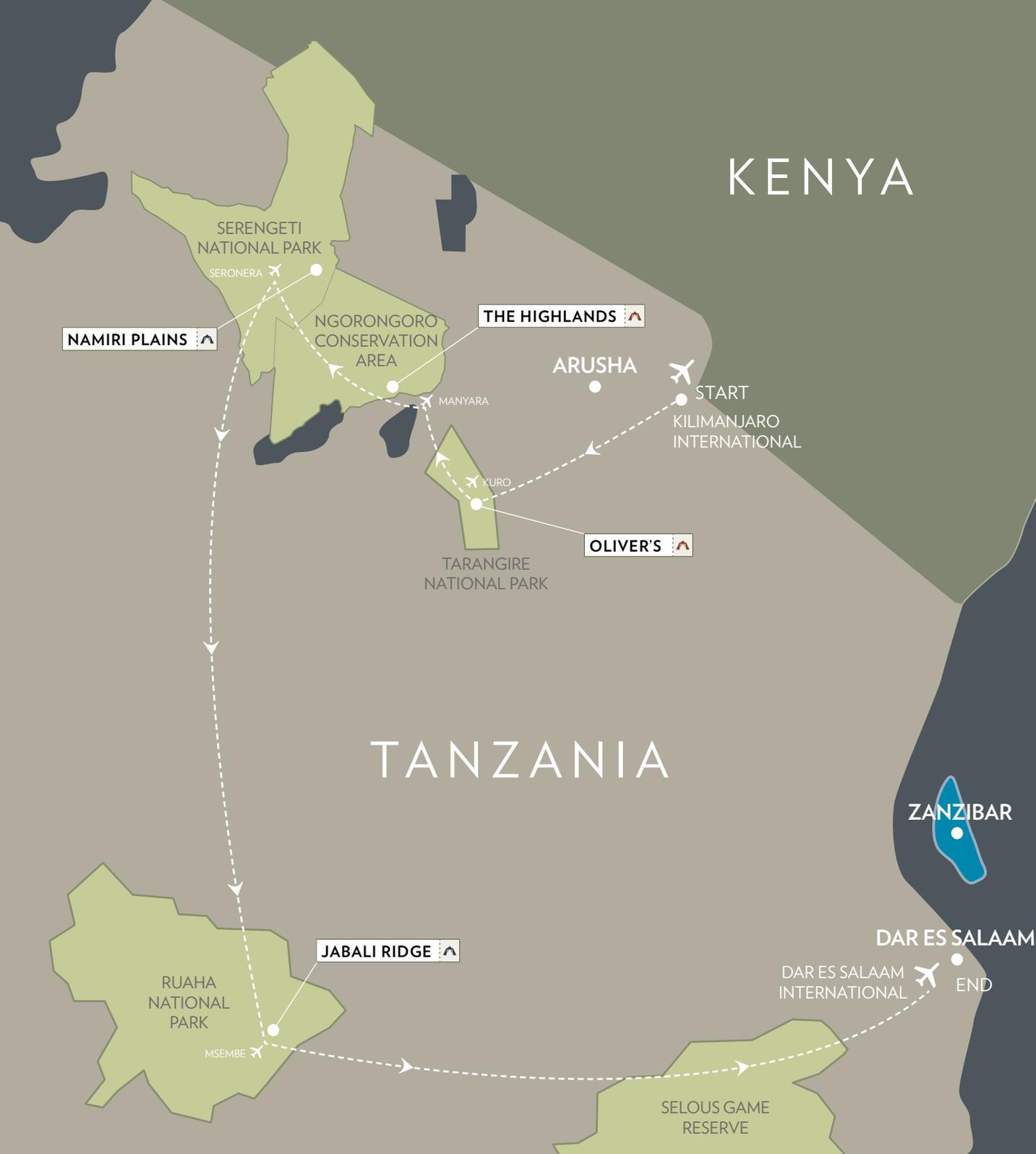




TANZANIA NORTH TO SOUTH

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KENYA

TANZANIA

9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS

COMBINING
TARANGIRE, NGORONGORO,
SERENGETI AND RUAHA

- 2 nights Oliver's, Tarangire National Park
- 2 nights The Highlands, Ngorongoro region
- 2 nights Namiri Plains, Serengeti National Park
- 2 nights Jabali Ridge, Ruaha National Park

STARTS:
Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania

ENDS:
Dar es Salaam International Airport, Tanzania

INTRO:
See Tanzania in style, staying at some of the country's finest accommodation in four very different national parks, flying from point to point. Watch herds of elephant in Tarangire, game-drive in the dormant Ngorongoro Crater, visit an authentic Maasai village, search for cheetah in the Serengeti, and look for leopard in Ruaha. You will visit some of East Africa's most famed national parks as well as lesser known gems, offering a rewarding and unique safari experience.

DAY 1:

On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will proceed to the Coastal Aviation desk for your light-aircraft flight to Tarangire National Park, just 20 minutes away (15kg luggage limit per person; soft bags required for all flights on this itinerary). Your guide from Oliver's will meet you here and game-drive you back to camp, where you can settle in and enjoy some lunch. Relax during the heat of the day before afternoon tea is served, and then go out on an afternoon game drive to explore this varied and wildlife-rich park. The large elephant herds in the drier months are a real highlight here, but the wildlife and birdlife are excellent year-round.



TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

- Wildlife: elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, hyena
- 550 bird species
- Safari activities: game drives, walking safaris, night game drives and seasonal fly-camping (supplementary cost)
- Varied ecosystem to explore: baobab forests, rivers, grassy plains and lush green swamps, which are a magnet for wildlife
- The perfect first stop on safari

OLIVER'S

The first camp to have been built in Tarangire, Oliver's occupies a prime position in the heart of the park, near the Silale Swamp, which is a magnet for wildlife year-round. Each tent has a deck overlooking the floodplain below, and an en suite bathroom with indoor and outdoor shower. Furniture has been hand-crafted from old dhow timber (traditional sailing boats found off the coast of Tanzania). There is a spacious two-level lounge area with upper viewing deck and telescope, and plenty of places to sit and relax between activities. Expert guides are there to showcase the best of this diverse national park on game drives, walking safaris and night drives.



 10 tents (including 1 family tent)

 Wi-Fi

 Classic

All en suite bathrooms with indoor and outdoor showers

Communal dining, often outdoors under the African stars

Excellent guiding and hosting

DAY 2:

Set off this morning on a guided walking safari, learning to look for signs of wildlife nearby, from bird calls to tracks in the earth. You can approach smaller creatures such as warthogs, small antelope species and birdlife, all of which are less skittish when approached on foot compared to a vehicle. Return to camp for lunch and a rest during the heat of the day. After tea and cake, head out on a late-afternoon game drive, stopping for sundowner drinks in a scenic spot. The adventure continues with a night game drive, seeking out nocturnal species such as mongoose and nightjars, as well as predators such as lions on the move. Return to camp for a late dinner.

DAY 3:

Depart after a leisurely breakfast for the airstrip. From here, you will fly over Lake Manyara to the Manyara Airstrip. A guide from The Highlands will drive you through coffee plantations towards the Ngorongoro Crater, a journey of three hours to reach the property, enjoying a packed lunch on the way. Stop at the viewpoint overlooking the crater to soak in the spectacular landscape, then continue your drive around the rim until you reach the Olmoti Crater, where you will stay for the next two nights. If you feel like stretching your legs, you can opt for a guided walk from the camp up to the rim of Olmoti Crater, passing through dense forest and waterfalls on the way.



NGORONGORO REGION

- Ngorongoro Crater is one of the most unique safari destinations in Africa, where wildlife lives on the floor of a dormant volcano
- Wildlife: lion, leopard, black rhino, elephant, buffalo, zebra, wildebeest
- Visit authentic Maasai communities
- Walk on or around the other lesser-known craters nearby
- Altitude in the region varies between 1,700 and 3,300 metres above sea level, so night-time temperatures drop significantly – pack warm clothes for the evenings and early mornings



THE HIGHLANDS

Located in an unspoilt and rarely explored area on the edge of Olmoti Crater, The Highlands offers guests the opportunity to enjoy spectacular walks and authentic Maasai community visits, as well as game drives in the famous Ngorongoro Crater. The lounge and dining areas, as well as the eight guest tents, offer a unique modern architectural design in the form of geodesic domes dotted throughout the forest, offering a stylish retreat in this wild landscape. Each guest dome has a wood-burning stove, sheepskin rugs and balcony, as well as a wood-panelled en suite bathroom. When you're not out exploring, enjoy breakfast on the deck overlooking the vast and untouched Ngorongoro highlands, indulge in afternoon tea beside the central fireplace, or head to the Olmoti bar for a whisky.



 8 domes (including 1 family dome)

 Wi-Fi

 Classic

Unique geodesic dome design

All with wood-burning stove and plentiful blankets to keep guests warm

All en suite with hot showers

Honeymoon tent with outdoor bathtub

Private or communal dining

DAY 4:

After an early breakfast, depart with your guide for the Ngorongoro Crater, a drive of around an hour until you reach the descent road. Spend the morning game-driving on the crater floor, exploring in search of the varied wildlife that lives here. You'll enjoy a picnic lunch during the heat of the day in a shady spot before driving back to The Highlands, where you can relax a little. In the late afternoon, a guide will take you to one of the nearby Maasai villages, where you can learn more about this rich culture and take part in their afternoon activities, which often includes rounding up cattle into the boma for the night.

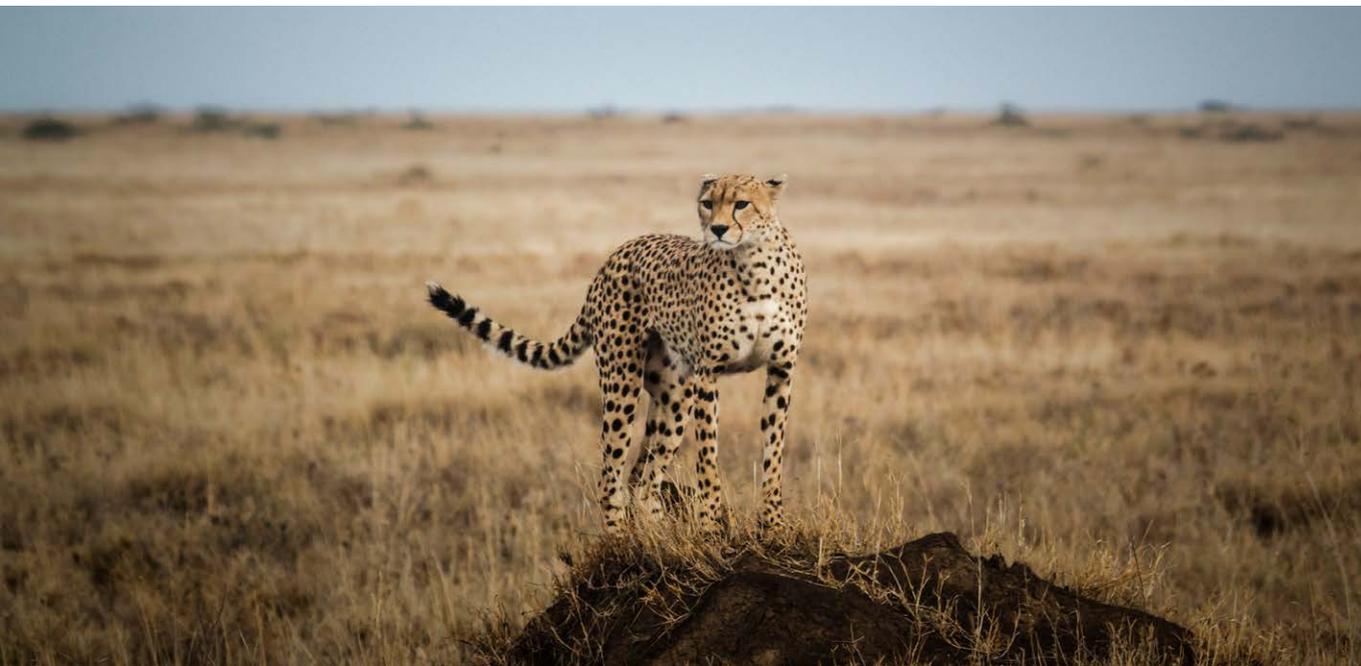
DAY 5:

Depart by road for the Manyara Airstrip, three hours away, where you will catch a flight to the central Serengeti, just 45 minutes away. A guide from Namiri Plains will meet you at the airstrip and game-drive you back to camp, stopping at any wildlife sightings along the way. Settle into your tent before going on an afternoon game drive. The Serengeti is impressive in terms of both the diversity and density of wildlife found here, so there is plenty to discover each day. Return to camp in the early evening for drinks around the campfire and dinner.



SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

- 15,000km² of vast savannah plains
- One of Africa's most wildlife-rich and iconic national parks
- Part of the larger Masai Mara-Serengeti ecosystem, where the 2-million-strong herds of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle make their Great Migration year-round
- Wildlife: lion, cheetah, leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhino, wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, hyena, hippo
- More than 300 bird species
- Safari activities: game drives and hot-air ballooning (supplementary cost)



NAMIRI PLAINS

A stylish tented camp offering the perfect blend of adventure and comfort. Namiri Plains is located in the eastern sector of the Serengeti, where guests can explore a vast area that was closed off for 20 years for big-cat research and which is therefore still truly unspoilt. Wildlife sightings here are exceptional, particularly of cheetah, lion and leopard, and guests explore the open plains, plateau and acacia woodland on game drives and walks with expert guides. There are ten spacious tented rooms set on decking, with large stretch canvas roofs to provide shade, shelter from the wind and privacy. Each has a bathtub on the deck, cleverly screened from neighbouring tents. There is a central lounge and dining tent, as well as a swimming pool and spa, where you can unwind between safari activities.



-  10 tents (including 1 family tent)
-  Swimming pool
-  Spa
-  Wi-Fi
-  Reserve

Prime access to the eastern Serengeti, previously closed off to tourism for big-cat research for more than 20 years

All en suite bathrooms with indoor shower and outdoor bathtub

Private or communal dining

DAY 6:

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives from Namiri Plains, accompanied by expert guides who know the grassy plains, kopjes and acacia woodland like the back of their hands. Search for some of the resident cats but don't forget the other species too, from giraffe and hippo to wildebeest and buffalo, as well as plentiful birdlife. You will return to camp during the heat of the day to relax by the pool or have a massage to revive you for the afternoon's activities.

DAY 7:

After breakfast, you will be driven to the airstrip for your morning flight south to Ruaha National Park, a flight of approximately two hours. A guide from Jabali Ridge will meet you and game-drive you through this very different park, arriving at the camp for lunch. Settle in here and enjoy views overlooking the baobab forest, and a refreshing swim in the infinity pool, before going on an afternoon game drive, exploring the sandy riverbeds looking for elephants as they dig for water or leopards hiding in the rocky kopjes.



RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

- Home to 10% of Africa's lion population
- Wildlife: lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog, hyena, buffalo, elephant, giraffe and rare antelope species such as sable and roan
- Safari activities: game drives, night drives, walking safaris
- Unique habitat includes baobab forests, dry riverbeds, rocky kopjes and miombo woodland
- Accessible from the Serengeti, Selous, Dar es Salaam or Zanzibar

JABALI RIDGE

Built around the granite boulders of one of Ruaha's distinctive kopjes, this stylish retreat offers the perfect base for exploring this beautiful and rugged wilderness. Each of the eight suites is built in and around the boulders, overlooking the baobab forest beyond. All have louvred shutters that form the walls so you can open or close up the room as much as you wish. The main areas include an infinity pool, spa and plenty of decks, seating areas and dining locations, meaning time spent in camp is as enjoyable as being on safari activities. Expert guides lead game drives and walking safaris to seek out the unique and varied wildlife of Ruaha, and the camp is located in a key wildlife zone of the park.



-  8 suites and a private 3-bedroom house
-  Swimming pool
-  Spa
-  Wi-Fi
-  Reserve

The most sophisticated safari property in Ruaha

Property built around a rocky kopje

All rooms with en suite bathrooms

Private and communal dining

DAY 8:

Enjoy a morning walking safari today to experience the flora and fauna from a different perspective, taking in the sounds of bird calls, looking for tracks and signs in the earth, and encountering smaller creatures, which often run away at the sound of a vehicle. Return to the camp to rest and relax, enjoying lunch and some pool time before an afternoon game drive to explore further afield. Ruaha's varied terrain is home to a wide variety of wildlife including large herds of buffalo, hippo, more unusual antelope species such as sable and lesser kudu, and – if you are really lucky – wild dog, which roam huge distances each day in search of their next meal, making sightings impossible to predict.

DAY 9:

You'll have a final breakfast at Jabali Ridge before a drive to the airstrip for your late-morning flight to Dar es Salaam. The flight will likely stop a couple of times on the way to drop off/pick up passengers, and the total journey will be approximately two hours. You will land at the domestic terminal and the airline will help you transfer the short distance to the international terminal, where you can check in for your international flight home.

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INCLUSIONS: All logistics starting at Kilimanjaro International Airport and ending at Dar es Salaam International Airport, all light-aircraft flights within Tanzania, all park fees and taxes including Ngorongoro Crater descent fee, shared safari activities, all meals and house drinks on safari and medical evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS: International flights to Tanzania, Tanzania entry visa, inoculations, gratuities, additional activities, meals and drinks.

