

TANZANIA

1 DAY DAYS

Lake Manyara National Park — Full-Day Tree-Climbing Lion Safari

Explore the emerald jewel of the Rift Valley — where tree-climbing lions drape across mahogany branches and flamingo flocks colour the alkaline lake pink.

EDITORIAL OVERVIEW

Experience Overview

Lake Manyara National Park is one of Tanzania's most diverse and compact safari destinations — a ribbon of protected wilderness squeezed between the dramatic western escarpment of the Great Rift Valley and the shimmering alkaline lake that gives the park its name. From Arusha (approximately two hours), you'll enter through the park's iconic gateway beneath towering fig and mahogany trees. The ground-water forest is alive with olive baboons, blue monkeys, and a canopy thick with hornbills and turacos. But the park's greatest fame lies in its tree-climbing lions — one of only two populations in Africa known to regularly ascend into the branches of acacia and mahogany trees. As the forest gives way to open grassland, elephants move in family groups along the lake shore, while hippos wallow in the river pools. The lake itself hosts one of East Africa's great flamingo spectacles — hundreds of thousands of lesser flamingos creating an uninterrupted band of rose-pink along the water's edge. A leisurely picnic lunch is served overlooking the Rift Valley escarpment before an afternoon drive through the southern acacia woodland. Return to Arusha by late afternoon.

SIGNATURE MOMENTS

Highlights

- ★ Famous tree-climbing lions of Lake Manyara
- ★ Hundreds of thousands of flamingos on the alkaline lake
- ★ Dramatic Great Rift Valley escarpment backdrop
- ★ Ground-water forest with baboons and blue monkeys
- ★ Elephants, hippos, and over 400 bird species
- ★ Picnic lunch overlooking the Rift Valley

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Journey Route

Follow your journey across Tanzania's iconic landscapes



ROUTE SUMMARY

Day 1 — Lake Manyara National Park

Itinerary

Your day-by-day journey through Tanzania

DAY 1

Full Day — Lake Manyara National Park

Depart Arusha at 6:30 AM heading west along the Rift Valley escarpment. Enter Lake Manyara National Park — an emerald jewel beneath towering cliffs. Morning game drive through the groundwater forest spotting blue monkeys, elephants and the famous tree-climbing lions lounging in mahogany branches. Drive along the lakeshore for flamingo, pelican and hippo sightings. Gourmet picnic lunch with Rift Valley views. Afternoon birding drive — over 400 species recorded here. Return to Arusha by 6:00 PM.

DESTINATION · Lake Manyara National Park



WHERE YOU'LL STAY

Accommodation

Accommodation recommendations will be finalized with your chosen travel dates.

PACKAGE DETAILS

What's Included

Included

- ✓ Park entrance fees
- ✓ Private 4x4 vehicle with pop-up roof
- ✓ Professional guide
- ✓ Picnic lunch, water, and snacks
- ✓ Hotel pickup and drop-off in Arusha

Excluded

- ✗ Gratuities
- ✗ Personal items
- ✗ Travel insurance

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