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TRIP NOTES



Family Serengeti, Safari and Zanzibar (FTZ 2017)



TRIP DURATION
12
DAYS



Tour Style: Classic
Tour Pace: Moderate

Tour Type: Small Groups
Accommodation
Grade: Standard

Trip Code: FTZ

Trip Highlights - Family Serengeti, Safari and Zanzibar

- ✓ Views of Kilimanjaro - Walk on the slopes of Kilimanjaro and meet local people in their villages surrounded by coffee plantations.
- ✓ Ngorongoro - Stunning wildlife in the world's largest crater
- ✓ Serengeti - Seeking out predators in the most iconic national park in Africa.
- ✓ Stone Town - Labyrinthine of alleys and whitewashed houses
- ✓ Zanzibar - Swimming in crystal clear water

Trip Essentials

Accommodation: 3 nights Premium Lodge
2 nights Standard Lodge
2 nights Premium Tented Camp
4 nights Standard Hotel

Included Meals: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners

Start Point: Join trip: Moshi

End Point: Trip ends: Zanzibar Town

Transport: 4WD, Flight, Minibus

Countries: Tanzania

Minimum Age: From 7 years

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Family Serengeti Safari and Zanzibar

On this exhilarating family holiday we track Africa's greatest wildlife, visiting three of Tanzania's famous safari parks in the search of the Big Five. We walk through coffee plantations and waterfalls on the slopes of Kilimanjaro, canoe on a crater lake and visit local tribes in their villages. From the mainland we fly to the exotic Spice Island of Zanzibar where we explore the narrow streets of Stone Town and unwind beside the Indian Ocean.

TRIPLE ROOMS

This trip allows the option for triple rooms to be included within the booking on a selected number of night stops within the holiday. If you would like this option, a discount may be applicable on the cost of the trip - please ask our Sales team for further information.

Why Book this trip

Families who are looking to view a wide range of wildlife need look no further than our adventure around Tanzania. The country boasts a number of premium game viewing locations including the famous Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater which is renowned for its plentiful wildlife and this is combined with canoeing, meeting the local villagers and tribes and relaxing on the beach with swimming opportunities in Zanzibar. A wide range of accommodation awaits and a number of meals are included which all contribute to a good value game orientated holiday.

Suitability

We've given each of our tours a comfort rating and a tour pace, walking or cycling grade to give you a general idea about the level of activity on each tour and the standard of accommodation you will be staying in at the end of your day's adventure.

Often you'll stay in different styles of accommodation during your tour; so we make an average rating across the entire tour. For more information on where you'll stay each night, please refer to the day by day tour itinerary.

Accommodation Grade: Standard

Our mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en-suite facilities.

Tour Style: Classic

Packed with adventure, these tours offer inspiring destinations and authentic travel experiences at a reasonable price. Using all kinds of transport and accommodation, we'll take you off the beaten track to discover the true heart of the people and places you visit.

Tour Pace: Moderate

These moderately paced tours provide some busy days with plenty of experiences to enjoy, as well as time to relax along the way.

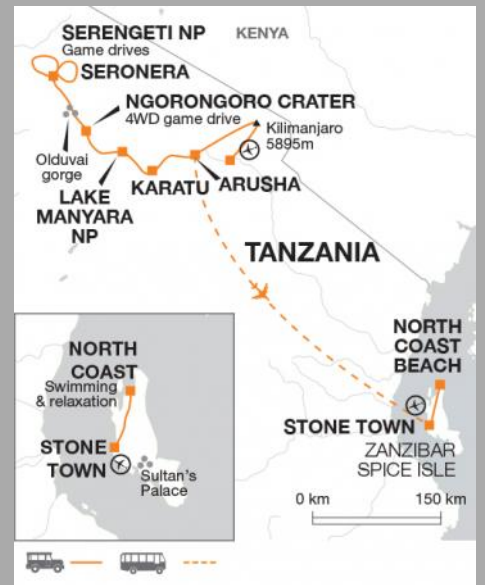
Your trip itinerary

Tour itinerary notes

While our intention is to adhere to the day-by-day itinerary as printed below, a degree of flexibility is built in. Overnight stops may vary from those suggested.

Your Tour Leader

A Tour Leader is an integral part of any Explore tour and your tour will be led by one of our experienced Tour Leaders who have been handpicked and expertly trained. We believe that our Tour Leaders are the key to the success of our tours; they are passionate travellers who are bursting with first-hand local knowledge which they love to share. Your Tour Leader will also take care of all the planning and organisation throughout your journey. Their passionate approach will make this tour fun and inspiring, bringing the destination to life whether you're travelling alone or with others. There are some instances on this tour where the Tour Leader may not travel on every day of the itinerary and in these instances, a local representative or guide will be present.



Your Tour Leader will be with you throughout the safari however they will not continue with you to Zanzibar. Upon arrival on the island our local representative will meet you, assist with the airport transfer and be available for booking excursions, but essentially this section of the tour is unaccompanied.

DAY 1 In Moshi; coffee plantation visit

This afternoon we take a walk around our lodge that comprises of 30 acres of arable land that is all situated in the foothills of Kilimanjaro. We stroll through lush gardens, visit the coffee plantation and learn about how coffee is grown, harvested and processed.

Overnight: **Premium Lodge**

Swimming Pool Available 


 **Included Meals:** Dinner

DAY 2 Visit Materuni Waterfalls and forest walk

Today we head out to the small village of Materuni which is a short distance outside Moshi and set in dramatic landscape with hills and deep valleys covered in tropical rain forest. You will get a taste of life of the local Chagga tribe who live here. From the village it is a short walk to a 150m high waterfall passing smaller waterways and irrigation systems along the way as well as seeing farmland where local famers grow coffee, bananas and other fruit and vegetables. You can even take a swim near the waterfall.

Overnight: **Premium Lodge**

Swimming Pool Available 


 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 Visit Lake Duluti for canoeing, drive to Arusha and visit Meserani Snake Park

Today we will visit Lake Duluti, a small crater lake located 11km east of Arusha. The dense forest around the lake is home to a variety of wildlife, reptiles and over 140 species of birds including giant kingfisher, fish eagle, darters and barbet. The canoeing will last a couple of hours on the tranquil waters of the lake, allowing you the opportunity of getting close to nature in the serene surroundings. We will then continue onwards to Arusha and our hotel. In the afternoon we will visit the Meserani Snake Park. Here you will learn about some of the most dangerous snakes in the world, from the Black and Green Mamba, Egyptian Cobra and Puff Adders as well as watch the crocodiles at feeding time.

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**

Swimming Pool Available 


 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 Drive to Lake Manyara National Park: afternoon game drive

Our adventure begins this morning as we drive toward the Great Rift Valley, one of the continent's most geologically important features. We continue our journey on to the western escarpment and the dramatic setting of Lake Manyara, a shallow soda lake that abounds with birds, hippos and elephants. On arrival at our lodge you may like to take an optional walk down to the edge of the lake with a local guide from our lodge to enjoy the surroundings with the local baobabs and prolific birdlife in the area. Alternatively you may prefer to relax and take a swim in the pool. In the afternoon we will embark on our first game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. Despite being one of Tanzania's smallest parks its incredible diversity has earned it status as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and much of the 360 sq km of parkland is taken up with water, affording a spectacular variety of habitats along the shoreline for a dazzling concentration of animal and birdlife. The algae rich waters of the lake attract huge flocks of flamingos, while the rich vegetation and cooling pools attract elephant, hippo and buffalo in large numbers. Antelope, zebra, giraffe and baboons also graze along the lakeshore and the rare sight of tree-climbing lions has also been seen in the park sharing the branches with some of the 380 recorded species of birds found here.

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**

Swimming Pool Available 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 Full day's drive to Serengeti National Park via Ngorongoro Conservation Area


Today we have a long but rewarding journey into the world famous Serengeti National Park. The scenery and views are spectacular as we drive along the Ngorongoro Crater and through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. We pass several Maasai homesteads and then arrive at the Olduvai Gorge, where in 1959, anthropologists Dr and Mrs Leakey discovered the remains of an almost intact human skull named Nutcracker Man. It was here at this important prehistoric site, together with other startling discoveries, that have contributed to the furthering understanding of early human development. Olduvai Gorge and the fossils that it contains give a unique insight into the way that this part of the world has changed and humans with it. Accompanied by a local guide we visit Olduvai Gorge visitor centre and museum to learn more of this fascinating place and its secrets. Later today we will enter the Serengeti at Naabi Hill Gate. Serengeti is the Maasai name that means the endless grass plains and it is through these plains interspersed with granite outcrops that we travel to our lodge. Once in the Serengeti we'll move slowly through the park, keeping a close eye out for game.

Overnight: **Premium Tented Camp**

Swimming Pool Available 

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 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 Game Drives in Serengeti National Park

Covering some 15,000 sq km the Serengeti is the oldest and largest park in Tanzania. It is on these plains that we focus most of our attention with early morning and late afternoon game drives in search of the 'Big 5' and so much more. Our exact movements are dependent upon the location and concentration of wildlife. We may head to the Retima Hippo Pool, the Moru Kopjies or perhaps the Seronera River area in search of leopard and lion. Cheetahs are often seen out on the Serengeti plains and during the annual migration hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra move north-westward, covering some 800 km from the central plains through the park's 'long corridor', towards richer grazing lands and fresh water. These spectacular journeys are often fraught with danger as their long trek invariably draws the attention of the ever present predators - lion, leopard, hyena and crocodile. This is nature in its rawest sense, where the struggle for survival is played out daily across these expansive plains.

Overnight: **Premium Tented Camp**

Swimming Pool Available 


 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 Drive back through the Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater for game viewing and continue on to Karatu

This incredible natural amphitheatre presents us with the perfect setting for some remarkable game viewing and this morning we enter the caldera in search of big game. Not that we have to look far, as this setting provides a rich haven for herbivores and carnivores alike. The open plains thunder beneath the hooves of countless zebra, buffalo, black rhino and antelope, whilst predators like lion and hyena thrive amidst this plentiful open-air buffet, and all against a stunning backdrop of dramatic cliffs and lush vegetation that present perfect photo opportunities. After our morning's safari we drive back through the Serengeti with further opportunities for game viewing including descending into the crater where we have lunch before heading to Karatu where we stay overnight.

Overnight: **Premium Lodge**

Swimming Pool Available 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 Drive Arusha; fly to Zanzibar

This morning we may have the opportunity of visiting a village orphanage in Mto Wa Mbu before returning to Arusha for our onward flight to Zanzibar. If you would like to give useful gifts such as stationary, footballs and toys to the children, this is possible - mention this to your Explore Leader before the visit itself. The exotic spice island of Zanzibar, a land of sun-kissed beaches, Arabian dhows and swaying palms, where the rich smell of spice in Stone Town's old quarter mingles with colonial and Arabic architecture to create a perfect getaway island. Zanzibar's glorious scenery, fascinating culture and remarkable history makes any visit to the island a captivating experience, with beaches and reefs to explore, plantations to wander through and a rich history of conquests, slavery and pirates to investigate.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Swimming Pool Available 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9 In Stone Town; optional 'Spice Tour'

Today we take a walking tour of Zanzibar's ancient capital of Stone Town. We meander through a landscape of labyrinthine alleys and whitewashed houses, where the pungent aroma of coffee and spices permeate the town and the backstreets are filled with a cacophony of noise and colour. Much of the town was built on the back of trade and slavery, which at its height saw some 60,000 unfortunate souls processed through these narrow streets, to be shipped off to the far lands of Arabia, India and the overseas colonies of the European powers. The town still retains the feel of its Arab roots, many of the existing buildings dating back to the reign of Sultan Barghash in the 19th century. The end of the slave trade and a devastating cyclone saw the end of Zanzibar's heyday. The island passed from Arab to British to African hands over the intervening years and neglect followed, until Stone Town's inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage Listings saw a return to something of its previous glory. Those who wish to learn something of Zanzibar's rich history, visit the Sultan's palace and see clove plantations established by the Sultan in the 19th century can take an optional 'Spice Tour' of the island (including lunch).

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Swimming Pool Available 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 10 Drive to Matemwe and relax on the beach

Today we drive to Zanzibar's north coast, an enchanting community of fishing vessels, coral reefs and wild beauty. The rest of the day is free to explore, or just relax on the beach.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Swimming Pool Available 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 11 Free day for optionals & beach activities

Our final day on the island has been left free for optional activities. It's easy to spend time watching the fishermen bringing in their catch. Stroll along the beach admiring the idyllic vistas, or venture out by boat onto the colourful offshore reefs with mask and snorkel. The rich seas around the island teem with a colourful array of tropical fish and marine life, everything from sharks and turtles to tiny bright damsel fish. For anyone qualified these waters also present fabulous opportunities to scuba dive.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Swimming Pool Available 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 12 Tour ends Stone Town

Today we drive back to Stone Town, where our tour ends.

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast

Ability to swim required

An ability to swim is essential for your safe enjoyment of the water based activities on this trip. If you wish to participate in these activities then we insist that you are able to swim.

Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation Notes

Our first two night's accommodation is located at the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro and is an ideal base for safaris into the National Parks. The lodge is surrounded by beautiful tropical gardens with facilities that include a bar and restaurant which is in the main building that was originally the farmhouse for the coffee plantation. Local and international cuisine is served. The swimming pool has great views of Kilimanjaro itself and the rooms are tastefully decorated in a traditional design. We then move onto a hotel that is just outside Arusha city, located with splendid views of a banana plantation and close to the countries National Parks. The rooms are stylish, with all modern amenities combined with a restaurant, bar and lounge facility. There is also a veranda which overlooks the swimming pool with an extensive sun deck. The safari camp in Manyara is close by the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Manyara game reserves and is set in wilderness surrounded by the rugged hills of the rift valley escarpment and views of the hills and Lake Manyara. Accommodation is in safari tents and cottages, complete with modern facilities with a restaurant serving continental classics and contemporary Indian and traditional dishes - vegetables and herbs are grown from the local villages. The swimming pool is located in front of the dining area which is great for cooling off after a day spent on safari. We then move into the Serengeti National Park with a stay in tented accommodation with dining and lounge facilities that have been specifically designed for minimum impact on the environment and to blend into the surrounding habitat. Each tented unit contains an en-suite shower and toilet facility which uses solar water heating and a deck that overlooks the savannah woodland of the Serengeti. Power connections are available for charging telephones and cameras. As the camp is located in a wilderness area, wildlife can frequently enter the camp which provides a close up safari experience.

We stay on an old colonial farm house in Karatu which faces the Oldeani Volcano. The accommodation is rustically decorated with local materials and rooms are spacious with en-suite bathrooms and built in showers. Meals are normally served in the main building close to the pool. Our hotel accommodation in Zanzibar once served as the American consulate and has a range of antique furniture and ornaments from all over the world including wood carved furniture which are rarely seen in other countries. We sleep on the unique Swahili beds with most rooms over-looking the beach and swimming pool courtyard. Each air-conditioned bedroom is self-contained. Facilities include a restaurant, swimming pool and roof terrace. The final two nights are spent in the beach resort in the north of the island in bungalows by the beach with great views of the Indian Ocean. All the properties used on this tour have Wi-Fi.

Food & Drink

Included meals: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners included in the price of this trip. Please be prepared to pay for non-included meals. Please note that costs for drinks and meals can vary depending on location.

Budgeting for your Trip

You will need some extra money to cover meals and drinks not included in the trip price, any optional sightseeing, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry.

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Food

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

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Lunch £: 6.00 - 10.00

Dinner £: 13.00

Drink

The prices for drinks can vary greatly depending upon location and the prices detailed below are an average guide. In general you would expect that drinks purchased in a supermarket or local bar to be less expensive, whilst drinks in an upmarket bar or restaurant may be more expensive.

Tanzania

Bottle of Beer £: 1.60

Water £: 0.70

International Departure Taxes

Please note that a \$48 departure tax is applicable on all international flights departing from Zanzibar. Most international tickets should include this tax in the cost of the ticket, please ensure you check with your flight agent/company concerning this. If your international ticket does not include the tax, it must be paid in cash at the airport.

Other Sightseeing & Activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations.

Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Optional Excursions

Zanzibar:

Half day Spice Island Tour from Stone Town US\$27 - 40pp, from North Coast Beach Hotel US\$43 - 82pp; Sunset Dhow cruise from Stone Town US\$47pp, from North Coast Beach Hotel US\$75 - 107pp;

Full day boat ride from Stone Town US\$43 - 94 pp, from North Coast Beach Hotel US\$55 - 119pp;

North Coast Tour from Stone Town US\$43 - 88pp.

Excursions fees are dependent on number of passengers booking.

Tipping - Tour Leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Tipping - Local Crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly, you should allow US\$30.

Foreign Exchange

Tanzania

ATM Availability: Major towns and cities will have ATMs available.

Credit Card Acceptance: Credit cards are generally not accepted.

Travellers Cheques: Take some to act as reserve funds.

Local Currency: Tanzanian Shilling.

Recommended Currency for Exchange: US Dollars are preferable. Please be aware that any notes issued before 2006 will not be accepted

Where to Exchange: Banks or 'Forex' offices only in main towns/cities. Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

Joining your Trip

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found on our website at www.explore.co.uk, in the tour specific dates and prices section.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer. For more information please refer to <https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers>.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer please refer to <https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers>.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Important Information

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

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Travel Aware

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice follow the link at www.explore.co.uk/travel-safety

We strongly advise that you register with the FCO to receive updates to the travel advice for your chosen destination. A hard copy of the current FCO Travel Advice for your chosen destination is available by contacting cr@explore.co.uk or 01252 379438.

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Visa Information

Tanzania: A single visa is required by UK, New Zealand, Australian, US & Canadian citizens. Visas can be arranged on arrival, but due to queues at immigration we recommend for the visa to be arranged in advance.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on **0208 5431846**.

Lone Parents

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Single parents or other adults travelling alone with children should be aware that some countries require documentation confirming that the individual has authority to travel with the minor. It is crucial that you contact the Tanzania embassy for further information on exactly what may be required.

Vaccinations & Protection

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We strongly recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid, polio and yellow fever. Please note you are required to produce a valid yellow fever certificate on arrival in Tanzania if you have spent 10 hours or more transiting through an endemic country. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may also wish to take immunisation against meningococcal meningitis. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure

Preparing for your Trip

Climate

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The climate is tropical but varies greatly with altitude. Coastal areas are hot and humid, the central plateau dry and arid. It can be cold at night, particularly in June & July and at altitude. Generally the long rains arrive April/May and the short rains Nov/early Dec. Although this pattern can be completely erratic. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at <http://www.explore.co.uk/weather>. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

Clothing

Clothing should be lightweight. A waterproof is recommended for the wetter months (April to May and mid November to mid December). Although it has been known to rain through June, July and August on the plateau. Warm sweaters or fleeces are advisable for tours in July and August, especially at the Ngorongoro Crater, and for the evenings and on early morning game drives. Bring a swimming costume and a towel plus water shoes. A scarf is useful to protect you from dust on game drives. Bright clothes should be avoided for walking safaris. A laundry service is available in some of the accommodation, your tour leader will advise accordingly. Binoculars are certainly handy.

Equipment

A water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and sunblock. Binoculars are useful, as is a telephoto lens - for photographing game. Snorkel and mask may be useful for Zanzibar and, while normally available locally, you may prefer to bring your own.

Footwear

Lightweight safari boots or walking shoes/trainers and sandals plus plastic sandals or water shoes for the beach due to sea urchins.

Luggage: On Tour

One main piece of baggage (a kitbag or holdall) plus daypack. Please note that it is important to keep within these restrictions. The limit does not include your camera equipment.

Please note that the flight to/from Zanzibar allows a maximum luggage allowance of 15kg, for both hold and hand luggage combined. Any additional weight is applicable to excess luggage fees.

Luggage allowance on trip: 15Kg

General Information

Country details

Tanzania

Population: 43,739,000

Size of Country: 945,203 sq km
Major Language: Swahili, English
Religion: Christian, Muslim
Time Difference to GMT: +3

Electric Supply & Plugs

Tanzania

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Why Choose Explore

We've been creating award-winning pioneering adventure holidays for over 30 years, earning the trust of thousands of delighted customers, who feel safe in our hands. Our tour leaders have expert local knowledge and our tours are designed to take you off the beaten track to see the most exotic, inspiring and dramatic places in the world.

- With over 30 years' experience, we are passionate about what we do.
- Pioneering small group adventures, self-guided, private journeys & tailor-made holidays.
- Award-winning tour leaders who you can trust.
- Responsible travel is and always has been one of the driving principles of Explore.

Our adventure holidays are full of exciting things to see and do, exploring in small groups travelling by bus, boat, plane, rickshaw, camel, or any number of unusual forms of transport. Often you will stay in family-run hotels and village houses and enjoy authentic local cuisine. In this way, it's easy to discover the true heart of the people and the place you travel to – and make some new friends along the way. Each tour is uniquely different, so please feel free to browse through our tours to see what may whet your appetite.

Cool Earth

Explore are proud to support Cool Earth in their effort to reduce global carbon dioxide levels through the prevention of deforestation in the South America rainforest. Cool Earth focus on areas in immediate danger of deforestation, supporting local communities to be forest guardians. To date 350,000 acres of rainforest has been protected. Saving rainforest also protects rare animals and plants, allows local forest communities to maintain their way of life, and protects a major source of oxygen and fresh water. When you travel on an Explore holiday we make a donation to Cool Earth that exceeds the impact of our customers flights each year.

Earth Matters

We are passionate about sustainable travel and work hard to create tours where your holiday delivers real benefits to the local communities. We minimise our impact by travelling in small groups, respecting local cultures, reducing waste and offsetting 100% of the CO2 from our flights.

When you travel with Explore, you are directly contributing to local economies and helping empower the people you meet. We currently support a range of charities and good causes, including: Toilet Twinning (helping to flush away poverty), Lone Buffalo Foundation (a community project based in Laos providing creative skills for young people) and have recently supported women's cooperatives in Borneo and Morocco. We are a member of Tourism Concern's Ethical Tour Operator Group (www.tourismconcern.org.uk) and support their campaign for fair and ethical tourism. We also care passionately about the world's wildlife and actively support and promote the Born Free Organisation and Mahouts Elephant Foundation.

Booking Your Holiday

Peace of mind - book with confidence

You can book your Explore holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected. Explore is a fully bonded tour operator licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by ABTOT.

The air holiday packages (Tours including flights) that we advertise are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 2595. In addition, As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), Explore has provided a bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Please note that packages booked outside the UK are only protected when purchased directly with Explore.

Reserving your place

To reserve your place on this tour you will need to check availability on the Explore website or through our dedicated call centre based in the UK where you can. Our tours can fill up quickly so you are advised to book as early as possible. If your chosen date is 'Available' or 'Guaranteed' we will be able to provisionally hold you a space for up to 48 hours.

For Self-Guided holidays and Private Journeys simply choose your date of travel and let us know so we can confirm all ground services.

The easiest way to confirm your booking is through our website. When you are ready to book, we normally require a 10% non-

refundable deposit, but for some holidays this may be more to cover such items as permit fees, internal flights or other non-refundable services. If your travel starts within 60 days of booking, full payment will be required at the time of booking

100% No Surcharge Guarantee

The price paid for our holidays is no longer subject to change. Once booked and confirmed we will guarantee the price you pay will not increase, whatever the circumstances. You will not be approached to pay fuel surcharges unlike the vast majority of other adventure tour operators. The price guarantee applies to all new bookings departing between 1st January 2016 and 31st December 2017.

Trip Itinerary Versions

Itinerary details may vary depending on departure date and alternative itineraries for this tour may exist. Please refer to the dates and prices page on our website to check which itinerary operates on each departure date.

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