



## **Simba Safari - Serena Lodges - SIC - Departure from Kilimanjaro (#6916)**

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### **Overview**

Starts at Kilimanjaro International Airport

Ends at Kilimanjaro International Airport

Arrival may be at any time on day 1. Please note that the earliest check-in at Lake Duluti Serena Hotel is 1400 hours.

The earliest departure from Kilimanjaro International Airport on the last day of the safari should be after 1600 hours.

### **Trip Highlights**

Arusha - Tarangire National Park - Lake Manyara National Park - Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha

### **Detailed Itinerary**



**Day 01**

**Day 01: Arusha (Lake Duluti)**

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport by scheduled flight (flight booked by agent or on own arrangements). You clear customs and immigration formalities and are met outside opposite the Arrivals Hall by our representative. He will assist you to your transfer vehicle for your transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation Arusha Serena Hotel on bed and breakfast basis (excludes other meals, drinks and laundry)

Arusha Serena Hotel

Standard Room

Nestled at the foot of the wooded slopes of Mount Meru, this unique hotel stands amid coffee plantations on the shores of tranquil Lake Duluti. Designed to echo the traditional style of the colonial coffee farm, which originally stood on this site, Arusha Serena Hotel offers a range of tastefully presented cottage-styled rooms set amid extensive landscaped grounds.

Standing at the gateway to the famous Tanzanian 'Northern Safari Circuit', the hotel offers a broad range of attractions, which include walking, mountain biking, canoeing on the lake, and trips to the nearby Arusha and Mount Meru national parks.

The hotel features a stone-built reception with an adjoining lounge, library, restaurant, boutique, and business centre. Imposing in stature and spacious in concept, the design of the new building echoes the hotel's original incarnation as a working coffee farm dating back to colonial times.

**Day 02**

**Day 02: Arusha - Tarangire National Park**

Morning at leisure with optional activities (payable direct). Safari briefing and lunch at the hotel. Then depart to Tarangire National Park. As you make your way out of Arusha, you leave the busy city behind, and the landscape gives way to vast plains dotted with grass thatched huts. It will be common to see young children tending to herds of cattle and sheep. In the distance, the imposing wall of the Great Rift rises from the horizon. Once you pass the park gate, you begin game viewing as you make your way to the lodge, arriving for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation Tarangire Sopa Lodge on full board basis (excludes laundry and drinks)

Tarangire National Park

The park is named after the Tarangire River which runs through it and is known for its large herds of elephants and diverse wildlife. The park covers an area of 2,850 square kilometres and is home to over 550 bird species, as well as lions, leopards,



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zebras, wildebeest, giraffes, and many more animals. The park is also known for its baobab trees and picturesque views of the Maasai Steppe and the Rift Valley. It is a popular destination for wildlife safaris and outdoor adventure activities.

#### Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Hidden among the kopjes, lies Tarangire Sopa Lodge, surrounded by ancient baobab trees.

Spacious and airy with marble floors, the lobby has glass sliding doors that open out to a veranda where one can relax and enjoy the view. The ceiling has a wooden finishing, and the décor with plants in strategic places, gives it a feeling of total relaxation, much needed after the long and dusty drive to the lodge. There is also a swimming pool for those that want to take a refreshing dip.

The lodge boasts 75 spacious rooms, all with a private lounge on entering with a mini bar. Each room is carpeted, and has 2 queen size beds with a mosquito net around them. Ceiling fans keep the rooms cool and glass sliding doors open out onto a balcony, with a great view of the landscape beyond, and wildlife can sometimes be spotted.

### Day 03

### Day 03: Tarangire National Park - Lake Manyara National Park

Morning game drive and lunch at the lodge. Then depart to Lake Manyara National Park arriving at your lodge perched above the Rift Valley escarpment overlooking the park for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation Lake Manyara Serena Lodge on full board basis (excludes laundry and drinks)

#### Lake Manyara National Park

The park is named after Lake Manyara, a shallow alkaline lake that is a prominent feature of the park. The park covers an area of 330 square kilometres and is known for its diverse wildlife, including large herds of elephants, buffalo, giraffes, zebras, baboons, and various species of antelope. The park is known as home to tree-climbing lions, a behaviour that can be observed in other areas of Africa. In addition to its wildlife, the park is known for its birdlife, with over 400 bird species recorded, including flamingos, pelicans, storks, and various birds of prey. The park's terrain varies from dense forests to open grassy plains, and the views of the Great Rift Valley and the surrounding landscapes are breath-taking. It is a popular destination for wildlife safaris and bird watching tours.

#### Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

Standing high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over the glittering alkaline waters of Lake Manyara, Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge offers a unique blend of tranquillity, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness. The unprecedented range of high-adventure sports, meanwhile, includes mountain biking, canoeing and forest walks, while cultural choices include tours of the neighbouring villages and dance displays by the local Iraqw and Sukuma people.



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Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this highly unusual lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond reception, lies the central dining room, bar, and veranda, below which lies the pool. Perched on the very edge of the cliffs, with stunning views over the lake is the pool bar and observation point. Dotted around the grounds, all with views over the lake, are a series of circular two-story 'rondavels', which house the rooms.

Designed to reflect the brilliance of Lake Manyara's unique birdlife, the architectural motif melds swooping avian curves with the gentle concentric patterns of traditional Maasai 'Bomas', while the vibrantly coloured wall frescoes depict the colourful intricacy of bird migratory patterns.

## Day 04

## Day 04: Serengeti National Park

Morning game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. Return to the lodge for lunch. Depart for Serengeti National Park. Once you pass the Naabi Gate – the gateway to Serengeti National Park – you game view en route to the lodge arriving for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation Serengeti Serena Lodge on full board basis (excludes laundry and drinks)

### Serengeti National Park

Serengeti National Park covers an area of approximately 14,750 square kilometres and is known for its vast savannah grasslands, iconic wildlife, and annual wildebeest migration. The park is home to the "big five" animals: lions, elephants, leopards, rhinoceros, and Cape buffalos, as well as cheetahs, hyenas, giraffes, zebras, and many other species of mammals and birds. The annual wildebeest migration, where over a million wildebeest and other herbivores migrate in search of greener pastures, is one of the most spectacular natural events in the world. The park is also home to the Maasai people, who have lived in the area for centuries and still practice their traditional way of life. Serengeti National Park is a popular destination for wildlife safaris and hot air balloon safaris, and its stunning landscapes and wildlife attract visitors from all over the world.

### Serengeti Serena Lodge

Set high on the saddle of a tree-clad ridge, commanding panoramic views across the Serengeti, this lodge is the ultimate fusion of traditional African architecture and world-class style. Winner of numerous awards from the world travel press.

Centrally located adjacent to the famous Western Corridor and Grumeti River, the lodge has been designed to blend completely into the living landscape. A series of traditional domed 'rondavels' are widely spaced throughout the grounds, which are cooled by groves of acacia trees and watered by sparkling streams. On the very edge of the ridge is a 'vanishing horizon' pool, which looks out over the 'endless plains' after which the Serengeti is named.





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The lodge has been styled to offer a showcase of cultural performance, heritage, and traditional art, which is best illustrated by the lavish Makonde carvings which decorate both the rooms and the stunning domed dining room.

As for wildlife, the Serengeti National Park offers not only all the members of 'The Big Five' (elephant, rhino, lion, leopard, and buffalo) but also the annual 'migration' of over one million wildebeest and their attendant cast of predators.

## Day 05

### Day 05: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Crater

OPTIONAL Shared Hot Air Balloon Safari

Early morning shared transfer in the balloon company vehicle to the balloon staging site. You meet the pilot who provides a safety briefing while the crew inflate the hot air balloon. At sunrise, your shared hot air balloon lifts off over the African plains. At times, your pilot will ascend to a higher altitude to give you an overview of the ecosystem. Then you descend to treetop level to silently observe the wildlife from above. After about 50 minutes, you land and are met by the balloon staff to transport you to your shared bush breakfast. You then return to your camp or lodge.

Please note that the cost is NOT included in the main quotation and is shown separately.

Morning and afternoon game drives with meals and overnight at the lodge.

Accommodation Serengeti Serena Lodge on full board basis (excludes laundry and drinks).

## Day 06

### Day 06: Ngorongoro Crater

Depart the lodge and game view as you make your way to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. A picnic lunch box is served en route. Arrive at your lodge perched on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater for the afternoon at leisure, dinner and overnight. Accommodation Ngorongoro Serena Lodge on full board basis (with picnic lunch box) (excludes laundry and drinks)

Ngorongoro Conservation Area

The Ngorongoro Crater is home to an estimated 30,000 animals, making it one of the most densely populated wildlife areas in the world. The area is also home to the Maasai people, who have lived in the area for centuries and still practice their traditional way of life. In addition to the wildlife, the area is known for its stunning landscapes, including the Ngorongoro Crater, the Olduvai Gorge, and the Empakai Crater. Ngorongoro Conservation Area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a popular destination for wildlife safaris and outdoor adventure activities.

Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Regularly voted one of the best hotels in the world, this unique lodge clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater,



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~~the largest and most perfect volcanic crater on Earth. Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged~~  
with indigenous vines. Designed to blend completely into the landscape, it is entirely invisible from the floor of the Crater 600 metres below.

Known as 'The eighth wonder of the world' the Ngorongoro Crater is one of Africa's best-known wildlife arenas. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it offers a unique biosphere, which has remained virtually unchanged since the dawn of time. Deep within the Crater, enclosed by towering walls, some 30,000 large mammals wander the plains, lakes, and forests of 'The land that time forgot', dominated by enormous bull elephants, rhinos, and lions.

Hugging the contours of the jagged Crater rim, the lodge takes its inspiration from the so-called 'Cradle of Mankind', the prehistoric site of Olduvai Gorge, which lies close by. Linked by arched stone passages and timbered decks, its walls are decorated with stylised prehistoric cave paintings and lit by flaring torches. At the stone heart of the lodge burns a glowing fire, which is kept constantly alight. Decorated with cave paintings, the rooms are strung around the Crater rim. Each has its own rock-enclosed balcony and all enjoy completely uninterrupted views of the volcanic amphitheatre far below.

### **Day 07**

### **Day 07: Ngorongoro Crater - Tarangire National Park**

Early departure and descend to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater. You game drive in this paradise. With a space of only 102 square miles and a resident wildlife population of more than 30,000 mammals, there is a great chance that you might see all of the big five. A picnic lunch box is provided at a scenic location with the floor of the crater. In the afternoon, you return to the rim of the crater and continue to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation Ngorongoro Serena Lodge on full board basis (with picnic lunch box) (excludes laundry and drinks).

### **Day 08**

### **Day 08: Tarangire National Park - Arusha**

Those awake early enough will be able to enjoy the sunrise across the eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. Following breakfast, you depart the lodge and begin your journey back to Arusha arriving in the city for lunch (excludes drinks). Then transfer to Kilimanjaro International or Arusha Airport for your departure flight (flight booked by agent or on own arrangements). End of our services.

## **Inclusions**



~~Landside meet and greet services~~

Transfers as specified

Transport for safari sector in 4x4 vehicles on a shared basis with maximum 6 passengers per vehicle

Guaranteed window seats

Services of experienced bilingual English-speaking driver-guides on our scheduled (seat-in-vehicle) safaris (languages including Spanish, French, German and Italian are available on request and subject to availability)

Game drives and activities as specified in the itinerary

All accommodation and meals as specified

All park fees and government taxes (except Zanzibar Infrastructure Tax where applicable)

Filtered water will be provided in safari vehicles.

Travellers should bring reusable water bottles

## Exclusions

International and regional flights (except where specified)

Airport taxes except on tickets we issue

Passport and visa fees

Zanzibar Infrastructure Tax (where applicable)

Hot air balloon safaris

Driver-guide gratuities

Dining rooms tips and portorage

Personal travel, baggage, and medical insurance

Drinks, Laundry, Telephone bills and any items of a personal nature (except where specified).

## Note

Hotels Used Or Similar

Arusha-Arusha Serena Hotel (standard room)

Tarangire National Park-Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Lake Manyara National Park-Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

Serengeti National Park-Serengeti Serena Lodge

Ngorongoro Conservation Area-Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

New Year's Day supplement (01 Jan) - AUD 140.00 per adult per night

Easter supplement - 18 April to 21 April [inclusive] - AUD 94.00 per adult per night



~~Christmas supplement - Included in the rates~~

Optional shared hot air balloon safari - AUD 1146.00 per person

#### NOTE ON FEES

We have included the amount anticipated increases in park entry fees, concession fees, conservation fees and bed levies. It is an estimated amount. We will advise the actual amounts once known. In case it is more than the amount already incorporated, the same will be advised to you.

Children and third adult sharing

Child rates apply to children ages 07 to 11.99 at the time of travel

Children younger than 07 are not permitted on our shared seat-in-vehicle safaris however are most welcome on this programme if booked on a private basis (see the separate private safari document)

Christmas and Easter supplements are applicable to adults and children

It is possible for three adults to share a room, however, there is no reduction on the per person costs.

Sole Traveller

Sole travellers transfer rates available on request.

At least two travellers must be confirmed on a departure before we can confirm a sole traveller.

#### Arrival Information

Earliest check-in at the arrival hotel is 14h00. Travellers arriving on early morning flights are urged to book a pre-night at the arrival hotel (at an additional cost) to avoid delays in accessing the hotel rooms on arrival.

#### Departure Information

This safari returns to Arusha at 1230 hrs.

Travellers departing from Arusha Airport on a domestic flight to Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport or international flight should book a flight departing later than 1230 hrs.

Travellers departing from Kilimanjaro International Airport on a domestic or international flight should book a flight departing later than 1530 hours.

Travellers with limited time before their departure flight will be provided a picnic boxed lunch in lieu of lunch in Arusha.

Travellers with a long layover before their departure flight should consider booking a day room (at an additional cost) to refresh and repack before their international journey.

#### IMPORTANT Luggage Information

Travellers should only bring soft sided bags on safari. Luggage space in safari vehicles is limited. These bags should measure no more than the following: Height 66 centimetres Length 42 centimetres Width 28 centimetres. Soft sided bags with wheels are permitted.





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~~If travelling on internal flights during your safari, luggage allowances are strictly enforced to 15 kilograms per person including carry-on bags.~~

If arriving and departing from the same city, bags can be stored in our offices for a one-time fee of AUD 94.00 (per booking, not per bag or per person) to transfer and store the bags and reconnect them with the travellers for departure.

## Information about Internal Flights

Once services are confirmed, GGTS will secure any internal flights included in the safari. The cost of these tickets will be subject to 100% cancellation fees. You must provide correct passport names at the time of booking.

## Additional remarks

We may have to re-route the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.

Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you for existing and new bookings.

Flight times mentioned for internal flights are based on published schedules but are subject to change depending on the airline's load factors and airstrips visited.

## Departure Period

**25 Jun, 2025 to 31 Oct, 2025**

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AUD 8,725 P P twin share

AUD 10,732 P P single

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**01 Nov, 2025 to 15 Dec, 2025**

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AUD 7,109 P P twin share

AUD 9,630 P P single

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