selection of fine wines.



TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

MANYARA REGION - TANZANIA

LITTLE CHEM CHEM



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TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK - TANZANIA



Bordering Little Chem Chem is an acacia forest within the typical landscape of the Tarangire National Park and its impressive Baobab trees. The camp overlooks the freshwater Lake Burunge with the Babati mountain range as a magnificent backdrop on the south-west. The north east faces the hills of Tarangire in the distance.

Known as the sunrise camp, Little Chem Chem is home to early morning displays of glory. Set on the earth, the five vintage tents have a large bedroom with rocking chair and study desk, a vanity area with dressing room and an en suite bathroom with running hot water shower and flushing toilet. The atmosphere at Little Chem Chem is welcoming, elegant and oozing authenticity of a bygone era.

The luxury of sharing 16'000ha with only 10 guests sets the ideal stage where one can perfectly blend into the wilderness. Lions roam around the camp and call each other at night; stately elephants march down to Lake Burunge to get a sprinkling of fresh water; cheetahs hunt on the plains facing the lake; leopards, eland and lesser kudu can be seen in the more dense woods in the inner part of the wildlife management area. And wherever there is water, the bird life is abundant and colourful.

Little Chem Chem is the ultimate setting from which to explore on foot, slow down and indulge in a sensual African safari



NGORONGORO CRATER

NORTHERN TANZANIA

CRATER LODGE

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Commanding a presence on the edge of the Crater Rim, Crater Lodge has sweeping views across the expanse of this truly dynamic area. Executed to the highest of standards this is where an eclectic blend of teak panelling, Victorian furnishings and whimsical African touches creates a sumptuous atmosphere that is as elegant and unique as the Crater itself. In this place of dramatic contrasts, anything is possible and the natural luxury of the beautiful setting ensures the dramatic interior of your suite blends perfectly with its stilted thatch architecture. Although most people coming to this area are focused on the Crater and the wildlife below, Crater Lodge does offer the guests the opportunity put on your hiking boots for one of the three trekking routes that are accessible from the property, spend a morning with the Hadzabe people or visit the cradle of mankind at Olduvai Gorge.

In staying at Crater Lodge you are in an ideal position to descend to the crater floor at dawn and be on of the first vehicles into the park - this does make a difference to your experience and we would recommend that you take advantage of this. The lodge would provide for you a beautiful private picnic for you so that you can enjoy the morning at your own pace. Returning to the lodge in the afternoon, there would be the opportunity to indulge in a massage, enjoy the lodge or sit quietly with the telescope and watch life unfold beneath you. Crater Lodge also offers a dining experience like no other and although, due to its altitude, the property does not have a swimming pool, the cooler temperatures are fabulous for wine storing and guests can enjoy a wine tasting or a private dinner in the wine store.



THE SERENGETI

NATIONAL PARK



MWIBA

SOUTHERN SERENGETI - TANZANIA

MWIBA

SOUTHERN SERENGETI - TANZANIA



Mwiba River Lodge is the latest luxury lodge to take Tanzania by storm and this amazing property not only has a stunning riverside location, but also boasts 51,000 acres of wildlife reserve which is completely private and just for you. The game here is excellent all year round due to 33 freshwater springs which are situated on the property. Every room and mess area is designed to maximize beautiful views. Mwiba is close to the Ngorongoron Crater which makes it the ideal Serengeti choice for those that don't want to travel for many hours in vehicles or on planes.

Mwiba's eight canvas-sided suites are all but invisible to one another, with proper doors, hardwood floors and decks cantilevered over a rushing river with chaises ready for post-safari snoozing. The canopied king-size beds have green air-conditioning systems that cool the bed areas. The living space has linen-covered sofas and copper lamps, while the bathrooms have soaking tubs, indoor and outdoor showers and antique fixtures. It's not only sexy and theatrical, something most safari accommodations are decidedly not, but offers the height of luxury: complete peace and solitude.



SINGITA GRUMETI

SINGITA FARU FARU

GRUMETI RESERVE



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Singita Faru Faru Lodge is set in Grumeti in northern Tanzania, forming part of the Serengeti Mara ecosystem. Built on a gently sloping hill, this riverine lodge, positioned on the renowned migratory route, is a place where you can quite literally expect the unexpected.

With such close proximity to the river and plains, guests have the unique opportunity to experience a very close connection with the wilderness. Singita Faru Faru Lodge's six air-conditioned tents feature picture windows, indoor and outdoor showers and deep tubs and private viewing decks with incredible views, and your own Swarovski spotting scope.

Activities available include game drives, relaxing in the pool, visits to the gym, spa and the equestrian centre - day outrides on the plains of the Serengeti are an enchanting way to explore this spectacular landscape.



GREYSTOKE MAHALE

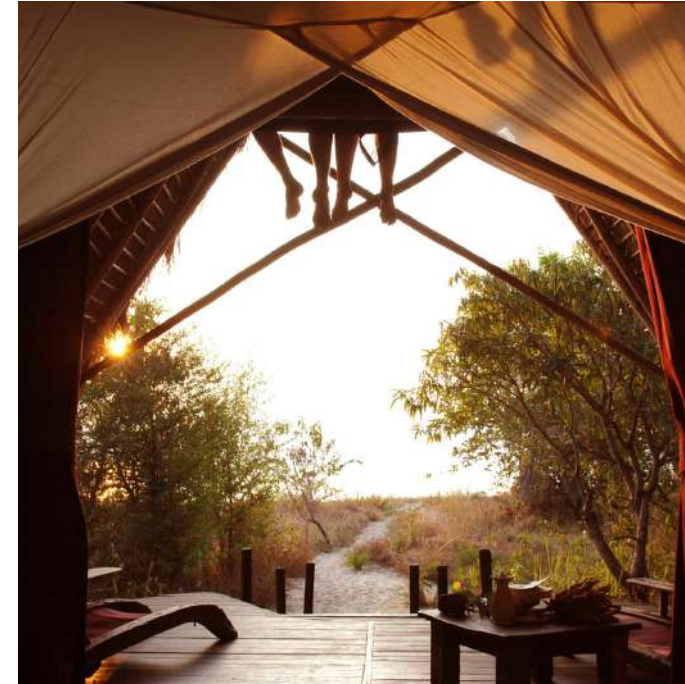
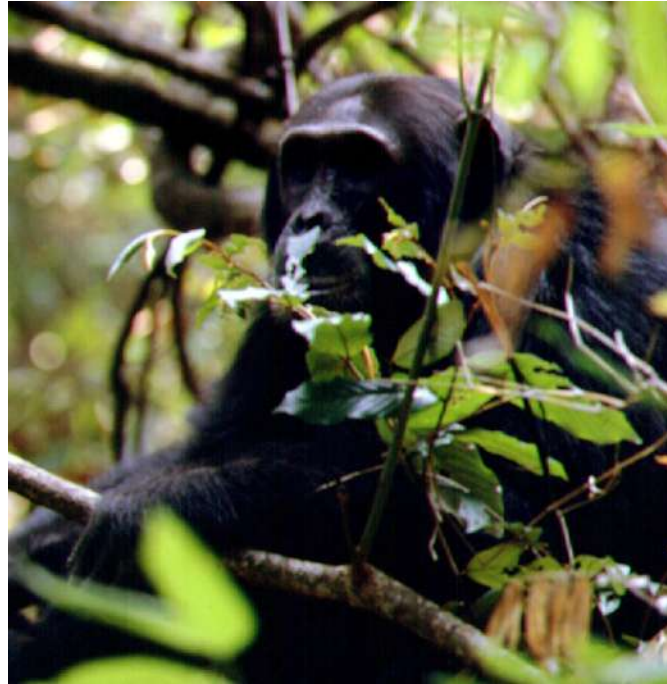
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With its charismatic ‘Robinson Crusoe’ atmosphere, Greystoke Mahale radiates an undeniable air of adventure. It is located at the foot of the densely forested Mahale Mountains, home to a thriving population of chimpanzees. A-frame bandas are open-fronted to offer the very best views of Lake Tanganyika and the adjoining bathrooms are accessible by means of raised wooden walkways. An upstairs viewing deck offers a tranquil haven after a rewarding day of chimp viewing.

The guest area, casually named ‘The Mess’, is loosely modelled on traditional Tongwe architecture. It consists of a bar, dining area, library and small raised platforms that have been converted into cosy sitting areas and boast superb views of the Lake. Guests can indulge in a variety of sumptuous dishes and private dinners by candlelight on the beach can be arranged.

The main focus of your time at Mahale is the chimpanzee's. Over the years, as families have grown, alpha males have come and gone, bonds and friendships have been created and then broken, and then created again. They are not so different from us and it is hard not to compare their daily lives, their movements, feeding, squabbling, foraging and grooming, with our own. It's all acted out on this natural chimpanzee stage, and witnessing it is something we are privileged to be able to do every day. The trekking can take a couple of hours to locate the families and then a mesmerising hour is spent with them.



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