

# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS











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**Itinerary** 

Tanzania • Nyerere National Park & Ruaha Camping Safari

10 Days • 9 Nights

Kilimanjaro – Arusha – Manyara – Serengeti National Park – Ngorongoro - Tarangire National Park - Kilimanjaro

#### **Highlights**

- Visit the stunning Nyere National Park (Selous) & Ruaha Game Parks as you see a range of African animals on your personal safari
- Enjoy an evening boat cruise to view wildlife from the Rufiji River from day one!
- Get the ultimate experience by camping in the African 'bush'
- Trek into Udzungwa Park where you will be able to explore the beautiful forest and waterfalls, and even go for a swim in a plunge pool

#### **Tour Essentials**

**Tour Style** Safari Expedition

**Tour Start** Kilimanjaro

Tour End Kilimanjaro

Accommodation Camping, Hotel,

Lodge

**Included Meals** 10 Breakfasts, 8

lunches, 8 Dinners

Difficulty Level Medium



Away from the masses, this is a great 'bush camping' adventure (not luxury fly camping) exploring the stunning Nyerere National Park (formerly Selous), Ruaha & Mikumi game reserves in Southern Tanzania. The itinerary gives you the opportunity to view a myriad of African animals on your own personal safari away

from the masses of tour buses.



## Tanzania Safari an overview

Nyerere National Park (formerly Selous Game Reserve), Africa's largest protected area uninhabited by man, offers the lucky few visitors an experience in absolutely wild and unspoiled bush. The park varies from rolling grassy plains to open woodlands and rocky outcrops cut by the Rufiji River – the lifeblood of the park, whose tributaries form a network of lakes, lagoons and channels that offer a superb method of game viewing especially during the dry season (from June to October). Selous hosts Tanzania's greatest population of elephants as well as being one of the few areas you can see African wild dogs. You will also get the opportunity to explore Ruaha National Park which derives its name from the Great Ruaha River that flows through the Rift Valley on the eastern part of the Park creating spectacular gorges. Finally visiting Mikumi National park, the 4th largest in Tanzania and a great spot for big game viewing as well as bird watching. Exploring on foot, by boat and by 4WD and sleeping in tents you will get a true appreciation of the best Southern Tanzania has to offer.

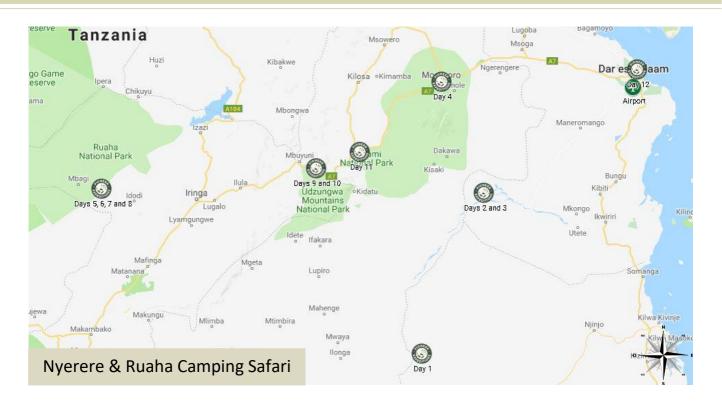
### Why Pioneer Expeditions?

We really are one of the few specialists that really "do" off the beaten track and unique adventures in TANZANIA. We are driven by a passion for adventure travel and wildlife. We know it inside-out, and continuously collaborate with our local partners and tour guides to ensure that you have the best experiences on your dream Tanzania adventure – this focus is reflected in our uniquely wonderful itineraries. Our experts are on hand whether you are looking for a small group trip or a bespoke holiday.

Even better, our small group tours have a maximum of 8 people, making it a much more personal experience. Furthermore, we don't expect you to pay a single supplement, perfect for solo travellers! (\*nb. no ss charged as long as you are happy to share a room)

Pioneer work in some of the world's most spectacular, remote and extraordinary places worldwide.

## **Itinerary**



#### **DAY 1: ARRIVE AT KILIMANJARO AIRPORT**



On your arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport met our transfer driver and take you to Pazuri Inn Lodge, booked on bed and breakfast, giving you a choice of eating in their excellent restaurant.





Meals:



Driving distance: Varies



Activity: **Arrival** 

#### DAY 2: ARUSHA TO LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

07:00hrs pick up by your driver guide drive to Lake Manyara with your packed lunch, arrive for a full day game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. Here you will see thousands of flamingos and pelicans as well as numerous elephants etc. Packed lunch in the park near some hot springs, Late afternoon leave the park to Migomban Campsite for dinner and overnight.





Overnight: **Campsite** 



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Driving distance: **Varies** 



Activity: **Wildlife** 

#### DAY 3: MANYARA TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast check out and drive to Central Serengeti via Ngorongoro Conservation area, proceed with afternoon game drive, Search for the 'big five' as well as the myriad smaller animals as well as Crocodiles can be found in the Grumeti River, as well as hippos which make each safari unique, Dinner and overnight at Seronera Campsite.



Overnight: **Campsite** 



Meals: B. L. D



Driving distance: **Varies** 



Activity: **Wildlife** 

#### **DAY 4 & 5: FULL DAYS IN CENTRAL SERENGETI**

Enjoy 2 full days in Central Serengeti, Serengeti is the largest and most famous park in Tanzania, known worldwide for its endless plains, wildebeest-migration, herds of lions and other predators like hyenas, cheetahs and leopards. Dinner and overnight at Seronera Campsite.



Overnight:
Seronera
Campsite



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Driving distance: **Varies** 



Activity: **Transfer** 



#### DAY 6: SERENGETI TO NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREAS

After breakfast check out with your belongs for another half day game drive in Serengeti National Park, enjoy your packed lunch in the park ,by 15:00hrs leave the park and drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area, check set your tents at Simba Campsite wait for dinner and overnight.



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Meals: **B, L, D** 



Driving distance: **Varies** 



Activity: **Exploring and wildlife** 

#### **DAY 7: FULL DAY CRATER TOUR**

This morning we are up before sunrise to visit Ngorongoro Crater with packed lunch for full day crater tour. The Crater is a perfectly intact volcanic caldera and known as the 'Noah's ark' of game reserves. During our morning game drives again there is the chance to view the 'big 5', lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo, as well as plains game peacefully grazing including, zebra, gazelle, impala and wildebeest. Hippopotamus are found lolling in the pools and Lake Magadi can be rimmed with the pink of greater and lesser flamingo. Early evening leave the Crater and drive to Simba Campsite for dinner and overnight.



Overnight: **Campsite** 



Meals: **B. L. D** 



Driving distance: **Varies** 



Activity: **Crater Tour** 

#### DAY 8: NGORONGORO TO TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast check out and drive to Tarangire National Park for excellent game viewing. Tarangire is a small park which offers some excellent sights. Generally in the dry seasons Tarangire comes alive as wildlife and bird life congregate on the Tarangire River, which is a permanent source of water, enjoy your packed in the park. Late afternoon drive to Kigongoni Campsite for dinner and overnight.



Overnight: **Kigongoni Campsite** 



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Driving distance: **Varies** 



Activity: **Hiking** 



#### **DAY 9: FULL DAY IN TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK**

Enjoy a full day in Tarangire National Park, It is most famous for its elephant migration, birding and authentic safari atmosphere, packed lunch will be provided. Dinner and overnight at Kigongoni Campsite.



Overnight: **Kigongoni Campsite** 



Meals: **B. L. D** 



Driving distance: **Varies** 



Activity: **Hiking** 

#### **DAY 10: TARANGIRE TO KILIMANJARO AIRPORT**

After breakfast check out and drive to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight back home/ Extension to Zanzibar



Overnight:



Meals:



Driving distance: **Varies** 



Activity: **Depart** 



## What our clients have said

"We had a wonderful time! Loved every minute of it.

Thank you for arranging such a good tour at such short notice. We have been very impressed by all involved in the planning and delivery of the tour"

-R. Muirhead

"Thanks for your mail and for your hard work arranging our trip. It was wonderful. All aspects of the trip went like clockwork and all 3 lodges were excellent."

-Andrea G.

"First and most importantly, we had a great time. Thank you for your excellent job in arranging our safari and in answering our never-ending questions. Everything went off without a hitch, the safari experience was magical, and we will have wonderful memories of Tanzania."

-Jim

## **Important Information**

#### **INCLUDED**

- Private safari converted vehicle with driver/guide
- All park and entry fees
- All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Bottled drinking water while on safari
- All activities as per above unless stated otherwise
- All camping equipment with safari cook for preparation of meals where applicable
- All transfers as per itinerary above.

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

- International or internal flights
- Meals not mention
- Tips and gratuities
- Laundry
- Personal items
- Soft and alcoholic drinks



# Accommodation at a glance

All accommodation is subject to availability

#### **Camping**

Bastian Campsite, Sanje Campsite, Selous Hippo Campsite





#### **Morogoro Hotel**

Morogoro

http://www.morogorohotel.com/





**Msembe Bandas** 

Ruaha





**Mediterraneo Hotel** 

Dar Es Salaam

https://www.mediterraneotanzania.com/







# **Additional Information**

ACTIVITY DURATION 2 – 5 hours per day

SEASON This region is best explored between June - December

BEST TIME TO GO Jun - Nov

GROUP SIZE This is a tailor-made itinerary and is priced based on 2 people travelling.

GROUP DEPARTURE This trip is run as a private departure so can be run for a couple, family or group of

friends looking for a safari with a difference. We arrange private departures to suit

and can tailor the itinerary.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical

activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'Medium' level (2-5) hours of activities per day). This means that

you will need an average level of fitness.

## **The Pioneer Booking Process**

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com">info@pioneerexpeditions.com</a> if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website <a href="mailto:www.pioneerexpeditions.com">www.pioneerexpeditions.com</a> to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

#### 1. Contact us -

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

#### 2. Leave everything to us -

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

#### 3. Wait for your adventure to begin -

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

If you feel like altering this itinerary to suit your personal preferences, we can arrange all of that and more – just get in contact with us and let us know you requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

