# ULTIMATE WILDLIE SAFARI WEEKEND TRIP

# **WEEKEND OVERVIEW**

Tanzania is one of Africa's top safari destinations and something you should not miss out on during your trip! The Ultimate Wildlife Safari weekend trip will see you visiting three different national parks, yes three!

An absolute standout destination for wildlife, you will find all members of the Big Five; lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo. On top of this you will also come across an abundance of zebra, giraffe, hippo, flamingo, antelope, ostrich, hyenas, cheetah and wildebeest to name but a few.

You will start the trip off by heading out on safari in Tarangire National Park. This expanse of land located in the Maasai Steppe and the Great Rift Valley is famous for its high number of African elephants and different prides of lions.

On your second day we will be exploring Ngorongoro Crater – the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. Ngorongoro Crater is home to the largest density of game across Africa and is what makes it one of Tanzania's best-known locations for spotting the Big Five.

To finish off your wildlife safari weekend, we will be exploring Lake Manyara National Park. Although it is one of the smaller parks, it is well known for its breath taking scenery, it's growing numbers of baboons and blue monkeys as well as tree climbing lions.

Each weekend trip leaves on a Friday morning and returns on the Sunday evening, costing just £529 / \$599 per person.

The following are included within this fee:

- Accommodation
- Meals
- Transport
- Drinking water
- National park fees

# **START DATES**

We will be running the Ultimate Wildlife Safari weekend trip on the following dates:

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025
7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025
7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025
11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025
9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025
13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025
11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025
8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025
12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025
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We can add additional weekend trips if there is enough interest from volunteers. There is a minimum of 4 participants.



# **BOOKING YOUR PLACE**

You can simply add this weekend trip when applying for any of our programmes in Tanzania under 'Optional Extras'.

If you have already signed up for one of our volunteer programmes in Tanzania and would like to add this weekend trip, you can simply request this within your My Trip account.

Places on our weekend trips are non-refundable and non-transferable between volunteers.

# **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1 – TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast at the volunteer accommodation, the group will be collected by jeep and a small orientation will be provided by the guide. You will then make your way to Tarangire National Park, a journey that takes around 3/4 hours. Along the way you will have the chance to purchase snacks and drinks.

As soon as we arrive at the national park we will dive straight in with a safari game drive! The national park is famous for its number of African elephants and different prides of lions – so you're in for a treat!

After a quick pit stop for lunch, we will continue to explore the vast and beautiful landscapes in search of wildlife.

As the sun starts to set we will head to our new home for the weekend, Panorama Safari Camp and Lodge for dinner and to get settled in.

#### DAY 2 – NGORONGORO CRATER

It's best to set off early today (around 06:30), so after something quick to eat for breakfast we will make the hour or so drive to Ngorongoro Crater.

When we reach the edge of the crater our first game drive of the day will begin.

Ngorongoro Crater is home to the largest density of game across Africa and has the greatest number of different animal species per square kilometre.

As you explore the diverse landscapes including plains, forests and even swamps, we will be inundated with fascinating wildlife – including the African Big Five!

Lunch will be taken at the famous 'Hippo Pond', where you may spot a hippo who like to frequent most days to cool down.

After lunch the game drive will continue and everyone will return back to the accommodation in the early evening.

# DAY 3 – LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

We are checking out of the accommodation today and after some delicious breakfast and receiving our packed lunch we will head to Lake Manyara National Park – around 25 minutes away.

Similar to the previous past two days, you will get to enjoy two game drives split up by lunch.

Although it is one of the smaller parks in Tanzania, it is well known for its breathtaking scenery, tree climbing lions, extensive birdlife, elephants and baboons.

As the late afternoon approaches, we will head back to the volunteer accommodation in Moshi – a journey that takes around 4 hours.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

For the most part, you will be staying at Nga Lodge. The accommodation is perfectly located to



ensure travel time is minimised and is the perfect location to relax and unwind after a busy day wildlife spotting!

Everyone can make use of the swimming pool and congregate at dinner time to share stories about their time on safari.

The accommodation offers rooms that sleep two and three people per room. All rooms have air conditioning, attached en-suite western style bathrooms with hot water and mosquito nets.

## **MEALS**

You will be provided with 3 meals per day, either at the accommodation or as a packed lunch while travelling.

The meals will be continental items such as pancakes and scrambled eggs for breakfast and meat and vegetables for lunch / dinner.

# **TRANSPORT**

All transport is provided for the entirety of the trip and will be by jeep. Depending on the total number of volunteers booked on to the trip, the vehicle will either be exclusively for The Mighty Roar volunteers or shared with other paying tourists.

You will have English-speaking guides for your whole time travelling, but please note this trip is provided by an external organisation and will not be The Mighty Roar staff.

If you want to take part on this amazing trip and the dates fall on your last weekend in Tanzania then you can still take part! Please arrange your return flight from Tanzania for Monday to ensure you have sufficient time to get to the airport. The accommodation on your last night is not included but you are more than welcome to stay within the volunteer accommodation if there is space for a small additional fee. We can also recommend several hotels either close to our accommodation or to the airport.

