



Tanzanian Extensions

If you would like to extend your holiday then we would be delighted to arrange a safari and/or a trip to the relaxing spice island of Zanzibar for you. The itineraries below can be tailored to suit your needs and can be arranged for individual travellers as well as small groups. Please contact our office to discuss your plans.

Zanzibar – from £360 per person.

This famous spice island is a rich melting pot of cultures, heritage and history. Stone Town itself is full of beautifully intricate architecture and a bustling centre of trading activity with fishing dhows packing the harbour, street traders filling the maze of tiny alleyways and the atmospheric night market providing an exotic array of local delicacies at unbelievably cheap prices – fried grasshopper anyone? The East Coast has idyllic beaches with palm trees and the warm, blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The coral reef is not far and turtles and dolphins are often seen. Your accommodation will be in thatched houses placed around a lush tropical forest in the unspoilt village of Jambiani.

Day 1 Morning flight to Zanzibar. Overnight in Stone Town. *B*

Day 2 Transfer to Jambiani on the East Coast. Free time. *B*

Day 3 Free time on the East Coast for diving, snorkelling and relaxing. *B*

Day 4 Return to Stone Town. Transfer to Dar Es Salaam. Evening flight departure. *B*

Game Safari – from £510 per person.

Please note that Ngorongoro Park fees increase on the 1st July 2007 – please contact the office for up-to-date prices.

No visit to East Africa is complete without taking the opportunity to see some big game! Our short, but classic safari, combining trips to Tarangire National Park, the Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Manyara, offers an ideal opportunity to immerse yourself in this unique experience, with the opportunity to see all of the 'big five' game animals. Accommodation is in a small permanent tented camp in a peaceful location near Lake Manyara.

Although **Lake Manyara National Park** covers an area of only 318 sq. km, it has an impressive biological diversity that reflects the varied terrain. Large areas of groundwater forest with giant fig and mahogany trees alternate with acacia woodland and open grassland. The hippo pool is famous, as are the tree climbing lions, and many of the large mammals are also found here. Manyara is noted for its wealth of bird life and at times the lake is visited by many thousands of flamingos.

Ngorongoro Crater is a spectacular natural zoo with a resident population of over 20,000 animals. It is also one of the biggest calderas (collapsed volcanic craters) in the world with a diameter of about 18 km, and a depth of over 600 m. The approach road skirts the rim of the crater affording many breathtakingly scenic views over the Crater floor. This is one of the few places to see Black Rhinoceros in Tanzania and you will be unlucky not to see all the large plains animals.

Tarangire National Park is different from other parks in northern Tanzania with a wild character more reminiscent of reserves in southern Tanzania. The vegetation is denser than in Serengeti and includes acacia woodlands, riverine grasslands, and swamps. The principal feature is the Tarangire River, which during the dry season from July to November is an important water source for the animals. Tarangire supports all the large mammals, but denser vegetation makes predators such as lion and leopard more difficult to see. Elephants in



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herds of 20-odd animals are relatively common and kudu, eland, oryx and gerenuk are found here. The birdlife is as interesting as in Lake Manyara and the Baobab tree is widespread.

- Day 1** We drive from Arusha in the morning to Tarangire National Park (about 120km.), and spend most of the day gameviewing. We will hopefully see large herds of elephants along the river, a wide variety of habitat, and have time to enjoy the strange beauty of the baobab tree. Legend has it that a displeased God turned them upside down at the time of Creation! After the gamedrive, we continue to Mto Wa Mbu, where we overnight at Migunga Forest Camp. **BLD**
- Day 2** We leave early in the morning with a picnic lunch to get as much time as possible in Ngorongoro crater. Driving up the escarpment of the Great Rift Valley with excellent views over Lake Manyara, we continue to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The crater rim affords amazing views down in the crater itself. Game viewing inside the crater is fantastic, and the only animal you won't have chance to see is the giraffe. All the other animals are there; the big cats, the plain animals, elephants, buffalos, hippos, rhinos and also a rich birdlife, including many flamingoes. After a full day of game viewing, we return to Migunga Forest Camp. **BLD**
- Day 3** The last park we visit is Lake Manyara. Elephant families and giraffes are usually abundant, and so are warthogs and big baboons families. After having seen so many big animals, watching the baboons are fascinating. The birdlife in Lake Manyara is very varied, and while you are looking for the birds, you might spot one of the tree climbing lions, though they are often elusive. Late afternoon it's time to return to Arusha (about 120 km) or on to the airport. **BL**



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