

# TRACKS SAFARIS

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## **7 DAY/6 NIGHT SIMBA SAFARI**

**SOPA LODGES – SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**  
**SERENA LODGES – SATURDAY AND MONDAY**

### **DAY ONE**

Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport. On arrival you are met and transfer to Arusha for lunch. After lunch join safari and you depart Arusha passing through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. At the town of Makuyuni you turn North West and continue the journey up through a scenic escarpment that brings you to your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant Lake Manyara.

**Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena on full board basis**

## **DAY TWO**

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch. Leaving Lake Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you'll hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park.

**Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis**

## **DAY THREE**

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park.

**Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis**

## **DAY FOUR**

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains, stopping off at Olduvai Gorge en route. The Gorge acquired its name from the Sansevieria bush that grows profusely in the area, named Olduvai by the Maasai. The Gorge is about 50km long and in some places around 90m deep and is found between the Crater and the Serengeti. It was first discovered by a German entomologist named Professor Kattwinkel, who instigated an expedition just before the First World War. Later, the exploration was continued by Dr Louis Leakey and his wife, who in 1959 found humanoid remains of *Zinjanthropus*, later renamed *Australopithecus Boisei*, an early form of man. You will have time to walk through the simple small museum at the gorge, where you can view copy displays of some of the finds as well as pictures of what life was like for the gorge's earliest inhabitants. After a picnic lunch you visit a Maasai village before you continue to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

**Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis**

## **DAY FIVE**

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera. Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. Lunch is served near a small lake filled with hippos. You then continue game viewing before returning to the crater's rim and your lodge.

**Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis**

## **DAY SIX**

Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast and head south east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire beyond. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the main Arusha – Dodoma road and into the park. From here to the lodge, you'll enjoy a game drive en route. After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

**Overnight at Tarangire Sopa Lodge on a full board basis**

## **DAY SEVEN**

Depart after breakfast and head north east to Arusha. The journey will pass through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. On arrival in Arusha you will be transferred to Arusha town centre for lunch. After lunch you are transferred to Kilimanjaro International airport for international flight back to the UK.

Alternatively, we can arrange for an extension on the exotic island of Zanzibar for a few days rest and relaxation after your Tanzania Safari. Just ask!

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