Tanzania Great Migration Camping Safari
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Visit national parks and unique tribes, see amazing wildlife and landscapes, and so much more...

Experience Tanzania national parks—from dense jungles to the endless expanse of the Serengeti

Visit the Maasai—One of Africa’s most famous and historic tribes. Sing and dance, see their beautiful jewelry and tour a traditional home

Spot cheetahs, leopards, lions and more from a guaranteed window seat as our experienced drivers take you off the well-traveled roads

Explore the Ngorongoro crater at sunrise before the crowds arrive, home to tons of lions and some of the last black rhinos in the world

So much wildlife, and a chance to witness one of the most spectacular mass migrations on the planet.

Enjoy picturesque picnic lunches in the parks near hippo pools, giraffes, baobab trees and peaceful lakes
Dates & Pricing

July 13-22, 2020
August 8-17, 2020

$2995 USD per person
(no single supplement!)

Limited to 18 Guests

*Custom dates/itineraries and private tours available
WHAT’S INCLUDED

- All Accommodations and Equipment
  (3 nights at a hotel, 6 nights camping)
- All meals included (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) except for arrival and departure days (one meal provided)
- All your National Park entrance fees in Tanzania (Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti)
- Unique activities with the Maasai tribe (dancing, singing, home tour and cultural exchange)
- A window-seat in a private Toyota Land Cruiser with a local guide/driver for all of your game drives and transportation in Tanzania
- Gondwana Ecotours pays for Carbon Offsetting for each guest and makes donations to the Maasai community development initiative
- A Safari cook and clean drinking water throughout the Safari
- All other listed activities and excursions, including Safaris and guided hikes
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
DAY ONE

After arriving in Tanzania, we will drive you to the Masailand Safari Lodge. It is near the airport, offering immediate relaxation after a long day of travel. This hotel has a serene and quiet atmosphere. Take this opportunity to unwind (maybe have a Kilimanjaro Lager) and rest up for the upcoming safari. Make sure your camera batteries are charged and your spirit is ready for an authentic introduction to the culture and wildlife of Tanzania.

Dinner included

DAY TWO

After breakfast today we depart for Arusha National Park. This park has amazing colobus monkey viewing, and giraffes, buffalos, hippos, hyenas, and zebras can all be seen around the lakes and craters. A real highlight of this park is the opportunity for a guided ranger hike followed by a picnic overlooking amazing landscapes and wildlife. Then take a lovely game-drive before returning to the hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

DAY THREE

We will drive southwest to Tarangire National Park, a hidden gem of Tanzania. Tarangire is a gorgeous landscape and sightings of lions and hyenas are very common amongst the baobab trees. Tarangire is also known for being home to some of the greatest concentrations of elephants in the world. You'll stop for a picnic, enjoy a guided game drive and camp for the night.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

DAY FOUR

After breakfast we will head to Ngorongoro to enjoy time near the incredibly scenic crater. Today’s activities include a Maasai village visit in Mto Wa Mbu with a visit to a local market.

At the Maasai Village you will have the opportunity to meet and talk to the tribe, see their traditionally made huts, visit a banana plantation where banana wine is made, as well as rent bicycles and ride around the area.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included
DAY FIVE
Head to Ngorongoro and explore the Empakaai Crater on a full-day hike. The steep slope calls for a degree of fitness, but the walk through the lush forest, is well worth the effort. The trail continues to the lakeshore, where you can view water birds such as flamingo. Along your hike you can spot a number of animals including blue monkeys, buffalo, and bushbucks. **For clients that do not wish to hike it is possible to do a game drive for a nominal fee of paying for park entrance with car. Costs split evenly between interested parties.**

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

DAY SIX
Enjoy a morning game drive of the bottom of the Ngorongoro Crater. This is the world’s largest unbroken caldera and is home to the critically endangered black rhinoceros, as well as one of the densest populations of lions in Africa.

Other animals to look out for are hippos, zebras and many more!

In the afternoon we head to the one and only Serengeti National Park, deep into the heart of wild Africa.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

DAY SEVEN
With over 14,500 square kms of land, every day spent in the Serengeti will bring a new landscape and new wildlife into focus.

Depending on the timing, you may get a chance to watch the unfolding of a year’s journey filled with drama and danger.

Watch as hundreds of thousands of wildebeests, zebras, and gazelles make their annual 500 mile journey, while cheetahs and hyenas pursue and crocodiles wait for a chance to prey.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

DAY EIGHT
Today you will spend your last full day exploring Serengeti National Park.

Watch out for lions with their cubs lounging on pride rocks, large groups of zebras clustering together for safety, and elephants and giraffes quietly reaching for and enjoying their tree-top meals.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included
DAY NINE

Enjoy an early morning game drive in Serengeti National Park, followed by lunch and transportation back to Arusha. This will be by Land Cruiser or by plane for an additional cost. We arrive in Arusha in time for a dinner and good night of rest.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

DAY TEN

After breakfast and a farewell with the group, you will be transferred to the airport for your departing flight.

Breakfast included

“Our guides were the best. They were professional, personable and very knowledgeable. They could spot animals where I’d swear there were none and could answer any question we asked. Thanks to Gondwana Ecotours, I just enjoyed the trip of a lifetime with memories that will last just a long. I strongly recommend that anyone planning a safari contact them first.”

—Sharon Duran
Check out our Gorilla Trekking trip in Rwanda and/or Uganda!

This pre/post trip extension can be done as a full 9 day itinerary or a shorter 4 day itinerary. It is an easy and affordable flight from Kilimanjaro airport to Kigali airport. Learn more at: https://www.gondwanaecotours.com/tour/gorilla-trekking-in-rwanda/
Accommodations & Meals
Accommodation

Masailand Safari Lodge
Nights 1, 2 & 9

Featuring free WiFi, an outdoor pool and a sun terrace, Masailand Safari Lodge offers accommodation in Arusha. Guests can enjoy the on-site restaurant. Each room at this hotel is air conditioned and features a TV and hot water kettle.

Camping - Nights 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8

Large private tents, camping seats, and camping mattresses are provided.

It is recommended to bring your own sleeping bag, however we can provide you one if necessary.

All of the campsites have showers and most have hot water. Please note that in the Serengeti the water for the showers will likely be cold. But it is warm outside, so it is not uncomfortable.

Meals

Having a safari cook allows you to relax between your busy safari schedule, so you can enjoy more time with friends.

Breakfast is usually continental (sausages, cereals, bread, tea, coffee and porridge) mixed with local staples (sweet potatoes, arrow roots and fruits).

Lunch is hot if eating at camp or cold when having a picnic.

Dinner is a mix of soups, bread, vegetables, starches, and proteins like beef/fish/chicken. Dessert is usually the cook’s surprise and often includes fresh fruit.

We offer vegetarian and vegan meals as well.
Victor “Safari”

Is from an Iraqw village near Lake Manyara. However, he was born on the road in Arusha and was thus given the local name Safari. Yes, his middle name is literally Safari. He now lives in Arusha with his wife and two children.

Victor received his veterinary science certificate from Babati College in 2002. After several years of working with animals he then studied to obtain his Tanzanian Driver/Guide Certificate.

Victor has worked for many high-end tour operating companies and has guided people from all different backgrounds and countries. Gondwana Ecotours is lucky to have such a fun, smart and personable guide as part of our team!

Tito “Eagle Eyes”

A man for every season, Tito is well known in the local tourism circuits. He has vast knowledge of the East African region and consistently leads safaris to Tanzania and Kenya.

His knowledge of both flora and fauna as well as the various cultures and traditions guarantees that you are in safe and reliable hands when riding with him. Tito was born in 1966 in Dodoma and attended Dodoma secondary school in 1982, and Mwika college of Tourism in 1990.

Noel “Chui”

Noel was born in 1973 and completed his high school education, graduating from Mbulu secondary school in 1994. He took his advanced Tour Guides Certificate at Mount Meru college of Tourism in Arusha in 2005. He is married and has 2 children.

Noel is a very friendly character with unbelievable sight who can spot seemingly hidden animals from hundreds of meters away!
Frequently Asked Questions

Is this trip for me?
Our Tanzania Wildlife Safari does not require high levels of physical fitness, but guests should expect to be sleeping in tents and having the occasionally cold shower.

To visit the Maasai village, guests should be prepared to be on their feet for at least a few hours, or be comfortable seated on the ground. Guests should be able to enter and exit a Toyota Land Cruiser, and feel okay walking around some uneven terrain at the campsites. There is also a walking safari, and guests will need to be able to hike on moderately difficulty trails, with a few inclines, for a few hours.

Contact us for more information.

When is the Great Migration?
“Will I see the Great Migration?” is a common question, and it is something that we can’t guarantee.

However the short answer is that the cyclical journey happens year round and depends on what you are interested in seeing!

How do I sign up?
To reserve your spot simply request (via phone or email) an invoice for your $500 deposit. This deposit is refundable for any reason within 30 days of booking. Upon signup we will send you our pre-trip guide to prepare you for the journey.

It contains booking terms, a packing list, health and safety tips, suggested reading and lots of other useful information. We will also send you links to to two easy forms to submit your personal information and flight details.

How likely am I to see Wildlife?
While it is nature and we cannot control the wildlife, it is highly likely that you will see many different species and lots of them!

It is not uncommon to see the big 5 species (rhinos being the most rare) on any given tour.