



MASAI MARA • NGORONGORO LAKE MANYARA AND ZANZIBAR - (7 Days) 11 days, 10 nights with extension to Zanzibar at an extra cost of US\$ 1600

Amazing wildlife experiences... and incredibly diverse landscapes. Along with these regions being home to the 'big five' you'll get to numerous antelope species and an array of birdlife including flamingo and ostrich. An extension to the blue waters of Zanzibar is an experience by its own right, don't miss this as you book this trip.

Spanning Kenya and Tanzania, You'll visit three parks and reserves that will showcase rolling savanna grassland in the Mara, the steep rainforest cloaked mountains of Ngorongoro and the arid plains of Northern Tanzania.

Day 1: Nairobi to Maasai Mara National Reserve

Your driver/guide will meet you at your Nairobi hotel at 7am for a trip briefing before departing for the <u>Maasai</u> <u>Mara</u>; a beautiful drive along the way will take you through the striking western walls of the Great Rift Valley. Your first Mara experience will take place with an afternoon game drive through this special place. World-renowned for being home to the seasonal Great Migration when the plains are filled with migrating wildebeest and zebra; there are also thousands resident wildlife year-round, including the 'big five' animals of buffalo, rhino, lion, leopard and elephant.

Day 2: On safari in The Mara

Starting with an optional hot air balloon over the Masai Mara at a cost of 450\$pp, A full day of game viewing awaits in the stunning Maasai Mara grasslands, providing a uniquely African panorama to compliment the many photographs you'll no doubt be taking of animal encounters. You'll enjoy a picnic lunch at a hippo pool in the bush and afterwards you'll have the option of continuing with your safari or visiting a traditional Maasai village at a cost of 20\$ pp as an optional activity where this traditional people will showcase their rich culture.

Day 3: Maasai Mara to Nairobi

You'll be up early to make the most of the best time of day for game viewing. Predators are winding down from a night of hunting and prey start to relax and become more active as the sun gets higher. For this reason, your last game drive will be before a late breakfast that you'll take at your lodge. After checking out you'll be driven back to Nairobi where you'll have some free time to relax at your hotel before you are picked for included dinner at the Carnivore restaurant, a meat eaters paradise.

Day 4: Nairobi to Arusha

Your driver will collect you from your hotel early so that you can get to the Namanga border post and cross into Tanzania before the crowds arrive. The rest of the day is free so you can explore and shop in the African hubcity of Arusha.

Day 5: Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park

After breakfast you'll be driven to <u>Lake Manyara National Park</u>, where you'll enjoy your second game drive of the day after lunch. This Park is known for incredible bird watching; it's possible for visitors to see upwards of 100 different species on any given day. Also look out for leopards, hippos and tree-climbing lions, along with lots of elephants, giraffe and blue monkeys.

Day 6: Lake Manyara to Ngorongoro Crater

Following breakfast, you'll watch the scenery change dramatically from dry plains to tropical rain forest as the jeep makes the ascent into the Highlands. After a stop to enjoy a breathtaking panorama over <u>Ngorongoro</u> <u>Crater</u>, you'll begin the steep descent to the crater floor. The rest of your day promises to be magical as you explore this unique ecosystem that is bursting with wildlife including lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and hyena, along huge herds of grazing animals such as wildebeest, buffalo and zebra. Ostrich and flamingos are among the hundreds of plentiful bird species. A picnic lunch with spectacular views will be taken inside the crater and later that afternoon your jeep will take you on the thrilling ascent to the crater rim and on to your lodge for dinner.

Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha or an extension to Zanzibar

After breakfast and one final game drive you'll head back to Arusha arriving early evening where the trip ends. This afternoon accompanied by your Tour leader for those extending their safari, you'll take your local flight to Zanzibar arriving late in the evening where your transfer driver will pick you up from the international airport and drive you to your hotel in Stone Town for an overnight on dinner, bed and breakfast. Overnight at Tembo Hotel Stone Town.

Day 8: Full day in Stone Town

After breakfast today there is an included City and Spice tour where your local guides will drive you to the spice farms where you will be taught more about how spice farming and processing is done, then later on driven back to the city where you will learn more about the rich history of this wonderful island and later on walked back to your hotel, for freshening up, and dinner. on half board basis Overnight at Tembo Hotel Stone Town

Day 9: Stone Town to North Coast (Nungwi)

Today after breakfast, our transfer driver will pick you up and drive you 55km further north arriving on our beach hotel on time for lunch, check in and immerse yourself in pure luxury enjoying the amenities of the hotel or you can also join an included booze cruise or snorkeling option. overnight at Nungwi Dreams by Mantis. All inclusive

Day 10: Full day in Nungwi

The day is all yours to spend as you wish, either to join the included activities or opt for some other optional activities among the deep-sea diving, scuba diving or a visit to Mnemba island. Overnight at Nungwi Dreams by Mantis. All inclusive

Day 11: End of tour

After breakfast, a transfer vehicle will be on hand to take you to the international airport for your onward home flight, where your memorable tour comes to an end.

Your African expedition includes...

- Six nights accommodation based on two people sharing a room. Single and multi-occupancy rates are available on request.
- All meals as follows: breakfast every day, except the first day, with tea & coffee included, daily lunch, either a picnic lunch or at your accommodation; dinner every night except the final night. Please note that any additional snacks or beverages should be settled directly with your accommodation provider.
- A fully trained English-speaking driver/guide with extensive African tour guiding and safari experience.
- Transport in a specially converted 4×4 safari jeep with a pop-up roof for enhanced game viewing. Single seating on either side of an aisle ensures that all guests get a window seat.

- All entrance fees to the parks and reserves detailed in the itinerary.
- Pick up or drop off at Nairobi airport if required.
- Please note that personal expenses such as laundry costs, telephone calls and beverages are not included along with any additional optional tours and tips.

Duration: 6-nights/7-days, starting in Nairobi and ending in Arusha or Zanzibar.

Parks & Reserves: <u>Maasai Mara</u> | <u>Lake Manyara</u> | <u>Ngorongoro</u> Accommodation: <u>Serena Lodges</u> | <u>Sopa Lodges</u> | <u>Sarova Lodges /</u>

Game Drives: Two full days and four half-days

Trip Highlights: Maasai Mara Reserve (home of the 'Big Five') | Great Migration (seasonal) Arusha | Lake Manyara | Ngorongoro Crater | Numerous bird species | Diverse landscapes an optional extension of your trip to Zanzibar

ACCOMMODATION:

All our stays are with three of the most respected accommodation providers in Africa. Sarova, Sopa and Serena hotels, lodges and resorts. They have all been chosen for their African sympathies; connection to the local people; support for local enterprise and suppliers; as well as their knowledge of local customs.

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