

# TRIP HANDBOOK



## LOW SEASON GRAND LODGE SAFARI - 7 DAYS

This document aims to provide the potential Safari Travellers with valuable and accurate information on Tanzania Safari. We have compiled this information over years of experience as well as from feedback from previous Clients of DONAK Safaris.

### TRIP DETAILS

Type	- Popular Routes
Code	- DS103LL
Duration	- 7 Days / 6 Nights
Start	- Arusha
Finish	- Arusha

### TRIP ITINERARY

#### DAY1: ARRIVAL

After a pleasant arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport or any other border posts of the country, you will be welcomed by one of the Donak Safaris representatives who will initially meet and greet you. After a short introduction of himself, he will transfer you to your dedicated hotel within Arusha City for your night stay.

Meals: Bed and Breakfast

Accommodation: Lake Duluti Serena Lodge

#### DAY2: TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast departs to Tarangire National Park for Game Viewing and Photographing with the Picnic Lunch. Famous for its massive baobab trees, Home of the African elephants (with high concentration than any other park) and tree climbing pythons, Tarangire National Park is small but still home to a significant wildlife population, with a density of wildlife matched only by Ngorongoro.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodation: Tarangire Sopa Lodge

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## **DAY3: LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK**

After morning breakfast departs for Lake Manyara National Park for Game Viewing and Photographing with the picnic lunch. Stretching for 50km along the base of the rusty-gold 600-metre high Rift Valley Escarpment, Lake Manyara is a scenic gem, with a setting extolled by Ernest Hemingway as “the loveliest I had seen in Africa”. The Park host larger herds of elephants, buffalos, zebras and over 300 different species of birds.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodation: Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

## **DAY4: LAKE MANYARA – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

Breakfast at the camp departs for Serengeti National Park via Olduvai Gorge en route game viewing and photographing with the picnic lunch. The oldest and most popular National Park, a World Heritage Site recently proclaimed as 7th world wonder of the World, Serengeti is famed for its Annual Wildebeests Migration and a uncountable number of predators.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Lodge

## **DAY5: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast, depart for full day game drive and photographing.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Lodge

## **DAY6: SERENGETI – NGORONGORO CONSERVATION**

Departs early for Ngorongoro crater tour, descending to the crater floor for a game drive and photographing with the picnic lunch. The largest collapsed unbroken caldera in the world with a high concentration of big game wildlife. Ngorongoro is a special place which is a Conservation Area, not a National Park; this means that the whole area is managed for both the animals and the local Maasai people who graze their cattle alongside the indigenous wildlife. Proceed with your game drive in this so called “Man and Biosphere Reserve”.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

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## DAY7: DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the lodge, with the packed lunch, shall have a road transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight back home as per your schedule.

## Trip Includes

### MEALS

7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 7 Dinners

### ACCOMMODATION

Lodge (6 nights)

### ACTIVITIES

All Activities

### GUIDE

Services of a Professional Guide

### TRANSPORT

4WD Luxury Safari Vehicle & All transfers to and from Airport

### FEE

Parks & Museum Entry Fees

## Trip Exclusions

### FLIGHTS

International Flights

### INSURANCE

Travel and personal accident insurance

### DRINKS

Expenditure on alcoholic drinks, souvenirs and other personal items

### TRAVEL DOCS

Visa, Passport, Vaccinations & Medicines

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## TIPS

Tips and Gratuities

### Extra

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## BEFORE TRIP START

### Climate

Tanzania is a land without winter. The hilly Country in the North has a pleasant climate from June - September. The coast is generally hot and humid with an average temperature of 30 degrees Celsius. The main rainy season is from March to May, the hottest being from October - February. Temperatures at the Summit of Kilimanjaro, range from -20 to -25C.

### Language

Although Tanzania has many local dialects, Swahili is the official language. English is Tanzania's second official Language and its commercial Language. Most people you will come in contact with will be quite fluent in English. You may find it useful to buy a Swahili-English Phrase book on arrival.

### Passport & Visa

All visitors to Tanzania must have Passports valid for travel to Tanzania as well as Visas to enter Tanzania obtainable from our Diplomatic representatives abroad.

Currently, visas are available for most nationalities at TZ Airports & Border posts (if you intend purchasing a Visa on arrival, please check with the Tanzanian diplomatic representatives abroad or check with us prior, to make sure this option is available).

### Health

Tanzania has re-introduced health desks at all ports of entry at Mainland Tanzania & Zanzibar. Please ensure you bring yellow fever Vaccination certificates with you to show on entry, if requested.

Anti-malarial medication is recommended to be taken a few days prior to arrival, during your stay and a short period after returning. We would strongly recommend that you consult your Doctor.

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## Electricity & Appliances

Most Hotels/Lodges in Cities in Tanzania run on electricity with many having standby Generators. However please note that many Tented Camps and Lodges when on safari in Tanzania run on Generators which are turned off after dinner and on again just before dawn. We recommend that you carry a Flashlight and extra Batteries.

## Money Matters

The currency in Tanzania is the Tanzania Shilling. The US Dollar, however, is most widely used. Foreign currency can be exchanged for local currency at the Banks and Bureau De Changes. Changing money on the streets is prohibited and dangerous.

**CREDIT CARDS:** Although some Hotels/Curio shops accept Credit Cards. Credit Cards are not so widely used. In places that they can be used, surcharges of between 5-15% or more should be expected.

**ATM's:** Many major cities in Tanzania have ATM's (that accept Master card and Visa). A pin code is required, and the cash withdrawal limit is about US\$300 per day which you receive in local Tanzanian Shillings.

## Dress

Safari attire is casual and comfortable. The emphasis at most Lodges & Camps is on informal but comfortable wear. However at some Lodges gentlemen are required to wear long trousers for the evening meals.

Topless sunbathing is not permitted and ladies should wear appropriate clothing in public places. A jacket will be found handy especially in the evenings & early mornings.

## Food

In Tanzania, food is of a very high standard. Avoid drinking Water from the tap. Bottled water may be purchased locally before embarking on Safari. It is also available at the game Lodges.

## Security

As in all Countries, security is basically a matter of common sense. Crime is not rare in big cities in Tanzania, though, precautions must be taken. We recommend you avoid walking in the streets after

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dark; avoid leaving valuables or large amounts of money in your Hotel room or Vehicle or carrying it with you.

## Tipping

Tipping is customary on a Tanzanian Safari/Trek. Most of our Safaris & Treks at DONAK Safaris are private, i.e. Small Groups, Combo safaris, Day Tours or Trekking.

\*Below is a recommended guideline for tipping

**Safari Driver/Guide:** US\$10 to \$15 per vehicle per day

**Safari Cook:** US\$10 to \$15 per vehicle per day

**Mountain Guide:** US\$10 per day per guide from group

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**Assistant Mt. Guide:** US\$8 per day per asst guide from group

**Porters on Mountain:** US\$15-\$20 per porter for duration from group

**Porters at Lodge:** US\$1-2

## Gratuity Box

These are found at most Lodges. We recommend these as your tip is then distributed fairly amongst all the staff. DONAK Safaris recommends that tipping is usually done at the end of the trip and given directly to the person it is meant for.

## What to bring-Packaging List

### Clothing

Khaki and green colored clothes are much recommended on safari. Bright colors should be avoided because they tend to scare animals; camouflage clothes are illegal because they are worn by local soldiers.

- Long sleeved lightweight shirt for protection from the sun
- Sweater / jacket and pants for cold temperatures experienced at night
- Hat

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- › Sandals to put on during safari
- › One nice pair of shoes
- › Short pants
- › Sunglasses
- › Bathing suit (those staying in lodge/hotel with a swimming pool & would want to swim)
- › Socks
- › Belt

We advise to bring enough clothing for the entire safari as you may not have them washed (though most lodges do offer laundry service)

## Toiletries & Medicine

- › Malaria prophylaxis
- › Prescription drugs (also bring the generic names for these drugs, good idea to pack 2 separate lots)
- › Motion sickness pills
- › Deodorant
- › Toothpaste / Toothbrush
- › Dental Floss
- › Hair Brush / Comb
- › Electric / Hand Razor
- › Emery Boards
- › Tweezers
- › Hand Lotion
- › Fem. Hygiene Supplies
- › Insect repellent (containing DEET for mosquito's)
- › Sun Screen (SPF 15 or higher)
- › Lip Balm
- › Shampoo/Conditioner

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## Documents

- › Passports and Entry Visa
- › Cash
- › Health cards (vaccination certificate)
- › Airline tickets
- › Credit Cards (VISA, MasterCard and/or American Express)
- › Photo copy of passport/visas/Insurance papers

## Other Items

- › Camera (Bring camera with enough memory)
- › Extra camera batteries
- › Flash bright
- › Binoculars
- › Locks for baggage
- › Video camera
- › Wildlife guides
- › Small backpack for car
- › Money belt
- › Snacks



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