



## 5 DAY SAFARI IN TANZANIA – MOIVARO CIRCUIT

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL TANZANIA – TRANSFER TO KIA LODGE

Meet with us at the airport, greetings, and transfer to KIA Lodge – your door to Tanzania – at less than 5 minutes drive from Kilimanjaro International Airport. The lodge is situated on a secluded hill in the heart of beautiful savannah scenery that is so typical for East Africa. Guests can admire the vast views of the African plains and of course the grand Kilimanjaro Mountain that shows her snowy top mostly in the morning and at sundown.

Because of its location, the KIA Lodge is an ideal safe haven for arriving and departing Tanzania, climbing the Kilimanjaro or traveling on to the northern safari destinations. The friendly service, Zanzibar style reception, typical African decorations, and tropical restaurant offer a warm welcome to into the Tanzanian culture. Drink a Kilimanjaro beer in the open bar, enjoy over a hundred species of birds in the savannah garden, or relax at our hilltop swimming pool with great views of Mt Kilimanjaro, Mt Meru, the Blue Mountains and the Maasai plains all around.

Optional activities include a town visit to Arusha or Moshi, as well as a visit to natural hot springs in the area.



### Day 2: GAME DRIVE & WALKING SAFARI IN ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK – OVERNIGHT ARUSHA SAFARI LODGE

Departure from KIA Lodge to Arusha National Park with a lunchbox.

We will pick you up from your Lodge and drive you directly to Arusha National Park. This small but lovely Tanzanian National Park is the closest to both the well-known safari town of Arusha and the Kilimanjaro International Airport. Not only is the park abundant in wildlife, but it is also one of Tanzania's most beautiful and topographically diverse parks.

Your day trip will include a visit to the Ngurdoto Crater, also known as the Little Ngorongoro Crater. Along the way, you might see troops of olive baboons, various birds, and spices to 'Small Serengeti.' Where you can see buffaloes, waterbucks, giraffes, warthogs, zebras all year. Elephants are occasionally seen, and a leopard has been seen. In addition, for an active day it is possible to organize a walking safari with a local ranger, where you get to experience the national park firsthand by walking besides the buffaloes and giraffes to a small waterfall in the park.

You will have lunch at the picnic site and then continue your safari through Momela Lake, where you will see a variety of bird species alongside the shoes. We'll be heading towards the gate on our way to Arusha and drop-off at Arusha Safari Lodge

Arusha Safari Lodge, is a grand private residence set in lush expansive grounds complete with a swimming pool and an “Out of Africa” style restaurant for afternoon tea and sundowners. Arusha Safari Lodge is a small-secluded hideaway equipped to cater for discerning travellers and is tucked away on volcanic hills with spectacular views of Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru, located only four kilometers outside of Arusha. The lodge goes to great lengths to ensure all guests are personally taken care of. All cottages are privately set with views of the swimming pool and lush gardens and furnished with Zanzibar beds.





### DAY 3: ARUSHA SAFARI LODGE - GAME DRIVE IN TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, Pick up from the Lodge in Arusha. Meet with your guide who will be with you during the safari. Board your safari vehicle, a land cruiser with a pop-up roof and enough space for standing during game viewing. Take about 3hrs30 minutes to drive to Tarangire National Park. The park is famous and known as the Home of Elephant and giant Baobab trees. Enjoy a game drives with your guide who will provide information and facts about wild animals and plants.

Late Evening drive to Mto wa Mbu for dinner and a night stay at Migunga Tented Camp.

Migunga Tented Camp is nestled in a quiet corner on the northwest of Lake Manyara. The camp is ideally situated in shade of an acacia forest, only 5 minutes from the entrance of Lake Manyara National Park. This is the ideal base camp to discover the beautiful surroundings of Lake Manyara, or pay a cultural visit to the colourful town of Mto Wa Mbu.

The camp is set in 35 acres of acacia forest and consists of 21 permanent tents on raised platforms, all with en-suite bathrooms and a private veranda overlooking the lush forest. All the tents are discretely placed around a central glade, offering shade and privacy, but still only a short walk to the restaurant and bar.

At Migunga we offer a range of activities such as mountain biking around Lake Manyara, a cultural tour around Mto Wa Mbu, or a walking tour. There is also a birding trail around the lodge for bird enthusiasts.



### DAY 4: MIGUNGA TENTED CAMP - GAME DRIVE NGORONGORO CRATER

Soon after breakfast, an early depart from Migunga to Ngorongoro Crater. After registration drive into the crater rim where you will reach to the descending gate. The crater is over 20 kilometers wide and approximately 600 meters deep. Ngorongoro Crater is famous for the presence of the Big Five buffalos, black rhinos, elephants, lions, and leopards.

It also contains many other animals, such as cheetahs, zebras, hippos, serval cats, hyenas, and wildebeest. Late evening drive to **Crater Forest Tented Camp**.

Crater Forest is a small tented camp located on a highland coffee plantation at an altitude of 1800 m, directly bordering the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area (NCAA). The camp is a 10 kilometer drive away from the main road leading from Karatu town to the famous Ngorongoro Crater, offering you some nice views of the surrounding hills and coffee plantations.

Crater Forest Tented Camp is operated as a small scale eco-friendly camp with only 15 spacious tented rooms, with en-suite bathrooms with a hot shower and flush toilet. There is even an African-style fire pot in every room, to keep warm at night during the chilly African winter times. The rooms are all set on highly raised platforms offering some magnificent views over the Ngorongoro Forest. From your veranda you can enjoy romantic sundowners or watch wildlife, like elephants, roaming through the dense forest.

In the morning you will wake up to the sounds of the awakening forest, when the nocturnal wildlife makes way for a mistily rising sunlight. Rise and shine for a new day in the middle of nature...

At Crater Forest we offer a jungle hike in the Ngorongoro forest, or a coffee tour around the coffee plantation in which the camp is placed.





## DAY 5: TRANSFER FROM CRATER FOREST LODGE TO KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

In the morning you have breakfast the driver will transfer you to Kilimanjaro airport for your flight back home.

*End of the tour*

*Or, Zanzibar extension for several nights. Itinerary available upon request.*

### ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR 6 DAY SAFARI INCLUDING LAKE NATRON

#### **\*OPTIONAL EXTENSION DAY 4: MIGUNGA TENTED CAMP – DRIVE TO LAKE NATRON\***

After breakfast and a relaxing morning, we depart with packed lunch boxes towards Lake Natron. On the way we will visit a Maasai Boma (village).

Lake Natron is located about 3.5 hours' drive away from Mto Wa Mbu, and is a surreal destination and unique natural spectacle. Its waters are highly alkaline and are unusually shallow, averaging just one meter in depth.

Wild and remote Lake Natron lies in the northeast of Tanzania in between the Ngorongoro Highlands and Serengeti plains. Here it is the landscape rather than the animals that is the attraction – the area around the lake inhabited by Maasai is dry, desolate and hauntingly beautiful.

Situated at the base of Africa's only active volcano Oldonyo Lengai (Mountain of God), Lake Natron is one of the most alkaline lakes in the world. The lake is home to millions of tiny crustaceans, attracting literally thousands of lesser flamingo's and it is therefore one of the most important flamingo breeding grounds on earth.

Unique in its setting, Lake Natron Tented Camp is set back in a grove of trees adjacent to the shores of the lake. Basic but clean safari tents offer showers, comfortable beds and a private veranda. A fully stocked bar and candle lit restaurant ensure you have a cold drink and delicious food at the end of an arduous climb or long days walking.

After checking into your lodge and a short break, go for a short walk along the lake shore looking out for flamingos. Lake Natron is the most important and regular breeding site for lesser flamingos in East Africa hosting up to 2 million of them during the breeding season.



#### **\*OPTIONAL EXTENSION DAY 5: FULL-DAY LAKE NATRON\***

After breakfast, you go for a walk to the village or to the waterfalls. You can take a quick dip and enjoy the fresh water while swimming. It is the perfect way to cool down after the walk. The waterfall has wild palms growing above the gorge and if you go under the waterfall itself you find a semi tunnel that leads to the back where you can easily have a swim. You spend the whole day here with the guide who will show and provide all information about this unique place. You can also walk back for a late lunch and a leisure afternoon at the camp.

Lake Natron offers several activities for those who want to do more than stretch their legs. It is possible to organize a volcano hike on the Oldonyo Lengai, where you can experience a hike on an active volcano – and maybe even spot some lava! This hike is not for the faint hearted. Starting at 11pm, the hike will take about 12 hours throughout the night. But definitely worth your while.

In addition, as a starting point, Lake Natron offers multiple hikes. You can choose to do a camping trek from Lake Natron to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, or a longer waterfall hike for around 6 hours. Together with our local guides, we can create a unique program according to your preferences. Much is possible!

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