

Serengeti Safari ★

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7 Days

12 People Max



Experience the beating heart of Africa and follow the steps of the Big Five on our Serengeti safari adventure

We'll take you on a one-of-a-kind Serengeti Safari, where you'll get plenty of opportunities to witness the 'Great Migration' and spot the 'Big Five'. Enjoy sundowners from your tented camp, where the wildlife viewing never stops! Close your eyes and imagine a classic scene of wildlife roaming across savannah plains in Africa. Chances are, you're imagining the Serengeti National Park. And that's where we're heading on safari! From the fauna-rich Ngorongoro Crater (one of the seven Natural Wonders of Africa), to the colourful and fascinating Maasai tribes, our journey will leave a lasting impression on you. If you've just completed an Active trek to Kilimanjaro, this is the perfect way to unwind and connect with nature.

Trip Highlights

Plus ... - Luxury Camping

Plus ... - The Big Five

Plus ... - The Great Migration

Plus ... - Serengeti Walking Safari

Plus ... - Maasai Cultural Experience

Our Active Adventures Assurance

We value loyalty, and appreciate that it goes both ways. So when you book with us we'll make a few assurances to you so you can book with complete confidence, no matter what's happening in your life (or the world).





COVID-Ready Certified: Safe Travel for our Guests Travelling Overseas
Active Adventures has received the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels stamp, which guarantees you that we'll follow all ATTA and WTTC health and safety guidelines on all our trips. See how our small group, off-the-beaten-track adventures are perfect to start exploring again.

Serengeti Safari ~ Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive in Tanzania, transfer to Usa River

Once you arrive in Tanzania today we'll meet you at Kilimanjaro International Airport and take you to our accommodation, Rivertrees Country Inn in Usa River, for the evening, where we'll enjoy dinner together and get excited about the days ahead. For those joining from the Kilimanjaro trek, you'll make your way to Rivertrees Country Inn too. Once everyone is together, your safari guide will go through a detailed trip briefing.

Rivertrees Country Inn, Arusha (Dinner)

DAY 2

Journey to Mto Wa Mbu

This morning we'll load up to take a 3-hour drive via the culturally diverse town of Mto Wa Mbu. Enjoy a wholesome local lunch consisting of indigenous and local vegetables and using an array of herbs and spices, prepared in traditional methods by a group of women in the Mto Wa Mbu Cultural Tourism Program community. After lunch immerse yourselves in the culture of Mto wa Mbu, which is home to many different people of Tanzania, notably the Mbugwe, Iraqw, Gorowa, Irangi, Chagga, and Maasai. You will see a mix of Tanzanian people and cultures living alongside each other. A local guide will walk you through the village. Each day is different and you will get an understanding of the daily lives of people living around this area as you walk around. We'll drive to the highlands town of Karau to Kudu Lodge, our accommodation for the night, and enjoy fresh country cuisine, our lush garden environment, and stellar Tanzanian hospitality. There's a pool to relax in too!

Kudu Lodge, Karau (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 1-2 hours (easy walking)

DAY 3

Game drive around Ngorongoro Crater, enter Serengeti National Park

After checking out this morning we will visit the amazing Fame Hospital in Karatu for a tutorial and talk about their inspirational story of creating a world-class medical facility for the region. Afterwards we will drive to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Here we'll stop by the iconic lookout point to admire the spectacular views into Ngorongoro Crater bowl. Then it's on to the Naabi Hill Gate, our entry point into Serengeti National Park, where we'll stop for a picnic lunch. Seeing the plains of the Serengeti (or 'Seringit' in Maa, meaning "endless plains") for the first time is an unforgettable moment. Previously inhabited by the Maasai, the Serengeti National Park was established in 1952, with the ecosystem reaching over 12,000sq miles/30,000sq km. We'll continue our game drive taking the less traveled route via the Gold and Simba Kopjes, across the Serengeti Plains (one of the oldest ecosystems on earth) to Seronera in central Serengeti. Expect to see wooded hills, towering termite mounds, rocky kopjes, and rivers lined with acacia trees, as we experience these famous plains. We'll arrive at camp in the late afternoon, where you will spend the night under the vast African sky. Our eco-friendly camp provides accommodation in large, private, classic-style tents elevated on wooden platforms, with ensuite bathrooms, flush toilets, running water, comfortable furnishings, and private verandas overlooking the majestic Serengeti landscape.

Central Serengeti Heritage Camp or Tamba Tented Camp (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 4

Game drives of Seronera, relax at safari camp

As the sun rises, sip your morning coffee from your tent veranda on your non-stop safari experience! Today we will discover more of Serengeti National Park with a full day of game viewing! We'll explore the Seronera area, known as the predator capital of the world, where lion sightings are common, and the riverbank is home to one of the world's densest population of leopards. The sausage trees and umbrella thorns rank among the best places in Africa to search for leopards - there are too few tall trees for these elusive creatures to be well-hidden. The vast plains south of the Seronera River, are good for cheetah sightings too. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch out in the bush, some more game spotting, and in the late afternoon we return to camp for relaxation after our full day of exploration.

Central Serengeti Heritage Camp or Tamba Tented Camp (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 5

Game Drive to Kogatende, Northern Serengeti National Park

This morning we'll continue our game drive, onto Kogatende in the northern part of Serengeti, stopping for a picnic lunch along the way. Serengeti is home to the famous annual migration of more than a million wildebeest, hundreds of thousands of zebras, and all kinds of antelopes following the rains, and undertaking their long journey to new grazing grounds. Also be on the lookout for lions, cheetahs, leopards, and hyenas! Our camp for the next two nights is located near the Mara River, a beautiful area with easy access to several wildebeest river crossing points. We can enjoy a campfire in the evening with sundowners and snacks, and relive the day's experiences.

Nyikani Migration Tented Camp, Kogatende or Mara Heritage Camp, Kogatende (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 6

Game drive to Mara River, Safari camp at Kogatende

After a fresh cup of coffee around the communal fire, we'll catch the sunrise out on safari. Our early morning game drive is the perfect opportunity to see animals, including predators, being active during the cool of the morning before the sun heats up and the animals seek shade in the bushes. We'll then return to the camp for a hearty breakfast. The rest of the day will be spent exploring Kogatende, the northern part of Serengeti, to catch part of the wildebeest migration across the Mara River between Serengeti and Maasai Mara. You'll have a good chance of seeing the great migration in action, though the rain pattern of the year determines exactly when the migration takes place. This spectacular yearly phenomenon of the natural world is a heavenly magnet for crocodiles, hippos, and big cats! Tonight we'll share a final meal together and swap stories of the wildlife highlights experienced on this memorable safari.

Nyikani Migration Tented Camp, Kogatende or Mara Heritage Camp, Kogatende (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 7

Scenic flight over the Serengeti, return home

After breakfast we'll check out of the camp and take a final game drive to Kogatende Airstrip for a scenic flight across Serengeti National Park. From the air you can appreciate the breathtaking vastness of the Serengeti Plains with a wonderful aerial view. Upon arrival at Arusha Airport, we'll make our way to a nearby favorite lunch spot, The Blue Heron. From here, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your trip home with memories of your incredible safari adventure safely stowed.

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Useful Info

Is tipping expected in Tanzania?

Most people do choose to tip their Safari Guide Team and we recommend USD\$20 per day, per guest. During your Active Adventures trip, your guides will take care of all included restaurants and service tips for you. For other restaurants or services during your holiday, 5-10% is a typical gratuity amount.

Where does the trip start?

On the first day of the trip our two pick-up locations are the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) anytime on Day 1 or we'll meet you at the [Rivertrees Country Inn](#) at 5pm. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at this hotel directly or any other hotel in the area, though you must make your own way to one of the two pick-up points at the pre-designated times.

Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in time for flights below.

What flights would you recommend?

Arrival: If you're flying in on the first day of the trip, we recommend arriving in Arusha by 4pm.

Departure: Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from Kilimanjaro International Airport after 6pm. If you're considering alternative flight times, please check with us.

How fit do I need to be for this safari?

As an [Activity Level 1](#) trip, you'll need a moderate level of fitness for this safari. The safari consists of mostly game drives with one hike included - this trip is a great follow on from the Kilimanjaro Trek so expect to unwind and connect with nature. The terrain in the Northern Serengeti is mainly open, with rolling hills, some thicker bush patches, creeks and valleys. Advance preparation means you'll enjoy the active and outdoor nature of your trip all the more. Please head to our Fitness Guide for great tips on how to prepare along with a workout plan!

What accommodations do we stay at on this safari?

While in Arusha you will stay at a Lodge with garden view rooms, all with ensuites. While camping, some nights you will be in deluxe bell 4 metre tents furnished with double beds bedding, chairs, luggage racks. A large bathroom will be attached with a hot water shower and the camp will have a shared dining area.

We recommend bringing enough clothing to not have to do laundry during your safari and while there may be laundry facilities at one location in Arusha - there may only be one machine to service your entire group. There will be no laundry facilities at any of the camps though we recommend hand-washing items if you want to.

How much luggage can I bring on this safari?

You are allowed one piece of luggage on your trip, plus a daypack. Your main piece of luggage should not exceed 33 pounds (15 kilograms) and needs to be soft-sided, preferably a small duffel bag about 50 litres in size. You'll also want a good quality daypack sized 25-30 liters (2000 cubic inches) with a maximum weight of 11 pounds (5 kilograms), including photographic equipment, to use throughout the days.

You're welcome to bring extra gear and you can store remaining gear at the hotel in Arusha while on safari.

What safety measures are in place for the camps and walking excursion?

You'll be accompanied by your experienced Safari trip leader, who's there to keep you informed about Tanzania and make sure that everything runs smoothly; a qualified safari guide, who will provide additional local knowledge of the flora and fauna; and a driver!

Your safety is the prime concern and decisions always default on the side of the caution and the safest option. You'll be staying at a few camps for a few of the nights in this trip. These camps are set up in unfenced area's within Northern Serengeti. Animals (including lions and elephants) often frequent the camp and you should be aware and take caution. The local guide and his team will be on hand to assist at all times. Each Camp you stay at will also have a team of people ensuring you're well fed and catered too.

How do rooming arrangements work?

Trip prices are based on shared arrangements (typically two guests per room), unless otherwise stated. For solo travelers, we'll pair you with another person of the same gender to share rooms and if there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement. However, if you specifically request your own rooms, you can opt to pay the single supplement. Solo travelers who book within 90 days of departure, where there are no other solo travelers willing to share, will be required to pay the single supplement.

For Family Vacation bookings, families consisting of four guests traveling with children aged 17 and under will be automatically assigned one shared room. However, the following alternative rooming allocations are available:

Families consisting of four guests with all children aged 13 and above are welcome to opt for additional rooms as per advertised double occupancy adult rates.

Families consisting of four guests with at least one child aged 12 and under are automatically assigned a shared room. However, families can opt to pay the adult rates for all guests in their family to have an additional room.

The same principles apply for families consisting of more than four guests.

Rooming preferences are subject to availability and must be communicated in writing at time of booking. Automatic assignments as per this policy will be applied in the absence of any specification provided by guests. Any request for additional rooms during trips will be at guests' own expense and subject to rates made available by the accommodation provider at the time. All minors (guests aged 17 and under) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

What is not included?

Flights to and from trip start/end points

Pre/Post accommodation

Travel insurance

Gratuities for your safari guide(s)

General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'Useful Information' section above.

Accommodation

Our trips focus on getting you outside for the best adventure activities in the most stunning parts of Africa. We choose our accommodation very carefully, but it's by no means a tour of the fanciest hotels on the continent. Some of the places we stay are quite luxurious and other places – like the fly tenting in Okavango – are relatively basic, but in truly spectacular locations!

Included

- Our own highly experienced trip leader, with you from start to finish
- Specialist local guides and camp crews while on safari (applicable for our Kruger National Park, Okavango Delta, and Serengeti safaris)
- A team of expert local guides and porters for the duration of the Kilimanjaro trek (applicable for our Mt Kilimanjaro Trek only)
- Industry-leading Guest-to-Guide ratio (averaging 6:1)
- Your own 'Travel Wallet', an online space with everything required for your adventure
- Our knowledgeable Customer Service Team to answer your queries - just a phone call, email or chat away
- Customer Service pre-trip phone calls to ensure you're 'trip ready'
- All accommodations for the duration of your trip
- All meals except where indicated in the itinerary
- Unlimited snacks to keep you fueled
- Flights as outlined in the itinerary
- All activities outlined in the itinerary
- All necessary equipment (well-maintained and safe) for activities
- Down jacket, sleeping bag, and hiking poles for the duration of the Kilimanjaro trek
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and activities
- All park and other entry fees
- Transportation in our air-conditioned 4x4 safari vehicles - safe, clean, modern, and comfortable!

Itinerary Updates

We update our itineraries regularly, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itineraries are updated as necessary, though changes may occur without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

Outdoor Experience

Our trips allow you to make the most of the outdoors, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced trip leaders will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places that you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them. All we ask is that you're energetic and in reasonable shape, and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't need kayaking experience to enjoy paddling on the water and you don't need to be a serious walker to enjoy the hikes we do. Rest assured there will be plenty to keep you occupied.

We hold all relevant licenses and permits, and have an impeccable safety record. So with all the research, logistics, safety and hospitality taken care of, you can focus on the most important thing – making the most of your adventure!

Excluded

- International/Domestic Flights before and after your trip
- Optional additional activities
- Travel Insurance (Mandatory for this destination)
- Any extra meals/drinks
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities for your guides at the end of your fabulous trip