



Safari Package.

<u>Tour</u>		<u>Duration</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Lodges</u>
Saf T.04	(<i>Cradle of Mankind safari</i>) Arusha - Ngorongoro – Lake Manyara – Olduvai Gorge – Tarangire - Arusha	5 Nights	08:00 Hrs	Hotels in Arusha / Crater Forest Tented Camp / Lemala Ngorongoro Tented Camp / Ngorongoro SOPA Lodge / Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge / Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge / Ngorongoro Wild Camp / Oldeani Safari Lodge / Flamingo Safari Lodge & Campsite / Highview Hotel / Crater Rim View / Kirurumu Manyara Lodge / Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge / Kiboko Bush Camp / Lake Manyara Tree Lodge / Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp / Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge / Serengeti SOPA Lodge / Serengeti Simba Lodge / Four Seasons Safari Lodge / Serengeti Savannah Ndutu Camp / Lemala Ewanjan Tented Camp / Soroi Serengeti Lodge / Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge / Camp Zebra / Mbalageti Serengeti / Kati Kati Camp / Maramboi Tented Camp / Tarangire Safari Lodge / Oliver's Camp / Sanctuary Swala Camp / Tarangire SOPA Lodge / Tarangire Simba Lodge / Roika Tarangire Tented Lodge / Hotels in Arusha

Day of Arrival - Arusha. You will be met at Kilimanjaro International airport in Tanzania and transferred to your booked hotel in Arusha. Dinner is on your own account. Stay overnight at your booked ([Hotel in Arusha](#)). (Bed & Breakfast)

Day 1. Arusha / Ngorongoro.

07⁰⁰ Hrs - Breakfast at [Hotel in Arusha](#).

08⁰⁰ Hrs – The Ngorongoro Crater conservation area lies immediately adjacent to the Serengeti National Park and is 180 kilometers from Arusha. You will be driven to Ngorongoro Crater to arrive in time for lunch.

15⁰⁰ Hrs – A game drive will be provided for after late lunch in closed safari vehicles with pop-up roofs. Your tour guide will take you to the crater rim where you can marvel at the incredible landscape around you. The ruggedly beautiful crater highlands are a range of volcanoes that rise from the side of the Great Rift Valley and run in a chain along the eastern edge of the conservation area. The still active Ol Doiyo Lengai referred to as *'the mountain of God'* by the Maasai people stands at 2,878 metres above sea level. Empakaai and Ngorongoro stand at 3,262 and 2,200 metres above sea level respectively. The different peaks were created over many millions of years by a series of volcanic eruptions that gave birth to the Great Rift Valley. To the west of the crater lie the alkaline lakes of Ndutu and Masek. Further to the east, just outside the Ngorongoro Conservation Area boundaries is the archaeological site of Engaruka and Lake Eyasi. To the north-east in the arid expanses near the Kenyan border is the alkaline Lake Natron. The main residents of this area are the Maasai people who have grazed their cattle here for hundreds of years. Dinner and overnight stay at ([Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge](#)) (Full Board).

Day 2. Ngorongoro.

07⁰⁰ Hrs - Breakfast at [Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge](#).

07³⁰ Hrs – You will spend the day at leisure in Ngorongoro Conservation Area. You will descend into the Ngorongoro caldera very early in the morning to view the wildlife on the crater floor. The Ngorongoro Crater is often called "Africa's Eden" and the "8th natural wonder of the world". A massive extinct volcano, the sheet walls drop thousands of feet to a "Noah's Ark" formation of animals on the crater floor below. Large herds of zebra, buffalo, antelope and wildebeest graze nearby while sleeping lions laze in the sun. At dawn,

the endangered black rhino returns to the thick cover of the crater forests after grazing on dew-laden grass in the morning mist. For wildlife, this area contains over 25,000 large animals including black rhinoceros, wildebeests, zebras, eland, Grant's and Thomson's gazelles. The crater has a known population of lions numbering over 60. Leopards, elephants, mountain reedbeek, buffalos, spotted hyenas, jackals and rare wild dogs are found higher up in the forests. The legendary annual wildebeest migration passes twice through Ngorongoro conservation area.

13⁰⁰ Hrs – You will have a picnic lunch on the crater floor surrounded by the unbelievable fever tree forests, marshes and swamps. You will share this extraordinary paradise experience with the exceptional wildlife that is roaming freely. After lunch you will head back to your base hotel to spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Activities to engage you in the afternoon include the spa which offers services such as massages, facials, manicures and pedicures. The spa facilities include a steam bath and a sauna. The spa is designed to meet your most discerning expectations while in Ngorongoro Conservation area. The outdoor swimming pool offers an open air relaxed environment. Take time to enjoy hours of sunbathing pleasure. The pool area offers expansive views of the crater rim. This area is popular with cycling activities and bike hire is available onsite. You can also choose to visit the people of Ngorongoro. The most memorable human feature from the Ngorongoro Crater are the Maasai people whose Manyattas are sprinkled on its slopes. They are proud warriors that patrol the crater rim as they graze their cattle. Traditionally the Maasai live off the milk and blood of their beloved cattle and believe that all the world's cattle are theirs by God-given right. Dinner and overnight stay at ([Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge](#)) (Full Board).

Day 3. Ngorongoro / Lake Manyara

07⁰⁰ Hrs - Breakfast at [Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge](#).

08⁰⁰ Hrs – You will depart from Ngorongoro and head south-east to Lake Manyara National Park which is just about 1hrs drive. Our safari expert guide will take you through the wonders of the African bush. Lake Manyara provides the perfect introduction to Tanzania's birdlife. More than 400 species have been recorded, and even a first-time visitor to Africa might reasonably expect to observe 100 of these in one day.

04⁰⁰ Hrs – A game drive will be provided after lunch to enable you discover this national park. You will be driven in 4x4 safari vehicles by highly trained drivers/tour guides. The compact game viewing circuit in Lake Manyara offers you a very memorable northern Tanzanian safari experience. From the entrance gate, the road winds through an expanse of a lush groundwater forest. Hundreds of baboon troops live in these forests and they lounge along the roadside as you pass by. Blue monkeys also live here in the ancient mahogany trees. Large buffalo, wildebeest and zebra herds congregate on the grassy plains beyond the forests as do giraffes – some so dark in coloration that they appear to be black from a distance. The legendary tree-climbing lions are found further inland within the acacia trees. Elephants and over 400 species of birds are also resident in this park. Dinner and overnight stay at ([Kirurumu Tented Lodge](#)) (Full Board).

Day 4. Lake Mayara / Olduvai Gorge.

07⁰⁰ Hrs – Breakfast in your booked [Kirurumu Tented Lodge](#).

08⁰⁰ Hrs – Depart from Lake Manyara and head west through the endless plains to southern Serengeti where Olduvai Gorge is located. It is a canyon that provides a unique geological history, in which layer upon layer of volcanic deposits were laid down in orderly sequence over a period of almost 2 million years. This world-famous site provides remarkable documentation of ancient life. Olduvai Gorge often referred to as the 'Cradle of Mankind' is the site where the remains of our earliest ancestors, the hominids, were found by the world famous archaeologist, Dr Leakey. The gorge is about 50 km long and in some places 90 metres deep.

The most famous of Olduvai's fossils is the 1.8 million-year-old ape-like skull known as Australopithecus boisei, which was discovered by Mary Leakey in 1959. The skull is also often referred to as zinjanthropus, which means 'nutcracker man' referring to its large molars. In 1972 hominid (human-like) footprints estimated to be 3.7 million years old were discovered at Laetoli, about 45km south of Olduvai Gorge. Based on these findings as well as other ancient fossils excavated in Kenya and Ethiopia, experts believe that there were at least three hundred hominid species living in this region about two million years ago, including Australopithecus boisei, Homo habilis and Homo erectus. While Australopithecus boisei and Homo habilis appear to have died out, it is thought that Homo erectus continued and evolved into Homo sapiens or modern man. There is a small and interesting museum which is open until 3pm every week day. Dinner and overnight stay at ([Serengeti SOPA Lodge](#)) (Full Board).

Day 5. Olduvai Gorge / Tarangire.

07⁰⁰ Hrs – Breakfast in your booked [Serengeti SOPA Lodge](#).

08⁰⁰ Hrs – Depart from southern Serengeti and head south-east to Tarangire National Park. Tarangire retains an air of undiscovered Africa, as it is less visited than other northern Tanzanian parks. It is a haven for birds. Over 550 bird species have been recorded here. Tarangire is the world's largest selection of birds found in one habitat. Many birds found their home in Tarangire. The stocking-thigh ostrich which is the world's largest bird might greet you in its party dress of plumes.

14⁰⁰ Hrs – A game drive will be provided after lunch to give you the opportunity to discover this national park.

20⁰⁰ Hrs – (Optional) Guests can transfer to Tarangire Safari Lodge located inside the park at an additional cost, where one can go for a night game drives to spot nocturnal animals such as aardvarks, dikdiks, genets, civet, serval cats, bush babies and various night birds. This is an optional night activity and extra fees apply. Dinner and overnight stay at ([Maramboi Tented Camp](#)) or ([Tarangire Safari Lodge](#)) (Full Board).

Day 6. Tarangire / Kilimanjaro International Airport.

07⁰⁰ Hrs - Breakfast at [Maramboi Tented Camp](#) or [Tarangire Safari Lodge](#).

09⁰⁰ Hrs – You will check-out from the lodge and driven back to Arusha to arrive in the early afternoon. Spend the afternoon in Arusha at leisure. You can go shopping for souvenirs, artefacts and Tanzanian art. Lunch is on your own account. Around (17⁰⁰-18⁰⁰Hrs) you will be transferred back to Kilimanjaro International airport in Tanzania to catch your international flight. (Breakfast only).

Approx. price per person – US\$	2pax	4pax	6pax	8pax
High Season Rate (starts from)	5560	5000	4915	4802
Low Season Rate (starts from)	4964	4745	4730	4717

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Terms that apply to this Safari.

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Recommended hotels.

- Arusha accommodation will be Bed & Breakfast (B&B) in **Onsea House & Machweo**.
(See hotel details here: **Onsea House** - <http://www.crombietours.com/tanzania1/onseahouse.html>).
- Ngorongoro Conservation Area will be full-board in Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge.
(See lodge details here: **Serena Safari Lodge**.
<http://www.crombietours.com/tanzania1/ngorongoroserenasafarilodge.html>).
- Lake Manyara National Park will be full-board in Kirurumu Tented Lodge.
(See lodge details here: **Kirurumu Manyara Lodge**.
<http://www.crombietours.com/tanzania1/kirurumumanyaralodge.html>).
- Serengeti National Park will be full-board as follows:
(See campsite details here: **Serengeti SOPA Lodge**.
<http://www.crombietours.com/tanzania1/serengetisopalodge.html>).
- Tarangire National Park will be full-board in (Maramboi Tented Camp) or (Tarangire Safari Lodge).
(See campsite details here: **Maramboi Tented Camp**.
<http://www.crombietours.com/tanzania1/maramboitentedcamp.html>).
(See campsite details here: **Tarangire Safari Lodge**.
<http://www.crombietours.com/tanzania1/tarangiresafarilodge.html>).

Tour vehicle and light aircraft:

Your tour will be using a seven-seater minibus or seven-seater land cruiser to the game park. Tour vehicles are well equipped with *cool boxes*, *binoculars* and *first aid kits*. Seats in the tour vehicles and light air craft for your air safari shall be provided according to your booked itinerary and number of tourists in a group. Groups of **4, 5, 6** or **7** tourists travelling together may be allocated one (1) **tour vehicle** if they so desire. No alterations to seat arrangements will be made at the inconvenience of other parties.

Note: Please inform us for exclusive use of light aircrafts for air safaris. Exclusive light aircrafts use will be at a small additional cost.

Tour guides:

English speaking drivers/tour guides are provided. For non-English speaking tourists, any person engaged as a translator will be charged on them.

Game drives:

Most hotels provide game drives on 4x4 land cruisers/land rovers with open sides to give you a close-up maximum animal view but where the 4x4's are not available for your game drive, your tour vehicle will take on your game drive.

Prices:

Prices quoted are based on 2 people sharing a double/twin room i.e. double occupancy. Single supplement applies. Prices are valid for travel during the travel season indicated on your itinerary quotation and the accommodation units suggested are subject to availability. Where an accommodation unit you have requested is not available, we will propose a different unit offering equitable value and services. Please email us to enquire.

Inclusions:

- Transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) to Arusha on arrival
- Transfer from Arusha to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) on departure
- Game viewing in 4x4 Land Cruiser with pop-up roof
- Services of a professional English-speaking driver guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Drinking water while on safari provided in safari vehicle
- Park fees and conservations fees as per itinerary
- Government taxes and levies

Exclusions:

- Tourist visas
- Personal travel/medical insurance
- Soft drinks or alcoholic beverages
- Tips for driver guide and hotel/lodge/camp staff
- Any items of personal nature (laundry service, telephone/internet bills, souvenirs)
- Any domestic flights
- Optional hot air balloon rides in Serengeti (*advance booking is required*)
- Optional Maasai Village visit
- Optional Olduvai Gorge Museum visit
- Optional activities not mentioned in itinerary
- Any international flights and departure taxes

Excursions:

Prices for excursions such as air balloon are not included and must be booked separately. It is advisable that you book them early to avoid disappointment.

Payments:

Bookings and reservations must be confirmed **90 days** prior to your arrival date at the Lodge. Bookings not secured by the appropriate payment will be released.

Enquiring on this Safari package:

Contact us on the above address, telephone or e-mail. Our tour desk is ready to offer help, advice, complete prices and any other assistance you may require. It is good to know that we can tailor a tour that suites your needs and budget. See other accommodation options available if you are looking for a tailored *Cradle of Mankind safari* under the tab **Lodges** where you downloaded this safari from and tell us to quote for you on any other unit that you choose. Tailor made safaris works best for larger groups and families.

By booking a Safari with us means you have accepted all our terms and conditions.

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