

EAST AFRICA ENCOUNTER



The East African wildlife reserves of Kenya and Tanzania are without doubt the most spectacular. The vast open grasslands of the Masai Mara and the Serengeti host the twice yearly migration of millions of grazing animals (wildebeest and zebra) from north to south and back again. You will have every opportunity to see the 'big five' many times over. The birdlife and the trees are equally entrancing. You may also consider finishing your trip Zanzibar to complete the experience. Lovely beaches, spectacular snorkelling and the Arabic mansions of Stone Town await.



DAY 1: ARRIVAL INTO DAR ES SALAAM

On arrival at Dar es Salaam Airport you will be met and transferred to your Hotel
Overnight: **New Africa Hotel, 1 night**

DAY 2: LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Arusha. Upon arrival in Arusha transfer to a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch drive to Lake Manyara.

Overnight: Kirumuru Tented Camp including all meals and game viewing activities.

Kirumuru Tented Lodge is set high on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, enjoying a marvellous, uplifting and panoramic view eastward over Lake Manyara, the Rift floor and Mt. Losimingori. Behind Kirumuru, the Ngorongoro Highlands rise in green and fertile splendour and form the gateway to Ngorongoro Crater and, finally, Olduvai Gorge, the Serengeti.

DAY 3: NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

After breakfast morning enjoy game drive in the park, known for its famous tree climbing lions. Apart from the varied types of landscape including jungle, swamp and savannah, there is also a large variety of animals including giraffe, zebra, elephant, gazelle and about 350 different species of birds. Lunch at the lodge. After lunch drive to Ngorongoro Crater. (BLD)

Overnight: 2 nights at the **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge** including all meals and game viewing activities

The Lodge: Perched on the rim of the collapsed volcano, the Ngorongoro Crater, a world heritage site, often referred to as the eighth wonder of the world. It has the most magnificent views over the crater floor, which is home to vast herds of buffalo, wildebeest, zebra, the rare and endangered black rhino, elephant, cheetah, leopard, lion and herds of gazelle and wildebeest. Its position on the Eastern rim allows the most spectacular and uninterrupted views of the sunset.

Location: Situated on the eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, in the volcanic highlands of Tanzania, covering an area of some 240 square kilometers. The lodge is located 170 km from Arusha, approximately 4 hours drive and 40 minutes. The breathtaking view of the crater is a fantastic welcome after a long and dusty drive. The lobby is very spacious, with glass doors which open out onto the verandah, with views to the crater floor.

DAY 4: NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

This morning after breakfast you will descend down the crater for the day Ngorongoro Crater with a picnic lunch.

DAY 5: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast drive via Olduvai Gorge sight of the famous archaeological finds by the Leakey family. Here in the 'cradle of mankind' the skull of a human being was found believed to be the oldest ever at 1.75 million years old to Serengeti for lunch. An afternoon game drive is scheduled.

Overnight: Mbuzi Mawe Tented Camp, 3 nights including all meals and game viewing activities.

Mbuzi Mawe offers a timeless blend of classical safari rusticity and careful service.

Unlike any other camp, Mbuzi Mawe Tented Camp lies at the epicenter of the Serengeti within easy reach of the prime wildlife theatres of Lobo, the Western Corridor of the Grumeti River, the southern grass plains, the Seronera Valley and the kopjes, or inselbergs, of Barafu, Gol, Maasai, Loliondo, Simba and Moru.

Scenically located in a glade guarded by 3 million year old granite towers, Mbuzi Mawe (meaning Klipspringer in English) makes maximum use of its unique wilderness location. There are al fresco breakfasts, safari luncheons, lantern-lit bush suppers, campfire roasts, and dance displays by the Ikoma people as well as game drives, ranger-led bush walks, ornithology and sightings of: elephant, lion, cheetah, leopard, buffalo, hyena, wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, warthog, hippo and crocodile.

Located on one of the corridors for over one million wildebeest, half a million zebras and gazelles, and their accompanying cast of predators, the camp enjoys a ringside seat for one of the greatest wildlife spectacles on earth.

DAY 7: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Full day game viewing in Serengeti National Park

DAY 8: MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

After breakfast drive with lunch boxes to the Isebania border and proceed to the Masai Mara

Overnight: **Mara Figtree Camp, 2 nights**, including all meals and game viewing activities

Fig Tree Camp is in the Masai Mara, Africa's most famous game reserve. The Masai Mara is home of the "Big Five" and the magical spectacle of the wildebeest migration.

The Camp is located on the banks of the Talek River and offers both luxury tents and chalet accommodation.

Why not treat yourself to the most magical balloon safari that you will ever experience with Balloon Aloft.

DAY 9: MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

Morning and afternoon game drives in the Masai Mara.

Day 10: LAKE NAKURU GAME RESERVE

After breakfast drive to Lake Nakuru and arrive in time for lunch followed by an afternoon game drive.

Overnight: **Flamingo Hill Camp, 1 night** including all meals and game viewing activities

Small and exclusive, comprising 25 tents ensuite tents furnished with the understated luxury required by the modern traveller. The restaurant serves a buffet breakfast and lunch. Dinner is a mix of table d'hote or buffet style. The bar is well stocked with local as well as imported beverages. Our guests are treated to the famous flamingo hill cocktails whilst relaxing in our comfortable and open Lounge with a view of the plains.



DAY 11: NAIROBI and departure

After breakfast, drive to Nairobi for lunch and your transfer to the Airport for your onward flight or you can spend a day or two in Nairobi. Visit the Karen Blixen museum, visit the Daphne Sheldrick elephant sanctuary and shop for souvenirs. Alternatively you can extend your trip to Zanzibar or Mombassa.

Approximate cost: \$6500 per person based on 2 people (not inclusive of international airfares)