Ngorongoro 2-Day Trip: Sunrise on the Rim

Duration: 4 Days / 3 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Safari

Country: Tanzania

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Sunrise on the rim and full crater day. Private 4×4 Land Cruiser, experienced English-speaking guide, and hand-picked lodges. Itinerary adapts slightly to season and wildlife movements — your consultant confirms nightly camps before travel.

Pricing follows published northern-circuit tiers with **USD 50 off** each per-person bracket versus common list rates — see calculator on your proposal. Serengeti Nexus operates with the same safety, park-rule and ethical-wildlife standards you expect on a world-class Tanzanian safari.

DESTINATIONS

Ngorongoro Conservation Area	Arusha

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

The group arrives at Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO). Participants are met by a representative of Serengeti Nexus and transferred to a hotel in Arusha.

Note: Check-in starts at 2:00 PM.

DESTINATION

Arusha

ACCOMMODATION

Planet Lodge Arusha

Day 2: Ngorongoro Crater Rim Walk & Rest Time at the Lodge

Today's journey takes you from the lowlands up into the Ngorongoro Highlands. The drive from Arusha — the typical starting point for this safari — takes about 4 to 5 hours, depending on the location of your lodge. But the reward is well worth the journey: a stay on the edge of the Ngorongoro Crater, one of Africa's most iconic landscapes.

After arriving in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, you'll stretch your legs with a guided walk along the crater rim. Led by a professional park ranger, this easy 1–2 hour hike follows a flat trail through lush montane forest.

While large animals like elephants and buffalo are rarer here than down in the crater, keep your eyes open for tracks and forest birds — and listen to the bush as it slowly reveals its secrets. At the end of the trail, you'll be rewarded with a spectacular view over the world's largest intact volcanic caldera.

After your walk, check in at a lodge perched right on the edge of the crater. This is your chance to relax, soak in the silence, and enjoy the dramatic landscapes around you. At 2,286 meters above sea level, Ngorongoro can get chilly in the morning and evening — bring a warm layer for extra comfort.

If you're an early riser, don't miss the sunrise over the highlands — it's pure magic. Prefer a slower start? No worries — sunset here is just as breathtaking. In your free time at the lodge, you can read about the legendary Grzimek family, pioneers of Tanzanian conservation, whose story is beautifully told in Serengeti Shall Not Die, available on our website.

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Ngorongoro Conservation Area

ACCOMMODATION

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

Day 3: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Today you are going to the Legendary Ngorongoro Crater! Your day will begin early in the morning, when your guide arrives to drive you to the Ngorongoro Crater, part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The Crater is somewhat reminiscent of The Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: here you will witness tens of thousands of wild animals living in the massive crater left by a huge ancient volcano. The actual crater is relatively small, when you consider that it is home to the most variety of animals per square meter than anywhere else in the world! Here, you are sure to see a great number of animals within close proximity to one another.

The descent into the crater will take about half an hour of driving. The road passes through beautiful, lush forests with great scenery. Your safari guide will make a stop to see the 'look out' which is a place offering a stunning panoramic view of the entire crater. Contrary to popular myth, animals can go outside the caldera. However, most of them are safe and comfortable inside the caldera which provides an unlimited supply of fresh grass for grazers and easy prey for predators. Therefore, they prefer to remain in the crater t all the time.

Elephants, buffaloes, antelopes, lions, cheetahs, zebras and other African animals can be seen in Ngorongoro Crater. This is one of the few places in Africa where rhinos are found, although, remember that they are an endangered species, so there are very few of them. One animal that is absent are giraffes; you will not spot any of them in the crater because, due to the build of their bodies, including legs and long necks, they cannot walk down into the crater.

After your morning game drive around the crater, you will stop at the picnic area next to Lake Magadi for a snack and rest. This place is popular with various birds, including kites, who sometimes try to steal food right from the table! While not dangerous, at all, it is a good idea not to leave any food unattended. One of the draws of Lake Magadi are the hippos that live in the area. You're sure to enjoy watching them while you eat lunch. These huge animals stay close to the shore and often surface to get air. If you do see one walking out of the water, give it plenty of space. Due to the large number of animals and endemic plants, Ngorongoro Conservation Area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and renowned for its natural significance in the world.

Please do not feed animals in Ngorongoro or any other parks in Tanzania. Even if you really want to treat a small bird or monkey, you should not do this - you will only harm them. Human food disrupts the natural diet of animals and can lead to their early death!

Remember, this is not just our request. This is a law which is enforced by park rangers. Any person caught feeding wildlife or violating other park rules may be fined.

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Ngorongoro Conservation Area

ACCOMMODATION

Planet Lodge Arusha

Day 4: Departure

Rest in the hotel and transfer to the airport.

Note: Hotel check-out is at 10:00 AM. In case you need a late check-out before your evening flight, you have the option to extend your hotel stay for an extra fee. Let your manager know in advance if you need a late check-out.

DESTINATION

Arusha

ACCOMMODATION

No Accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

Included

- All transfers described in the programme (airport meet-and-greet, lodge ? park gate)
- Accommodation and meals as stated each night (B = breakfast, FB = full board on safari nights)
- Bottled water, soft drinks, coffee and tea while on game drives in the vehicle
- Private 4×4 safari Land Cruiser with pop-up roof, fridge, Wi-Fi where signal allows, charging ports
- Certified English-speaking safari guide
- Park entry and concession fees for the route as quoted
- AMREF Flying Doctors air-evacuation cover for the safari segment (as per policy)
- Binoculars (1 per vehicle) and onboard medical kit
- 24/7 in-country support from Serengeti Nexus

Excluded

- International flights and airport taxes
- Tanzania visa fees
- Travel insurance (required — confirm cancellation and evacuation coverage)
- Tips for guide (industry guideline often USD 30–50 per vehicle per day — at your discretion)
- Alcoholic drinks and premium beverages at lodges
- Hot-air balloon flights (optional add-on where offered)
- Personal expenses, laundry and souvenirs
- Single room supplements unless quoted

PRICING INFORMATION

All prices are per person in USD and may vary based on season and group size.

Low Season

April 1 - May 31

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
4-day	$3,443	$2,095	$1,796	**$1,581**	$1,503	**$1,503**

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
4-day	$3,443	$2,095	$1,796	**$1,581**	$1,503	**$1,503**

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
4-day	$3,443	$2,095	$1,796	**$1,581**	$1,503	**$1,503**

Group Discount: The more travelers, the lower the price per person. Perfect for families and groups!