Tarangiri, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater

A trip to East Africa is not complete without seeing some of the wildlife and scenery synonymous with the great open African Plains. We are therefore offering you the chance to unwind on safari after the exertions of your Kilimanjaro trek! We visit the famous Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangiri National Park and Lake Manyara National Park, all of which offer stunning scenery and the chance to see the big five: lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, as well as giraffe, zebra, hippopotamus and many species of antelope, monkey and smaller mammals and birdlife.

You will stay in a tented camp whilst on safari, with local guides and cooks to look after you. The guides are very knowledgeable about the flora and fauna you encounter, and will do their utmost to make sure you experience as much as possible of their wildlife, scenery and culture. This safari is a great way to fully round off your African experience!

The itinerary below gives you an idea of the main regions you will visit on safari, but please bear in mind that your guides will vary the exact locations you go to depending on local conditions and wildlife sightings. The actual itinerary is designed to be very flexible to maximise your time spent watching wildlife.

<u>ITINERARY</u> (adds 3 extra days)

Day 1: (Day 9 of main Machame trek itinerary / Day 10 of main Rongai trek itinerary)
We set off in the early morning (approx 8.30am) from Moshi, heading across the Rift Valley towards Tarangiri National Park, famous for its large elephant population. The Park also boasts an impressive array of birdlife and we spend the afternoon on a game drive exploring the park.
We camp in a tented camp just outside Karatu; breakfast, lunch and dinner included

Day 2: (Day 10 of main Machame trek itinerary / Day 11 of main Rongai trek itinerary)
An early start (approx 7.30am) takes us to the rim of Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Named after the sounds made by the Masai tribes' ear adornments, Ngorongoro is the sunken crater (known as a caldera) of an extinct volcano that forms a perfect natural depression keeping the resident animals enclosed. Here we are guaranteed to see big game close up: lion, buffalo, wildebeest, zebra and elephant to name but a few. We spend the whole day inside the crater with an extended lunch stop which mirrors the activity of the animals by staying out of the midday sun! This is a truly incredible experience and not to be missed.
We leave the park at around 5pm to return to our tented camp; breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 3:
A very early start (05:30) sees us dropping back down into the Rift Valley to visit Lake Manyara National Park, famed for its tree-dwelling lions! Once inside the Park we drive to an elevated view point for a spot of breakfast and to watch the sun rising over the plains below - incredible! After a game drive around the park (keeping an eye out for any wagging branches) we return to our camp for some lunch and maybe a little siesta! In the afternoon we return to Moshi via the craft markets and stalls of Mto wa Mbu. If time allows we will stop off at a snake park along the way. We will arrive back at around 6:30pm and spend one final night in Moshi.
Dinner NOT included.
Night in hotel Moshi; breakfast and lunch included.

Days 4 – 5:
Free morning to chill out in the hotel or to explore the shops and markets of Moshi before an afternoon departure to Kilimanjaro International Airport and our flight back to London! Arrive UK early Day 5 (dependent on flight schedules). *Breakfast included.*

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In Camp:
Your safari camps are beautifully situated but still fairly rustic! You will stay at campsites with chairs and tables; washing facilities including showers (no hot water)! Meals are prepared by excellent local cooks and there is plenty to eat!

Cost per person: £699.00 *(2013 prices subject to change)*
Minimum number of people for extension to run: 2

What's Included:

- All tents and camping equipment on safari except for sleeping bag and sleeping mat
- Accommodation in 3* hotel in twin/double room on Day 3, including breakfast
- All meals as in itinerary
- Any park entry fees mentioned in itinerary
- All transportation including transfer to the airport on Day 4
- Local English-speaking guides

What's Excluded:

- International departure airport tax if applicable
- Dinner on Day 3, lunch Day 4
- Any personal spending money
- Tips for safari drivers / guides

You will need to have:

T Shirts
Fleece or jacket
Underwear
Suncreen and lip salve
Sleeping bag and sleeping mat
Malaria tablets
Camera in plastic bag
Shorts
Long-sleeved shirt
Wash kit and wet wipes
Sun hat
Binoculars
Insect repellent
Light shoes/walking boots/trainers
Light trousers
Raincoat
Water bottle
Small day pack for during the day

Health and Vaccinations:
We highly recommend that you have had a tetanus injection and vaccinations against hepatitis A, typhoid, polio and yellow fever, which should all be available from your GP or travel clinic. You also need protection against malaria while you are on this safari, so make sure you know how far in advance to start prophylaxis and remember to take them! The best protection against malaria is to avoid getting bitten, so use plenty of insect repellent (unperfumed is best when trying to watch wildlife) and cover up arms and legs, especially wrists and ankles, in the early morning and late afternoon/evening. Always check first with your GP or travel clinic for the latest information on health conditions in the regions you are visiting.

Weather:
It is likely to be hot while you are on safari, with a lot of dust if it has been dry for some time. Wear a sun hat with a wide brim and drink plenty of water. Rain is unlikely but possible, so be prepared!

Min/Max temp & average rainfall

September	16-28ºC; 10mm
October	17-31ºC; 20mm
January	18-34ºC; 30mm
February	18-34ºC; 50mm
March	19-32ºC; 110mm