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Safari Msingi - Green Season 9 Nights Premium Tour

December to April

Safari Msingi is named after the swahili word for 'essential' and the best time to enjoy it is between December and April when the Great Migration is in the southern Serengeti. Any Safari is a wonderful experience, but Msingi offers the explorers the chance to venture off to more remote areas that are rich in wildlife with amazing vistas; relying on the experience of the guide to go off the beaten path and not get lost (although that can be fun too!).

Safari Msingi begins with a short flight to the Serengeti to explore the kopjes that are famous for the resident large cats before venturing off road to the southern part of the Serengeti ecosystem that is outside the Serengeti National Park. At this time of year in Ndutu, the wildebeest will be found in great numbers as they give birth to their young and mums feast on the mineral rich grass to produce nourishing milk for their calves, getting them ready for the long migration north. After spending the day in the breathtaking Ngorongoro crater, we then journey to Tarangire to visit the large herds of elephant and the majestic landscapes.

The accommodation we have chosen comprises of luxurious camps and lodges that are privately owned and offer an authentic safari experience in comfort and style that reflect the personality of the owners with a genuine taste of Africa.

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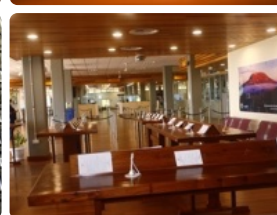
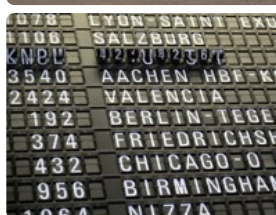
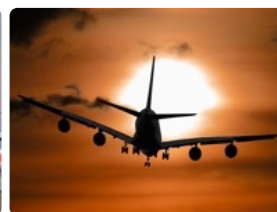
Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport

DAY 1: Arrival Day and Tumbili Lodge



Collection from Kilimanjaro Airport and Transfer to Tumbili Lodge

Welcome to Tanzania where we will be eagerly waiting for you just at the arrivals doors to take you the 1 1/2 hour transfer to Tumbili Lodge for a welcome drink and briefing.



Tumbili Lodge, Arusha

Tumbili Lodge is a small boutique hotel situated in a beautiful lush garden with a stunning view on Mount Meru. All rooms and bandas are individually furnished and designed to offer great comfort and relaxation to its guests. The lodge is the perfect place to recover from a long journey and prepare for the adventure ahead.



DAY 2: Central Serengeti and Intimate Places, Serengeti



Flight from Arusha to Seronera

After a good night's sleep and a relaxed breakfast, we will catch a flight from Arusha to Seronera airstrip. The flight often makes brief stops at Kuro in Tarangire, Chem Chem and or Manyara. It is an exciting and breathtaking flight as the altitude is low and you gain an incredible perspective of the wildlife habitat, not to mention a preview of what is to come.

Your guide will be waiting for you in your privat 4x4 safari jeep.



Serengeti Central Game Drive

The big 5 are on everyone's list, and you're sure to see most if not all, but we might stumble upon an aardvark or the elusive leopard or even a serval or caracal cat. The beauty of the Serengeti is that you never know what you will find. there is always a surprise!



Intimate Places Serengeti Central

The dining tent provides for individual as well as group dining and is home to a well-stocked bar serving a selection of premium spirits, wines, beers, minerals and mineral water. Guests may also enjoy their meals al-fresco in the camp's grounds. Evenings are spent around the all-important camp fire enjoying drinks and bitings whilst exchanging stories about the day's events and making plans for the day ahead. and wireless internet connectivity so as to ensure that our guests every need is catered for when they are not out enjoying game drives.



DAY 3: Central Serengeti and Intimate Places, Serengeti



Serengeti Central Game Drive

Meaning 'endless plains' in the Maasai language, the Serengeti is undoubtedly one of the world's most celebrated wilderness areas.

The Central Serengeti also has high-density game-viewing at all times and is well-known for its large concentration of cats, so much so that until recently this area was set aside for scientific research into predators, especially cheetah.



Intimate Places Serengeti Central

Intimate Camp Seronera is located at the heart of the world famous Serengeti National Park and its operational all year around. The perennial waters of the Sero River are a major draw for most of the animals to be found in the Serengeti National Park and these inhabit the area year-round thereby providing some of the best game viewing experiences to be found anywhere on the planet.

The camp incorporates both a lounge tent as well as a dining tent. The lounge tent is furnished with comfortable settees and armchairs complete with a selection of Coffee table books, board games, a writing bureau and wireless internet connectivity so as to ensure that your every need is catered for when you are not out enjoying game drives.



DAY 4: Ndutu Southern Serengeti and Intimate Places Camp, Ndutu



Ndutu, Southern Serengeti

While Ndutu is an excellent game viewing area throughout the year, the best time to visit the Ndutu plains is from the end of December, when the Great Migration herds begin to arrive from the north, until April, when millions of wildebeest, gazelles, and zebras begin their journey northwards again. Due to the seasonal rains, massive herds of wildebeest and zebra can be seen all over these plains at this time of year.



Intimate Places Zebra Camp, Ndutu

Intimate Camp Zebra is the perfect place for visitors wishing to experience the miracle of the Great Wildebeest Migration, which is reputed to be the largest mass movement of animals on our planet.

With spacious and comfortable accommodation, Intimate Camp Zebra is a seasonal camp which has been especially designed to closely follow the migrating animals as they make their way around the Serengeti National Park.



DAY 5: Ndutu Southern Serengeti and Intimate Places Camp, Ndutu



Ndutu, Southern Serengeti

The Ndutu plains is located in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, on the outskirts of the Southern Serengeti plains. These plains are enriched with tremendous acacia trees, providing a panoramic view across Lake Ndutu and Masek at the other end. It is one of the best places in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area to spot predators and enjoy the stunning landscapes. Standing here means you're in the midst of a calving ground for migratory wild animals, specifically the wildebeest migration. It is typically composed of vast swaths of short grassland, soda-lake Masek, marshes, and woodland vegetation that support both residents and migratory animals.



Intimate Places Zebra Camp, Ndutu



You will return to the friendly welcome awaiting you at camp ready for sundowners, charmed by the sounds of nature in the wilderness. A freshen up and then dinner followed by nightcaps by the campfire under a starlit African sky with a comfy bed waiting for you for a great night's sleep.

Zebra camp offers an authentic safari experience in comfort and style with outstanding food. For medium sized groups there is the option of an exclusive mobile camp.



DAY 6: Ndutu Southern Serengeti and Embalakai Camp



Ndutu, Southern Serengeti

Thousands of calves are born within Ndutu during the calving season, making Ndutu a home for new creatures on Earth. Giraffe, impala, elephant, dik dik, lion, cheetah, leopard, hyena, bat-eared fox, genet, jackal, wildcat, and many other animals end up living in Ndutu. The plains, marshes, and lakes to woodland attract an abundance of bird species.



Embalakai Authentic Camp, Ngorongoro

Embalakia Authentic Camp is an excellent place to stay in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, nestled over the Malanja depression, this camp offers an authentic safari experience right on the doorstep of the crater for an early morning entry before the crowds.

The camp provides comfortable tents and luxurious suites with modern amenities. Guests can enjoy the diverse wildlife of the area, including lions, elephants, and rhinos, through thrilling game drives led by experienced guides.

The camp has views over the local acacia trees and out to the far-off hills. It is close to the Elerai River and the Maasai bomas. The dining area, where you will eat breakfast and dinner, is located in the main tent. The deck is the ideal location for watching the sun set over the far-off hills while sipping a cool sundowner. In the evening after dinner you can unwind at the fire pit area, where you can share all your safari tales and experiences or perhaps hear from some of the team.



DAY 7: Ngorongoro Crater and Manyara's Secret



Ngorongoro Crater Tour

The Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact and unfilled volcanic caldera and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area's main tourists' attraction. It is the largest and most scenic crater in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, with a large concentration of wildlife. It is also one of Africa's Seven Natural Wonders due to its breathtaking natural features. The Ngorongoro Crater is known as a home to over 25,000 animals, including the big five; elephants, buffaloes, rhinos, lions and leopards.

Other animals found in this crater include hippos, hyenas, warthogs, zebras, elands, gazelles, wildebeests, just to name a few. This makes Ngorongoro Crater probably the best site in Tanzania to spot and watch the big five as well as other wild species more easily.



Manyara's Secret Lodge

Manyara's Secret is an exclusive boutique lodge that overlooks Lake Manyara's National Park, a mere 15 minutes by car, and is close to Tarangire National Park, which is an hour's drive away. At the end of a wonderful day you can look forward to a delicious menu that is nothing short of delightful. Later you can relax in a bed of supreme luxury.

After dinner, you can sit together on your terrace or in your private plunge pool and unwind to the strange and magical sounds of Africa: the laugh of the hyena, the cry of an exotic night bird.

For couples who value their privacy, there are villas available with private plunge pools and for families we have villas where everyone can be together. The two-person villa has been designed for you to enjoy Manyara's Secret in complete privacy. There's a wonderfully luxurious bed, an indoor shower in your bathroom, but you can always choose to shower under the stars while you catch some breathtaking views of the savannah.



DAY 8: Tarangire National Park and Conserve Camp Tarangire



Tarangire National Park

Tarangire is one of my favourite parks and is the sixth largest park in the country with 2,850 square kilometres of wilderness.

Elephants, and other animals, are always confident of finding water in Tarangire and in the driest of seasons they will dig the river bed or visit the swamp, a sort of water tank for the region. In desperate times, the elephants will strip the bark from the Baobab trees that define Tarangire and squeeze out the water.



Conserve Camp Tarangire

Nestled among ancient baobabs and overlooking a seasonal riverbed, this gorgeous camp offers intimate, luxury tented accommodations with modern comforts and timeless charm.

Each accommodation is thoughtfully positioned to offer panoramic views of wildlife, vast plains, or mountains from your own private deck, fully immersing you in the wonder of the safari from the privacy of your own tent. The beds are made with premium bedding and the room furnished in locally inspired decor complete with an en-suite bathrooms with 24/7 hot water.

The camps prides itself on first class service with butler providing wake up morning coffee and tea, exquisite cuisine and a hand-selected choice of fine wines from a leading international sommelier.



DAY 9: Tarangire National Park and Ngare Sero Lodge



Tarangire National Park

There is something for everyone in Tarangire and for the ornithologists there are also almost 600 species of birds to admire. Being so large you need to spend time in Tarangire, exploring the different areas, and my personal favourite is Silale Swamp which has a wonderful picnic area.



Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge

Set in lush gardens amid forest and crystal clear waters on the slopes of Mount Meru, Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge is a wonderful place to relax and simmer in the immense beauty of East Africa. The Lodge has been adapted from an early colonial farmhouse built in the early 20th century and it is one of the oldest family lodges in Arusha. It offers 10 Garden Rooms, 2 Main House Suites and a Farm Cottage with 3 bedrooms. Ngare Sero has been providing personal service for its residents since 1974. Here you can spend the days amid nature, watching the changing colors of the Kilimanjaro glaciers while sipping drinks on the verandah or hiking in the forest inhabited by colobus and Sykes monkeys as well as hundreds of small animal and bird species. The Lodge is located only 30 minutes (20 km) away from Kilimanjaro International Airport and Arusha town centre and it is a perfect base while on safari in northern Tanzania.



DAY 10: Check Out and Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport



Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport

Sadly it is time to say goodbye and we hope that although you came as strangers, you will leave as dear friends of Tanzania and its marvellous people and we welcome you back again soon.

We will schedule a VIP transfer from your residence to the airport for your onward journey or flight home (approx 3 hour).

Safari njema!

