

WILDLIFE SAFARI | TANZANIA

5-Day Great Migration Safari, Mara River Crossing

DURATION	FROM (PER PERSON)	TRIP STYLE	TRIP CODE
5 days / 4 nights	£2,319.60	Wildlife Safari	WTE-3745

Overview

See the Great Migration at the Mara River in just five days. This short safari heads quickly to the northern Serengeti, where huge herds of wildebeest and zebra cross the river during the dry season, and also includes Tarangire and the Ngorongoro Crater.

River crossings typically take place between July and October, the best time to book this safari.

Your safari at a glance

- Tarangire National Park: famous for its elephants and baobabs
- Central Serengeti: plains game and a good chance of big cats
- Northern Serengeti and the Mara River: time with the Great Migration, with game drives on two days
- Ngorongoro Crater: a final game drive in the world's largest unbroken caldera

Who it suits

Travellers who want to experience the Mara River crossings but have limited time. Game drives and a professional driver-guide are included.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 01

Arusha to Tarangire National Park

Pick up from your lodge and start a beautiful journey to Tarangire National Park while carrying lunch boxes. Tarangire is well-known for its large elephant herds and diverse landscapes, from seasonal swamps to savanna, with the Tarangire River winding its way through the parklands. We may have the experience of seeing a lion stalking its prey or leopards watching while relaxing in the trees above. Once the game drives are done, we drive to your lodge for relaxation, dinner, and an overnight stay.

Main Destination: Tarangire National Park

Accommodation: Marera Valley Lodge

Meals & Drinks: Dinner (Breakfast & lunch not included)

DAY 02

Central Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, depart for Central Serengeti National Park for wildlife sightings. Enjoy lunch at a suitable place inside the park. We will continue the game drive activity in the afternoon before reaching the camp. Serengeti is well-known for its great migrating herds of zebra, antelope, and wildebeest. Be ready to see resident predators, leopard, cheetah, and lion, fulfilling their role in the circle of life.

Main Destination: Serengeti National Park

Accommodation: Kon Tiki Serengeti Camp

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 03

Northern Serengeti for the Great Migration

Get up early, enjoy breakfast, and drive to Northern Serengeti National Park. We will settle around the Mara River, where the great migration is happening. Our safari guide will find the best viewpoint to observe the event. The great migration is the most significant herd movement of wildebeest, zebra, and other animals crossing the Mara River into Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve. Migrating animals need to cross the crocodile-invested Mara River, this is where the action is! The best time to see the migration is between July and early October every year.

Main Destination: Serengeti National Park

Accommodation: Sero Tented Camps

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 04

Northern Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Crater

Another exciting day lies ahead! Wake up early, enjoy breakfast, and depart for a game drive in Northern Serengeti National Park with the possibility of encountering more sightings. Later, we drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area, to our accommodation on the crater rim.

Main Destination: Serengeti National Park

Accommodation: Rhino Lodge

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 05

Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha

After breakfast, we descend the Ngorongoro Crater for a day of game drives and beautiful scenery. Once we finish the game drives, we will transfer you to Arusha, where we conclude our safari. The Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest uninterrupted caldera and one of Africa's natural wonders! About 30 000 large mammals are resident all year round (such as buffaloes, lions, elephants, cheetahs, and rhinos), and many birds (such as flamingos, eagles, and buzzards).

Main Destination: Ngorongoro Crater

Accommodation: No Accommodation

Meals & Drinks: Breakfast & Lunch (Dinner not included)

Ready to book this trip?

From £2,319.60 per person. Dates and private departures available on request.

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