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### **WILDLIFE SAFARIS**

Masero Tours is renowned for its professional excellence in organizing safari tours to the world famous game parks in Tanzania, including Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Mikumi, Ruaha, the Selous and many others.

#### **2 Days Safari Ngorongoro**

##### **Day 1 : Drive to Lake Manyara OR Tarangire for afternoon game drive**

Drive from Moshi/Arusha to Lake Manyara OR Tarangire, lunch en route, afternoon game drive. Tarangire is best to visit from July-October and Lake Manyara is best November-June.

Meals: BLD

##### **Day 2 : Half day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater, drive to Moshi/Arusha**

Drive to Ngorongoro Crater for half-day game drive in the crater. Afternoon, return to Moshi or Arusha via Mto Wa Mbu.

Meals: BL

#### **3 Days Serengeti Tours**

3 Days Serengeti Tours Serengeti National Park & Ngorongoro Crater. Spend three days exploring two of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa and official UNESCO World Heritage Sites on our Wonders of Africa Safari to the Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater. The Maasai describe the Serengeti as 'the place where the land runs on forever' – this description corresponds with the vast plains of the wildlife sanctuary perfectly. Dubbed 'Africa's Garden of Eden', The Ngorongoro Crater hosts an abundance of wildlife including the exceptionally rare black rhino and is renowned for maximum game spotting.

##### **Day 1: Arusha to Serengeti National Park**

In the morning we will depart to the Serengeti National Park from Arusha. We will take the scenic route to the Serengeti passing along the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. Serengeti is one of the Seven Natural wonders of Africa; it also features spectacular river crossings and is home to all the big predators. You have the opportunity to marvel at the view whilst enjoying an appetising picnic lunch on a kopje (small hill in a generally flat area). We will resume our journey and progress further into the Serengeti for a game drive. When the game drive is completed you will proceed to the Serengeti Camp, full-board camping is on offer.

##### **Day 2: Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater**

The day will begin in the central Serengeti where you will have an opportunity to view game. Lunch will be served in the park before we proceed to the Ngorongoro Crater. The Ngorongoro Crater has a diverse ecological system that includes lions, leopards, elephants, cheetahs, buffaloes, zebras, wildebeest, elands, wild dogs, gazelles, crocodiles, giraffe, zebras, monkeys, baboons, hippos, rhinos and antelopes. There are migrant birds from Eurasia and African birds such as vultures, storks and flamingos. Majority of the plantation can be described as luscious and green but there are species of desert plants. The probability of what species you are likely to see all depends on the time of year and the migration of the herds. We will drive to the rim of the crater in the afternoon and spend the night at the Camp.

### **Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha**

We will have an early departure from camp to ensure that we arrive at the Ngorongoro Crater promptly. We will descend into the crater as our game drive with a picnic lunch is inside the crater. The Ngorongoro Crater is an immense, unbroken caldera that was formed when a volcano erupted millions of years ago. The elevated structure encourages the animals subside within the crater which means there is a high possibility of spotting every member of 'The Big 5'. The powerful group comprises of buffalo, lions, rhinos, elephants and leopards. You can expect to see other wildlife including zebra, hippos, wildebeest and hyenas. The flamingos will lounge gracefully on the banks of the Soda Lake whilst the vultures can be found scavenging for the discarded prey of a predator. Geese and storks are amongst some of the other bird species. Our guides are highly skilled and their ability to track down animals is impressive. This level of expertise is not easily acquired. Your trip will come to an end in the late afternoon and we will proceed to Arusha.

3 Days Tarangire/Crater

#### **Day 1: Arusha to Tarangire National Park**

Early Morning breakfast then depart for a 2 hours journey to Tarangire National Park to begin your safari with your expert guide.

Tarangire National Park is probably one of the least visited of the northern Tanzanian game parks, and retains a real air of undiscovered Africa, particularly in the south of the park. Just two hours drive away from Arusha. It lies a little distance to the south east of Lake Manyara and covers an area of approximately 2,850 square kilometers. It is named after the Tarangire River that flows through the park. The swamps, tinged green year round, are the focus for 550 bird varieties, the largest number of species in one habitat anywhere in the world; on drier ground, the Kori bustard – the heaviest flying bird – can be found. In late afternoon and proceed to your camp for dinner and overnight stay.

Accommodation: Tarangire Camp

Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 2: Tarangire to Ngorongoro Crater Rim**

Enjoy another day of your safari with game drives in this unique national park where mighty baobab – the tree of life – tower majestically over the savannah can be seen.

Leave the park in the afternoon and drive straight to Ngorongoro Crater rim for dinner and overnight Overnight at your lodge

#### **Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha**

Descend into the Ngorongoro caldera very early in the morning to view the wildlife on the crater floor. The Ngorongoro Crater is often called "Africa's Eden" and the "8th Natural Wonder of the World". A massive extinct volcano, the sheer walls drop thousands of feet to a "Noah's Ark" of animals on the verdant floor below. Large herds of zebra, buffalo, antelope and wildebeest graze nearby while sleeping lions laze in the sun. At dawn, the endangered black rhino returns to the thick cover of the crater forests after grazing on dew-laden grass in the morning mist. The world-famous Ngorongoro Crater is at the eastern edge of the Serengeti in northern Tanzania. Nearly three million years old, the ancient caldera of the once-volcanic Ngorongoro shelters one of the most beautiful wildlife havens on earth, ringed with towering walls and sheltering forests, grasslands, fresh springs and a large soda lake. Leave the crater late afternoon and drive back to Arusha for dinner and overnight. Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch

### **4 Days Tanzania Safari**

#### **Day 1: Drive from Arusha to Lake Manyara**

A **Budget Tanzania Camping tour safari** in Tanzania will start after breakfast, your driver will pick up and drive to Lake Manyara national park, you arrive in time for lunch at the lodge and after lunch do we head into the Lake Manyara National Park for an afternoon game drive. This national park is one of Tanzania's most dramatically located wildlife areas, consisting of a massive but shallow soda lake (covering two-thirds of the park), located at the foot of the Great Rift Valley's western escarpment. The park's varied habitat attracts a wide variety of animals, including one of Africa's largest concentrations of elephants, Lake Manyara's unique tree-climbing lions, as well as large flocks of flamingos attracted by the algae in the lake.

### **Day 2: Safari in Lake Manyara to Serengeti**

Your **Safari in Tanzania tour** itinerary will start after breakfast we head towards the Serengeti National Park, via the beautiful high lying farmland of Karatu and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Leaving the highlands behind, we descend into the heart of wild Africa – the Serengeti National Park – with its endless plains, rolling into the distance as far as the eye can see. We head to the central park area, known as the Seronera area, one of the richest wildlife habitats in the park, featuring the Seronera River, which provides a valuable water source to this area and therefore attracts wildlife well representative of most of the Serengeti's species.

### **Day 3: Safari in Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater**

In your **4 days Tanzania budget or lodge Safari** you will stopover at Olduvai Gorge, boasting with a history dating back to the dawn of time. It was here, that the anthropologists Drs. Lois and Mary Leakey discovered the skulls of 'Nutcracker Man' and 'Handy Man', both very significant links in the chain of human evolution, We arrive in time for lunch at the lodge and after lunch we will descend over 600 meters into the crater to view wildlife for a half day's safari tour. Supported by a year round water supply and fodder, the Ngorongoro National Park supports a vast variety of animals, which include herds of wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, warthog, hippo, and giant African elephants. Another big draw card to this picturesque national park is its dense population of predators, which include lions, hyenas, jackals, cheetahs and the ever-elusive leopard, which sometimes requires a trained eye to spot. We will visit Lake Magadi, a large but shallow alkaline lake in the southwestern corner, which is one of the main features of the crater. A large number of flamingos, hippos and other water birds can usually be seen here.

### **Day 4: Safari in Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha**

Tanzania **Budget Camping Safari** the day start after breakfast, you will leave with en-route game viewing transfer back to your hotel in Arusha. Upon arrival in Arusha will we have lunch and then we will end our **Tanzania Tour Safari**. The group should tip the guide around \$20 a day. You will be taken to your hotel, which ends our safari services.

The end of 4 Days Tanzania Wildlife.

### **8 Days Northern Tanzania Safari**

This private 8 Days Northern Tanzania Safari in Tanzania explores all the highlights for that part of the country. Game viewing is, of course, the main theme, and optional extras such as a hot air balloon ride in the Serengeti can be added. We can also amend this itinerary include some time on the beach in Zanzibar or Tanzania's coastline.

#### **Day 1 – Kilimanjaro to Arusha**

Arrive at JRO. After clearing customs and immigration formalities, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Arusha. Overnight on Bed & Breakfast at Impala Hotel, before your African adventure begins.

#### **Day 2 – Arusha to Tarangire National Park**

After breakfast, depart for Tarangire National Park arriving in time for lunch and an afternoon of game viewing. Lesser kudu, eland, lion, and gerenuk can be found in this beautiful park, noted for its multitude of baobab trees and its tree-climbing lions. Dinner and overnight at the lodge or tented camp

### **Day 3 – Tarangire to Ngorongoro Conservation Area**

After breakfast, drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Lunch at the lodge. This afternoon, you will descend 2000 feet (over 600 meters) to the floor of the crater for a day crater tour with picnic lunches.

Explore the forest areas that are inhabited by monkeys and elephants, the lake area, where you may see the flamingos and the open savannah where the lions hunt for food. Dinner and overnight at the lodge in Ngorongoro.

### **Day 4 – Ngorongoro to Serengeti Game Reserve**

Drive to Serengeti National Park via Olduvai Gorge, the site of Louis and Mary Leakey's renowned archaeological discoveries. Their findings include some of the man's earliest known ancestral remains. Lunch at the lodge in Serengeti. You will have an afternoon game drive in the endless plains of the Serengeti for a chance to see the great herds of wildebeest, zebras and gazelles or a pride of lions lounging in the shade. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

### **Day 5 & 6 On safari in the Serengeti**

Two full days of game viewing in the Serengeti. Meals and overnight at the lodge in the Serengeti National Park. Here the option exists of booking onto a hot air balloon safari, that will lift off the ground at around sunrise, and take you on a magical floating journey over the vast plains of the Serengeti.

### **Day 7 – Serengeti to Lake Manyara**

Enjoy an early morning game drive, before breakfast. Return to the lodge for late breakfast. Enjoy a mid-morning and then depart to Ngorongoro Highlands. Lunch at Gibbs Farm or similar. Afternoon visit to the waterfalls. Dinner and overnight at the lodge in Manyara

### **Day 8 – Safari ends at Kilimanjaro International**

After breakfast, you will have a morning game drive in Lake Manyara National Park whose inhabitants include hippos, monkeys, tree climbing lions, flamingos and other varieties of birdlife. Lunch at Lake Manyara Hotel Lodge. After lunch, drive back to Arusha and proceed to JRO for departure flight in the evening which will conclude your safari in Africa.

## **BIRDLIFE SAFARIS**

### **Birding In the North of Tanzania**

The national parks to the north of Tanzania have been formed through the moving together of two tectonic plates and, as such, this is an area that is both barren and fertile in equal amounts. The main National Parks of the Serengeti, Lake Manyara and Tarangire are very good for large raptors and scavengers, but, if you are looking to get away from the "flock" then please see a few additional areas below:

*The Momella Lakes* – located in the north of Arusha National Park, these lakes are fed by underground streams and are a mecca for water birds in particular. Species commonly seen here include flamingo, pelican, little grebe and a variety of herons, ducks and waders are also common.

*Lake Natron* – fed by underground springs and the Ewaso Nyiro River, Lake Natron is one of the famous Rift Valley Lakes and sits to the north of the Ngorongoro Crater, on the border with Kenya.

This inhospitable region of caustic waters and parched earth is the main breeding ground for East Africa's 2.5 million or so lesser flamingo who rally here in the summer months of August and September. As a sheer spectacle on its own, it is something worth seeing.

*Rubondo Island* – situated in the southern reaches of Lake Victoria, Rubondo Island is an often forgotten corner of Tanzania and, only now, it is becoming more developed and connected once more. This island has many great features but one of these is that, with its forested and freshwater habitats, it is very popular for bird species of all kinds.

### **Birding In the South of Tanzania**

As with the northern parks of Tanzania, the main parks of the Selous Game Reserve and Ruaha National Parks are superb birding destinations in their own right. Please see a little information on the Selous and a couple of other destinations that are less well known:

*The Selous Game Reserve* – with most of the main camps in the park being located along the winding Rufiji River, the Selous is a superb park for seeing all number of bird species ranging from the fish eagle to the malachite kingfisher and the secretary bird.

*Amani Nature Reserve* - on the Eastern Arc Mountains, the Amani Nature Reserve is probably one of the most exciting and accessible areas for birding in southern Tanzania and, for those looking to see any of Tanzania's endemic species, it is a must visit.

### **CULTURAL SAFARIS**

#### **Ilkiding'a - Arusha Region**

Ilkiding'a is among the small villages that surround Mount Meru and yet provide valuable cultural programmes in Tanzania. Been a Maasai community based village, our guide Eliakimu guarantees you a lovely cultural programme on your visit.

The following is on offer:

- A visit to a local traditionally built household to get an idea of how an extended family lives together
- Traditional dancing: We can bring the dance to you or you can bring the people to the dance.
- A walk through coffee plantations and open fields where potatoes, cabbages, maize, beans and other cash crops are cultivated by the villagers.
- A visit to a traditional healer, who is ready to answer all your questions and give advice if needed
- A visit to the craftsmen prepared by the Mainyoto Women's Group at one of the households
- A visit to the primary school where money generated from tourism as Development Fees is used to rehabilitate the school
- The pleasure of impressive viewpoints overlooking Arusha town, hiking along narrow footpaths, crossing a canyon and climbing small hills. You can take a half day tour, full day tour or a 3 day south-west Meru cultural hike. A fourth option is an 8-hour walking trip from Arusha to the starting point, where you connect with the full day tour.

#### **Chilunga - Morogoro Region**

Morogoro 192 km west of Dar es Salaam, is a beautiful region with the Uluguru Mountains, can natural forests and endemic bird species. Apart from these attractions, visitors can enjoy mountain hikes, historical sites, waterfalls, panoramic viewpoints and glimpses of the local culture.

**The following tours can be organized:**

#### **Morning Side tour**

Walk through Towelo and Ruvuma village to Morning Side, an old German settlement. Walk back

through scenic farmlands.

**Madola tour:** Visit Madola village to meet a traditional healer.

**Usolo tour:** Drive through Mikuyuni centre to Usolo where you can enjoy walking, fishing, and meeting the locals.

**Nugutu traditional village tour:** Participate in village life of the Walugulu people-try traditional food and drink, dance with them and learn to make handicrafts.

**Kinole village tour: There are three options available under this tour:**

1. Start from Kinole village and come down the Uluguru Mountains to Morogoro, passing a historical site on the way.
2. Start from Kinole village towards Morogoro through a forest reserve, where you can watch the antics of blue monkeys and black and white colobus monkeys.
3. Start from Kinole village towards Morogoro through Tegetero and Bangilo villages and forest reserves. Here too, you have the opportunity of seeing blue monkeys, black and white colobus monkeys and birds.

**Lupanga tour:** Start from Morogoro and pass through lush farmlands before you go uphill to the second highest peak of the Uluguru. Enjoy the waterfalls, rainforest, endemic species of birds, insects and monkeys.

**Bunduki tour:** Swim and camp at the Hululu waterfall site.

**Lukwangulu Plateau tour:** A panoramic view is on offer from the only plateau in the Ulugurus. There is the option of staying overnight with the villagers.

**Maasai village tour:** Stay overnight in a Maasai village with the colourful tribe and partake in their traditional meals and markets.

**Town tour:** Take a tour of Morogoro town-walk, drive or ride. This can be arranged by the tourist office.

**Kibwe waterfall tour:** Walk to the seasonal Kibwe waterfall and view Morogoro town from the peaks of the Uluguru Mountains.

**Kigurunyembe tour:** Feel the cool waters of a rock stream and take a dip. Or just camp beside it and refresh yourself.

#### **Getting there:**

Morogoro can be easily reached from Dar es Salaam. Buses are regularly available. (Income from tourist visits will be used to improve conservation of natural resources and cultural sustainability in the region).

#### **Butiama Museum & Cultural Tours - Mara Region**

On the north-western side of Serengeti National Park, 60 kilometres from Ndabaka Gate

(Western gate to the Serengeti National Park) one will meet great people named Wazanaki ethnic group. Butiama is the birthplace and burial location of the 'Father of the Nation', Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, the founding president of Tanzania who began his political career in the early 1950s, led Tanzanians to independence in 1961, and remained in politics until his voluntary retirement in 1985.

### **A visit to the mausoleum of Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere**

- Trekking up the Chamuriyo hill, visit German soldiers hiding caves, graveyards and get a panoramic view of Lake Victoria, Serengeti plains and surrounding human settlements
  - Visit community development projects, local schools and health centres found in the area
  - Cotton Farm tour: see how people practice cotton farming
  - A home stay with Wazanaki family to enjoy traditional food and their unique lifestyle.
- It's a great way to learn the culture of the people

### **Half day tour:**

**Option 1:** Butiama village tour: A welcome to Mwalimu Nyerere homestead. Get a guided tour around the home and the Mwalimu Nyerere's mausoleum then proceed to the Mwalimu J.K. Nyerere Museum and then to the village area where cassava farms are found. Get a glimpse of cassava farming. Visit a traditional healer famous for treating infertility together with other diseases since the ancient times.

**Option 2:** Visit Nyerere's homestead and then proceed to the Butiama Museum before walking to Mtuzu hill, a short memorable Kili trekking tour which is organized every September to raise money for charitable ends.

### **Ngoreme Hotspring Tour**

Our visitors will have an opportunity to explore a hot spring found in the area while enjoying magnificent iconic kopjes dotting the land and finally get a cultural insight of Wangoreme inhabitants of the area. Listen to folklore and nice stories about their culture as its explained to you by Wangoreme elders.

### **Serengeti National Park**

We can link you to Serengeti National Park, the home of the great wildebeest migration a most spectacular rut of wild animals.

### **Other activities on offer are:**

Participate in daily African life activities, volunteer in primary, secondary and/or nursery schools teaching various subjects, You can also have a wonderful volunteering experience in health projects within and around Mara region Getting there: Butiama Museum Get an insight of the life history and the way of life of the Zanaki people.

Appreciate beautiful landscapes with hills, mountains and learn about their kinship leadership system.

### **The following tours are on offer:**

- A welcome to the 'Father of the Nation's' home
- A visit to Chief Edward Wanzagi's homestead
- A visit to The Mwalimu J.K. Nyerere Museum hike of just over an hour. Get a panoramic view of the Butiama village the farms and people's settlement, Lake Victoria, and the Mara River valley.

**Full day tour:**

Take a round guided walk around Father of the Nation's homestead and then walk down through a village to visit traditional Wazanaki homestead, to explore the culture and then proceed to visit Kyarano dam, and the farms of Mwalimu Nyerere.

- Visitors with a full day may opt to visit the German soldiers hiding caves, a place used as armoury for military weapon and German graves that exists since colonial times on Chamuriyo hill.
- Tailor-made tours and excursions can be organized where mountain bikes can be used as a means of transport.

**Traditional Ceremonies & Events:**

The energetic Wazanaki traditional dancers will give you an insight into their culture by their captivating songs and dances. You can watch, experience and even participate in a variety of dances symbolising various occasions and traditional events such as traditional marriage & bride-price giving ceremonies at home. Kilimanjaro Climbing-Fund raising for Nyerere Education & Health Fund, Butiama Cultural Tourism Enterprise welcomes all interested people around the globe to participate in this & Cultural Tourism Enterprise is located in Western Serengeti about 60 kilometres from Ndabaka gate off Serengeti National Park. One can board the commuter buses, daladala, that ply the route between Butiama and Musoma throughout the day. Butiama is located only 40 kilometres from Musoma. Alternatively, visitors arriving from Arusha can travel on one of the passenger buses that travel daily between Arusha and Musoma, and get off at Butiama.

**Where to stay:**

A number of options exist. JKN Hotel offers decent accommodation services with 14 rooms that can accommodate up to 20 visitors. There are special rates for students visiting us. Homestay and camping options are available. Our rates are affordable. The Butiama mosque hostel offers modest accommodation with 8 rooms capable of accommodating 12 visitors. Couples are required to show proof of marriage.

**Tengeru - Arusha Region**

In close proximity to the picturesque slopes of Mt. Meru, Tengeru is 13 km from Arusha town along the Arusha- Moshi/Dar es Salaam road.

**The following is on offer:**

- A glimpse of Meru culture
- A visit to a local farms owned and managed by members of the Patandi Women's Group
- A guided tour to the legendary Chief's compound to see his handicrafts and artifacts, followed by a hiking tour up Mt. Meru
- A visit to families with disabled children in the village to exchange ideas on family planning and HIV/ AIDS
- An introduction to village Environmental Conservation Initiative (VECI)
- Attending the church service on Sunday
- A taste of locally prepared coffee and learning about the bio-gas Plant
- Entertainment by local theatre works around a bonfire

**Visit to a local primary school (2 hours)**

Visit any of the three primary schools in the vicinity. One is a normal primary school, the second a Special school for the handicapped and the third a Teaching practice school. Meet the children and Participate in their activities.



**Patandi Bush tour (3 hours)**

Visit the Patandi village and the homes of the villagers. See the farms, cattle rearing and coffee making process.

**Lake Duluti tour (4 hours)**

Walk to Lake Duluti, a caldera lake, and learn about the historical background and mysteries associated with it. A boat ride can be organized or enjoy watching the flora that abounds in the area.

**River Malala eco tour (half day)**

Take a nature walk along the river bank to enjoy scenery, birds, flowers and trees. Shimbumbu Hill nature expedition (half day) Walk through banana and coffee plantations and after crossing the river Malala, ascend to the top of Shimbumbu Hill and to the Msese caves

**Kimundo excursion (3 days)**

Visit an African chiefdom, Khum Springs and the Maasai-Kwevi point near River Malala. Hear the story connected with these sites. Enjoy the Mangalia waterfall and go on to pay tribute to two young missionaries at a nearby graveyard. Later, go hiking up the Majestic Mt. Meru. Songs: Enjoy local singing, dancing and poetry of the Meru culture around a bonfire at Night. Shopping: Join the locals in their evening shopping and buy yourself a souvenir.

**Getting there:** From Arusha, minibuses are available. Go past Tengeru Shopping Centre, get off at Sangs and ask for the Tengeru Camp Site. (Income from tourist visits will be used to educate AIDS orphans and to develop the Mavinuni Primary School).

**Ukerewe Island**

Ukerewe is the largest island in Lake Victoria and the largest inland island in Africa. It is approximately 530 km<sup>2</sup> and is surrounded by over 10 smaller islands. It has an intriguing European history, however it is its people, customs and tribal stories which hold the biggest attraction – the Chiefs, Intellectuals, Farmers and albino residents who have shaped the islands.

The islands simple rural life is based on community values and sustainable living – Ukerewe uses highly successful farming techniques where every patch of land and tree is individually cared for and owned. Exploring these islands will give you a unique insight into every day life on the Great African Lakes and allow you to experience a special part of Africa few have seen.

**DAY 1: Mwanza to Ukerewe Island**

You will leave Mwanza after breakfast to board the boat to Ukerewe island, a 2 hour journey. On arrival you will be welcomed by an experienced local guide who will show you around the island and entertain you with fascinating stories of its residents and famous chiefs.

**DAY 2: Ukerewe Island**

After breakfast you will visit the islands most historical and scenic sites by bicycle including Ahandbezo, the beach based coconut farm and the burial place of Ukerewe's great writers. Ukerewe is famed throughout history for its intellectuals. Overnight at lodge.

**DAY 3-5: Ukara Island discovery & Transfer**

You will take a boat to another island of the Ukerewe archipelago – Ukara island. Here you will discover its rural lifestyle and enjoy a relaxing 1 night stay before returning to the main island of Nansio-Ukerewe for your final night. On the morning of the 5th day you will board the boat back to

Mwanza.

### **Lake Victoria Safari & Rubondo Island National Park**

Rubondo Island is the largest of one of only 2 island National Parks in Tanzania. and is located on the south-west corner of Lake Victoria, 150 km (95 miles) west of Mwanza city. The 2nd island park is Saa Nane Island NP, which is near by and which you will also visit during your stay. Lake Victoria is one of Africa's Great Lakes and is the source of the River Nile (the world's longest river), Africa's largest lake and the second largest freshwater lake in the world.

This national park is 456.8 km<sup>2</sup> of which 236.8 km<sup>2</sup> is dry land and 220 km<sup>2</sup> is water comprising of 11 small islets. The park offers a vast variety of habitats for wildlife including: velvet monkeys, genet cats, spotted necked otters, hippopotamus, crocodiles, chimpanzees, elephants and giraffes. Only here can visitors to Tanzania be sure of seeing Sitatunga (marsh bucks). It is also a paradise for bird-lovers with nearly 400 species documented on the island. Fisherman also love the challenge of coming face to face with the iconic Nile Perch!

A stay on Rubonda Island and a Lake Victoria Safari is a unique way of experiencing Tanzania and its African wildlife. It's remoteness and lack of human influence ensures you will have very special memories that few will ever have, and you will have played your part in conserving this extraordinary wildlife refuge for generations to come.

Starting 1st September 2016 - Chimpanzee habituation experience. A unique opportunity to spend time with habitutors in the field observing these extraordinary monkeys. Please request additional price at time of booking.

#### **DAY 1: Crocodiles, Hippo pools & Campfires**

At the start of this unique Lake Victoria Safari we will meet and greet you from your flight or bus. We will drive you to Muganza to take a 20 minute boat ride across Lake Victoria to the magical Rubondo Island. On arrival you will take a 25 minute drive through the forest to your accommodation - you may spot your first game on route! You can then check in your room/banda while registration and confirming your activity plan is done by the park administration. In the afternoon after lunch, you will go on a 3 hour walking safari (guided) in the natural forest/along the beach. While hiking, you can enjoy viewing animals like sitatunga, bushbucks, suni, mongoose, bush pigs, genet cats and monkeys. There are many forest birds and butterflies on the lake and its shores. In the evening after dinner you can enjoy the quiet of the island around a campfire - a good time for a local beer or wine and reflect on an amazing day!

#### **DAY 2: Rubondo Island Lake Safari**

After an early coffee, you will go on a game drive to try and spot big game like elephant, giraffe and other small animals, reptiles and birds. You will come back to base for a hearty brunch. In the afternoon you will then take an exciting Lake Safari to enjoy the spectacular beauty of the Island. You will head to bird Island to enjoy more of the lakes birds life, the secretive sitatunga's and the breath taking hippo and crocodiles in the water. (We can also arrange for you to fish on the lake (Sport fishing- for an additional charge)

#### **DAY 3: Island discovery & Transfer**

Today you will have a free morning on Rubondo Island to feel its tranquility and to relax. You will leave the Island after an early Brunch. We will take you back to the mainland and on to the town of

Bukoba, or else arrange a flight direct from the island to Mwanza, the Serengeti or back home!

## **GROUP TOURS**

### **Sample Detailed Itinerary for a Group Safari in Tanzania**

You can be joined to our shared safaris for fun, so as to meet new people and friends on safari or just to make it affordable to you in case you are traveling alone, and you do not wish to take a solo safari. Whatever is your reason for wanting a shared safari, you should look no further.

We arrange **group departure safaris** starting and ending at Arusha town and you can join on any day provided that we have confirmed participants for the date you are planning to start your safari. Many travelers over the years have continued requesting us for availability and possibility to join a shared safari in Tanzania and this is what prompted us to start organizing Northern Tanzania group safari tours. We need only 2 persons to have a confirmed departure and we operate the group Tanzania safaris in conjunction with some of our trusted partners.

These group safaris take you to either of the best national parks in Tanzania including; Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire National Park and Lake Manyara National Park.

### **Scheduled group Tanzania safari departures**

We have daily departures for a 4 Days Camping safari to Lake Manyara, Serengeti and National park and the Ngorongoro Crater. These are the highlights of Safari in Northern Tanzania. These are ideal for the last minute short safari seekers but you can also make an early booking for the date that you wish.

#### **4 Days: Lake Manyara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro**

##### **Day 1: Arusha - Lake Manyara (or Tarangire National Park)**

Leave Arusha in the morning with a lunch box and drive to Lake Manyara National Park one and a half hours away. We will check in at the Jambo Campsite and offload the camping gear then head straight to the park for game drives all day. Late afternoon we return to the campsite for dinner and overnight.

\*Alternatively this *Group Camping Safari in Tanzania* takes you to Tarangire National Park especially in the dry months when game drives are best at Tarangire. During the months of April / May travelers are encouraged to do Lake Manyara instead of Tarangire National Park.

##### **Day 2: Lake Manyara - Serengeti National Park**

Early morning breakfast then drive to Serengeti National park crossing the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. You will be doing game drives on the way and after entering Serengeti via Naabi Hill gate you will continue with game drives the whole day. Lunch box will be served on this day as well. Later in the afternoon you will settle at the Seronera Campsite for freshly prepared dinner and then stay overnight at the Campsite.

##### **Day 3: Ngorongoro Conservation Area**

After breakfast at the Campsite you will spend the morning at Serengeti National park all morning and in the afternoon after lunch at a picnic site, we drive back via Naabi hill Gate to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area to stay overnight at Simba Campsite at the Crater rim.

#### **Day 4: Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha Town.**

Very early breakfast at Simba campsite then we descend early to the Crater floor for some 6 hours of Game drives in the Crater floor. After lunch at the Hippo poolside picnic site we ascend up the Crater rim and drive back to Arusha town where the safari ends in the late afternoon.

- The same safari can be done as a 5 Days Package by starting with Tarangire National Park.
- The package can be combined with a Beach Extension or Mountain climbing. Just Request for unbeatable Zanzibar / Kilimanjaro Offers !!.

#### **End of 4 days Group Tanzania Safari to join.**

### **ECO-TOURISM**

Tanzania's modern history began during the 8th century, as city-states were established along the coast as important trading routes. It was conquered by a variety of peoples starting with the Omanis, then the Portuguese, and finally the British. In the 1960s, after gaining independence, the two sovereign states of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form the United Republic of Tanzania. In fact, the name Tanzania is a portmanteau of Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

#### **Biodiversity:**

Tanzania is famous for its landmarks such as Kilimanjaro, the highest point in Africa and Lake Victoria, the world's second-largest freshwater lake. About 43.7% of Tanzania is listed as a protected area; however, most of the wildlife is found outside existing protected areas. This has led to increased conflicts between humans and wildlife as they compete for the same land resources. Tanzania is also home to important populations of species that endangered and threatened, such as the black rhinoceros, wild dog, chimpanzee, African elephant, cheetah, and wattled crane. Challenges to conservation include poverty, education, population growth, governance issues, lack of financial resources, and development pressures.

#### **Indigenous Peoples:**

Tanzania's population is 99% African, comprising of 120 ethnic groups including the Sukuma, the Haya, the Nyakyusa, the Nyamwezi, and the Chagga. The remaining 1% consists of Asians, Europeans, and Arabs. The two main religions are Christianity and Islam, with the population of Zanzibar being almost 100% Muslim. Although there is only a small community of Asians in Tanzania there have a significant amount of influence on the economy, owning about 40% of the economy in 1998. The Guardian reported in 2011 that Chinese traders in Dar es Salaam were given 30 days to stop trading in a busy market. The deputy industry minister said that Chinese businessmen were allowed into the country as investors, but not as "vendors or shoeshiners", as these jobs could be carried out by locals.

The Maasai are a semi-nomadic pastoralist people who live in Southern Kenya and northern Tanzania and number about a half million people. Their livestock, including cattle, goats, and sheep, are important to their culture and their source of income. The Maasai are also well-known for their

warrior “jump” dance in which maasai *morani* (warriors) leap into the air from a standing position. They have managed to maintain many of traditional ways, although this is more challenging each year.

Recently, in 2014, The Guardian revealed that the president of Tanzania had pledged never to evict the Maasai people after an international outcry condemning a turning of their ancestral land into a commercial hunting ground for Arab royalty. Maasai activists claimed that the government had reintroduced plans to forcibly relocate 40,000 pastoralists to make way for a luxury hunting and safari company. Lazaro Nyalandu, the natural resources and tourism minister, stated that the “government has no such plans and never entertained the idea of evicting the Maasai”.

### **UNESCO World Heritage Sites:**

**Kilimajaro National Park:** At 5,895 m (1,934 ft), Kilimanjaro is one of the largest volcanoes in the world, and the highest point in Africa. It has three main volcanic peaks, Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira. The mountain is encircled by forest, where numerous animals make their home, including elephants, buffalos, and antelopes. Since 1962, Kilimanjaro has lost 55% of its remaining glaciers.

**Kondoa Rock-Art Sites:** On overhanging slabs of sedimentary rocks, there is a spectacular collection of rock paintings dating back at least two millennia. What makes these images unique are the depictions of domesticated animals that indicate a transition from a hunter-gather society to agro-pastoralist. The rock art sites still play an active role in the rituals of nearby local communities.

**Ngorongoro Conservation Area:** Spanning vast expanses of highland plains, savanna, woodlands, and forests, the area was established in 1959 as a multiple land use area, with wildlife co-existing with the Maasai. It includes Ngorongoro Crater, the world’s largest caldera, and Olduvai Gorge, a 14 km (8mi) long deep ravine. A large population of animals live in the crater, including the endangered black rhinoceros, wildebeest, zebras and gazelles.

**Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara:** Located off the coast of Tanzania, these two islands are the sites of two port cities, Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara. Both were Swahili trading cities that saw the majority of the Indian Ocean trading, dealing in gold, silver, pearls, perfumes, Arabian crockery, Persian earthenware and Chinese porcelain. Around 1330, the great traveler Ibn Battouta visited Kilwa and described it as one of the most beautiful cities of the world. The ruins include the Great Mosque, a palace with an octagonal bathing pool, and the prison.

**Selous Game Reserve:** Covering 50,000 sq km (19,300 sq mi), The Selous Game Reserve is one of the largest protected areas in Africa. It is home to some of the largest concentrations of elephant, black rhinoceros, cheetah, giraffe, hippopotamus and crocodile. The birdlife is rich as well with 350 species having been recorded, including the knob-billed duck, the Udzungwa forest partridge and the rufous-winged sunbird.

**Serengeti National Park:** In May and June, huge herds of wildebeest, gazelles and zebras migrant from the central plains to the water holes of the Serengeti. These herds, numbering in the millions, are followed by prides of lions, spotted hyena, and golden jackal. Other wildlife include leopards, African elephants, black rhinoceros, monkeys, baboons, impalas, crocodiles, and over 500 species.

**Stone Town, Zanzibar:** Once an important trading port, the Arabs decorated the city with palaces and fine mansions. A maze of winding, narrow streets will take you past mosques, cathedrals, and crumbling homes with overhanging balconies, reflecting influences from both the Arab traders and European missionaries. Stone Town also has great historical importance as one of the main slave-trading ports in East Africa, as well as the base from which its opponents, like David Livingstone, conducted their anti-slavery movement.

### **National Parks:**

**Arusha National Park:** At dusk and dawn, when it's likely that there'll be no clouds, ecotourists will be able to see the majestic snow-capped peaks of Kilimanjaro from Arusha National Park. However, it is Mount Meru, the fifth highest in Africa, that dominates the park's horizon, and offers a rewarding hike. Giraffes lumber across the rolling grassy hills between grazing zebra herds, while thousands of flamingos will descend upon the blue-green lakes.

**Tarangire National Park:** The perfect place for a safari, ecotourists will discover herds of migratory animals such as wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, and elephants crowding upon the National Park's lagoons. Bird lovers will also rejoice, as the swamps attract birds such as the Kori bustard, the stocking-thighed ostrich, and the yellow-collared lovebird. Hiding in the trees, you might find a python, lion, or leopard.

**Udzungwa Mountains:** Not a conventional safari experience, Udzungwa Mountains is rather a huge draw for hikers. It is the largest and most biodiverse of a chain of a dozen large forest-swathed mountains known as the Eastern Arc. An excellent network of forest trails will take you to either Sanje Waterfall, which plunges 170 m (550 ft), or to Mwanihana peak, with panoramic views of nearby sugar plantations. Bird lovers will also appreciate the Park with its more than 400 bird varieties, including the green-headed oriole.

### **FAMILY TOURS**

Travel to East Africa with your family and see this continent at its most wild. Roam the famous Serengeti National Park, nearly 15,000 sq km of rolling savanna that shelters an astounding array of animals, from miniature dik-dik antelopes to lions and the noble African elephant. Spot wildlife while taking in ethereal vistas from atop the Ngorongoro Crater. This is also a human journey that puts you among Kenya and Tanzania's bustling markets and plantations, and in the valleys once inhabited by humankind's earliest ancestors. If you want to experience some of the most superb game-viewing in Africa, then this will truly be a trip to remember.

### **7+ year olds on safari**

From 7 years onwards it is certainly possible to have a varied and interesting safari in all of the various safari areas in the country. Please see our thoughts below:

## **Northern Tanzania for family safaris**

On the whole most of the itineraries that we feature to visit the northern parks of Tanzania involve using a private Landcruiser and so this is easily adaptable for family trips. The one point we would make about these northern trips is that, at certain times of the year, there can be quite a lot of driving in the itinerary and so younger children can find it quite tiring, BUT very suitable for family..

## **Southern Tanzania for family safaris**

The southern parks of the Selous Game Reserve and Ruaha National Park have become more and more family friendly over the last few years and, as such, many of the camps down here offer interconnecting family tents as well as family villas which allow total seclusion, private guides and child friendly activities.

## **Western Tanzania**

This are of Tanzania is probably the hardest and most expensive to get to but it is certainly worthwhile in order to see some of the most remotes areas of Africa such as Mahale Mountains National Park and Katavi National Park. It does to be an area that is more for keen safari fans, but it can., again, be a rewarding place to consider.

## **Zanzibar and the Islands**

Certainly one of the most popular destinations for families in Tanzania, there are plenty of very good properties to choose from on the island and very suitable for family..

## **DAY TRIPS**

**Mwanza City Tours Day Trips Tanzania** explores the city of Mwanza – 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 game drive 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 are 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.

### **AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND CAR-HIRE**

We provide airport transfers within towns of Tarime, Migori (Kenya), Mwanza, Musoma, Serengeti, Moshi, Arusha and Kilimanjaro International Airport we have good cars Toyota Alphards and Toyota Land cruisers for hire; both 2WD,4WD, comfortable Salon, Safari Built Vehicles, Mini Buses and Buses. As shown in the gallery page, the photos shows different samples of vehicles that we have ready for hire/rent to different various destinations in Tanzania. Please feel free to contact us for booking, availability and rates.

You can hire a car to different destinations in Tanzania from Kilimanjaro International Tarime airstrip, Migori airstrip, as well as Airport, Arusha, Moshi, Dar Es Salaam to countrywide.

### **Airport Transfers Services**

We provide Airport transfer Services and taxi services in from Tarime Aistrip, Migori Airstrip, Kilimanjaro international Airport Julius Nyerere international airport, Moshi Airport and Arusha Airport. We can pick you from anywhere in Tanzania and drive you to the airport/airstrip or drive you from airport/airstrip to any destination in Tanzania

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### **HOTEL BOOKINGS**

We provide suitable lodge bookings at various destinations as per your itinerary. The following are some of the hotels we use;

### **Kifa Best Point Hotel, Tarime**

Kifa Best Hotel is a great place to stay in Tarime, Mara.

The property lies within 30 km from Nyaandui Forest. 264 km to Karatu.

#### Rooms

Guests at Kifa Best Hotel are accommodated in rooms with LCD TV, a living area, a pantry, a trouser press and an iPod dock. Some rooms have the city view. In-room self-catering facilities include a dishwasher and a stove.

#### Services

Cars are available for rent on site.

#### Internet

Wireless internet is available in the hotel rooms for free.

#### Guest Parking

Public parking is possible on site for free.

Number of rooms: 19.

<http://kifa-best-hotel-tarime.booked.net/>

### **Nk Leisure Hotel, Tarime**

NK Leisure Hotel Limited is a deluxe hotel situated in the heart of Tarime and the regional business centre of east africa on a prime site overlooking CRDB Bank, Tarime branch. NK Leisure Hotel is only 5 minutes from the city centre. The hotel is within a walking distance to the centre of Tarime business and shopping area. Our hotel offers the discerning traveller and array of luxury choices when it comes to accomodation. We have a total of 21 luxury rooms and suites which range from Standard, Executive to disabled-rooms.

<http://www.nkleisurehotel.com/>

### **Balili Mountain Resort, Bunda**

*Balili Mountain Resort & Campsite set on the rocky hills range stretches over a large part of Bunda district and lush gardens amid forest from the coast all the way inland! This magical and perfect place commands spectacular views over the Serengeti plains of the Serengeti National Park, Lake Victoria- The largest Lake in Africa and The Bunda town. Here you can spend the days amid nature, watching the changing colors of the Sunset on the Lake Victoria while sipping drinks on the verandah or hiking in the forest inhabited by Klipspringers, Pongo, Rock hyrax, velvet monkeys, banded & dwarf mongoose as well as hundreds of small animal and bird species.*

<http://bmr.co.tz/about-us/>

### **Lukuba Island Lodge, Lake Victoria**

Location: Lukuba Island Lodge is situated in Lake Victoria, the second largest fresh water lake in the world (1134 meters asl), about 45 minutes to the west Musoma.

Accommodation: The lodge comprises of five intricately built stone bungalows with traditional grass thatched roofs, along with three traditional tented safari cabins on a neighbouring bay, all with lake views, just steps from the beach. Set under massive fig trees and flanked by granite monoliths, the cabins provide a beautiful view of the rock islands scattered across the channel and yet are private enough to enjoy the quiet songs of the visiting shore birds. The rooms have en suite bathrooms with shower, comfortable beds with mosquito netting, and a stone-paved porch with views of the lake.

Facilities & Services: Meals are served in an open stone-walled dining room facing the bay, and featuring a variety of dishes including fresh water fish. Available activities include leisurely boat ride around the island, fishing with a traditional bamboo fly-rod, bird watching, hiking and nature walks.

### **Twiga Lodge, Karatu**

Twiga Lodge & Campsite is located at Mto wa Mbu -one and a half hour drive from Arusha town. Its extensive facilities and beautiful setting has made Twiga a very popular stopover along the route to many Northern Circuit Tourist attractions.

Walkers and cyclists might be pleased to note that the excellent site and provides fresh air and good views of the wonderful surroundings. If you would like to sleep under the stars, we have a few extremely affordable options for you: You can choose to pitch your own tent, bring a camper van or hire one of our budget tents. We also have excellent rooms complete with AC, bathroom and WiFi for those that prefer cuddle up in a cozy room. Twiga also offers supplies to overland travelers and their vehicles as well as equipment and solution for their many travelling needs.

Whether you are setting out on your great Tanzanian adventure or returning from a safari, make sure that Twiga Lodge & Campsite figures prominently on your itinerary

### **Malaika Beach Resort, Mwanza**

Malaika Beach Resort offers 32 luxuriously appointed suites within a large villa-style garden setting with waterfalls. The hotel offers a beautiful setting to relax and enjoy all that Lake Victoria has to offer.

The suites are all comfortably furnished with large beds and spacious bathrooms with a full range of exclusive bathroom amenities. The glorious views of Lake Victoria can be enjoyed from your balcony. The rooms also have small lounge areas and writing desks. The rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, telephones, stocked minibars and tea and coffee-making facilities. Rates include an extraordinary full hot and cold breakfast buffet, secure off-street parking, Internet, and an airport shuttle from Mwanza Airport.

Guests can enjoy meals at the restaurant featuring a variety of delicacies including the local Tanzanian Tilapia Fish, fresh from Lake Victoria, delicious Indian cuisine prepared by traditional Indian Chefs and eclectic Continental cuisine.

## **BEACH HOLIDAYS**

### **Tanzania Beach Holiday**

Tanzania's reputation as one of Africa's greatest safari destinations often overshadows the fact that it has over 800 kilometres of dazzling Indian Ocean coastline to explore - and that's before you get to exotic Zanzibar and Tanzania's other tropical islands.

With enough variety to make it the ideal finale to a Tanzania safari or as a stand-alone vacation, a Tanzania beach holiday will appeal to every traveller. The beaches themselves are some of the finest on the East African coast while the range of world-class dive sites will delight scuba divers and snorkellers. Honeymooners will love the exclusive and indulgent beachfront lodges while parents will appreciate the range of family-friendly accommodation and activities available.

But it's not all about beaches and coral reefs: the highly diverse Tanzanian coast has a fascinating blend of cultures and cuisine. Spend time exploring back-street markets, tasting local dishes and interacting with local traders; the atmosphere is friendly and relaxed though - due to the strong Islamic influence - somewhat conservative, and you're advised to respect local traditions and sensibilities.

Pack lightly for your Tanzania beach holiday: it's usually pretty hot, sunny and humid all year round with temperatures averaging between 25 and 30°C. There are however distinct rainy seasons: try to avoid the coast during the long rains of March to April (when a number of lodges close) but there is less to worry about with the short rains of November to January.

It's generally agreed that the best time to go on a Tanzania beach holiday is during the drier and milder June to September months; the December - January holiday period is also popular but temperatures are high and there is some rain around.

We've split the coast into two distinct travel regions - the coast itself and Tanzania's islands, including Zanzibar.

### **Best Tanzania Beach Accommodation**

Accommodation on Tanzania's coast and islands ranges from popular beach lodges to intimate island retreats and vibrant resorts, and there is plenty to suit all tastes, budgets and trip types. Whether you're looking for a Zanzibar island getaway, a family resort or a relaxing beach holiday to combine with your safari, our selection of Tanzania beach accommodation is sure to inspire you and will make planning your Tanzania holiday so much simpler.

### **Mnemba Island Lodge**

Just 1.5km in circumference and lying off the clove-and-cinnamon-scented coast of Zanzibar lies Mnemba Island, a proverbial paradise of coral reefs, powdery beaches, turquoise water and frolicking dolphins. Lying on this fantasy isle is Mnemba Island Lodge, where the dedication is to true 'barefoot luxury' for all ages.

Only 10 thatched chalets - known as 'bandas' - make up the accommodation and the indigenous suni antelope and adorable Ader's duiker are known to wander happily past them on their way to

fresh grazing. Footsteps away from your banda is the beach – occupied by rare coconut crabs – and beyond that the tempting ocean, with its treasure trove of warm water, good visibility, sheer drops, a coral atoll and about 430 species of fish, including quizzical whale sharks. Mnemba Island Lodge is equipped with a PADI dive school and two dive boats, meaning you will always be able to take to the waters when it suits you. Water babies will also thrive on kayaking, windsurfing, swimming on the permanent beach and late-afternoon dhow cruises in this marine conservation area. All non-motorised water sports are included.

Landlubbers are not forgotten: spend the day bird watching (there is a large colony of doves that lives on the island) or relaxing on a daybed set up on the beach with a book from the library. Mnemba Island is also home to a fascinating green turtle population; peak turtle season is from April to August and privileged guests may even be able to witness these incredible creatures being born. Whatever you do, do not bother unpacking your shoes... no shoes and no dress code means a laid-back ambiance second to none.

### **Facilities**

- 10 private thatched bandas
- PADI dive school & 2 dive boats
- Child-minding & butler service
- Wi-Fi & library
- Water sports & bird watching
- Nesting turtle population

### **DHOW PALACE HOTEL (STONE TOWN)**

The Dhow, being the heart beat of the East African culture, has been carrying people, goods and treasures to and from Zanzibar for hundreds of years. Today, the Dhow Palace serves as a meeting point for people and cultures from all over the world amidst a decor and artefacts from a time gone by.

Dhow Palace was originally the home of a rich merchant, Sheikh bin Mujbia. Bin Mujbia and his descendants kept the building for more than three centuries before it was sold. The Dhow Palace building, being right in the heart of the stone town, has bore witness to many events taking place in Zanzibar, before the Dhow building itself became the centre of attention back in 1993 when it was transformed from a family mansion to this elegant hotel. In 2005 it again sought the attention when the new wing was added.

The Dhow Palace can easily be described as a living museum dedicated to furniture, art and oriental ornaments which have found their way to the shores of Zanzibar over the past centuries.

### **RAS MICHAMVI BEACH RESORT**

Welcome to one of the best Zanzibar Family Beach Resort, Beach Hotels in Zanzibar for warm and inviting accommodations on Zanzibar's beautiful East coast. A Zanzibar Tanzania Hotels has exceptional location and outstanding staff to make your stay in Michamvi memorable. Ras Michamvi Beach Resort is a remote and idyllic hotel accommodation on the beach, hidden on east coast Zanzibar. Our resort is a little Eden harmoniously set in a large natural area with access to 2 powder-white beaches, a garden, a forest and a stunning

oceanfront swimming pool. Cooled by the gentle ocean breeze, it makes the perfect getaway to an exotic African paradise!

The hotel offers 15 spacious Sea View rooms and Garden View rooms surrounded by a luxury tropical garden. Comfort and attention to detail, with a choice of king, twin or triple beds, every room is furnished with hot shower, mosquito nets, air conditioning, ceiling fan, digital safe, mini fridge, hair dryer, wardrobe, desk and luggage holder. Our 15 rooms have a spacious and private veranda. The open restaurant of the hotel overlooking the turquoise water of the Indian Ocean and the coral reef. The cuisine reflects diverse culinary and cultural influences, combining international touch with local flavors and ingredients. Tropical fruits and various desserts are enjoyed by the guests in this intimate atmosphere. A typical Zanzibar Swahili tasty dinner with traditional food, local dancers and drumming is held once a week on BaoBeach.

Additional facilities include 2 private beaches, free Internet wireless 1Mb/s in lounge/bar area, a conference room accommodating up to 40 delegates, all Zanzibar excursions and snorkeling from the hotel, laundry service, massage service and a car park. You can simply enjoy a massage whilst listening to the waves gently rolling onto the shore, or have a drink at our pool bar. Our Resort is the ideal location for groups, honeymooners, incentives and individuals wanting to discover and enjoy everything this enchanting spice island has to offer. Come to Ras Michamvi Beach Resort and experience the magic of Zanzibar!

## **SWAHILI BEACH RESORT**

Swahili Beach Resort is the new beach bungalow resort situated on the most beautiful part of Zanzibar, the south famous Dolphin coast - Kizimkazi.

The entire resort is embedded in a lush and spacious garden. In front of the resort lies the Indian Ocean, offering you a stunning view from all public areas including the swimming pool. In addition to the magnificence of the natural surroundings, a wide range of facilities and activities are available to make you vacation (or conference) as relaxing and inspiring as possible.

Kizimkazi is an unexploited village, indulged in traditional Zanzibarian life style, full of rich culture and surrounded by peaceful, warm and welcoming people. It is one of the oldest habitats in East Africa and the oldest known mosque in the region is situated here. The philosophy behind Swahili Beach Resort is to provide you with an experience that blends in and enhances the natural beauty and serenity of Zanzibar.

As a Swahili saying goes, "Slowly is indeed the way to proceed".

## **SUGGESTED ITINERARIES**

### **Day 1**

Transfer from airport to Stone Town, check-in at Dhow Palace Hotel or similar. In the evening have a traditional Swahili dinner in Stone town (the heart of Zanzibar) and overnight at Dhow Palace or similar (BB)

## **5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS**

**Day 2**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, guided tour through Stone Town, followed by a tour through a spice plantation. Lunch at spice farm, and then depart for Nungwi Beach in the North of Zanzibar. Dinner and overnight at Ras Nungwi Beach Hotel in Superior (Chalet Sea view room) (HB)

**Day 3**

Full day in Nungwi. Dinner and overnight at Ras Nungwi Beach Hotel or similar (HB).

**Day 4**

Full day on in Nungwi. Dinner and overnight at Ras Nungwi Beach Hotel or similar (HB).

**Day 5**

Transfer from Nungwi to airport on time for your flight.

**5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS****Day 1:**

Arrive at Zanzibar Airport/Sea port. Meet and greet and transfer to Ras Michamvi Beach Resort for lunch; relaxation and overnight (HB).

**Day 2:**

After breakfast, drive to the Safari Blue. After the tour drive back to Rasmichamvi beach resort for dinner and overnight (HB)

**Day 3:**

After breakfast, drive to Jozani Forest to enjoy seeing the Red Colobus monkeys and Kizimbani Spice farm. After the tours, drop you off at Tembo Hotel for dinner and overnight (HB).

**Day 4:**

Your day at leisure and swim at the Tembo Hotel (HB).

**Day 5:**

After breakfast, take a half day Stone Town Tour and shopping with Lunch (under your own arrangement) before drop you off at the airport for your flight

**7 Days/6 nights****Day 1**

Meet and greet at Zanzibar Airport and transfer to Swahili Beach Resort. Dinner and overnight at Swahili Beach Resort. (HB)

**Day 2**

A day at leisure at Kizimkazi Beach. Dinner and overnight at Swahili Beach Resort. (HB)

**Day 3**

After breakfast depart for a full day Safari Blue. After the tour dropped off at Swahili Beach Resort for dinner and overnight (HB)

**Day 4**

After breakfast, you will be picked up by our driver/guide for a guided Stone Town Tour. Lunch in

stone town restaurant. In the afternoon tour through a Spice Plantation. Dinner and overnight at Swahili Beach Resort. (HB)

**Day 5**

Day at leisure at Kizimkazi Beach. Dinner and overnight at Swahili Beach Resort. (HB)

**Day 6**

Day at leisure at Kizimkazi Beach. Dinner and overnight at Swahili Beach Resort (HB)

**Day 7**

After breakfast, transfer to Zanzibar International Airport for your flight back home.