

The Highlights of Tanzania Safari

A Compact Safari Through Tanzania's Great Wildlife Landscapes

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Trip Details:

Days
8 Days · May–Mar

Price
From $7990

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For those with limited time, our Highlights Safari concentrates Tanzania's wildlife and adventure into a tightly crafted itinerary, from the freedom of a private nature refuge to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. Each setting offers a distinctly different experience of wild Tanzania, with varied landscapes, exceptional wildlife viewing and opportunities to explore beyond the wildlife drive. Expert Tanzanian guides make the most of every day, bringing depth and context to an adventure designed to cover remarkable ground efficiently—without ever feeling rushed.

Trip Highlights

Walk on the Wild Side of the Serengeti

Step out on foot in a private Eastern Serengeti refuge, search for nocturnal wildlife after dark and experience the landscape with the Maasai community.

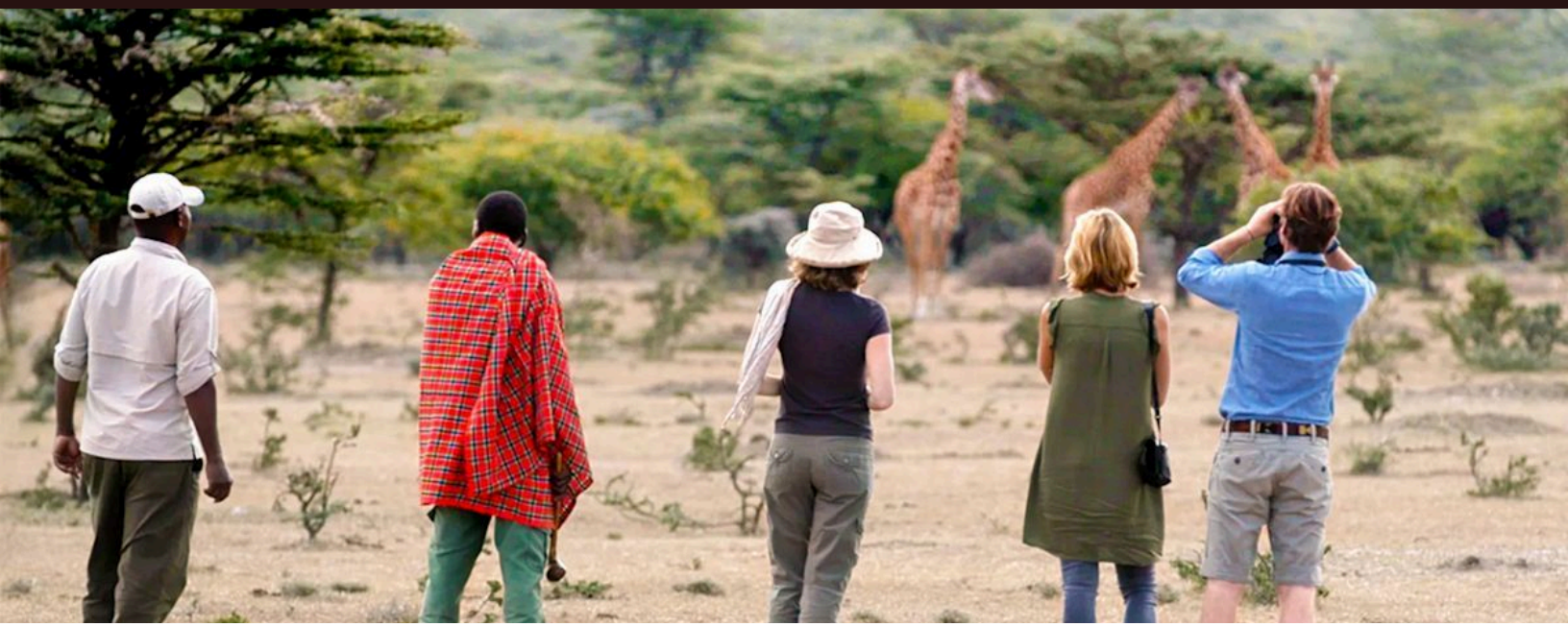
Seek Out the Serengeti's Great Herds & Predators

Scan open grasslands and granite kopjes for wildebeest, zebra, lions, cheetahs and leopards across one of Africa's richest wildlife ecosystems.

Get an Early Start in Ngorongoro Crater

Stay on the crater rim for an early descent among lions, elephants, hippos, buffalo and rare black rhinos within this immense volcanic caldera.

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The Highlights of Tanzania Safari Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Arusha
Days 2–3	Eastern Serengeti
Days 4–5	Serengeti National Park
Days 6–7	Ngorongoro Crater
Day 8	Kilimanjaro International Airport



Day 1

Arusha

Arusha, Tanzania

- Meet your Thomson representative at Kilimanjaro International Airport and transfer to your accommodations in Arusha.
- Settle in for the night before flying to the Eastern Serengeti the next day.

Touching down in Tanzania, your Thomson representative greets you at the airport for the comfortable transfer to Mount Meru Hotel, nestled quietly in the leafy outskirts of Arusha.

Spend the afternoon unwinding after your long flight within the hotel's lush, manicured grounds. Take a quiet drink on the terrace overlooking Mount Meru, dip into the pool, or simply enjoy a restful afternoon in your room away from the main city traffic. A peaceful evening here ensures you awake fully refreshed for your morning flight into the Serengeti wild.

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Days 2–3

Eastern Serengeti

Eastern Serengeti Nature Refuge

- Fly to the private 10,000-acre Eastern Serengeti Nature Refuge, where activities extend beyond traditional wildlife drives.
- Walk among giraffes, zebras and other wildlife, then head out after dark in search of nocturnal species.
- Hear stories from a Maasai storyteller and learn more about life in this landscape.

A short scenic flight carries you into a private, Thomson-exclusive, 10,000-acre wilderness refuge in the Eastern Serengeti, where conservation efforts have helped indigenous wildlife flourish. Because the refuge lies outside national park boundaries, your experience extends beyond traditional wildlife drives. Step into the open savanna on foot with expert Maasai trackers, learning to read subtle signs in the soil as giraffes, zebras, and gazelles move across the landscape.

When darkness settles over the bush, set out on a spotlit night drive to search for elusive nocturnal wildlife, from bush babies and servals to genets on the prowl. You'll also have the opportunity to visit a local school and meet members of the surrounding community, gaining insight into daily life beyond the safari. Back at camp, gather around the fire to hear traditional stories from Maasai elders and learn more about their deep-rooted connection to this ancient landscape.

Days 4–5

Serengeti National Park

Serengeti National Park

- Explore seas of grass punctuated by acacia trees and granite kopjes.
- Search for lions, cheetahs, leopards and elephants alongside herds of wildebeest and zebra.

Explore the central Serengeti, where the landscape is constantly changing and every outing brings a new mix of wildlife. Giraffes move through the open grasslands, hippos gather in the waterways, and warthogs, jackals, and bat-eared foxes can appear along the way. Keep your eyes on the skies, too, for bee-eaters, secretary birds, and raptors soaring overhead. And with Thomson's lion guarantee, you can count on seeing one of the Serengeti's most iconic predators during your stay.

Days 6–7

Ngorongoro Crater

Ngorongoro Crater

- Stay on the crater rim for an early descent to the wildlife-rich floor before most visitors arrive.
- Search the caldera's grasslands, wetlands and forests for lions, elephants, hippos, buffalo and rare black rhinos.
- Explore within the walls of this 10-mile-wide collapsed volcano, home to an extraordinary concentration of wildlife.

Ascend into the cool, mist-shrouded Ngorongoro Highlands to settle in along the high crater rim. Positioned directly on the edge, you'll enjoy a privileged early descent down the 2,000-foot volcanic walls at dawn, reaching the crater floor as the first golden rays illuminate the morning mist before other visitors arrive.

Spanning 100 square miles, this self-contained caldera harbors an astounding 25,000 animals, making it one of the rare places on the continent to encounter all of the Big Five in a single day. Spend the morning exploring fever-tree forests, marshy edges, and open plains: watch thousands of lesser flamingos tinting the shallow waters of Lake Magadi a brilliant pink, observe golden jackals trotting through the high grasses, and spot serval cats hunting along the reed beds while grey crowned cranes display on the open turf.

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Day 8

Kilimanjaro International Airport

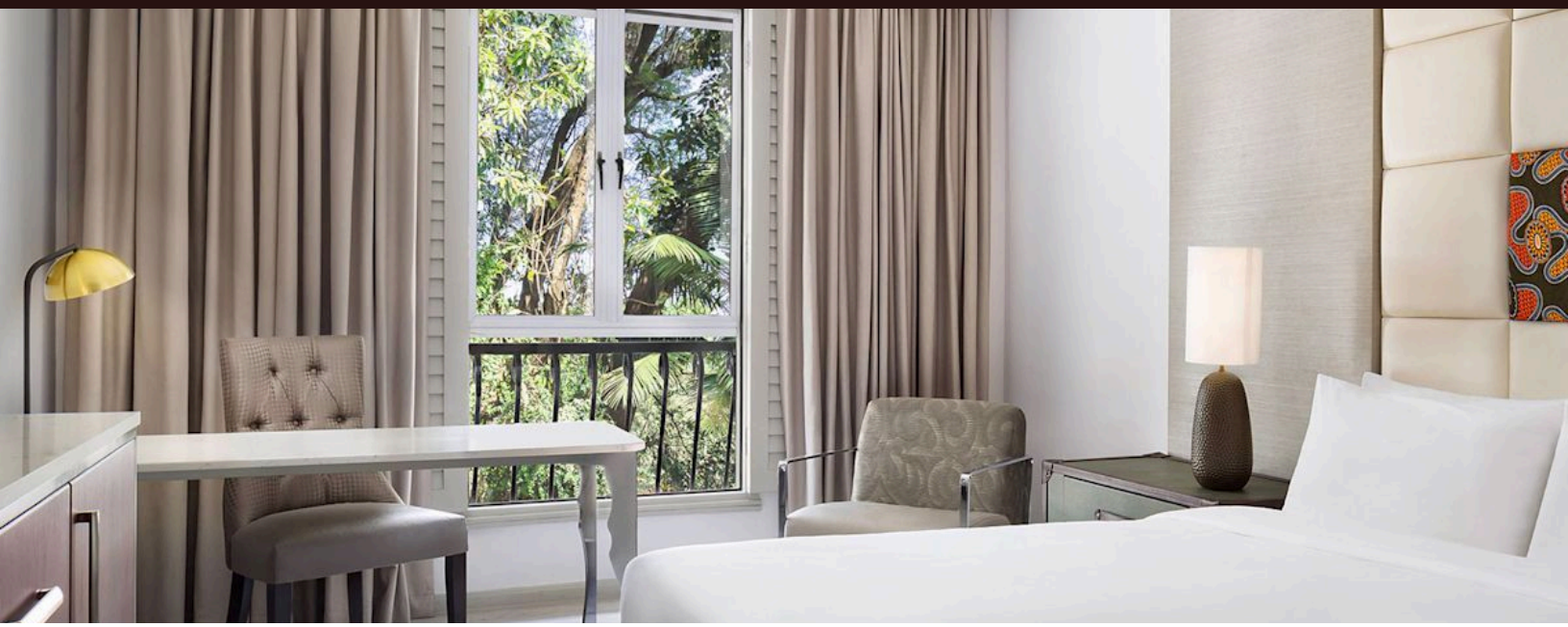
Arusha, Tanzania

- Return to Arusha for lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge.
- Relax in a day room before transferring to the airport for your flight home.

Awaken to a final morning in the highlands, enjoying a warm cup of coffee on the porch of your Nyumba tent as the crisp air gives way to dawn. After bidding a fond farewell to your camp staff and guides who have shared their passion for Tanzania with you, board your flight back to Arusha.

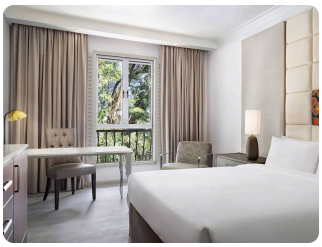
Upon arrival, gather for a delicious celebratory lunch among the manicured coffee trees at the historic Arusha Coffee Lodge. Afterward, settle into a comfortable day room to refresh, pack your belongings, and reflect on the extraordinary sights and sounds of your journey before your driver transfers you to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home.

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The Arusha Hotel

Enjoy a stay at one of the oldest hotels in East Africa: The Arusha Hotel was first established in 1894. Just outside the hotel is the Clock Tower roundabout, famously known as the "Center of East Africa" due to its location halfway between Cairo and Cape Town. The Arusha Hotel is a stylish and comfortable refuge amongst the bustling streets of Arusha.



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!



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.

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Ngorongoro Nyumba

Your camp is nestled in a forest of umbrella acacia trees, perfectly situated on the crater rim, offering easy access to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater. Enjoy exceptional service from the camp staff and cozy up by the campfire in the evenings.



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $7990

Departures
2026: 4
2027: 47
2028: 32

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2026 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Nov 21 - Nov 28, 2026 8-Day Safari	**$7690**	
Dec 19 - Dec 26, 2026 8-Day Safari	**$8190**	
Dec 24 - Dec 31, 2026 8-Day Safari	**$8190**	
Dec 31, 2026 - Jan 7, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8190**	

2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 4 - Jan 11, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$7990**	
Jan 6 - Jan 13, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8190**	
Jan 15 - Jan 22, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 18 - Jan 25, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
Jan 24 - Jan 31, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
Jan 31 - Feb 7, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
Feb 8 - Feb 15, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Feb 13 - Feb 20, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Feb 18 - Feb 25, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Feb 26 - Mar 5, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Mar 3 - Mar 10, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Mar 7 - Mar 14, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Mar 15 - Mar 22, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$7990**	
Mar 24 - Mar 31, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$7990**	
May 19 - May 26, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
May 26 - Jun 2, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
Jun 4 - Jun 11, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
Jun 7 - Jun 14, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
Jun 14 - Jun 21, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8290**	
Jun 27 - Jul 4, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Jul 2 - Jul 9, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Jul 9 - Jul 16, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Jul 13 - Jul 20, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Jul 17 - Jul 24, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Jul 24 - Jul 31, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	

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Jul 31 - Aug 7, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Aug 4 - Aug 11, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Aug 7 - Aug 14, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Aug 11 - Aug 18, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Aug 24 - Aug 31, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Aug 28 - Sep 4, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Sep 5 - Sep 12, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Sep 11 - Sep 18, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Sep 13 - Sep 20, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Sep 25 - Oct 2, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Oct 11 - Oct 18, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Oct 14 - Oct 21, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Oct 20 - Oct 27, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
Oct 26 - Nov 2, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8490**	
Nov 2 - Nov 9, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$7990**	
Nov 6 - Nov 13, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$7990**	
Nov 14 - Nov 21, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$7990**	
Nov 19 - Nov 26, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$7990**	
Dec 16 - Dec 23, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Dec 22 - Dec 29, 2027 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	
Dec 29, 2027 - Jan 5, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$8890**	

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2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 5 - Jan 12, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$8990**	
Jan 14 - Jan 21, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$8990**	
Jan 29 - Feb 5, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9290**	
Feb 5 - Feb 12, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Feb 13 - Feb 20, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Mar 3 - Mar 10, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Mar 14 - Mar 21, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Mar 25 - Apr 1, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$8990**	
May 16 - May 23, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9290**	
May 29 - Jun 5, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9290**	
Jun 5 - Jun 12, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9290**	
Jun 17 - Jun 24, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Jun 27 - Jul 4, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Jul 10 - Jul 17, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Jul 15 - Jul 22, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Jul 27 - Aug 3, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Aug 1 - Aug 8, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Aug 15 - Aug 22, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Aug 26 - Sep 2, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Sep 5 - Sep 12, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	

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Sep 15 - Sep 22, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Sep 25 - Oct 2, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Oct 10 - Oct 17, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
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Dec 22 - Dec 29, 2028 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	
Dec 27, 2028 - Jan 3, 2029 8-Day Safari	**$9590**	

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.

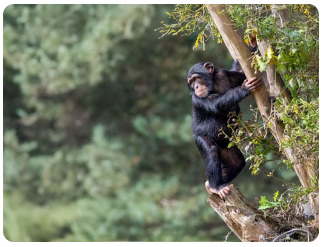
5 days · From $2500



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.

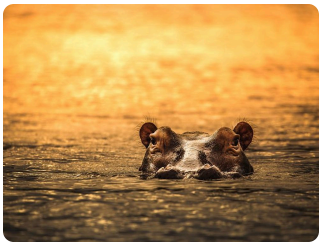
4 days · From $6500



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.

Call for Pricing



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



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