Circular Safari in Tanzania: Lake Natron, Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Tarangire and Manyara.

Tanzània



In this **safari** in northern **Tanzania**, we will make a **circular** route through the **main national parks** of the north**(Serengeti**, **Ngorongoro**, Tarangire) but adding **Lake Natron**, a unique place overlooking the **Oi Doinyo Lengai** mountain came as a result of volcanic eruption in the middle of Maasai territory. Lake Natron, also known as Lake of the Flamingos, which bordering Kenya and is famous for being one of the saltiest lakes on the planet.

The Maasais welcome us to Tanzania

We will start the trip at **Kilimanjaro International Airport** where one of our drivers will pick us up upon arrival. We will go to **one of the most special lodges in Tanzania**, owned by the **NGO** we work with, and in the middle of **Maasai territory**. We will sleep in **authentic Maasai huts**, made by Maasai, but with European comforts, i.e. hot water, double bed, private bathroom and electricity. We will be able to observe from our beautiful hut, the **majestic Kilimanjaro that will greet us** from afar every morning at sunrise. On our second day in Tanzania, we will see and learn about the **Maasai culture** in a respectful way. They will be the guides who will lead us through their territory explaining us how they live their daily life. [caption id="attachment_4824" align="aligncenter" width="1000"]



Our room during the first two nights on the road. Overlooking Kilimanjaro[/caption]

Circular Safari in Northern Tanzania

On our **third day**, we start the **circular route through the north of Tanzania**, where we will visit besides Lake Natron, the main parks in the north of the country: Serengeti National Park, Tarangire, Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. We get up in the morning to go to **Tarangire National Park,** where we will do our first safari. On this first day, we will begin to see some of the most spectacular animals of the African savannah: elephant, lion, giraffe and many other animals that will welcome us. On our fourth day of travel, we will visit Lake Manyara, a lake very close to Tarangire that allows us to see the animals up close. It is an area where there are encounters with elephants and they allow themselves to be photographed up close, sometimes even touching. This second day of safari will allow us to get the bug to see the first animals, with a little luck we will have already seen the main animals, except for the Rhino and the Leopard, which we will leave for the last days of safari.

Direction to Lake Natron

On our fifth day of travel, a day's drive to Lake Natron awaits us. During the journey we will cross through small villages away from tourism and the circuits of most safaris. Before reaching Lake Natron we will stop to see a hole created by a volcanic eruption where vegetation has now grown. We will stop for lunch and explore the surroundings. After lunch we will continue our journey to Lake Natron, where we will see **Oi Doinyo Lengai** and take some pictures of this beautiful volcano considered the mountain of god by the locals. A little later, we will enter the Lake Natron Conservation Area and head to our lodge. An accommodation run by masai where we can sleep in rooms or in glamping tents. [caption id="attachment_7810" align="aligncenter" width="1207"]



Lodging at Lake Natron overlooking the Oi Doinyo Lengai volcano.[/caption] We will spend two nights in this beautiful lodge, and during our second day, we will visit the lake and its surroundings: to the lake to see the **pink flamingos** and footprints, some natural pools, and a waterfall. That day we will have a Maasai guide belonging to the community that lives in Lake Natron and our guide who will also accompany us during all the days.

Safari in the Serengeti National Park

On our seventh day of circular safari we will head to Tanzania's most famous park: The **Serengeti**. It will take several hours by car to reach the park where we will stay inside and we will be able to see the first animals in the afternoon on the way to our lodging. We will sleep and wake up to enjoy a full day safari in the Serengeti. We will be able to see, with a little luck, some of the animals that we have not seen in the first days, especially one of the Big Five, the **Leopard**, a solitary animal that is rarely seen and usually far away. [caption id="attachment_6295" align="aligncenter" width="1200"]



Giraffe seen during our safari in the Serengeti.[/caption]

Safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, last stage of our circular route in Tanzania.

On our last day of safari, we will leave the Serengeti in the direction of Ngorongoro. We will visit the **Ngorongoro Crater**, a unique site in the world and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The Ngorongoro Crater is a dormant volcano with a huge crater where an entire eco-system lives inside. It is one of the few places where you can see the **Black Rhinoceros,** an animal in danger of extinction mainly due to poaching and illegal hunting. On day 10 of our **circular safari through northern Tanzania** we will head to Arusha where our driver will drop us off at the airport to either **continue our** journey to Zanzibar or to return home.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
Private Group
Duration:
10
Language:
English
Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : First day in Tanzania



Upon arrival at **Kilimanjaro International Airport**, one of our drivers will be waiting for us at the exit to pick us up and drive us to our first lodge. The **Maasai** will welcome us to their lodge and we will enjoy one of the **most special lodges in Tanzania.** We will take advantage of the day to rest and see the projects that the **NGO** we work with has, such as schools or the medical centre.

Then in the afternoon, they will teach us spear shooting and we will see their typical dance at sunset with a view of **Mount Meru**. All this while having a drink and enjoying the sho

Day 2 : Staying with Maasais



Second day at our Maasai lodge, where we will do a maasai inmersion., always with an **eye on Mount Kilimanjaro**, and where **our Maasai guide** will dress us as a Maasai and we will do a walk to **visit a real Maasai family** who lives in the area. This family does not receive hundreds of tourists everyday, no. This is a normal family who live with their livestock and they will not change their normal life for our visit.

After a late brunch, all the men will collect medicinal plants, slaughter a goat and prepare it on the fire pit. The women will search for firewood, and will repair Maasai houses and learn about the duties of a Maasai woman.

In the evening, we will end the day around the Maasai fire with a BBQ goat meat.

Day 3 : Safari in Tarangire National Park



Today we leave the Maasai area for **Tarangire National Park**, where we will have our **first day on safari.** Tarangire is famous for its elephant herds and the ease with which lions and lionesses can be spotted. In the afternoon we will drive to our lodge for rest and dinner.

Day 4 : Safari in Lake Manyara



On this fourth day of our **circular route through Tanzania**, we will visit **Lake Manyara,** a park with fewer tourists but which allows us to see the animals up close, especially the **elephants and giraffes**. In this park you can also see baboons, and thanks to the amount of water in the lake, there are many animals that come to the lake to drink and that means that there are also predators in the area.

Day 5 : On the way to Lake Natron



Today we have a long day ahead of us. We will get up early to head to **Lake Natron**, a long **drive between small villages** where we will gradually move away from the main tourist circuit of Northern Tanzania. We will stop for lunch before reaching the lake and take the opportunity to see the effects of a volcanic eruption. After lunch, we will arrive at the Lake Natron Conservation Area. We will **sleep in a Maasai-run lodge** within the conservation area.

Dia 6 : Safari in Lake Natron



Today we will have the whole day to **enjoy Lake Natron**, visiting the lake, seeing the flamingos, and the **ancient hominid footprints** that can still be seen. All with **local Maasai guides from Lake Natron** who will show us their territory.

This area is managed by the community, and the guides are the same Maasai who live there. In addition, the entrance fee to Lake Natron goes directly to the community and does not go to the Tanzanian State as it happens in the National Parks.

We will also visit the **Ngare Sero waterfall** and some **natural pools.** After a full day of activities, we will return to the lodge for dinner and rest.

Day 7 : Game drive to Serengueti National Park



Today we will get up and drive to the Serengeti. It will be a day of several hours of driving, and then we will enter the Serengeti where we will see the first animals in the wild, such as giraffes, elephants and many more.

Day 8 : Full dy Safari in Serengueti National Park



On our eighth day of our round trip in Tanzania, we will spend the whole day on safari in the Serengeti National Park. The most famous game park in Tanzania. On this day, we will be able to enjoy one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world, we will see whole families of elephants crossing the park, lions and lionesses, zebras, cheetahs and with a bit of luck the Leopard, one of the most difficult animals to see.

Day 9 : Safari in Ngorongoro Crater



Today we get up early to leave the Serengeti and head towards the Ngorongoro Crater. To finish our circular route through Tanzania, we will visit the Ngorongoro Crater, considered a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, a spectacular crater, where the big five of the African savannah coexist. It will be our last day in Tanzania and what better way to end our trip than in Ngorongoro. At sunset, we will go to our accommodation.

Day 10 : Last day

Day 10 of our tour, where our guide and driver will take us to Arusha or to the airport to fly back home.

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