

# Wild Frontiers Travel Africa – Essence of Tanzania



A safari through some of the best wildlife viewing areas on the continent. You will explore untouched Tarangire, enjoy the extraordinary Ngorongoro National Park and the vast plains of world famous Serengeti National Park.



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Running at a leisurely pace, this seven day safari captures the very best of Tanzania. You have the chance to spend time with the wildebeest migration in the Serengeti, to spend a day in the wonderous Ngorongoro Crater, one of the most densely populated wildlife areas in Africa, and to visit Tarangire which is a true hidden gem. You can explore on foot and by vehicle and can be assured of some spectacular wildlife sightings.

- Private guide
- Comfortable traditional safari camps
- A range of safari activities
- Excellent wildlife viewing
- The chance to experience the extraordinary Ngorongoro Crater
- Explore untouched Tarangire National Park
- Witness the famous wildebeest migration in Serengeti National Park



### Day 1 – Bougainvillea Lodge

An early morning briefing at your Arusha hotel kick starts your safari before you head off to Tarangire National Park. Virtually untouched, with far fewer visitors than the Serengeti or Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire is bursting with wildlife. During the dry season (June to September) thousands of animals including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, and the rarely seen oryx migrate from the dry Maasai steppe to the Tarangire River in search of water – with lion, leopard and other predators following on behind. The landscape is dotted with baobab trees, there's an enormous elephant population and birders will enjoy the wealth of bird life.

Leaving Tarangire behind, you head through the beautiful highlands to the rich farming area of Karatu on the outer slopes of Ngorongoro crater, where you overnight at Bougainvillea Lodge or similar.

### Day 2 – Bougainvillea Lodge

Today you head down into the volcanic caldera of the Ngorongoro Crater where you can expect some truly spectacular wildlife viewing. The varied terrain and dramatic landscapes of forest, grasslands and both freshwater and soda lakes sit against a backdrop of thickly forested crater walls. You will enjoy a picnic lunch on the crater floor, maximising your time in this wonderful setting.

You spend the night at Bougainvillea Lodge or similar.

### Days 3 to 6 – Serengeti Camps

After breakfast, you depart for the Serengeti National Park where you spend the next four days.

Known by the Masai as the 'Endless Plains' the Serengeti is filled with abundant grazing species, including topi, kongoni, impala and Grant's gazelle, alongside huge herds of buffalo and plenty of elephants. All these herbivores provide a rich and varied diet for predators and in the Serengeti you get them all. There are lion aplenty, leopard and cheetah as well as smaller species such as serval cat.



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It is also home to the annual wildebeest migration where over a million wildebeest trek in columns of up to 40km in search of fresh grazing. From January to March the wildebeest herds can largely be found birthing their young in the southern area around Ndutu, before proceeding north through the centre and Western Corridor during June and July, eventually splitting to the west and north as they continue their way toward the Mara River. August to October sees dramatic river crossings which can only be considered Africa's "greatest leap of faith", before the herds return south in November to repeat this amazing instinctive procession all over again.

Seasonality will dictate camp choice here, but you will stay at one of Central Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Serengeti North Wilderness Camp or Ndutu Wilderness Camp.

### Day 7 – Arusha

If you are staying in the Seronera (central) or Ndutu area you will either fly or drive back to Arusha today. If you are staying in the northern area, you fly back from Kogatende. This is a wonderfully scenic flight across the sweeping expanse of the Rift Valley escarpments and the Ngorongoro Highlands



## CAMPS AND SEASONS

While in the Serengeti, the Essence of Tanzania safari aims to be located as near to the migration as possible. During the months December to mid March, you generally stay at Ndutu Wilderness for the wildebeest calving in the south. Between April and June, Central Serengeti Wilderness Camp is well located for the herds moving through, and June to October / November you stay at Serengeti North Wilderness Camp for anticipated Mara River crossings.

## BOUGAINVILLEA SAFARI LODGE

Mid-way between Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater this pretty lodge comprises 32 cottages set in lushly landscaped gardens. There are ten rooms in five double cottages in the coffee garden, with the rest located around the swimming pool. Each room offers en-suite facilities and a verandah. The lodge has a lounge and bar area, dining rooms and outdoor dining area and a large swimming pool.

Safari drives, bird watching, cultural activities and hiking/walking are just some of the many activities on offer within close proximity from the lodge

## NDUTU WILDERNESS CAMP

Ndutu Wilderness Camp is an intimate tented camp set in the Ndutu area of the Serengeti eco-system between December and March, coinciding with calving season. Nestled under shady trees on a private site, the camp comprises 12 spacious tents, featuring solar lighting and en-suite facilities.

The central lounge/bar area is a great place to catch up with fellow guests, with a camp fire completing that close to nature safari ambience.

## CENTRAL SERENGETI WILDERNESS CAMP

Central Serengeti Wilderness Camp is located to the east of the central Seronera region in the heart of the Serengeti. The camp has 12 comfortably equipped tents all with en-suite facilities including flushing toilets and bush showers. Each tent also has its own private verandah. Within the main area there is a large dining tent which includes a lounge area and charging station for cameras.

## SERENGETI NORTH WILDERNESS CAMP

Serengeti North Wilderness Camp is a 'seasonal' camp located in the north of the Serengeti National Park, a short distance from the banks of the Mara River. The camp has 12 spacious tents, with solar power, all en-suite with showers and flushing toilets.

An airy, central dining tent complements the comfortable lounge tent which has a small reference library and maps. Evenings offer a typical safari campfire around which guests enjoy sundowners and snacks and relive the day's experiences.

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## 2022 TRAVEL DATES

Minimum guests 2, maximum guests 8

2 Jan, 5 Feb (Serengeti accommodation - Ndotu x 4 nights)

28 Feb, 14 April (Serengeti accommodation - Central Serengeti x 4 nights)

23 July, 06 & 27 Aug, 03 & 12 Sept, 2 October (Serengeti accommodation - Central Serengeti x 1, Serengeti North Wilderness Camp x 3)

17 Dec (Serengeti accommodation - Ndotu or Central Serengeti)

## 2022 SCHEDULED DEPARTURE COSTS (GBP £)

*(please note these are a guide only)*

2 Jan, 5 Feb £3,220 per person  
(Single supplement £590)

28 Feb £2,740 per person (Single supplement £325)

14 April £2,517 per person (Single supplement £320)

July to Oct £3,340 per person (Single supplement £575)

Dec £3,215 per person (Single supplement £600)

## THE ITINERARY INCLUDES

Private guide

Full board accommodation

House wine, beer and soft drinks at Serengeti Camps

Safari activities

National park fees

## THE ITINERARY EXCLUDES

All flights

Visas

Travel insurance

Tips and gratuities

Other personal spending

Drinks (other than stated above)