

CLASSIC TANZANIA SAFARI ADVENTURE

Serengeti Big Cats & Lake Manyara

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FROM	DURATION	TRIP STYLE	DESTINATIONS	BEST FOR
USD 2,300 Per person	**10 Days / 9 Nights** 9 days / 8 nights of immersive wildlife safari across Tanzania’s northern circuit.	**Private Trip** Private guided safari with scenic drives, classic game viewing, and comfortable lodge or camp stays.	**Arusha ? Tarangire National Park, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area ? Lake Manyara National Park**	**Couples, Families, Friends, First-Time Visitors**

Overview

Serengeti Big Cats & Lake Manyara is a classic Tanzania safari that combines diverse ecosystems with some of the best game viewing in East Africa. From the baobab-dotted landscapes of Tarangire to the endless plains of Serengeti, the wildlife-rich Ngorongoro Crater, and the scenic beauty of Lake Manyara, this journey offers a balanced and rewarding safari experience.

You will begin in Arusha before heading into the wilderness for unforgettable game drives across Tanzania’s most celebrated parks. Expect to search for lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, hippos, and a remarkable variety of birdlife. With well-paced travel days and immersive time in the parks, this safari is ideal for guests seeking both big game action and scenic variety.

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Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Arusha

Meals: Dinner | Accommodation: Will be arranged according to client budget

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be met by a representative from Lucha Adventures and Travel and transferred to your accommodation in Arusha. Depending on your arrival time, you can relax at the lodge and recover from your journey. Later, you will receive a safari briefing about the adventure ahead, including the parks you will visit and what to expect during the coming days.

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Day 2

Arusha to Tarangire National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Will be arranged according to budget

After breakfast, depart Arusha and drive to Tarangire National Park, a beautiful wilderness known for its giant baobab trees and large elephant herds. Upon arrival, begin your first game drive and explore the parku2019s varied habitats, where wildlife often gathers around the Tarangire River. Keep an eye out for elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, buffaloes, and predators such as lions. In the late afternoon, proceed to your lodge or camp for dinner and overnight.

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Day 3

Tarangire to Central Serengeti

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Will be arranged

After breakfast, depart Tarangire and travel toward the Serengeti, passing through scenic landscapes and the Ngorongoro Highlands along the way. This drive offers changing views of villages, farmlands, and open wilderness before you enter the vast Serengeti ecosystem. As you reach the park, enjoy a game drive en route to your lodge or camp. Wildlife sightings may begin immediately, with possible encounters of antelope, giraffes, elephants, and big cats on the plains.

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Day 4 — Full Day in Central Serengeti

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Will be arranged according to budget

Today is dedicated to a full-day safari in Central Serengeti, one of the best wildlife-viewing regions in Tanzania. The area is especially well known for year-round predator activity, making it an excellent place to search for lions, leopards, and cheetahs. Your guide will take you through different parts of the park depending on wildlife movements and recent sightings. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the bush before continuing your afternoon game drive.

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Day 5 — Full Day in Serengeti

Spend another full day exploring the Serengeti plains and river valleys. With more time in the park, you can go deeper into the wildlife-rich areas and maximize your chances of witnessing dramatic predator-prey interactions. The Serengeti is home to an extraordinary concentration of animals, and each game drive reveals something different. Beyond the big cats, you may also see hyenas, jackals, elephants, hippos, crocodiles, and countless grazers across the landscape.

Day 6 — Serengeti to Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Will be arranged according to budget

Enjoy a final morning game drive in Serengeti before departing for the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. This transition day still offers excellent opportunities for wildlife viewing as you leave the plains behind and head toward the highlands. The scenery changes beautifully, with cooler air and dramatic crater views. Arrive at your lodge or camp near Ngorongoro in time to relax, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the crater safari the next day.

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Day 7 — Ngorongoro Crater Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Will be arranged according to budget

After an early breakfast, descend into the Ngorongoro Crater for a half-day game drive on the crater floor. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of Africau2019s most extraordinary wildlife destinations, with a dense concentration of animals in a relatively compact area. You may

encounter lions, elephants, buffaloes, zebras, wildebeests, hyenas, hippos, and many bird species. The crater also offers one of the best chances to see the rare black rhino. After your game drive and picnic lunch, ascend the crater and continue to the Lake Manyara area for dinner and overnight.

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Day 8

Lake Manyara National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Will be arranged according to budget

Today you will explore Lake Manyara National Park, a scenic park famous for its groundwater forest, acacia woodland, lake shore, and varied birdlife. Though smaller than Serengeti and Ngorongoro, the park offers a very different safari atmosphere and impressive biodiversity. Look out for baboons, elephants, giraffes, hippos, flamingos, and the parku2019s famous tree-climbing lions. After your game drive, return to your lodge for your final evening on safari.

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Day 9

Lake Manyara to Arusha and Departure

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Will be arranged according to budget

After breakfast, depart the Lake Manyara area and drive back to Arusha. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time for lunch or a short stop in town before your transfer to the airport. This marks the end of your Serengeti Big Cats & Lake Manyara safari with Lucha Adventures and Travel, leaving you with unforgettable memories of Tanzaniau2019s wildlife and landscapes.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What makes this safari special?

This itinerary combines four of Tanzania most rewarding safari destinations in one journey, offering a strong mix of big cat sightings, scenic diversity, and classic northern circuit wildlife experiences.

Is this safari good for first-time visitors to Tanzania?

Yes. It is an excellent choice for first-time safari travelers because it covers several famous parks and gives a well-rounded introduction to Tanzania wildlife and landscapes.

Will I see the Big Five on this safari?

You have a strong chance of seeing lion, elephant, buffalo, and leopard. Rhino sightings are most likely in Ngorongoro Crater, though they are never guaranteed.

How many days are spent in Serengeti?

This itinerary includes multiple days connected to Serengeti, giving you enough time to properly explore the plains and improve your chances of seeing predators and varied wildlife.

Is this a private safari?

It can be operated as a private safari with your own vehicle and guide, which offers more flexibility and a more personalized experience.