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# Tanzania

## LODGE SAFARI

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### 5 DAYS TANZANIA LODGE SAFARI

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Visiting three of Tanzania's natural wonders, this five-day safari is sure to leave you some superb memories to take home – and keep forever. Departing from Usa River, your first destination in the Northern Circuit will be mighty Tarangire: beautiful, diverse and teeming with wonderful wildlife... Next up comes Serengeti National Park, an incomparable place and a favorite with animals and visitors alike. After two nights there, only a natural wonder like the awe-inspiring Ngorongoro Crater would be enough to drag you away. You will descend into the crater to see its many fascinating inhabitants.

## DAY 1: KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO USA RIVER

A staff member of Jerry Tanzania Tours will pick you up from the Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). From here you will be driven to Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge in Usa River, close to Arusha and briefed on your forthcoming safari. Enjoy a restful night before beginning your adventure tomorrow!

**ACCOMMODATION: Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge**

## DAY 2: USA RIVER – TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK – KARATU

You'll depart from Usa River after breakfast for the approximately two-hour journey to Tarangire National Park. Along the way, your eyes will be opened to all the colours and character of Tanzania: perhaps some Maasai herdsman driving their flocks of goats to new pastures. You'll get to know your driver-guide, amazed at his depth of knowledge as he effortlessly answers all your questions. Once you've entered Tarangire, you'll begin your game drive across a rich vista of endless golden savannah that surrounds the Tarangire River. Tarangire is huge. As you stand at the park gate and look south, it stretches as far as the eye can see. Known as the 'Elephant Playground,' this spectacular park contains largest population of these mighty mammals. But Tarangire is also home to buffalo, lion, gnu, zebra and gazelle and the park can rival Serengeti for sheer animal densities. What might you see today? Perhaps a solitary male lion stretched out beneath a tree, perhaps a trio of male cheetah enjoying some lazy bonding-time in the sun. Maybe some graceful Grant's gazelle or zebra bounding away from the road or a couple of giraffes munching happily from the choicest acacia branches. For Tarangire specialties, look out for kudu and oryx.

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Here as in other parks, it pays not to ignore the small animals. It is so easy to be mesmerized by the power and majesty of an elephant or the elegance of the giraffe. Ask your guide to find you an agama lizard, especially a male one who changes colour in front of you according to the temperature! Or a hyrax, known as pimbi, an insignificant-looking creature of around 30 cm in length...who astonishingly is related to elephant!

Not many trees will pass you by without something of avian interest catching your eye. A memorable flash of colour might be a lilac-breasted roller or superb starling. Ostrich are plentiful and it is hard not to chuckle at the sighting of the well-named, studious-looking secretary bird as it awkwardly pads across the grasslands.

The park is also famous for its noble baobab trees, rolling savannah and acacia woodland. It can be dusty – wear a scarf over your mouth - but this is a minor inconvenience for sighting wildlife in such abundance. After an extensive game drive and a picnic lunch, you will leave the park to make your way to the cooler regions of the Ngorongoro highlands.

**ACCOMMODATION: Tloma Lodge**

**MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast will be provided by the Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge. Lunch will be a nutritious and balanced meal, also provided by the hotel for you to take out on safari. Your evening meal will be a full, cooked dinner created by the chef and his team at the Tloma Lodge.

## **DAY 3: KARATU TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK, BY WAY OF NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA**

After breakfast, you will set off for your next destination, the stunning Serengeti National Park, a distance of 166 km and a journey time of around 3 ½ hours. By late morning, you will reach Serengeti, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the country's oldest and most celebrated national park and take a game drive. There are surely not many better places on earth to see such quantities and variety of wildlife. You will absorb the breath-taking scenery, fantastic changing light and – of course – spot the many animals choosing to make their home here. Your dedicated driver-guide will be delighted to share with you his knowledge of this incredible place and its flora and fauna. With thousands of predators – and their prey numbering in the hundreds of thousands – it is no surprise that there is always something fascinating happening amongst the wildlife populations. Your driver-guide may find you lion, leopard, elephant, zebra, cheetah and antelope on today's safari... just some of the many species here. Snap off some memorable photos, but don't forget to simply take a deep breath and enjoy nature in its real-time, raw beauty. After the game drive, you will be taken to your accommodation for some welcome rest, your evening meal and to spend the night.

**ACCOMMODATION: Sound of Silence**

**MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast is enjoyed at the Tloma Lodge. Lunch will be a nutritious and balanced meal, also provided by the lodge for you to take out on safari. Your dinner will be a delicious meal at the Sound of Silence.

## DAY 4: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Waking up in the Serengeti is something really special. Sights, sounds and smells of Africa are all around you, and ahead is a full day of adventure in the world's most famous national park. After breakfast, you start today with the morning section of your game drive in Serengeti National Park, marveling at the stunning scenery, ever changing light and always entertaining wildlife, all explained to you by your expert driver-guide.

The Seronera River weaves its way through this area, providing waters for all species of wildlife. You will also see the distinctive rocky outcrops, the famous kopjes which characterize the Serengeti landscape. Kopjes are very hard and often granite. They have been aged at maybe 600 million years old and created even before the earth's surface was pushed up from the ocean. Lions and other cats frequent these stony places and they are also home to snakes and hyraxes. Slowly weathering in wind and rain, they are peeling off in layers, which you may see on close inspection. Lunch will be an unforgettable experience, enjoyed in the middle of the bush. After lunch, you set off again, searching for wildlife in this awe-inspiring park. Serengeti's wonders evolve subtly as the day progresses. The myriad animals and birds are the 'stars of the show' and Nature's dramas can unfold at any time. Of course, the animals don't work to a timetable, so you may find lion or leopard, elephant and zebra, cheetah and antelope at any time on your drives. Look out for the magnificent sight of the world's heaviest bird capable of flight, the Kori Bustard. The avian equivalent of a lumbering cargo plane, it can weigh up to 15 kg and has a wingspan of nearly three metres! At the end of the afternoon, you return to the accommodation for dinner and some much-needed rest.

### **ACCOMMODATION: Sound of Silence**

**MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast is enjoyed at the Sound of Silence. Lunch will be a nutritious and balanced meal, also provided by the tented resort for you to take out on safari. Your dinner will be a delicious meal at the Soul of Silence.

**NOTE:** For those who have booked a hot air balloon safari for today, you will be picked up from the tented resort at 05.00 hours for a 06.00 hours departure. After your 60 – 90-minute aerial adventure, bush breakfast and champagne, your driver will pick you up for your full-day game drive.

## DAY 5 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

Following breakfast, you will have a morning game drive in amazing Serengeti, marveling at its animal inhabitants. With its informative visitor centre, the Seronera area of Central Serengeti is the national park's most popular area. And it is very popular with the wildlife, too. The Seronera river enjoys year-round waterflow, so there is always something of interest to observe. Several game drives can be undertaken here and might reveal lions in sizeable prides, hippo or herds of elephants - whose populations in the park have risen in recent times. Depending on other attractions, you may choose to call in at the Serengeti Visitor Centre, where there is an excellent explanation of the park's eco-system and a chance to understand the history of conservation in this area. In particular, you will find out about the work of Bernhard Grzimek and the Frankfurt Zoological Society who had the foresighted vision of preserving the Serengeti's eco-system. Even at the center, you may well find wildlife: populations of hyrax and mongoose, as well as many small bird species. After lunch, you will head south-east towards Ngorongoro Conservation Area. If it has not already struck you with its vastness, Serengeti's 'endless plains' will make a deep impression on you as you will take the long, straight road which passes Simba Kopjes (famous from 'The Lion King') to reach Naabi Hill Gate, close to the divide between Serengeti and Ngorongoro. Here you can gather information at the gate's visitor center, clamber up the hill for superb views back over the plains, or look out for a colorful agama lizard among the rocks.

### **ACCOMMODATION: Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp**

**MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast is enjoyed at the Sound of Silence. Lunch will be a nutritious and balanced meal, also provided by the tented resort for you to take out on safari. Your dinner will be a delicious meal at the Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp.

## DAY 6 NGORONGORO CRATER – ARUSHA

From your accommodation, you will set off after breakfast, a 6am departure to reach the rim and then descend into the vast crater itself. At one side there's the Lerai Forest, classic mountain forest landscape with almost tropical characteristics. This is good elephant country, so keep your eyes peeled. By the side of the nearby swampland is what is sometimes called the 'elephant graveyard' as the mighty male tuskers at the end of their lives come to chew on the soft, swampland grasses once their teeth have failed them. The crater has a population of around 120 lions, with well-defined territories; 15,000 gnu, 9,000 zebra, 400 hyenas, and around 50 black rhino. Many gnu and other herd animals are resident, benefiting from the many sources of year-round waters and are boosted by some migrators in season. Buffalo, Serval, Jackal, Thomson's gazelle and eland are also present in numbers. Hippos can be found in pools and swampland and highland birdlife is colourful and plentiful around the waters. Flamingos can often be seen in Lake Magadi, which occupies part of the crater floor. After your morning game drive in this stunning crater and then lunch, you will have a 3 ½ hour journey, covering the 192 km back to Arusha.

**MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast is served at Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp. Lunch will be a nutritious and balanced meal, also provided by the camp for you to take out on safari and enjoyed after your morning game-drive, before you return to Arusha. As today is the end of safari, please note that dinner tonight is not included in the tour.

**DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS:** Please note this 5 Days Tanzania Lodge Safari ends at Arusha at 17:00hrs, your departure can only take place tomorrow if you have booked a domestic flight which departs from Kilimanjaro International Airport at 07:10hrs and onwards or an international flight which departs at 06:40hrs and onwards. Thus, you will need to book an extra night's accommodation (not included in the tour price) and take a flight the following day.

**PRICE:**

5 DAYS LODGE SAFARI	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX
	\$4,624	\$3,042	\$2,629	\$2,377	\$2,262

**PRICE - EXCLUDE AIRPORT PICK-UP**

5 DAYS LODGE SAFARI	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX
	\$4,560	\$3,010	\$2,608	\$2,346	\$2,237

## PRICE - EXCLUDE AIRPORT DROP-OFF

5 DAYS LODGE SAFARI	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX
	\$4,560	\$3,010	\$2,608	\$2,346	\$2,237

## PRICE - INCLUDE NIGHT AFTER SAFARI

5 DAYS LODGE SAFARI	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX
	\$4,786	\$3,136	\$2,746	\$2,471	\$2,370

## PRICE - EXCLUDE NIGHT BEFORE SAFARI

5 DAYS LODGE SAFARI	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX
	\$4,462	\$2,948	\$2,512	\$2,283	\$2,154

INCLUDED	EXCLUDED
<p>✓ <b>Arrival and Departure Transfer:</b> TO/FROM Kilimanjaro International Airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ One arrival Transfer</li> <li>✓ One departure Transfer</li> </ul> <p>✓ <b>Jerry Tanzania Tours – Transport:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 4X4 Custom built – Toyota Land Cruiser</li> <li>✓ Pop-up roof, Opening sliding windows, Seat belts, Heavy duty wheels, and Extra fuel tank. Refrigerator for cooling drinks, one pair of binoculars per couple, Eco friendly trash bag. Charging outlets Type G Plug for charging cameras and smart phones.</li> </ul> <p>✓ <b>Jerry Tanzania Tours – Trip Crew:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Professional, English-Speaking Driver guide. A Friendly, Experienced and Passionate Driver Guide expert at a wide variety of skills: Flora and Fauna, Tanzania's cultural and natural history.</li> </ul> <p>✓ <b>Jerry Tanzania Tours Treat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A Special Safari Hamper</li> <li>✓ Bottled water and soft drinks in the car throughout the trip</li> <li>✓ Thermos with hot tea/coffee in the car on the game drive</li> </ul> <p>✓ <b>Accommodation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1 night in Usa River, 4 night on Safari</li> <li>✓ 1st night – Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge Bed and Breakfast</li> <li>✓ 2nd night – Tloma Lodge Full Board (Dinner, Breakfast, Picnic lunch box)</li> <li>✓ 3rd night – Sound of Silence Full Board (Dinner, Breakfast, Picnic lunch box)</li> <li>✓ 4th night – Sound of Silence Full Board (Dinner, Breakfast, Picnic lunch box)</li> <li>✓ 5th night- Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp Full Board (Dinner, Breakfast, Picnic lunch box)</li> </ul> <p>✓ <b>Park Entrance Fee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Park fee for Tarangire National Park</li> <li>✓ Park fee for Serengeti National Park</li> <li>✓ Park fee for Ngorongoro Crater</li> </ul>	<p>✗ <b>Tipping:</b> Tipping is of course discretionary, but is an expected part of the way in which business is done in Tanzania. It counts as an expression of gratitude to those who – hopefully – have made your experience an unforgettable one and enables you to directly reward those people. Our visitors come from all around the world, with different cultural attitudes to tipping, but a tip is of great significance here in Tanzania and will be hugely appreciated by the recipient. We know that the act of giving of a tip can be a bit awkward and we would suggest that the best way to remove this 'awkwardness' is for each couple to put their tip anonymously into an envelope and for the envelopes to be presented by the couple to the staff member. As a guideline, you should consider tipping at the following levels:</p> <p><b>Driver guide: \$30 per day, per couple.</b></p> <p>For hotels/lodges/tented camps, please do not tip individual staff members, but instead use the 'Tip Box', which you should find at the reception of your accommodation. For guidance, you should consider tipping between \$5-7 per day, per guest, at each accommodation.</p> <p>✗ <b>Hot Air Balloon Safari:</b> Experience 60 – 90 minutes (depending on wind condition) aerial adventure, followed by bush breakfast and champagne.</p> <p>✗ <b>Any Changes done by you:</b> The trip excludes changes done by you during safari or before safari which deviates from the original program.</p> <p>✗ <b>Post Night Accommodation in Arusha:</b> This tour ends at Arusha at 17:00hrs, you can only depart the following day if you have booked a domestic flight which departs from Kilimanjaro International Airport at 07:10hrs and onwards or an international flight which departs at 06:40hrs and onwards. Thus, you will need to book an extra night's accommodation (not included in the tour price) and depart the following day. Please contact us for details.</p> <p><b>Nota bene:</b> Hotel check-out is by 10:00hrs. In case you need to have a late check-out because of an evening flight, you have the option to extend your hotel stay (day room use) till 18:00hrs for an extra fee.</p> <p>✗ <b>Travel Insurance</b> The trip cost excludes travel insurance which is essential.</p> <p>✗ <b>Drinks at the lodges/tented Camps:</b> All kinds of alcoholic and soft drinks at the lodges/tented camps are not included.</p> <p>✗ <b>Laundry Service:</b> If you require to launder your clothes while on your safari, then you will need to pay an amount that the accommodation charges as per their rate sheet.</p>