



Tailor-Made Itinerary – Nicolas de Pomereu





Introduction

Did you know Tanzania hosts the Great Migration, where over a million wildebeest and zebras traverse the Serengeti? For Nicolas de Pomereu and his wife, this two-week January 2027 adventure blends immersive wildlife encounters, eco-lodge stays, and the comfort of a dedicated driver-guide. With a budget of €3,000 per person and a preference for short daily drives, this program is designed to balance nature, comfort, and logistics.



Why Tanzania?

Tanzania is a dream for wildlife lovers, renowned for its iconic national parks, diverse animal populations, and breathtaking landscapes. January is a lush, green season—ideal for birdwatching and seeing newborn animals, though some rain is possible. The country's network of eco-lodges and experienced driver-guides makes it easy to explore at a relaxed pace, ensuring you enjoy close-up animal sightings without long, tiring transfers. Your focus on comfort, sustainability, and minimal daily driving aligns perfectly with Tanzania's best safari circuits.



Custom Program

Day 1: Arrival in Arusha

- **Morning:** Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport; meet your driver-guide. Private transfer: ~1h to Arusha town.
- **Afternoon:** Settle into your lodge, relax in the gardens, or visit a local coffee plantation.
- **Evening:** Dinner at the lodge, early night to recover from travel.
- **Highlight:** First taste of Tanzanian hospitality amid lush foothills.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Legendary Lodge** (Luxury, outskirts of Arusha): Colonial-style cottages set in a coffee estate, renowned for personalized service. From €350/night.
 - **Arusha Coffee Lodge** (Boutique, Shamba area): Elegant rooms in a working plantation, with gourmet dining and spa. From €220/night.
 - **Rivertrees Country Inn** (Eco-lodge, Usa River): Riverside cottages with tranquil gardens and wildlife sightings. From €150/night.

TIP: Bring cash for local purchases; credit cards are not always accepted in rural areas.

Day 2: Arusha National Park

- **Morning:** Game drive in Arusha National Park. Private transfer: ~45

min.

- **Afternoon:** Canoe on Momella Lakes or visit Ngurdoto Crater.
- **Evening:** Return to lodge, relax by the fire.
- **Highlight:** Spotting giraffes and colobus monkeys with Mount Meru as a backdrop.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.
- **Activity:** Walking safari with park ranger: Experience wildlife on foot, with expert guidance through forest and savannah.

TIP: Walking safaris require advance permits; arrange with your lodge or guide.

Day 3: Tarangire National Park

- **Morning:** Depart for Tarangire. Private transfer: ~2h.
- **Afternoon:** Explore baobab-dotted savannahs, look for elephants and birdlife.
- **Evening:** Sunset at eco-lodge overlooking the park.
- **Highlight:** Herds of elephants and iconic baobab trees.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Chem Chem Lodge** (Luxury, private concession): Elegant tented suites, bush walks with Maasai guides. From €800/night.
 - **Tarangire Safari Lodge** (Eco-lodge, park boundary): Classic tents with panoramic views of the river. From €250/night.
 - **Little Oliver's Camp** (Boutique, inside park): Intimate camp with

expert-guided walks and night drives. From €350/night.

- **Activity:** Night game drive: Discover nocturnal wildlife and predators in action.

TIP: Tarangire is famous for birdlife—bring binoculars for rare species.

Day 4: Tarangire – Lake Manyara

- **Morning:** Private transfer: ~1.5h to Lake Manyara National Park; morning game drive.
- **Afternoon:** Picnic lunch, tree-climbing lions and hippo pools.
- **Evening:** Overnight at eco-lodge near Mto wa Mbu village.
- **Highlight:** Flamingos and diverse birdlife at the lake.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Lake Manyara Tree Lodge** (Luxury, inside park): Stylish treehouse suites in mahogany forest. From €900/night.
 - **Manyara Best View Lodge** (Eco-lodge, escarpment): Panoramic views, local cuisine, relaxed vibe. From €180/night.
 - **Kirurumu Manyara Lodge** (Boutique, ridge): Tented rooms with sweeping valley views. From €220/night.
- **Activity:** Village walk in Mto wa Mbu: Discover local crafts, banana plantations, and daily life.

TIP: Lake Manyara is small but diverse—ideal for birdwatchers and photographers.

Day 5: Lake Manyara – Ngorongoro Highlands

- **Morning:** Private transfer: ~1.5h to Ngorongoro Highlands; visit a coffee estate or Maasai village.
- **Afternoon:** Scenic walk on crater rim (weather permitting).
- **Evening:** Cozy eco-lodge with views over the highlands.
- **Highlight:** Immersive highland landscapes and Maasai culture.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Gibb's Farm** (Boutique, Karatu): Historic farmhouse, organic gardens, artist workshops. From €350/night.
 - **Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge** (Luxury, crater rim): All-suite lodge with spa and forest walks. From €400/night.
 - **Ngorongoro Farm House** (Eco-lodge, Karatu): Rustic charm, working farm, fresh produce. From €220/night.
- **Activity:** Guided crater rim walk: Explore montane forest and panoramic views with local Maasai guides.

ALTITUDE: The crater rim is above 2,300 m; pace yourself and stay hydrated.

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater Safari

- **Morning:** Early descent into Ngorongoro Crater. Private transfer: ~30 min.
- **Afternoon:** Picnic lunch by the hippo pool; search for rhinos and big

cats.

- **Evening:** Return to lodge on crater rim.
- **Highlight:** Chance to see the “Big Five” in a single day.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 5.
- **Activity:** Full-day game drive: Explore the crater floor’s unique ecosystem with expert guides.

ALTITUDE: Crater rim lodges are at 2,300–2,400 m; nights can be chilly, pack warm layers.

Day 7: Ngorongoro – Karatu (Rest & Culture)

- **Morning:** Private transfer: ~30 min to Karatu; visit local market or community project.
- **Afternoon:** Leisure time or optional cycling tour.
- **Evening:** Dinner featuring local Tanzanian cuisine.
- **Highlight:** Insight into rural Tanzanian life.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Gibb’s Farm** (Boutique, Karatu): Same as Day 5.
 - **Ngorongoro Farm House** (Eco-lodge, Karatu): Same as Day 5.
 - **Kudu Lodge** (Farm stay, Karatu): Spacious gardens, pool, and local hospitality. From €150/night.
- **Activity:** Guided cycling tour: Explore Karatu’s countryside and meet local farmers.

TIP: Karatu is a hub for local crafts—consider visiting a cooperative for

unique souvenirs.

Day 8: Karatu – Central Serengeti

- **Morning:** Private transfer: ~2h to Serengeti National Park (Naabi Hill gate); game drive en route.
- **Afternoon:** Explore central Serengeti plains; look for lions and cheetahs.
- **Evening:** Eco-camp in the heart of the Serengeti.
- **Highlight:** Sunset over the savannah with wildlife all around.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Serengeti Pioneer Camp** (Boutique, central Serengeti): Classic safari tents, prime location for wildlife. From €400/night.
 - **Kubu Kubu Tented Lodge** (Luxury, central Serengeti): Panoramic views, infinity pool, stylish tents. From €450/night.
 - **Serengeti Tortilis Camp** (Eco-camp, central Serengeti): Solar-powered tents, authentic bush experience. From €300/night.
- **Activity:** Sundowner drinks: Toast the day's sightings with a cocktail on the savannah.

TIP: January is calving season—expect dramatic predator-prey interactions.

Day 9: Central Serengeti Safari

- **Morning:** Early morning and late afternoon game drives; midday rest at camp.
- **Afternoon:** Optional guided nature walk (camp dependent).
- **Evening:** Stargazing and campfire stories.
- **Highlight:** Witnessing predator action at dawn or dusk.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 8.
- **Activity:** Guided nature walk: Learn about Serengeti's flora, insects, and animal tracks.

TIP: Ask about photographic safaris with specialist guides for unique wildlife shots.

Day 10: Serengeti – Western Corridor

- **Morning:** Private transfer: ~1.5h to western Serengeti; game drive en route.
- **Afternoon:** Explore Grumeti River area, look for crocodiles and hippos.
- **Evening:** Eco-camp near the river.
- **Highlight:** Birdlife and riverine wildlife.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Singita Sabora Tented Camp** (Luxury, Grumeti Reserve): 1920s-style tents, private concession, exclusive wildlife. From €1,200/night.
 - **Mbalageti Serengeti** (Eco-camp, western corridor): Thatched

chalets, sunset views over the plains. From €300/night.

- **Grumeti Hills Camp** (Tented camp, Grumeti area): Elevated tents, guided walks, birdwatching. From €250/night.
- **Activity:** Grumeti River walk: Spot hippos, crocodiles, and rare birds with expert guides.

TIP: Western corridor is less crowded—ideal for exclusive wildlife viewing.

Day 11: Western Serengeti Safari

- **Morning:** Game drive along the Grumeti; picnic breakfast.
- **Afternoon:** Optional visit to anti-poaching project or walking safari.
- **Evening:** Sundowners overlooking the river.
- **Highlight:** Conservation experience and close animal encounters.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 10.
- **Activity:** Conservation project visit: Learn about anti-poaching efforts and local community initiatives.

TIP: Arrange conservation visits in advance; some projects require special permits.

Day 12: Serengeti – Return to Karatu

- **Morning:** Early game drive; private transfer: ~2.5h back to Karatu (with game viewing en route).
- **Afternoon:** Rest at eco-lodge, optional spa treatment.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner with local flavors.

- **Highlight:** Reflecting on safari memories in comfort.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Gibb's Farm** (Boutique, Karatu): Same as Day 5.
 - **Ngorongoro Farm House** (Eco-lodge, Karatu): Same as Day 5.
 - **Acacia Farm Lodge** (Boutique, Karatu): Spacious suites, organic gardens, wellness spa. From €250/night.
- **Activity:** Spa treatment: Unwind with a massage or wellness ritual after your safari.

TIP: Book spa treatments in advance; availability may be limited in peak season.

Day 13: Karatu – Arusha

- **Morning:** Leisurely breakfast; private transfer: ~2h to Arusha.
- **Afternoon:** Last-minute shopping or visit to local art center.
- **Evening:** Day room at eco-lodge before evening airport transfer.
- **Highlight:** Handicraft souvenirs and relaxed end to the trip.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Arusha Coffee Lodge** (Eco-lodge, Shamba area): Same as Day 1, day room from €80.
 - **Rivertrees Country Inn** (Eco-lodge, Usa River): Same as Day 1, day room from €60.
 - **Gran Melia Arusha** (Luxury, city center): Modern amenities, rooftop bar, day room from €120.

- **Activity:** Visit Shanga Foundation: Shop for handmade crafts supporting local artisans.

TIP: Confirm your flight time for smooth airport transfer; traffic can be unpredictable.

Day 14: Departure

- **Morning:** Private transfer: ~1h to Kilimanjaro International Airport.
- **Afternoon:** International flight home.
- **Evening:** —
- **Highlight:** Smooth, stress-free departure.
- **Hotel options:** —

TIP: Airport lounges offer showers and refreshments for long-haul travelers.

Customizable Options

- Private bush dinners or sundowners in the Serengeti.
- Hot air balloon safari (Serengeti, weather permitting).
- Guided birdwatching or photographic safaris with a specialist.
- Wellness/spa day at select eco-lodges.
- Visit to local Maasai or Hadzabe communities with cultural immersion.
- Night game drives (where permitted, e.g., Tarangire).

Practical Info & Budget

- **Comfort level:** Focus on eco-lodges and boutique camps; private driver-guide throughout.
- **Indicative budget:** With 14 days, eco-lodge stays, private vehicle, park fees, and full board, expect €4,200–€5,000 per person (flights excluded). Your stated budget (€3,000 pp) is below current market rates for this length/comfort—consider shortening to 10–12 days or adjusting lodge style for better alignment.
- **Included:** Lodging, all meals on safari, private driver-guide, park fees, ground transfers.
- **Excluded:** International flights, tips, drinks, personal expenses, optional activities (balloon, spa).
- **Seasonal notes:** January is green season—lush landscapes, some afternoon rain, excellent for birding and calving; some tracks may be muddy, but most parks remain accessible.
- **Luggage:** Soft bags preferred; some camps have strict weight limits if using internal flights (not planned here).
- **Health:** Consult your doctor for malaria prophylaxis and yellow fever vaccination recommendations.

TIP: Travel insurance is highly recommended for medical, cancellation, and evacuation coverage.



Next Steps

- Please confirm your exact travel dates and preferred arrival/departure airports.
- Let us know if you'd like to adjust the trip length, comfort level, or add/remove regions (e.g., Zanzibar beach extension).
- Would you like to include any specific activities (balloon, spa, cultural visits)?
- Is the proposed budget and pace comfortable, or should we explore shorter or alternative routes?
- Once we have your feedback, we'll refine the program and check availability with our local partners.

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Lodging (eco-lodge/boutique, 13 nights)	€2,600
Private driver-guide & vehicle	€900
National park/conservation fees	€700
All meals on safari	€400
Transfers (airport, inter-lodge)	€200
Selected activities (walking safari,	€200

village visit, spa)

Total Estimated Cost

€5,000

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