

8 Day Junior Ranger Safari

Guides are hand picked for all of these trips. They are selected for their rich African personalities, love of children and ability to light the spark of imagination in little ones. The whole family will quickly feel it has adopted a new member. With years of folklore, storytelling, a solid knowledge of the bush, animals and tribes, guides offer a journey where parents can relax confident that the kids will have a great time. Exploring coffee farms, Masai villages, Ngorongoro Crater and camping in Africa's greatest wilderness, the Serengeti, means no-one goes home without a sense of adventure. Days are tailor-made from dawn to dusk to match children's ages, interests and levels of concentration.

Day 1 Arusha – Gibb's Farm

This morning you will depart Arusha for the rolling highlands and Gibb's Farm. Heading south from Arusha towards Tarangire, you pass through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. At the town of Makuyuni you turn northwest passing the village of Mto wa Mbu before heading through the escarpments of the Rift Valley towards the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. en route, you will view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations of the highlands. Arrive at Gibb's Farm in time for a delicious lunch and time to settle in before the afternoon's activity. Please note that the activities at Gibb's are extremely flexible and will depend on how you are all feeling. So, this afternoon, you may wish to relax and take a gentle stroll around the farm and its spectacular vegetable and herb gardens. Later, the place to be is enjoying the sunset from the main lawn, which overlooks the rolling coffee plantations, while sipping fine tea and eating delicious cakes.

Overnight at Gibb's Farm on a full board basis.

Day 2 Gibb's Farm

Up early this morning and depart after breakfast on a guided scenic walk to the elephant caves and waterfalls. Depending on the route, the walk can take between 1½ to 3½ hours. After lunch, there will be time to explore the farm further as well as take a visit to the fascinating Iraqw Centre close by. There is also mountain-biking to flex those muscles... Other activities for the kids to get involved in may include: the coffee factory visit, a wood carving course, a school visit and much more.

Overnight at Gibb's Farm on a full board basis

Day 3 Gibb's Farm - Ngorongoro

After a leisurely breakfast, you will depart Gibb's for an excursion to the Olmoti Crater and a gentle walk here. With a picnic lunch, guests will be able to enjoy this looking out over hopefully a vast plain of Masai cattle and antelope. From here, the journey continues to Ngorongoro Crater. Reaching your lodge on the edge of the Crater late afternoon, you will be able to spend the last part of the day on the balcony overlooking the stunning wilderness area within the Crater.

Overnight at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge on a full board basis.

Olmoti Crater

This sunken caldera lies near the village of Nainokanoka. From here a small track leads you via a ranger post and half an hour further on, walking through Montane forest, you will reach the rim of the Olmoti Crater. It is a shallow crater that is covered in grass and offers excellent grazing for both the Masai herds of cattle and free-ranging plains game. From the rim of the crater you can also walk to a pretty waterfall where the Munge River departs the crater.

Day 4 Ngorongoro

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart by 4x4 vehicle with a picnic lunch to explore what is commonly referred to as the world's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you will descend through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater for a full day of game viewing with a picnic lunch. Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact volcanic caldera and is also one of the world's seven natural wonders. Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct habitats, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It is an awesome wildlife experience. Return to the lodge in the late afternoon for dinner.

Overnight at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 5 Ngorongoro – Serengeti

After breakfast you depart for the Serengeti by travelling around the Crater rim, stopping off at Olduvai Gorge en route. The Gorge acquired its name from the Sansevieria bush that grows profusely in the area, named Olduvai by the Maasai. The Gorge is about 50km long and in some places around 90m deep and is found between the Crater and the Serengeti. It was first discovered by a German entomologist named Professor Kattwinkel, who instigated an expedition just before the First World War. Later, the exploration was continued by Dr Louis Leakey and his wife, who in 1959 found humanoid remains of *Zinjanthropus*, later renamed *Australapithicus Boisei*, an early form of man. You will have time to walk through the simple, small museum at the gorge, where you can view copy displays of some of the finds as well as pictures of what life was like for the gorge's earliest inhabitants. From here, continue into the vast Serengeti arriving at your camp in time for lunch. After lunch and time to settle down, your guide

will run through all of the fundamental 'dos and don'ts' one has to consider when staying at a tented camp, before you depart on an afternoon game drive. When you return to camp as the sun sets, the fire will be lit and you will be able to enjoy a nice warm shower before settling down to a relaxing evening taking in the night sounds of the bush.

Serengeti

In the local vernacular, Serengeti means 'the endless plains that go up to the sky', and they do just that. It is therefore easy to understand why this is the most popular and spectacular of all game parks in East Africa. Covering 14,765 sq km, one of the striking features of this park is the series of large granite outcrops that dominate the vast plains, making it very different to the Masai Mara. Life in the park centres on the triangular trek of several million hooves. This movement never stops, as the animals constantly seek out new grazing pastures. Every year, after the south's short November rains, wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, eland, topi and hartebeest gather in their thousands on the Serengeti's southern plains and the Ngorongoro Highlands. Then, around April, they head towards the western corridor of the Serengeti, where many overflow into the Masai Mara around July/August. They remain here until late October/November, when Tanzania's new rains prompt the move south again, towards Lake Ndutu and Lagaja. This yearly phenomenon also affects the lives of hundreds of thousands of other species, who rely on the migratory herds for their survival. These include predators, gazelles, birds and lowly insects, not to mention the grasses and trees that are fertilized by droppings. Another of the highlights is the early morning balloon safari.

Day 6 and 7 Serengeti

Morning, afternoon, or full day trips with a picnic lunch.

Day 8 Serengeti - Arusha

This morning after a game drive and breakfast, you will be transferred to the airstrip to connect with the flight back to Arusha. Here you will be met and transferred for your onward arrangements.

Points of Interest

- School visit to meeting local school children to exchanging ideas and make new friends
- Local Soccer
- Book and pen exchanges with local children
- Learning the skills of bush cooking when on the tented safari
- Cultural Interaction through out the safari
- Farming experience and understanding

Cost Includes

- Meet and greet services
- Assistance at the airport
- Depart by 4x4 vehicle with an English speaking driver-guide
- Guaranteed window seat
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- During private mobile camping cost includes mineral water, soft drinks, beer and house wine (cost excludes champagne, spirits and vintage wines)
- All park fees, camping fees and government taxes
- Flight from Serengeti to Arusha
- All airline surcharges and safety tax

Cost Excludes

- International flights
- Visas
- Airport tax (international - pay direct)
- Driver-guide or local escort gratuities
- Drinks and dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel and baggage insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

Additional remarks

- We may have to reroute the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.
- Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.
- In order to qualify for the low season rates tour must start and finish within the specified dates. If any brochure safari starts in low season and ends in high season, we have to pro rata the cost accordingly.

Passenger Information

- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them for internal flights.
- Baggage on internal flights is strictly limited to 15kgs per person (including hand luggage). Any excess baggage will be charged by the airline at check-in.
- Clients travelling to Tanzania are required to have yellow fever inoculations