

The Serengeti Horizon Safari

Go Deep into the Serengeti, from the Mara River to the Remote West

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Trip Details:

Days
10 Days · May–Nov

Price
From $10990

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Devote your safari to one immense ecosystem and discover how dramatically its landscapes and wildlife change from east to north to west. Walk and explore after dark in a private nature refuge, follow great herds and big cats across open plains, and venture into the remote west for a stay at our new Thomson-exclusive camp. With time to explore each region in depth, you experience the Serengeti not as a single landscape, but as a vast, dynamic wilderness with a different character around every horizon.

Trip Highlights

Follow the Serengeti's Great Herds & Predators

Search for wildebeest, zebra, lions, cheetahs, and leopards across varied habitats, with seasonal opportunities to witness the Great Migration at the Mara River.

Stay at Our New Western Serengeti Camp

Explore Tanzania's remote west for a stay at our new Thomson-exclusive camp, opening in 2027 and surrounded by the wild Serengeti.

Go Beyond the Wildlife Drive

Walk among wildlife in a private Eastern Serengeti refuge, search for nocturnal species after dark, and spend time with the Maasai community.

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The Serengeti Horizon Safari Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Arusha
Days 2–3	Eastern Serengeti
Days 4–5	Northern Serengeti
Days 6–9	Serengeti National Park
Day 10	Kilimanjaro International Airport



Day 1

Arusha

Arusha, Tanzania

- Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport, where your guide meets you for the transfer to your accommodations in Arusha.
- Rest for the evening before flying into the Serengeti wilderness the next day.

Your East African journey begins as soon as you touch down in Tanzania, greeted at the airport by a Thomson Safaris representative who assists with your luggage and leads the way to your comfortable transfer. Arrive in town to settle into The Arusha Hotel, a legendary property first established in 1894 that offers a historic, serene sanctuary amidst the lively energy of the city. Spend the remainder of the day relaxing after your long flight. Stroll through the lush, manicured grounds, enjoy a cold drink out on the sunny terrace, or unwind in your comfortable room. Rest well tonight in these classic surroundings, leaving you completely rejuvenated and ready to board your bush flight into the wild Serengeti tomorrow morning.

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Days 2–3

Eastern Serengeti

Eastern Serengeti Nature Refuge

- Fly into the private 10,000-acre Eastern Serengeti Nature Refuge, trading paved roads for open wilderness and your first wildlife encounters.
- Set out on foot among giraffes, zebras, and other plains wildlife, then return to the bush after dark in search of nocturnal species.
- Spend time with Maasai families and hear traditional stories rooted in the landscape around you.

Your first taste of Tanzania begins in the Eastern Serengeti Nature Refuge, where 10,000 acres of protected wilderness give you room to experience the Serengeti in a way most travelers can't experience. Step out on guided walks with Maasai naturalists to follow tracks, learn to read signs left by passing animals, and see the landscape from a completely different perspective. After dark, head out on night drives to search for the creatures that emerge once the sun goes down, from hyenas and bush babies to owls hunting overhead. Wildlife moves through the refuge throughout the day, with the camp's active waterhole drawing animals in for close-up viewing.

The refuge also offers a chance to connect with the Maasai communities who call this region home. Spend time with local families, visit community markets, learn about daily life and traditions, and listen to stories shared around the campfire. These experiences offer a glimpse into the people and culture that are an integral part of the landscape you'll be exploring.

Days 4–5

Northern Serengeti

Northern Serengeti

- Head north through rolling hills, woodlands, and river valleys to the Mara River, exploring a distinctly different side of the Serengeti.
- Follow signs of lions and other predators while searching the surrounding country for the region's abundant wildlife.
- During the seasonal Great Migration, scan the Mara River for gathering wildebeest and zebra and the possibility of a dramatic crossing.

Travel farther north into a dramatically different environment of rolling green hills, dense woodlands, and rocky ridge lines extending toward the famous Mara River. Your expert guide tracks resident lions, leopards, and hippos as they navigate the river valleys and open clearings, offering a completely distinct safari landscape from the southern plains.

Spend unhurried hours along the steep banks of the Mara River where thousands of wildebeest and zebra gather at the water's edge. Watch the tension build as giant Nile crocodiles wait below, with the chance to witness the jaw-dropping spectacle of a herd plunging across the river currents. Each evening, return to your comfortable seasonal Nyumba camp to relax in the tranquility of the northern wilderness.

Days 6–9

Serengeti National Park

Serengeti National Park

- Push deeper into the Serengeti, following wildlife through grasslands, acacia woodlands, and granite kopjes as you explore across the ecosystem.
- Venture into the remote West, staying at the new exclusive western camp, opening in 2027 amid the wild Serengeti.
- Use long days in the field to follow the action, from prowling lions and concealed leopards to elephants and vast herds of wildebeest and zebra.

Spend four full days navigating the vast expanse of the Serengeti, crossing golden savannas, acacia thickets, and towering granite kopjes where big cats love to sunbathe. Your guide uses decades of tracking expertise to bring you close to the action—whether that means following a cheetah on a morning hunt, watching elephant families browse in the woodlands, or observing lazy prides resting in the shade.

Journey into the park's rarely visited western reaches for an exclusive stay at the new western camp, surrounded by pristine, untouched wilderness. Having extensive time in this remote zone allows for deep exploration far from main safari routes, following resident wildlife trails and enjoying incredible solitude before gathering each evening around the campfire under a sky brilliant with stars.

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Day 10

Kilimanjaro International Airport

Arusha, Tanzania

- Take a final flight over the Serengeti back to Arusha for a farewell lunch.
- Relax in a day room before transferring to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home.

Take off on a final scenic bush flight over the sweeping Serengeti plains, taking in magnificent aerial views of the landscape below before landing in Arusha. Upon arrival, bid a fond farewell to your expert guide team who shared their deep passion and knowledge of Tanzania throughout your journey.

Following your send-off, head over to the picturesque Arusha Coffee Lodge to enjoy a quiet lunch among the lush coffee trees. Afterward, check into your private day room at The Arusha Hotel to unpack, wash off the safari dust, and relax before your transfer driver meets you for the final trip to Kilimanjaro International Airport.

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The Serengeti Horizon Safari Accommodations

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Rivertrees Country Inn

Reminiscent of its legacy as a former German colonial farm and coffee estate, Rivertrees Country Inn blends simple elegance and modern convenience. Wake up in your farmhouse-style room to the sound of the rushing Usa River, and enjoy a hearty breakfast in an open-air, thatched-roof dining area.



Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

Your camp on Moruga Hill offers views of grazing wildlife and fiery sunsets. Enjoy great service, exquisite meals, and comfortable amenities. Sit back with a cocktail or a book in the lounge tent, by the campfire, or while watching wildlife flock to the waterhole right in front of you!



Northern Serengeti Nyumba

Thomson's exclusive Serengeti Nyumba in Kogakuria offers a rare glimpse at the unexplored northern Serengeti. Few tourists have had the privilege to explore this secluded and wildlife-rich region, and Thomson remains among the few operators to be able to show it to you.

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Serengeti Nyumbas

Serengeti Nyumba camps move seasonally to follow the Great Migration, keeping you close to wildlife. Enjoy top-notch service, delicious meals, and comfortable amenities. Relax with a cocktail or book in the lounge tent, by the campfire, or on the verandah of your Nyumba tent.



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
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Departures
2027: 19

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
May 17 - May 26, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11790**	
May 21 - May 30, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11790**	
Jun 9 - Jun 18, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11790**	
Jun 18 - Jun 27, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Jun 23 - Jul 2, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Jul 5 - Jul 14, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Jul 19 - Jul 28, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Jul 30 - Aug 8, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Aug 13 - Aug 22, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Aug 24 - Sep 2, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Sep 2 - Sep 11, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Sep 9 - Sep 18, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Sep 16 - Sep 25, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Sep 30 - Oct 9, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11990**	
Oct 17 - Oct 26, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11790**	
Oct 28 - Nov 6, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$11790**	
Nov 4 - Nov 13, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$10990**	
Nov 15 - Nov 24, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$10990**	
Nov 22 - Dec 1, 2027 10-Day Safari	**$10990**	

As of July 1, 2016, Tanzania imposed a new Value Added Tax (VAT) on tourism activities. VAT starts at $300 and varies by trip. Single accommodations start at $800 and vary by trip. All prices are subject to change without notice.

Group Size

We specialize in small group travel (about 14 people or fewer), but the exact size varies from trip to trip. One thing's for sure: you'll have plenty of elbow room, 360-degree sightlines, and a guaranteed window seat.

What's Included

Your safari land package includes all accommodations, meals, purified water (with meals and on wildlife drives), airport transfers aligned with Delta/KLM flights, park fees, and the services of guides and drivers.

Not Included

International airfare is not included.

Additional costs may include tips for your guides, drivers and staff, bar beverages, laundry service, phone calls, passport and visa fees, souvenirs, and travel insurance.

Your pre-departure packet includes visa application instructions and information on travel insurance and tipping.

Important Information

A 20% deposit is required to reserve your space. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. Full payment is due 90 days prior to the first land day of the trip.

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing to Thomson Safaris. At the time we receive the cancellation, all moneys will be refunded less the following cancellation charges:

- 91 days or more before departure: cancellation fees equal the amount of your deposit
- 90 to 61 days before departure: 50% of the package price is non-refundable
- 60 to 46 days before departure: 65% of the package price is non-refundable
- 45 days or less before departure: 100% of the package price is non-refundable

No partial refunds will be given for unused meals, hotel rooms, airport transfers, etc., for any reason whatsoever. Thomson Safaris reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations, park fee increases, fuel surcharges, taxes, etc. Accommodations are subject to change.

Travel Insurance

Thomson strongly encourages you to purchase travel insurance within two weeks of making your deposit to protect your investment, as we are not able to make changes to our cancellation policy for any reason. Travel Guard comes highly recommended by our guests.

Getting There & Getting Home

Delta/KLM have by far the quickest, easiest routing: an overnight flight from North America brings you to Amsterdam for a brief layover before arriving at Kilimanjaro International Airport. Our scheduled trips and airport transfers are designed with the KLM arrival schedule in mind, so check with your safari consultants or trip managers before making arrangements with a different airline.

You'll find your guide at the airport holding a Thomson Safaris placard with your name on it.



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Zanzibar Extension

Spend your days soaking up Swahili culture and the beach in Zanzibar. Use this sample itinerary to inspire a custom trip before or after your safari.

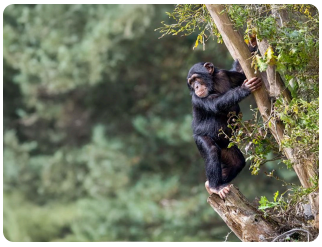
5 days · From $2500



Rwanda Extension

Go deeper into East Africa's wild beauty, with meaningful cultural moments, tranquil lodges, and sweeping landscapes. Use this sample itinerary to inspire a custom trip before or after your safari.

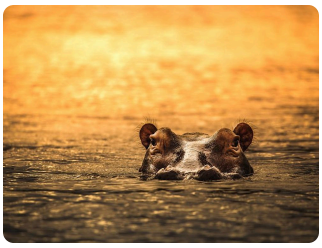
5 days · From $8000



Mahale Mountains National Park Extension

Trek pristine rainforest on the shores of Lake Tanganyika to find wild chimpanzees in a secluded sanctuary. Use this sample itinerary to inspire a custom trip before or after your safari.

4 days · From $6500



Ruaha National Park Extension

Journey to the remote Ruaha National Park, a hidden gem in East Africa. Track elusive wildlife by day and enjoy torch-lit dinners by the river at night.

4 days · From $4500



Nyerere National Park Extension

Nyerere National Park (formerly Selous) is a refreshing change of pace from other parks. Defined by the broad waterways of the Rufiji River, this extension introduces a slower, more immersive style of safari.

4 days · From $5500



Cape Town Extension

Explore vibrant Cape Town, set against the dramatic backdrop of Table Mountain. Visit world-class vineyards, penguins at Boulders Beach and explore Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.

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