Great Wildebeest Migration Tanzania Safari

Experience the incredible wildebeest migration across the Serengeti and the diversity of wildlife in the Ngorongoro Crater with one of our long-time, preferred safari partners, a leading African safari company.





11 days/10 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Arusha

Witness one of nature's most spectacular experiences – nearly 2 million wildebeests and thousands of zebra and gazelle making their annual trek across the vast plains of the Serengeti are joined by countless other wildlife species from birds to elephants to lions and cheetahs. We also experience the incredible wildlife microcosm of the Ngorongoro Crater. We've had our clients tell us that this is an experience that made them feel insignificant in the grand scheme of the world, but left them with a long lasting feeling of joy.

Vehicle: We use 7 passenger, open air vehicles that have roofs but no walls. However, we only place a maximum of 5 people in each vehicle, which allows for the most freedom of movement for photography and wildlife viewing. We encourage you to compare this to the vehicles and group size used by other companies.

You will be met by an Asilia representative at Kilimanjaro Airport and transfer to The Arusha Hotel for your first overnight. The hotel is centrally located and is considered one of the finest hotels in Arusha. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore on your own. The centre of town offers the local handicraft market and the Arusha Cultural Centre. Locally made souvenirs may be purchased at these locations. The camps have small gift shops with limited inventory, so shopping in Arusha is often the best bet.

Days 2: Arusha-Ngorongoro Farmhouse

After breakfast, we start our drive to Ngorongoro Farmhouse, which is a lodge located just outside of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, set in 750 acres of private farmland. Accommodation is in spacious cottages. Enjoy lunch at the Farmhouse followed by the opportunity to go on a walking tour of the coffee plantation on the grounds and enjoy

some of the delicious coffee, roasted on site. The evening is free after dinner.

Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater

Today you'll travel into the Crater where a large variety of wildlife concentrates in a relatively small, yet diverse, area. Here you have the chance to see lion, rhino and a wide range of herbivore and antelope. A packed lunch is provided to enjoy in the Crater. On the way to the crater or on the way back to the Farmhouse we stop at a Maasai village to learn about this fascinating culture. You may have the opportunity to participate in a "jump dance", try out your spear throwing skills and purchase some locally-made crafts. The activities offered do vary from village to village so we can't guarantee exactly what you'll be able to do, but we know it will be interesting!

Days 4: Ngorongoro Farmhouse - Ubuntu Camp, Serengeti

This morning you will transfer by road to Lake Manyara airstrip for your morning flight to the Grumeti airstrip. From there we go on a safari, seeking out wildlife, on our way to Ubuntu Camp, situation on the Western corridor of the Serengeti. Located far from other lodges and camps, Ubuntu Camp is a mobile camp ideally located to view the

Great Migration from May to July. Spend your days in this part of the Serengeti on game drives with the opportunity to witness the dramatic river crossing as the migrating animals continue their journey. Enjoy comfort and solitude when you return to your tented camp in the evening.

Days 5: Ubuntu Camp

Great opportunity to witness the million or more wildebeest and thousands upon thousands of other animals making their annual Great Migration. Enjoy two safari drives each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to take advantage of the changing activity and light.

Day 6: Ubuntu Camp - Dunia, Serengeti

We drive between camps today, with a break to enjoy a packed picnic lunch and a safari drive. You will spend the next two nights at Dunia Camp, a permanent, tented camp, ideally located between the prime wildlife ares of the central and southern Serengeti. In May, the camp is a choice location for the migration of the wildebeest and zebra. Dunia Camp is one of a few, if not only, camp managed and operated entirely by women.

Days 7&8: Dunia Camp

Two safari drives are featured each day, giving you lots of opportunity to see wildlife and get some great photos!

Day 9: Dunia Camp - Namiri Plains, Serengeti

A safari drive today with a packed lunch to be enjoyed enroute, takes us to our next camp, Namiri Plains, an hour's drive away from the nearest camp. If you value having an authentic safari experience without multiple vehicles, this is the place for you! For 20 years the grasslands of the Eastern Serengeti were closed to tourists to allow the cheetah population to replenish itself. Today, this is big-cat territory, where cheetah roam the area in pursuit of prey and lion and leopard hunt undisturbed. In 2014, the region reopened with Asilia appointed as its custodian. Guests can enjoy this incredible corner of the Serengeti from the comfort of cool and elegant Namiri Plains. Expansive views, serious comfort, exceptional privacy and unrivalled sightings of apex predators in a region of the Serengeti come together to give you an exclusive and action-packed safari experience.

Day 10: Namiri Camp - Kigale, Rwanda

Bid farewell to the wilderness as you transfer from camp to the Seronera airstrip where you board a flight to Kigale, where this tour ends.

Today you have the option to join our Rwanda, Uganda Gorillas in the Mist program.

Should you not want to travel with the group to Kigale flights may be arranged from Seronera to other destinations allowing you to extend your time on safari or travel to another destination in Africa.

Details

Group Size: Minimum 10

Trip Code:

009481 - W20

INCLUDED

- One night of accommodation at Arusha Hotel (or similar)
- Two nights of accommodation at Ngorongoro Farmhouse
- Visit to a Maasai village
- Two nights of accommodation at Ubuntu Camp
- Three nights of accommodation at Dunia Camp
- One night of accommodation at Namiri Plains
- Transfers as outlined within the itinerary
- · Scheduled circuit flights between camps, as outlined
- All meals included Days 2-9; breakfast and lunch Day 10
- Park fees
- Private naturalist driver-guide as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled game drives, open vehicles at all three camps
- Emergency evacuation insurance for guests under 70 years of age
- Soft drinks, tea, coffee, bottled water, local beer, house wine and non-premium liquor at the camps (excluding premium imports and champagne)
- Laundry facilities at camps
- One-way flight from Seronera to Kigale
- Fully escorted by a Great Canadian Travel Africa specialist

NOT INCLUDED

- · International travel to Kilimanjaro International Airport for Arusha / flight from Zanzibar
- Extra/optional activities added to your program
- Beverages other than those mentioned in the "Included section" (champagnes, cellar wines and premium spirits are excluded)
- Tips and gratuities for guides, drivers and lodge/camp staff
- · Airport taxes and security fees (unless mentioned specifically, taxes/fees must be paid direct at airport)
- Passport and visa fees, if required
- Laundry at accommodation other than Asilia Camps
- Phone calls and items of a personal nature.
- Travel Insurance other than the emergency evacuation that is included

TOUR NOTES

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