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## 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 and Western Safari Circuits** are for the serious safari enthusiast wanting more. In the south is the massive Selous and Ruaha parks. In the west, are the chimpanzees at Gombe Park (Jane Goodal!).

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.

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

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

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### **Day 1: Dashir - Tarangire**

3 hr transit

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: Tarangire Safari Tented Lodge FB

Option - Add an extra day

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### **Day 2: Tarangire - Serengeti**

1.5 hr transit

After breakfast and a morning game drive, depart for Serengeti via Ngorongoro, driving through rural highland scenery. Stop at the 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: Serengeti Osupuko Tented Camp FB

Option - Add 2+ days migration

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**Day 3: Serengeti**

no transit

An optional extra: 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: Serengeti Osupuko Tented Camp FB

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**Day 4: Serengeti - Ngorongoro Crater Rim**

no transit

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 sun sets.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge FB

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**Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater**

15 min transit

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 just outside the park to your lodge on a coffee farm.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Farmhouse FB

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**Day 6: Ngorongoro - Dashir**

3.5 hr transit

Enjoy a nice, slow morning on the coffee plantation lodge.

Take in activities at a local town, with a picnic lunch on the way.  
Or relax in the morning, and enjoy a hot lunch at noon before departure.

Welcome back home to Dashir!

Overnight: Dashir Lodge FB

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

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