

5 Day Serengeti Wildebeest Migration midrange Safari

Experience two Wonders of the World! This itinerary combines the high drama of the Wildebeest Migration on the majestic plains of the Serengeti with the majesty of the World Heritage listed Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

On your five day Wildebeest Migration safari you'll track the movements of the vast herd while also visiting three of Tanzania's most famous national parks. You'll start in either Tarangire National Park or Lake Manyara National Park before spending three days in the Serengeti National Park following the movements of the Wildebeest Migration. You'll then finish your drive in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

There's no better way to see the Wildebeest Migration in action and see the amazing parks that have made Tanzania so famous.



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Day 1: Ngorongoro Region

ARUSHA - LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK OR TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

On this day, you can choose to go to Tarangire National Park or Lake Manyara National Park. Depending on the time of year, each of these parks offers a different safari experience. Your guide can advise you as to which is best to visit during your safari.

IF TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

You'll depart from Arusha after breakfast for the approximately two hour drive to Tarangire National Park. Along the way you'll pass bustling Masai villages and the vast, open plains that have become synonymous with images of Africa.

Once you've entered Tarangire, you'll begin your game drive across a rich vista of endless golden savannah that surrounds the Tarangire River. The river itself runs throughout the year and is a vital source of water for the animals of the region during the dry season. Lined with acacia and Baobab trees, the river is regularly visited by the park's large elephant population as well as other herbivores such as zebras and antelopes.

A picnic lunch with a view of the river is a great way to take it all in, but you'll have to keep on your toes as the local monkey population does its best to separate you from your lunch!

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Driving through the park you'll also have the opportunity to see lions, leopards, cape buffalo, and a huge variety of antelopes. If you're particularly lucky, you might even see endangered animals such as the Greater Kudu or the Fringe-Eared Oryx.

After your day's drive is done, you'll retire to your accommodation for the evening.

IF LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

You'll depart from Arusha after breakfast for the drive to Lake Manyara National Park. The journey takes approximately two hours, but we'll pass through the market town of Mto Wa Mbu along the way. This agricultural and fresh produce market is a melting pot of local cultures and a souvenir hunter's paradise.

After a brief stop at the village market, you'll enter Lake Manyara National Park. The park is truly a photographer's playground and offers some of the best game viewing in the world. You can expect to see many of Africa's most well-known

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animals, with the tree-climbing lions a particular treat. These proud predators lounge in acacia trees practically begging to be photographed.



Bird-watchers will find Lake Manyara is an absolute delight, with a huge variety of birds on display in the park. Even the novice can expect to be amazed by large flamingo flocks, circling birds of prey, and the brightly coloured lilac breasted roller.

You'll then retire to your chosen accommodation for dinner and a good night's rest.

Located on the outskirts of Karatu, a quaint country town on the Great Escarpment, midway between Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Country Lodge is situated in the centre of Northern Tanzania's green belt district and farming community. Country Lodge Karatu symbolizes simple country comforts, providing pleasant and affordable lodging in the heart of Tanzania's rich and scenic

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highlands. We are the ideal 'Stepping Stone' for safaris into Ngorongoro Crater and beyond, as well as other travellers visiting the area. Our lodge sits within five acres nestled on the edge of Karatu town, surrounded by rolling plains reaching up to the coffee hills of Oldeani and the forests' of Ngorongoro. Garden paths led to eleven double cottages surrounded by green lawns, hedged by brightly flowered bougainvillea, tropical plants and trees. Birds and butterflies feel right at home in the garden, as you will in our lodgings. Come and enjoy the tranquillity, home comforts and warm Tanzanian hospitality that Country Lodge offers.

Overnight at Country Lodge Karatu (FB)

Day 2: Central Serengeti

TARANGIRE/LAKE MANYARA - SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Note: Dependent on the time of year and the location of the Wildebeest Migration, your accommodation and precise location within the Serengeti National Park may vary. The itinerary may change slightly to accommodate this.

We'll take an early breakfast, as we've got a big day of exploration and adventure ahead of us!

We'll begin the day with the scenic drive towards the Serengeti. Along the way we'll pass through the mist-shrouded rainforests of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area where you might be lucky enough to glimpse cape buffalo, baboons, or even elephants and leopards in the dense undergrowth.

It's a nearly four hour drive to the Serengeti park gates, but you can choose to break up the drive with one or both of the below **optional activities**:

Oldupai Gorge Museum: Sometimes known as the Cradle of Mankind, the Oldupai Gorge Museum commemorates some of the oldest evidence of human habitation ever found. Here you can see some of the oldest fossil evidence in the world of human habitation, visit the Oldupai Gorge Museum to learn more about the human journey, and take in the stunning views of this stark gorge country.

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Maasai boma visit: Pay a visit to one of the famous Maasai bomas, where you'll have the opportunity to witness (and participate in) traditional Maasai dance, tour an authentic Maasai village, and even do a little souvenir shopping at the local market.

Both of the above activities attract an additional cost. Speak with your safari expert about adding them to your itinerary.



After a delicious lunch at the Serengeti National Park picnic area, it's time to explore the Serengeti itself. Witness Africa's iconic savannah landscape and be amazed by the sheer number of animals that roam these grassy plains.

Dinner and overnight in the heart of the Serengeti National Park according to the standard and the type of accommodation requested from our options.

The camp is permanently based in central Serengeti, in the Seronera Valley, home to year-round wildlife due to the constant presence of water. This area is famous for spotting lion, leopard and large herds of elephant. Views from the campsite look across onto Banagi Hill and classic vistas of the Serengeti Plains. The entire camp is powered by solar including hot water and electricity.

Overnight at Thorntree Camp (FB)

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Day 3: Central Serengeti

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

You'll wake before dawn to take part in a sunrise game drive. As the sun sets fire to the savannah, you'll have the best opportunity to see predators in action as they take advantage of the low light and cooler temperatures to look for an early meal. It's an ideal time to see lions, leopards, and cheetahs in action as well as the early morning movements of the wildebeest, zebra, and other herbivores.

Alternatively, you may wish to take to the skies with a sunrise hot air balloon safari and champagne breakfast. Speak with your safari expert about adding this once in a lifetime experience to your safari.

After your unforgettable morning, you'll return to your lodge for a late breakfast and to freshen up before hitting the road again with a picnic lunch. Your driver will select the best possible route based upon the time of year and the kind of animals you'd like to see, catering your day so that your opportunities to see the Serengeti's diverse wildlife are maximized.

Overnight at Thorntree Camp (FB)

Day 4: Ngorongoro Crater

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK - NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

After breakfast, we get right on the road back towards the Ngorongoro Crater National Park.

Our drive takes us back through the Serengeti via a different route, offering plenty of opportunities to spot the animals that eluded you on day two. As far as the eye can see, you'll spot thousands upon thousands of animals in herds; wildebeests and zebras migrating together, tall and graceful giraffes, jumping antelopes and

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gazelles, the powerful African elephant and the most respected group of animals: the predators.

You will have the chance to spot lean cheetahs and shy leopards, foraging hyenas, and last but not least, the king himself; the lion.



Ideally located on the edge of the Ngorongoro crater rim, the Rhino Lodge offers an ideal base from which to explore the Ngorongoro crater and its surroundings. The lodge features 24 comfortably equipped en suite guest rooms, a cozy living space and generous African inspired meals. Each room is equipped with a wood burning stove and hot water bottles.

Dinner and overnight on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater or in nearby Karatu Town according to the standard and the type of accommodation requested from our options.

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Overnight at Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge (FB)

Day 5: Departure

NGORONGORO CRATER- ARUSHA

After breakfast, you'll depart for Ngorongoro Crater; considered by some to be the Eighth Wonder of the World. When you get your first glimpse of this vast, verdant caldera from the panoramic viewpoint, you'll soon understand why it has earned such a lofty reputation.

Home to over 120 species of mammal including the fabled Big Five, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area is one of the most sought after safari destinations in the world. It's a particularly good place to see the endangered black rhinoceros enjoying a lonely meal out on the grass plains, as well as a place to see large numbers of hippopotamus enjoying the cool water.



From the comfort of your open-top vehicle, you'll be able to observe and photograph some of Africa's most recognisable faces. The crater is home to a large number of predators including lions, leopards, cheetahs, jackals, and hyenas, as

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well as a large population of wildebeest, zebras, antelope, cape buffalo, and more. It is truly one of Africa's premier safari destinations.

After the thrills and excitement of the day, you will have a picnic lunch by the park's famous hippo pool. Thereafter, you will drive back to Arusha.

Price

price per person from	\$ 1,888.00	\$ 1,501.00	\$ 1,372.00	\$ 2,808.00
	2 pax	4 pax	6 pax	1pax

For Tanzania and East Africa itineraries and costs - customised to your specification and price range - *please get in touch with Manya Africa Tours!*

Please note:

1. Prices are valid for 2022 and 2023.
2. The Gorilla Tracking included in this safari depends on the availability of gorilla trekking permits at the time of booking. These permits are strictly limited and sold out in advance, especially during peak seasons of Christmas and school holidays. We therefore strongly recommend booking early.
3. The safari indicated here is essentially an offer. Changes in the course of the journey, the duration of your tour, the number of travelers, as well as the choice of accommodation are subject to availability, although we always endeavour to stick as closely as possible to this program. For the majority of itineraries, we can offer luxury, midrange or budget versions of this safari upon request.
4. Sometimes it is not possible to adhere to the travel plan as described in this itinerary, due to weather and road conditions, authority regulations, organizational requirements, etc. Occasionally, the planned route of the tour has to change according to the situation on the ground. We must therefore explicitly refuse liability for adherence to the journey plan.

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5. By booking this safari, the client accepts [Manya Africa Tours' terms and conditions of business, available to read on our web site.](#)

Includes:

- All meals on safari
- All Park entrance fees to the mentioned national parks
- Services of professional English speaking driver guides
- Game drives and transportation in our custom made 4 x 4 Land cruiser
- Camping equipment if applicable (tents mattresses sleeping bags pillows table and chairs)
- All game viewing activities specified
- Water and hot drink (coffee and tea) during safari
- Animal tours according to your itinerary preferences
- Free mineral water in the vehicle during the tour
- Taxes
- AMREF emergency evacuation insurance

Excludes

- International flights
- Airport taxes
- Entry visas
- Any sightseeing, excursions and optional activities other than those specified
- Anything else not mentioned above
- Drinks / alcoholic drinks
- Additional meals
- Tips
- Activities not part of the described program
- International travel insurance
- Items of personal nature / laundry / souvenirs

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Optional

- German or another language speaking Safari-Guide
- Other activities highlighted as optional in the itinerary