

TANZANIA

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Ngorongoro & Tarangire — 5-Day Family Safari Adventure

A five-day safari paced for families: baboons and hippos at Lake Manyara, Tarangire's elephant herds, a Big Five day in the Ngorongoro Crater and a visit to a Maasai boma — with short drives, a pool lodge and a Junior Ranger kit for the children.

EDITORIAL OVERVIEW

Experience Overview

Designed for families who want real wildlife without long days in the vehicle, this five-day safari is an ideal first taste of Tanzania for travellers of all ages. Drives between parks are short, the days include time to swim and play, and your guide is experienced in making safari exciting for children.

Three parks, one easy loop

Start at Lake Manyara, a compact park where children can spot baboon troops, blue monkeys, hippos and giraffes within minutes of the gate. Spend the next day with Tarangire's elephant herds — calves splashing at the river while their mothers keep watch beneath giant baobab trees. Then descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, a natural arena of around 260 square kilometres where lions, elephants, buffalo, zebra, hippos and black rhino live side by side.

Made for young explorers

Every child receives a Junior Ranger kit with binoculars and a wildlife journal to record their sightings. Your family lodge has interconnecting rooms and a pool, guided nature walks are arranged for young explorers, and the safari ends with a visit to a Maasai boma, where children can share songs and games with Maasai families.

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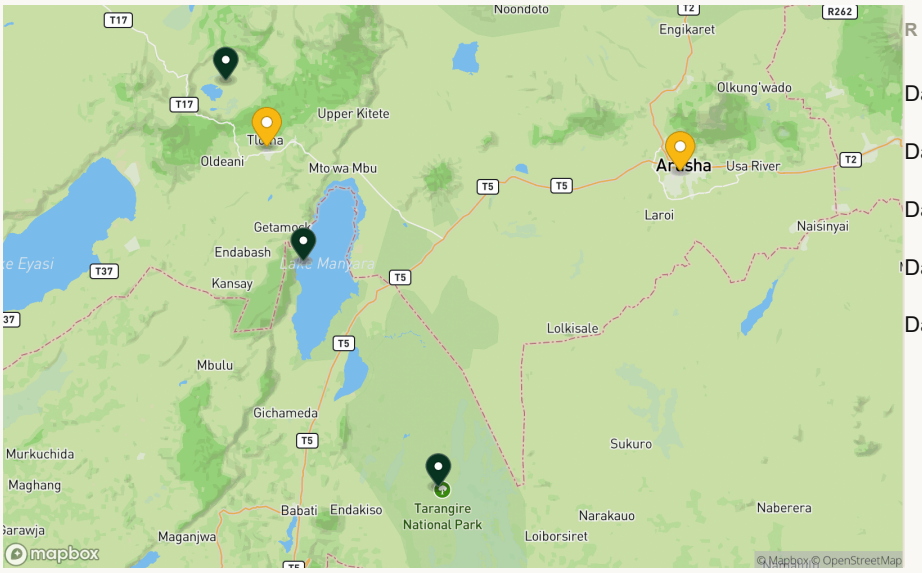
Highlights

- ★ Big Five game drive inside the Ngorongoro Crater
- ★ Tarangire's elephant herds and giant baobab trees
- ★ Family lodge with interconnecting rooms and a pool
- ★ Junior Ranger kit with binoculars and a wildlife journal
- ★ Stargazing on the Ngorongoro highlands
- ★ Short driving distances — ideal for younger travellers
- ★ Guided nature walk and a visit to a Maasai boma

SAFARI ROUTE

Journey Route

Follow your journey across Tanzania's iconic landscapes



ROUTE SUMMARY

Day 1 — Arusha Town

Day 2 — Lake Manyara National Park

Day 3 — Tarangire National Park

Day 4 — Ngorongoro Crater

Day 5 — Karatu

Itinerary

Your day-by-day journey through Tanzania

DAY 1

Arrival in Arusha



Your guide welcomes the whole family at Kilimanjaro International Airport and drives you to your family-friendly lodge near Arusha, about an hour away. Children receive their Junior Ranger kit — binoculars and a wildlife journal for recording every animal they spot — and your guide gives a short, fun safari briefing: which animals to look for, how to stay safe in the vehicle and how the pop-up roof works. The rest of the day is free to swim, rest and enjoy dinner together. Overnight: family lodge in Arusha (Full Board)

DESTINATION · Arusha Town



DAY 2

Lake Manyara — Monkeys, Hippos and Flamingos

After breakfast, drive about two hours to Lake Manyara National Park, one of the best parks for children because wildlife appears quickly and distances are short. In the green groundwater forest near the gate, look for large troops of olive baboons and shy blue monkeys. Further on, the floodplain opens up with giraffes, zebras, wildebeest and buffalo, and a hippo pool where you can watch these huge animals snort and splash. Depending on water levels, flamingos and pelicans gather on the lake, and the park's lions are sometimes seen resting in trees. After a picnic lunch, continue to your lodge in time for a swim before dinner. Overnight: family lodge in the Karatu area (Full Board)

DESTINATION · Lake Manyara National Park

ACCOMMODATION · Tloma Lodge

DAY 3

Tarangire — Giants of Africa



Spend the day in Tarangire National Park, home to some of the largest elephant herds in Tanzania. Children love watching the families of elephants — from tiny calves to huge matriarchs — come down to drink and splash in the Tarangire River. The park's ancient baobab trees, some many hundreds of years old, are an attraction in themselves, and the birdlife is colourful and varied. Your guide also looks out for lions, giraffes, zebras and warthogs. In the afternoon, join a short guided nature walk with an armed ranger, learning to read tracks and droppings and discovering the smaller creatures of the bush. Overnight: family lodge in the Karatu area (Full Board)

DESTINATION · Tarangire National Park

ACCOMMODATION · Tarangire Treetops



DAY 4

Ngorongoro Crater — Big Five Day

Today is the highlight of the safari. Drive up to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater and descend 600 metres to the crater floor, where an extraordinary number of animals live in one enclosed volcanic bowl. Search for lions, elephants, buffalo, hippos, zebras, wildebeest, hyenas and the rare black rhino, and tick them off in the Junior Ranger journals. Lunch is a family picnic at one of the crater's picnic sites. After climbing back out in the afternoon, relax at the lodge. On clear nights, your guide points out the stars and constellations of the African sky — the Southern Cross and the band of the Milky Way. Overnight: family lodge in the Karatu area (Full Board)

DESTINATION · Ngorongoro Crater

ACCOMMODATION · Ngorongoro Farm House

DAY 5

Maasai Boma Visit and Return to Arusha

After breakfast, visit a Maasai boma near the Ngorongoro highlands. Families welcome you into their homestead, show you how they build their houses and care for their cattle, and invite children to join in songs, dances and beadwork. Then drive back through the Rift Valley to Arusha for lunch before your transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport, or to your hotel if you are extending your stay. End of safari.

DESTINATION · Karatu



WHERE YOU'LL STAY

Accommodation



Tloma Lodge

Tloma Lodge sits at the top of a valley in the foothills of the Ngorongoro Highlands near Karatu, lo...



Tarangire Treetops

Tarangire Treetops lies on the border of Tarangire National Park and lives up to its name: its 20 ro...



Ngorongoro Farm House

Ngorongoro Farm House is a small hotel on a working 500-acre coffee plantation in the Ngorongoro Hig...

PACKAGE DETAILS

What's Included

Included

- ✓ All park and crater fees
- ✓ Private 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ✓ Professional family-friendly guide
- ✓ All meals and beverages
- ✓ Family lodge accommodation
- ✓ Junior Ranger kit
- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ AMREF Flying Doctors insurance

Excluded

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Personal items
- ✗ Gratuities

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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