



“African Queen”

Historical city tour in Bagamoyo · Nature hikes in the Usambara Mountains
Coffee tour in Ngorongoro Highlands · Game viewing in Mkomazi, Tarangire,
Serengeti NP and in Ngorongoro Crater · Sunset Cruise on Lake Victoria

- 12 days to/from Dar es Salaam
- 11 nights in lodges and tented camps
- daily departures
- English-speaking driver-guide
- guaranteed departure from 2 persons
- small group with max. 7 persons
- 4x4 safari vehicle (Land Cruiser or similar)
- window seat guarantee
- may be combined with pre or post programs:
Zanzibar, Mafia, Pemba, Kilimanjaro, Mount Meru,
Southern and Western Tanzania



A legendary safari from the Indian Ocean to the heart of Africa with overnight stays in classic hotels and Hemingway-style camps.

Itinerary

Day 1

Pick-up at Dar es Salaam Airport. Transfer to the hotel. Depending on your arrival time, a walking tour of the old city center.

Overnight: CBD Hotel or similar (-/-/-)

Day 2

Drive to Bagamoyo. This coastal town was once one of the most important trading centers in East Africa and is characterized by Arab, German and Swahili influences. The partially weathered buildings and ruins provide insight into its eventful past.

Continue on to the Usambara Mountains. Just before sunset, we head to Irete Viewpoint, a breathtaking vantage point offering sweeping views over the Maasai plains and vast sisal plantations.

Overnight in Lushoto: Lawns Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

Day 3

The area surrounding the lively mountain town of Lushoto offers a variety of hiking opportunities. With a local guide, we can discover traces of the colonial era, which are still found everywhere in the former "Wilhelms Valley." We will also hike through villages and fields to the Magamba Rainforest. Here, lush vegetation with tree ferns and other jungle giants is impressive, as are a multitude of smaller, hidden natural wonders, such as the chameleons that are abundant in this region.

Overnight in Lushoto: Lawns Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

Day 4

A winding road takes us back to Mombo at the foot of the mountains. We continue north to the wildlife-rich Mkomazi National Park. While still little known, it is home to all of the "Big Five" and offers spectacular scenery. In the afternoon, we visit the Mbula rhino sanctuary, a great opportunity to experience these fascinating pachyderms up close. Right next door is also the breeding station for the African painted dog (wild dog).

Overnight: Mkomazi View Camp or similar (B/L/D)

Day 5

Early morning game drive in Mkomazi National Park around Dindira Dam. In addition to the famous Big Five and the 400+ bird species found here, there's a chance to observe some species that are otherwise very rare in Tanzania, such as wild dogs, fringe-eared oryx, gerenuks and Vulturine guinea fowl. After breakfast, we continue along the Pare Mountains towards Moshi, a town which lies at the foot of the majestic Kilimanjaro. This area is home to the Chagga tribe and here we will visit the Kibosho Catholic Cathedral built by missionaries in 1893.

Overnight: African View Lodge or similar (B/L/D)

Days 6 & 7

Drive to Tarangire National Park, which we explore for two days on extensive game drives. Giant baobab trees dominate the landscape and create a magnificent backdrop. The Tarangire River and the swamplands in the southern part of the park attract a variety of wildlife during the dry season. Large herds of elephants, for which Tarangire is famous, gather here at this time. Optional activities, such as a balloon safari, bush walk or night game drive are also available.

2 nights: Tarangire View Tented Lodge, Sangaiwe Tented Camp, or similar (2 nights B/L/D)

Day 8

After another morning game drive, we leave the park and drive up the impressive escarpment of the Rift Valley to Karatu in the Ngorongoro Highlands. A viewpoint offers us a spectacular view of the Rift Valley below and Lake Manyara. Accompanied by "Mama Kahawa," we will walk through the fertile farmlands of the highlands and learn many interesting facts about traditional smallholder agriculture, coffee cultivation, the plants along the trail and, daily life.

Overnight: Country Lodge, Bougainvillea Lodge, Kudu Lodge, or similar (B/L/D)

Day 9

Game drive in Ngorongoro Crater. In this "Garden of Eden," a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978, we have a good chance of spotting all of the famous "Big Five." In addition to elephants, buffalo, leopards and numerous lions, the crater is also home to more than 20 black rhinos. These share the relatively small area of just 260 km² with countless wildebeest, antelope, zebras, and almost every other representative of East African wildlife. After lunch, we continue on to the sweeping plains of the Serengeti.

Overnight: Serengeti View Camp or similar tented camp or lodge (B/L/D)

Day 10

The vast savannas of the Serengeti are a paradise for grazers. During their annual Great Migration, thousands upon thousands of wildebeest, zebras and antelope traverse this unique ecosystem. Lions and hyenas follow the herds in search of prey. On game drives in the park, we are likely to spot elephants, buffalo, giraffes, baboons, ostriches and many other animals. With a bit of luck, we might even spot a cheetah on the hunt or a leopard dozing in the shade of the branches of a tree. Crocodiles sun themselves on sandbanks along the rivers and densely packed herds of hippos populate deeper stretches of water. The seemingly endless plains are interrupted here and there by isolated "kopjes" (smooth granite hills).

Overnight: Serengeti View Camp or similar tented camp or lodge (B/L/D)

Day 11

After breakfast we say goodbye to the Serengeti and exit the park via the Western Corridor travelling along Lake Victoria towards Mwanza. In the afternoon, we will visit a market and the famous "Bismark Rock," named after former German Chancellor Otto von Bismark. The impressive granite formations have earned Mwanza the nickname "Rock City."

In the late afternoon we will finish off this incredible tour with a sunset cruise on Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria. If possible, we will overnight at the Tilapia Hotel which is home to the small steamer, the "African Queen" This boat was, apparently, used in the 1951 film (with Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn) and is part of the hotel.

Overnight: Tilapia Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

Day 12

Transfer to Mwanza Airport. Optional Flight to Zanzibar, Mafia Island, Pemba or to one of our own selections of beach resorts south of Dar es Salaam.

Days 12 to 14

Optional extension to the Indian Ocean, whose turquoise waters beckons you to linger after a unique safari. On the sandy beach, you will find time to reflect on the many experiences and wildlife sightings and admire the underwater world of this remote stretch of Tanzanian coast on a snorkeling or diving trip.

3 nights: Lazy Lagoon in Bagamoyo, Amani Beach Resort or The Overhang in the south of Dar es Salaam, or on the islands of Zanzibar, Mafia or Pemba. (3x B/-/-)

Day 15

Transfer to the airport. Return flight.

Number of participants

Min. 2 – max. 7 Persons.

Expectations

Team spirit, willingness to forgo comfort during long journeys in non-air-conditioned safari vehicles over sometimes poor roads and tracks, and respect for other cultures.

Hikes/walks: Surefootedness and moderate to good stamina and fitness for multi-hour hikes are required. Participation in the hikes/walks is not mandatory.

Important information

We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary for important reasons (e.g., official governmental restrictions, impassable roads/trails, extreme weather, etc.).

Booking half a double room is generally possible. However, if no second person can be found for the respective date, we will be required to charge the single room supplement.

Included

- Safari as per itinerary in a 4WD safari vehicle with an English-speaking driver-guide
- Guaranteed window seat
- Airport transfers
- All national park fees as per itinerary (As of 01.01.2025)
- Ngorongoro Crater entry fee (as of 01.01.2025)
- 14 nights in lodges and tented camps as per itinerary or equivalent
- Meals as per itinerary (B = Breakfast / L = Lunch, usually as a picnic pack / D = Dinner)
- Boat trip on Lake Victoria
- Nature walk/waterfall hike and village visit with a guide
- Visit to the Mbula Rhino Sanctuary in Mkomazi National Park
- Guided hike with ranger escort in the Usambara Mountains
- 1.5 liters of drinking water per person per day on safari (Days 3-10)

Not included

- Flights
- Visa for Tanzania (50 USD)
- Insurances
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tip money
- Optional excursions and activities
- Increase or introduction of national park and/or other official fees and taxes after 01.01.2025

Private safari daily from 2 persons possible

| Number of participants | Price per person |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 2 | from 5050 |
| 3 | from 4355 |
| 4 | from 4005 |
| 5 | from 3795 |
| 6 | from 3655 |
| 7 | from 3560 |
| Single room supplement: from 1000 USD | |
| Precision Air Flight MWZ – DAR: from 150 USD | |
| Child discount up to 15 years: Depending on the room occupation and season, kindly enquire for further details | |

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