

TANZANIA

1 DAY

Ngorongoro Crater — Full-Day Big Five Safari

Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest intact volcanic caldera: a natural arena of about 260 km² where lion, elephant, buffalo, black rhino and huge herds live together — one of the best places in Africa to see the Big Five in a day.

EDITORIAL OVERVIEW

Experience Overview

The Ngorongoro Crater is one of the most extraordinary places on Earth. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world's largest intact volcanic caldera, its floor of about 260 square kilometres is home to roughly 25,000 large animals, including all of the Big Five, in a self-contained world of grassland, swamp, forest and soda lake.

Down onto the crater floor

Leaving Arusha before dawn, you climb through the Karatu highlands to the forested rim and look down on the crater floor 600 metres below, before descending for a full game drive. Lions rest in the open, elephants browse along the Lerai Forest, buffalo and zebra graze the plains, hippos wallow in the pools and flamingos gather on Lake Magadi when water levels suit them.

A real chance of black rhino

The crater is one of the last strongholds of the black rhino in Tanzania, and your guide knows where they are most often seen. A picnic lunch at one of the crater's picnic sites breaks the day, and the afternoon drive often turns up spotted hyena, golden jackal and, with luck, serval or cheetah before you climb out and return to Arusha.

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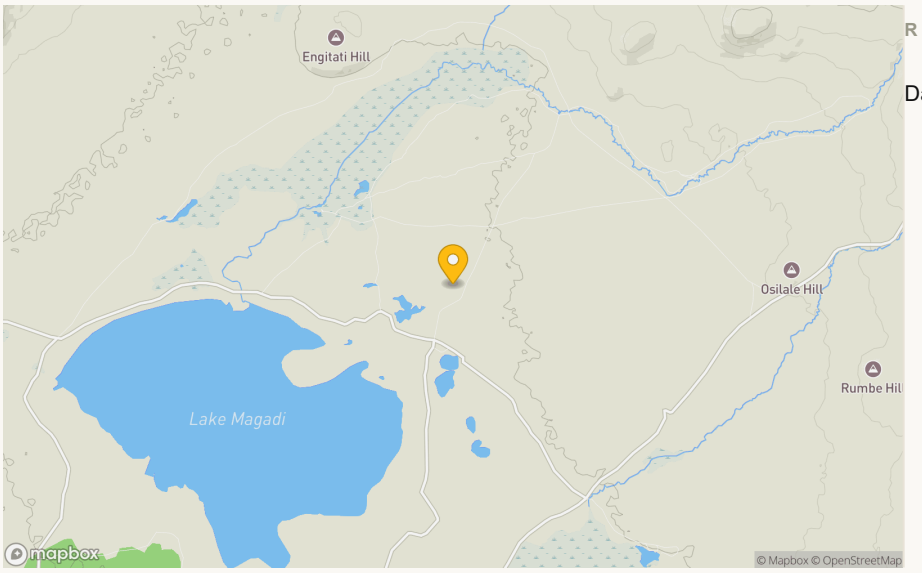
Highlights

- ★ One of the best places in Africa to see the Big Five in a day
- ★ UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ★ The world's largest intact volcanic caldera (about 260 km²)
- ★ A real chance of seeing black rhino
- ★ Flamingos on Lake Magadi when water levels suit them
- ★ Picnic lunch on the crater floor

SAFARI ROUTE

Journey Route

Follow your journey across Tanzania's iconic landscapes



ROUTE SUMMARY

Day 1 — Ngorongoro Crater

Itinerary

Your day-by-day journey through Tanzania

DAY 1

Full Day — Ngorongoro Crater



Depart Arusha early, at about 5:30 am, and drive through the Rift Valley and the Karatu highlands to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, about three hours away. From the rim, descend 600 metres onto the crater floor for a game drive of several hours. Look for lion, elephant, buffalo, black rhino, hippo, spotted hyena and huge herds of zebra and wildebeest, as well as flamingos on Lake Magadi. Enjoy a picnic lunch at a scenic site on the crater floor, then continue game viewing in the afternoon before climbing back to the rim. Return to Arusha by about 7:00 pm.

DESTINATION · Ngorongoro Crater

WHERE YOU'LL STAY

Accommodation

Accommodation recommendations will be finalized with your chosen travel dates.

PACKAGE DETAILS

What's Included

Included

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

Excluded

- ✗ Gratuities
- ✗ Personal items
- ✗ Travel insurance

BESPOKE PLANNING

Ready to plan your journey?

Share your preferred travel dates and let us tailor this experience around your pace, interests, and preferences.

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