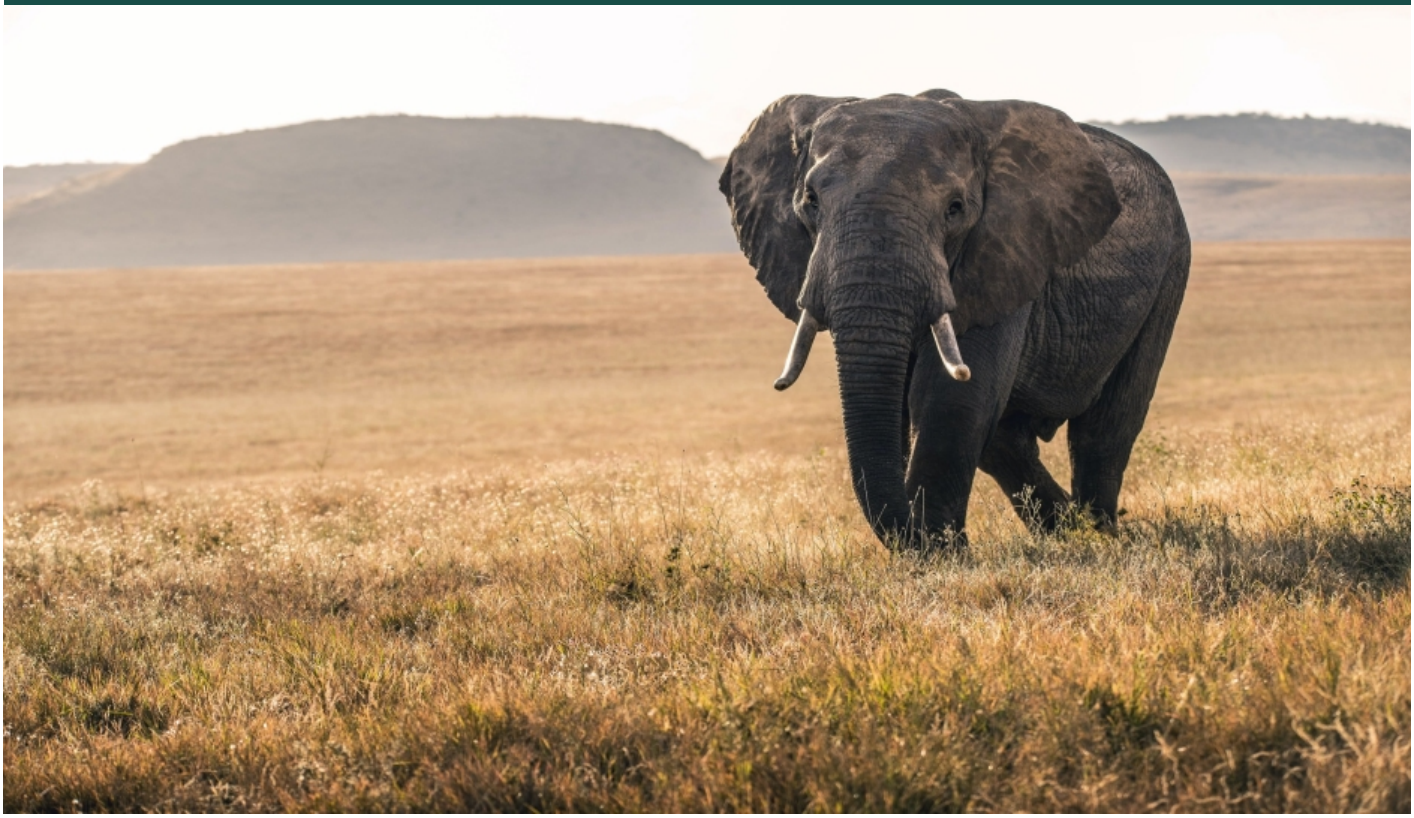
5-Day Tanzania Lodge Safari – Tarangire, Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater

Duration: 5 Days | Price: $0.00



Overview

This 5-day Tanzania Lodge Safari is a perfectly balanced journey through the highlights of Tanzania's Northern Safari Circuit, designed for travelers who want comfort, authentic wildlife encounters, and a well-paced adventure. From the giant elephant herds of Tarangire National Park to the endless plains of the Serengeti and the breathtaking Ngorongoro Crater, this safari delivers unforgettable game viewing while staying in carefully selected lodges that blend nature, comfort, and classic African hospitality.

Ideal for first-time visitors and seasoned safari lovers alike, this lodge safari allows you to

explore Tanzania’s most iconic parks without rushing, giving you time to truly absorb the landscapes, wildlife, and rhythm of the wild. Each day builds naturally into the next, just like safaris have always been done — early starts, rewarding game drives, and peaceful evenings under African skies.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arusha to Tarangire National Park – Game Drive

Your safari adventure begins with a morning pickup from Arusha, followed by a scenic drive to Tarangire National Park, one of Tanzania’s most underrated wildlife gems. Upon entering the park, you’ll begin your first game drive, immediately immersing yourself in a landscape dominated by ancient baobab trees and wide savannahs. Tarangire is famous for its large elephant herds, and it’s not uncommon to see families crossing the road or gathering near the Tarangire River.

As the day unfolds, you’ll encounter a rich variety of wildlife including giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, buffalo, and a wide range of antelope species. Predators such as lions and leopards are often spotted resting in the shade, especially during the warmer hours. The Tarangire River acts as a lifeline for animals, making wildlife viewing especially rewarding.

In the late afternoon, you’ll exit the park and drive to your lodge, where you can relax, enjoy a warm dinner, and reflect on your first day in the Tanzanian wilderness.

Accommodation: *Acacia Farm Lodge - Karatu*

Day 2

Karatu - Serengeti National Park – Game Drive en Route

After breakfast, you’ll depart for the world-renowned Serengeti National Park, driving through the scenic highlands of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The journey itself is

an experience, with changing landscapes, local villages, and vast open plains gradually unfolding before you. As you approach the Serengeti, the land opens dramatically — this is where the true sense of Africa's wilderness begins.

Upon entering the Serengeti, you'll enjoy a game drive en route to your lodge, with wildlife encounters starting almost immediately. The Serengeti is home to an incredible concentration of animals, including lions, cheetahs, leopards, elephants, and large herds of plains game. The sheer scale of the park makes every game drive feel like a new discovery.

By late afternoon, you'll arrive at your lodge located within or near the park, allowing you to enjoy the sounds of the wild as the sun sets over the endless plains.

Accommodation: *Serengeti Acacia Camp*

Day 3

Serengeti National Park – Full-Day Game Drive

Today is dedicated entirely to exploring the Serengeti, giving you a full day of game drives in one of the most famous wildlife destinations on Earth. After an early breakfast, you'll head out with your guide to track wildlife across the plains, river systems, and rocky kopjes where predators often rest and survey their territory.

Depending on the season, you may witness parts of the Great Migration, with vast herds of wildebeest and zebras moving across the plains in search of fresh grazing. Even outside migration periods, the Serengeti offers exceptional wildlife viewing year-round, including frequent sightings of big cats.

A picnic lunch in the bush allows you to maximize your time in the park, surrounded by nature and open skies. In the afternoon, you'll continue your game drive before returning to your lodge for dinner and overnight, ending the day with stories shared over the sounds of nocturnal wildlife.

Accommodation: *Serengeti Acacia Camp*

Day 4

Serengeti Early Morning Game Drive – Drive to Karatu

You'll rise early for a sunrise game drive, one of the most magical times to be in the Serengeti. The early morning hours offer excellent chances to see predators on the move, as lions, cheetahs, and hyenas take advantage of the cooler temperatures. The soft golden light also makes this an ideal time for photography.

After returning to the lodge for breakfast, you'll begin your journey out of the Serengeti, passing once again through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The drive is relaxed and scenic, offering a peaceful transition from the vast plains of the Serengeti to the greener highlands around Karatu.

By late afternoon, you'll arrive at your lodge in Karatu, a charming town nestled among rolling hills and coffee plantations. The evening is yours to unwind, enjoy a warm meal, and prepare for the grand finale of your safari.

Accommodation: *Acacia Farm Lodge*

Day 5

Ngorongoro Crater Game Drive – Return to Arusha

After an early breakfast, you'll drive to the Ngorongoro Crater, often described as the Eighth Wonder of the Natural World. Descending into the crater floor, you'll find yourself in a natural wildlife sanctuary with one of the highest concentrations of animals in Africa. The crater's unique ecosystem supports elephants, lions, buffalo, zebras, wildebeest, hippos, and a remarkable variety of birdlife.

This is one of the best places in Tanzania to spot the endangered black rhino, making the game drive especially exciting. The enclosed nature of the crater allows for excellent wildlife viewing within a relatively short time, offering a fitting and powerful conclusion to your safari experience.

After your game drive and a picnic lunch, you'll ascend the crater rim and drive back to Arusha, arriving in the late afternoon with unforgettable memories of Tanzania's wildlife,

landscapes, and timeless safari traditions.

Accommodation: *Kibo Palace Hotel*

Inclusions

- Transportation in 4×4 safari vehicle
- All transport and accommodations
- National Park gate entry fees
- Professional English speaking guide
- Unlimited game drive in the parks
- Lunch boxes and drinking water
- Pick up at the airport

Exclusions

- International and domestic flight tickets
- Travel Insurance
- Personal items
- Visa
- Tips