

# Best of Tanzania: Serengeti + Zanzibar

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## TRIP ITINERARY

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### **June 17** Depart for East Africa

### **June 18** Arrive Kilimanjaro Airport

Clear Customs & Immigration and be transferred to Arusha Serena Hotel for the next two nights. Accommodation: Serena Arusha

### **June 19** After breakfast, your visit to Tanzania begins!

Travel into the foothills of Mount Meru and visit a local village of the Wa Arusha tribe. The Wa Arusha, cousins of the Maasai, took roots and unlike the Maasai, are a farming community. Their crops include coffee and bananas and, the visit to this community includes a visit to local homes, a church and school. You also have a chance to see some of the farming techniques and perhaps sample "mbege", a local beer made from millet and bananas. Accommodation: Serena Arusha

### **June 20** Visit Manyara Game Reserve Enroute to Ngorongoro

Tanzania's towering Mto wa Mbu ridge provides a remarkable backdrop for a one-of-a-kind visit. Explore amidst the rich wildlife and unsurpassed tranquility of Lake Manyara National Park. The lake is home to over 300 migratory birds including flamingos, long-crested eagles, and grey-headed kingfisher. After visiting Manyara Game Reserve, you will continue to Ngorongoro. Accommodation: The Retreat at Ngorongoro

## **June 21 Ngorongoro National Park and Crater**

Explore Tanzania's prehistoric Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Eighth Wonder of the World. Deep within its immense walls is a breathtaking blue-green landscape dotted with plains, lakes, and forests; an eerie, otherworldly land that "time forgot" thick with massive bull elephants, rhinos, wildebeests, and the highest concentration of lions in Africa. Explore the Cradle of Mankind at The Retreat at Ngorongoro. This lodge is meticulously bird themed with clear emphasis on nature and birdlife in the area. As you walk around the lodge, you will be amazed at how nature has been integrated into this development.

*Accommodation: The Retreat at Ngorongoro*

## **June 22 Serengeti National Park**

Serengeti National Park is a World Heritage Site teeming with wildlife: over 2 million ungulates, 4000 lions, 1000 leopard, 550 cheetahs and 500 bird species inhabit an area close to 15,000 square kilometers in size. Join us on a safari and explore the endless Serengeti plains dotted with trees and kopjes from which majestic lions control their kingdom; gaze upon the Great Migration in awe or find an elusive leopard in a riverine forest. Or perhaps see everything from a bird's-eye view and soar over the plains at sunrise during a hot air balloon safari.

Serengeti Serena Lodge is an award-winning gem of a hotel in one of the most beautiful settings in Tanzania. Seamlessly blended high into an acacia-lined ridge, this African-styled lodge and infinity pool offer panoramic views across the Serengeti's vast, endless grasslands, where lions and cheetahs stalk their prey and massive migrating wildebeest herds darken the landscape in a relentless search for fresh grazing grounds. *Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Lodge*

## **June 23 Serengeti National Park**

After breakfast, enjoy another day of wildlife viewing in the Serengeti.

*Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Lodge*

## **June 24 You will be transported back to Arusha and then transferred to Seronera Airstrip for your flight to Zanzibar.**

Once in Zanzibar, you will be transferred to The Hotel Riu Palace Zanzibar, located on Nungwi Beach. This is an adult's only, all-inclusive hotel that is known for the design and spaciousness of their rooms. *Accommodation: RIU Palace Zanzibar*

### **June 25 Half Day Stone Tour**

After breakfast, a half day Stone Town tour awaits. This walking tour reveals centuries of history and culture. Stone Town is a World Heritage site and is the most vibrant of all the remaining traditional Swahili settlements. Architecturally, it is a fusion of African and Arab influences. Culturally modern Stone Town is a lively melting pot that embraces visitors and manages to offer a selection of fine dining and curious attractions without compromising its old-world charm. The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend as you would like. *Accommodation: RIU Palace Zanzibar*

### **June 26 The day is yours to enjoy as you would like.**

*·Accommodation: RIU Palace Zanzibar*

### **June 27 Transfer to Zanzibar airport for departure flight back to the US.**