

East Africa Safari + Zanzibar

Kenya • Tanzania • Zanzibar

3 – 22 September 2027. 20 days



Grassroots Adventures



More than a safari

Wildlife may bring you to East Africa, but it is the people, landscapes and experiences along the way that make this journey different.



Walk among wildlife

Explore Crescent Island on foot among giraffes, zebras and antelope.



Spend time in Maasailand

Stay overnight and learn about traditions & the community's connection with the land.



Experience everyday Tanzania

Explore farms and markets, travel by tuk-tuk and share a home-style local lunch.



Safari to Sea

Fly directly from the Serengeti to Zanzibar and finish beside the Indian Ocean.

Journey at a glance

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Arrive in Nairobi, travel overland by private 4WD safari vehicle through Kenya and northern Tanzania, then fly from the Serengeti to Zanzibar before departing from Zanzibar International Airport.



Dates:

3–22 September 2027

Duration:

20 days / 19 nights

Transport:

Private 4WD safari vehicles, private coach + Serengeti-Zanzibar bush flight

Style:

Small-group safari & culture tour

Price:

NZD \$16,995 pp twin share

Accommodation:

Comfortable hotels, lodges, tented camps & Zanzibar resort

Days 1–3 | Nairobi & Lake Naivasha

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Conservation, local stories and our first wildlife encounters



Welcome to Kenya

We begin in Nairobi and discover some of the city's most interesting conservation and community initiatives. Meet Rothschild's giraffes, visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and see the work of Kazuri Beads before exploring another side of Nairobi with the local storytellers of Nai Nami.

From the city we travel through the Great Rift Valley to peaceful Lake Naivasha. A boat journey across the lake leads to Crescent Island, where we walk with a naturalist among giraffes, zebras, wildebeest and antelope.



Days 4–6 | Amboseli

Amboseli National Park

Elephants beneath Kilimanjaro



Land of giants

Amboseli is one of East Africa's classic safari landscapes, famous for large elephant herds moving across open plains beneath Mount Kilimanjaro. We spend three nights here, giving us time for early morning and afternoon game drives without rushing through the park.

On Day 6, we also include a carefully selected community or conservation experience in the Greater Amboseli ecosystem, focused on how local communities live alongside wildlife.

Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge



Days 7 – 9 | Tanzania

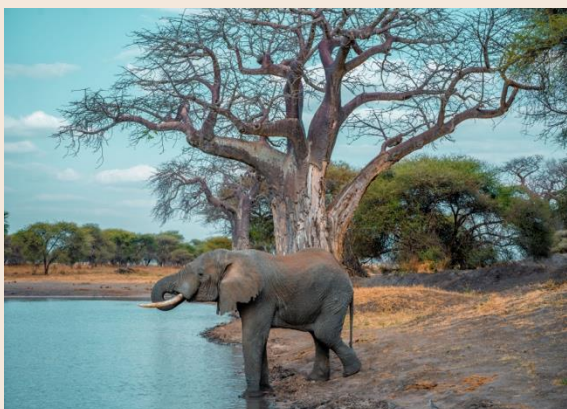
Maasailand & Tarangire

Cross into Tanzania, stay in Maasailand, then safari among baobabs



A night in Maasailand

After crossing the Namanga border into Tanzania, we stay overnight in Maasailand near West Kilimanjaro. This gives us time to learn about family life, cattle keeping, natural medicines, food, traditions and the community's relationship with the land.



Elephants & baobabs

Tarangire is known for giant baobab trees, a beautiful river valley and excellent elephant sightings. We stay inside the national park, allowing us to begin exploring again the following morning before many day visitors arrive.

Days 10–11 | Northern Tanzania

Mto wa Mbu & Ngorongoro

Markets, farms & local flavours before descending into the crater

Everyday Tanzania

We spend the day exploring Mto wa Mbu with a local guide, walking through neighbourhoods, farms and markets. Learn about banana and coffee growing, travel by tuk-tuk and share a traditional home-style lunch prepared with local ingredients.



Into the crater

The following morning we descend 600 metres into Ngorongoro Crater, where grasslands, forests and permanent water support an extraordinary concentration of wildlife. Lions, elephants, buffalo and hippos are common, with a chance of spotting the endangered black rhino.



Days 12–14 | Serengeti

The Serengeti



Into the endless plains

Travelling via Olduvai Gorge, we enter the Serengeti and begin exploring one of Africa’s greatest wildlife landscapes. The scenery opens into vast plains, acacia trees and herds of game.

Time to follow the wildlife

With three nights in Central Serengeti, there is no need to rush. We can follow recent wildlife movements, and explore the Seronera Valley in search of lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes and more.

Highlights: Olduvai Gorge • Central Serengeti • Seronera Valley
• Big cats • Three nights in tented camp

Serengeti Kati Kati Tented Camp



Days 15–17 | Zanzibar

Stone Town

From the Serengeti to the Indian Ocean

After one final morning in the Serengeti, we fly to Zanzibar and settle into historic Stone Town, where carved doors, narrow lanes, markets and seafront dhows reveal the island's layered history.



Tembo Hotel, Stone Town.

Stone Town Prison Island & spices

With a local guide, we explore Stone Town's historic streets, markets and waterfront, visit Prison Island's giant tortoises, and discover Zanzibar's famous spice farms.



Days 18–20 | Zanzibar North Coast

Nungwi Beach



Time to slow down

After the safari, we head north to Nungwi for the final two nights of the journey. The pace changes completely, with time to swim, relax, walk the beach or simply enjoy the Indian Ocean.



Grassroots travellers enjoying a dhow sailing trip



Local life on Zanzibar's coast

Your final day

The following day is completely at leisure. Swim in the Indian Ocean, explore Nungwi and the surrounding north coast, or choose an optional snorkelling excursion, kayaking or sunset dhow cruise.



Sandies Baobab Beach Resort

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