



Tailor-Made Itinerary – Nicolas





Introduction

Did you know that Tanzania is home to the Great Migration, one of the most spectacular wildlife events on Earth? Every year, millions of wildebeest and zebras cross the Serengeti in search of greener pastures—a breathtaking sight that draws travelers from around the globe. This program is designed for Nicolas, traveling as a couple, seeking inspiration and information for a two-week vacation in December 2025. The journey is planned within a budget of 3,000 euros per person, with a preference for joining an existing small group and staying in eco lodges. The following itinerary is based on real experiences from local experts and can be customized to your wishes.



Why Tanzania?

Tanzania is a dream destination for couples seeking adventure, wildlife, and relaxation. December is an excellent time to visit: the landscapes are lush after the short rains, and the wildlife viewing remains superb, especially in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro. Eco lodges offer immersive stays close to nature while supporting conservation and local communities. The country's well-developed safari logistics make it easy to join small group departures, ensuring both comfort and sociability. From iconic national parks to the idyllic beaches of Zanzibar, Tanzania combines

romance, discovery, and sustainable travel.



Custom Program



Day 1: Arrival in Arusha

- Morning: Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport. Meet your group and **private transfer: 1h** to your eco lodge in Arusha.
- Afternoon: Settle in, relax by the gardens, and attend a welcome briefing with your guide and fellow travelers.
- Evening: Dinner at the lodge, surrounded by lush vegetation.

Highlight: Toast to the start of your adventure with a sundowner on the terrace.

- **Hotel options:**
 - **Arusha Coffee Lodge** (Luxury, on a working coffee plantation, elegant cottages, from €340/night)
 - **Rivertrees Country Inn** (Boutique, tranquil gardens on Usa River, cozy and intimate, from €220/night)
 - **Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge** (Eco-lodge, historic estate with lush grounds, views of Mt. Meru, from €250/night)

TIP: Arusha is at moderate altitude (~1,400 m); take it easy the first day to recover from your flight.

Day 2: Arusha National Park

- Morning: Early departure for Arusha National Park (**private transfer: 45 min**). Guided walking safari and game drive: spot giraffes, buffalo, and flamingos.
- Afternoon: Picnic lunch by Momella Lakes. Continue exploring the park's diverse landscapes.
- Evening: Return to the lodge. Optional visit to a local coffee plantation.

Highlight: Romantic walk at sunset with views of Mount Meru.

- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.
- **Activity:** Walking Safari in Arusha National Park – Accompanied by an armed ranger, discover wildlife on foot and enjoy close encounters with giraffes and zebras.

TIP: Early morning is best for wildlife viewing and clear views of Mount Meru.

Day 3: Tarangire National Park

- Morning: Early breakfast and **private transfer: 2.5h** to Tarangire National Park. Begin game drive upon arrival.
- Afternoon: Picnic lunch in the park. Search for elephants, baobabs, and big cats.
- Evening: Overnight in an eco lodge bordering the park. Enjoy a

campfire under the stars.

Highlight: Night sounds of the bush from your eco-friendly tent.

- **Hotel options:**

- **Tarangire Safari Lodge** (Eco-lodge, bluff overlooking the river, iconic tents, from €230/night)
- **Sanctuary Swala** (Luxury, secluded in the park, contemporary design, from €480/night)
- **Baobab Tented Camp** (Boutique, intimate camp among baobabs, from €210/night)

- **Activity:** Game Drive in Tarangire – Renowned for its large elephant herds and ancient baobab trees, this park offers classic safari landscapes and abundant wildlife.

TIP: Tarangire is a malaria area—use insect repellent and sleep under a mosquito net.

Day 4: Tarangire to Lake Manyara

- Morning: Sunrise game drive in Tarangire. **Private transfer: 2h** to Lake Manyara region.
- Afternoon: Explore Lake Manyara National Park—tree-climbing lions, flamingos, and hippos.
- Evening: Overnight in an eco lodge with views of the Rift Valley.

Highlight: Private dinner set up on the lodge veranda.

- **Hotel options:**

- **Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge** (Eco-lodge, perched on the escarpment, panoramic views, from €250/night)
- **Escarpment Luxury Lodge** (Boutique, elegant suites with Rift Valley vistas, from €320/night)
- **Manyara Green Camp** (Eco-camp, riverside setting, immersive nature experience, from €200/night)
- **Activity:** Game Drive in Lake Manyara – Famous for its diverse birdlife and lush groundwater forest, this compact park offers excellent chances to spot tree-climbing lions.

TIP: The Rift Valley escarpment offers stunning sunset photo opportunities—have your camera ready!

Day 5: Mto wa Mbu & Cultural Encounters

- Morning: Guided bicycle tour through the village of Mto wa Mbu. Visit local markets and banana plantations.
 - Afternoon: Traditional Swahili lunch with a local family. Short hike to a nearby waterfall.
 - Evening: Return to the eco lodge.
- Highlight:** Share stories with your group around the fire.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 4.
 - **Activity:** Mto wa Mbu Village Tour – Cycle through vibrant local communities, meet artisans, and experience authentic Tanzanian hospitality.

TIP: Bring small bills for market purchases; many stalls do not accept cards.

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

- Morning: Early departure for Ngorongoro Conservation Area (**private transfer: 1h**). Descend into the crater for a full-day safari.
- Afternoon: Picnic lunch by the hippo pool. Continue wildlife viewing—lions, rhinos, and elephants.
- Evening: Overnight in an eco lodge on the crater rim.

Highlight: Panoramic sunset over the crater.

- **Hotel options:**
 - **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge** (Eco-lodge, crater rim, Maasai-inspired design, from €320/night)
 - **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge** (Luxury, spectacular crater views, spacious rooms, from €300/night)
 - **Rhino Lodge** (Eco-lodge, simple comfort, wildlife at your doorstep, from €180/night)
- **Activity:** Safari in Ngorongoro Crater – Descend 600 meters into this UNESCO-listed caldera, home to the densest concentration of wildlife in Africa.

ALTITUDE: The crater rim is at 2,300–2,400 m; drink plenty of water and avoid strenuous activity if you feel lightheaded.

Day 7: Serengeti National Park (Central)

- Morning: Scenic drive to Serengeti National Park (**4×4: 3.5h with wildlife stops**).
- Afternoon: Begin game drives in the central Serengeti, famous for its big cats and vast plains.
- Evening: Settle into an eco-friendly tented camp. Enjoy dinner under the stars.

Highlight: Fall asleep to the sounds of the savannah.

- **Hotel options:**
 - **Kubu Kubu Tented Camp** (Luxury tented camp, panoramic views, stylish design, from €420/night)
 - **Kati Kati Tented Camp** (Eco-camp, mobile camp for immersive wildlife experience, from €250/night)
 - **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge** (Eco-lodge, stone-built rondavels, infinity pool, from €320/night)
- **Activity:** Game Drive in Central Serengeti – Explore the Seronera Valley, a hotspot for predators and the heart of the Great Migration in December.

TIP: Early morning and late afternoon are best for predator sightings.

Day 8–10: Serengeti Exploration

- Morning & Afternoon: Full days of game drives in different Serengeti

regions, following wildlife movements. Optional hot air balloon safari ([To Customize]).

- Evening: Relax at camp, share stories with the group, and enjoy bush dinners.
- **Highlight:** Sunrise over the plains, with a special breakfast in the bush one morning.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 7.
- **Activity:** Hot Air Balloon Safari (optional) – Float above the Serengeti at dawn for a bird's-eye view of wildlife, followed by a champagne breakfast in the bush.

TIP: Pack a warm layer for early morning drives; the plains can be chilly before sunrise.

Day 11: Serengeti to Zanzibar

- Morning: Transfer to Seronera airstrip and catch a scheduled flight to Zanzibar (**flight: 1.5h**, not included in base budget).
- Afternoon: Arrive in Stone Town, Zanzibar. **Private transfer: 1h** to an eco lodge on the beach.
- Evening: Relax by the Indian Ocean, enjoy fresh seafood dinner.
Highlight: Romantic stroll on the beach at sunset.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Zuri Zanzibar** (Luxury eco-resort, Kendwa Beach, lush gardens and sunset views, from €400/night)

- **Emerson on Hurumzi** (Boutique, Stone Town rooftop, Swahili-Arabian charm, from €180/night)
- **Matemwe Lodge** (Eco-lodge, quiet northeast coast, oceanfront bungalows, from €260/night)
- **Activity:** Spice Tour in Zanzibar – Discover the island’s aromatic plantations and learn about the history of the spice trade (optional).

TIP: Domestic flights have luggage limits (typically 15 kg soft bags); pack accordingly.

Day 12–13: Zanzibar Beach & Culture

- Morning: Free time to swim, snorkel, or relax. Optional spice tour or visit to Jozani Forest (**[To Customize]**).
- Afternoon: Explore Stone Town’s winding alleys and markets.
- Evening: Sunset dhow cruise for couples, with drinks and music.
- **Highlight:** Private dinner on the sand, under the stars.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 11.
- **Activity:** Dhow Sunset Cruise – Sail the turquoise waters aboard a traditional wooden dhow, enjoy local music and a magical sunset.

TIP: Stone Town is a UNESCO site—dress modestly and respect local customs when exploring the city.

Day 14: Departure

- Morning: Last swim or spa treatment (**[To Customize]**).

- Private transfer: 1h to Zanzibar Airport for your international flight home (timing depends on flight schedule).
- **Highlight:** Farewell breakfast overlooking the ocean.

TIP: Allow extra time for airport security and check-in, especially during holiday periods.

Customizable Options

- Upgrade to a hot air balloon safari over the Serengeti, including a champagne breakfast.
- Add a private guided spice tour or cooking class in Zanzibar.
- Extend your beach stay with a night in a remote eco-lodge on Pemba or Mafia Island.
- Request a private vehicle and guide for a more intimate safari experience (**[To Customize]**).
- Include a community visit or conservation project for a deeper local connection.

Practical Info & Budget

- **Comfort level:** Eco lodges and tented camps, mid-range to upper mid-range.
- **Estimated budget:** 3,000 euros per person (excluding international flights; domestic flight Serengeti–Zanzibar may require supplement).

- **Included:** Accommodation, most meals, group transfers, park fees, guided safaris, cultural visits.
- **Excluded:** International flights, some lunches/dinners, personal expenses, optional activities, domestic flight supplement.
- **Group type:** Small group (to be confirmed with local partners).
- **Missing info:** Exact travel dates, departure city, email address.
- **Note:** With the current budget and a two-week duration, some upgrades or private options may require an increased budget or a shorter trip.

| Item | Estimated Cost (per person) |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Accommodation (13 nights, eco lodges/tented camps) | €1,600 |
| Meals (most included, some lunches/dinners excluded) | €350 |
| Ground transfers & park fees (group basis) | €500 |
| Guided safaris & cultural activities | €300 |
| Domestic flight Serengeti–Zanzibar (estimate) | €250 |
| Tips & incidentals | €100 |

Total Estimated Cost

€3,100



Next Steps

- Please specify your exact travel dates and departure city to refine the program and check group availability.
- Let us know if you would like to adjust the comfort level, add private experiences, or shorten/extend the trip.
- Share your email address to receive a personalized proposal and connect with a local expert.
- All elements marked **[To Customize]** can be tailored to your wishes.

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