

DESTINATION GUIDE

# WELCOME TO NIMALI AFRICA

*A seamless experience, felt every step of the way.*



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# Your Nimali Experience Begins Now

Please ensure you read through this document prior to your trip, as it contains important information to help you prepare for your safari experience with Nimali Africa.







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# Flights & Transfers

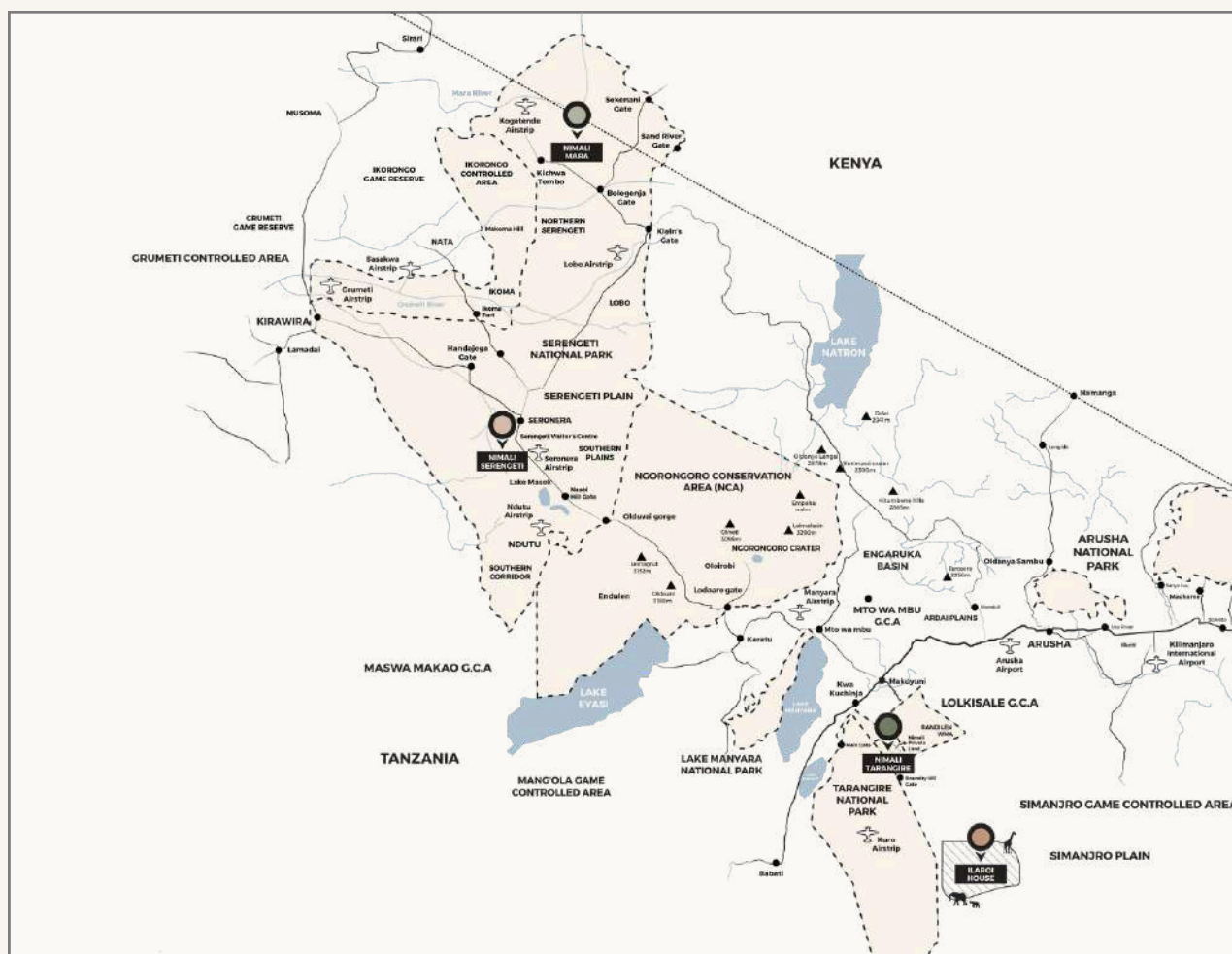
## INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL

Most guests fly via Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) or Arusha Airport (ARK).

## DOMESTIC TRANSFERS TO LODGES

- Nimali Mara: Kogatende Airstrip – 35 min drive
- Nimali Serengeti: Seronera Airstrip – 40 min drive
- Nimali Tarangire: Kuro Airstrip – 3 h drive (with game drive & picnic).
- Ilaroi House: Ilaroi Private Airstrip – 20 min charter from Arusha

All transfers are private and scenic, giving you your first taste of Tanzania's wildlife en route to the lodge.



# Best Time to Visit & Weather

## TEMPERATURE & WEATHER

Tanzania is a rewarding safari destination throughout the year, with each season offering a different perspective on the landscape and wildlife.

**The dry season**, which generally runs from **June to October**, is widely regarded as the prime period for wildlife viewing. Vegetation is thinner, water sources are limited, and animals naturally gather around rivers and permanent waterholes, making sightings more frequent and easier. This period also coincides with the iconic Great Migration river crossings in northern Tanzania.

**The green season** includes the **short rains from November to December** and the **longer rains from March to May**. Rainfall typically comes in brief showers rather than prolonged downpours, refreshing the land and transforming it into lush, vibrant scenery. This is a particularly special time for birdlife, and many animals give birth during or shortly after the rains, bringing an abundance of newborn wildlife to the plains.

## SEASONAL TEMPERATURES (AVERAGE)

### Spring (September – November)

Low: approx. 16°C / 61°F

High: approx. 30°C / 86°F

### Autumn (March – May)

Low: approx. 18°C / 64°F

High: approx. 29°C / 84°F

### Summer (December – February)

Low: approx. 20°C / 68°F

High: approx. 32°C / 90°F

### Winter (June – August)

Low: approx. 10°C / 50°F

High: approx. 27°C / 81°F

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURES PER LODGE

**Nimali Mara:** 10–28 °C

**Nimali Tarangire:** 15–32 °C

**Nimali Serengeti:** 12–30 °C

**Ilaroi House:** 12–30 °C



- *Weather can affect game viewing; dry season often easier for sightings.*

# Health & Safety

## YELLOW FEVER

- Yellow fever vaccination is required if you are arriving from or have transited through a yellow fever endemic/risk country (even if the transit was >12h and you left the airport transit area). A valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate must be presented on arrival.
- If you cannot produce a certificate, you may be vaccinated on arrival or refused entry (and possibly placed under public health observation).
- The vaccine should be given at least 10 days before travel to be valid.
- Yellow Fever Endemic Countries List: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela.



- *Tanzania itself is not considered endemic for yellow fever, so the rule depends on where you've been before arrival.*
- *Always check with your airline and national travel health authority before departure, as enforcement can vary.*

## MALARIA

- No malaria vaccination is required to enter Tanzania.
- Malaria prevention is strongly recommended for all travellers, especially in rural, safari, and coastal areas.



- *Use insect repellent with DEET or picaridin.*
- *Sleep under treated mosquito nets.*
- *Wear long sleeves and trousers during dawn and dusk.*
- *Other Recommended Vaccinations: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus.*
- *Purchase comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical emergencies and trip cancellations.*

# Visa & Entry Requirements

## PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visa Requirements: available online or on arrival.

- Passport: Passport must be valid for six months before you depart for international travel.
- Visa Link: <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>
- Visa Type: Single Entry Visa / Multiple Entry Visa (for USA citizens).
- Visa Fees: Single Entry Visa: \$50 / Multiple Entry Visa: \$100 (for USA citizens only).
- Visa Process time: 2 Weeks.

For those who wish to obtain a visa on arrival, please bring exact amount in cash USD.

*Note: The following nationalities require a referral visa which has a manual procedure. Ask our team for more information: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Chad, Djibouti, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Somali land, Sierra Leone, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Yemen.*

# Safari & Lodge Essentials

Packing for a safari requires planning, so that you have everything you need for the ultimate safari experience. We suggest wearing cotton clothing in neutral colours (khaki and green tones) for all game drives and bush walks. Avoid white clothing and dark colours for bush activities, since they tend to attract certain bugs. Please keep in mind the weight restrictions of the airline that you are flying with, as well as what you will need while on safari. There is a daily laundry service at the lodge.





## PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes/ track shoes/ hiking boots for walks.
- ☐ Comfortable slippers and sandals to wear around the lodge.
- ☐ A light jacket or warm fleece, pants, and long-sleeved tops for the evenings.
- ☐ Comfortable cotton clothing in neutral colours.
- ☐ Swimming costume / bathing suit.
- ☐ Sun hat, sunblock with high SPF and sunglasses.
- ☐ Insect repellent.
- ☐ Toiletries: sufficient supplies of feminine products, skin moisturizer and lip balm.
- ☐ Sufficient supply of any prescription medication, including malaria tablets.
- ☐ A small, personal medical kit with basic first aid including plasters, headache pills, anti-diarrheal medication, antihistamines, motion sickness medication.
- ☐ A good book to read and sketch pad.
- ☐ If you wear contact lenses, bring enough solution & a pair of glasses in case your eyes get irritated.
- ☐ A good camera with zoom function. 300 mm lenses are adequate for wildlife photography.
- ☐ Always remember to pack batteries, charging equipment, adaptor and extra memory cards.
- ☐ A dust proof bag ensures your camera is safe from the dust whilst on safari.
- ☐ A small flashlight (However, these are provided in your suites).
- ☐ A good pair of binoculars will enhance your game viewing experience.



- Remember to seek permission before taking a photograph of any local resident. There could be a charge for this.
- Electricity is provided either through Solar or Backup Generator. Electrical outlets are 220V (AC).



# Currency & Gratuity Guidelines

## CURRENCY

The local currency in Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling (TZS). You can either change money at a Bureau de Change or Bank accessible at major airports & towns. US Dollars are widely accepted.

ATMs are available and credit cards accepted at larger shops & restaurants.

## GRATUITY GUIDELINES

Tipping in Tanzania should always depend on the quality of service received, and it is your choice whether or not to tip. Of course we encourage our travelers to appreciate good service.

Best practice is always to tip just once, and always at the end of your stay at each safari lodge or camp.

It's most common to tip in cash, ideally Tanzanian shillings or US dollars.

Normally in Tanzania, you directly tip your guides, drivers, trackers and butlers separately, while other staff benefit from the 'general staff tip box'.

A lot of people work behind the scenes to ensure that your trip is a success, including the chefs, the kitchen team, the housekeeping staff. To include all of these 'back of house' people, many camps have a 'general staff tip box', with the proceeds divided equally between the staff.



- *Guides: Typically receive \$10 to \$20 per guest per day.*
- *Camp Staff: Receive \$8 to \$10 per guest per day, which is equally divided among the staff.*
- *Porters: You can tip porters \$1 to \$2 per service.*
- *Transfers: For transfers, a tip of \$3 to \$5 per transfer is appreciated.*

# Connectivity & Communication

At Nimali Africa lodges and camps in Tanzania, guests can enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi, though connections may be limited or intermittent due to the remote setting.

Mobile phone signals are available only in select areas of the reserves. We encourage guests who wish to stay connected to respect those who prefer to disconnect. Please keep phones on silent and use them considerately in shared lodge spaces.

# Safety & Travel Conduct

- Stay with guides during game drives.
- Do not feed or approach wildlife.
- Follow lodge rules for swimming, fires, and environmental protection.





# Language & People in Tanzania

In Tanzania, Swahili (Kiswahili) is the national language, spoken by the vast majority of people across the country. English is widely used in hotels, lodges, and tourism areas, so communication is generally easy for travellers.

The country is also home to diverse ethnic groups, including the Maasai, famous for their vibrant traditional clothing and strong cultural heritage. The Maasai live mostly in northern Tanzania, near the Serengeti and Mara regions, and you may meet them during cultural visits or while traveling to the lodges.

Tanzanian people are known for being warm, friendly, and welcoming. A smile, a greeting (“Jambo!” in Swahili), and polite behaviour are always appreciated. Respecting local customs—such as asking permission before photographing people, dressing modestly in villages, and being mindful of cultural practices—goes a long way in building positive interactions.

Experiencing Tanzania is not only about the wildlife—it’s also about connecting with the people and their rich traditions, which is an essential part of the safari experience.



# Emergency Contacts

## NIMALI EMERGENCY CONTACT

+255 (0) 684 785 703

## NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- General Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance): **112** – works nationwide
- Police (direct): **111**
- Fire: **112** (same as general emergency)
- Ambulance / Medical: **112** (or through lodge assistance)

## MEDICAL & EVACUATION SERVICES

- AMREF Flying Doctors / Air Ambulance: **+255 784 470 000** (Emergency air evacuation service from remote areas to major hospitals)
- Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre: **+255 27 250 0135**
- Mount Meru Hospital, Arusha: **+255 27 254 2141**
- Selian Lutheran Hospital, Arusha: **+255 27 250 1696**

## EMBASSIES / CONSULATES (FOR FOREIGN TRAVELLERS)

- U.S. Embassy, Dar es Salaam: **+255 22 229 4000**
- UK High Commission, Dar es Salaam: **+255 22 229 3000**
- Other embassies can provide emergency assistance, lost passport help, or medical referrals.



- Keep a printed copy of these numbers, plus a copy on your phone. In remote safari areas, mobile coverage may be limited, so lodge staff can coordinate emergencies.