

TANZANIA

1 DAY

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

A full day in Lake Manyara National Park beneath the Rift Valley escarpment: groundwater forest full of baboons and blue monkeys, elephants and hippos on the floodplain, flamingos on the lake in season and, with luck, the park's famous tree-climbing lions.

EDITORIAL OVERVIEW

Experience Overview

Lake Manyara National Park is one of Tanzania's most varied safari destinations — a ribbon of protected land between the steep western escarpment of the Great Rift Valley and the alkaline lake that gives the park its name, about two hours from Arusha.

Forest, floodplain and lake

You enter beneath tall fig and mahogany trees in a lush groundwater forest, home to large troops of olive baboons, blue monkeys, hornbills and turacos. Further on, the forest opens onto grassland and floodplain where elephants move in family groups, buffalo and giraffe graze, and hippos rest in the pools. Depending on water levels, flamingos and pelicans gather in large numbers along the lake shore.

The tree-climbing lions

Manyara is famous for lions that regularly climb into the branches of acacia trees — a behaviour seen in only a few places in Africa. Sightings are never guaranteed, but your guide knows their favourite areas. After a picnic lunch overlooking the escarpment, an afternoon drive through the southern woodland completes the day before your return to Arusha.

SIGNATURE MOMENTS

Highlights

- ★ The chance to see Lake Manyara's tree-climbing lions
- ★ Flamingos and pelicans on the lake when water levels suit them
- ★ The dramatic Great Rift Valley escarpment
- ★ Groundwater forest with baboons and blue monkeys
- ★ Elephants, hippos and more than 400 bird species
- ★ Picnic lunch with views of 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 about 6:30 am and drive west along the Rift Valley to Lake Manyara National Park, about two hours away. The morning game drive begins in the groundwater forest, where baboons and blue monkeys are easy to see, and continues onto the floodplain to look for elephants, buffalo, giraffe and hippos — and for lions resting in the trees. Drive along the lake shore for flamingos, pelicans and other waterbirds, then enjoy a picnic lunch with views of the escarpment. The afternoon drive explores the southern acacia woodland, where more than 400 bird species have been recorded. Return to Arusha by about 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

BESPOKE PLANNING

Ready to plan your journey?

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