



AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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Safari Itinerary

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Tour name:	8 Day Tanzania Small Group Safari with Zanzibar extension
Travel dates:	04 – 19 April 2013

Itinerary Outline

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Day	Date	Accommodation	Meals	Location
1	04 April 2013	Arusha Coffee Lodge	BB	Arusha
2	05 April 2013	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge	FB	Lake Manyara
3	06 April 2013	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
4	07 April 2013	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
5	08 April 2013	Ngorongoro Serena Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
6	09 April 2013	Ngorongoro Serena Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
7	10 April 2013	Tarangire Sopa Lodge	FB	Tarangire National Park
8	11 April 2013	Zanzibar Serena Inn	BB	Stone Town
9	12 April 2013	Zanzibar Serena Inn	BB	Stone Town
10	13 April 2013	Essque Zalu Zanzibar – garden suite	FB	Zanzibar Coast
11	14 April 2013	Essque Zalu Zanzibar – garden suite	FB	Zanzibar Coast
12	15 April 2013	Essque Zalu Zanzibar – garden suite	FB	Zanzibar Coast
13	16 April 2013	Essque Zalu Zanzibar – garden suite	FB	Zanzibar Coast
14	17 April 2013	Essque Zalu Zanzibar – garden suite	FB	Zanzibar Coast
15	18 April 2013	Essque Zalu Zanzibar – garden suite	FB	Zanzibar Coast
16	19 April 2013	Day of Departure	B	

BB = Bed and Breakfast

HB = Breakfast and dinner

FB = Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Cost includes:

- Meet and greet services and airport transfers
- Seat in shared vehicle safari
- Depart by 4x4 vehicle with photo roof (maximum 7 clients per vehicle)
- Guaranteed window seat
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide
- Game drives and crater tour
- Flight: Nairobi – Kilimanjaro; Arusha – Zanzibar; Zanzibar – Dar es Salaam
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

Cost Excludes:

- International flights
- Visas
- Airport tax (usually included in the tickets)
- Driver guide or local escort gratuities
- Drinks and dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel and baggage insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- Medical, evacuation or travel insurance



Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: 04 April 2013

Arusha

On arrival at Nairobi International Airport today, on flight **EK719** landing at **14h45 (flight booked on own arrangements)** you will connect onto flight **KQ6726** departing at **18h00** and landing at Kilimanjaro International Airport at **19h00**, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to the **Arusha Coffee Lodge**, to spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

Welcome to Tanzania!

Arusha Coffee Lodge

Situated just 5 minutes from Arusha Airport, the Arusha Coffee Lodge is ideally placed to begin a safari in Tanzania, and offers stylish accommodation on the grounds of a coffee plantation.

Comprising of 30 Plantation Houses - including 12 Plantation Suites - all of which radiate out into the evergreen coffee fields - Arusha Coffee Lodge has been designed around the original landowner's home which dates back over one hundred years.



Day 02: 05 April 2013

Arusha – Lake Manyara National Park B/L/D

You will have the morning at leisure and your safari briefing, followed by lunch. This afternoon you will join your seat in vehicle safari and you depart Arusha passing through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations.

At the town of Makuyuni you turn North West and continue the journey up through a scenic escarpment that brings you to your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant Lake Manyara.

You will spend **1 night** at **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge stands high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over Lake Manyara, and offers a blend of tranquillity, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness.

Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this Lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond the reception are the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies the pool. Perched on the very edge of the cliffs, with views over the lake, is the pool bar and observation point.

Lake Manyara National Park

Being a relatively small park, and with Lake Manyara taking up the majority of the area, Lake Manyara National Park can be covered easily on half-day game drives, but these drives are usually very rewarding despite their brevity.

The scenery and birdlife are Lake Manyara's major attractions, with the lake being perfectly located to offer spectacular views along the Great Rift Valley.





Day 03: 06 April 2013 **Lake Manyara – Serengeti National Park** **B/L/D**

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch.

Leaving Lake Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you'll hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Serengeti Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Serengeti Sopa Lodge is nestled in the acacia woodland on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the south-western Serengeti National Park.

Accommodation is provided in 69 standard rooms, all with 2 queen size beds, carpeted, and furnished with local fabrics and pictures. On entering the room there is a lounge with a mini bar. A veranda with 2 comfortable chairs and coffee table faces the vast Serengeti plains. The rooms have en-suite bathrooms and hairdryers.

Day 04: 07 April 2013 **Serengeti National Park** **B/L/D**

Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives across the Serengeti plains.

Serengeti National Park

The word "Siringit" means "endless plains", and this is understandably from where the Serengeti National Park takes its name. The iconic, endless, golden plains of Africa are nowhere more evident than within this national park, as they stretch off into eternity, dotted throughout with thousands of animals.

Located in the north-west corner of Tanzania, alongside Lake Victoria, the Serengeti has earned its place as one of the world's most famous wildlife areas. While best known for the enormous herds of the wildebeest migration, there is far more to the Serengeti than this, and the national park can be enjoyed even when you are not in the vicinity of this spectacle.



Day 05: 08 April 2013 **Serengeti – Ngorongoro Crater** **B/L/D**

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains.

After a picnic lunch you will visit a Maasai village before continuing to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Regularly voted one of the best hotels in the world, the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater.

The lodge takes inspiration from the so-called 'Cradle of Mankind', the prehistoric site of Olduvai Gorge, which lies close by. Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged with indigenous vines.





Day 06: 09 April 2013

Ngorongoro Crater

B/L/D

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera. Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. Lunch is served near a small lake filled with hippos. You then continue game viewing before returning to the crater's rim and your lodge.

Ngorongoro Crater

A unique and fascinating game viewing destinations in Africa, the Ngorongoro Crater is a must-see on any Tanzania safari.

Being the world's largest intact caldera, and the result of a collapsed volcano thousands of years ago, the 260 square kilometres of crater floor hosts up to 25 000 animals at all times of year. This makes it one of the most dense wildlife areas in Africa, and allows for many memorable sightings.



Day 07: 10 April 2013

Ngorongoro – Tarangire National Park

B/L/D

Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast you will head south-east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire beyond. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the main Arusha – Dodoma road and into the park. From here to the lodge, you'll enjoy a game drive en-route.

After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

You will spend **1 night at Tarangire Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire Sopa Lodge provides 75 spacious rooms furnished with a mini bar and 2 queen size beds including mosquito nets. 4 of these rooms are suitable for the physically challenged.

The Lodge lies hidden among the kopjes and surrounded by ancient baobab trees. Tarangire is the home of one of the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa, and showcases other game including the elusive leopard. Over 400 bird species can be spotted here as well.

Tarangire National Park

In the past, Tarangire National Park was often overlooked by visitors to Tanzania, however it is now holding its own as one of the best dry season parks in the region.

During the dry months of July through to October, an enormous amount of wildlife is drawn inside Tarangire to access the water from the Tarangire River and the Silale Swamps, allowing for very rewarding game viewing experiences.

The park is home to some of the largest elephant herds of East Africa, and the scenery is particularly popular for the wide open, Serengeti-like plains, decorated with enormous and commanding Baobab trees.





Day 08: 11 April 2013

Tarangire – Stone Town

B/L

This morning you will leave Tarangire behind and drive back to Arusha where you will have lunch before being taken to Arusha Airport for your Precision Air flight to Zanzibar, departing at **15h20** and landing at **16h30**. On arrival you will be met and transferred into Stone Town where you will spend **2 nights** at the **Zanzibar Serena Inn** on a **bed and breakfast** basis.

You will have the evening free to explore the town and try out some of the local cuisine.

Zanzibar Serena Inn

Idyllically situated on the sea-front of ancient Stone Town, and flanked by an exotic mix of sultan's palaces, Portuguese forts, ancient dhow harbours, and bright bazaars, the Zanzibar Serena Inn is a haven of tranquillity and opulence amongst the bustle of one of Africa's most ancient and most enchanting towns. A member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the inn has been styled to represent the epitome of Swahili style, ethnic elegance and Arabic opulence.



Day 09: 12 April 2013

Stone Town

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Today you will have the full day to explore Stone Town at your leisure, or organise a tour through your hotel.

Day 10: 13 April 2013

Stone Town – Zanzibar Coast

B/D

This morning you will be transferred across to the north coast of the island to spend **6 nights** at **Essque Zalu Zanzibar** on a **full board basis** in a **garden suite**.



Zanzibar

The Zanzibar Archipelago has lured travellers to its pristine, white beaches for centuries, and continues to be the drawcard for sun-seeking, beach-loving tourists from all over the world. The main island of Zanzibar (correctly named Unguja), has a plethora of accommodation options, ranging from rustic beach bungalows to large and glitzy resorts, and can offer something to everyone's taste. Sandy beaches run the length of the coast, shaded by green palm trees, and caressed by turquoise waters.

Day 11 - 15: 14 – 18 April 2013

Zanzibar Coast

B/L/D

These 5 full days will be spent at leisure, enjoying some of the numerous activities available on the island, or just relaxing on the beach or at the pool with a cocktail.

As a honeymoon couple, you will benefit from all of the following:

- ***Automatic upgrade to Full Board Meal Plan***
- ***1 Romantic Poolside Champagne (sparkling wine) Dinner with private butler***
- ***Complimentary flowers and fruit basket on arrival.***
- ***1 complimentary couple's lesson on Swahili cuisine (Optional)***
- ***1 hour complimentary henna decoration on the bride (Optional)***
- ***15% off on all spa treatments for the couple.***
- ***1 Hour couple's massage***



Essque Zalu

Ensnore yourself in luxurious-styled spaces crafted from local materials, adorned with native artwork and housed under a traditional pitched Makuti roof. Once you are comfortable, make the most of your amenities, pick your favourite drink from your personalised mini bar, freshen up under a solar heated shower, or lie back on the king sized poster colonial style beds. At the Zalu Zanzibar you can satisfy your taste buds with a choice of three distinctive restaurants, a scrumptious café, two well-stocked bars or dial a mixologist to come right to your suite and shake your very own tailor-made cocktail.



Day 16: 19 April 2013

Day of departure

B

Today you will be transferred back to Zanzibar Airport in time for your Precision Air flight to Dar es Salaam departing at 12h05 **and landing at** where you will connect onto flight **EK726** departing at **16h45 (flight booked on own arrangements)**.

End of Services

Thanks very much for your enquiry. While we are confident that this itinerary will provide you with an amazing holiday, but we are more than happy to work further with you to make sure we find exactly what you are looking for.

Please feel free to get back to us with any questions or requests.

Kind regards

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- **In order to confirm a booking, a 30% non-refundable deposit is required**
- **Balance payment is due 60 days prior to start date**

Cancellation terms and conditions:

- **All cancellations must be advised of in writing**
- **Cancellation penalties:**
 - **For cancellations made more than 60 days prior to start date: 30% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full deposit)**
 - **For cancellations made between 45 and 60 days prior to departure date: 50% cancellation penalty will apply**
 - **For cancellation made less than 45 days prior to departure date: 100% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost)**

Insurance:

- **African Ubuntu Safaris strongly advises that every traveller purchases comprehensive travel insurance. As the deposit is non-refundable, and**



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cancellation penalties apply, insurance must be taken out which can cover you in the event of you needing to cancel your travel plans.

Additional remarks:

- **We may have to reroute the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.**
- **Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.**

Passenger Information

- **Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.**
- **All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them for internal flights.**
- **Passangers arriving in Tanzania may be asked to produce a yellow fever vaccination certificate**