

7-DAY BIG FIVE SAFARI

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DURATION**7 Days / 6 Nights**

Northern Tanzania Safari

TRIP STYLE**Private Safari**Guided Wildlife
Adventure**KEY DESTINATIONS****Tarangire,
Serengeti,
Ngorongoro**

Tanzania Northern Circuit

BEST FOR**Big Five Seekers**

American Travelers

Overview

This 7 day Big Five safari is a classic Tanzania wildlife journey created for American tourists planning a safari in East Africa. The route focuses on three of the most rewarding parks in northern Tanzania: Tarangire National Park, Serengeti National Park, and the Ngorongoro Crater. It gives you an excellent chance to see the animals most travelers hope for on a Big Five safari Tanzania trip, while also keeping the pace comfortable and realistic for long-haul visitors arriving from the United States. You will experience giant elephant herds in Tarangire, sweeping plains and predator-rich game drives in the Serengeti, and a crater safari in Ngorongoro where wildlife viewing is often outstanding. Organized by Travel Hype Adventures, this itinerary is ideal for travelers who want a premium Tanzania safari experience with strong wildlife viewing, trusted guiding, and a smooth flow from start to finish.

Highlights

- 7 day Big Five safari in Tanzania designed for American travelers
 - Game drives in Tarangire National Park
 - Serengeti National Park
 - and Ngorongoro Crater
 - Strong chances to see the Big Five safari Tanzania travelers dream about: lion
 - leopard
 - elephant
 - buffalo
- and rhino
 - Scenic drive through the Great Rift Valley and classic northern safari landscapes
 - Excellent balance of wildlife viewing
 - comfort
 - and travel pacing
 - Time in Central Serengeti for year-round wildlife sightings and predator action
 - Descent into Ngorongoro Crater, one of the best places in Tanzania to spot black rhino
 - Private safari service with an experienced driver-guide from Travel Hype Adventures

Inclusions & Exclusions

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• Private • 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof • Professional English-speaking driver-guide • All national park and conservation area entry fees • Crater service fees for Ngorongoro • Accommodation during the safari as per itinerary • Meals as listed in the itinerary • Drinking water during game drives • Airport pick-up and drop-off in Arusha or Kilimanjaro area, as arranged • Government taxes and levies related to the safari services	• International flights from the United States or other departure points • Travel insurance • Tanzania visa • Tips for driver-guide and lodge staff • Alcoholic drinks • soft drinks • and personal snacks unless specified • Personal expenses such as laundry • souvenirs • and phone calls • Optional activities not listed in the itinerary • Additional hotel nights before or after the safari unless requested

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Tanzania

Meals: Dinner | Accommodation: Hotel in Arusha

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport or Arusha Airport, where a representative from Travel Hype Adventures will meet you and transfer you to your hotel in Arusha. After check-in, you can rest from your international flight and prepare for the safari ahead. Depending on your arrival time, you may receive a

short safari briefing and an overview of what to expect during your 7 day Big Five safari in Tanzania.

ACCOMMODATION Hotel in Arusha	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 2

Arusha to Tarangire National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation:
Lodge or tented camp near Tarangire/Karatu

After breakfast, depart Arusha and drive to Tarangire National Park for your first full game drive. Tarangire is known for its large elephant herds, beautiful baobab trees, and strong wildlife viewing, especially in the dry season. Keep watch for lions, buffalo, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, and many bird species. This is an excellent start to a Big Five safari Tanzania itinerary, with a good chance to begin checking animals off your list early in the trip. After the game drive, continue to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

ACCOMMODATION Lodge or tented camp near Tarangire/Karatu	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 3

Tarangire Area to Central Serengeti

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Camp
or lodge in Central Serengeti

Today you travel toward Serengeti National Park, passing through the highlands and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area before reaching the great plains of the Serengeti. The journey itself is part of the experience, with changing landscapes and your first views of one of Africa's most famous wildlife destinations. As you enter the park, you begin a game drive en route to camp. Wildlife sightings may include lions, elephants, buffalo, antelope, and, with luck, leopard. Dinner and overnight are in Central Serengeti.

ACCOMMODATION Camp or lodge in Central Serengeti	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 4

Full-Day Game Drive in Central Serengeti

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Camp
or lodge in Central Serengeti

Spend the day exploring Central Serengeti, one of the best year-round wildlife areas in Tanzania. This region is especially good for predators, so it is a strong day for travelers hoping to see lion and leopard. You may also see elephants, buffalo, hyenas, cheetahs, hippos, and large numbers of plains game. Your guide will follow wildlife movements and help position you for the best sightings, making this one of the key days of your 7 day Big Five safari. Return to camp in the evening for dinner and overnight.

ACCOMMODATION Camp or lodge in Central Serengeti	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 5

Serengeti to Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation:
Lodge on the crater rim or in Karatu

Enjoy a final morning game drive in the Serengeti, then depart for the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. This transfer still offers good wildlife viewing along the way, and you may catch some final Serengeti sightings before leaving the plains. Arrive on the crater rim or nearby area by late afternoon. The cooler highland air and changing scenery create a nice contrast to the Serengeti. Rest well tonight, as the next day is one of the top highlights of any Tanzania wildlife safari.

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Lodge on the crater rim or in Karatu	—

Day 6

Ngorongoro Crater Game Drive

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation:
Lodge in Karatu or Ngorongoro area

Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater for a half-day or extended game drive on the crater floor. This is one of the best places in Tanzania to look for black rhino, and it also supports large numbers of lions, buffalo, zebra, wildebeest, hippos, and hyenas. Because wildlife is concentrated in a relatively compact area, Ngorongoro is often a defining moment of a Big Five safari Tanzania trip. After your crater safari and picnic lunch, drive back to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION
Lodge in Karatu or Ngorongoro area	—

Day 7

Return to Arusha and Departure

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast, drive back to Arusha with scenic views along the way. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time for lunch, shopping, or a short rest before your airport transfer. This marks the end of your 7 day Big Five safari with Travel Hype Adventures. You leave with unforgettable memories of Tanzania wildlife, iconic landscapes, and some of Africa's most celebrated safari experiences.

FAQs

What animals can I expect to see on this 7 day Big Five safari?

This itinerary is designed to maximize your chances of seeing the Big Five: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhino. Sightings are never guaranteed, but Tarangire, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro are among the best places in Tanzania for a strong Big Five safari experience.

Is this safari suitable for American first-time visitors to Tanzania?

Yes. This trip is well suited to American travelers visiting Tanzania for the first time because it combines the country's most famous northern safari parks with a comfortable pace, private guiding, and strong wildlife viewing.

When is the best time to book a Big Five safari in Tanzania?

Tanzania offers excellent safari experiences throughout the year, but the best timing depends on your wildlife goals, preferred weather, and budget. Dry months are often best for general wildlife viewing, while green-season travel can offer beautiful landscapes and fewer crowds.

How long are the drives between parks on this itinerary?

Driving times vary by road conditions, lodge location, and wildlife viewing along the way. This 7-day route is designed to be realistic and balanced, giving you quality game drives without making the trip feel rushed.

Why choose Travel Hype Adventures for a Tanzania wildlife safari?

Travel Hype Adventures offers guided Tanzania safari experiences focused on reliable logistics, strong wildlife viewing, and personalized service. For travelers coming from the United States, that means a smoother trip and better support from arrival to departure.

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