

The Safari Circuits of Tanzania

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The **Northern Safari Circuit** is a safari staple that never disappoints, with incredible game viewing year-round. The major attractions are the Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti, Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks.

Serengeti ("Endless Plains") National Park, perhaps the ultimate safari experience, offers game viewing that consistently amazes, with a great chance of seeing all the Big 5. The Great Migration over 2 million wildebeests and zebras takes place year-round as the herds move in a cyclical pattern in search of green grass and water. When you should come depends mainly on your interests in these two seasons:

June - Oct: Dry season. The migration, in long columns, heads west and then north, with two dramatic river crossings. You can never predict where it will be at a given time.

Dec - Mar: Wet season. The migration heads in columns back south where they will spread out to calve and raise their young. You know pretty much *where* the herds will be for the calving period, but exactly *when* is variable (usually Feb).

The **Southern Safari Circuit** is for the serious safari enthusiast wanting more. Topping the list are Selous Game Reserve (simply massive) and Ruaha National Park (as vast as the Serengeti). They are off the beaten track; expansively wild and rugged. The game viewing can be every bit as good as the Serengeti.

The **Western Safari Circuit** is especially for those who want an unforgettable encounter with chimpanzees. Walk in the forests of the Gombe Stream National Park (made famous by Jane Goodall).

Of course, there is much more to a safari than this. We would be happy to fill you in on the details and answer all your questions.

Sample itinerary of a 6-Day Private Safari The Northern Circuit



Your own safari will be customized through one-on-one consultations.

Day 1: Dashir - Tarangire

After breakfast, depart Arusha from Dashir Lodge for Tarangire, the fourth largest National Park of the country.

Game drive with picnic in the park, home to magnificent large elephants and equally grand baobab trees set among typical African scrubland.

Overnight: Lodge/Tented Camp FB (e.g. Tarangire Safari Lodge)

Day 2: Tarangire - Lake Manyara

After a sunrise game drive and breakfast, depart for game viewing in the unique groundwater forest of Lake Manyara National Park, with its diversity of vegetation and bird/wildlife, featuring tree-climbing lions and flamingo colonies on the alkaline lakeshore.

Overnight: Lodge/Tented Camp FB (e.g. Lake Manyara Serena Lodge)

Day 3: Lake Manyara - Serengeti

After an early breakfast, depart for the Serengeti via Ngorongoro, driving through rural highland scenery. Stop at the scenic viewpoint at the top of the rim offering a first glimpse of the famous Ngorongoro Crater, then continue to the Serengeti.

The game drive from the crater to your lodge is the beginning of your exploration of the Serengeti.

Overnight: Lodge/Tented Camp FB (e.g. Serengeti Osupuko Camp)

Day 4: Serengeti

Start very early for this adventure of a lifetime within your adventure of a lifetime. Your sunrise Balloon Safari over the Serengeti offers an experience like none other – simply breath-taking!

Full day of game-viewing on the vast plains of the Serengeti, stopping for a picnic lunch - possibly by a hippo pool or one of the many animal watering holes.

Early mornings are the best chance of seeing big predators such as leopards, lions and perhaps even cheetahs trailing the herds of plains wildlife, such as wildebeest, zebra, and antelope.

Overnight: Lodge/Tented Camp FB (e.g. Kati Kati Tented Camp)

Day 5: Serengeti - Ngorongoro

After breakfast, slowly return to Ngorongoro via the famed Olduvai Gorge, an archaeological site often referred to as "the cradle of mankind." En route game-drive. Optional visit to a Maasai Village.

Arrive at your lodge along the crater rim and enjoy the spectacular view as the sunsets.

Overnight: Lodge/Tented Camp FB (e.g. Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge)

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater - Dashir

Early breakfast, followed by descent into the famous Ngorongoro Crater to spend the day meandering the many game-viewing trails on the Crater floor. The encircling age-old forested slopes of the Crater and its lakes and swampy grassland are reputed to host some 30,000 animals and varied birdlife, providing a further wildlife experience to treasure.

Ascend and drive back to Dashir Lodge in Arusha for a relaxing evening full of safari stories.



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