

12 DAY BUSH TO BEACH SAFARI
Arusha/Lake Manyara/Serengeti/Ngorongoro/Tarangire/ Zanzibar



Zanzibar Beach

Day 1: Arrive Arusha

You will be met by Fortes staff at Kilimanjaro Airport arrival's hall and transferred to your hotel/lodge.

Overnight: Hotel options in Arusha

Day 2: Lake Manyara

Set out in the morning with picnic lunch boxes for a day of game viewing in the unique groundwater forest of Lake Manyara National Park with its diversity of vegetation and bird/wildlife featuring tree-climbing lions and flamingo colonies on the alkaline lakeshore. Hotels in this area are located on top of the Rift Valley escarpment and offer scenic vistas of the lake and surroundings.

Overnight: Lodge options in Lake Manyara area

Day 3: En Route to Serengeti

After breakfast, depart for Serengeti National Park, driving through rural highland scenery. Stop at the viewpoint at the crater rim for your first glimpse of the famous Ngorongoro Crater, recently added to the list of the UNESCO World Heritage sites. Continue to the Serengeti via Nabi Gate. The drive from the crater to your lodge is the beginning of your exploration of the Serengeti. Check-in at the lodge and after lunch enjoy an afternoon game-drive.

Overnight: Lodge options in Serengeti

Day 4: Serengeti

Depending on the season you will be travelling, we will aim to get as close to the Great Migration as possible. The short rains begin around early November. A little after this, in late November and December, the herds of the wildebeest migration arrive on the short-grass plains of the Serengeti. These are south and east of Seronera, around Ndutu and include the north of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Dispersed across these plains, wildebeest and zebra are everywhere – feeding on the fresh, nutritious grasses. They stay here through January, February and March, with most wildebeest calves born in a short window around February. Gradually they spread west across these plains, then around April they start their great migration north.

Overnight: Lodge options in Serengeti

Day 5: En Route to Ngorongoro

An early start makes for the best chance of seeing big predators such as leopard, lion and perhaps even cheetah trailing the herds of plains wildlife (wildebeest, zebra, antelope etc). After breakfast begin the return drive towards Ngorongoro to the famed Olduvai Gorge, an important archaeological site for human evolution. Enjoy your picnic lunch at the museum and then continue towards the Crater.

Overnight: Lodge options on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater

Day 6: Ngorongoro

After breakfast, descend into the famous Ngorongoro Crater. In this massive volcanic caldera wildlife has remained largely isolated due to the steep walls, restricting wildlife moving in and out. The forested slopes of the Crater, its lakes and swampy grassland are reputed to host some 30,000 animals and varied birdlife.

Overnight: Lodge options in Ngorongoro area

Day 7: Tarangire

Depart after breakfast for Tarangire, the fourth largest National Park of the country. Check-in at the lodge then enjoy a game drive in the park, home to magnificent large elephants and equally grand Baobab trees set among typical African scrubland.

Overnight: Lodge options in Tarangire National Park area

Day 8: Arusha/Zanzibar - beach

Depart after breakfast for Arusha. Transfer to Kilimanjaro International or Arusha Airport for your connecting flight to Zanzibar. Between arrival back in Arusha and departure for the Airport for your flight to Zanzibar there may be time to lunch and shop in Arusha. There are various beachfront areas each with their own charms. On the northern beaches the tides fluctuate less than on the east coast of Zanzibar, but they are therefore also busier. If you are looking to enjoy a busy nightlife and lots of restaurants, you may prefer the northern beaches. Lodges on the east coast of Zanzibar are usually quiet and tranquil. In general, the white-sand beaches of Zanzibar are quiet, relaxed and a perfect get-away.

Overnight: Hotel options in Zanzibar

Day 9 & 10: Zanzibar - beach

After breakfast relax on the beach; enjoy beach activities such as water skiing, excursions and tours to nearby islands, snorkelling trips to nearby reefs, deep sea fishing and amongst others diving courses. There are several dedicated tour offices with a wide selection of tours to choose from, including the Spice Island excursion, or a visit to Jozani Forest to see the Red Colobus Monkeys.

Overnight: Hotel options in Zanzibar

Day 11: Zanzibar – Stonetown

After breakfast, depart for Stonetown, officially classified as a UNSECO World Heritage Site. Stonetown has been the center of trade and commerce between mainland Africa, the Arabian region, Europe and India for thousands of years. The Zanzibari people, architecture and craftsmanship reflect this long history of cross-cultural contact and many of the sites have been preserved. Enjoy the museums, historical monuments and shopping in the narrow streets which funnel cool beach breezes like a honeycomb. In the evenings food vendors gather at Forodhani and serve fresh seafood and local delicacies.

Overnight: Hotel options in Stonetown

Day 12: Zanzibar – Stonetown

After breakfast transfer to the International Airport for your connecting flight.

When asking for a quote, please inform us of any requirements so that we can build these into your itinerary cost.

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