



12-DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY

6-DAY SAFARI + DAY TRIPS



SUMMARY OF ITINERARY

- ▲ Day 1: Arrival
- ▲ Day 2: Maasai Hike and Visit our Projects
- ▲ Day 3-8: 6-day Shared Camping Safari to Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Lake Natron
- ▲ Day 9: Lake Chala Day Trip
- ▲ Day 10-11: Pare Mountains Overnight Trip
- ▲ Day 12: Departure



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Moshi to relax after your travels. Overnight at a local guesthouse or hotel.

Day 2: Maasai Hike and visit our projects

Get a better understanding of the famed Maasai culture by spending half a day with a Maasai named Lamnyaki near the village of Msitu wa Tembo. We suggest meeting your guide for the day in Moshi and then traveling together to the village using public transport. The tour begins at Lamnyaki's house, where you will be welcomed by his family and presented with a warm cup of tea made with goat's milk. Accompanied by one of our guides/translators, you will start on your hike around the base of the Blue Mountains.



On this hike, you will pass many different plants that the Maasai use for medicinal purposes and Lamnyaki will explain and demonstrate how they work. You will also have the opportunity to ask him any questions about the Maasai culture. Moreover, you will see numerous Baobab trees and may even pass by herds of goats and cattle. After the hike, you'll have a local lunch before enjoying a walk around the village and a visit to our various projects (including the well, the shop, the

bicycle project....). If traveling to the village on a Wednesday, you'll also have the opportunity to visit the Maasai Market. After the tour, you'll head back to Moshi with the guide. Overnight at local guesthouse or hotel.

Day 3: Moshi – Serengeti National Park

Today you'll have a very early start, but there will be a breakfast stop along the way to the Serengeti. You will be able to enjoy a game ride en-route to the National Park, and you'll be able to see the park's resident and migratory animals throughout the journey. The Serengeti gets its name from the Maasai word meaning 'endless plains'. The Serengeti National Park, a designated World Heritage Site, is one of the greatest wildlife-watching destinations on earth and home to superb savannah scenery. Covering an area of almost 25,000 sq. km, the Serengeti is famous for its wildebeest migration, where over one million wildebeest, plus hundreds of thousands of other hoofed mammals, engage in a 1,000 km long annual circular



journey in search of better grazing. The Serengeti is one of the most productive ecosystems on earth, sustaining the largest number of hoofed mammals and the highest concentration of large predators in the world. Species commonly seen in the Serengeti include wildebeest, Thomson's gazelles, cheetah, zebra, lion, giraffe, impala, topi, elephants, buffalos and leopard. The Serengeti is also home to more than 540 species of birds. Late afternoon / early evening, you'll be able to enjoy a game drive in the Serengeti NP. Dinner and overnight at Pimbi Campsite or similar.

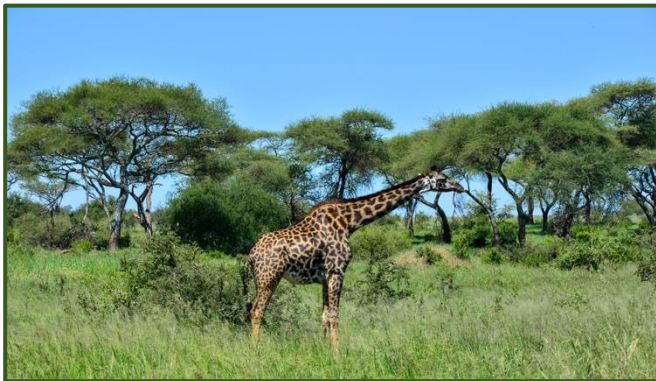
Day 4: Central Serengeti

Start the day with a breath-taking sunrise game drive in the Serengeti, before returning to the campsite for brunch. The rest of the day will be spent exploring the central Serengeti, with opportunities to follow the great wildebeest migration depending on the time of year. Dinner and overnight at Pimbi Campsite or similar.



Day 5: Serengeti NP to Ngorongoro Highlands

You'll enjoy an early morning game drive to witness the sunrise over the Serengeti National Park, before returning to the camp for breakfast. After breakfast, you will leave the camp and go for a game drive on the way out of the park and towards the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, one of Africa's seven natural wonders. Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) covers an area of 8292 sq. km and is home to the Ngorongoro Crater, the Oldupai Gorge and much of the Crater Highlands. Located between the Rift Escarpment and the Serengeti National Park, the



NCA offers spectacular volcanic scenery, centred around the world-famous crater. Established in 1959, the majority of Ngorongoro is a mixed-use conservation area, with Maasai tribespeople and wildlife living side by side. Today around 42,000 Maasai live here, and can be seen tending to their goats and cattle. Dinner and overnight camping at Simba Campsite on the rim of the crater. Remember to bring

enough clothes as it can get cold up there!



Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater – Lake Natron

With an area of 264 km and a depth of 610 meters, the Ngorongoro Crater is one of the largest unbroken calderas in the world that isn't a lake. The views from the crater rim are truly spectacular, but the real magic happens on the crater floor. The crater boasts high densities of predators, and resident crater wildlife includes lions, hyena, elephants, wildebeest, zebra, black rhinoceros, flamingos, hippopotamus, and cheetah. The only notable absentees are giraffe, which find the precipitous slopes of the crater rim too steep to negotiate. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Ngorongoro Crater is one of the continent's top visitor attractions, and you will spend most of the day enjoying a game drive amidst this wildlife paradise. After an early start, you'll descend the unbroken crater walls to the floor of the crater, and witness the natural drama of prey and predators. You will stop for a picnic breakfast by the hippo pool at Ngoitoktok, and by early afternoon it will be time to ascend the crater walls and start the drive towards Lake Natron. Dinner and overnight at Worldview campsite or similar.



Day 7: Lake Natron and Ol Doinyo Lengai Climb

Early birds can enjoy a sunrise breakfast by the lake. Afterwards, your Maasai guide will take you on a partly strenuous but very rewarding hike along the river to a small paradise. At the source of the river, water gushes out of the mountains in cascading waterfalls. The walk to the waterfalls involves crossing the narrow river several times – so best to wear hiking sandals and have a dry bag for camera equipment. There are two hike options available – one short and one long – and you'll be able to discuss which option you prefer with your guide depending on how you feel and how much time you want to relax before the climb.



After dinner that evening, you'll have time for a rest before starting the ascent of Ol Doinyo Lengai around 1 am. As the climb up the mountain begins at night, you should have a headlamp and wear layered clothing as the temperature rises significantly throughout the day. The climb is quite challenging due to the steep incline and unstable slopes of ash and crumbly rocks. Climbers generally need to use their hands at times. The ascent usually takes around 6 hours, allowing climbers to enjoy the sunrise from the summit. After some time to enjoy the amazing views and a snack, it will be time to begin the descent, which usually takes around 4 hours.



Day 8: Lake Natron - Moshi

Upon arrival back in camp, you'll be able to enjoy a full brunch, a shower and a well-deserved rest. Around lunchtime, you'll leave Lake Natron and drive back to Moshi. Overnight at a local guesthouse or hotel.

Day 9: Lake Chala Day Trip

After breakfast, your local guide will pick you up for a refreshing day. East of Moshi, and partly in Kenya, lies Lake Chala, a hidden gem of a crater lake (about an hour and a half by car). Lake Chala is an ancient volcanic crater that is now a beautiful lake surrounded by 70 foot walls. The trip can be as active or as relaxing as you want. You can choose to hike around the rim of the lake to spot birds, baboons and occasional monkeys or bushbucks. Wander down to the dock and swim or kayak in the caldera. If you have enough energy, you can kayak all the way to Kenya and back! You'll have a picnic lunch down by the lake and in the late afternoon, your local guide will bring you back to Moshi. Overnight at a local guesthouse or hotel.



Day 10: Pare Mountains - Kindoroko Hike

Your guide will pick you up at your guesthouse after breakfast to proceed to the northern Pare Mountains - a beautiful and unspoiled landscape that is home to the Pare people. En-route to the foot of Mount Kindoroko, you will stop off at a local market to buy some fresh fruit for the day, and a bowl of soup if you're hungry! The drive to the start of the hike, around 3 hours in total, is very bumpy in places but offers many lovely views of the surrounding countryside, and you'll pass through many small villages along the way. The hike to the summit will take around 1.50 hours and there will be plenty of time for a rest and picnic lunch at the top, from where you'll be able to enjoy more great views. When ready, you'll hike back down again, which will take under an hour, before driving to our accommodation for the evening. You can choose to camp or stay in the simple but clean rooms at the campsite. That evening you'll have the option of walking around the local town, before having dinner and an early night. Dinner and overnight at a local campsite near the small town of Kisangara.

Day 11: Pare Mountains – Lake Jipe

Today, you'll aim to leave the campsite about 5 am to make the most of the wildlife on Lake Jipe, a lake at the border with Kenya and the home to some hippos. You will stop off for breakfast along the way to the lake, and when you arrive you'll be greeted by your canoe guides for a tour of the lake. The tour takes in traditional wooden canoes and will last around



2.5 hrs. With your guide, you'll make your way to the other side of the lake to see the hippos (from a safe distance!) and if you are lucky you may be able to see elephants crossing the lake. After the boat trip, you'll have a short drive and a walk to a lovely waterfall where you'll be able to refresh yourself in the water before enjoying a late lunch. After lunch, it will be time to head back to

Moshi for a free evening. Overnight at a local guesthouse or hotel.

Day 12: Departure

At the agreed time, you will be picked up at your guesthouse and transferred to the airport for your onward journey.

End of tour.

TRAVEL SERVICES

Services included:

- ▲ 2 Airport transfers
- ▲ All accommodation
- ▲ Breakfast, lunch, dinner and bottled water on all overnight trips
- ▲ Transportation in a typical 4 WD safari vehicle with photographic roof hatch
- ▲ Professional, English-speaking driver-guide
- ▲ All park entry and government fees
- ▲ Lunch and bottled water during day trips

Services not included:

- ▲ International flights
- ▲ Visa fees
- ▲ Travel insurance
- ▲ Meals not included in your itinerary
- ▲ Alcoholic drinks
- ▲ Tips and gratuities for guides