

Topdeck

HIGHLIGHTS OF TANZANIA



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Make like Dora and get ready to explore the vast wilderness of Tanzania on this once-in-a-lifetime safari adventure. Starting in Dar es Salaam, this epic trip begins with a break on paradise island Zanzibar, before heading past Mt Kilimanjaro to Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park. After checking out the sights in some of Africa's best wildlife game reserves, the safari finishes in Nairobi, Kenya. With hotel upgrades in Zanzibar, ferry crossings, loads of tasty meals and a cultural Maasai village walk included, this amazing safari is guaranteed to impress.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Overland



Nights



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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Exotic Zanzibar
- + Maasai village walk
- + Serengeti National Park & Ngorongoro Crater excursion

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Ferry to Zanzibar
- + Ferry to Dar Es Salaam
- + Maasai Village walk
- + Serengeti National Park & Ngorongoro Crater excursion

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Dar es Salaam
Africa

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Nairobi
Africa

Trip currencies

- + Tanzania - TZS
- + Kenya - KES

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**

DAY 1 | DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA TO ZANZIBAR

Combine the best of both worlds - safari adventure and paradise escape with this all-in-one! Our Africa adventure starts in Dar es Salaam, where we ferry across to the magical 'Spice Island' of Zanzibar to spend three blissful nights. Discover the island's idyllic, palm-fringed beaches, winding cobbled alleys and lush tropical forests, as well as its intriguing history as a major trading centre for spices. For centuries, Zanzibaris would trade with the people of the Arabian Peninsula and ply the ocean in simple dhow sailboats, relying on the annual trade winds for passage. The Arab influence is evident in the architecture and diverse street stall offerings of the capital, Stone Town, so keep your eyes peeled when wandering the city's historic pathways. The next four days are on your own watch, so spend your time exploring at your own pace. Please note: As we leave the truck on the mainland, basic safari lodge/hotel accommodation and breakfast on Zanzibar is included. However, lunches and dinners are your own to arrange. We usually divide our nights here between accommodation in Stone Town and accommodation on one of the northern beaches, but there are no set activities - the time is entirely yours to do as you please.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Ferry to Zanzibar



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Spice tour
- + Visit the old slave market site
- + Visit the Arabic Fort
- + Visit the Palace Museum

DAY 2 | ZANZIBAR

Variety is the spice of life, and on Zanzibar island, spices are abundant. Embark on a day tour to the nearby spice plantations and have your senses dazzled by the tastes and scents that infiltrate the air.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Spice tour
- + Scuba diving
- + Visit Mnemba Island
- + Dhow snorkelling safari
- + Massage

DAY 3 | ZANZIBAR

Don your comfiest walking attire and set out to explore Stone Town on foot. Get lost in the labyrinth of laneways at the bazaars, and marvel at the array of ancient maritime trinkets, vibrant fabrics and ornate wooden carvings. Be sure to pay a visit to the city's mosques, palaces, courtyards and alleyways for a living history lesson of this fascinating island.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 4 | ZANZIBAR

Awake to another day in this dreamlike haven. If it's white sand, a sparkling ocean and hot sun you're after, we will take you to the northern beaches to enjoy the Indian Ocean at its best. Try your hand at snorkelling and diving, indulge in some sumptuous seafood, or simply relax beneath a coconut palm with a cocktail and a good book.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Spice tour
- + Scuba diving
- + Visit Mnemba Island
- + Dhow snorkelling safari
- + Massage

DAY 5 | ZANZIBAR TO DAR ES SALAAM

Time to bid farewell to this picture-perfect paradise. Sneak in some last-minute shopping or relish one last dip, before catching the ferry back to Dar on the African mainland. Tonight, our campsite on the coast awaits.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Ferry to Dar Es Salaam

DAY 6 | DAR ES SALAAM TO MARANGU

Departing early from Dar es Salaam, we head north past the Usambara and Pare Mountains in the Eastern Arc Mountain Range to Marangu, nestled at the base of the famed Kilimanjaro. The camp takes its name from the surrounding area; 'Marangu' means 'full of water' in the local Chagga language, and the lush green surroundings demonstrate the truth of this. If the weather is clear we will gain a view of the magnificent snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 7 | MARANGU TO ARUSHA

Fingers crossed for clear weather today, as we might be treated to a view of the magnificent snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. Cameras at the ready! Passing through the town of Moshi, we eventually reach Arusha, a bustling melting pot of markets, vehicles and some two million people, all nestled in the shadow of the brooding Mt Meru. With time to explore town, we head out to our camp just outside the city at the edge of the Masai plains. This afternoon, we head out on a walk to one of the local Masai villages - inspecting a local school and clinic, a small but hugely interesting Masai museum, and the snake enclosure at the Meserani Snake Park (if you dare!). It's from here that we will prepare for our included two night/three day excursion to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. Time to catch some important zzz's.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Maasai Village walk



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Camel ride

DAY 8 | ARUSHA TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK & NGORONGORO CRATER

This morning calls for a vehicle change-up. We hit the road in a more game park-friendly option and drive west across the Great Rift Valley, passing through Mto Wa Mbu ('Mosquito Creek') and enter the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area. Just try not to drop your jaw as we pass into the park and cruise around the crater rim and down onto the Serengeti plains. We drive to our designated (but unfenced) campsite for the evening where lions and hyenas roam nearby. Talk about an unforgettable experience!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Serengeti National Park & Ngorongoro Crater excursion

DAY 9 | SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK & NGORONGORO CRATER

Spend the morning game-driving out of the plains, and then ascend the outer wall of the Ngorongoro Crater (after a well-deserved lunch, of course). Pack your warmest jacket, as tonight we camp on the rim of the crater where wildlife also gallivant. At 326 square kilometres in area, the Ngorongoro Crater is Africa's largest intact caldera and a World Heritage Site. If the view from the rim at 2,400 metres above sea level is spectacular, the site from the crater floor some 600 metres below will be equally mind-blowing.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



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DAY 10 | SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK & NGORONGORO CRATER

On the final day of the excursion we descend down the steep dirt road of the Ngorongoro Crater for a morning of game driving. Keep your eye out for all the major mammals - except the towering giraffes, which struggle to manage the steep slopes leading down onto the crater floor. After our game drive, we ascend to our campsite on the rim for a final view over the Ngorongoro Crater, and then pack up our camp and enjoy lunch before retracing our steps to our campsite in Arusha.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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DAY 11 | SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK & NGORONGORO CRATER TO NAIROBI, KENYA

After a final night at camp, we make our way across the Maasai Steppe to the Kenyan frontier. Completing formalities at Namanga border post, we drive the last stretch of road to Nairobi, Kenya's capital, where our amazing tour of Africa sadly ends. Until next time!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch

Meals

Your included meals are detailed in the 'More Inclusions' section of this document. While on the road, you will be provided with three meals a day unless otherwise stated. African overland trips are participation based, which means you will be expected to do your bit for the team by helping with purchasing, cooking and cleaning-up duties. In some places, we will be able to go out for a meal. If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs, as long as you advise your travel agent or Topdeck Trip Consultant when you book. Please be aware that it may not be possible to cater for every single dietary requirement, but we will always try our best to arrange it.

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!