

# TRACKS OF AFRICA SAFARI ADVENTURE

## BASIC SOUTH MIGRATION TOUR ITINERARY



An extraordinary journey to discover the beginning of the eternal cycle of the Great Migration, where life and death meet: the exciting "synchronized" parts of wildebeest and zebras.





### DAY 1 · ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT AND TRANSFER TO THE LODGE IN ARUSHA

Upon arriving at Kilimanjaro (or Arusha) airport, just outside the main exit, you will be met by our guide who will take you to your Lodge in Arusha. If you have time available, you can take a tour of the city, accompanied by our guide. Alternatively, relax at your hotel with dinner and overnight stay.





#### DAY 2 · THE PARADISE OF BIODIVERSITY

Depart early in the morning to cross the Great Rift Valley to Lake Manyara National Park, where you will take the day safari. (Approximate transfer time Arusha • Manyara: 2 hrs 30 mins) Lake Manyara is one of the smallest parks in Tanzania (330 square kilometers), but it has much to offer. The lake and the surrounding area constitute an ecosystem renowned for its wealth of plant and animal species. The vegetation is very diverse, with areas of evergreen forests, stretches of savanna, swamps and hot springs (Maji Moto). Wildlife includes numerous elephants, baboons, wildebeests, zebras, giraffes, hippos, large flocks of pink flamingos and other species. The park is also home to leopards, hyenas and the famous Manyara lions, which have, in this area, a habit of climbing trees. At the end of the game drive transfer to Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay in Karatu. (Approximate transfer time Manyara • Karatu: 1 hr)





#### DAY 3 · AFRICA'S "BIG FIVE" REFUGE

In the morning, immediately after breakfast, you will begin the game drive in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, declared a WORLD HERITAGE OF HUMANITY (UNESCO 1978) AND INTERNATIONAL BIOSPHERE RESERVE (1981). (Approximate transfer time Karatu • Ngorongoro Conservation Area: 30 mins) The area has become a true ecosystem, thanks to good rainfall, ponds, small inland lakes and streams, and night fog that surrounds and feeds the forests on the slopes of its famous crater. After a brief stop at the crater rim, you will descend to the bottom of the caldera for a game drive dedicated to discovering one of the most beautiful places on Earth, where nature is sovereign and "unchanged by time." The 264-square-kilometer caldera has the highest concentration of wildlife on the continent. It is one of the very rare places where black rhino can be encountered. After lunch near the enchanting hippo lake, you will travel up the crater to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay between Lake Ndutu and the South Serengeti. (Approximate transfer time Ngorongoro Crater • Ndutu: 2 hrs 30 mins)

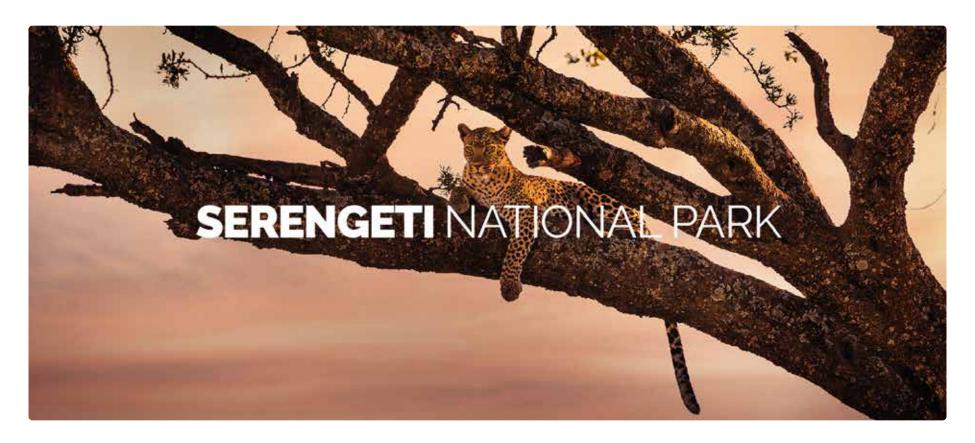




#### DAY 4 · ON THE ROUTE OF THE GREAT MIGRATION

A busy day of sightings awaits you! In the period between December and May, the Great Migration is found in this area. The period coincides with the time of pup births; witnessing it is a unique thrill, not least because of the high presence of felines trying to take advantage of the abundance of herbivores to feast. The low grass plains of this area, also attract high numbers of Thomson's gazelles and cheetahs that follow their migration to Lake Ndutu. Late afternoon return to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay.



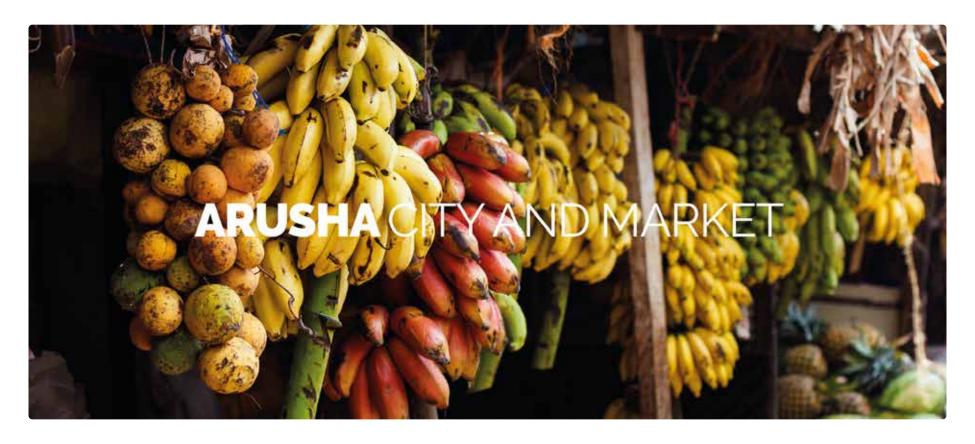


#### DAYS 5 AND 6 • THE LAND OF GREAT MIGRATION AND BIG CATS

Depart in the morning for the Serengeti, considered the most famous national park in the world, the cradle of the Great Migration, where one of the most impressive natural cycles on the planet is renewed every year: tens of thousands of ungulates move, guided by the primordial instinct for survival, in constant search of new pastures. The landscape, dotted with large acacias and Kopjes (ancient rock piles), is an ideal habitat for big cats. As you move deeper into the heart of the Serengeti, you will understand why the name means, in the Maasai language, "boundless plain." Your safari will continue, thanks to the skill of our guide, to explore the park where there will be no shortage of opportunities for sightings of giraffe and elephant families, large herds of lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, and smaller ones such as foxes, mongooses, honey badgers, jackals, along with more than 500 species of birds. The game drive will end in the afternoon with a transfer to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay.

The following day will be entirely dedicated to exploring the park with morning and afternoon safaris. Late afternoon return to Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay.





#### DAY 7 · BACK TO ARUSHA/KILIMANJARO AIRPORT

In the morning, after a short game drive, you will return to Arusha/Kilimanjaro in the late afternoon to catch your return flight.

Along the way you will have the opportunity to indulge in shopping for gifts and souvenirs in the quaint local stores and bazaars.

(Approximate transfer time Serengeti • Arusha: 6 hrs • Serengeti • Kilimanjaro Airport: 7 hrs) However, we are flexible and available in case of special needs, such as early flight or other.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO COMBINE THIS SAFARI WITH AN EXTENDED SEA STAY IN ZANZIBAR.



#### **INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE**

- Taxes and entrance fees for parks (including Ngorongoro crater)
- •4WD Land Cruiser vehicle with raised safari roof, unlimited mileage and guide/driver (English, Italian, French and Spanish speaking)
- Electric charging sockets on board, Wi-Fi, refrigerator and binoculars
- Full board in the proposed lodges, hotels and tented camps or similar category (excluding drinks unless otherwise indicated when booking)
- On vehicle during safari snacks, water and soft drinks included
- Emergency evacuation insurance from AMREF Flying Doctors

#### **NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE**

- •International and domestic flights
- Meals and drinks outside the safari (unless otherwise noted)
- Travel and personal accident insurance
- International visa for Tanzania, vaccinations, medications
- Optional excursions/activities not detailed in the itinerary
- Any additional services required
- Possible introduction of new or increased government taxes and fuel, cost of entrance fees to various tourist sites, parks or wildlife reserves of which we are not aware at the time of processing the fees
- Surcharge during the Christmas and New Year period



