

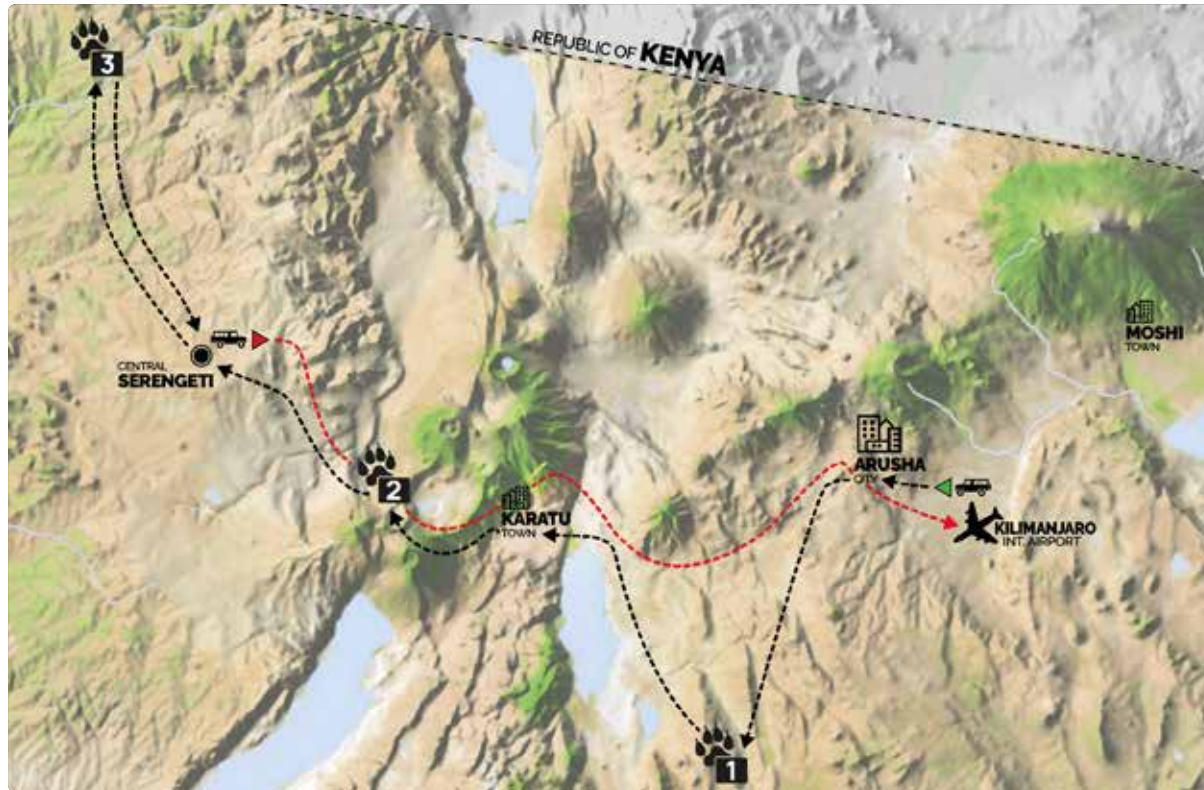
**BASIC SAFARI**

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# BASIC NORTH MIGRATION TOUR ITINERARY



7 DAYS



6 NIGHTS

- 1 TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK
- 2 NGORONGORO CRATER
- 3 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

An exciting 7-day safari in Tanzania to witness the most emblematic moment of the Great Migration: the crossing of the herds of the Mara River.



## **DAY 1 • ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT AND TRANSFER TO THE LODGE IN ARUSHA**

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro (or Arusha) airport, just outside the main exit, you will be met by the guide of our Tanzania safari tour operator which will take you to your Lodge in Arusha. If you have time, you can take a tour of the city, accompanied by the guide. Alternatively, relax in the hotel with dinner and overnight stay.



## DAY 2 • THE KINGDOM OF ELEPHANTS AND BAOBABS

Early in the morning you will leave, immediately after breakfast, to discover the wonderful Tarangire National Park, the first stop on your safari in Tanzania. **(Approximate transfer time Arusha • Tarangire: 2 h 30 min)** The park, dotted with huge baobabs, covers an area of 2850 km<sup>2</sup> and includes the Tarangire River, where immense herds of zebras, wildebeests, oryx, water antelopes, lesser kudus, giraffes, buffaloes and their natural predators such as lions, leopards and wild dogs gather, especially during the dry season. Tarangire is also known for having the highest concentration of elephants in the world and is considered by many to be Tanzania's best destination for birdwatchers, with over 450 species of birds spotted there. After lunch on one of the many natural terraces with breathtaking views of the river and the surrounding nature, the Safari will continue in the afternoon with the transfer to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight in Karatu **(Approximate transfer time Tarangire • Karatu: 1 h 30 min)**



### DAY 3 • THE REFUGE OF THE AFRICAN "BIG FIVE"

In the morning, immediately after breakfast, you will start the game drive in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, declared WORLD HERITAGE SITE (UNESCO 1978) AND INTERNATIONAL BIOSPHERE RESERVE (1981). **(Approximate transfer time Karatu • Ngorongoro Conservation Area: 30 min)** The area has become a real ecosystem, thanks to the good rainfall, the ponds, the small lakes and internal streams, the night fog that surrounds and feeds the forests of the slopes of its famous crater. After a short stop at the crater rim, you will descend to the bottom of the caldera for a photo safari dedicated to the discovery of one of the most beautiful places on Earth, where nature is sovereign and "unchanged over time". The 265 km caldera has the highest concentration of wildlife on the continent. It is one of the very rare places where you can meet the black rhino. After lunch near the enchanting hippo lake, you will head up the crater out of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and reach the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight in the Serengeti National Park according to the chosen category. **(Approximate transfer time Ngorongoro Crater • Serengeti: 2 h 30 min)**



## **DAYS 4 AND 5 • NORTHWARDS ON THE TRAIL OF HERBIVORES TO THE MARA RIVER**

The Serengeti is considered the most famous national park in the world, the cradle of the Great Migration, where every year one of the most impressive natural cycles on the planet is renewed: tens of thousands of ungulates move, guided by the primordial instinct for survival, in constant search of new pastures. The landscape, dotted with large acacias and Kopjes (mounds of ancient rocks), is the ideal habitat for big cats. As you go deeper into the heart of the Serengeti, you will understand why the name means, in the Maasai language, "boundless plain". Your Safari will continue to discover the park until you reach the far north, where between July and October the herbivores are preparing to cross the Mara river. During the game drive there will be opportunities for sighting families of giraffes and elephants, large prides of lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas and smaller ones such as foxes, mongooses, honey badgers, jackals, along with more than 500 species of birds. The day will end with transfer to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight.

The next day will be entirely dedicated to the search for one of the most famous natural spectacles, but also one of the most ferocious in the animal world: the crossing of the river by herbivores. The waters, in fact, are infested with crocodiles waiting for their prey. The lack of rain, in this period, forces the herds to stop and graze in the Masai Mara, on the border with Kenya, and then return to the central Serengeti following the short rains of the season. In this period, in the northern part of the park, the concentration of large predators is very high and, in a single day, there could be dozens of sightings of cheetahs, leopards and herds of hyenas and lions. In the afternoon return to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay.



## **DAY 6 • THE LAND OF THE GREAT MIGRATION AND FELINES**

In the morning, after a short game drive in the northern part of the park, you will continue the Safari to the central Serengeti. In the Seronera Valley, along the banks of the river of the same name, you will have the opportunity to see leopards climbing sausage trees, observe the numerous prides of lions on the Moru kopjes and, with a little luck, even spot a black rhinoceros. Finally, you can get out of the car at the famous hippo pool and approach the pool to scrutinize the many hippos piled up. In the late afternoon transfer to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay.



## **DAY 7 • RETURN TO ARUSHA/KILIMANJARO AIRPORT**

In the morning, after a short game drive, you will return to Arusha/Kilimanjaro in the late afternoon to catch your flight home. Along the way you will have the opportunity to go shopping to buy gifts and souvenirs in the characteristic local shops and bazaars.

**(Approximate transfer time Serengeti • Arusha: 6 h • Serengeti • Kilimanjaro Airport: 7 h)**

However, we are flexible and available in case of special needs, such as early flight or other.

**IT IS POSSIBLE TO COMBINE THIS SAFARI WITH AN EXTENSION OF A BEACH STAY IN ZANZIBAR.**

## INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Taxes and entrance fees for parks (including Ngorongoro Crater)
- 4WD Land Cruiser vehicle with pop-up safari roof, unlimited kilometres and guide/driver (speaking English, Italian, French and Spanish)
- Electrical charging sockets on board, Wi-Fi, fridge and binoculars
- Full board in the proposed lodges, hotels and tented camps or similar category (excluding drinks unless otherwise indicated when booking)
- On vehicle during safari snacks, water and soft drinks included
- AMREF Flying Doctors Emergency Evacuation Insurance

## EXCLUDED FROM THIS PACKAGE

- International and domestic flights
- Meals and drinks outside the safari (unless otherwise stated)
- Travel and personal accident insurance
- Tanzania International Visa, Vaccinations, Medicines
- Optional excursions/activities not detailed in the itinerary
- Tips and any additional services required
- Possible introduction of new or increased government taxes and fuel, cost of entrance fees to various tourist sites, parks or wildlife reserves of which we are not aware at the time of processing the quote
- Surcharge during Christmas and New Year's Eve

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