

# TANZANIA SAFARI

Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Karatu, The Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater



*Tanzania is perhaps the most beautiful country in Africa. Follow the Great Migration on the ethereal planes of the majestic Serengeti, watch lions roam on the prehistoric Ngorongoro crater, relax by the mountain lakes of the Great Rift Valley and dance with Masai warriors. With the option to relax afterwards on Zanzibar's idyllic white-sand beaches, this trip will leave you with memories and experiences that will last a lifetime.*

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Tanzania.

Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

#### Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

#### DAY 1: UK to Kilimanjaro

Depart London on your scheduled, overnight flight to Kilimanjaro international airport, via Nairobi.

#### DAY 2: Kilimanjaro to Arusha

On arrival, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel just outside Arusha. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to settle in and relax.

#### DAY 3: Arusha to Lake Manyara B/L/D

Following breakfast, you will depart your hotel for your first taste of African safari in the beautiful Tarangire National Park. Open the roof of your jeep to view wild elephants marching across meandering rivers set against a background of grassy savannahs interspersed with the iconic Baobab tree, Africa's 'Tree of Life'. As well as reputedly home to the largest elephant population in the world, Tarangire is also thought to be Tanzania's premier birdwatching destination. Following your game drive leave the park for your stylish accommodation on the shores of Lake Manyara.

#### DAY 4: Lake Manyara to Karatu B/L/D

This morning quietly wander through the bush in the company of a Masai tribesman on a guided walk to spot flamingos and zebra, as well as learning about the medicinal uses of indigenous plants. Afterwards leave Lake Manyara and make your way up into highlands of the Great Rift valley for a relaxing stay at the Ngorongoro Farmhouse. Set within 600 acres of its own farmland, this lodge boasts an idyllic location and organically produces its own food. Explore the grounds on a coffee tour or spend the rest of the day relaxing by the pool.

#### DAY 5: Karatu to Serengeti National Park B/L/D

This morning you will drive into Ngorongoro National Park. This exhilarating journey climbs up to the rim of the crater into mist-shrouded mountain forests over 2300 metres above sea level and then down into the semi-arid planes of the park. You will then have an opportunity to visit a traditional Masai village. Sit on cowhide beds inside a thatched hut as the village chief's son explains in English the way of life, history and proud traditions of his people as well as showing you around the Kraal – a truly amazing experience and great privilege. After stopping for lunch then continue on to Africa's best and most famous wildlife reserve, the awe-inspiring Serengeti National Park. Enjoy an afternoon safari at one of the greatest wildlife-watching destinations on earth. Afterwards arrive at your lodge for an unforgettable two night stay in the heart of the wild Africa.

#### DAY 6: Central Serengeti National Park B/L/D

The Serengeti – meaning 'endless plains' in Masai – stretches over 1.5 million hectares and is home

to the annual Great Migration, in which over two million antelope travel north up to the Masai Mara, following the ancient rhythms of the African seasons. This really is one of the greatest shows on earth. The Serengeti is also renowned for its predators, especially lions. Watch these majestic creatures in their natural habitat alongside leopards, cheetahs, jackals, hyenas, giraffe, zebras, buffalo and many more against the spectacular backdrop of rolling grasslands dotted with flat-top acacia trees and rocky outcrops. Today's full day safari is a highlight of the tour and a once in a lifetime experience.

#### DAY 7: Serengeti National Park to Karatu B/L/D

Today you will leave the Serengeti and travel to the Ngorongoro Crater. Over three million years old, this ancient crater is the largest caldera – collapsed volcano – in the world and home to the highest density of lions and predators on the planet. Endangered black rhino are protected within the crater, hippos cool themselves in the soda lakes whilst giant-tusked elephants roam the grasslands and leopards recline on acacia trees in the enchanting Leraï forest. A truly magical day of safari awaits. Afterwards ascend the ridge to spend your last night up in the mountains.

#### DAY 8: Karatu to Kilimanjaro B/L/D

This morning will be at leisure before departing for your overnight stay in Kilimanjaro at the Kia Lodge.

#### DAY 9: Kilimanjaro to the UK or Extension B

Depart early this morning for your return flight to the UK, or continue on to your Zanzibar extension.

### Your hotels

- Arusha (1 night): 3★ African Tulip** - 44/1 Serengeti Road, Arusha 1571.  
Contact number: 00255 27 254 3004
- Lake Manyara (1 night): 3★ Maramboi Tented Camp** - Between Tarangire and Manyara Lake, Tanzania. Contact number: 00255 736 502 894
- Karatu (1 night): 3★ Ngorongoro Farm House** - Oldeani Road, Karatu.  
Contact number: 00255 736 502 894
- Serengeti (2 nights): 3★ Serengeti Sopa Lodge** - Serengeti National Park, Tanzania. Contact number: 00255-27-2500630
- Karatu (1 night): 3★ Kitela Lodge** - Tloma Road, Karatu, Tanzania.
- Kilimanjaro (1 night): 3★ Kia Lodge** - Kilimanjaro Airport Rd, Tanzania.  
Contact number: 00255 27 250 6315

All accommodation is 3★. Mercury Holidays has visited and inspected all of the hotels to ensure that they meet the standard of service which we require for our clients. If the hotels detailed above are not available, alternatives of a similar standard will be used. Please note that Tanzania's infrastructure is not as developed as the western world and most of the accommodation is lodge/camp style rather than hotels. **Final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document approx. 10 days before you travel.**

### Meals

Breakfast is always served in your lodge each morning and will be western style. Lunch and dinner will either be taken at your lodge or at a local restaurant. Please note that on some days, lunch will be a packed lunch to enjoy whilst on safari.

### On your arrival

On your arrival at Kilimanjaro airport you will be met by a representative from our local agent in Tanzania holding a sign displaying 'Mercury Holidays'. The Mercury Holidays/Tanganyika representative will transfer you to your hotel on arrival where you will spend your first night. There will be a guide with you throughout the tour and

will be able to answer any queries you may have.

However, if you need to contact your representative during your stay the details are:

**Akilanga**  
Shingirai Laine  
Contact number: 0027 11 326 4172  
(extension 248)

### Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for Akilanga

Contact	24 hour telephone number
Leila	0027 82 651 9600
Emily (Kibo guide)	00255 786 400 233

### Visas

British citizens currently need a tourist visa to enter Tanzania and you will be issued a three month single entry tourist visa on arrival at Kilimanjaro airport immigration. Your passport must be valid for at least six months from the date you are due to leave Tanzania and you will need to pay approximately USD \$50 for the visa on arrival. Visa requirements are subject to change and obtaining a visa is the responsibility of the traveller and not Mercury Holidays. We recommend you check with your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy prior to departure for the most up to date guidelines regarding these.

### Insurance

You must obtain suitable travel insurance prior to departure. Mercury Holidays is partnered with Holiday Extras which offer insurance at the following prices:

Age in years	Up to 64	65-74	75-85
Up to 10 days cover	£37	£72	£104
Up to 17 days cover	£42	£79	£135

Prices are for worldwide insurance, excluding the USA. For all persons 86 years and over, please contact us for insurance prices. If you decide to organise your own travel insurance, please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

### Tour Guides

This is an escorted tour, meaning you will be met on arrival at Kilimanjaro airport and will have a guide and driver with you for the duration of your tour, ensuring that you have first-hand knowledge and assistance at all times.

### Tippling

Tippling is not generally practiced in small, local establishments, especially in rural areas. However, in major towns and in places frequented by tourists, tips are expected. On treks and safaris, it is common practice to tip drivers, guides, porters and other staff. We recommend an average of £3-6 per person per day for your guide. This is only if you feel that their service was up to standard and is completely at your own discretion.

### Health and Vaccinations

We recommend that you consult your local GP for advice on travel health/vaccinations before departure. You can also visit the NHS travel health website [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk). It is not advisable to drink the tap water.

### Physical Accessibility

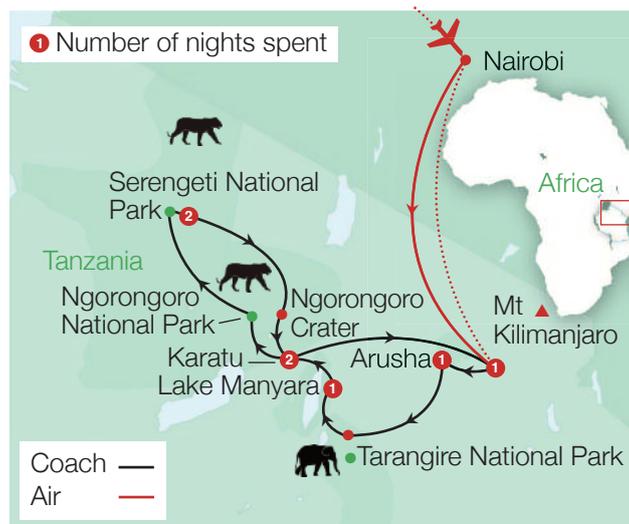
This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves full days of sightseeing, often on foot and includes some hiking, climbing of stairs and getting on and off 4X4 vehicles. Many of the roads in Tanzania are unpaved and so journeys can sometimes be long and bumpy. **This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.**

### Group Size

The minimum number of travellers in your group will be six and the maximum will be 30. In the unlikely event that there are less than six people booked on your tour date, you may be asked to change to a different date. The choice to switch to any of our other tours, or cancel with a full refund will also be available to you should an alternative date not be suitable.

### Currency Exchange

The currency in Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling (Tsh). You should be able to buy currency before you leave the UK or whilst away. There will be access to



ATMs in most major cities where you will be able to withdraw money in the local currency.

### Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. We recommend you bring along a minimum of GBP £200 per person to change in to local currency. It is a good idea to try and maintain a supply of small notes and change in the local currency for tipping or small purchases.

### Credit Card Information

Whilst you may wish to bring a credit card with you on the tour, cash is the most widely accepted form of payment in Tanzania. Except in major hotels, you should not rely on paying for goods or services with a credit card and it is best to rely on cash and ATMs.

### Itinerary Changes

Our intention is to adhere to the day to day itinerary as printed here. However, the order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are made aware of them and keep you updated as much as possible. Some road construction and/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times.

### What to Pack

- Sunscreen, insect repellent & wide-brimmed hat
- Waterproof, lightweight jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Lightweight clothing
- Sweater
- Camera and charger
- Small day pack for excursions
- Swimwear
- Binoculars
- A plug adaptor – the electricity supply is 220 volts and three square pin plugs

### Flight and Airport Information

Your flight is to Kilimanjaro Airport with Kenya Airways (KQ) via Nairobi, departing from London Heathrow Terminal 4.

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number
Heathrow - Nairobi	19:00	06:30	8 hours 30 minutes	KQ101
Nairobi - Kilimanjaro	08:00	09:05	1 hour 5 minutes	KQ432
Kilimanjaro - Nairobi	21:05	22:05	1 hour	KQ437
Nairobi - Heathrow	23:50	05:45	8 hours 55 minutes	KQ102

**IMPORTANT: Please note that all flight times and numbers listed above are provided for guidance only and are subject to change. Final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.**

### Baggage Allowance

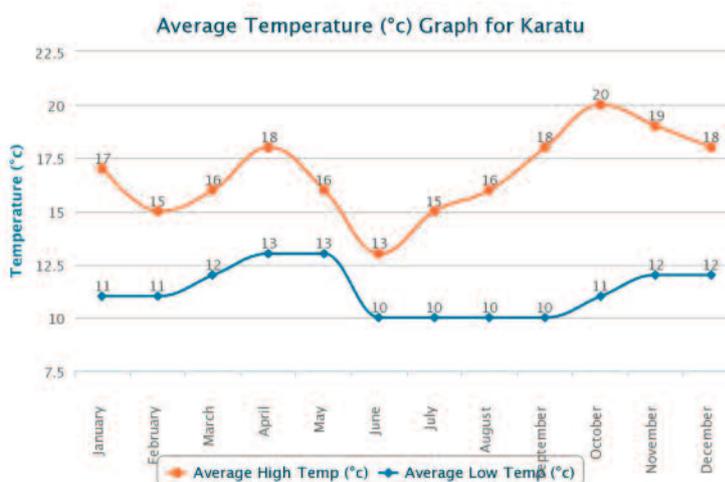
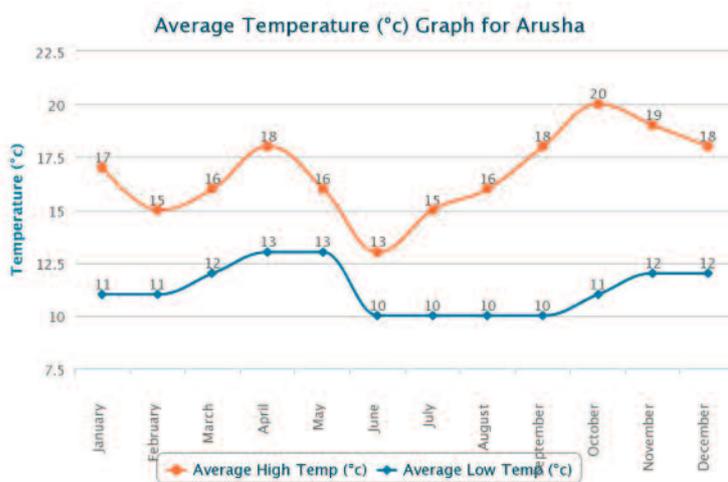
Each passenger is entitled to 23kg of hold luggage plus one item of hand luggage not exceeding 25cm x 35cm x 56cm in size. You are also allowed one 'accessory' piece of luggage to take on board such as a handbag or camera bag. Both carry on pieces should not exceed 12kg in weight. Weight restrictions will be finalized on your e-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay an additional fee for this at check-in. Heathrow Airport advises that you should arrive at the airport at least three hours prior to your flight time for international departures.

### Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange airport car parking, lounges or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras. You can contact them by calling 0871 360 2000 and make sure you quote the following code: HX313.

### Weather and Climate

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year so please familiarize yourself with the climate charts below for a guideline of what to expect:



# YOUR ZANZIBAR BEACH STAY Extension



*Dotted with small fishing villages, deserted islands and home to historic Stone town, the Zanzibar archipelago evokes tales of myth and romance filled with Swahili princes, Omani Sultans and Shirazi merchants. Turquoise waters lap up against white-powder beaches surrounded by rainbow coral reefs inhabited by shoals of iridescent tropical fish – the paradisaical ‘Spice Islands’ offer the perfect relaxing end to your Tanzanian adventure.*

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Zanzibar.

### Hotel Information

#### Zanzibar (3 or 5 nights on Half Board)

Your stay in Zanzibar will take place at either of the below two hotels;

**4★ Sultan Sands** - Located on the beachfront with views of the Indian Ocean, this property offers air-conditioned traditional-style African huts, each with a private terrace. There are also two restaurants and a bar as well as a swimming pool and spa centre. Hotel address: Kiwengwa Beach, 00000 Zanzibar, Tanzania. Contact number: 00255 24 224 0241.

**5★ Bluebay Resort & Spa** - With four-poster beds in each of the 116 rooms, the Bluebay is the perfect place to indulge yourself. The 30 acre site also includes a spa and swimming pool with an international restaurant, exclusive Bahari grill and bar. Hotel address: Kiwengwa Beach, 00000 Zanzibar, Tanzania. Contact number: 00255 24 224 0240.

Any alternative hotels or board basis, plus duration will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure. Final confirmation of your hotel will be sent in a document approximately 10 days before you travel.

### Tour guides

Your stay in Zanzibar is not escorted by a tour guide. Your time here will be free to do as you wish. Details of your departure transfer will be confirmed by your guide at the end of your tour at Kilimanjaro airport, before you begin your extension stay in Zanzibar.

### Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry and any additional snacks or drinks you may wish to have.

### Please note

This extension stay in Zanzibar will take place at the end of your main tour.

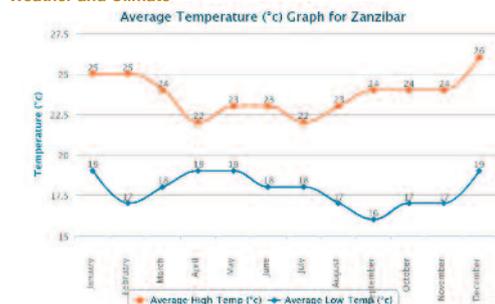
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Your flight to Zanzibar Airport is with Precision Air (PQ), departing from Kilimanjaro Airport.

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Kilimanjaro - Zanzibar	18:30	19:50	1 hour 20 minutes	PW437
Zanzibar - Nairobi	19:35	21:15	1 hour 40 minutes	KQ6715
Nairobi - Heathrow	23:50	05:45	8 hours 55 minutes	KQ102

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