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WINGS OVER TANZANIA

16-27 November 2025

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Overview

Itinerary at a glance

Nov 16 - 18

Today your adventure begins!

Welcome to Tanzania.

On arrival into Kilimanjaro International Airport, clear immigration (visa required in advance of travel) and luggage collection.

In the arrivals hall, you will be warmly welcomed by our driver. Please utilise the bathroom facilities before departure. The driver will then assist you with luggage to the vehicle.

Road transfer to your accommodation (35 - 45 minutes). Water will be available in the vehicle.

On arrival at Rivertrees, disembark and head inside to check in for two nights with all meals, local drinks and activities included.

Enjoy meeting fellow guests over dinner, chatting about the adventure and start time for tomorrow before retiring to your room for a good night sleep.

[We recommend flying with Qatar Airlines via Doha and directly into Kilimanjaro Airport. Please note additional arrangements may be required based on your international flight and Encompass Africa can assist with those so it's effortless every step of the way].

Rivertrees Country Inn
2 Nights

Nov 17

After breakfast, be ready at the agreed time in the reception area and head off to Tengereu for a fabulous coffee plantation tour and traditional cooking lesson and lunch, including soft drinks and fresh juice.

Afterwards, return to your accommodation for an afternoon at leisure.

Meet at the agreed time for dinner and then it's another good night of rest.

Overview

Itinerary at a glance

Activity:
Swahili Cooking & Coffee Experience

Nov 18 - 21

After breakfast, please ensure you're packed up and checked out ready by the agreed time.

Meet your private drivers who will assist you with bags into the vehicles. Road transfer to the airport where your pilot is waiting!

Board the aircraft bound for the famous Serengeti.

This scenic 1 hour flight takes us over Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater before we approach the open plains of the Serengeti.

We land at one of the Serengeti airstrips and disembark. Please ensure you have everything off the aircraft because they take off once everything is offloaded.

Our private guides will be waiting to welcome us and assist into the vehicles. We game drive to camp, arriving in time for a lovely briefing session and lunch. We can settle into our tented camp and then it's time to take off for an afternoon game drive.

Return for dinner and overnight.

Olmara Camp
3 Nights

Nov 19 - 20

These two days are action packed with game drives and a hot air balloon safari and bush breakfast. Details will be confirmed in terms of timing in camp so there's no early surprises - but there is of course one very early morning to get to the balloon before sunrise.

Activity:
Hot Air Balloon Safari

Overview

Itinerary at a glance

Nov 21 - 23

After breakfast, it's time to pack up and check out. Be ready at the agreed time and load into the 4x4 vehicles. Game drive to the airstrip and wait for your private aircraft.

It's time to bid your guides goodbye and board the plane, taking off to Lake Manyara airstrip.

Upon landing, ensure you have everything before disembarking. Meet our private guides, load into the vehicles and head to Lake Eyasi. Please note these vehicles are enclosed due to road regulations.

Located between the walls of the Great Rift Valley and Tanzania's largest soda lake, Lake Eyasi, Ziwani we arrive to stunning North African-style carved doors. Disembark the vehicle and walk through to the expansive desert landscape of space, colour, and light.

Ziwani is a cultural journey, migration of people, archaeology, antiquity, landscapes, and architecture blending symbiotically with the environment.

We check in for two nights with all meals, local drinks and our lake walk and cultural activity included.

Settle in and take time to relax and freshen up before we regroup and head down for an afternoon walk to the lakeshore.

We then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

Activity:
Lakeshore Walk
Ziwani Lodge
2 Nights

Nov 22

Today is an exciting one as we wake early, then head out to spend time with the local Hadzabe and learn of their ways on the land. It's a fascinating few hours spent walking with them in the wilderness.

Overview

Itinerary at a glance

We head back to the lodge and if Datoga tribe are close, we visit to see their metalworks and learn of their stories.

Return for an afternoon at leisure.

We encourage you to enjoy some down time and also to connect with some of the team here at Ziwani.

The soul of Ziwani Lodge is its surrounding community, where humanity lives in harmony with nature. We learn by listening to the wisdom of the elders; their stories carry songs of knowledge, the core values of culture and society.

Education, passed from generation to generation in the language of storytellers, offers opportunities for growth and empowerment. Ziwani Lodge supports the growth and development of local primary schools through infrastructure, food programs, sustainability, sanitisation blocks, sports facilities, and equipment to empower and encourage education for children in the community.

Activities:

Hadzabe Wilderness Walk
Datoga Metal Workshop

Nov 23 - 25

After breakfast this morning, we will head down to enjoy a morning fishing at the lake with our guide, learning about its importance for the survival of local people.

It's then time to check out of this magical place and continue our journey a short distance by road.

Our accommodation for the next two nights is Gibb's Farm, a working farm located on the forested slopes of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Built in 1929, the farmhouse has hardly changed, retaining the charm of a well looked-after private house and providing a welcome respite for an active safari.

Overview

Itinerary at a glance

We arrive to check in, enjoy a plant to plate lunch experience before venturing out on foot to visit the elephant caves and Endoro Falls.

For those not feeling up to walking, you're most welcome to relax and enjoy the farm and facilities. There's an onsite spa, artist studio, gift shop and of course the plantation itself.

In the afternoon we gather for a drink to savour sunset and then have a gourmet dinner before a good night sleep - tomorrow is an early start for a full day safari!

Activity:

Endoro Falls And Elephant Caves

Gibb's Farm

2 Nights

Nov 24

It's an early start this morning so please ensure you're ready to go at the agreed time. Breakfast first of course to enjoy the farm produce and then it's time to load into the vehicles and take off to the rim of the Crater and then descend for a day's safari.

We savour a packed lunch from the farm before game driving again towards the ascent road.

When everybody is ready, we ascend to the rim and return to Gibbs Farm for some down time and dinner.

Activity:

Ngorongoro Crater.

Nov 25 - 27

This morning after breakfast, pack up and check out. Be ready at the agreed time for our next activity.

Overview

Itinerary at a glance

This morning we're visiting a local school that directly benefits from this safari by way of funds and resources. Together we take and donate boxes of much needed supplies that we have sourced locally to ensure we are contributing to making a difference, one safari at a time.

We have the opportunity to look around the school and meet the children.

Then it's time to literally take off to our final safari destination, the wonderful West Kilimanjaro.

It's a short road transfer to the Manyara airstrip where we board the plane and take off to West Kilimanjaro. Please note this airstrip is government run and not always open. What we do then is instead land in Arusha and private driver/guides pick us up and road transfer us across to camp.

On arrival at Shu'mata, we check in for 2 nights and enjoy a light lunch.

Today's activities include a visit to the Beehive Project and sundowner drinks and spear throwing with our Maasai guides.

Dinner and overnight.

Activities:

Shu Mata Beehive Project And Sunset Spear Throwing

Shu'mata Camp

2 Nights

Nov 26

Today is a full day game driving in the Greater Kilimanjari ecosystem - visiting acacia forests, salt pans, seasonal swamps, granite boulders and old mines. It's an absolutely fascinating day with packed lunch boxes so we can enjoy our time in the wild.

Return for sundowners, dinner and overnight.

Activity:

Shu Mata Full Day Game Drive

Overview

Itinerary at a glance

Nov 27

This morning we head off with our guides and armed rangers for a morning guided elephant walk. It's an opportunity to spend time with these majestic creatures as our finale to the safari.

Return to the lodge for breakfast, freshen up and check out. It's then time to bid the team goodbye and transfer to the airstrip for our flight to Arusha. Please note if the airstrip is not in use, this leg is a road transfer.

On arrival at Arusha Airport, arrangements end.

Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport in time to check in for your international flight home.

All good things come to an end! We hope this has been an exhilarating Air Adventure Africa safari.

Activity:
Shumata Elephant Walk

November 16 - 18 | Arusha



Area Overview

Arusha is located at the foothills of Mount Meru on the eastern side of the Great Rift Valley. This is the gateway to the northern safari circuit, with easy access to the Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara, Tarangire, Mount Kilimanjaro, and Mount Meru. Its elevation of 1,400 m (4,600 ft) keeps temperatures relatively cool despite proximity to the equator; temperatures generally range between 10 and 30 C (50 and 86F), with little humidity due to the altitude.

Arusha is serviced by two airports, Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) on the eastern side, and Arusha Airport, which primarily services domestic travel. The two airports are connected by the main road, which is notorious for traffic. There is some good shopping available, including the impressive Cultural Heritage, with curio shops, a jewellery boutique, a Tanzanite and precious stone counter, a bargain center, and an art gallery.

November 16 - 18 | Rivertrees Country Inn



Property Overview

Once an old coffee estate, Rivertrees is now a charming country inn nestled in abundant foliage with the Usa River flowing by. Set in the foothills of Mt Meru, conveniently close to Kilimanjaro International Airport, and a short drive to Arusha, its location offers a wealth of natural wonders to explore.

Comprising the original Farm House, an elegant River House, luxurious River Cottages, and several beautifully appointed Garden Rooms, it also serves delicious garden-fresh cuisine in its stunningly set restaurant. The swimming pool and spa are tailored for relaxation, and friendly personalized service ensures a memorable stay, whether for a one-night stopover or much longer.

Experiences & Activities

Rivertrees is immersed in the natural beauties indigenous to Northern Tanzania, and there is never any shortage of exploring to do. Opt for Arusha National Park and the foothills of Mt Meru a mere 15 minutes away, or spend an afternoon canoeing on Duluti's spectacular crater lake. A cycle through the colorful bustle of the village and past smallholder coffee projects offers insight into local life.

November 16 - 18 | Rivertrees Country Inn

Accommodations

The Garden Rooms

The delightful Garden Rooms are each uniquely and tastefully furnished, and yield views across acres of lush lawns from the shelter of fertile foliage. Several are adjoined for families and friends, while others offer couples the exclusivity and romance of their own private space. The Rivertrees reservation team makes a point of allocating each room according to the needs of their individual guests, and takes care to ensure that the right match is made for the perfect stay.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Charming estate that was once an old coffee farm

Perfectly situated for exploring the abundant nature reserves that this region is home to

Sanctuary for the birds and wildlife indigenous to the area

The scope for exploration is endless

Quick facts

33 rooms & cottages

Restaurant

Bar

Lounge

Terrace

Gardens

Pool

Spa

Hiking

Cycling

Canoeing

Nature drives

Wifi

November 17 | Swahili Cooking And Coffee Experience

Activity overview

Immerse yourself in the rich culture and flavours of Tanzania with a hands-on culinary adventure in Arusha. Hosted by the warm and welcoming Mama Gladness and the talented ladies of Tengeru, this experience offers a glimpse into the heart of Swahili traditions.

Begin your journey in the kitchen, where you'll learn to prepare authentic Swahili dishes using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Guided by your expert hosts, you'll discover the techniques and secrets behind beloved Tanzanian recipes passed down through generations. Whether it's crafting chapati, making flavourful stews, or perfecting fragrant spiced rice, every step is infused with the joy of cooking together.

After your culinary creations are complete, transition to a traditional coffee-roasting session. Learn the art of roasting, grinding, and brewing coffee the Tanzanian way, as you uncover the fascinating history and cultural significance of coffee in the region.

Finally, sit down to savour your self-prepared meal alongside freshly brewed coffee, sharing stories and laughter with your hosts and fellow participants. This enriching experience is not only a feast for your taste buds but also a deep dive into the culinary heritage of Tanzania.

- **Duration:** Approximately 4 hours
- **Group size:** Minimum 2 guests, maximum 6 guests

November 18 - 21 | Eastern Serengeti



Area Overview

Meaning "endless plains" in the Maasai language, the Serengeti is undoubtedly one of the world's most celebrated wilderness areas. The Eastern Serengeti is a location with outstanding views across these fascinating "endless plains" and the area is a beautiful grassy savanna dotted with rocky kopjes and shaded by ancient giant acacia trees.

This area of the Serengeti is crossed by the thrilling wildlife spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration, but also has high-density game-viewing at all times and is well-known for its large concentration of cats.

November 18 - 21 | Olmara Camp



Property Overview

Olmara Camp, by Entara, has been established in the far eastern plains of the Serengeti, a remote and wildlife-filled pocket lying at the crossroads of the endless grassy plains and the woodlands. 'Olmara' is the Maasai epithet for the 'cheetah,' the great dotted cat, one of the most emblematic of the area's inhabitants.

Here in the Soit le Motonyi region, amongst the endless grassy savannah, dotted with gnarled acacia trees and weathered rocky outcrops, you find an unsurpassed display of predators and predator activity. Far from the busier central Serengeti, the area is unspoiled, silent, and remote.

With its isolated location, the camp takes full advantage of the African night skies. Three tents have been designed as stargazer tents; large open-rooftops where you may comfortably recline on large cushions and fall asleep beneath a natural planetarium. The evenings are beautiful with the borderless flow of clarity from the glowing moon to glittering stars, flickering planets, and a swish of the milky way: the vast, seemingly emptiness beyond stretched out for infinity; glorious and mesmerizing.

The dining and lounge area is located in the centre of the camp, the meeting point for exciting stories and meals by the campfire. Share your experiences with friends and family with the satellite wifi connection.

November 18 - 21 | Olmara Camp

The camp itself is permanently positioned throughout the year. Freshwater is collected from wells within the national park and solar panels provide the electricity for lighting and camp operations. Careful attention is placed on environmentally-friendly water drainage and habitat impact. Each tented suite is spaced for privacy.

Experience & Activities

As for activities, Olmara offers game drives, walking safaris, star-gazing beds, fly-camping, bush meals, and hot air balloon rides.

Apart from the cheetah for which the camp is named, the area teems with wildlife. Prides of lions and large packs of hyenas, and leopards range along the river valleys and wooded hills. Serval cats hunt in the tall grass and caracals roam at the base of kopjes. This expanse of the Serengeti is amongst the best places in the world to photograph large cats. The permanent water attracts herbivores en masse, such as elephants, giraffes, zebra, warthog, and many more, which makes for an action-packed game experience.

Olmara Fly-Camp

Fly camping is an overnight experience that places guests in the wilderness with a simple camp. It allows you to be immersed in the sounds of the African savannah at night and to appreciate the magnificent African skies. At night, enjoy sitting around a campfire to share meals and stories of African adventures.

A back-to-basics camp does not mean a lack of comfort. A few luxuries are added, such as lovely soft duvets and down pillows. Dining is generous and wholesome and served with a cold beer or a glass of wine.

Walking Safaris

It is easy to find yourself inside all the time on safari, what with luxurious bedrooms, restaurants, and game drives to enjoy, but it is essential to step out of your comfort zone.

Step out and feel the rustle of the wind in the grass and the buzz of insects. Smile in wonder over the fast rise in your heartbeat when a bird explodes from the cover of the undergrowth.

Join your knowledgeable walking guide straight after breakfast, and set out to uncover the secrets of the Serengeti on foot.

November 18 - 21 | Olmara Camp

Game Drives

Game drives take place twice daily, over the savanna of Soit le Motonyi and close to the acacia woodlands that border the rolling plains.

Wildlife you can expect to see here includes all the big cats – lion, leopard, and cheetah – in addition to serval, elephant, giraffe, zebra, warthog, and hyena.

Please note, if you are a family with children aged under 12 years, you will need to book a private vehicle at extra cost.

Hot Air Balloon Ride

If you think you would appreciate a bird's eye view of this spectacular part of the Serengeti, take to the skies in a hot air balloon. This activity begins at about 6 in the morning, in the Seronera area. Your ride lasts for 1-2 hours, and you descend to a champagne bush breakfast – a special treat.

Accommodations

Tented Suite

Olmara camp offers 8 tents designed to merge with the eco-environment, all under canvas, with expansive views of the wilderness ahead. Each tented suite contains a lounge cove with comfortable couches and coffee table, dressing area with handcrafted cupboards, net-draped king-size bed with bedside tables and lamps, writing desk, full-length wall mirror, and soft carpets laid over teak floors to wander along. The suite flows into an ensuite shower, double hand basins, and a flushing toilet.

Two tents welcome families of up to 4, in inter-connected suites with a private lounge to kick back, read, chat, write, or play games.

Fast Facts

Highlights

- Located on the eastern plains in the Soit le Motonyi region of the Serengeti
- An unsurpassed display of predators and predator activity in a remote wilderness
- Game drives, walking safaris, and hot air balloon rides
- Fall asleep beneath a natural planetarium in a stargazer tent

November 18 - 21 | Olmara Camp

Quick facts

8 tented suites: 3 stargazer tents. 2 family room with shared bathroom

Dining area

Lounge

Solar power, with generator back up

Battery-charging facilities

En suite bathrooms with running water and flush loos

Triples and quads available

Wifi available

Note

This property is unfenced and located in a wildlife area where potentially dangerous animals roam through. Please be alert when walking around the camp. All guests are escorted after dark, as are children as a matter of course.

November 19 - 20 | An unforgettable journey above the Serengeti

From your camp to the balloon 0400 – 0515hrs

Some things are worth getting up early for and this is certainly one of them. Rising before the birds and heading out in the silence of the pre-dawn towards the launch-site is all part of the anticipation. Perhaps one of the Serengeti's more elusive inhabitants will be caught in the headlights on this nocturnal game drive.

Keeping safe & preparing to fly 0615 - 0645hrs

Your pilot takes you through the important safety briefing ahead of your flight as the sky begins to lighten and the crew inflates the balloon - an envelope of savannah gold and acacia green billowing into the cool morning, lit by the flames of the burners. You climb into the basket and prepare to lift into the dawn.

Serengeti from the sky 0645 – 0815hrs

Each flight is a different journey dictated by the direction of the wind, where the sights and sounds rise from the ground to meet you. We know where we've started but we don't know where we will return to earth. This is part of the adventure. Sometimes the basket will be gently brushing the tips of the grass and then climbing, climbing through the layers of air until you're high enough to see the curve of the horizon, painted gold and pink by the early sun.

November 19 - 20 | An unforgettable journey above the Serengeti

Our pilots not only have years of experience in harnessing the African wind, but are also interpreters of the wild lives in the ebb and flow of the landscape below. Around an hour or so after you lift into the sky, the basket will return to the plains of the Serengeti. But it's not over yet.

Celebrating a tradition 0815 – 0830hrs

“The Winds have welcomed you with softness. The Sun has blessed you with its warm hands....” The balloonist’s tradition is to toast the flight with bubbly. A short walk or drive from your landing spot will find you raising a glass to your time in the skies. We then seek to take care of earthly concerns and whisk you off by safari car to a special Serengeti breakfast spot.

Meeting hunger with plenty 0830 – 0930hrs

There is truly nothing to compare with breakfast served under the sweeping canopy of an acacia in the middle of the Serengeti plains. Tropical fruit, bread baked this morning and eggs cooked in the bush, all made more delicious by the location, and served on linen, bone china and Sheffield cutlery in an 'Out of Africa' style. Shoulder to shoulder with your fellow passengers, this is a time to soak in the exceptional flight you’ve just been a part of and absorb the moment.

November 21 - 23 | Lakeshore Walk: Lake Eyasi

Activity overview

The landscapes of Eyasi tell a story as much as their people. The walls of the Great Rift Valley form a basin that has created a life source of water and food for the surrounding community and wildlife. Walking in these landscapes is to find freedom and be humbled by gigantic rock kopjes and baobab trees. Admire natural sculptures rising above the earth decorated by ancient rock paintings, and be like wild warriors listening to the sounds of nature, feeling rooted to the earth.

Lake Eyasi is a source of food and trade for the surrounding communities. Fishermen camp on the lake shores, rising and setting to the sun. They often row their canoes into the lake, trailing fishing lines and nets to catch shoals of fish. Lakeshore fishing has a rhythm, a continuous flow, and harmony conducted during the rise and fall of the sun each day.

November 21 - 23 | Lake Eyasi



Area Overview

Lake Eyasi is a seasonal soda lake that sits directly south of the Serengeti and south west of the Ngorongoro Crater. The Sibiti River provides the major inflow of water on the south western side, otherwise water levels can rise and fall dramatically depending on rainfall. Hence, the area can be seasonally good for migrating flamingos and pelicans. The predominant fish species are lungfish and catfish, providing food for yellow billed storks and migrating waterbirds.

The area is inhabited by the local Datoga pastoralists and Hadzabe hunter-gatherers and so provides some unique opportunities to visit these fascinating peoples with very contrasting ways of lives. The western landscape is dominated by the Serengeti plateau that rises over this arid environment and provides a scenic backdrop, dotted with Doum palms and bushland.

November 21 - 23 | Ziwani Lodge



Property Overview

Ziwani Lodge, located on an escarpment overlooking Lake Eyasi in Northern Tanzania, offers sweeping views of the Rift Valley. The property is a fully fledged eco lodge running solely off solar and wind power. The inspiration of the construction and design came from the local architecture around the area - limited amounts of glass in the windows is not only used as a natural cooling system in the rooms and main areas of the property, but also to let guests feel connected with the surrounding nature. Fresh, home-cooked, and locally sourced food can be savoured in a large dining room, opening to the verandah along with evening sundowners on the lodge rooftop.

Experience & Activities

Activities include lakeshore fishing and trekking by Lake Eyasi, walking through the Great Rift Valley past gigantic rock kopjes and baobab trees, and visits with the Hadzabe and Datoga tribe. Fly camping with the Hadzabe brings guests closer to the call of nature - learning the stealth of foraging for food, the art of cooking on an open fire, and using the tools nature provides. There is also the opportunity to witness the creativity of the craft makers - forging decorative jewellery and arrow hearts from metal scraps.

November 21 - 23 | Ziwani Lodge

Accommodations

Cottage

A winding stone path leads guests to the seven cottages. Locally sourced materials have been used to create large, open-light restoration spaces, with high ceilings to regulate temperature. The en-suite rooms have writing desks, ceiling fans, and large wooden shutters that open to an oasis landscape of palm trees overlooking Lake Eyasi.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Located on an escarpment overlooking Lake Eyasi

A fully fledged eco lodge running solely on solar & wind power

Visit the Hadzabe & learn about the last hunter-gatherers in Tanzania

Quick facts

Only 7 cottages

Dining area

Lounge

Swimming pool

Library

Solar & wind power

Eco friendly

November 22 | Hadzabe Wilderness Walk

Activity overview

The Hadzabe are a nomadic hunter-gatherer tribe living in the Yaeda Valley in Northern Tanzania. Their lifestyle as hunter-gatherers, walking the wilderness trails in symbiosis with nature, is fascinating. Waking early to the dawn chorus of doves with a steaming hot drink. Driving through a fresh dawn landscape of rolling hills and arriving to sit around a smoking fire. Listening to the soft rhythm of language clicks prepares guests for the imminent raw adventure.

With a few clicks and sudden movement of bows and arrows, the Hadzabe sprint into the wilderness, tracking wildlife and acutely listening for movements in the acacia bush. Their distinctive hunting language formed in whistles helps track down the daily meal. They turn wood and dung to make a fire, sitting crouched on heels, cooking the day's forage. The hunt ends with woodsmoke and burning feather smells.

November 22 | Datoga Metal Workshop

Activity overview

The Datoga people migrated from the Nile in Northern Africa to Eastern Africa through the Great Rift Valley. They settled in Lake Eyasi, bartering their goods and skills and building self-regulating houses from clay and dung. Family, livestock, and cooking are central to daily life. Products crafted in the metal workshop provide an economy of bartering for goods in the community.

There is a sense of renewal as rugged-edged metal skeleton scraps are melted and transformed into decorative, colourful, patterned jewellery that hangs on display for sale, making jingles in the wind. Old industrial waste is transformed into tradable jewellery under a shaded tree. The Datoga artisans sit on the clay earth; filing hammering, twisting, and moulding metal into delicate jewellery. Arrowheads traded with the Hadzabe for honey and skins, are made from large industrial nails hammered flat and skilfully shaped on a river stone.

November 23 - 25 | Endoro Falls And Elephant Caves

Activity overview

This moderately challenging hike takes just a few hours and is accessible from a trail located near Gibbs Farm in the Ngorongoro region.

You'll be picked up from your accommodation and taken to the trailhead to begin your hike, which takes you into the forest where you'll encounter animals such as dikdik (the world's smallest antelope species) and a huge variety of bird life.

Highlights of your trek include the beautiful Endoro Falls themselves and the famed elephant caves. These caves have been carved out of the rock by elephants who visit the region in search of the salt that can be found in the stone.

Once you've finished your hike, you'll be picked up and returned to your lodge.

November 23 - 25 | Karatu



Area Overview

Karatu is a 'gateway' town within easy reach of the iconic Ngorongoro Crater as well as the Lake Manyara National Park. The bustling town is a hub of activity in the fertile 'Crater highlands,' lush and verdant hillsides where tourists easily mingle with local artisans and tradespeople. Because of the volcanic soil the area is superb for agriculture, and as well as subsistence and commercial farmers there are a multitude of working coffee farms, some of which offer accommodation.

Since the town is only 140 kilometres from Arusha, the area makes a great stop over for guests on the way to the crater, which is only some 20 kilometres away on decent roads.

November 23 - 25 | Gibb's Farm



Property Overview

Each day at Gibb's Farm follows a gentle rhythm. Discover a sanctuary for the senses to rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. A destination in itself and sanctuary for safari goers, take time to immerse in the sense of well-being at Gibb's Farm. This historic organic farm and family coffee plantation covers over 80 acres on the forested outer slopes of the Ngorongoro Crater. Share in the eternal sense of history and community with two-family houses and seventeen cottages.

Gibb's Farm is perfectly positioned along the main safari route from Arusha to the Tarangire, Lake Manyara, and Lake Eyasi national parks, with the Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti to the north. It is the ideal beginning, middle, or end while on a safari journey - a welcome retreat for a few days' respite, or for an extended getaway, the farm's location is truly exceptional.

Experience & Activities

To allow guests to fully experience the rhythms and beauty of the farm, community and nature, Gibb's Farm offers a variety of activities, adventures, and opportunities to explore on and around the farm. Farm activities include: coffee picking, morning baking, coffee roasting, bird watching, visiting the ten acre vegetable farm and farm walks, tembo fire tales, bike tours, egg collecting, and cow milking. Guests can also venture to the Ngorongoro Crater and/or Lake Manyara (day tour) or hike the Elephant Caves, or visit a local community.

November 23 - 25 | Gibb's Farm

Accommodations

Farm Cottage

There are seventeen one-bedroom cottages, each with either twin queen beds or king-sized beds, perfectly located around the farm. The cottages offer a private terrace, living area, en-suite bathroom, garden or valley view, and outdoor shower, creating a personal, richly appointed space where you can soak up the sense of welcome and rhythms of the farm.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Incredible location
Easy access to Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Manyara
Farm to Table dining

Quick facts

Only 19 cottages
Working farm - plenty of activities
Children of all ages are welcomed

November 24 | Ngorongoro Crater



Area Overview

A veritable Garden of Eden, Ngorongoro Crater is only 260 km² (100mi²) in size yet has some of the highest densities of lion and spotted hyena found anywhere in the world. The view from the crater rim at 2,000 feet above the floor is nothing short of breathtaking. The thick mountain forests of the crater highlands strike a sharp contrast with the short grass plains of the crater floor with its yellow fever Acacia woodlands and streams. The soda lake Magadi in the center of the crater floor sometimes attracts lesser flamingos, and the area is known for very large tusked elephants, black rhino, and great predator action.

Easily accessible from Arusha, the three million year old Ngorongoro Crater was once a gigantic volcano that some suggest was even higher than Mt Kilimanjaro. It is the largest intact caldera in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walks are available on the rim in certain areas, but game viewing on the crater floor is strictly by vehicle and on designated game drive routes. Local Maasai pastoralists and their villages surround the western side of the crater whilst the eastern side is heavily forested up to the farming town of Karatu.

November 25 - 27 | Shu Mata Beehive Project And Sunset Spear Throwing

Activity overview

Experience an inspiring conservation initiative that protects both wildlife and local communities. The **Beehive Fence Project** is a groundbreaking effort to reduce human-elephant conflict and safeguard the fertile Tinga Tinga farmland. Elephants instinctively avoid bees, so strategically placed beehives—connected by wires—create a natural deterrent, preventing crop raids while supporting local beekeeping. Your visit includes an afternoon game drive towards Longido, where you'll witness this remarkable project in action and gain insight into the delicate balance between conservation and community.

As the golden hues of sunset paint the vast African sky, immerse yourself in a timeless Maasai tradition. Under the guidance of skilled Maasai warriors, test your skills in a spear-throwing lesson, learning the techniques passed down through generations. Afterward, unwind with refreshing sundowner drinks, soaking in the breathtaking landscape before a magical dusk drive back to camp. This unforgettable experience can be combined with either an afternoon game drive or a visit to the Beehive Fence Project, offering the perfect blend of adventure, culture, and conservation.

November 25 - 27 | Enduimet Wildlife Management Area



Area Overview

A jewel in northern Tanzania, Enduimet Wildlife Management Area is bordered by the Kilimanjaro National Park to the southwest and the Kenyan-Tanzanian border to the north. It's located 180 km west of Arusha in the Crater Highlands area of Tanzania on western foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro.

There are over 1,000 square kilometres that encompass Ngerdoto crater, savannahs, lakes and vast plains filled with wildlife. You are also within reach of the outskirts of The Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

This is the perfect spot for exploring on foot, with both Kilimanjaro and the Amboseli ecosystem in view from camp. This experience is nothing short of breathtaking and truly rewarding.

November 25 - 27 | Shu'mata Camp



Property Overview

Shu'mata Camp is located at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, deep in Maasai land, South Amboseli in the Enduimet Wildlife Management.

Large East African safari tents, in true Hemingway style, are in line on a hill offering magnificent views lead in all directions. At the front of the camp, bush savannah melts into the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, towering above into the normal blue skies of Africa. You are so close that, on a moonlit night, details of the glaciers can be visible.

Seasonally, the surrounding savannah bush teems with wildlife - large herds of elephant, eland, zebra and wildebeest and oryx, as well as Grants and Thompson gazelle. Lion and cheetah may rub their paws! This barren land scattered with 'islands' of old acacia forest and seasonal swamps, flanks the pans of the 'embosel' ecosystem which stretches to the lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. It is in this region, away from the busy tourism areas of northern Tanzania, where the elder elephants retreat to live out their final years in peace and harmony, away from the madding crowds.

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Experience & Activities

On foot with Maasai warriors or in open vehicles, guests will get within arms reach of Africa's largest mammals. Enjoy timeless moments sensing the great peace and beauty of these magnificent creatures and calmly sharing the habitat with the Maasai and their cattle, a true original part of Africa. The camp also offers a special Maasai experience where you can meet with the Maasai, understand their culture, their medicines, their rituals, and even go tracking animals with them.

Guests can take a full-day game-drive through acacia forests, salt pans, old meerschaum mines, now bird sanctuaries and seasonal swamps to the elephant retreats on the lower slopes of Kilimanjaro, climb granite rock boulders and enjoy your picnic and endless views.

Or, drive onto Kilimanjaro's Shira Plateau at 3 500m elevation and experience the alpine mountain landscape on foot.

Accommodations

Tents

The camp offers 7 comfortable safari tents all equipped with their own ensuite bathrooms with flushing toilet and open air shower with running water. Each tent has traditional beds and storage space. Each tent has its own veranda with classical safari chairs. At night guests are lured by an open fire at the main tent to experience a romantic safari atmosphere and tales of adventure.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Both Kilimanjaro and the Amboseli ecosystem are in view

Further out into the bush than its sister camp, the Hatari Lodge

Traverse acacia forests and seasonal swamps to the elephant retreats on the lower slopes of Kilimanjaro or climb to the Shira Plateau

Quick facts

Luxury tents

Ensuite bathroom with flush toilets

Outdoor shower

Dining area

Bar/lounge

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Firepit

November 26 | Full-Day Safari in the Greater Kilimanjaro Ecosystem

Activity overview

Set out on an unforgettable full-day safari exploring the vast and diverse Greater Kilimanjaro ecosystem while staying at Shu'Mata Camp. This untamed wilderness, stretching beneath the towering peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro, offers a unique blend of open savannah, rolling hills, and acacia woodlands, teeming with wildlife.

Spend the day tracking elephants, giraffes, zebras, and big cats, while your expert guide shares fascinating insights into the region's ecology and the delicate balance between conservation and local Maasai communities.

Enjoy a scenic picnic lunch in the bush, surrounded by breathtaking views, before continuing your adventure through this unspoiled landscape. As the afternoon unfolds, soak in the beauty of the golden plains, with Kilimanjaro's snow-capped peak providing a dramatic backdrop to an authentic African safari experience.

November 27 | Shumata Elephant Walk

Activity overview

As the first light of dawn bathes the landscape in golden hues, embark on a truly extraordinary walking experience alongside the gentle giants of the Greater Kilimanjaro ecosystem.

Led by expert Maasai guides and conservationists, this immersive journey offers a rare opportunity to observe wild elephants on foot, learning about their behaviours, movements, and the deep connection they share with the land.

The Maasai, guardians of this ancient wilderness, will share their knowledge of tracking, traditional bush skills, and the delicate balance between wildlife and their pastoral way of life.

Walking in the cool morning air, with Kilimanjaro's silhouette rising in the distance, this experience is both humbling and exhilarating—offering a deeper understanding of Africa's majestic elephants and the people who have coexisted with them for centuries.

Costs

Notes:

COSTINGS#

Per Person Sharing

USD14,690

Single supplement

USD1,850

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Encompass Africa, our partner, offers a flight booking service if you need help with international and regional airfares. This service is AUD150 per person and includes a flight quote, booking and issuing flight tickets and coordinating any reissuing of tickets if there are airline scheduled time changes.

This cost includes:

Private aircraft - Grand Caravan and 2 pilots

Hosted by Air Adventure Australia Tour Leader

11 nights quality accommodation with all meals, local drinks, private safari activities in private vehicles and park fees

Tipping

This cost does not include:

International airfares (safari starts and ends in Arusha, Tanzania)

Insurance

Costs

Tanzania Visa

Premium drinks

Items of a personal nature

Additional activities

Zanzibar add on

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Key details to consider:

✈️ **Arrival & Departure:** The tour starts and ends in Arusha, Tanzania. Airlines such as Qatar Airways and Emirates fly into Kilimanjaro (JRO) or Dar es Salaam (DAR). Depending on your arrival and departure times, an additional night may be required—we're happy to assist with arrangements.

Visa Requirements: A Tanzanian visa is required and can be obtained online a few months before travel. Be sure to use the official [Tanzania Immigration Website](#) to avoid third-party fees.

Luggage Restrictions: Soft-sided bags only, with a total allowance of 18kg per person, including hand luggage.

Accommodation: A single supplement applies for those wanting their own room. At Olmara Camp, select rooms have star-bed platforms for sleepouts under the African sky. These are limited, so please let us know if you'd like to request one.

Community Engagement: We visit a local school and donate much-needed resources. If you'd like to contribute additional supplies, we can arrange delivery to Gibb's Farm, where you'll have the opportunity to personally hand them over.

Beverage Inclusions: Drinks policies vary by camp. "Local drinks" typically include beer, wine, soft drinks, and basic spirits. Some properties do not serve alcohol outside meal times, but our tour leader will do their best to ensure everyone enjoys their experience.

Cultural Experiences: We engage with local communities during the journey. Please take a moment to review our Cultural Etiquette Guide in the Safari Portal, which you'll access once booked.

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Extend Your Safari: If you'd like to continue your journey after the tour—whether with more safari time, a Zanzibar beach escape, or another African adventure—Encompass Africa can tailor an itinerary just for you.

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