



**AORTIC 2009
Pre- and Post-conference Tours**

**TANZANIA SAFARI
Ngorongoro Crater Serengeti Sanctuary & Lake Manyara
5 NIGHTS**

DAY 1

On arrival at Arusha you will be met by our representative and depart for the Ngorongoro Crater.

The conservation area covers approximately 8,288 sq. kms, is 16 to 19 kms across the floor, and surrounds three lakes - Natron, Eyasi and Manyara. Physical features include extensive plains, highland plateau, volcanic mountains and scenic craters as well as superb mountain forest.



There is a shallow soda lake, springs and streams of fresh water as well as swamps. The crater floor has beautiful grasslands carrying an estimated 30,000 large mammals. This high concentration of resident animals offers a tremendous spectacle. Bird life is also rich with over 350 species identified in this area.



Perched on the rim of the collapsed volcano, the lodge has the most magnificent views over the crater floor and as it is positioned on the eastern rim, allows for the most spectacular and uninterrupted sunsets.

Dinner and overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge.

DAY 2

After breakfast descend 2000 feet by 4x4 vehicles to the crater floor for a full day game viewing. This 100 square mile natural amphitheatre is host to an astonishing array of wildlife. Ngorongoro Crater is not a national park, Maasai pastoralists are permitted to graze their animals within the area, but, thanks to scrupulous restrictions on human activity, it remains a paradise of nature.

A picnic lunch will be taken in the crater before returning to the lodge in the late afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa lodge.

DAY 3

Today we continue into the vast Serengeti Sanctuary, stopping at Olduvai Gorge, site of the discovery of the remains of prehistoric man. The immensity of the park can best be expressed in its numbers - over a million animals live in this area, more than a third of them being wildebeest. This offers an enormous food supply for lion, cheetah and leopard, which are usually difficult to find in other reserves.



Serengeti is easily Tanzania's most famous national park, and it's also the largest, at 14,763 square kilometres of protected area that borders Kenya's Masai Mara Game Park. Its far-reaching plains of endless grass, tinged with the twisted shadows of acacia trees, have made it the quintessential image of a wild and untarnished Africa. Its large stone kopjes are home to rich ecosystems, and the sheer magnitude and scale of life that the plains support is staggering.

Arrive in time for lunch at the Serengeti Sopa Lodge located in the Nyarboro Hills, nestled in the acacia woodland on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the South –Western Serengeti National Park.



Afternoon game drive in Serengeti National Park.

The park has varied zones in which each ecosystem is subtly different . Seronera in the centre of the park is the most popular and most easily visited area. The Grumeti River in the Western Corridor is the location for the dramatic river crossing during the wildebeest migration. Maswa Game Reserve to the south offers a remote part of the park rewarding in its game-viewing and privacy, and Lobo near the Kenyan border offers a chance to see plentiful game during the dry season.

Aside from traditional vehicle bound safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Serengeti plains has become a safari rite-of-passage for travel enthusiasts. The flights departs at dawn over the plains and takes passengers over herds of wildebeest and zebra, gazelle and giraffe. The extra altitude allows guests to witness the striking stretches of plains punctuated only by kopjes.

Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge.

DAY 4

Rise early to depart for an early morning game drive.

Return to the Lodge in time for breakfast.

Full day in Serengeti with afternoon game drive.

Lunch, dinner and overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge.

DAY 5

After breakfast, your exciting safari continues to Lake Manyara Park. This Park is bordered on the east by the lake and northwest of the Rift Valley.

Afternoon game viewing in the Lake Manyara Park.

This Park lies approximately 130 km south west of Arusha and was established in 1960.



Your first view as you approach Lake Manyara National Park is spectacular, regardless of direction. When you approach it from the east the Rift Valley escarpment looms on the horizon forming an impressive backdrop to the lake. If you come from the west and pause at the top of the escarpment, the Park lies in a green strip below you, the lake glistening in the sunlight.

The Park is famous for its tree climbing lions which prefer the acacias. Manyara is also famous for its concentrations of elephant.





Lunch at the Lake Manyara Serena Lodge - standing high on the bluff of a dramatic ochre and terracotta streaked cliff above the Flamingo-frosted expanse of Lake Manyara's gleaming alkaline waters, the Lodge commands panoramic views across the volcano-studded floor of the Great Rift Valley.

Afternoon game drive returning to the Lodge in time to freshen up for dinner.

Dinner and overnight at Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

DAY 6

Today after breakfast you will be transferred back to Arusha.

**PACKAGE COST : US\$ 2262.00 per person
(based on a minimum of 2 guests sharing)**

Single Room Supplement : USD 267.00

Supplement cost for balloon safari in Serengeti : USD 540.00 per person

Package price includes

- Meet & greet service
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transport by road in a 4X4 safari vehicle
- Game drives as specified in the itinerary
- Park entrance fees
- Personal assistance through the safari
- Meals as per itinerary
- Accommodation as per itinerary

Excludes

- Personal expenses such as tips, laundry, drinks
- Visa & visa fees
- Optional excursions



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