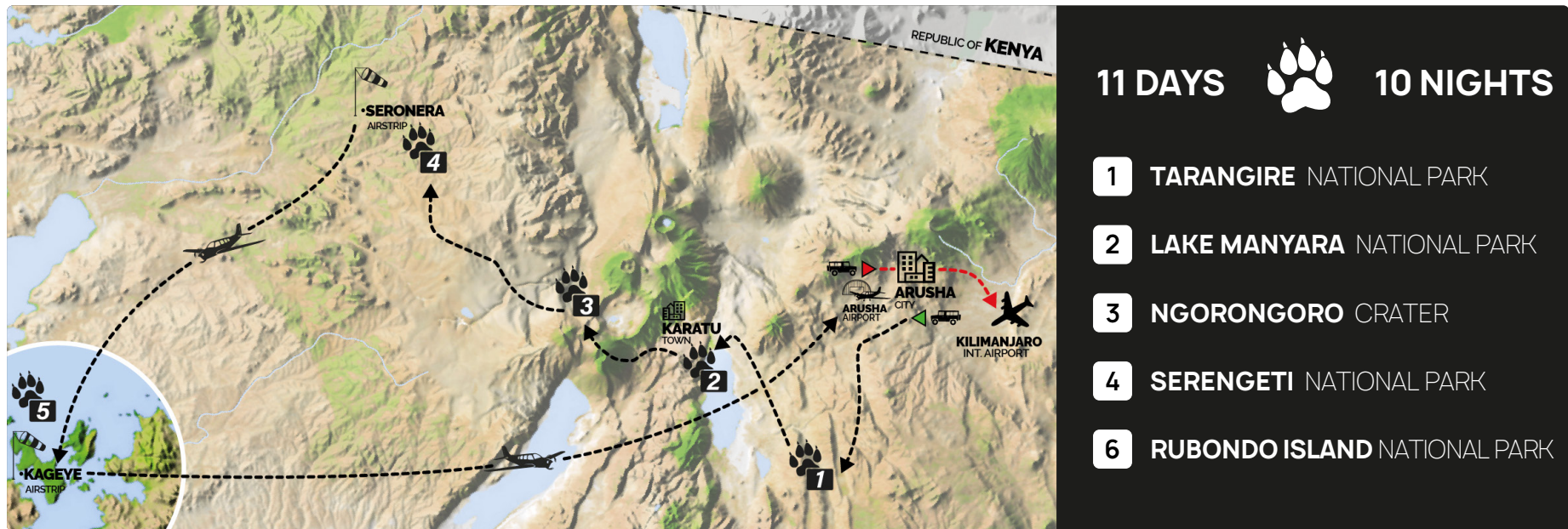




TRACKS OF AFRICA
SAFARI ADVENTURE

PREMIUM RUBONDO ISLAND TOUR ITINERARY



PRIVATE SAFARI WITH A MINIMUM OF 4 PARTICIPANTS

An exclusive tour to visit the most important parks in northern Tanzania: the Tarangire, Lake Manyara, the Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti. With an extension to Rubondo, the island famous for its national park habitat of rare species such as chimpanzees, it is one of Tanzania's most unique and wild destinations. 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 TARANGIRE PARK

On arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport, just outside the main exit, you will be met by our guide. After a short briefing you will depart for Tarangire National Park. **(Approximate transfer time Kilimanjaro Airport • Tarangire: 3 hrs)** Arrive late afternoon at the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight in the park.



DAY 2 • THE KINGDOM OF ELEPHANTS AND BAOBABS

Early in the morning, after breakfast, you will begin your game drive in the Tarangire Park. 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. The safari will end in the afternoon with a return to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight.



DAY 3 • 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 Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. **(Approximate transfer time Manyara • Ngorongoro Conservation Area: 1 hrs 30 mins)**



DAY 4 • THE REFUGE OF THE AFRICAN "BIG FIVE"

Immediately after breakfast, you will descend to the bottom of the crater 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 is part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, declared a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE 1978 AND INTERNATIONAL BIOSPHERE RESERVE 1981, and 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 return to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight.



SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

DAYS 5, 6 AND 7 • THE LAND OF THE GREAT MIGRATION AND FELINES

Departure 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 the ideal habitat for the big cats. As you move deeper into the heart of the Serengeti, you will understand why the name means 'boundless plain' in the Maasai language. 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 in the park. **(Approximate transfer time Ngorongoro Crater • Serengeti: 2 hrs 30 mins)**

The next two days 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 bit of 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.

Depending on your preferences, you can arrange with your guide some options for structuring the days. You can choose to spend the whole day immersed in the park enjoying a picnic lunch in front of spectacular scenery or return to camp for lunch and some free time between the morning and afternoon safaris.



RUBONDO ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

DAYS 8, 9 AND 10 • CHIMPANZEE ISLAND

In the morning you will be taken to the Seronera Airstrip to catch the flight that will take you to the wild island of Rubondo. **(Approximate flight time Seronera • Rubondo: 1 h 10 mins)** Once you have landed, you will be met outside the airport by the Lodge staff, who will take you to your accommodation.

The Rubondo Island National Park is the largest island park in the world. The island, covered mainly by dense subtropical forest and surrounded by beaches and rocky inlets, offers one of the wildest and most unspoilt areas in Africa. The park is home to the wild chimpanzee, introduced here in the 1960s to take advantage of the island's remote and protected habitat.

On these days, depending on your needs, you will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as: game drives with an open vehicle, walking safaris in the forest accompanied by an expert guide, and boat safaris to explore the sandy shores of Lake Victoria.

In addition, you will participate in an exciting and extraordinary trek into the island's pristine rainforest to observe chimpanzees in their natural habitat. Sightings of these primates are not guaranteed, however a visit during the dry season, from June to October, offers a better chance of encountering them.

On the last day after lunch you will be taken to the Airstrip to catch your flight to Arusha. **(Approximate flight time Rubondo • Arusha: 3 hrs 5 mins)** Once you land, you will be met outside the airport by our guide, who will take you to the Lodge in Arusha for dinner and overnight.



DAY 11 • TRANSFER TO KILIMANJARO AIRPORT

On this final day you will have a tour of the town, accompanied by your guide. After lunch you will return to Kilimanjaro to catch your return flight.

(Approximate transfer time Arusha • Kilimanjaro Airport: 1 h)

We are however flexible and available in case of special requirements, such as an earlier flight or other.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO COMBINE THIS SAFARI WITH A BEACH HOLIDAY EXTENSION 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
- Domestic flights Seronera/Rubondo/Arusha
- Transfers to/from Rubondo airstrip
- Rubondo Island: chimpanzee trekking, game drives, walking safaris and boat safaris

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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