

A man in a white t-shirt and sunglasses is leaning out of the open roof of a tan safari vehicle. The vehicle is parked in a savanna landscape with acacia trees and a hazy mountain range in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

BUDGET-FRIENDLY TOUR IN TARANGIRE, NGORONGORO & SERENGETI

5 Days / 4 Nights

Budget-Friendly Tour in Tarangire, Ngorongoro & Serengeti

Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Wildlife

Country: Tanzania

This 5-day safari is timed for one of the most exciting events of the year — the Great Migration passing through Serengeti’s Western Corridor, typically from late May to late June. During this period, herds of wildebeest and zebra attempt to cross the Grumeti River, where crocodiles lie in wait.

Your journey begins in Tarangire National Park, known for its ancient baobabs and large elephant herds, followed by a game drive in the Ngorongoro Crater — a UNESCO-listed site rich with wildlife. Then spend one night in Central Serengeti before heading west for two nights in the migration area called Western Corridor. Unlike the crossings on the Mara River in northern Serengeti (July-September), the Grumeti crossings are often less crowded and feel more intimate. The river may be shallower, so the spectacle is less dramatic — but still filled with tension as massive crocodiles lurk in the water. It’s a quieter, more private way to witness the Great Migration, away from the peak-season crowds in the north.

Please note: In the migration area, this budget-friendly safari features a stay at 3* Mbalageti Serengeti — a mid-range tented lodge with sweeping views Serengeti. It offers an authentic and simple stay, providing direct access to scenic game drives. Perfect for travelers who prioritize wildlife action over luxury accommodations.

Budget-Friendly Tour in Tarangire, Ngorongoro & Serengeti — Tanzania safari with Serengeti Nexus

Western Corridor migration timing, Seronera, two corridor days, crater, Tarangire start, return flight — Serengeti Nexus budget route. Private 4x4 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



**Serengeti National
Park**



**Ngorongoro
Conservation Area**



Arusha Town



**Kilimanjaro
International Airport
JRO**



Tarangire National Park

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 Town



ACCOMMODATION

Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge



Day 2: Tarangire National Park

Today your safari will take place in Tarangire National Park. This is one of the most interesting places in Tanzania! The river of the same name flows through the park, where giraffes, zebras, antelopes and buffaloes come to drink. These animals attract predators, which is why a lot of lions live in Tarangire. You will definitely see them during your trip.

In the dry season, the Tarangire River becomes the only source of drinking water for many kilometers around. Because of this, large herds of elephants come to Tarangire, making Tarangire the home to the largest population of elephants in Northern Tanzania for most of the year (especially June - October and December - March). Elephants are not at all intimidated by visitors to the park, and they often come quite close to cars. This is completely safe - since elephants have no enemies in their natural nature they are naturally curious and unafraid.

Tarangire National Park is also known for its ancient baobab trees. These massive trees are larger and older than any other park in continental Africa. The scenery, accented with these signatory trees is simply stunning.

DESTINATION

Tarangire National Park



ACCOMMODATION

Sound of Silence — Lake Manyara



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.

📍 DESTINATION

Ngorongoro Conservation Area



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Kubu Kubu Tented Lodge



Day 4: Serengeti National Park — Seronera

Today you will go to the most famous safari park in the world - Serengeti. This is one of the largest parks in Tanzania and has a large population of wildlife. Here, you are sure to see: lions, antelopes, elephants, giraffes, buffaloes and zebras. There is a good chance of spotting cheetahs, serval cats and other rare animals of the African savannah. The Serengeti is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, chosen because of its important ecosystem, the dense population of animals and the annual Great Migration. Serengeti was the inspiration for Disney's "Lion King" feature film, but life here is not a cartoon - it is pure, wild and beautiful. The day will take place in the central Serengeti, in a remarkably beautiful area called Seronera.

📍 DESTINATION

Serengeti National Park



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Kubu Kubu Tented Lodge



Day 5: Serengeti National Park — Western Corridor

Today you will visit the westernmost part of the Serengeti called the "Western Corridor". Although it is very interesting and offers plenty of wildlife, travelers rarely reach this area. Serengeti Nexus, on the other hand, loves to show off the remote corners of the park, we are happy to take our guests to the Western Corridor, and allow our guests to truly experience all of Serengeti National Park.

Here you can see elephants, giraffes, antelopes, and warthogs. In terms of predators, you'll likely spot lions, leopards, cheetahs and serval cats. The rivers Grumeti and Mbalageti, which flow through the entire Western Corridor, are home to many hippos and crocodiles. During the day these animals prefer to be in the water, but in the evening and early morning hours many of them get out and are easy to spot at the water's edge.

📍 DESTINATION

Serengeti National Park



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Kubu Kubu Tented Lodge



Day 6: Flight out of Serengeti

Today, you'll embark on an unforgettable adventure: an airplane flight over the picturesque landscapes of Tanzania. If you'd like to have a short morning game-drive, we recommend that you have breakfast as early as possible — the guide will try to find exciting animal sightings on the way to the airstrip. Another option is to pack up without a rush, have breakfast and leave the lodge in time for your departure flight. You can choose what's best for you on the spot - the guide will accommodate your wish!

📍 DESTINATION

Serengeti National Park



Arusha Town



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge



Day 7: 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

Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO



🏠 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 4x4 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
5-day	\$6,749	\$4,107	\$3,520	\$3,099	\$2,946	\$2,946

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
5-day	\$6,749	\$4,107	\$3,520	\$3,099	\$2,946	\$2,946

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
5-day	\$6,749	\$4,107	\$3,520	\$3,099	\$2,946	\$2,946

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