



Tanzania Safari Wildlife Adventure
SAMPLE Itinerary
Private Custom Departures



Where Are You Headed?

National park in northern Tanzania, covering 14,763 km² (5,700 sq mi) and famous for its Wildebeest Migration. It borders Kenya – and the Masai Mara - in the north, the Loliondo private community area in the east, and the Grumeti Game Reserve in the west.

It can be divided into three regions: the southern grass plains, the western corridor, and the northern Serengeti, and each area has very distinct habitats. The southern grass plains have endless, all most treeless, wide-open plains; the western corridor has rock kopjes and the Grumeti River, and the northern Serengeti is largely open woodland and rolling hills.

As well as the herds that make up the migration, there are also many of the cats, as well as elephants, buffalo, impala, giraffe and many other species of plains game.

In the northern Serengeti, there is a growing population of rhino. While the Migration movement can never be guaranteed, we expect it to follow the general patterns.

** Please note that unpredictable weather patterns have a dramatic effect on migration movements. While our guides use extensive experience of operating in the Serengeti, we can never absolutely guarantee that guests will see the migration.



Serengeti Wildlife and Park Information

Many areas of the Serengeti are home to rich resident wildlife, including giraffe, zebra, impala, topi, hartebeest, and predators such as lion, cheetah, hyena, leopard, and sometimes wild dog. There is a plethora of fascinating small mammals like mongooses and bat-eared foxes as well as a huge number of beautiful birds. The scenery is varied; wooded thickets suddenly open to great rolling plains studded with lone trees or rocky outcrops or dizzying plains stretching to the horizon. All of this is here regardless of where the wildebeest are, and it's worth coming expecting to enjoy everything that the Serengeti has to offer.

There is no average day on the Serengeti! Our guides will constantly be talking to other guides to find out where the herds are and will decide each evening what the following day's plan will be. Sometimes the herds will be literally around the camp or within half an hour's drive away; at other times you may pack a picnic breakfast and/or lunch in order to travel further afield. These days out are always an adventure, with lots of other wildlife seen along the way.

Nyerere National Park: previously the Selous Game Reserve

"ONE OF THE MOST REVERED STRONGHOLDS OF ANIMALS ON EARTH AND THE LARGEST GAME RESERVE IN AFRICA."

"Wildlife connoisseurs adore the Selous, and for us, for that reason, it's familiar territory. It's a huge area way down in southern Tanzania. The Rufiji River is its life-force: swirling, tawny waters – full of hippopotamus and crocodile - cleave the eleven million acres of bush, woodland, hills and grasslands. In this huge, fascinatingly diverse ecosystem, we revel in anticipation of discovery as it unfolds before us.

It's hard to explain, but it's as if we've squeezed through a creaking, old gate to gain the freedom of Nature's secret garden. To be in the Selous is to suddenly walk onto a hidden riverbank, and see the flash of a leopard leaping the rocks on the opposite bank, is to watch from a treetop hide as a herd of elephant silently crosses a waterhole, is to come upon a pack of African hunting dogs alone on their kill as you round a curve in the river."

Your Comfort Zone!

Camp descriptions:

Olmara Camp - Eastern Serengeti

"This is where the magic begins; this is where your dream of wild Africa comes alive."

Location: Olmara Camp has been established in the far eastern plains of the Serengeti, a remote and wildlife-filled pocket of the savannah. "Wilderness" is a clear description of the extraordinary and newly accessible location which presents forth an unsurpassed display of predators and predator activity. It is here in the Soit le Motonyi region, far from the Serengeti transit areas, that you are able to find something wild and spectacular amongst this rough country. The area is unique; unspoiled, silent, remote, and truly exciting.

Accommodation - The camp offers eight tents designed to merge with the eco-system, all under canvas and all with clear vistas of the wilderness ahead. Each tented suite contains a lounge cove with comfortable couches and coffee table, dressing area with handcrafted cupboards, net-draped king size bed with bedside tables and lamps, writing desk with chair, full length wall mirror and soft carpets. The suite flows into ensuite; a natural theme of the shower, double hand basins, and flushing toilet. The camp is open, with no borders or rails; the wildlife comes and goes.

Highlights - The area teems with prides of lions, cheetahs roaming, large packs of hyena, and leopards confidently striding through their ranges. What brings them here? This exclusive expanse of the Serengeti is where the acacia woodlands border the great savannah, attracting herbivore masses of elephant, giraffe, zebra, warthog and more. When carnivore meets herbivore on the open plain, it's time to rumble.

Activities - game drives, guided walks, bush breakfasts, picnics and dinners.

Lamai Serengeti - Northern Serengeti

"The most dramatic site in the Serengeti...together with the most dramatic wildlife."

Location: The lodge is located in the northern Serengeti, a couple of km from the Mara River. **SETTING** - Wrapped around the iconic Kogakuria kopjes with views out over the northern Serengeti and Lamai Wedge.

Accommodation - 8 open-fronted rooms. All the rooms have their own private & roomy verandas spread within the rocks, and all have been sited with spectacular views. A private bar and dining area, with adjoining library / map room and its own natural rock swimming pool. All rooms have 24hr power and en-suite bathrooms with hot & cold running water, flush toilets, and powerful showers.

Highlights - The best location in the northern Serengeti, close to the Mara River crossings, open-fronted rooms, excellent resident guides, walking opportunities in some seasons. Plenty of year-round resident game.

Activities - game drives, guided walks, bush picnics and sundowners.

Sand Rivers Selous - Southern Tanzania

"Sweet dreams are indeed made of this."

Location: Sand Rivers Selous is located in the remote heart of the Nyerere National Park (formerly Selous Game Reserve) in Southern Tanzania. On the banks at the mile-wide point of the Rufiji River. GPS COORDS: 7°46'51.92"S , 38° 0'31.50"E

Accommodation: 8 spacious open-fronted cottages raised on high concrete platforms. There are 5 Standard Riverside rooms and 3 Hillside Suites. All have en-suite bathrooms, with flush toilets, powerful showers and hot and cold running water. The 3 Hillside Suites have an additional lounge area and private plunge pool. All rooms have standing fans and epic views out over the river.

Activities: The area of the Selous affords great opportunities for game viewing by vehicle, on foot, and by boat, and we make the most of all of them. Enjoy picnics, fishing, trips to the hot springs, and fly camping. The area is quiet without many other camps and is perfect for full immersion in the bush.

Optional Activity - FLY-CAMPING: Set out on foot from camp in the late afternoon and to the sight of a camp fire and drinks on ice. After a delicious three-course dinner served under the stars, simply retire to your fly tent and drift off to sleep on a comfy bedroll with the sounds of the bush lullaby. Fly-camping is a highly recommended part of any safari to Sand Rivers Selous, and is available at an extra supplement. The fly camps are shared, and guests sleep under spacious mosquito net tents. A bucket shower with hot water and short-stop toilets is set up behind camp. A full compliment of staff provide a full breakfast, light lunch, and 3-course candlelit dinner. **(Needs to be pre-booked.** Let the Walking Connection know if you are interested.)

Life While On Safari

Many of your days will be determined according to where the animals are. In the evening, before dinner, the guides will ask you what time you will want to be woken up in your tent in the morning. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate? Your choice will be brought to your tent as your wake-up call. Usually breakfast is just after sunrise and then you depart for your morning game drive.

Depending on where you are headed that day you may have a picnic in the bush or return to camp for lunch. In the afternoon, tea is served, and then we head out for another thrilling game drive.

There is time on your return to camp to freshen up, sit around the fire for happy hour and then enjoy a beautifully cooked dinner with fellow campers! The end to another exciting day as life while on safari!!!

Day-By-Day Sample Itinerary

Optional Pre-nights available on request.

Day 1 - Arrival - Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO)

- Meet your guide for a private airport transfer to your lodge.

Accommodations: Lake Duluti Lodge

Day 2 - Transfer to Eastern Serengeti

- After breakfast you will have a morning pick up from Lake Duluti Lodge in Arusha. Your transfer will take you to a Regional Airport for your small aircraft flight to Seronera airstrip in the Central Serengeti.
- On arrival to the Serengeti your wildlife adventure begins! You will be driven to our small intimate camp, the Olmara Camp, with game viewing on the way. On arrival, the camp manager will give you a briefing, show you your accommodations for the next three nights.
- In the late afternoon, tea will be offered, followed by an evening's adventure off on an exciting game drive. Return to the camp for happy hour under the stars by the glowing fire.

The night sounds will lull you to sleep. *Usiku mwema.*

Accommodations: Olmara Camp

Day 3 & 4 - Enjoying the East

Twiga, Punda Melia, Tembo, Chui, Simba -- OH MY!

- Early morning wake up with coffee, tea, or hot chocolate served at your tent. As the light comes up over the plains, it is time to search for wildlife. Each day is different while on safari, but your expert guides have years of knowledge to seek out fantastic experiences. Depending on where they think the best area is to go will determine whether you return to camp for breakfast or depart with a picnic if the animals are further afield. Either way, you will be well taken care of and well-fed. :)
- An afternoon game drive will be available again, followed by a relaxing evening to chill at camp.

Lala salama.

Accommodations: Olmara Camp

Day 5 - Head to the North and the Mara River

- After breakfast, depart with a game drive to the Seronera airstrip for a flight to Kogatende.
- On arrival to the northern Serengeti you will be driven to the small intimate Lamai Serengeti Camp, set among beautiful rock formations where lunch will be served.
- An afternoon game drive will show off this picturesque area while enjoying sundowners.
- Each evening a delicious dinner will be served family-style with the other guests at the camp. The friendly staff are always there, happy to be of service.

Accommodations: Lamai Serengeti

Day 6, 7 & 8 - The Rhythm of Nature

- Three days to explore by 4-WD vehicle and experience the intricacies of the area, both south of the hippo-filled Mara River and to the north where it is your option to get out for a walking safari. And of course with a location like this, one of the best ways to take in the Serengeti is literally from the expansive veranda of your room, tucked in among the red rocks of the kopje.

Accommodations: Lamai Serengeti

Day 9 - Goodbye to the Serengeti, Hello to the Selous

- After breakfast, you will have one more game drive on the Serengeti as you make your way to the Kogatende airstrip.
- On arrival to Nyerere National Park, you will be transferred to the beautifully remote location of Sand Rivers Selous. Besides the pleasant staff, often hippos are also waiting to greet you!
- Get settled into your lovely cottage while new adventures await. The rhythm at Selous will be similar to your experience at Lamai with morning and afternoon game drives, but with the added option of boat excursions. You will experience this place in a way that harmonizes with the natural tempo quietly nestled in this magical corner of Tanzania.

Accommodations: Sand Rivers Selous

Day 10 & 11

Habari za asubuhi

- Delightful morning wake up - Jambo! Followed by game viewing in your open 4x4 vehicle or by boat. You never know what you will see until Nature's gift lies before you.
- If you want to venture on foot, we've special permission to walk in this park, a total privilege for those seeking a greater connection with the wild. A striking quality of the African bush is the soundtrack: a cacophony of trills, hoots, snorts, and rumbles; this amplifies when walking quietly through the bush in the hope of seeing game up close.

Accommodations: Sand Rivers Selous

Day 12 - Oh No It's Time To Go!

- After breakfast, depart with a game drive to the airstrip.
- Flight to the domestic airport with private transfer to the international terminal
- Return flight from Dar es Salam Airport (DAR)

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Suggested Inclusions

Your Safari Includes

Lake Duluti Lodge 1 night, Olmara Camp x 3 nights, Lamai Serengeti Camp x 4 nights and Sand Rivers Selous x 3 nights

- Personalized itinerary
- Private Airport Transfers (JRO to lodge, Lodge to Arusha Airport, Domestic to International at DAR)
- Roundtrip airstrip to camp transfers.
- Morning and afternoon game drives
- Nature walks where available, dependent on height of grasses.
- Experienced and interpretive guides on walks and game drives
- All meals starting with lunch at camp arrival
- In all camps house drinks are included - Beer, house wine, spirits (vodka, gin, whiskey, brandy etc.) soft drinks, water, fruit juices, tea, coffee, hot chocolate. The only drinks that are not included within the price is champagne, specialty liquors & premium wines.)
- National Park Camping/Concession Fees (subject to change),
- National Park Entry Fees (subject to change).
- Detailed "Know Before You Go" information including recommended website, reading lists, packing list, what to bring, weather and more.

Exclusions

- Pre safari nights in Arusha.
- Local Guide Gratuities – Never Expected, Always Appreciated.
- All international and domestic airfares with taxes not outlined in the above inclusions.
- All items of a personal nature including premium beverages and shopping.
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees.
- Required Covid testing for entry and return to U.S.
- All international departure taxes collected at airport on departure.
- Post night hotel accommodations.
- Travel insurance.
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms that are not outlined.
- Optional tours or items of a personal nature.
- Photographs & phone calls.
- No discounts or refunds on any unused portion of the tour.
- Anything that is not expressly stated in the itinerary or on the inclusions page as included.

Price: This is a sample itinerary. Your safari will be personalized according to your requests and will be determined by number of guests in your group, season, lodging, meals, and services agreed to be provided. We work with individuals to plan and customize the best safari taking in to consideration personal interests, time frame, and budget.

Travel Insurance is not included, we recommend CSA Travel Pro (now Generali).

<http://www.CSATravelPro.com?Aff=81350509>

Tanzania visas: Visas are required for all U.S citizens to enter Tanzania. We recommend securing documentation prior to arrival. This now can be down online directly through the Tanzania government.

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Thank You Very Much!

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Use "Safari" as your subject. Then text your question to
The Walking Connection Text Line: 602-800-3649!

(Number not available for voice mail or calls).

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Are You Ready? We know The Way...