# **DAY TRIPS**

**Mwanza City Tours Day Trips Tanzania** explores the city of <u>Mwanza</u> – the major Tanzanian port on Lake Victoria and a major centre of economic activities in the region.

Lake Victoria borders the country's East African neighbors - Uganda to the North West, and Kenya to the north east.

Mwanza city makes a good base from which to explore the nearby Rubondo Island National Park and the western parts of the Serengeti.

Rubondo Island National Park offers pleasant day-hikes and bird watching around the lake shore.

Mwanza's proximity to the western Serengeti makes it a necessary stop for visitors who want to experience a less bust part of the park and see the magic of the Serengeti without the parade of safari vehicles and seasonal crowds.

Mwanza is also the centre of the Sukuma tribe, the largest tribe in Tanzania, who have inhabited and farmed the region for centuries.

Cultural tourism programmes to their local villages and farms can be arranged through Masero Tours.

### Saanane Island National Park 1 Day Tour - Tanzania

Saanane Island National Park 1 Day Tour is a full day tour of Saanane National Park + picnic lunch in Mwanza. Saanane National Park situated on an island in Lake Victoria. The park is easy and quick to reached by boat from Mwanza. It is located 2 kilometers Southwest of Mwanza city centre and is accessed by a short boat ride for about 5 minutes from Park Offices, on the mainland. Park Offices are easily accessed about 15 minute's short walk from the City Centre.

### Serengeti National Park Day Trip from Mwanza - Tanzania

Serengeti National Park Day Trip from Mwanza 1 day safari itinerary: Mwanza – Serengeti – Mwanza: leave Mwanza town early in the morning 0500 Hours with picnic breakfast and lunch and drive for 2 hours to Serengeti Ndabaka gate. Begin your safari gamedrive from western corridor to Central Serengeti. Stop at picnic for lunch in the Serengeti. After lunch proceed on a game drive from central Serengeti making your way back to back to Ndabaka gate as you head back to Mwanza town.

## Mwanza Town City Tour\_- Tanzania

Mwanza City Tour departs from your hotel at 800 Hours for the Bujora Village to visit the Sukuma Museum to learn about the traditions and culture of the largest tribe in Tanzania. Next you take a boat trip on Lake Victoria for sightseeing and bird watching en route to the Saa Nane National Park. Enjoy the island's impressive rocky vantage points with a spectacular view of Mwanza City. Sundowners are included. End the day by returning to your hotel for the night.

### Sukuma Museum Bujora Cultural Center Day Tour

Sukuma Museum Bujora Cultural Center Day Tour is a tour in Mwanza to Bujora Cultural Center is an ideal place for relaxation and learning the Sukuma cultural life. Bujora is located about 18 km East of Mwanza off Musoma/ Serengeti Ndabaka gate road. The center is committed to promote, celebrate and integrate traditional life and contemporary life of the Sukuma people. Your visit includes royal pavilion, traditional homestead, archives, botanic garden, Sukuma traditional dancers etc.

### **Musoma Town Tour**

It is located on the shores of Lake Victoria in the north of Tanzania, near the Kenyan border. The town offers much amusement to the passing visitors and is a point of cultural interest for people wanting to experience the vibrant life of people around Lake Victoria.

Musoma is an administrative town of the Mara region. Musoma sits on the eastern edge of Lake Victoria not far from the Kenyan border. There are boats that take you across Lake Victoria from Musoma.

Located near Butiama, hometown of the first president of Tanzania, Musoma houses the Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere Museum. It exhibits document of the rise of nationalism, the independence movement, and the early history of Tanzania, as well as displaying various items of interest that belonged to the late leader, including a copy of Plato's Republic, which Mwalimu Nyerere translated into Kiswahili by hand.

There are few activities that can be undertaken while in Musoma which includes a town tour in which visitors are exposed to what the locals do during the day. To experience more of local life and to see how the locals do business, a visit to the fish market is recommended.

The town has an old German building that is now used as a government office which offers visitors an introduction to historic mementos in the area. Mukendo hill is a place where panoramic views of the town and Lake Victoria are great. At the base of Mukendo hill there a few caves that have a history of the legend who ruled the area. A visitor wishing to take photos of their life time this place is never missed.

Musoma offers a myriad beach hotels where several activities are also available for visitors such as boat trips to exotic Islands (Kibuyi Peninsula and Lukuba Island), deep fishing or just walking down the cool beach, the cool breeze alternating near the lake shore, they are all here, including biking, a sundowner, camping, visit to a fishing village and more. Tembo beach hotel and Matvilla beach hotel offers a handful of activities as well as camping facilities for overlanders.

## Lukuba Island, Lake Voictoria

**Description:** This island is 12 km offshore northwest of Musoma and actually contains two islands plus numerous small islets. The islands are fringed by lush vegetation and dotted with the massive boulders so characteristic of this part of Lake Victoria. In addition to several small villages and seasonal fishing camps, the islands are home to monitor lizards, red monkeys and dozens of bird species – about 70 have been identified thus far. They make an enjoyable excursion from Musoma, especially if you're interested in getting a feel for life on the lake, or in birding. Don't miss climbing one enormous, flat-topped boulder for spectacular sunset views.

The lovely and intimate Lukuba Island Lodge, on the smaller of the two many islands is the only accommodation and a wonderful getaway. There are just five cosy stone-and-thatch bungalows on the lake shore, a pretty beach, and the chance for short walks, birding and boating. Fully equipped fishing can also be arranged. The cuisine is tasty, the ambience laid-back and the lodge comes highly recommended. Arrive by speed boat (45 minutes) departing from New Tembo Beach Hotel.

Things 2 Do: Leisurely hikes, boat ride, fishing, relax on beach.