





Itinerary

DIRECT

5 DAYS SAFARI – NOVEMBER GROUP

Validity:

Arrival at: ARUSHA TOWN

Departure from: ARUSHA TOWN

5 DAYS PROGRAM SAFARI

Itinerary at a glance

Day	Location	Overnight
1	KARATU	OCTAGON LODGE
2	SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK	CONSERVE SAFARI
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4	KARATU	OCTAGON LODGE

Details

Day 1

FROM ARUSHA TOWN TO TARANGIRE NATION PARK

Start your journey from Arusha with an early departure, heading southwest toward Tarangire National Park. The drive takes a couple of hours through changing landscapes, gradually opening into the dry savannah that Tarangire is known for. After entering the park, ease into a relaxed game drive, following the Tarangire River where wildlife tends to gather. You'll likely see large elephant herds, giraffes, zebras, and, if you're lucky, predators resting in the shade of the iconic baobab trees. A packed lunch can be enjoyed at one of the designated picnic spots inside the park, surrounded by nature.

Continue exploring the park at an unhurried pace, taking different tracks and stopping whenever wildlife sightings catch your attention. As the day winds down, exit the park and make your way toward Karatu, passing local villages and farmland along the Great Rift Valley escarpment. The drive is scenic and gives a glimpse of everyday life in northern Tanzania.

Arrive at Octagon Lodge in the evening, where you can settle in, enjoy a warm meal, and rest in a peaceful garden setting after a full day of safari.

ACCOMMODATION: Octagon lodge

Day 2

DEPERT FROM KARATU TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Your journey begins in Karatu, where you leave behind the lush highlands and head toward the stunning Ngorongoro Conservation Area. As the road winds upward, the air cools and dense forests surround you, occasionally opening to views of Maasai homesteads and grazing cattle.

Along the way, a pause at the Ngorongoro Crater Viewpoint reveals a breathtaking panorama of the crater below—an unforgettable highlight of the route.

Continuing onward, the landscape gradually shifts from forested highlands to wide, open plains. Wildlife sightings begin to appear more frequently as

you approach the gates of Serengeti National Park, entering through Naabi Hill. From here, the iconic Serengeti stretches endlessly, dotted with acacia trees and roaming herds.

As you make your way toward Serengeti Central, the drive itself becomes a game-viewing experience. It's common to encounter lions resting in the shade, giraffes moving gracefully across the plains, and elephants wandering in small groups.

By the time you arrive in the Seronera area, the heart of the Serengeti, the richness of wildlife and the calm of the landscape create the perfect setting to unwind. You settle in for the night at a conservation-minded lodge, where comfort blends with sustainability and respect for the surrounding environment.

As evening falls, the sounds of the wild take over, offering a peaceful and authentic overnight experience in one of Africa's most iconic ecosystems.

ACCOMMODATION: Conserve Safari Camp

Meals: Full board

Day 3

FULL DAY IN SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, the day begins in the heart of Serengeti Central, where the wildlife activity steadily builds across the open plains. The Seronera Valley, known for its permanent water sources, draws a rich variety of animals, making it one of the most rewarding areas for game viewing in Serengeti National Park.

As you explore the savannah, the landscape comes alive with movement—lions resting beneath acacia trees, elephants crossing the plains, and large herds of wildebeest and zebras grazing in the distance. The rocky kopjes provide shelter for predators such as leopards, while cheetahs may be spotted scanning the horizon in search of prey.

The experience flows at a relaxed pace, allowing time to appreciate both the wildlife and the vast beauty of the Serengeti. Each moment offers something unique, from close-up encounters to sweeping views of endless grasslands.

Later, you return to your lodge or camp in the central Serengeti for another overnight stay. Comfortable and conservation at Conserve Serengeti.

As evening settles in, the quiet sounds of the wild and the open night sky provide a peaceful and memorable end to the day.

ACCOMMODATION: Conserve Safari

Camp Meals PLAN: Full board

Day 4

DEPART FROM SERENGETI TO NGORONGORO CRATER WITH MAASAI BOMA ACTIVITIES

Depart from Serengeti National Park after breakfast, beginning a scenic drive toward Ngorongoro Crater. The journey takes you across the vast Serengeti plains, gradually transitioning into the greener highlands of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Along the way, there are still good chances to spot wildlife, making the drive feel like an extended game drive.

Before reaching the crater, stop at a traditional Maasai Boma for a cultural visit. You'll be welcomed with Maasai songs and dances, and a local guide will walk you through the village, explaining their way of life, house construction, and traditions. There's time to interact, ask questions, and explore handmade beadwork and crafts created by the community.

Continue onward to the crater rim, where you can pause briefly to take in the spectacular view over the caldera. Then descend into the crater for a game drive across its diverse landscapes—open grasslands, swamps, and a soda lake. Wildlife viewing here is exceptional, with opportunities to see lions, buffalo, zebras, wildebeest, and possibly even a black rhino. Around stop at a picnic site near a hippo pool for lunch.

After exploring the crater, ascend back up to the rim in the afternoon and begin the short drive to Karatu. Arrive at your accommodation in the evening, where you can relax and enjoy dinner after a full day combining wildlife and cultural experiences.

ACCOMMODATION: Octagon lodge

MEAL PLAN: Full board

Day 5

LAKE EYASI ACTIVITIES DRIVE BACK TO ARUSHA TOWN

From Karatu, depart in the morning and drive toward Lake Eyasi, located south of the Ngorongoro highlands. The road descends into a more remote and dry landscape, offering a completely different atmosphere from the lush crater region.

Spend a few hours around the lake, which is known for its cultural experiences and unique environment. Depending on arrangements, you can visit

local communities such as the Hadzabe hunter-gatherers or Datoga people, learning about their traditional way of life, hunting techniques, and survival skills. Even without a full cultural program, the lake itself is peaceful, with wide open views, birdlife, and a raw, untouched feel.

After your visit, begin the drive back toward Arusha. The journey takes you back through Karatu and Mto wa Mbu, climbing up from the lake's basin into the greener highlands before descending again toward the plains around Arusha. You'll arrive by late afternoon or early evening, marking a calm and scenic end to the excursion.
Then drive back to Arusha town

Property descriptions

OCTAGON LODGE

<https://octagonlodge.com/>



Octagon Lodge is a small and private lodge located twenty minutes from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Gate in Karatu, Tanzania. Ideal for visitors on a trip, it is situated amidst colorful and exotic gardens and provides a perfect base for visiting the Northern Parks of Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti.

CONSERVE SAFARI

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Each accommodation is thoughtfully positioned to offer panoramic views of wildlife, vast plains, or mountains, fully immersing you in the wonder of the safari from the privacy of your own tent. We take pride in delivering seamless service, meticulously attending to every detail. Our team balances attentiveness with your desire for undisturbed relaxation and peaceful seclusion. We prioritize privacy, providing personal space to enjoy the safari undisturbed. Our camps offer tranquil retreat, with social areas for those desiring a more interactive experience.

Locations

KARATU



Visitors on their way to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater pass through the town of Karatu under the benevolent peak of Ol Deani on their way through the northern highlands After climbing the Manyara Escarpment the vegetation becomes more lush and green finally entering into the highlands around Karatu The extinct volcano of Ol Deani has gentle slopes and it is a prominent feature of the landscape
In the past the area around Karatu and Ol Deani was of great importance to the German colonial administration The area's cool climate verdant hills

and pleasing views make it popular with settlers and farmers Vast and extensive fields cover the slopes of the volcano and the lands around Karatu town Coffee was a main crop grown for export and a few large farms that remained in private hands still cultivate the cash crop on the hills and small valleys outside of town Karatu offers splendid views of the northern highlands and is a popular base for visitors on their way to Ngorongoro Crater

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK



Serengeti, Tanzania's most famous and largest national park, spans 14,763 square kilometers and borders Kenya's Maasai Mara Game Park. Its vast plains, dotted with acacia trees and stone kopjes, create a classic image of untamed Africa. The Serengeti supports a diverse range of wildlife, including lions, elephants, giraffes, gazelles, and more. The annual wildebeest migration, a Natural Wonder of Africa, draws visitors worldwide to witness over a million animals journeying for fresh pasture. This migration supports the entire ecosystem, feeding predators like lions, birds of prey, and crocodiles. The park features varied ecosystems, including the popular Seronera area, the Grumeti River known for dramatic river crossings, and the remote Maswa Game Reserve. Hot-air balloon safaris over the Serengeti offer a unique perspective of the plains and its wildlife, providing an unforgettable experience of Africa's wilderness.

Vehicle

Prices

Type	Pax	Per Person	Amount
Person in Single	7	1,469	10,283
Total in USD			10,283

Variations

OPTION - FLIGHT

ARK / ZNZ – USD 232
ZNZ / ARK: USD 223

Price includes

- National Park entrance fee as detailed above such as Ngorongoro Crater entrance and crater service fee, Tarangire National Park, Serengeti National park
- Private safari cars during safari Land Cruiser 4WD with the top up the roof, fridge to cool your
- drinks, guaranteed window seat to each person, and seat belt.
- 2 Litres of water per day per person
- Professional and licensed English-speaking guide.
- Accommodation sharing rooms and meals as detailed above.
- Private airport transfers as detailed from the program
- Tips for Hoteliers
- Service Charges our offer includes the planning, handling, operational, and communication charges and current VAT Taxes

Price excludes

- Tips for drivers
- Alcohol and laundry
- Tanzania Visa – you can apply online via the link.
- International flights
- Travel and medical Insurance
- All that is not mentioned above

Notes

PAYMENT POLICY

The company will only confirm the booking once has received a 30% prepayment to our Bank account details for your clients the remaining full payment must be made in one month before the date of arrival or cash on arrival.

African Queen Adventures reserves the right to amend any reservations should final payment not be made on time.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of cancellations, African Queen Adventures has the following conditions:

Cancellation 0-9 days prior to arrival: 100%.

Cancellation 10-19 days prior to arrival: 50%.

Cancellation 20-29 days prior to arrival: 25%.

Cancellation Over 30 days or more prior to arrival: full refund.

For group bookings - Prepayment and non-refundable.

There is absolutely no refund when clients decide to terminate safari when it has already started.

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Any refund which has been agreed with the management of the company will be processed within 20 days.

WHAT TO PACK FOR SAFARI IN TANZANIA

It will be hot on most safaris, so carry sun protection and wear light, neutral-colored clothing. These natural colours will help you blend in with the surroundings. Because temperatures might decrease at night, long-sleeved shirts and long pants are essential. Wear a variety of layers that you can remove or add as needed.

Don't over pack because the amount of luggage you can bring on the smaller planes and safari vehicles is limited. In any case, you'll probably only utilize around half of what you brought. It's worth noting that there are some larger grocery stores and pharmacies in Arusha where you can still get a lot of products if necessary.

SAFARI PACKING LIST

- One small day pack
- Sunscreen
- Lip Balm with SPF
- Bug spray DEET
- Anti-malarial meds check with travel doctor before your trip
- Insect repellent
- Basic toiletries
- Cameras
- Chargers

- Spare memory card
- Head lamps torches
- Sunhat or cap
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars
- Universal adapters
- First aid kit: painkillers, antidiarrheal, hand sanitizer, malaria medication, anti-bacterial medicine.

CLOTHES AND SHOES.

- Good pair of trainers sneakers or hiking shoes
- Comfortable walking shoes: sneakers or hiking shoes.
- Sandals or flip flops: when you go for a swim or relax at your lodge tented camp.
- Socks
- Cotton clothes in light tones
- Shorts, t-shirts 3 pair sleeved shirts and a pair of long trousers
- Waterproof jacket
- Fleece or light sweater
- Swimsuit

DOCUMENTS

- Passport valid a minimum of 6 months prior to entry
- Flight tickets
- Tanzanian visa you can get it on arrival at the airport

RECOMMENDED WEIGHT IN LOCAL FLIGHT

- Domestic Travel within Tanzania 23Kg
- Baggage more than 23Kg but less than 32kg Extra Charge per Kilo 6USD