

3 DAY SAFARI

Tarangire National Park / Ngorongoro Crater / Lake Manyara National Park

DAY 1. Arusha – Tarangire – Manyara

After breakfast, Pick up from the hotel in Arusha and Drive south through Arusha to prehistoric-looking Tarangire National Park for a full day game viewing in the park. The Tarangire River is the centerpiece of this park which is famous for some of the largest herds of elephants in Africa. In the dry season large numbers of animals congregate along the lifeblood of the river. Arrive at your safari lodge in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive into a landscape dotted with baobab trees and umbrella-thorn acacias. Here you may see lion, leopard, cheetah, lesser kudu, buffalo, Oryx, eland, giraffe and zebra. In addition to the animal species, the park is famous for its century-old baobab trees and over 300 species of birds. You will have hot lunch at Tarangire Sopa lodge, followed by afternoon game viewing in the park.

Late in the afternoon proceed driving to Lake Manyara National Park, considered a bird watcher's delight and world-renowned among ornithologists; extraordinary bird life includes pink flamingos and great birds of prey. Arrive in time for dinner and Overnight at the lodge, magnificently set on the Rift Valley escarpment overlooking the Lake Manyara National park.

DAY 2. Lake Manyara – Ngorongoro Crater

05:50, Collect breakfast boxes. 06:00 Drive Ngorongoro conservation area 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 enthrall visitors. Another big draw card to this picturesque Caldera, is it's dense population of predators, which include lions, hyenas, jackals, cheetahs and the ever-elusive leopard, which sometimes requires a trained eye to spot.

Picnic breakfast will be served at Lerai Forest, 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.

Afternoon Nature walk at the crater Rim visiting the Maasai Village. Thereafter proceed driving to the lodge around Lake Manyara national Park for Dinner and overnight.

DAY 3. Lake Manyara National Park - Arusha

After early breakfast you will have the opportunity to encounter Lake Manyara's flora and fauna on a nature hike through the great rift valley escarpment, Visit the culturally-diverse village of Mto wa Mbu, set on the banks of the river of the same name, for an in-depth look at tribal life in the African bush; more than 100 different Tanzanian tribes make their homes here. See villagers plying a variety of trades from harvesting bananas to herding livestock, and take a look inside a typical home and school. A cup of coffee and cold drinks are served at the end of your Nature hike excursions and thereafter drive to Lake Manyara National Park which contains a diverse range of habitats ranging from the rift wall, ground water forest, acacia woodlands, open grasslands, the shore of Lake Manyara and, finally, the lake itself.

Picnic Lunch is served at Msasa Picnic site which has got fabulous view of the Lake. Followed by afternoon game viewing in the park searching for the diverse flora and fauna of the park. There are some 350 species of birds in the park. The park provides sanctuary to a variety of animals like the gazelle, impala, buffalo, wildebeest, hyena, baboon, giraffe, hippo and the famous tree-climbing lion.

Late in the afternoon, drive back to Arusha and drop off at your Hotel.