

# 9 DAYS MANYARA – SERENGETI – NGORONGORO & GOMBE



## HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of this tour include visiting Tanzania's biggest safari hot spot in one action-packed tour. You'll start at Lake Manyara with its amazing tree-climbing lions, baboons, hippos, impalas, elephants, wildebeests, buffalo, warthogs, giraffes and so much more.

Next you'll head to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater which has the densest population of wildlife anywhere in Africa. Here you can hope to see most of the animal species found in East Africa including lion, elephant, zebra, rhino, leopard, buffalo, gazelle, wildebeest, hippo and many different bird species.

Finally you'll head to Gombe National Park where you'll be hiking in the forest and tracking the local population of chimpanzees. Prepare to feel humbled and very privileged to see these beautiful creatures in their natural habitat.

During this tour you'll stay in beautiful accommodation in remote wilderness areas including the spectacular Lake Manyara Wildlife Camp, Seronera Wildlife Lodge in the heart of the Serengeti

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and Kigoma Hilltop Hotel with stunning views of Lake Tanganyika. At Gombe Lodge you'll be sleeping under canvas in a spacious safari tent giving you the quintessential safari experience.

You'll be coming home with some very special memories having seem a huge range of wildlife, both predators, herbivores and primates in the wild.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN ARUSHA

You'll be met at Kilimanjaro International Airport by your Daigle Tours guide and transferred to the hotel. **Accommodation**: Kibo Palace Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner.

### DAY 2: LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we'll drive to Lake Manyara National Park. The national park coverage is 127 square miles (329 km<sup>2</sup>) and the lake's alkaline waters cover approximately 89 square miles (231 km<sup>2</sup>). Giant fig trees and mahogany trees can be seen in the groundwater forest immediately around the park gates. They draw nourishment from the underground springs which are continuously replenished by the crater highlands directly above the Manyara basin.

While mostly known for its famous tree-climbing lions and baboons, Lake Manyara and its environment are also home to herbivores such as hippos, impalas, elephants, wildebeests, buffalo, warthogs and giraffes.

Accommodation: Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### DAY 3: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After an early breakfast depart from Manyara and drive to the endless plains of the Serengeti via Ngorongoro Crater. Serengeti is the oldest and most popular national park in Tanzania in particular for its annual migration of wildebeest with zebra and Thomson gazelle joining the trek for fresh grazing. Other wildlife found in Serengeti includes buffalo, giraffe, eland, topi, kongoni, impala, Grant's gazelle, lion, cheetah, leopard and African jackal.

**Accommodation**: Seronera Wildlife Lodge. **Meals**: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.



## DAY 4: SERENGETI FULL DAY

After breakfast continue with a full day of migration viewing in Serengeti National Park. We'll take a packed lunch to maximise our game viewing time. Serengeti National Park is widely regarded as the best wildlife reserve in Africa due to its density of predators and prey as well as the great wildebeest migration so make sure your camera batteries are fully charged as there will be plenty of photo opportunities.

Accommodation: Seronera Wildlife Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### DAY 5: NGORONGORO CRATER & MASAI BOMA

After breakfast and with packed lunches at the ready, we'll drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area and descend into the crater for game viewing. The main feature of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area is the Ngorongoro Crater – a large, unbroken, unflooded volcanic caldera. The crater, which formed when a giant volcano exploded and collapsed on itself some two to three million years ago, is 610m (2,000 ft) deep and its floor covers 260 km<sup>2</sup> (100 miles<sup>2</sup>). Estimations of the height of the original volcano range from fifteen to nineteen thousand feet (4500 to 5800 meters). Animal populations in the crater include most of the species found in East Africa such as lion, elephant, zebra, rhino, leopard, buffalo, gazelle, wildebeest, hippo and many different bird species so expect to see wildlife galore. After an exciting day with all that wildlife you'll be driven to Arusha in the evening.

Accommodation: Kibo Palace Hotel. Meals: Breakfast. lunch and dinner.

### DAY 6: FLY FROM ARUSHA TO KIGOMA

After breakfast you'll be taken from the hotel to Arusha Airport for a shared charter flight to Kigoma. Upon arrival, you will be picked up and transferred to Kigoma Hilltop Hotel. This is a great opportunity to relax, lounge by the pool and enjoy the stunning views of sparkling Lake Tanganyika.

Accommodation: Kigoma Hilltop Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

#### DAY 7: GOMBE NATIONAL PARKS

After breakfast you will be transferred by a traditional dhow boat on the two hours trip to Gombe National Park where you'll go chimpanzee tracking in the forest. The chimps' habitation areas are usually easily accessible and the walk is not too strenuous, although the fitter you are the more you'll enjoy your jungle walk. Observing these endangered primates is a once-in-a-lifetime experience so we'll spend as much time with the chimpanzees as possible.



**Accommodation**: Gombe Forest Lodge. **Meals**: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

#### DAY 8: GOMBE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast you'll have a full day of chimpanzee tracking in the forest giving you another opportunity to observe these beautiful creatures in their natural habitat. **Accommodation**: Gombe Forest Lodge. **Meals**: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

#### DAY 9: DEPARTURE

After breakfast you'll leave and return to Kigoma by boat then transferred to Kigoma airport for your shared charter flight to Dar es Salaam. A Daigle Tours guide will be at the airport to meet you and help you connect to your international flight. **Meals**: Breakfast.



## ACCOMMODATION

## **KIBO PALACE HOTEL**



Named after the highest peak of Africa's highest mountain, Mt Kilimanjaro, Kibo Palace Hotel is one of Arusha's most modern and innovative luxury hotels. Located in the heart of Arusha it's a a 15-minute walk from Arusha city center and a 45-minute drive from Kilimanjaro International Airport.

#### LAKE MANYARA WILDLIFE CAMP



Lake Manyara Wildlife Camp is located on an Escarpment in an isolated area with stunning distant lake views. It offers luxurious safari accommodation, fine dining and an infinity pool which allows you to feel like you're at the edge of the lake.

Ten canvas safari tents and sixteen self-contained cottages are scattered across the camp to blend into the natural surroundings with unique views of the African wilderness from private balconies. The restaurant serves delicious meals inspired by locally grown ingredients so your stay will be an authentic safari experience.

### SERONERA WILDLIFE LODGE



Seronera Wildlife Lodge is ideally placed is in the heart of the Serengeti so it's an ideal place to stay for game drives into Serengeti and the Nogorongoro Crater. Seronera Wildlife Lodge is on the great

migration route so it provides front-seat

viewing of this extraordinary natural phenomenon.

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#### **KIGOMA HILLTOP HOTEL**



Set on a remote outcrop in lush gardens overlooking Lake Tanganyika, Kigoma Hilltop Hotel is the ideal stopover point for safaris to Mahale and Gombe National Parks. The hotel has recently been refurbished and is a perfect place to relax after a long day tracking the chimpanzees.

At the end of an active day you can relax on your veranda overlooking Lake Tanganyika or cool off in the spectacular flower-shaped swimming pool. There are two restaurants here with a variety of serving dishes including freshly caught Nile Perch and authentic Indian dishes. Kigoma Hilltop Hotel offers every modern comfort for the weary traveler including air conditioning and en suite bathrooms.

#### **GOMBE FOREST LODGE**



Set in the lush shade of ancient forest trees just off the shores of Lake Tanganyika the intimate Gombe Forest Lodge offers complete privacy by catering for just 14 guests at a time. The cozy dining area, just a couple of steps off the beach, is built on a wooden platform with an extended outside deck shaded by the forest. After a long day

sundowners are served around the fire under the dazzling night sky as you watch the lanterns of hundreds of small wooden fishing boats bobbing on the lake.

Spacious Safari tents, offering comfort and simplicity, are elevated on timber platforms with a private deck overlooking the tranquil forest. They are carefully positioned under the shade of huge mango trees around the main lodge, minimizing the impact on the stunning environment. Each tent features a writing desk and chair, as well as ensuite facilities with showers.



## COSTS AND BOOKING

## PACKAGE IS INCLUSIVE OF:

- Park fees;
- Crater fee;
- Meals (3 per day);
- Accommodation (based on double occupancy);
- Professional Tanzanian guide;
- Outfitted Land Rovers with roof hatches, fridge, charging sockets, air conditioning and Bluetooth radio for music;
- One bottle of mineral water per day;
- Daily safari briefing;
- All transfers to and from airport;
- Flights: ARUSHA- KIGOMA ARUSHA;
- Boat transfer: Kigoma Gombe Kigoma;

#### PACKAGE IS EXCLUSIVE OF:

- Tourist visas;
- International & Domestic Flights;
- Insurance;
- Alcoholic Drinks;
- Tips;
- All items of a personal nature.

## COST: \$5,782 PER PERSON

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