



## RIFT VALLEY TOUR TANZANIA



**Rift Valley Tour Tanzania is a fantastic tour for those who admires both wildlife and nature. It takes you to a fertile area in wildlife along the Rift Valley region in Tanzania. It also takes you to two famous national parks; Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro.**

**Lake Manyara** - Famous for its tree-climbing lions this park is set in very striking surroundings. You can observe hippos here at a closer range than most places. It also has elephants and a superb bird life. Lake Manyara itself is to the East of the National Park and hosts thousands of flamingoes and other birdlife. The Lake Vegetation ranges from savanna to marshes and acacia woodland and thus supports variety of habitats. Canoe Safaris on the lake are the latest added attractions.

**Ngorongoro Conservations Area** - The entire Ngorongoro conservations area covers 8300 sq.km. It comprises of several interrelated ecosystems e.g. Crater highlands, vast stretches of plains, woodland and bush. To the west are the alkaline and Masek lakes. These are particularly good areas for the wildlife viewing between December and April, during the rains. In the East are the strings of volcanoes (some are active), Craters and Calderas (collapsed volcanoes). Please note that Ngorongoro Crater itself is about 20 km wide and thus one of the largest Calderas in the world. Lake Magadi, at the craters base hosts hundreds of flamingoes. With luck, one might see a black Rhino or two. South of the conservations area is Lake Eyasi. Olduvai Gorge where famous fossils have been excavated, is near the centre of the conservations area.

**Arusha** - surrounded by some of Africa's most famous landscapes and national parks. Beautifully situated below Mount Meru on the eastern edge of the eastern branch of the Great Rift Valley, it has a pleasant climate and is close to Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara, Olduvai Gorge, Tarangire National Park and Mount Kilimanjaro, as well as having its own Arusha National Park on Mount Meru. Arusha is the capital of the Arusha Region and has a population of about 300 thousand.



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### **Day 1 – Arusha**

On arrival you are met by your safari driver and transferred to the New Safari hotel built in the centre of Arusha. Depending on the arrival time, you can choose optional activities like shopping or city tour. Dinner and overnight in the hotel.

**Accommodation:** New Safari hotel

**Meals:** H/B

### **Day 2 – Lake Manyara**

Your day starts by driving down to Lake Manyara Serena Lodge arriving in time for lunch. The lodge is built on the rim of Lake Manyara, therefore giving a fantastic view to Great Rift Valley and the lake. At 1600hrs a afternoon game drive starts at the lake. It is in this park where you can see “tree climbing lions”, cheetahs, leopards, elephants, gazelles and other animal species depending on your luck. Returning back to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Lake Manyara Serena lodge

**Meals:** F/B

### **Day 3 – Lake Manyara**

Early morning game drive around this salt water lake. Perhaps this is good time to see big cats hunting for their breakfast. Morning game drive ends by returning to your lodge for late breakfast. The rest of the day is spent resting and swimming followed by 1600hrs game drive. Returning to your lodge in good time for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Lake Manyara Serena lodge

**Meals:** F/B

### **Day 4 – Ngorongoro National Park**

After breakfast and check out, we drive to Lodwale gate. Check in to Ngorongoro National Conservation. Here we will open the roof and drive slowly viewing animals on the way as you proceed to Ngorongoro wildlife lodge for check in and lunch. The lodge is built on the edge of Ngorongoro Crater wall giving you a magnificent view to the crater from the lodge. This lodge is a triumph of ecological and architectural fusion. The crater is also an UNESCO World heritage site. The rest of the day is spent on photo taking in and around the lodge. Dinner and overnight in the lodge.

**Accommodation:** Ngorongoro Wildlife lodge

**Meals:** F/B

### **Day 5 – Ngorongoro National Park, Crater**

Departure from your lodge with packed lunch boxes we proceed down to the crater by a hired land cruiser vehicle. In the crater you will have a full day of game viewing and depending on your luck it is in this park you can see all the big five. Returning back to your lodge late in the afternoon for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Ngorongoro Wildlife lodge

**Meals:** F/B



**Day 6 – Gibbs Farm house**

Depart from your lodge and drive down to Gibbs Farm arriving in lunch time. This is a private farm house surrounded by coffee plantations with beautiful sceneries. It is in this place you can drink coffee made straight from coffee farm beeds without passing through any factory. Rest of the afternoon is spent in and around this fantastic farm.

**Accommodation:** Gibbs Farm house

**Meals:** F/B

**Day 7 – Arusha**

After breakfast we drive back to Arusha town. Depending on your departure time the day will be spend on optional activities. Maybe this is a good time for you to do shopping at the local market, followed by travelling back to the airport for your flight. **N.B:** check in is three hours prior to the departure time.

**Flamingo Zone Tours & Safaris wishes you a safe flight back home!**