

Tanzania & Kenya Classic Private Safari

The Best of the Big Game Safaris

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Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

By combining Kenya's Maasai Mara and Tanzania's Serengeti we're maximizing the chances to see the Great Migration on our August and December departures!

REASON 2

This quintessential safari is perfect for first-timers or wildlife enthusiasts who want to see it all.

REASON 3

Travel in rugged 4x4 vehicles that offer maximum game viewing opportunities. Overnights at comfortable lodges or deluxe tented camps will guarantee your every comfort.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Thrilling game drives through Kenya and Tanzania's famed private concessions, reserves and national parks, and encounters with secretive native tribes.



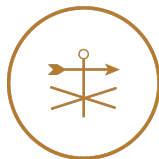
LODGING

Bookend the journey at boutique hotels; in the wilderness, enjoy deluxe tailor-equipped safari camps.



CLIMATE

You will be blessed with a temperate climate year-round. Although the weather is usually dry, rain or thundershowers are always a possibility.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Please review your personalized itinerary carefully, as activities, lodging, and meals may vary from the online sample itinerary. Custom programs are designed for a personalized experience, and adjustments may be made due to availability, logistics, seasonal changes, or other factors. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.



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Enjoy the big-game safari of your dreams in Kenya and Tanzania's most memorable private concessions, reserves, and parks. Visit Tarangire, Lake Manyara, UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti, and Masai Mara, home to the greatest concentration of wildlife in Africa. Learn bow and arrow hunting from the indigenous Wahadzabe people. Track migrating wildebeest, leopards, lions, and elephants, and spot bathing hippos and crocodiles. Relax at remote luxury wilderness lodgings, handpicked to get you away from the crowds without sacrificing the big-game experience, and immerse yourself in the primal wonder of East Africa.

12 Days

Start: Arusha, Tanzania

End: Nairobi, Kenya

Departing: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

Activities: Safari & Wildlife, Family Adventure

Lodging: Luxury Hotels

Group Size: 2-12 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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"Epic East Africa was exactly that and more, it was amazing to stay in camps inside the parks so close to the wildlife. Listening to leopards, elephants and lions near camp at night under a full moon was an experience I'll always treasure."

- Guillermo B.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive Tanzania & Transfer to Arusha

Welcome to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania! Meet with an MT Sobek representative for an hour's drive to Arusha. Check into your boutique hotel set amidst beautifully manicured gardens that provide a home to many varieties of birdlife and endemic plant species. Ease into the slow pace of safari life, leaving the daily hustle and bustle behind.

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer

DAY
02

Drive from Arusha to Tarangire National Park

Take a morning drive to the Shanga River House, a project devoted to empowering disabled Tanzanians, located on one of the country's oldest coffee plantations. Tour the workshop and boutique selling jewelry and crafts handmade by disabled artists using recycled glass bottles. There may be a chance to meet some of the artists and savor the fresh and delicious regional cuisine served at the restaurant. After a leisurely visit, get back on the road and drive to Tarangire National Park, wildlife viewing en-route to your deluxe tented camp.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour 4x4 vehicle transfer

DAY
03

Discover Tarangire National Park's Wildlife

Today is devoted to a full day touring of Tarangire National Park, home to the greatest concentration of wildlife outside the Serengeti. Tarangire is the sixth largest park in the country and relatively less well known to tourists. Stretch your legs on a guided bush walk with a park ranger and your guide. Gain an entirely different perspective on wildlife viewing, perhaps coming face to face with enormous herds of elephants, wildebeest, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest, and eland. After a long day of exploration by 4x4 and on foot, return to your deluxe camp for refreshing sundowners and a delicious dinner.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Morning & afternoon game drive in 4x4 safari vehicle



DAY 04

Drive to Mto Wa Mbu Village and Lake Manyara National Park

This morning, tour Mto wa Mbu, a village of farmers and craftspeople. Follow locals through their homes and farmlands, visit the milling machine, and the market where their woodcarvings and handiwork are sold. Head to Lake Manyara, a shallow alkaline lake often covered by resident flamingos. Apart from the lake and the many lions that roam the park, there is an expanse of tropical jungle filled with baboons and other rainforest wildlife. Later, drive to the lodge, uniquely situated in the highlands on the outskirts of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. If time permits, enjoy a walk or bike ride around the grounds of your lodge.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Morning & afternoon game drive in 4x4 safari vehicle

DAY 05

Explore the Ngorongoro Crater

Drive to Ngorongoro Crater for a full-day of game watching with a picnic. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is famed for its abundance of "big five" game and birds. Descend into the sunken cone to track game along the crater floor, its high walls serving as a natural enclosure for an abundance of wildlife. Look out for exceptional birds such as the lammergeyer, Verreaux's eagle, Egyptian vulture, rosy-breasted longclaw, flocks of lesser, and greater flamingos. End the day with sundowners and dinner at your lodge outside the conservation area.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute private van transfer

ACTIVITY: Full day game drive in 4x4 safari vehicle



Meet Wahadzabe People at Lake Eyasi

Tour villages of the Datoga and meet with the Wahadzabe people, who live as hunter-gatherers around Lake Eyasi, one of the oldest parts of the Eastern Rift Valley, renowned for its colorful bird life. An off-shoot of the Acadi tribe, the Wahadzabes are a very secretive and protective community. Learn to hunt with a bow and arrow, start a fire, or join the women gathering roots, tubers and wild fruit. Discover their way of life - an unforgettable experience - and return to your cozy lodge to relax this evening.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Discover Serengeti National Park

Today, head to Serengeti National Park, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Relax at safari tent camps just like Out of Africa. Mobile camps allow blending in with the environment, and upon departure, there is little if any evidence of camping left behind. Spacious and comfortable accommodations offer a good rest after long days of tracking. Come evening, sit around the campfire to share stories of the day's greatest discoveries.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Morning & afternoon game drive in 4X4 safari vehicle



Journey through the Serengeti

Besides being a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Serengeti is Tanzania's oldest and most popular park, as well as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Today head into the south-central corner, an area that sees few tourists. Witness majestic lions, herds of wildebeest, zebra and crocodile in the savannas, plains, forests and woodlands. Enjoy game-viewing in the early morning and late afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Morning & afternoon game drive in 4X4 safari vehicle



Explore Mara North Conservancy

After breakfast, fly to Tarime where you will be met and assisted through border formalities before connecting to an onward flight to Migori, Kenya. Land in the Mara North Conservancy, part of the greater Masai Mara National Reserve ecosystem. En-route to camp, enjoy a leisurely game drive, spotting lions, hippos, crocodiles, cheetahs, and leopards. A private concession, the Mara North Conservancy partners with a few member camps and 800 Maasai landowners to establish a protected wilderness area. Its savannas and grasslands attract herbivores of all kinds, from elephants, giraffes and zebras to gazelles and impalas. Arrive to the luxury tent camp at lunchtime.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour safari vehicle transfer; 1.25-hour flight

ACTIVITY: Afternoon game drive in 4x4 safari vehicle



Encounter Wildlife of the Mara North Conservancy

Wake to the smell of freshly brewed coffee for the first morning game drive in Kenya. Early mornings are one of the best times to view wildlife, as most activity goes on before the day heats up. Return to camp for a hearty breakfast and a nature walk in the wild. In the afternoon, set off on a game drive with drinks and snacks for happy hour out in the bush. Back at camp, enjoy a hot shower before dinner is served.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Morning & afternoon game drive in 4x4 safari vehicle



Explore Masai Mara National Reserve

Start the day early and set out towards the gates of the Masai Mara National Reserve. With a packed picnic lunch, enjoy the whole day exploring another part of the famous conservation area. Visit the Mara River and marvel at the famous migration routes. Arrive just in time for a quick swim in the pool or an easy walk before sunset. Enjoy dinner and celebratory drinks to end the extraordinary African adventure.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Morning & afternoon game drive in 4x4 safari vehicle



Nairobi, Kenya

After breakfast, board a flight to Nairobi, Kenya's capital city, and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy the heated swimming pool, fully equipped day rooms and the hotel's restaurant prior to departure. Refresh and relax before hitting the road to the airport for international flights home.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 1.25-hour internal flight



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Mount Meru Game Lodge

A short 30-minutes away from the Kilimanjaro airport, Mount Meru Game Lodge is set in serene surroundings nestled between the Usa River and the wildlife sanctuary. A sanctuary that is home to zebra, ostrich, water buffalo, a wide array of birds and monkeys, including the elusive Colobus monkey. Established in 1959, it was one of the first lodges in Northern Tanzania and has hosted numerous presidents, the King & Queen of Sweden, Prince (now King) Charles, Ernest Hemingway and the Kennedy family. The lodge includes Wi-Fi, swimming pool and gym facilities.

Rivertrees Country Inn

Rivertrees Country Inn is nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru with a commanding view of Mount Kilimanjaro. Between the trees charming cottages sit along the river on a former coffee plantation which maintains the nostalgic feel of a country estate. A swimming pool flanked by chaise lounges and a massage hut complete this delightful property, and excellent base for adventure in coffee country.

Oliver's Camp

Set in the southern part of Tarangire National Park, Oliver's Camp offers ten well-spaced guest tents, ensuring a feeling of privacy. Designed to provide a classical bush experience, it features solid wooden furniture, comfortable chairs, and a library with books on local nature and wildlife. Guests relax at private verandas, in the lounge or dining tent, or around the fireplace.



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Lemala Mpingo Ridge

This accommodation offers dramatic views of the Tarangire River and is known for its good service and comfortable setup. The tented suites allow guests a truly immersive and wild African experience. There are individual restroom facilities, private plunge pools, and outdoor siesta beds perfect for an afternoon rest while being one with the elements. The lodge also offers a swimming pool, spa, lounge, bar, and restaurant serving a delicious variety of regional specialties.

Honeyguide Tarangire Camp

Honeyguide is a luxury tented camp within Tarangire National Park, perfectly positioned for safaris in search of massive herds of elephants, vibrant bird life and otherworldly baobab trees. Ten ensuite tents, each with its own veranda, offer panoramic views and the opportunity for wildlife viewing right from your room. Tents are furnished with comfortable seating to take in your surroundings and solar-heated showers.

Plantation Lodge

The Plantation Lodge sits between the entrance of Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the Lake Manyara National Park, in the town of Karatu. An oasis of green in the reddish brown hills, rooms are spread throughout the gardens, each room with its unique charms. The tiled swimming pool has views of the surrounding hills and is the perfect spot to sip your favorite beverage as the sun dips below the horizon.

Acacia Farm Lodge

Acacia Farm Lodge is a romantic country lodge located high on the Great Rift's spectacular escarpment with panoramic views of the Karatu farmlands and nearby Ngorongoro forest area. Each of the 28 luxurious chalets includes a comfortable lounge, en-suite bedroom, modern amenities, and a private balcony. The swimming pool and creatively designed public areas add to the enchanting ambience.

Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp

Residing on the shores of Lake Eyasi, Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp is an intimate campsite on a two hundred acre family owned farm that is designed using local palm and wood to blend into the natural forest environment. The dining area, bar and pool use elements of traditional Hadza and Datoga culture as décor. Each of the eight thatched roof tents contain hand carved furniture, en-suite bathrooms and verandas overlooking the seasonal soda lake for the perfect sundowner setting.

Ziwani Lodge

Ziwani Lodge is perched above Lake Eyasi with sweeping views of the Rift Valley. Designed to make the most of the environment and run fully on solar and wind power, seven cottages offer traditionally-inspired construction and views of the striking scenery. The lodge makes an excellent base to explore local Hadza communities in the surrounding hills. Cool off after the day's activities in the inviting swimming pool.



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Siringit Serengeti Camp

Siringit Serengeti consists of 10 luxury canvas tents set on the Serengeti Plains, each with a private veranda and ensuite bathroom with solar shower. Sitting atop a raised wooden platform, the artfully decorated interiors open to panoramic views of the plains and chances to spot wildlife. Menus are planned under the direction of Michelin-Star chef Axel Janssens, who creates seasonal dishes with multicultural inspiration.

Nyikani Central Serengeti Camp

Perched atop Banagi Hill in the heart of Tanzania's most renowned national park, Nyikani Central Serengeti Camp beckons with 12 guest tents and a family tent with 2 en-suite bathrooms. Enjoy morning coffee and tea service, private sundowners under starlit skies, and unwind on lounge chairs while soaking in the sweeping Serengeti panorama.

Nyikani Ndotu Camp

Conveniently located in the Ngorongoro Conservation area, just south of Serengeti National Park, the Nyikani Ndotu Camp offers once-in-a-lifetime access to prime game viewing for guests! Choose from 12 hand-woven African tents and a family unit, each featuring en-suite facilities, a flush toilet, a desk, and a private shaded verandah with Serengeti views. Delight in bush meals exquisitely crafted by professional chefs, savor sundowners by campfires beneath starlit skies, and bask in Tanzania's warm hospitality.

Karen Blixen Camp

Included in your stay: Full board accommodation, water, soft drinks, tea, coffee, local beers, house wines, selected spirit and vodka.

Activity Options: Unlimited shared game drives per day (optional full day game drive), one night game drive within Mara North Conservancy, Guided camp eco walk, and visit to the Cooking School and bead project when in session.

Elephant Pepper Camp

Elephant Pepper Camp is located in the Mara North Conservancy, an excellent base to explore the greater Mara region, home to a plethora of wildlife and the famed migration. The 10 luxury safari tents mix Indian Raj Campaign furniture with safari style, each with its own verandah and hammock to take in the surrounding views. A remote location means stars shine bright overhead and wildlife forages undisturbed by crowds.

Offbeat Mara Camp

Offbeat Mara offers 7 spacious traditional tents in the exclusive Mara North Conservancy, with exceptional game viewing, including the wildebeest migration. Each ensuite tent is comfortably furnished and has a private veranda carefully positioned to offer sprawling views as well as privacy. Maasai guides introduce the wildlife and people of the Mara to delighted guests. Share stories of the day's adventures around the fireplace of the main tent.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Pricing based on July - October departures. Please call for exact quote on other dates.
- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure Tanzania guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Shared guided wildlife drives in Kenya
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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