

# Northern Circuit 10 Day with Cultural & Active Excursions

Day 1 Arrive Kilimanjaro Airport

Transfer to Arusha Arusha Coffee Lodge

Day 2 Arusha to Tarangire National Park Nimali Camp

DAY 3 TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK NIMALI CAMP

WALKING, NIGHT GAME DRIVES, MAASAI VILLAGE VISIT

Day 4 Tarangire to Karatu Gibb's Farm

CYCLING CULTURAL TOUR MTO WA MBU

DAY 5 KARATU TO NGORONGORO LEMALA NGORONGORO CAMP

HIKE TO ENDORRO WATERFALL & ELEPHANT CAVES

DAY 6 NGORONGORO CRATER LEMALA NGORONGORO CAMP

DAY 7 NGORONGORO TO SERENGETI EWANIAN CAMP

Day 8 Serengeti National Park Ewanjan Camp

Dawn Balloon Safari (Extra)

Day 9 Serengeti National Park Ewanjan Camp

DAY 10 DEPART - DRIVE/FLY TO ARUSHA

Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport (or onward to Zanzibar)

\$5239 PER PERSON MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> – MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, NOV 1<sup>ST</sup> – DEC 19<sup>TH</sup>

\$6942 PER PERSON ALL OTHER DATES

Price based on a party of 4 with 2 people sharing; includes all accommodation, meals & drinks (excepting at Arusha Coffee Lodge), exclusive use of safari vehicle and driver guide, all daytime game-drives, park fees, local taxes, government levies, tourism and camping surcharges, airport transfers. Also includes activities listed (except for balloon safari)

Price does not include travel insurance, tips, travel visas, gifts and souvenirs and flights







## DAY 1 – ARRIVAL TO KILIMANJARO AIRPORT – TRANSFER TO ARUSHA

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport you will be greeted by one of our drivers and transferred to your overnight hotel outside the town of Arusha (approx. 1.5hr drive)

Arusha Coffee Lodge





After breakfast you will meet your safari guide and start the drive to Tarangire National Park passing through Maasai Land. Approx 2 hours to Park gate then game drive en- route to camp with picnic stop on way. Depending upon arrival time in camp guests may choose to take a late afternoon game drive or relax in camp and enjoy the surroundings .... Camp fire, dinner and bed.

Nimali Camp

## Day 3 – Tarangire National Park

Day spent in and around Tarangire National Park – land of elephant and the mighty Baobab tree. Option of morning walk from camp and game drives, lunch in camp or a picnic while out and about. Embark after dark on an night gamedrive with the opportunity to see nocturnal creatures and night time activity.

Nimali Camp



## DAY 4 -TARANGIRE TO KARATU

After breakfast set off back through the park at a leisurely pace, stopping along the way as nature presents itself. After leaving Tarangire head towards Ngorongoro. Cultural stop en route in the village of Mto Wa Mbu for a cycling or walking tour. Continue towards Gibb's Farm with occasional stops at viewpoints across the Rift Valley. On arrival relax into your surroundings and enjoy the views and peaceful haven of Gibb's Farm. Evening gathering around campfire with local healers sharing traditional folklore and Maasai legends. *Gibb's Farm* 



## DAY 5 - GIBB'S FARM TO NGORONGORO

Early breakfast followed by hike to Endorro Waterfalls and Elephant Caves (2 – 3 hours) then return for lunch and more optional activities such as farm or school vist. Leave mid afternoon for Ngorongoro Conservation Area (45mins) and on to Lemala Ngorongoro Camp set on the inside slops of Ngorongoro Crater.

Lemala Ngorongoro Camp

## DAY 6 - NGORONGORO CRATER

Descend Early onto Ngorongoro Crater floor - a deep volcanic crater, the largest un-flooded and unbroken caldera in the world. About 20kms across, 600 meters deep and 300 sq. kms in area, the Ngorongoro Crater is a breath-taking natural wonder. Enjoy a crater tour and game drive with picnic lunchboxes before ascending the crater rim mid - afternoon to return to camp.

Lemala Ngorongoro Camp



## DAY 7 - NGORONGORO TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Depart from camp after breakfast and drive towards Serengeti passing through Ngorongoro Conservation Area and dropping onto the Ndutu Plains. Optional visit to Olduvai Gorge. Enter Serengeti and game drive en-route to Seronera situated centrally in the park. Continue to camp

Ewanjan Camp



## Day 8 & 9 – Serengeti National Park

Two days spent exploring the Serengeti. Full day game drives with packed lunches or shorter game drives returning to camp for lunch depending on your preferences and the advice of your guide. Evenings around the camp fire followed by dinner under the stars. Optional Balloon early morning balloon safari.



Ewanjan Camp x 2

<u>DAY 10 DEPART</u> Drive (5 – 6 hours) or fly Serengeti to Arusha and transfer to Kilimanjaro airport f









or departure.

## **DESTINATION SUMMARY**

### ARUSHA

Arusha, also known as "A" Town by the locals, is situated at the foot of Mount Meru, Africa's 5th highest mountain. The altitude gives the city a pleasant climate and lush green environment. Arusha is not a particularly attractive city in itself and is regarded by many visitors as little more than a necessary stopover before their safari starts in earnest. However, the natural charm of the Tanzanians and the buzz of a fast-growing city mean that Arusha has plenty to offer for those who are prepared to see beyond their air-conditioned safari trucks and satellite-TV equipped hotel rooms.





### TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Tarangire National Park is the sixth largest national park in Tanzania after Ruaha, Serengeti, Mikumi, Katavi and Mkomazi. The national park is located in Manyara Region. The name of the park originates from the Tarangire River that crosses through the park, being the only source of water for wild animals during dry seasons. During the dry season thousands of animals migrate to the Tarangire National Park from Manyara National Park.

The Tarangire River has shrivelled to a shadow of its wet season self. But it is choked with wildlife. Thirsty nomads have wandered hundreds of parched kilometres knowing that here, always, there is water.

Herds of up to 300 elephants scratch the dry river bed for underground streams, while migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest and eland crowd the shrinking lagoons. It's the greatest concentration of wildlife outside the Serengeti ecosystem – a smorgasbord for predators – and the one place in Tanzania where dry-country antelope such as the stately fringe-eared Oryx and peculiar long-necked gerenuk are regularly observed.







### **NGORONGORO**

Ngorongoro Crater, extinct volcanic caldera in the Eastern (Great) Rift Valley, northern Tanzania. It lies 75 miles (120 km) west of the town of Arusha. The caldera measures between 10 and 12 miles (16 and 19 km) across and has an area of 102 square miles (264 square km). Its heavily forested rim rises 2,000 feet (610 metres) above the caldera's floor to an elevation of 7,500 feet (2,286 metres). Ngorongoro is thought to have formed about 2.5 million years ago from a large active volcano whose cone collapsed inward after a major eruption, leaving the present vast, unbroken caldera as its chief remnant.

The caldera's floor is predominantly open grassland. It is home to a diverse array of animals including elephants, black rhinoceroses, leopards, buffalo, zebras, warthogs, gnu (wildebeests), Grant's and Thomson's gazelles, and the densest population of lions in the world. The local Masai people also graze their livestock in the crater. Lake Magadi, a shallow soda lake ringed by extinct volcanoes, is renowned as a habitat for great flocks of pink flamingos.



### SERENGETI

A million wildebeest... each one driven by the same ancient rhythm, fulfilling its instinctive role in the inescapable cycle of life: a frenzied three-week bout of territorial conquests and mating; survival of the fittest as 40km (25 mile) long columns plunge through crocodile-infested waters on the annual exodus north; replenishing the species in a brief population explosion that produces more than 8,000 calves daily before the 1,000 km (600 mile) pilgrimage begins again.

Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park, also a world heritage site and recently proclaimed a 7th world wide wonder, the Serengeti is famed for its annual migration, when some six million hooves pound the open plains, as more than 200,000 zebra and 300,000 Thomson's gazelle join the wildebeest's trek for fresh grazing. Yet even when the migration is quiet, the Serengeti offers arguably the most scintillating game-viewing in Africa: great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and thousands upon thousands of eland, topi, kongoni, impala and Grant's gazelle. The spectacle of predator versus prey dominates Tanzania's greatest park. Golden-maned lion prides feast on the abundance of plain grazers. Solitary leopards haunt the acacia trees lining the Seronera River, while a high density of cheetahs prowls the southeastern plains. Almost uniquely, all three African jackal species occur here, alongside the spotted hyena and a host of more elusive small predators, ranging from the insectivorous aardwolf to the beautiful serval cat.

