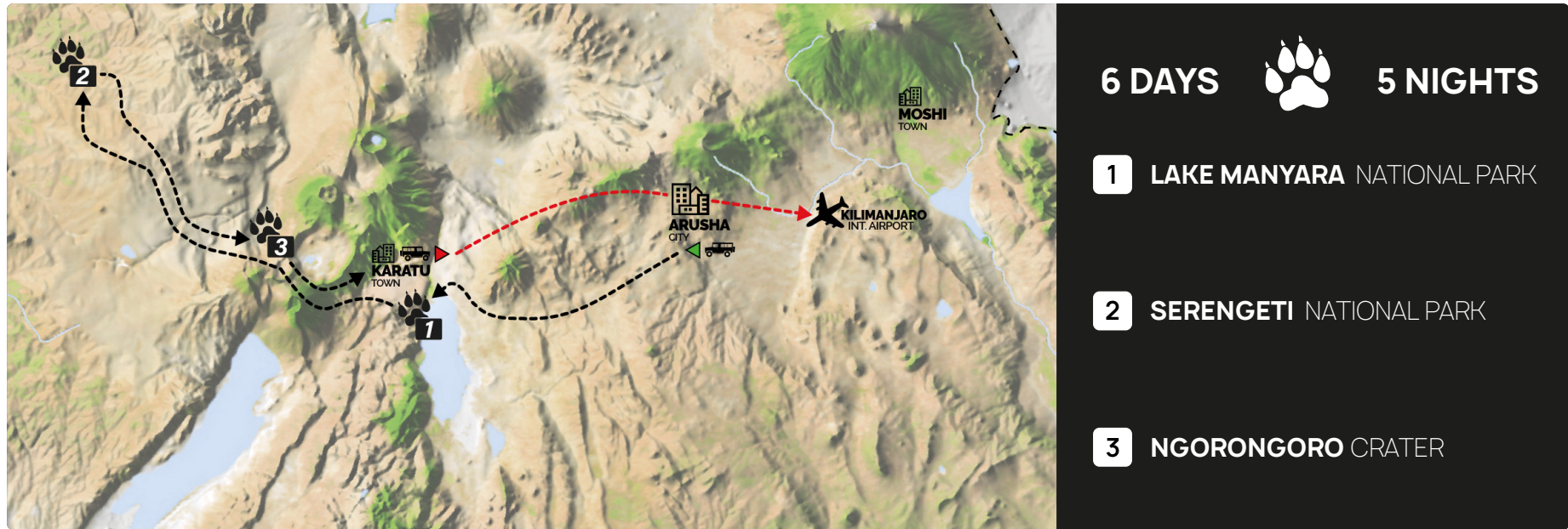




TRACKS OF AFRICA
SAFARI ADVENTURE

THE ESSENCE TOUR ITINERARY



The perfect tour for those who have little time but do not want to miss out on visiting the world's most famous park: the Serengeti.



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.



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)**



DAYS 3 AND 4 • THE LAND OF GREAT MIGRATION AND BIG CATS

Early in the morning, you will leave to reach Tanzania's most famous park: the Serengeti. **(Approximate time Manyara • Serengeti transfer: 4 hrs)** During the transfer you will have a chance to admire, as you pass through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the dense forest of tall trees and the vastness of the crater from above. As you progress toward the Serengeti, you will understand why the name means, in the local language, "endless plain." The Serengeti is 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, driven by the primal instinct to survive, in constant search of new pastures. The landscape, dotted with large acacias and Kopjes (ancient rock piles), is an ideal habitat for big cats. The safari will end in the afternoon with a transfer to Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay within the park.

The following day will be entirely dedicated to the discovery of the park where there will be no shortage of opportunities for sightings of giraffe and elephant families, the 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 safari will end in the afternoon with a return to the Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay.



NGORONGORO CRATER

DAY 5 • AFRICA'S "BIG FIVE" REFUGE

Early in the morning, immediately after breakfast, you will begin the game drive leaving the Serengeti to reach the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, declared a WORLD HERITAGE OF HUMANITY (UNESCO 1978) AND INTERNATIONAL BIOSPHERE RESERVE (1981). **(Approximate transfer time Serengeti • Ngorongoro Conservation Area: 2 hrs 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. The safari will continue by descending to the bottom of the caldera for an entire afternoon 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. In the late afternoon, we will drive up the crater to leave the Ngorongoro Conservation Area with transfer to Lodge/Tented Camp for dinner and overnight stay in Karatu. **(Approximate transfer time Ngorongoro Crater • Karatu: 1 hr 30 mins)**



DAY 6 • BACK TO ARUSHA/KILIMANJARO AIRPORT

Later in the day you will return to Arusha 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 Karatu • Arusha: 2 hrs 30 mins • Karatu • Kilimanjaro Airport: 3 hrs 30 mins)

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

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