

THE PERFECT FIRST SAFARI 7 DAYS

Thank you for choosing Viva Africa Tours. As per your request, we have provided a schedule for your safari. Please go through the following itinerary, and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or phone.

This seven day guided tour is a perfect first safari. You'll explore some of the most glorious of African lands, including the magnificence of the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater as well as the lesser-known and more select of the Tanzanian parks like Arusha and Lake Manyara National Park. From day one you'll be encompassed by nature in all her beauty – a landscape like no other, big, bold skies and a dizzying array of wildlife and flora. You'll get up close with lions, gaze on the pink haze of flamingo shimmering on a soda lake, learn to pick out submerging hippos and spot so many species of birds that you'll lose count. With comfortable camps, delicious food and accompanied by an experienced, friendly guide, this seven day Tanzanian safari is perfect for you if you'd like to experience the best that nature has to offer.

Itinerary

DAY ONE: MOSHI TO ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK

You'll kick off your adventure early in the morning heading off to the beguiling – and often overlooked - Arusha National Park. Arusha is a jewel of Tanzania, with a diversity of plant and animal life that will take your breath away. You'll explore the shores of tranquil Lake Momella which reflects the colors of the sky in her still waters, and you'll experience the vibrancy of the bronzed bush where the Ngurduto Crater buffalo, waterbuck, giraffe, warthogs, zebra and gazelle busy themselves. These are resident throughout the year so you're bound to see a different animal everywhere you turn. The elusive leopards and elephants tend to be shy at Arusha but there is a good chance of spotting them, too. You'll also have the opportunity to set out on foot for fascinating stroll – it's a totally different sensation feeling Africa's vibrant pulse through the soles of your shoes. At a slower pace, you can really begin to understand Africa. You'll get up close and personal to the flora and fauna but you'll stay safe, accompanied by an armed ranger who will guide you through lush forest to the clear springs of a sparkling waterfall. Arusha National Park's rangers are extremely knowledgeable, and as you walk you'll learn so much about the biodiversity of the park – and suddenly you'll spot a tribe of black and white colobus monkeys, famous in the park for their acrobatics. You'll spend overnight in a camp close to the park, where you'll relax and enjoy a delicious dinner under a sky ablaze with stars before a restful sleep.



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DAY TWO: ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK TO TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK TO MTO WA MBU

After awakening to a still African dawn, you'll energise yourself with a hearty breakfast before heading off to the Tarangire National Park, named after the river which flows across the park and is the only source of water for the animals during the dry season. It's an undulating landscape, scattered with Baobab trees and high grasses and its mixture of vegetation is unique in the Northern safari lands. Tarangire is famous for its birdlife: over 550 species make their homes here including the endearing yellow-collared lovebird. The Tarangire swamps have the most breeding species in one habitat in the world. If you're lucky, you'll spot Omo, the white giraffe who has a genetic condition called leucism: she's perfectly healthy, just almost-perfectly white! Of course, if you don't see Omo you'll see a remarkable selection of wildlife including elephant, lions, warthogs, impala, cheetah, buffalo, and baboons. After a fascinating day in this beautiful park you'll head off to Mto wa Mbu and reach the campsite in the late afternoon. You'll have a chance to relax, absorb the sights and finish the evening with a tasty dinner before resting up, ready for tomorrow's adventure.

DAY THREE: MTO WA MBU TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Your Serengeti adventure begins here. After a good breakfast, you'll drive to the world famous Serengeti National Park. It's world-famous for a reason: it's home to the world's largest concentration of wildlife including zebra, gazelle, lions, wildebeest, elephant and giraffe. It's also one of the points of the seasonal migration of wildebeest, which is an awesome sight in the truest sense of the word. Serengeti means 'The land that moves on forever' and you can see why: the Serengeti flows with a never-ending wave of movement and a buzz of activity. You'll stop for a well-earned break for lunch on a kopje (rock outcropping), gazing down on the incredible views while you eat and preparing yourself for your adventures deeper into the park. The evening will see you settled in Serengeti Camp, enjoying an appetizing dinner, watching a golden and pink sunset and picking out the first stars as they appear in the darkening sky. Tomorrow you've a whole day exploring Serengeti further.

DAY FOUR: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

You'll start your day at the center of the majestic Serengeti. After a nourishing breakfast, you'll continue your journey into the plains on a full-day game drive that will give you the opportunity to spot hundreds of the diverse animals that find their home within the Serengeti's endless plains. If you're especially excited to see animals extremely close up, you won't forget today.



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You'll likely see all the animals that make this park famous only a few feet away from you. Lions, leopard, cheetah and water buffalo up close – there are no words to describe the feeling of closeness to animals so beautiful and so wild. You'll also have the chance to gaze on some of the park's lesser known but equally fascinating animals including the majestic eland, the clever hyena, graceful gazelle, stolid crocodiles, and of course giraffe, zebra, monkeys, baboons, hippos, rhinos and antelope. If you visit at the right time of the year you'll witness one of the modern natural wonders of the world – the Great Migration of wildebeest and zebra. You'll spend the night at the campsite in Seronera, well known for animal sightings.

DAY FIVE: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK TO NGORONGORO CRATER

You'll be up with before dawn on an early morning game drive, the air crisp and keen and the sky brightening from indigo to golden pink and finally to hyacinth blue as we explore. The park is waking up and is alive with the calls of the animals. This is a time for tracking – predators have left their tracks overnight, and we'll follow. As dawn breaks, the birds' melodies begin to harmonize, the early morning air starts to warm and you'll hear different calls as other animals start their day. You'll add to yesterday's collection of sightings: perhaps today you'll see more hippos; perhaps a troop of monkeys or family of mongoose will grab your attention. After such an early start you'll be looking forward to a delicious lunch, which will be served at the park. In the afternoon, you'll start your Ngorongoro adventure by heading off to the Simba Campsite located at the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater itself. You'll spend the evening enjoying a tasty dinner and relaxing under the stars.

DAY SIX: NGORONGORO CRATER TO MTO WA MBU

After an early but delicious breakfast you'll travel into the Crater, which is known as "Africa's Garden of Eden"; its unique geological formation is at the root of its diversity. Because the crater sides are a barrier to many species migrating in or out, the crater is packed full of wildlife, and there's an excellent chance of spotting Africa's Big Five today. You could also encounter vultures, zebra, hippo, wildebeest and hyenas. The alkaline lake attracts geese, and storks and pink clouds of flamingo, too. Your experienced guide will ensure that you discover all the glorious wonders of nature in this unique place. You'll rest at Fanaka Camp overnight before your journey to the wonders of Lake Manyara National Park.

DAY SEVEN: LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK TO MOSHI

Your day starts with a healthy, filling breakfast and then you'll head off to the Lake Manyara National Park, which extends for miles along the emerald base of the gold-flecked Rift Valley escarpment.



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The park is a patchwork of forest, arid scrubland and soda lake and a paradise for bird lovers. The forest is alive with the birdsong and flittering with the antics of monkeys in the forest canopy; giraffe roam the savannah and lions loll in trees, resting in the shade, while hippo families submerge themselves in the waters of the soda lake. You'll enjoy a delicious picnic lunch served in the park before our drive back to Moshi, where your safari adventure ends. We can arrange for a transfer to Arusha or Kilimanjaro Airport on request.

Included

- Transport (4x4 Land Cruiser) with open roof on safari
- Camping & park fees
- Tent and mattress
- Professional English speaking safari guide; and chef
- 6 breakfasts; 7 lunches; 6 dinners
- 1,5 bottle of water per day; tea and coffee with meals

Not Included

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Accommodation in Moshi
- Meals other than mentioned
- Visa
- Increases in park fees, where applicable
- Personal items
- Sleeping bag
- Tips for guides and chef
- Optional activities
- Soda and Alcoholic beverages

Tipping Guidelines

Tip is not included in your tour price. Please find below our guidelines for tipping your safari crew. Tip is shared amongst all travellers:

- 1 Safari Guide- \$20.00 per day
- 1 Safari Chef- \$20.00 per day



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Packing Checklist for Safari



- Head Torch
- Spare Batteries
- Sunglasses
- Sun hat
- Sneakers
- Flip Flops
- Short pants
- Long pants
- Short sleeve shirt
- Long sleeve shirt
- Binoculars
- Sleeping bag
- Travel pillow
- Camera
- Converter Plug
- Spare SD card
- Toiletries
- Toilet paper
- Snacks
- Waterproof windbreaker
- Sun screen
- Insect repellent
- Medical kit
- Book
- Pen & paper
- Card game