

# ***KENYA & TANZANIA ADVENTURE***



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## Kenya & Tanzania Small Group Safari & Flights

Duration: 15 days

Departs: Select dates in 2023

Stay: 9 nights accommodation, 4 nights permanent camps

Travel style: Escorted tour & flights from Australia

Booking code: KENTT15M

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# 14 Days Kenya & Tanzania Safari Tour

## About the holiday

Get to the heart of East Africa on this incredible safari tour!

Join up to 15 other like-minded travellers on a special small group tour that gives you a more intimate view of Africa's astounding wildlife and personal introduction to spectacular Kenya and Tanzania.

Hop on your jeep for incredible game drives in the natural. Discover the world-famous game parks of Maasai Mara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater in search of the 'Big 5' - lion, rhino, elephant, buffalo and leopard. Following your adventure, travel to the golden beaches and quaint towns of Zanzibar, sipping your cocktail by the sea.

## Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy the comfort of accommodation with private facilities for part of the trip

Experience a tented camp on the edge of the Masai Mara Reserve

Camp where animals roam through Serengeti National Park & on the rim of the crater Ngorongoro Crater is Africa's largest intact caldera and a World Heritage Site

See how many of the 'Big Five' you'll spot in famous Masai Mara National Reserve

View the magnificent snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, if the weather is clear

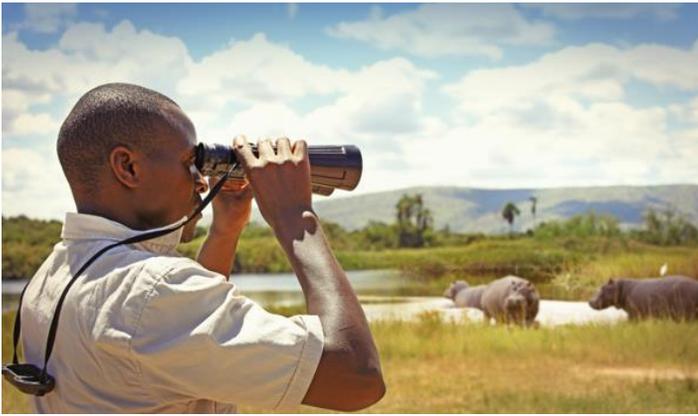
Explore the evocative and exotic island of Zanzibar on a 3-night stay

## Travel dates

2023 - 13 or 24 February; 10 or 24 March; 05 or 19 May; 28 July; 11 or 25 August; 08 September; 20 October; 03 or 17 November

Note: Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price varies depending on your travel date. Please contact us for available departures, other dates & current rates.

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## Holiday Inclusions

### Escorted Tour Package Includes:

**Flights** - Economy return airfares from Australia to Nairobi & from Dar es Salaam

**Accommodation** - see the itinerary for details

9 nights twin share accommodation (some with shared facilities)

4 nights bush camping in pre-erected tents (equipment supplied)

**Meals** - 12 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners

**Transportation** - Fully equipped safari vehicle

All road tolls and vehicle taxes

All ground transportation

**Crew** - Services of two crew

**Highlights** - Maasai Mara excursion with small vehicle

Maasai Village Walk with resident guide

Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater excursion in purpose-built vehicles

Game Drives with resident guide

Zanzibar return ferry & accommodation

### Package excludes:

Visa fees (where applicable)

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, tour company & local operators.***

***Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***



## Itinerary:

Day 1 Depart Australia - Fly to Kenya

Day 2: Arrive Kenya

Make your way from the airport to the hotel in Nairobi. Overnight hotel pre-tour.

Day 3 : Nairobi - Maasai Mara Reserve, Kenya

We depart the city early and make our way across the Great Rift Valley to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, enjoying views of the vast vista en route. We travel in small specialized safari vehicles that enable us to have a more intimate view of wildlife. We spend two nights camping on the edge of the Reserve with time to explore the park on morning and afternoon game drives.

- **Accommodation:** *Masai Mara Chronicle Tented Camp - Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Lunch, Dinner*
- **WIFI:** No

Day 4 : Maasai Mara Reserve, Kenya

We have the day to explore the Reserve in search for wildlife including the 'Big 5' - lion, rhino, elephant, buffalo and leopard.

The sweeping plains, distant horizons, low slung acacia trees, and plentiful wildlife ensure a deeply evocative few days. The 'Mara' is crossed every year between July and October by great herds of wildebeest, zebra and other grazing animals in their migration from the adjoining Serengeti plains to the south (in Tanzania). How long they stay is dependent on rainfall and subsequent grass growth in the rainy season. Predators (such as lion, cheetah, leopard) and scavengers (hyena, vultures) follow the grazing animals and this enormous congregation of wildlife forms a spectacular display of Africa's natural resource. But the Mara is excellent for game viewing at any time of year and regardless of when you can visit we hope to see some, if not all, of Africa's 'Big Five' (elephant, lion, rhino, buffalo and leopard) and an array of other wildlife.

We stop for a lunch before returning to our tented camp for the evening.

- **Accommodation:** *Masai Mara Chronicle Tented Camp - Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Day 5 : Maasai Mara Reserve - Nairobi, Kenya

From the Mara we make our way back across the Great Rift Valley to Nairobi, where we overnight.

- **Accommodation:** *Karen Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*
- **WIFI:** Yes
- **Optional Activities:** *No*

### Day 6 : Nairobi - Arusha, Tanzania

After crossing the border into Tanzania at the busy Namanga frontier we arrive at our destination, Arusha, in the late afternoon. Situated mid-way between Cape Town and Cairo, this is very much Tanzania's 'safari capital' - a bustling city with colourful markets, shops, vehicles and people, all nestling in the shadow of the brooding Mt Meru (4556m).

After exploring the curio markets, we head to our camp just outside Arusha on the open plains to the west of the city. It is from here that we prepare for our two night/three-day excursion to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. This afternoon, if time allows, we enjoy a walk to one of the local Maasai villages to enjoy an insight into everyday life and traditions of this colourful culture.

- **Accommodation:** *Meserani Snake Park - Rustic Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*
- **WIFI:** No
- **Optional Activities:** *Camel Ride US\$5*

### Day 7 : Arusha - Serengeti National Park

This morning we transfer to smaller, more 'game park friendly' vehicles and drive west across the Great Rift Valley, passing through Mto Wa Mbo ('mosquito creek') and enter the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area. We enter the park and drive around the 'Crater's rim and down onto the Serengeti plains. Green after the rains, brown and burnt in the dry, this is home to an enormous variety of grazing animals, predators, and birdlife. Flatter and larger than the Maasai Mara the Serengeti is simply huge - indeed the name derives from the Maasai word *Siringitu* - 'the place where the land moves on forever'. We game drive to our designated (but unfenced) campsite for the evening where lion and hyena roam nearby, for an unforgettable experience.

- **Accommodation:** *Serengeti National Park Bush Camp - Camping in twin share tents with basic shared facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*
- **WIFI:** No
- **Optional Activities:** *No*

### Day 8 : Ngorongoro Crater

We drive out of the plains, game driving en route, and after lunch ascend the outer wall of the Ngorongoro Crater. We spend the night camping on the rim (you may need a jacket; it can be cold at night due to the altitude), where wildlife also roams free. At 326 square kilometres, the Ngorongoro is Africa's largest intact caldera and a World Heritage Site. If the view from the rim (2400 metres above sea level) is spectacular, the site from the Crater floor (some 600 metres below) is equally enjoyable.

- **Accommodation:** *Simba Camp - Camping in twin share tents with basic shared facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*
- **WIFI:** No
- **Optional Activities:** No

### Day 9 : Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha, Meserani Snake Park

We wake early and descend the steep dirt road of the Ngorongoro Crater for a morning of game driving in this spectacular wildlife haven. All the large mammals are present except giraffe (which cannot manage the steep slopes leading down onto the Crater floor). After our game drive we ascend to our campsite on the rim for a final view over the Ngorongoro Crater, pack up our camp and have lunch before retracing our steps to Arusha and our campsite at the Meserani Snake Park.

Note: We may enjoy the Maasai walk on this day if we were unable to make this on day 4.

- **Accommodation:** *Meserani Snake Park - Rustic Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*
- **WIFI:** No
- **Optional Activities:** No

### Day 10 : Arusha - Bagamoyo

This morning we wake early and head south via Moshi to Bagamoyo. If the weather is clear we will be afforded a view of the magnificent snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak (5895m). The quaint town of Bagamoyo was founded at the end of the 18th century and was one of the most significant trading ports along the East African coast. Our camp for the evening is situated close by to the palm fringed beaches of the Indian Ocean.

- **Accommodation:** *Fire Fly Camp - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*
- **WIFI:** No
- **Optional Activities:** No

## Day 11 : Bagamoyo - Dar es Salaam

Leaving Bagamoyo we make our way south to Dar es Salaam. 'Dar' is Tanzania's main port and is a hub of commerce and industry - a hot, humid and bustling seaport city of high rises, colourful markets and Arab influenced architecture on the coast, accessing one of the most important sea routes in the world. To most travellers, this city is the port of entry to the more exotic island of Zanzibar and other archipelago islands. We set up camp on the beach just outside of the city, take in the balmy Indian Ocean sea breeze, and prepare for our trip to Zanzibar.

- **Accommodation:** *Kipepeo Beach Resort - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*
- **WIFI:** Yes
- **Optional Activities:** No

## Day 12 : Zanzibar Island

Evocative and exotic, Zanzibar conjures up images of idyllic, sandy, palm fringed beaches; romantic winding cobbled alleys and lush tropical forests. You will find all these here - and an intriguing history. Zanzibar was the base of the great 19<sup>th</sup> century explorers such as John Hanning Speke, Richard Burton and David Livingstone and once was a major trading centre of spices. Indeed, the spice trade here is centuries old: Zanzibaris have traded with the people of the Arabian Peninsula for many generations, navigating the ocean in simple dhow sailboats, relying on the annual trade winds for passage. The Arab influence is evident in the architecture and diverse street stall offerings of the capital, Stone Town. This influence can be seen right along the Eastern coast - the Swahili language itself is a result of the mixing of Arab and African languages and cultures over many centuries. Zanzibar's other history is not so romantic. The island was also a staging post for slaves bought from the African interior, being held before shipping to slave owners in the Middle East. You can still see the places where these men and woman were held - and even a short visit is enough to convey the appalling conditions they had to endure.

Our time on the island over the next 3 nights is not structured and your time is at leisure. Perhaps the best way to see Stone Town is on foot: explore the bazaars for old maritime trinkets, fabrics and wooden carvings, or visit mosques, palaces, courtyards and alleyways of the old town. Spices are grown in plantations nearby and you can take day tours to visit some and have your senses dazzled by the tastes and scents experienced. If it's white sand, sparkling ocean and hot sun you prefer - head to the northern beaches and enjoy the Indian Ocean at its best. Try snorkelling and diving, indulge in some sumptuous seafood, or simply relax beneath a coconut palm with a cocktail and a good book.

On Zanzibar breakfast is included for the sake of flexibility other meals are left for your own account. Typically, we spend one night in Stone Town and the next two nights in the north of the island at one of the beaches. Your tour leader will be available to assist if you if you have any questions or need activities arranged.

- **Accommodation:** *Stone Town - Mazon's or similar - twin/ triple rooms with en-suite facilities*

- **Meals included:** *Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation*

- **WIFI:** Yes

- **Optional Activities:** *Spice Tour US\$35*

*Slave Markets US\$15*

*Arabic Fort US\$5*

*Palace Museum US\$10*

Day 13 : Zanzibar Island

Enjoy free time on Zanzibar and transfer to the northern beaches from Stone Town. Relax on the sun kissed beaches of Kendwa, in the northwest part of the island, take an optional diving trip to the rich colourful reefs or grab a snorkel and goggles to explore these from above.

- **Accommodation:** *Kendwa Northern beaches - Sunset Bungalows or similar - twin/ triple rooms with en-suite facilities*

- **Meals included:** *Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation*

- **WIFI:** Yes

- **Optional Activities:** *Spice Tour US\$35*

*Scuba Diving local US\$150*

*Yacht Trip US\$120*

*Snorkelling safaris from US\$40*

*Massages from US\$20*

Day 14 : Zanzibar Island

Browse markets or enjoy hanging in a hammock with a cocktail and a good book. The beach is a great place to catch up with the locals who will pass by selling their wares, offering henna tattoos and inexpensive massages. Round the day off with a sunset dhow cruise or chilling to the tunes from the nearby beach bars.

- **Accommodation:** *Kendwa Northern beaches - Sunset Bungalows or similar - twin/ triple rooms with en-suite facilities*

- **Meals included:** *Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation*

- **WIFI:** Yes

- **Optional Activities:** *No*

## Day 15 : Zanzibar - Dar es Salaam

We have the morning to do any last-minute shopping or enjoy one last swim before catching the ferry back to the African mainland and Dar es Salaam, where the tour ends and it's time to make your way to the airport for flights back to Australia.

- **Accommodation:** *No*
- **Meals included:** *Breakfast*
- **WIFI:** *No*
- **Optional Activities:** *No*

*Note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only. Travel by nature is unpredictable, weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.*

## Is this trip right for me?

This is an active trip. Expect to spend time driving over roads that are often rough and bumpy in safari vehicles that cannot be air-conditioned. Only "bush toilets" are available during game drives. There are many early mornings. Electricity in the camps is provided by generator and may not be available 24 hours a day. Many of the accommodations are built in the traditional local style and have no air-conditioning. Visitors to Kenya are encouraged to consult their health-care providers regarding malaria prophylaxis. We suggest you check with your health-care provider before signing up for this tour. Some of our tours require walking or stairs between tents. Safari vehicles can have high ground clearance and require agility to embark and disembark. During this tour, you may come into proximity of wild animals whose actions can be unpredictable. Certain inherent risks are involved which should be considered at your own discretion.

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