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# Map of Tanzania



# Introduction



## Tanzania

Tanzania is East Africa's largest country, bordered by Kenya and Uganda to the north; Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west, and Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique to the south. A land of geographical extremes, Tanzania comprises the highest peak in Africa (Mount Kilimanjaro), the lowest point (the lake bed of Lake Tanganyika), and a portion of the largest lake (Lake Victoria, shared with Uganda and Kenya) on the African continent. Tanzania is home to several national parks and game reserves where you can see some of the finest African flora and fauna. Safaris in Tanzania can be put into two categories, the Northern Circuit (Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Manyara and Tarangire) and the Southern Circuit (Selous, Mikumi and Ruaha). This is certainly an over simplification and does not include other interesting but harder to reach parks such as Katavi and Gombe, just to name two. Sun-filled and beautiful days are not all that Tanzania has to offer. On the contrary, the country's borders hold a vast number of people and tribes whose varied cultures and traditions

## Easy Access

These days there are many ways to travel to Tanzania. Overland railways connect the country, the roads are easy to navigate and well maintained, cruise ships and passenger liners stop frequently at the ports, and international air carriers arrive and depart daily from the many airports located around the country. The largest International hub is at Dar es Salaam (Julius Nyerere International Airport), however, Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) serves the Kilimanjaro area including the cities of Arusha and Moshi near Mount Kilimanjaro . The airport is the gateway to Africa's wildlife heritage in particular Mount Kilimanjaro, Arusha National Park, Ngorongoro Crater , and Serengeti National Park. Currently, international airlines that fly to Dares Salaam include Rwanda Air,



Qatar Airlines, Etihad, Kenya Airways, Emirates, Turkish Airlines, Egypt Air , KLM, Swiss Airlines, Fast Jet and South African Airways. Other international air carriers fly to Nairobi, where there are daily connections to Arusha and Dar es Salaam. KLM, Qatar , Rwanda Air and Ethiopian Airways fly direct to Kilimanjaro International Airport, Turkish Airlines, Kenya Airways and Precision Air for best access to the safari route. Arusha Municipal Airport is located 1 hours drive from Kilimanjaro International Airport and is used as a hub for both scheduled and charter flights into the Serengeti and other domestic regions.

# Tanzania Climate

Tanzania's weather varies from humid and hot in low lying area, such as Dares Salaam, to hot during the day and cool at night in Arusha. There are no discernible seasons, such as winter and summer -- only the dry and wet seasons.

Tanzania has two rainy seasons: The short rains from late-October to late-December, known as the Mango Rains, and the long rains from March to May.

June to August: This is the tail-end of the long rainy season and the weather is at its best at this time of year -- bear able during the day and cool in the evening. However, this is not necessarily the best time of year for safaris, as water is plentiful in the parks and animals are not forced to congregate in a few locations to rehydrate, as they do in the middle of the dry season right after Christmas.



November to February: The best time to visit the Serengeti for the migration are the months of November and April through July. It is usually at this time that huge herds of Wildebeest, Zebra and Buffalo migrate to better grazing areas. At this period you could observe some of the 1.5 million Wildebeest that inhabit the Serengeti undertake their epic journey. Be advised though that this is most likely the hottest time of year in Tanzania. The wildebeest and zebra usually have their young in February and March, which is always a thrill to witness.

## TANZANIA

Averages	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max Temp C	30	31	30	28	27	26	26	27	29	30	30	30
Min Temp C	20	20	19	18	17	15	14	15	16	18	19	20
Max Temp F	86	88	86	82	81	79	79	81	84	86	86	86
Min Temp C	68	68	66	64	63	57	57	59	61	64	66	68
Rainfall mm	60	54	137	254	100	15	15	10	20	50	108	100



# HOTELS

Singita Sabora Tented Camp



# Hotels



## Mount Meru Hotel | 5\* Property | 178 rooms | [www.mountmeruhotel.co.tz](http://www.mountmeruhotel.co.tz)

Situated at the foothills of Mount Meru in the city of Arushka, the Mount Meru Hotel lies on 9 acres of lush landscape.

The city centre & main business areas are all located nearby and the Kilimanjaro International airport is conveniently situated approximately one hour from the hotel on the outskirts of the city. The nearby Arusha Airport, considered the gateway to Tanzania's premium safari regions, is a mere 30 minutes away.

The hotel offers 178 rooms and suites, boasting understated African opulence, open spaces and natural light.

The hotel offers a first class health and recreation facilities as well as the Tulia Spa and Salon.

The lush golf course adjacent to the hotel holds great attraction for sports fans as well as bird lovers.

### Dining and Events

Meru Restaurant - International and customized lunch and dinner buffet  
Mawenzi Bar & Cigar Lounge  
Tanganyika Pool Restaurant - pizza and BBQ around the pool  
Arabica Coffee Shop & Terrace

A wide variety of conveniently -sized, air-conditioned business and leisure facilities are available. These modern and well-equipped rooms are perfect venues for meetings, seminars, cocktail parties, dinners and other functions. Wireless internet connections are available in the conference rooms and in the lobby. All conference rooms are fitted with their own sound systems and stationery such as pens, paper and flipcharts, are provided on request. The hotel can cater for up to 290 delegates for conferences and 400 guests for banqueting purposes.



Exterior



Guest room



# Hotels



## Arusha Coffee Lodge | 5\* Property | 30 rooms | [www.elewana.com](http://www.elewana.com)

Lying on the gently rolling foothills that cascade down from the ever present Mount Meru is the bustling and vibrant town of Arusha. It is here on the outskirts of this town, hidden amongst one of Tanzania's largest coffee plantations, that you will find Arusha Coffee Lodge, a perfect haven for relaxation either before or after any East African safari.

Comprising of 30 Plantation Houses that radiate out into the evergreen coffee fields, Arusha Coffee Lodge has been designed around the original landowner's home that dates back to the early 1900's. The theme of coffee permeates throughout Arusha Coffee Lodge, reflecting in the colours and textures of the delightfully comfortable accommodations with beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms.

The lodge offers an exciting and informative 'Coffee Tour' for any one who wishes to learn the fascinating cycle of the coffee bean.

### Dining & Events

Arusha Coffee Lodge offers a delicious daily 4-course luncheon buffet. 'The Garden Buffet' offers a selection of succulent meats, a wide variety of fresh vegetarian options, delicious desserts, and aromatic coffees all of which are served in the relaxing atmosphere of the Coffee Lodge's garden.

The Grill Room - pays homage to international gourmet and culinary techniques whilst featuring the very finest in fresh, locally sourced produce.

The Bistro - An all-day and all-night bistro café.

Located adjacent to the swimming pool, Peaberries offers a range of spa treatments. The ideal place to relax and unwind.



The grill room



Guest room



# Hotels



## Arusha Gran Melia | 5\* Property | 11 rooms | [www.melia.com](http://www.melia.com)

This spectacular hotel is located between the Serengeti and Kilimanjaro National Parks, opening out onto all of Tanzania's majestic natural beauty. An oasis of five-star comfort and elegance, with extensive, unbeatable facilities, exclusive suites, and international cuisine, including the outstanding. The Grill restaurant with spa, infinity pool and gym.

Perfect for a safari trip or luxurious business meeting. The stunning Gran Meliá Arusha rises up between coffee and tea plantations. An exquisite first-class hotel with a wide range of luxurious comforts, located in a privileged natural environment. African exoticism and attention to detail, with a modern conference center and the personalized assistance of our Red Level service.

### Dining & Events

#### *Saba Saba*

Don't miss this road trip through the flavors of Africa. Enjoy fresh, local cuisine with international influences that reveals Arusha's multi-cultural spirit. Chill out and complement the exquisite food with a healthy beverage from our juice bar, offering a great choice of fresh fruit and vegetable juices, smoothies, and detox beverages.



# Hotels



## Four Points by Sheraton | 4.5\* Property | 114 rooms | [www.marriot.com](http://www.marriot.com)

Established in 1894, the Four Points by Sheraton Arusha is one of the oldest hotels in East Africa. Saturated with the history of a bygone era, the traditional ambience is effortlessly combined with the style and service you wish for when traveling. The hotel features 114 stylish rooms, free Wi-Fi, a 24-hour gym, Parachichi a full-service restaurant, and as well as the famous Hatari Bar. The Parachichi Restaurant, meaning 'avocado' in Swahili, overlooks our beautiful garden and is the perfect place for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Take a dip in our outdoor swimming pool and relax after a good workout in our gym with amazing views of the pool and gardens. With multiple meeting and conference venues, we can ably assist in your event planning for up to 150 delegates. This historic hotel is also a perfect wedding venue with a backdrop of our lush gardens.

### Dining & Events

#### *Parachichi Restaurant*

Meaning "Avocado" in Swahili, Parachichi features a welcoming interior and a tranquil terrace overlooking the gardens. À la carte European, Asian, and East African dishes are complemented by an extensive wine list.

#### *Hatari Bar*

Enjoy a taste of local and imported beers in our chic and cosy bar.



Exterior



Suite



# Hotels



## &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge Four | 5\* Property | 30 suites | [www.andbeyond.com](http://www.andbeyond.com)

Ngorongoro Crater Lodge is located on the southern edge of the world-famous Ngorongoro Crater. Regional Air Services operates a twice-daily scheduled flight (25min flying time) from Arusha Airport to the new Southern Manyara airstrip. Ngorongoro Crater Lodge chauffeurs guests to and from Manyara airstrip and the transfer takes approximately 20 minutes.

Ngorongoro Crater Lodge has been called the game lodge at the top of the world and, between the natural riches of the Crater spread out at its feet and the amazing architecture, it's easy to believe that you have entered a realm of pure fantasy. Buffalo and zebra wandering the grounds and tall Maasai warriors in traditional dress escorting guests to their rooms contribute to an atmosphere of African mystique. Nowhere else on earth can you wake up among all the trappings of an elegant baroque chateau and be instantly transported into one of the most famous African landscapes with just one glance out the lodge window.

Divided into three camps (two of 12 suites and one of 6 suites), the stilted suites with banana leaf ceilings and grass roofs provide an intimate and exclusive Crater experience. Each camp has its own sitting and dining areas, with private butlers to provide warm, personal service to each guest.

### Dining & Events

The domed dining room, where sparkling silver and crystal vie for attention with the huge windows and awe-inspiring views, ensures that the setting, as well as the meal, is one you will never forget.

Incentive style activities include a private guided Tanzania Safari, Crater Floor Banquet, Sundowners on the Crater rim and Maasai guard of honor.

Included in the rate is the daily game drive - due to the time that it takes to descent to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, only one daily game drive is conducted at this lodge.

Guests have a choice of enjoying their daily game drive between 07h00 - 14h00 or 15h00 - 18h00.

NB: The lodge does not offer a pool nor air conditioning in the rooms.



Guest room



Exterior

# Hotels



## **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge** | 4\* Property | 75 rooms | [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com)

The Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area lies immediately adjacent to the Serengeti National Park and is 180 kilometers from Arusha. By road: transfers by road from Arusha take approximately 4 hours. By air: there is an adjacent airstrip and a 'meet and greet' and transfer service is offered.

This unique lodge clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater, the largest and most perfect volcanic crater on Earth. Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged with indigenous vines. Designed to blend completely into the landscape, it is entirely invisible from the floor of the Crater 600 metres below. Linked by arched stone passages and timbered decks, its walls are decorated with stylized prehistoric cave paintings and lit by flaring torches. At the stone heart of the lodge burns a glowing fire, which is kept constantly alight. Decorated with cave paintings, the 75 rooms are positioned around the Crater rim.

Each room has its own rock-enclosed balcony, and all enjoy completely uninterrupted views of the volcanic amphitheatre far below. NB: There is no air-conditioning in the rooms and the lodge does not offer a pool. Activities include daily game drives into the Crater.

### **Dining & Events**

The Main Restaurant features charming stone-built architecture, a glowing fireplace and walls adorned with prehistoric cave paintings. The lodge has its own dedicated under-canvas conference space, which stands in the grounds with stunning views over the crater rim to the plains below. Exceptionally spacious, the venue features a raised wooden floor and canvas walls and ceilings. This supremely different conference venue offers all the features of a normal conference room, with the added attraction of a stylish safari look and feel.



Guest room



Exterior



# Hotels



## The Manor at Ngorongoro | 5\* Property | 20 rooms | [www.elewana.com](http://www.elewana.com)

The Manor at Ngorongoro is a one of a kind experience. African hospitality fused with old world afro-European architecture and décor embraces you in grandiose style. Located adjacent to the famous Ngorongoro conservation area and within a 1500-acre Arabica coffee estate, The Manor is reminiscent of an elegant upcountry farm home in the Cape Dutch-style of architecture. Transfer time to/from Manyara Airstrip is a 40 minutes drive.

### Accommodation & Services:

20 guest cottages each featuring

- Private courtyard and deck
- En-suite bathrooms featuring traditional bathtubs and rain showers
- Indoor & outdoor fireplaces
- Beautifully appointed with plush period style furniture and finishes
- Fantastic views of the landscape, surrounded by fragrant flowering gardens and age-old trees
- Includes 1 Family villa with three bedrooms

### Dining

Guests areas include bar, restaurant, home theater, private wine cellar, massage room, snooker room and horse stables.

NB: There is no air -conditioning in the rooms and no pool area but they do offer horse riding and tennis courts for guests to use.



Exterior



Guest room



# Hotels



## Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti | 5\* Property | 77 rooms | [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com)

Visit one of the worlds most renowned and romantic holiday destinations whilst enjoying luxury, comfort and style at the Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti. The focal point of the safari lodge is an outdoor infinity pool overlooking an active watering hole. Float in the pool and watch majestic elephants gather for a drink. The lodge is located in the Central Serengeti, a 45-minute drive from the Seronera Airstrip.

Accommodation at the Four Seasons Serengeti perfectly combines the intimacy of a lodge and the indulgence expected of a luxury hotel. Step out onto your private terrace and breathe in the warm East African air whilst overlooking the endless plains of the Serengeti. Sip Champagne in your bath and take pleasure in the continuous enjoyment of the view of the African wilderness. Separate from the living area is a luxurious bedroom with beautiful en-suite bathroom equipped with a rain shower and freestanding oval bath tub looking out over the savanna.

The spa offers a multitude of treatments to relax and unwind.

### Dining

*Kula's Restaurant* - take in spectacular Serengeti views while enjoying locally sourced African-inspired flavours and arrange of international wines. The all-day *Boma Grill* offers traditional cuisine.

Whether you start a game drive early in the morning, middle of the day or set out to watch the beginning of the sunset, the luxury 4WD's are available to take you on an animal discovery. From birds to reptiles to mammals, the knowledgeable game rangers will show you all that can be seen.

Experience a magnificent ride in a hot air balloon following the migratory herds. Later, return to the Lodge and let your impressions settle whilst enjoying the sounds of Serengeti overlooking the infinity pool and the waterhole, whilst elephants pay you a visit.



Exterior



Guest room



# Hotels



## Serengeti Under Canvas | 5\* Tented Camp | 9 Tented Suites | [www.andbeyond.com](http://www.andbeyond.com)

The &Beyond Serengeti Under Canvas camps attempt to anticipate the movements of the Great Migration, bringing you as close as possible to the wildebeest action, as well as observing magnificent resident game. The campsites move five times a year and you have the opportunity to enjoy a privately guided Great Migration experience. Explore with our professionally trained guides, among the best in the industry and enjoy the opportunity to customise your daily game viewing activities according to your interests.

The ultimate remote getaway in the midst of the vast herds, with wildebeest frequently coming through the camps and exciting prey and predator interaction witnessed nearby. Enjoy seasonal sightings of the Grumeti and Mara River crossings in western and northern Serengeti respectively, and wildebeest calving season at Ndutu in Southern Serengeti. There is exceptional resident game year round, big cat sightings where lion and leopard are frequently seen and unique wildlife including top immigration near Grumeti, rhino in the north, excellent cheetah sightings in the south and big elephant herds throughout.

Old world glamour with the elegance of classic safari. Unwind in the most luxurious mobile tents in the Serengeti, with sophisticated camping in private campsites close to the annual Great Wildebeest Migration. Experience the theatre and adventure of the African bush adventure of safari in comfort and luxury with a private butler, hot bucket shower and crystal glassware.

### Dining & Events

Dining under the open sky. Revel in the wide open landscapes of Africa as you savour a meal served outside (unless raining, in which case you are in the dining tent). Your butler will always pick the perfect place for you - under a tree, next to the camp fire at night or the privacy of dinner for two outside your tent.

Safari Game Drives - in the Serengeti are unforgettable due to the abundance of wildlife and the spectacular landscapes. Travellers can expect to encounter large numbers of animals year round, with big herds of elephant, buffalo and other plains game. It is also common to see predator interaction. Game drives may last from a couple of hours to the whole day, with a picnic breakfast and lunch.

Hot Air Balloon Safari - Glide in a hot air balloon over the migration herds in the Serengeti on this captivating experience. Float in whichever direction the winds of the morning takes you. Marvel at the views of the sweeping plains below and wildlife dotted across the landscape. End off your experience with a delicious breakfast spread in the heart of the Serengeti plains.





# Hotels



## Singita Grumeti Reserve | 5\* Property | 36 rooms | [www.singita.com](http://www.singita.com)

The Singita Grumeti Reserve, an enormous private concession (340 000 acres) adjacent to the Serengeti National Park, comprises three lodges:

*Singita Sasakwa Lodge* (17 rooms) is built in the style of an Edwardian manor house. Stone walls, deep verandas, high ceilings, stately furniture, silverware and ornamental pieces complete the picture. Each air-conditioned cottage features a bedroom, en-suite bathroom with bath and shower, lounge with fireplace, dressing area, a guest toilet, veranda with a Swarovski spotting scope and a heated infinity plunge pool. The bedrooms are beautifully appointed, displaying typical African influences with touches of wood, leather and grass, alongside crisp linens, imported chandeliers and hand-crafted furniture.

*Sabora Tented Camp* (9) serves up lavish doses of romance. Each of the nine luxury air-conditioned tents features an en-suite bathroom with a bath and outdoor shower, dressing area, reading area, viewing deck with Swarovski spotting scope and a library lounge tent. The main area of the camp offers a dining room, bar lounge, library, elevated viewing deck and a swimming pool.

*Singita Faru Faru Lodge* (9) lends a contemporary signature style to safari. Inspired by a botanical theme, this riverside lodge offers barefoot elegance in a laid-back rustic setting. The lodge comprises eight air-conditioned, en-suite suites, with a bath and outdoor shower, and the Villa Suite. There is a dedicated family suite suitable for a family of four and the Villa Suite is ideal for couples traveling together as it can accommodate 4 adults.

The main lodge area offers a dining room, bar lounge with satellite television, DVD player and library, outdoor barbeque area and The Singita Shop. The viewing decks overlooking the waterhole are positioned alongside the heated swimming pool.



Singita Sasakwa Lodge



Singita Faru Faru



# Hotels



## Serengeti Explorer Camp | 5\* Property | 12 tents | [www.newmarkhotels.com](http://www.newmarkhotels.com)

The absolute premier game experience, Serengeti Explorer Camp offers guests the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to merge with nature and witness wildlife up close, in a setting quite unlike any other, raw Africa Serengeti National Park. Following the seasonal rainfall, over one million white-bearded wildebeest and other species migrate from Masai Mara in Kenya to the Serengeti in Tanzania on an annual basis, offering spectacular game viewing opportunities.

The Serengeti Explorer Camp – a completely solar powered setup – comprises twelve tents in total, each decorated exceptionally with both luxury and comfort in mind.

Uniquely, the elite tented camp moves twice a year within the national park to ensure the best possible sightings of this phenomenon. From mid-December to the end of March, the camp is located in the Ndutu region – the perfect location from which to witness the migration and the wonders of the calving season. From this vantage point, stunning views of Lake Ndutu and iridescent sunsets can be absorbed too.

From the start of June to the end of October, the camp is located in the Lobo area, in proximity to both the Grumeti and Mara River, with convenient access to the Lobo Airstrip. It offers an equally sensational experience of the migration and the surrounding environment.

The particular region in which the camp is located is highly exclusive, with few other camps in the area, offering raw and uninterrupted nature viewing.

Dining is a special occasion at this camp, glorious cuisine in a dream setting. A lovely dining tent sets the location where personalised meals are served. Occasional bush meals are served near to the camp, and camp-fires are lit when conditions allow, adding a vibrant atmosphere.

The Serengeti Explorer Camp is not operational during the months of April, May and November, as well as early December.



Outdoor dining



Family Tent

# Hotels



## Melia Serengeti Lodge | 5\* Property | 77 rooms | [www.melia.com](http://www.melia.com)

In harmony with the fabulous natural surroundings of the Serengeti National Park, this hotel offers an intense wildlife experience accompanied by all the comforts of the most exclusive accommodation. Elegant rooms inspired by Maasai traditions with spectacular views of the hotel gardens or Serengeti plains. A cuisine that reinterprets local dishes with ingredients inspired by international cuisine. And magnificent, sustainable facilities that include an incredible infinity pool, gym and spa.

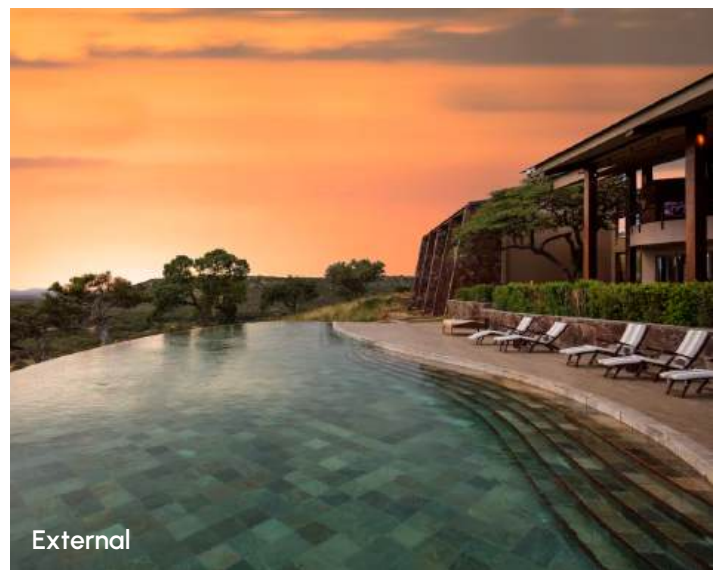
The magic of Africa permeates every corner of the Meliá Serengeti Lodge Meliá Collection. Savor the experience on the fabulous terrace of your room and marvel at the immensity of the Serengeti National Park. If you've always wanted to go on a safari, you've come to the right place. Visit with your family. Kids will also enjoy their own little African adventure in the kids' club. Discover cuisine as surprising as it is delicious, including African coffees, teas and liqueurs. The stunning infinity pool with views of the Serengeti, a relaxing spa and a fully equipped gym complete this unforgettable adventure.

### Dining

Africa should be savored slowly. The beauty of the scenery, the diversity of its culture and surprising cuisine just waiting to be discovered, will allow you to savor at the Meliá Serengeti Lodge Meliá Collection a space that uses local culinary techniques and recipes combined with the finest international cuisine.

#### *Savannah Restaurant*

Enjoy a magnificent dining experience with amazing flavors, textures and aromas surrounded by the outstanding natural beauty of Tanzania. An original fusion of world cuisines with African influences.



External



Room



# Hotels



## Hyatt Regency Dares Salaam | 5\* Property | 180 rooms | [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com)

Deluxe rooms - 132

Executive rooms - 30

Suites - 18

Hyatt Regency Dares Salaam, The Kilimanjaro, is a modern oasis in the heart of the largest Tanzanian city. The five-star hotel's superb waterfront location, spectacular views of the harbour and Indian Ocean, and proximity to the city's International Airport ensure it is among the best-situated luxury hotels in Dar es Salaam. Just a 30 minute transfer from the airport.

Choose from a generously-appointed, beautifully decorated and supremely comfortable Standard or View rooms, a spacious and fully-equipped Regency Club room or a luxurious suite.

Other facilities include the Anantara Spa with six private treatment rooms, including one private double suite and one Thai massage room, gym/fitness centre, a beauty salon and an outdoor infinity pool overlooking the harbour.

### Dining & Events

Offering a range of delicious international cuisines including Asian, Indian, Italian and Swahili the hotel's restaurants have quickly become both popular and acclaimed. Attractive contemporary surroundings, attentive service and excellent food freshly-prepared by a team of international chefs ensure that The Palm Brasserie, Oriental and the Flame Tree Lounge can be counted as amongst the best in the city.

The hotel offers extensive conference and events space. There are three large halls and seven smaller event rooms to choose from. The Kibo Ballroom offers 410sqm of space to accommodate up to 400 guests and can be divided into three sections. All of the event spaces are located in the ground and mezzanine floors of the hotel providing convenient access and a focused business environment.



Suite



Poolside

# Hotels



## Ngorongoro Lodge Melia Collection | 5\* Property | 20 rooms | [www.melia.com](http://www.melia.com)

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is home to an ecosystem that is unlike any other in Tanzania. Designed with the utmost respect for the environment, this lodge allows you to sleep accompanied by the sounds of nature, wake up admiring the Ngorongoro Crater, and enjoy a truly extraordinary safari experience.

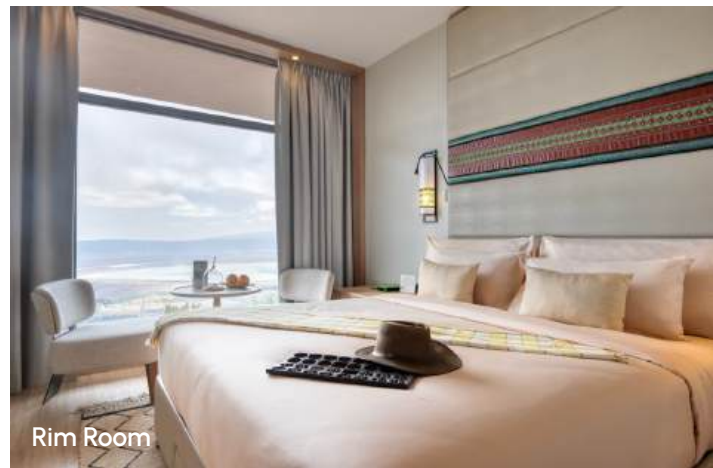
A 600-metre deep crater, more than 25,000 animals and 2.5 million years of history are just some of the treasures awaiting you in this "Garden of Eden". Ngorongoro Lodge Melia Collection is fully integrated with the local biodiversity, home to the Maasai, one of the largest tribes in the country. Relax in its exclusive spa and delight yourself with a gastronomic proposal deeply rooted in the local cuisine.

### Dining

*The Crater Lounge* - Traditional dishes inspired by African cuisine with Asian influences. An extraordinary fusion of local aromas and ingredients with spectacular views of the Ngorongoro Crater.

*The Crater Grill* - Fire and coal are the key ingredients in a grill area with local products. A dining experience with a peaceful ambience in tune with its natural environment and with original features from the crater.

*The Crater Bar* - After an intense day on safari, put the finishing touch to the day savouring the most delicious snacks in our bar. A relaxed atmosphere to admire one of the best views of the Ngorongoro Crater.





# HIGHLIGHTS



# Highlights

## The Serengeti & Great Migration

Tanzania has three safari circuits, each one contributing to Tanzania's reputation as a top wildlife destination. The most popular Northern circuit, with the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater offers one of the best classical safaris in Africa, especially if timed with the annual wildebeest migration. The Serengeti is one of the most famous parks in Africa and is synonymous with wildlife and classic African scenery. It is Tanzania's oldest park and a Unesco World Heritage Site. It is home to the spectacular wildebeest migration and offers top-class wildlife viewing throughout the year. Every year, over 2 million wildebeest, zebra and gazelle migrate from the Serengeti to the Masai Mara Reserve in Kenya. If you're there at the right time, you can spot herds of wildebeest and zebra stretching to the horizon.

## Hot Air Ballooning

Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Serengeti National Park on a once-in-a-lifetime hot air balloon flight. At dawn, rise as the sun greets the day and float in whichever direction the winds of the morning take you. Your pilot can precisely control the altitude of your balloon: sometimes flying at treetop height, sometimes lower, offering a unique perspective and great photographic opportunities of the wildlife below. At other times you will probably ascend to 1000' or more to see the vast magnificence and spectacular panorama of the Serengeti. At the end of the exhilarating experience enjoy a traditional champagne breakfast in the bush. As the sweetness and aroma of the African coffee or tea surrounds you, you hope for another ride, and wish that such luxury never ended. Each guest will receive a certificate proving they were brave enough to take on the Serengeti by balloon.





# Highlights

## Lake Manyara

Lake Manyara National Park is a small park at the base of the Rift Valley escarpment. Its groundwater forest offers a contrast from the more savannah-dominated parks. Although the park is known for tree-climbing lions, big cats aren't that easily seen. Elephant are prolific and are the main attraction. Buffalo, giraffe and several antelope species are also easily encountered on a drive.

Lake Manyara is a shallow, alkaline lake at the base of the Western Rift Valley escarpment. The park entrance leads to a beautiful groundwater forest. Other habitats include the grassy floodplain, rocky escarpment and acacia woodland, all of which are often covered in a half - day visit.

## Ngorongoro Crater

A visit to the Ngorongoro Crater is an experience of a lifetime. There are few places that have wildlife densities and variety on this level. It is not unusual to see the Big Five in one day – and all this in the most amazing setting with a backdrop of the 600m/1,968ft -high crater wall.

The resident population of black rhino is a real treat, as rhino are very difficult to spot elsewhere in Tanzania. The crater is also home to some very impressive elephant bulls with huge tusks. Lake Magadi often harbours large flocks of flamingo. The Ngorongoro Conservation Area, as a whole, is a photographers dream. Aside from the wellknown Ngorongoro Crater , Empakaai and Olmoti craters are scenic highlights as well. Another feature on the crater floor is Lerai forest, a yellow fever tree forest. This is a year-round safari destination.



# Highlights

## Selous

The Selous Game Reserve is one of the largest faunal reserves of the world, located in the south of Tanzania. It was named after Englishman Sir Frederick Selous, a famous big game hunter and early conservationist. The reserve covers a total area of 50,000 km<sup>2</sup> (19,000 sqmi) and has additional buffer zones. Within the reserve no permanent human habitation or permanent structures are permitted. Most of it has been set aside for hunting. The animal viewing area that is open to the public is relatively small but very rewarding, with many predator sightings and excellent boat safaris on the Rufiji River.

## Ruaha

Ruaha is now Tanzania' s largest national park and offers excellent wildlife viewing. It is particularly good for spotting predators, including very large prides of lion and the endangered wild dog. It is considered a seasonal with most lodges closing between March to May. The quality of the lodges is not as high as other regions.



Selous





# UNIQUE ACTIVITIES





# Unique Activities

## Dining on the Ngorongoro Crater Floor

Indulge in a gourmet feast served in one of the most unique settings in Africa. Descend into the scenic landscape of the Ngorongoro Crater and enjoy the incredible density of wildlife before making your way to a private picnic spot on the Crater floor. Tables set with snowy tablecloths and sparkling silver cutlery are laden with the most delectable of dishes. An army of butlers' springs into action to attend to your every wish as you indulge in a mouth-watering meal served against the backdrop of groups of zebra strolling along the Crater floor.

## Maasai Guard of Honour

This is an extremely popular activity for groups of guests. Guests are greeted on the camp terrace by two lines of Maasai warriors wearing traditional dress and carrying flaming torches. Mesmerizing chanting and athletic traditional dances, in which guests are encouraged to participate, round off the evening experience.

## Maasai Cultural Visit

An adventure to the Serengeti wouldn't be complete without meeting the enchanting Maasai. This wonderful cultural excursion will immerse you in the fascinating ancestry of these noble people. At the Maasai village playing host to your tour, you will have the opportunity to meet with a Maasai family, visit a traditional boma, the village huts (called Manyatta), made of cow dung and clay plastered over stick frames, and perhaps venture to a local school or clinic.



Maasai Warriors



Bush Breakfast



# Dining Out

Most of the top lodges offer international style cuisine with BBQ Bush dinners a highlight.

Local dishes include Mtori - cooked beef and bananas - and Mchicha, a vegetable stew with meat or fish in it. If there is anything that can be called Tanzania's national dish, then Ugali would most likely win out. A polenta-style dish made with corn flour, it accompanies cooked meat and a variety of stews, and it's eaten with your hands.

Chai Maziw a (chai with milk) is a local favourite and well worth trying if you can handle the large amounts of sugar added to this drink. Mandazi is a sweet doughnut-styled food that is made fresh each morning. Great with coffee in the morning, it makes an ideal snack.

Northern Tanzania has a number of great coffee plantations so be sure to pack some for your onward journey.



Fresh Produce