

Graham's *Hakuna Matata* Safari (8 days)



Day by Day itinerary

Arrival Day 1: Kilimanjaro International Airport to Arusha

Arriving at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be welcomed by our tour guide, holding a poster with your name and will transfer you to Arusha (45-60 minutes). Your stay at **Arusha Planet Lodge** dinner and overnight. This evening depending on your arrival time you will meet with Graham Tours' Excellent Guides Staff for a short chat and briefing about your safari.

*The **Arusha Town** is known as the safari capital of the world but it is often overlooked in favor of its more glamorous, better-known neighbors – Serengeti, Tarangire, Lake Manyara, and Ngorongoro Crater. But Arusha has a wealth of experiences to offer from safaris in Arusha National Park to breathtaking hiking on Mount Meru, Cultural tours, Tanzanite, and more.*

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Day 2: Welcome to Africa and experience her culture.

This morning after breakfast we will go through our safari details with a briefing made by our office sales person. We will then depart for a day. The Cultural Arts Centre is a thriving center of music and dancing, both traditional and contemporary, in the Arusha area. It is located behind Tumaini University in Makumira. We will also have an opportunity to do an Africa cooking lesson and test different varieties of different African food. We will dance, sing and play all African drums and learn more about Africa culture. Our Dinner and Overnight at **Arusha Planet lodge.**

Day 3: Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park.

Depart with your naturalist guide for Lake Manyara N. Park, on the way we will make some few stops and learn other cultural activities at Mto wa mbu Village, Afternoon game drives in Lake Manyara N. Park, Enjoy the game drive in Manyara famous for the tree-climbing lions. Afternoon picnic lunch overlooking Lake Manyara before departing to the lodge for overnight. Dinner & Overnight at **Bougainvillea Lodges- FB**

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Lake Manyara Park, Located beneath the cliffs of the **Manyara Escarpment**, on the edge of the Rift Valley, Lake Manyara National Park offers varied ecosystems, incredible birdlife, and breathtaking views. In contrast with the intimacy of the forest, is the grassy floodplain, across the alkaline lake, to the jagged blue volcanic peaks that rise from the endless Masai Steppes. Large buffalo, wildebeest, and zebra herds congregate on these grassy plains, and so do the giraffes. Squadrons of banded mongoose dart between the acacias, whereas the diminutive Kirk's dik-dik forages in their shade.

Manyara provides the perfect introduction to Tanzania's birdlife. More than 400 species have been recorded, and any visitor to Africa might reasonably expect to observe 100 of these in one day.

Day 4: Karatu - Serengeti National Park via Maasai

Early morning wake-up call and breakfast. Today you will depart to Serengeti National Park. On your way visit the Vibrant Masai Village for the cultural

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encounter. Depart for the afternoon game drive and picnic lunch in Serengeti. Dinner and overnight **Serengeti Suenos Seasonal camp- FB**

The **Maasai tribe** lives in southern Kenya and northern Tanzania. They are known for their welcoming dances where the man sings and jumps as high as possible with straight legs, to show how fit and strong they are. The woman stands at the side, singing with the man and doing a special dance for women only.

The Masai believe that all the cows in the world belong to them and were given to them by god. A family's wealth is measured by the number of cows they own. The Masai tribe lives in villages (*Manyata*) and each woman builds a small house (*Boma*) for her family. The boma's structure is made of wood and it is covered by a mixer of mud, wood and sticks, grass, cow dung, human urine, and ash. Traditionally, men wear sheets that are wrapped around the body. Usually, the main color is red but you can see some blue colors and a paid pattern. Men and women are wearing ornaments made of colorful beads.



Day 5: Central Serengeti National Park

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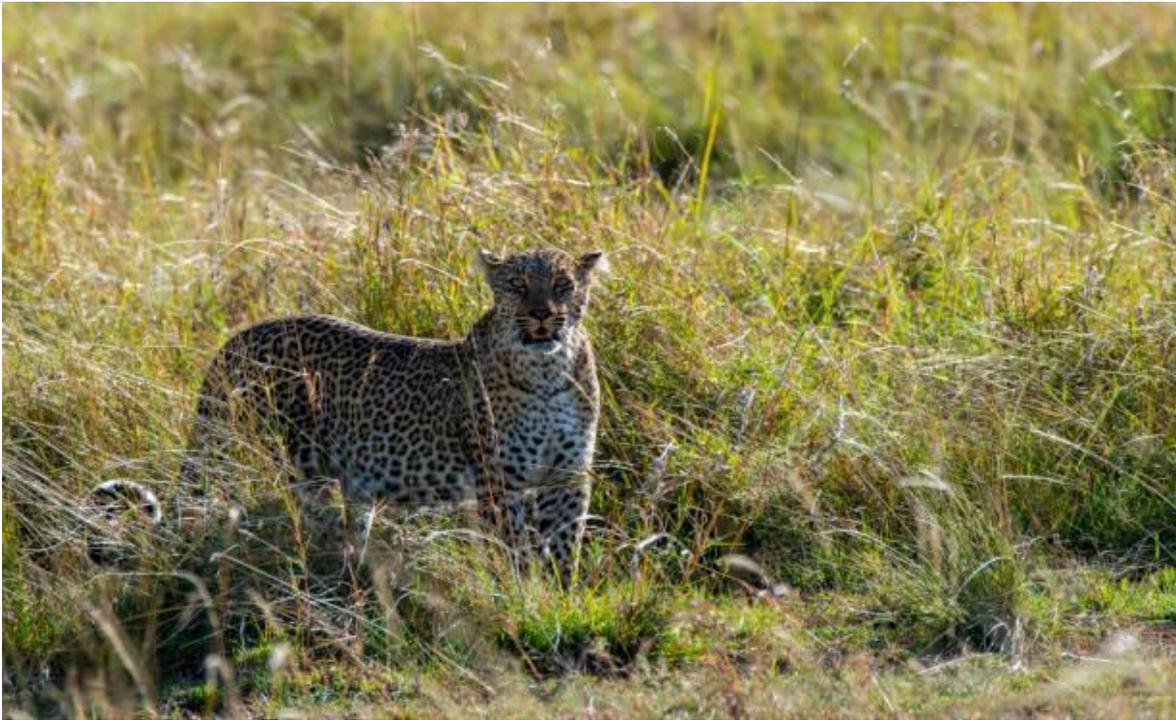
Early morning wake-up call and breakfast. Today you will depart for a morning game drive followed by lunch at the camp and evening game drives. Dinner and overnight **Suenos Seasonal camp- FB**.

Serengeti National Park is undoubtedly the best-known wildlife sanctuary in the world and it has the greatest concentration of plains game in Africa. Established in 1952, it is home to the great migration of wildebeest and zebra. The resident population of lions, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, and birds is also impressive. The Park can be divided into 3 sections:

- * The southern/central part (Seronera Valley) with its classic savannah dotted with acacias and filled with wildlife.
- * The western corridor is marked by the Grumeti River and has more forests and dense bushes.
- * The north meets up with Kenya's Masai Mara Reserve, which is the least visited section.

It is the migration for which Serengeti is perhaps most famous - over a million wildebeest and about 200,000 zebras flow south from the northern hills to the southern plains for the short rains every October and November, and then swirl west and north after the long rains in April, May and June. During the months of July-September, the herds will cross the Mara River again and again in search of fresh grass. They will have to face the mighty crocodiles in the river, who are waiting quietly in the water for their opportunity. Serengeti is also known as the "endless plains" in the Maasai language.

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Day 6: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Crater

Early breakfast in Serengeti then departs to enter the conservation area of Ngorongoro and descend 600m into this magnificent crater for a morning, half-day game drive. The Crater is one of the most densely crowded African wildlife areas in the world and is home to an estimated 30,000 animals including some of Tanzania's last remaining black rhino.

Supported by a year-round water supply and fodder, the Ngorongoro Crater supports a vast variety of animals, which include herds of wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, warthog, hippo, and giant African elephants. You will enjoy a picnic lunch in the crater, after which you will climb up of the crater for and drive to Karatu for Dinner and Overnight at **Bougainvillea Lodges or Similar- FB**

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The Ngorongoro Crater is the largest unbroken ancient volcanic caldera in the world. In 1979 this nearly three-million-year-old area was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The former volcano crater is also considered being "Africa's Garden of Eden", as it is a haven for thousands of wild game, including lions, elephants, wildebeests, zebras, rhinos, Thomson's gazelles, and buffaloes. The crater is among the 8 Natural Wonders of the World.

Day 7: Lake Eyasi and Cultural Tour.

After breakfast, depart from Karatu and drive down Oldean valley to Lake Eyasi basin. This is a remote and dry area of desolate beauty, which offers a great natural experience. Across the shallow lake and the dry salt beds the dramatic Alipi escarpment wall rises 650 meters up into the Endulen area of the Ngorongoro conservation area. To the north of the Alkaline lake, springs surrounded by ground water forest and woodland abound, supporting a new influx of Tanzanian farmers growing onions and beans, while the hill ridges surrounding the Lake valley to the east and north support a wild and scenic

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area dominated by ancient Baobabs, Gnarled Commiphoras and huge rock kopjes.

The area is the home to a group of traditional tribes, offering an intriguing chance to glimpse their lifestyles. The pastoralist Datoga people in their traditional mud huts, their women decorated with beautifying facial scarification and the young and fierce warriors who stand guard over their herds, are easily visited, as are the traditional Hadzabe, a nomadic tribe that hangs on tenaciously to their hunting and gathering lifestyle. Apart from cultural activities, the area offers superb hiking, bird watching and scenic beauty. Dinner and Overnight at **Bougainvillea Lodges or similar- FB**



Day 8: Arusha, Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport.

Following breakfast, you will be heading to Arusha City on the way. You will also make a few stops especially at mto wa mbu village and if time allows do some walking or biking and then in the afternoon you will drive to Arusha. You will have a short chat with Graham Tours Excellent Guides Personnel and a short debriefing before heading to the **Kilimanjaro International Airport** to catch your

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flight home. It is with great regret to inform you that your safari has come to an end. While the memories will last forever, we do hope you will return one day to retrace the steps of the adventure you just completed. We wish you a safe and enjoyable trip to your next destination.

Itinerary Includes:

- Accommodation and meals as stipulated in the itinerary.
- Transfer to and from the Airport
- Transportation in a shared chauffeur driven safari vehicle with pop-up roof for easy game viewing & photography.
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide, game viewing drives and parks entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary.
- All Government taxes and levies.
- All meet and greet services.
- Cultural activities in Arusha, Mto wambu and Lake Eyasi
- 24 hours stand-by contact number.
- 5 or 7 pax guaranteed window seat in each safari vehicle.
- Flying doctor's coverage.
- Two-way long range high frequency radio communication in each vehicle.

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Itinerary Excludes:

- All items of personal nature e.g. telephone call bills, fax/email bills/laundry etc., and any other items not specified in our itinerary.
- Tips and gratuities to hotel, lodges, camp staff and driver- guide(s).
(Budget approx. US\$ 2.00 - US\$ 4.00 per person per day for lodge and hotel staff, US\$ 1.00 per bag for porters and US\$ 10.00 - US\$ 12.00 per person per day for driver-guides).
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Any local or international flight(s) and departure/other taxes.
- Concession fees (ONLY In the case of any new fees introduced by parks without our knowledge).
- Visa fees currently US\$ 50.00 per passport holder and subject to change. Visas are available on arrival at international airports or recognized border entry points.
- Personal insurance - which we recommend highly.

COVID 19 Travel Notice

The government in collaboration with the tourism private sector through the guidance of the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDEC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) jointly developed Standard Operating (SOPs) to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus in tourism-related activities in the country.

Notes

A minimum number of participants: none, we offer you a guaranteed execution of all trips!

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To our group tours: During our safaris, our groups can consist of two to six people per vehicle. The groups on the trekking tours consist of 2 – 15 persons. Please understand that we cannot give any guarantee for the described animal observations on our trips.

These are wild animals in the wild whose behavior can never be guaranteed. For this reason, no travel price refund is possible if some animals are not seen. However, our experienced safari guides will use all their experience and knowledge to provide you with as much adventure and wildlife observation as possible.

The opening hours of the national parks are daily from 06:00 - 18:00. Please understand that the maximum length of stay (until 18:00 hrs.) cannot always be exhausted, as many sections of the route in Tanzania should not be traveled in the dark. Your stay in the national parks, therefore, depends on your further route. Wishes or comments can be discussed with your local tour guide.

Additional information

If you have any special wishes regarding hotels, routes, excursions, etc., please let us know and contact us. Our Team would like to offer you an unforgettable trip according to your ideas. If the accommodation listed is not available, we will book an equivalent alternative for you. This does not constitute a reason for the reduction. All prices are per person, subject to rate changes, exchange rate fluctuations, and availability as well as reconfirmation by Graham Tours.

Mobility information

We are obliged to point out that this journey is generally not suitable for persons with reduced mobility. If you have special needs (e.g. a wheelchair, walker, oxygen unit, or similar) or health restrictions that affect your ability to travel, please inform us before booking so that we can check whether the trip is suitable for you. If we do not receive such information from you before booking, and if the trip cannot be carried out as booked, all resulting disadvantages and costs will be borne solely by you.

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Amref Flying Doctors

During your round trip in Tanzania (including Zanzibar) you are covered by our local partner agency through a tourist membership with the Amref Flying Doctors. The Amref Flying Doctors membership enables you to be evacuated in a medical emergency and flown to the nearest local hospital. However, this membership **does not replace (foreign) health insurance** only covers medically necessary transport and does not include return transport to your home country.

Problems and complaints

We want to make your trip unforgettable and meet all your wishes and demands. However, please let your guide or the staff know immediately if any inconvenience arises during your trip. We will leave no stone unturned to solve the problems as quickly as possible. An honest word on the spot is more effective than a subsequent letter of complaint.