

2024 Tanzania Safari

Overview: Tanzania Safari. 2024 Sept 5 – Sept 26: Tanzania’s Serengeti, Ngorongoro, and Tarangire NPs 21N
Relax in London for West End shows and then on to Tanzania for a Safari with Thomson’s.

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Sept 10 – Sept 13: Arusha (Tue-Fri). Relax at the Arusha hotel, pool, get over jet lag, practice camera.

Sept 13 – Sept 25: Thomson’s Safari 12N (Fri – Wed)

Day 01 – Fri Sept 13 – E. Serengeti – Fly in; avro game walk; dinner

Day 02 – Sat Sept 14 – E. Serengeti – Morning walk, women’s group, storyteller, boma, night game drive

Day 03 – Sun Sept 15 – E. Serengeti – School, avro game drive, drive to next camp, dinner and sunset

Day 04 – Mon Sept 16 – N. Serengeti – Serengeti drive, great migration

Day 05 – Tue Sept 17 – N. Serengeti – Full day wildlife viewing in the Serengeti as drive to next camp

Day 06 – Wed Sept 18 – C. Serengeti – Optional Balloon, morn game, Robanda village, stargazing

Day 07 – Thu Sept 19 – C. Serengeti – Drive to next camp, Olduvai Gorge, Ngorongoro Crater arrival

Day 08 – Fri Sept 20 – Ngorongoro Crater – early morn crater floor, big five, traditional dinner

Day 09 – Sat Sept 21 – Tarangire – crater rim, Lake Manyara Park, Tarangire Park

Day 10 – Sun Sept 22 – Tarangire – Full day Tarangire Park

Day 11 – Mon Sept 23 – Gibbs Farm – Tangariri, drive to Gibbs Farm, optional activities at farm

Day 12 – Tue Sept 24 – Gibbs Farm – optional activities at farm, Tembo Fire

Day 13 – Wed Sept 25 – Arusha – Fly to Arusha, Cultural Center, farewell lunch, day room, shuttle to hotel

Sept 25 – Sept 26: Arusha 1N (Wed – Thu). Airport hotel and prep for early flight. Arrange shuttle for morning.

Sept 26 – Sept 26: Fly to London 0N (Thu – Thu). JRO-NBO-LHR. Dpt 6:50a – Arv 15:15p (11 hr). Airport hotel.

Sept 26 – Oct 20: UKI. Hiking in Cornwall and Wales enroute to the Lakes District.

ETIAS – N/A for Tanzania or UK&I

Tanzania – [State Dept Site here](#). Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution. Register ahead here for [STEP](#)
– VISA Required: [Visa and Emigration Page](#). Do on arrival, \$100 per person, crisp US bills.

UK – [State Dept Site here](#). Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution (Terrorism). Register ahead here for [STEP](#)

VPN/Phone – Surfshark VPN for access to U.S. streaming, etc. Surfroam for Mark’s phone data, int’l plan for Jean

COVID Travel Requirements – [None](#).

Vaccinations: Check on travel medical prep with primary care doc. [Thomson’s info here](#)

Prescriptions – must have a prescription, in original bottle, up to 90-day supply.

Weather – Summer June-Aug. **Temp H/L in F**, **Rain in//days**. [Site here](#) and [Site here](#)

- **London (UK):** Sept 68/53, 02//08D; Oct 60/48, 03//11D; Nov 53/42, 02//8D
 - **Arusha (Tanzania):** Sept 77/59, 01//03D; Oct 80/61, 02//06D; Nov 80/62, 03//11D;
 - **Ngorongoro (Tanzania):** Sept 70/46, 01//04D; Oct 72/48, 02//07D; Nov 72/50, 05//16D;
 - **Serengeti (Tanzania):** Sept 82/59, 02//07D; Oct 84/61, 03//10D; Nov 82/61, 05//17D;
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Sunrise/Sunset: ~6:30am / 6:30pm in Northern Tanzania

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Thomson's Safari Prep Guide: [Key tips are found here](#). A summary is below

Money: The Tanzanian Shilling is the official currency of Tanzania. \$1 = TS2500 / TS10,000 = \$4.00

\$USD are widely accepted in tourist areas. Bills printed before 2009 often not accepted. Bring small bills

Cash: Bring cash in crisp bills. \$100s, \$50s, \$20s, \$10s, \$5s, \$1s
No tears, no marks, bills < 10 years old (see date series lower right of portrait). [About money here](#)

Prices at camp: soda \$1, beer \$3, whisky \$3, glass of wine \$6, bottle wine \$20-35, prices higher in lodges.

Small souvenirs such as carved crafts, beaded jewelry, T-shirts, Maasai shukas (fabric), etc. often cost less than \$20. Larger pieces of artwork can range significantly, starting around \$20 up to \$\$\$.

Tipping: Tipping is optional, but it is customary in Tanzania, similar to US. Most travelers tip the *Head Guide*, each *support guide*, and each *camp crew* (via *camp manager*). [Excellent guide here](#)

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| 1. \$7-8 / day / person for support guides. So \$15/day x 10-12 days | = \$180 |
| 2. \$8-10 / day / person for head guide. So \$18/day x 10-12 days | = \$220 |
| 3. <u>\$20 / camping day / person for camp staff.</u> So \$40/day x 10 days | = \$400 |
| TOTAL TIPPING | = \$800 |

Unless otherwise noted, your guide will cover tips for lodge and restaurant staff (for included meals), porters, and transfer drivers on your main safari as these are included in the cost of your trip.

Packing

COLORS: Dark blue and black clothing attract tsetse flies, so avoid those colors. Khakis, tans, light greens, light blues, greys are all appropriate for the bush.

TEMPS: Evenings and mornings can be chilly! Temperatures can drop to 40F, even in summer, so pack a light fleece. Shorts are ok in the brush, but not (culturally) in town.

SPECIALTY GEAR: Get familiar with camera / binoculars before you go

BAGS: Soft-sided duffel bag (no larger than 30"L x 15"W x 15"H) *and* a carry-on for a day-pack (should fit at least one change of clothes, meds, passport, cash, etc).

NO PLASTIC BAGS: Use nylon packing cubes or stuff sacks to organize your gear since **plastic bags are banned in Tanzania**. Ziplocs are OK as long as you bring them home with you.

WEIGHT: Please also remember you have a 33 lb. weight allowance for your combined luggage.

LAUNDRY SERVICE: Available during safari for \$1-3/article of clothing, hand wash, air dry.

TOILETRIES: Camps and lodges provide shampoo, soap, lotion.

DEVICES/CHARGERS: US || outlets available in vehicles and solar chargers in common area lounge. No laptop on the safari. Label our cords so we know which are ours in the common area / lounge. Need universal adapter for Arusha and Gibbs Farm (so pack in duffel). <https://www.thomsonsafarisprepguide.com/electronics-tips>

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About Tanzania

Tanzania has a population of 62m, and is a presidential constitutional republic. The capital is in Dodoma, but most government offices are in the largest city, Dar es Salaam (“abode of peace”). The country is essentially one political party, and has not suffered internal strife since independence from Germany (pre-WWI) / Britain in 1961. It is one of the safest and most politically stable countries on the African continent. In 2021, President Magufuli died, and was succeeded by his VP, Samia Suluhu Hassan, the first female president of the country. Tanzania has a unicameral legislature.

Tanzania comes from TANganyika and ZANzibar, with the Latin “-ia” added. These two countries – independent from Britain from 1961 and 1963 respectively – merged in 1964 to form Tan-Zan-ia / Tanzania.

There are about 120 religious and ethnic groups in the country. Christianity is the largest religion, with large Muslim and Animist minorities.

Three of Africa’s Great Lakes are partially in Tanzania – Victoria, Tanganyika, and Malawi.

Tanzania is one of the oldest continuously populated places on earth, with hominoid remains found dating from millions of years ago. The [Olduvai Gorge](#), in the [Ngorongoro Conservation Area](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, features a collection with remnants of tools that document the development and use of transitional technology.

The people of Tanzania have been associated with the production of iron and steel. The Pare people were the main producers of sought-after iron for peoples who occupied the mountain regions of north-eastern Tanzania.[35] The Haya people on the western shores of Lake Victoria invented a type of high-heat blast furnace, which allowed them to forge carbon steel at temperatures exceeding 1,820 °C (3,310 °F) more than 1,500 years ago.

Tanzania has 21 National Parks and several conservation areas, totaling 38% of the country's land. These were created largely in the 1980s. Jane Goodall’s chimp studies (ongoing) were here.

Other Tanzania Facts:

- Homosexual acts are illegal, punishable by up to life in prison
- Voting fraud was strongly suspected in the last election
- Military service is compulsory for 2yrs at age 18
- 2021 GDP per capita was ~\$3,600
- Gold mining helped the economy thru ‘08 recession. Continued strong growth in tourism, telecom, banking.
- Despite a socialist-leaning government for decades, there is a big wealth gap, and hunger is an issue still
- Agriculture is 25% of the economy, with corn, casava, sweet potatoes, beans, bananas, rice, millet, and sugar. Cotton, cashews, coffee, tea, tobacco, and sisal are also big. Meat is beef, lamb/mutton, chicken, and pork (gross consumption is roughly in that order). 80% of the population relies on subsistence farming.
- Mining is 3% of the economy – mostly gold, with some diamonds, and coal used domestically for power.
- [Tanzanite](#) is a unique gem found only here; blue, violet, or burgundy based on light and orientation.
- Tourism is 17% of the economy – mostly Zanzibar, Kilimanjaro, and the northern parks safari circuit.

Language: There are over 100 languages. Swahili is the “official” language, but English is used in trade, courts, and education. Arabic is used in Zanzibar.

Food: Tanzanian cuisine is diverse. The types of ingredients used and preparation methods vary greatly from region to region. Spicy foods are common; ginger, cinnamon, cloves, and coconut milk are used in many dishes.

Rice and ugali are staple foods while okra, spinach, beans, and cassava leaves are commonly used vegetables. At least seventeen varieties of plantains are known to grow in Tanzania. They’re typically fried into chips or used as an ingredient in various soups and stews.

Thanks to the Indian diaspora, Tanzanian food has been significantly influenced by Indian cuisine.

Much street food; I didn’t read of anything that sounded stand-out. *Ugali* (maize cakes like arepas), *Pilau* (rice, like risotto or maybe paella), Chapatti (from India), *Chipsi Mayai* (eggs and fries with ketchup), *Mlshkaka* (beef+veg skewers), and several stews with beef or lentils and coconut milk. [Details here](#) and at [Will Fly for Food](#)

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Sept 05 – Sept 06: Fly to London 1N (Thu – Fri). CLT-BOS-LHR. Dpt 11:50am – Arv 6:30am. Tube to town.

Transit uber to CLT

Flight JetBlue | Baggage: 1 personal + 1 carry-on 10kg + 1 checked 22kg (per person)

CLT-BOS JBU #1246 | T Main | Dpt 11:50am – Arv 2:05pm (2hr) | 7A, 7C |

Layover 4½ hr BOS. Lounge options with [Chase](#) and [Priority Pass](#):

PP: *The Lounge*, TC: 1st Floor, Concourse Level across from C19 (not accessible from G40 – 42)

Chase: *Sapphire Lounge*, Airside - located in the Termina B-C connector. Closest Gate is B40

BOS-LHR JBU #1620 | TC | Dpt Thu Sept 5 18:30p – Arv Fri Sept 6 06:30a (7hr) | T2 | 15B, 15C |

Transit [Piccadilly and District Line](#) to Mansion House, [walk to hotel](#)

Sept 06 – Sept 09: London 3N (Fri – Mon). [Shows](#) in West End, get over jet lag

London: Three days and nights to get time-zone adjusted before Africa. Visit the British Museum, run the parks or river, and catch a couple of West End shows.

Ideas: [What's On](#)

Stay: [Locke At Broken Wharf](#), [Chase Pts](#), cancel by Sept 5, In 4pm, out 11am.

City Studio, River View. Kitchen, ~~W/D~~, wifi, walkable (<10 min Blackfriar's Station and St. Pauls)

Broken Wharf House, 2 Broken Wharf, London EC4V 3DT, United Kingdom

Day 1-3 Fri-Sun Sept 6-8 -----

- Arrive, drop bags at hotel. We land at about 6:30am, so have the whole day to explore.
- British Museum, Borough Market
- Catch a West End show – The Lion King, of course!

Day 4 – Mon Sept 9 -----

- Late checkout and to airport
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Sept 09 – Sept 10: Fly to Arusha 1N (Mon – Tue). LHR-NBO-JRO. Dpt T-4 17:25p – Arv 9:20a. Hotel shuttle

Morn Late checkout as flight is after 5pm, then on to LHR

Transit Walk from hotel to Mansion House then [District Line and Picadilly Line](#) to LHR T4

Lounge Lounge options in T4 with [Kenya Airways](#) and [Priority Pass](#):

PP: *Plaza Premium* (Airside - 2nd Floor, between Gates A1 and B1) - OR -

PP: *Blush Lounge* (Airside - after Security Checks, Level 2, near Gate 2) - OR -

KQ: *Sapphire Lounge* (location in T4 unknown)

Flight Kenya Airways | Baggage: 1 personal + 1 carry-on 10kg + 2 checked 22kg (per person)

LHR-NBO KQ0101 | Dpt T-4 Mon Sept 09 18:25p – Arv T-1A 05:00a (9hr, overnight) | 02J, 02G |

Layover 3½ hr NBO. Lounge options with [Priority Pass Aspire Lounge](#), T-1B: Airside - opposite Gate 11.

NBO-JRO KQ6718 (PW718) | Dpt T-1A Tue Sept 10 08:20a – Arv 09:20a (1hr) | 01A, 01B |

Transit Arrange in advance with Arusha Four Points by Sheraton hotel

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Sept 10 – Sept 13: Arusha (Tue-Fri). Relax at the Arusha hotel, pool, get over jet lag, practice camera.

Arusha: [Arusha](#) is the gateway to Tanzania's northern circuit. Perched under Mount Meru and surrounded by coffee plantations and flower farms, Arusha is the starting point for many Tanzanian safaris, and the base town for Kilimanjaro climbs.

Stay: Four Points by Sheraton Arusha – Marriott on points, cancel by Sept 8
Traditional, Guest room, 2 Queen(s).

P.O. Box 88, Arusha United Republic of Tanzania Phone: +255 27 297 7777

Night of 10 & 11 are on Marriott points. Night of 13th is part of Thomson's Safari. Requested no room change from Joshua. Confirm with hotel on arrival.

Day 1-2 – Tue Sept 10 – Wed Sept 11 -----

- Relax, enjoy the pool, and get over jet-lag. Practice with the camera!

Day 3 – Thu Sept 12 -----

- Connect with Thomsons, enjoy last day of relaxing. Leave roller bags with Thomsons

Day 4 – Thu Sept 13 -----

- Head out on Safari with Thomsons!

Sept 13 – Sept 25: Thomson's Safari 12N (Fri – Wed)

Day 01 – Fri Sept 13 – E. Serengeti – Northern Tanzania is a relatively small area, so it only takes a brief scenic flight to bring you to a whole new world of cultural interest and natural beauty

- **Flight** from Arusha to the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem
- **Meet Guide** - at the airstrip. Your guide will accompany you throughout your safari, offering cultural insights, wildlife spotting expertise and in-depth knowledge of wildlife behavior.
- **Safari Briefing** - The head guide will brief you on your itinerary and review the safari expectations
- **Introduction to the Nature Refuge** - Your guide will give you a brief tour and history of the 10,000-acre refuge as you make your way to camp. Enjoy wildlife viewing along the way, one of the tangible results of conservation efforts in the area. Giraffe, eland, dik dik, ostrich, leopard and even wild dog can be seen in this unique wildlife haven, dubbed "Giraffic Park" by one enthusiastic guest.
- **Lunch** - You can relax at your Nyumba and enjoy a tasty lunch.
- **Afternoon Walk** - Stretch your legs on a brief but scenic walk this afternoon. As one recent guest put it, the nature refuge is "a magical place of peace and beauty," and there's no better way to experience it than on foot. A local wildlife scout will accompany you and your guide on this walk, pointing out wildlife.
- **First Night in the Bush** - Once you return from wildlife viewing, settle in to enjoy your first night in the bush! Watch the day fade away as the sky unveils itself. Listen for what animals you can hear, and get to know your guide over your first meal!

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

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Day 02 – Sat Sept 14 – E. Serengeti – Explore the pristine wilderness of this private nature refuge, where you will have ample opportunity for walking, wildlife viewing and learning about the Maasai culture.

- **Morning Hike** - Head out on a light hike this morning. The terrain will be fairly mild, but make sure that you have comfortable shoes with traction. Being out on the plains on foot at this time of day is magical.
- **Enjipai Women's Group Visit** - The Enjipai Women's Group was formed by a small group of Maasai women with a great entrepreneurial spirit. They paired their skills as artisans and homemakers with their desire to help their own families, as well as the community in general. Now numbering over 100 members, the collaborative already has several successful projects under way. A maize grinding machine, donated by Thomson Safaris and one of our past guests, is now providing a much-needed service to women who previously had to walk great distances to have their grains milled. The women of the collaborative are also enjoying brisk sales of their intricately beaded crafts to visitors. While each member makes an individual profit, a portion of all sales also goes into a community fund which was established for education and healthcare initiatives.
- **Lunch** – at camp
- **Afternoon Wildlife Viewing in the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem** - Be on the lookout for rarer species, such as the bat-eared fox and the smaller animals that are sometimes overlooked, such as the mongoose, hyrax, dik dik, and eland.
- **Maasai Storyteller** - Maasai elder Nekaaki Kioki is a feisty grandmother and fantastic storyteller. She knows hundreds of Maasai folktales and tells them in a truly dramatic fashion. Gather around to listen to her tell folktales, which are translated into English.
- **Maasai Boma Visit** - Immerse yourself in the semi-nomadic culture of the Maasai by visiting a boma, which is a settlement of circular mud-and-dung Maasai homes. Many Maasai still roam the plains of northern Tanzania with their herds of cattle, maintaining their traditions while adapting to new ways of life. Learn more about their extraordinary culture as you tour the boma and take in the village life.
- **Optional Night Wildlife Drive** - You'll have the option to take to the plains and wilds after dark for a night drive in the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem. Night drives offer thrills and possible sightings of nocturnal creatures, such as spring hares, aardvarks, and porcupines. More than anything, the night drive offers an adventure few travelers in Tanzania have the chance to experience.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

Day 03 – Sun Sept 15 – E. Serengeti – From the eastern Serengeti ecosystem, head into Serengeti National Park for more traditional wildlife viewing across the world's most celebrated plains.

- **Optional Visit to a FOTZC Project** - Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FOTZC) is Thomson's sister non-profit organization that has worked on many successful projects in this area. Visit a school, teachers' housing, or a medical dispensary that were all requested by the community and built by FOTZC. Learn a little bit about sustainability, how these projects are selected, and how they impact the community.
*Visits to FOTZC projects are subject to change, permitted if conditions and school schedules allow.
- **Lunch** – boxed enroute
- **Afternoon Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti** - Spend an afternoon wildlife viewing in the Serengeti. The big cats often spend these hours lying drowsily about the plains and up in the trees while many antelope and other animals continue to graze.
- **Wildlife Viewing En Route to Your Nyumba** - Enjoy the journey to your next Nyumba camp, as there will be plenty to see along the way. Perhaps you will come across a chase between predator and prey; maybe you will spot a wake of vultures; or maybe you will be lucky enough to find a leopard relaxing high in the limbs of an acacia tree.
- **Sunset over the Serengeti Plains** - As the sun sinks below the horizon, soak in the colorful sky as you reflect on the day's adventures.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 04 – Mon Sept 16 – N. Serengeti – The Serengeti, Tanzania's second largest national park, covers nearly 6,000 square miles of grassland plains, savannah, kopjes, hills, woodlands, and riverine forests.

- **Spend the Day Seeking Out the Great Migration** - Embark on a full-day excursion into the Serengeti plains. Your expert guide will seek out the unique and diverse flora and fauna of the Serengeti, including the iconic herds of wildebeest and zebra as they migrate across Tanzania.
- **Lunch** – bush lunch
- **Continue your exploration of the Serengeti** - Explore the pristine landscapes of the Serengeti with your guide's uncanny wildlife spotting instincts leading the way. Expansive plains, rolling hills, dramatic granite outcrops and riverine valleys are home to an endless variety of fascinating creatures, from the lowly dung beetle to the impressive elephant.
- **After-dinner Campfire** - Head to the campfire to swap the best adventures and photos from your day with your fellow travelers.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Northern Serengeti Nyumba

Day 05 – Tue Sept 17 – N. Serengeti – While it is possible to spot all the Big Five animals on your trip, leopard and rhino sometimes prove difficult to track down as they are both solitary, reclusive species. Ultimately, however, wildlife viewing in the Serengeti will be nothing short of amazing.

- **Full Day of Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti** - Go on a wildlife viewing drive in the Serengeti for a full day. Your expert guide will point out wildlife that few others could hope to spot, whether a leopard well-concealed in the trees or a lion deep in the savanna grasses.
- **Lunch** – picnic
- **Continue Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti** - Spend more time seeking out wildlife and exploring the Serengeti's rich landscapes. The so-called Big Five and the Great Migration are the most well-known of the Serengeti's offerings, but there is much more to see. Thousands of equally fascinating dramas of a smaller scale play themselves out on these endless plains.
- **Relax at your Nyumba** - Once you return from wildlife viewing, take time to sit by the fire and relax. Exchange stories of the day, write in your journals or simply enjoy the fresh evening breeze.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Central Serengeti Nyumba

Day 06 – Wed Sept 18 – C. Serengeti – The most social of the big cats, lions live in groups called prides, comprised mostly of females and cubs and only 1-2 adult males.

- **Optional Serengeti Balloon Excursion** - \$600pp, ~15-20 per basket. *We elected to skip*
- **Morning Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti** - There is nothing as marvelous as traversing the plains of the Serengeti just after dawn and through the morning hours. Look for herds of wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, impala, eland, topi, and more out on the savanna.
- **Lunch** – at the Nyumba
- **Optional Visit to Robanda Village** - You have the option to visit the nearby village of Robanda, which is home to the Ikoma people, who are renowned for their drumming and storytelling. Depending on timing and weather, you may be able to walk there directly from camp. Among other possibilities, you may visit the village's markets, a small clinic, or a school. Or take a nap.
- **Stargazing** - You won't need a telescope to see the bright constellations in Tanzania's pristine night sky.

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Accommodations: Central Serengeti Nyumba

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Day 07 – Thu Sept 19 – C. Serengeti – Drive from the Serengeti to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, cutting across the desert-like bush country before arriving at a range of hills that lead to the famous World Heritage site.

To Read: Olduvai: [Cradle of Mankind](#), [Smithsonian on the Leakey Family](#)

- **Wildlife Viewing as You Depart the Serengeti** - As you follow the meandering path out of Serengeti National Park, take in the gorgeous scenery and wildlife viewing before moving on to the next part of your adventure.
- **Visit Olduvai Gorge** - Make a short stop at Olduvai Gorge, a deep ravine and site of fossilized remains of animals and hominids that date as far back as two million years. A brief lecture and small museum tour are included.
- **Lunch** – boxed enroute
- **Make Your Way to the Crater Rim** - As you begin your ascent to the rim of the crater, you'll see your surroundings start to change. Notice the vegetation thicken with vines and moss along the red dirt paths. Look hard and you may spot baboons and vervet monkeys in the trees along the road.
- **Evening at Your Nyumba** - Enjoy the eco-friendly comforts at your Nyumba this evening. Set on the crater rim, the campsite offers stunning views of the highlands surrounding Ngorongoro. After dinner, enjoy a warm fire as well as the company of your guide and fellow travelers as you gaze up at the stars.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Ngorongoro Nyumba

Day 08 – Fri Sept 20 – Ngorongoro Crater – Spend a day in Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a habitat rich in culture and teeming with wildlife. Sometimes there are more than 30,000 animals in and around the crater, including black rhino, cheetah, lion, hyena, eland, and numerous antelope.

- **Visit to the Floor of Ngorongoro Crater** - Visit the Ngorongoro Crater, where you are likely to find an abundance of wildlife. With luck, you might even see rhinoceros and big cats, such as lion and cheetah. The diversity of species often inspires awe, from baboons and elephants in the Lerai Forest to wildebeest and mountain reedbuck over the crater's grassy floor.
- **Lunch** – picnic on the crater floor near a hippo pool
- **Seek Out the Big Five** - If you haven't spotted them already, spend the rest of the day trying to check the Big Five off your list! Lion, Cape Buffalo, Black Rhino, Leopard, and Elephant all live in the Crater - so you might see them all before you leave!
- **Special Tanzanian Dinner** - Enjoy a traditional Tanzanian dinner this evening. Rich with spices and fresh local vegetables, this is a chance to sample the best of local cuisine. (Please note that this does not include game meat.)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Ngorongoro Nyumba

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Day 09 – Sat Sept 21 – Tarangire – Depart the Conservation Area and head toward Tarangire National Park. As you travel down a winding road through the Ngorongoro Highlands, you are rewarded with expansive vistas of the surrounding plains.

- **Depart Ngorongoro Crater Rim** - Take a last look around your camp on the Crater Rim before heading off of the Ngorongoro Crater. See if your guide can make a viewpoint pit stop for last photo ops!
- **Visit to Lake Manyara National Park** - Visit and go wildlife viewing in Lake Manyara National Park. Tucked alongside the Rift Valley escarpment, this small national park takes its name from Lake Manyara, a shallow freshwater lake that covers nearly 80 of the park's 127 square miles. Huge mahogany and fig trees forest the hilly area near the park gate, where baboons and blue monkeys often spend their days. Manyara is also known for its tree-climbing lions and leopards, but it takes a sharp eye and excellent luck to spot the big cats in the forest.
- **Lunch** – boxed enroute
- **Start Exploring Tarangire** - This afternoon, you'll make your way into Tarangire National Park. Keep an eye out for huge elephant herds, massive baobab trees, and plenty of big cats enroute to camp!
- **Evening at Your Camp** - Relax at your camp this evening, taking time to write in your journal, meet other travelers at the dining tent, or simply immerse yourself in the surrounding wilderness. Perhaps you can even catch the sunset through Tarangire's brilliant baobab trees.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Tarangire Nyumba

Day 10 – Sun Sept 22 – Tarangire – Spend a day in Tarangire NP, exploring its rugged landscapes by vehicle

- **Full Day of Wildlife Viewing in Tarangire National Park** - Go on a full day wildlife viewing drive through baobab-covered Tarangire National Park, which has a diversity of wildlife and its own distinct charm. Besides its own migration of wildebeest, zebra, elephant, gazelle, and antelope, Tarangire attracts over 550 species of birds and some rarer mammals, such as the African wild dog.
- **Lunch** – bush lunch
- **Continue Exploring Tarangire** - Explore more of the park, taking in the diverse wildlife as well as the baobab-studded landscape. Guinea fowl scurry alongside your vehicle and leopard sometimes lurk in the grasses near the road. You never know what's around the next corner.
- **Rest at your camp** - Later tonight, listen to the hypnotic sounds of the wilderness around you as you rest at your camp.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Tarangire Nyumba

Day 11 – Mon Sept 23 – Gibbs Farm – Drive from Tarangire into the Ngorongoro Highlands via the impressive Great Rift Valley Escarpment.

- **Morning Wildlife Viewing as You Depart Tarangire** - Enjoy one last morning of wildlife viewing in Tarangire as you make your way out of the park.
- **Lunch** – at Gibb's Farm
- **Gibb's Farm Optional Afternoon Activities** - You may choose to spend the afternoon relaxing on the veranda with tea, or taking advantage of innumerable optional activities: a farm or garden tour, bird watching, coffee roasting, and more.
- **Enjoy Your Private Cottage at Gibb's Farm** - Take some time to catch your breath in your private cottage. Unwind with an outdoor shower, listen to the birds from your patio, or enjoy a drink as twilight fades in over the Ngorongoro Highlands.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Gibb's Farm

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Day 12 – Tue Sept 24 – Gibb's Farm – Ideally located between Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Lake Manyara National Park, the highlands have habitats ranging from open grasslands to dense forests with numerous farms and villages nestled into the hills.

- **Gibb's Breakfast** - Breakfast at Gibb's is a great way to start the day. Enjoy local fruits, homemade yogurts and fresh cheeses, and made-to-order breakfast classics like omelettes or pancakes. Everything is made with the freshest ingredients.
- **Gibb's Farm Optional Morning Activities** - Choose from a number of optional morning activities at Gibb's, such as tea or coffee on your veranda, listening to the early morning bird chorus, going for a nature walk, or enjoying some spa services (additional fee).
- **Swimming** - After being on the rugged park roads, there is nothing so refreshing as taking a dip in the pool at your lodge.
- **Gibb's Farm Tembo Fire** - This evening, relax at the Tembo Fire, an open-air sitting area nestled at the foot of the organic gardens. The tradition of the nightly campfire began as a purely practical measure to ensure that elephants - or "tembo" in Swahili - are not tempted to feast in the organic gardens at night. It soon became a popular place to sit and relax at the end of the day. Now, with a comfortable seating area and full bar, the Tembo Fire makes a wonderful place for conversation, storytelling or star-gazing.
- **Enjoy Your Evening in Tanzania** - Get a view of the gorgeous sunset, gaze up at the stars, and raise your glass to a memorable trip.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Gibb's Farm

Day 13 – Wed Sept 25 – Arusha – Depart the highlands for Arusha, where, after a day of leisurely activities, you will ~~catch your departure flight~~ enjoy a last night at the *Airport Planet Lodge*.

- **Flight from Manyara to Arusha**
- **Stop at Cultural Heritage Center** - The Cultural Heritage Center attracts many travelers each year with its abundance of wooden carvings, artifacts, apparel, and crafts. The center also has Tanzanite and other gemstones for sale. While the center caters mostly to tourists, they also have wonderful cultural displays and a separate wing that displays some of the finest African art in Tanzania.
- **Farewell Lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge** - Enjoy a special farewell lunch in Arusha as you prepare for your departure. Visit the adjoining Shanga workshop where physically challenged artisans create remarkable jewelry, learn glassblowing, and sell their work. This extraordinary project was created in order to mentor and empower those who are often marginalized in Tanzanian society. You will be surprised and inspired by the quality and beauty of their creations
- **Day Room in Arusha** - Enjoy a day room in Arusha, resting up and readying yourself for your departure.
- **Farewell Snack** - Enjoy a nutritious snack, including a variety of nuts, fruit, vegetables and other treats to enjoy now or on your flight home.
- **Transfer as a Group to Kilimanjaro Airport** – for us, drop at Planet lodge, or shuttle from airport if needed after we [get our rollers from Thomsons](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Accommodations: Day Room at the Arusha Hotel (Four Points by Sheraton)

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Sept 25 – Sept 26: Arusha 1N (Wed – Thu). Airport hotel and prep for early flight. Arrange shuttle for morning.

Transit Thomson’s shuttle to airport hotel after the end of our tour

Stay: [Airport Planet Lodge](#), direct booking, , cancel by July 25 (60 days), In 5pm, out 10am.

Standard Room With Balcony. Pool, gym, trail, views of Kili, restaurant

Plot #109, Malula Village, King’Ori, Arusha, Arusha - 123456, Tanzania [tel: +255-786-023470](tel:+255-786-023470)

Our shared airport transfer to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) are FREE. Kindly provide flight details (number of people, airline, flight number & arrival time) so we can add you to the arrival or departure shuttle. Private transfer (our preferred timing)for \$12 per vehicle. Departure time for your outbound transfer will be confirmed at the Front Desk during check in.

Day 1 – Wed Sept 25

- Arrive, pack for flight, relax, dinner. Arrange shuttle for morning

Sept 26 – Sept 26: Fly to London 0N (Thu – Thu). JRO-NBO-LHR. Dpt 6:50a – Arv 15:15p (11 hr).

Transit Complimentary free hotel shuttle, or arrange private transport (see above)

Flight Kenya Airways | Baggage: 1 personal + 1 carry-on 10kg + 2 checked 22kg (per person)

JRO-NBO KQ6717 (PW717) | Dpt T-Main 06:50a – Arv T-1C 07:50a (1hr) | 01A, 01B |

Layover 1¼ hr NBO. Lounge options with [Priority Pass Aspire Lounge](#), T-1B: Airside - opposite Gate 11.

NBO-LHR KQ0100 | Dpt T-1A 09:05a – Arv T-4 16:15p (9hr, day) | 02J, 02G |

Transit shuttle to Hertz

Car Hertz via [Chase](#) points + 1-way fee, cancel by Sept 23

Kia Picanto or similar, stick, unlimited miles.

Pick-up – 190 Bowes Road, Southgate, London, Southgate, N112JH, GB 4:30pm

Drop-off – Liverpool John Lennon Airport, Terminal Building, Liverpool L24 1YD 1pm

Pickup: +442034754156 Drop: +448433093042 Chase: 1-855-234-2542

Route [Hertz to Glastonbury route](#) 3 hr, 150mi. No stops enroute.

NEXT: Cornwall and Wales hikes enroute to the Lakes District!
