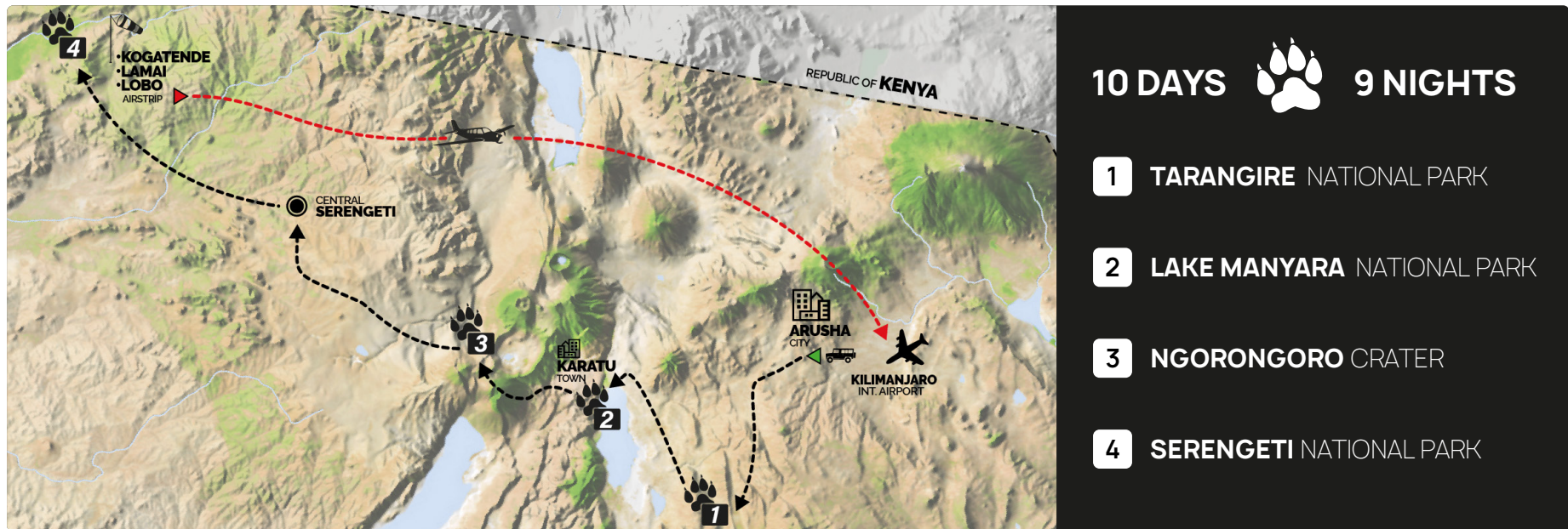




**TRACKS** OF AFRICA  
SAFARI ADVENTURE

# PREMIUM NORTH MIGRATION TOUR ITINERARY



An exclusive tour to witness the most emblematic moment of the Great Migration: the crossing of the herds on the Mara River. Premium category accommodation has been carefully selected to offer the highest quality service and luxury with reduced environmental impact, where modern design and African style blend together.



## **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 the hotel with dinner and overnight stay.



## **DAYS 2 AND 3 • THE KINGDOM OF ELEPHANTS AND BAOBABS**

Early in the morning, immediately after breakfast, you set off to explore the beautiful Tarangire National Park. **(Approximate transfer time Arusha • Tarangire: 2 hrs 30 mins)** The park, dotted with huge baobabs, covers an area of 2850 square kilometres and includes the Tarangire River, where huge herds of zebra, wildebeest, oryx, water antelope, lesser kudu, giraffe, buffalo and their natural predators such as lions, leopards and wild dogs congregate, especially during the dry season. The Tarangire is also known to have the highest concentration of elephants in the world and is considered by many to be the best destination in Tanzania for birdwatchers: over 450 species of birds can be spotted there. After lunch on one of the many natural terraces with breathtaking views of the river and surrounding nature. The safari will continue in the afternoon with the transfer to Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight.

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.



## DAY 4 • THE PARADISE OF BIODIVERSITY

Depart early in the morning to cross the Great Rift Valley to Lake Manyara National Park, where you will go on day safari. **(Approximate transfer time Tarangire • Manyara: 2 hrs 30 mins)** Lake Manyara is one of the smallest parks in Tanzania (330 square km), 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 savannah, swamps and hot springs (Maji Moto). The fauna 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 a habit of climbing trees in this area. At the end of the game drive transfer to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight in Karatu. **(Approximate transfer time Manyara • Karatu: 1 hr)**



## DAY 5 • AFRICA'S "BIG FIVE" REFUGE

In the morning, immediately after breakfast, you will begin your 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 the night mist that surrounds and feeds the forests on the slopes of its famous crater. After a short 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-kilometre caldera has the highest concentration of wildlife on the continent. It is one of the very rare places where it is possible to encounter the black rhinoceros. After lunch near the enchanting hippo lake, you will ascend the crater to leave the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and return to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight. **(Approximate transfer time Ngorongoro Crater • Karatu: 1 hr 30 mins)**



## **DAYS 6 AND 7 • DISCOVERING THE INFINITE PLAINS**

Early in the morning, you will depart for Tanzania's most famous park: the Serengeti. **(Approximate transfer time Karatu • Serengeti: 3 hrs)** During the drive, you will be able to admire the dense forest of tall trees and the vastness of the crater from above, as you pass through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. As you progress towards the Serengeti, you will understand why the name means 'endless plain' in the local language. The Serengeti is considered the world's most famous national park, the cradle of the Great Migration, where one of the planet's most impressive natural cycles takes place every year: tens of thousands of ungulates move, driven by the primordial instinct to survive, in constant search of new pastures. The landscape, dotted with large acacias and Kopjes (ancient rock piles), is the ideal habitat for the big cats. The safari will end in the afternoon with a transfer to Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight.

The next day will be entirely dedicated to exploring the central Serengeti. In the Seronera Valley, along the banks of the river of the same name, you will have the chance to see leopards climbing the sausage trees, observe the numerous herds of lions on the Moru kopjes and, with a little luck, even spot a black rhino. Finally, you can get out of the car at the famous hippo pool and approach it to peer at the many hippos huddled there. The safari will end in the afternoon with a return to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight.



## **DAYS 8 AND 9 • NORTHWARD ON THE TRACKS OF HERBIVORES TO THE MARA RIVER**

In the morning, your safari will continue to explore the park until you reach the far north, where the herbivores prepare to cross the Mara River between July and October. During the game drive 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 day will end with a transfer to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight.

The following day will be entirely dedicated to the search for one of the best known, but also one of the fiercest natural spectacles of the animal world: river crossing by herbivores. The waters are infested with crocodiles waiting for their prey. The lack of rain at this time forces the herds to stop and graze in the Masai Mara, on the border with Kenya, and then return to the central Serengeti following the short rains of the season. At this time of year, in the northern part of the park, the concentration of large predators is very high and, in a single day, sightings of cheetahs, leopards and herds of hyenas and lions could number dozens. In the afternoon, return to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight.





## **DAY 10 • KILIMANJARO AIRPORT RETURN**

After breakfast, transfer to the Airstrip and scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro Airport. **(Approximate flight time: 1 hr 30 mins)** Arrive at the airport and meet with the hotel driver for private transfer to Airport Planet Lodge. Lunch and room at disposal until departure. Approximately two hours before the flight, meet with the driver for the transfer to Kilimanjaro airport in time for baggage handling on the return flight.

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
- Domestic flight to Kilimanjaro Airport
- Hotel transfers to/from Kilimanjaro Airport
- Emergency evacuation insurance from AMREF Flying Doctors

## NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- International 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
- Possible surcharge during the Christmas and New Year period

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