

2 DAYS – LAKE MANYARA / NGORONGORO

Day 1 (Arusha – Lake Manyara – Ngorongoro)

At 07:30 after breakfast, drive 130km from Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park, picking up our lunch boxes at Jambo Lodge in Mto Wa Mbu during our refreshment break. A beautiful park, Lake Manyara contains a diverse range of habitats and topographical features ranging from the rift wall, ground water forest, acacia woodlands and open grasslands to the shores of Lake Manyara and the lake itself.

Picnic Lunch is served at Msasa Picnic site which affords fabulous views of the lake. Following lunch we'll have afternoon game viewing in the park searching for the diverse flora and fauna of the park. There are some 350 different bird species in the park. The park provides sanctuary to a variety of animals such as the gazelle, impala, buffalo, wildebeest, hyena, baboon, giraffe, hippo and the famous tree-climbing lions that are unique to the lake.

Late in the afternoon we proceed to Ngorongoro Crater via the beautiful high lying farmlands of Karatu and the southern Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Arrive at the lodge around Ngorongoro for dinner and overnight.

Day 2 (Ngorongoro Crater – Arusha)

After an early breakfast, Drive on and descend into the crater for an in-depth exploration of this distinctive eco-system. Enjoy abundant wildlife viewing set against the impressive backdrop of the Ngorongoro Crater, the heart of the conservation area. These drives provide one of the best opportunities in Africa to view black rhino, which tend to spend their time on the crater floor.

Ngorongoro Crater is one of the world's greatest natural spectacles; its magical setting and abundant wildlife never fail to enthral visitors. Another big draw card to this picturesque Caldera is its dense population of predators, which include lions, hyenas, jackals, cheetahs and the ever-elusive leopard, which sometimes requires a trained eye to spot.

You have a cup of coffee at Ngoitoktok Spring, thereafter proceed with the game viewing visiting the hippo pool near the Mandusi Swamp, after which we will visit Lake Magadi, a large but shallow alkaline lake in the southwestern corner, which is one of the main features of the crater. A large number of flamingos, hippos and other water birds can usually be seen here. Thereafter Ascend and drive to the lodge for hot Lunch.

Late afternoon we travel back to Arusha and drop off at your Hotel.