

# TRIP HANDBOOK



## SELOUS AND NGORONGORO CRATER SAFARI - 15 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	- DS102LL
Duration	- 15 Days / 14 Nights
Start	- Dar es Salaam
Finish	- Kilimanjaro International Airport

### TRIP ITINERARY

#### DAY1: ARRIVAL DAR ES SALAAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Arrival at Dar es Salaam International Airport, meet and greet with Donak Safaris guide and transferred to the hotel in Dar es Salaam where you can relax and recover from your journey.

Accommodation: Mediterraneo Hotel

Meals: Dinner & Breakfast

#### DAY2: DAR ES SALAAM – SELOUS GAME RESERVE

In the morning you'll be picked up from your hotel in Dar and drive to Selous Game Reserve arriving in time for a hot lunch. Shall have a game drive and photographing while your guide will explain the animals behavior and the story of this beautiful animal sanctuary.

Accommodation: Selous River Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### DAY3: SELOUS GAME RESERVE FULL DAY GAME DRIVE

Each morning after breakfast you'll have a full day of game viewing in Selous Game Reserve taking a packed lunch with you if you wish to maximize your game drive time. Your guide will know the best places to go and exploring the wilderness in the biggest game reserve in Africa and viewing diverse wildlife which includes lion, giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, elephant, wild dog and so much more.

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Accommodation: Sable Mountain Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## **DAY4: SELOUS GAME RESERVE – MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast we'll leave Selous River Camp with a packed lunch to enjoy on your game drive on the way to Mikumi National Park. As part of the Selous ecosystem, it benefits from the highest game density of the entire conservation area. The landscape here is beautiful and the wildlife prolific.

Accommodation: Angalia Tented Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## **DAY5: MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK FULL DAY GAME DRIVE**

Full day of game drives around Mikumi National Park which has a wide variety of bird species, large numbers of giraffe, buffalo and elephant and, near the water holes, lion, leopard and hippo. You may also see zebra, lion, wild dog, python, hartebeest, wildebeest, elephant, impala, warthog, eland and other antelopes.

Accommodation: Angalia Tented Camp – at own

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## **DAY6: MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK – RUAHA NATIONAL PARK**

Breakfast at the camp, departs for Ruaha national park with the picnic lunch boxes. Arrive at the camp in the evening for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Tandala Tented Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## **DAY7: RUAHA NATIONAL PARK FULL DAY GAME DRIVE**

Breakfast at the camp, departs for full day game drive in Ruaha national park. Lunch at the picnic site and later evening drive back to the camp for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Tandala Tented Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

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## **DAY8: RUAHA NATIONAL PARK – KONDOA TOWN**

Departs early with your packed lunch towards Kondoa town via Iringa and Tanzania's capital city Dodoma. Arrive Kondoa late afternoon, short walks around the streets and evening at leisure.

Accommodation: Kondoa Annex Climax Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## **DAY9: KONDOA ROCK PAINTINGS – TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK**

Today we set out early; collecting you from your hotel and heading North West to stunning Tarangire National Park, arrive in time for lunch. Your afternoon game-drive will reveal all the wonders of Tarangire, a National Park often referred to as the 'Elephant Playground'. Herds of up to 300 of these mighty mammals are sometimes seen in the park.

Accommodation: Whistling Thorn Tented Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## **DAY10: TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK – LAKE EYASI**

After breakfast we will drive to the shores of Lake Eyasi. We arrive in time for lunch at the camp. Lake Eyasi is a very scenic soda lake found on the southern border of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. This less visited lake lies at the base of the Eyasi escarpment on the western rift valley wall. This afternoon you will be introduced to the extraordinary people who belong to an indigenous tribe known as the 'Hadzabe' (hunter-gatherer Bushmen).

Accommodation: Tindiga Tented Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## **DAY11: LAKE EYASI – NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA**

Early morning we depart to the village for local hunting experience with Hadzabe and Datonga tribes. The Bushmen rely on these techniques to survive and you'll need to be very attentive and at times quiet, while they demonstrate their use of locally made poisons in incapacitating the poor creatures on which they depend for survival. We return to the camp for a late breakfast and we then travel to the

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Ngorongoro Conservation area.

Accommodation: Crater Forest Tented Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## **DAY12: NGORONGORO CRATER TOUR – MTO WA MBU VILLAGE**

After breakfast at the lodge, we will descend over 600 meters into the crater to view wildlife for a half day's tour. Supported by a year round water supply and fodder, the Ngorongoro Crater supports a vast variety of animals, which include herds of wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, warthog, hippo, and giant African elephants. A large number of flamingos, hippos and other water birds can usually be seen here. Later ascend from the crater and drive to Mto wa Mbu village.

Accommodation: Migunga Forest Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## **DAY13: MTO WA MBU – LAKE NATRON**

Another highlight is Lake Natron itself, after breakfast we set for Lake Natron activity to one of a vast multi-colored soda lake at the foot of the escarpment. With the possible exception of Lake Turkana in the extreme north of Kenya, Natron is perhaps the most dramatic of all the Rift Valley lakes.

Accommodation: Lake Natron Tented Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## **DAY12: LAKE NATRON – ARUSHA CITY**

Today might be a departure day, all your thoughts turn home. Breakfast at the camp, depart for Arusha city with the packed lunch. Arrive in Arusha for the leisure and hot dinner.

Accommodation: Planet Lodge,

Meals: Dinner & Breakfast

## **DAY12: DEPARTURE, ARUSHA – KILIMANJARO AIRPORT**

Breakfast at the lodge, shall have a road transfer to the airport for your flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport.

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## Trip Includes

### MEALS

8 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 8 Dinners

### ACCOMMODATION

Camp (6 nights) & Lodge (1 night)

### 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

### TIPS

Tips and Gratuities

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## Extra

Expenditure on alcoholic drinks, souvenirs and other personal items

## 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

## Gratuities 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



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- › Hat
- › 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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