

Tarangire Express - Tarangire and more (10 days, 9 nights)



Tarangire National Park is Ingrid's favorite place in Tanzania. Over the years, Ingrid has noticed that all participants in her safari through northern Tanzania also regard Tarangire as the highlight of the trip. That is why it was about time to meet the demand of many and give Tarangire as a nature retreat and photography paradise the time and attention it deserves.

Ingrid Vekemans, your travel guide and professional nature photographer, has been traveling to Africa every year for almost 30 years and has lost her heart on the continent. She feels at home there and will enthusiastically share her knowledge and passion with the group.

This trip takes place in the high season for a reason. The high season is the dry season in Tanzania. This ensures that wildlife is more concentrated in areas where water is available, and that the vegetation is less dense. For these two reasons we will be able to spot much more game than in the low season.

The trip is exclusively aimed at people who love nature and wildlife and enjoy photographing them (of course, non-photographing partners are also welcome!). Unlike normal group trips, photo opportunities are specifically sought for, and extensive time is made for taking photos if the situation is photographically interesting. The group is small, which allows for a personal approach and, above all, sufficient space for the photo material in the vehicle. We use adapted 4x4 vehicles, each suitable for 8 people, but we will only accommodate a maximum of four people per vehicle. Two vehicles will be used and Ingrid will divide her time evenly between both vehicles.

In addition to photographing together and immediate help and tips, you can expect even more time with Ingrid on non-travel days. On these days there will be feedback sessions after lunch in which a selection of photos from each participant will be discussed.

A typical day starts early in the morning to make optimal use of the first, soft morning light. This often produces the most memorable photos. At this time of day, the predators are also the most active. We will usually bring a picnic breakfast that we can enjoy at a beautiful place along the way.

Late morning and early afternoon are the warmest times of the day, so you can relax in the lodge, take photographs and/or view and select your photos for discussion. In the late afternoon we go out again to take photos until the last light. (Note: of course, it is not mandatory to participate in all safaris - there are often very nice photo opportunities in the camp itself). Then there is time to freshen up for dinner, after which you can chat for a while or seek out the peace and quiet of your room or tent. After all, tomorrow will be another undoubtedly fascinating day!

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Day 1

Our journey starts in Arusha. We stay in a lodge on the flank of Mount Meru. The lodge is surrounded by gardens and woodland, and borders a lake, which is home to countless birds, monkeys, amphibians and reptiles.

Our safari begins here in peace and quiet.



Day 2

After breakfast we leave for Arusha National Park for a completely practical photography workshop.

We have our picnic lunch with us so we can take our time to observe and photograph animals along the way. We stop regularly to talk about camera settings and techniques, and to practice all of this on the spot. This way we are fully prepared for the wonderful adventure that awaits us in Tarangire.



Day 3

After breakfast we leave for Tarangire, where we will arrive at our camp around lunchtime. This will be your real 'home' for the next three days and nights. After lunch we enjoy the numerous photo opportunities while looking out over the Tarangire River. The animals are constantly walking (or flying!) around the camp and those that dare to do so during the day are not very shy. In the late afternoon we leave again in search of new adventures, which we can talk about extensively during dinner.



Day 4-5

Armed with our picnic breakfast, we set out each morning to explore this beautiful park. The park takes its name from the Tarangire River that crosses the park and is one of the only water sources for the animals during the dry season. The park is known for its beautiful baobabs or monkey bread trees, interspersed with the typical acacias, and its large population of elephants, while most other large and small mammals, including predators, are also present here. We also hold photo discussions after lunch on these days. An individual photo discussion here and there during the trip - especially at the beginning - is recommended, so that Ingrid can identify any points of interest and provide specific advice. But it is also very understandable if you prefer to observe or take photographs in the camp. Beauty is omnipresent. That is why it is good that everyone in Arusha was already well prepared photographically.



Day 6

We leave early with all our luggage and our breakfast boxes, much deeper into the park. While taking photographs we drive to our next accommodation, again in the middle of a densely populated wildlife area. We are still close to the river, but the nearby swamp, known as Silale Swamp, is also a great attraction for the animals. From here we can go in any direction for our first evening game drive in this region.



Day 7-8

Further exploration of central and southern Tarangire, with morning and evening game drives, and photo discussions after lunch, for those who wish.



Day 9

Today we drive back, photographing on the way, to the north of the park, where we are expected for lunch. And where would we feel more at home than in our first 'home' of this safari? The breathtaking view awaits us again, just like the last evening game drive in Tarangire.



Day 10

Unfortunately, our joint photo safari is over. We do another morning safari and then say goodbye to Tarangire. We drive to Arusha, where we will have lunch in a beautifully situated coffee house. Here we can relax in the garden or visit a workshop where the souvenirs from the associated shop are made by local craftsmen with disabilities. The trip ends here, with the understanding that for sports enthusiasts the trip can be supplemented with a climb of Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. Another option is to stay a few extra nights on the tropical 'spice' island of Zanzibar with its bright blue water and white beaches and then return home completely rested and refreshed.....



ATTENTION: a change to the above travel schedule is always possible, if the circumstances dictate.



PRACTICALITIES

TUI

The safari is organised by TUI tours, part of TUI Belgium n.v. The TUI Group is the largest tourism group in the world.

You can apply for your reservation or a detailed non-binding price offer with the TUI Belgium n.v. headquarters. To this end you can use the 'PRICE OFFER' button on the safari page of the website www.ingridvekemans.com.

The invoice and booking terms and conditions will be sent to you by TUI Belgium n.v. TUI Belgium n.v.'s general and special conditions are applicable in so far as they do not deviate from the below mentioned terms. You can find all information about this here:

<https://www.tui.be/nl/reisvoorwaarden>. In case of cancellation by the traveller - special cancellation conditions: In case of advance payment of accommodation or other services the cancellation costs can be as high as 100% relatively long before departure. This amount has to be increased with the compensation charged by the airline and the administration costs in accordance with the time of cancellation.

The **price** of the trip is 7390€ and is based on sharing a double or twin room. The supplement for a single room will be 1450€. An advance of 500€ per person will be requested at the time of reservation of the trip, and as soon as departure is guaranteed, a second advance of 1200€ per person will be asked. All prices mentioned on this website are subject to change in case of increase of local taxes or park income and conservation/crater fees and fuel increases.

Safari period: 1 until 10 August 2024

The price is inclusive of accommodation in comfortable lodges and tented camps (9 nights); all meals (except the evening meal on day 1); transport by 4x4 vehicles throughout; bottled water in the vehicles; game drives (a full day on day two, then two per day unless on travel days); Amref Flying Doctors service; experienced drivers/guides; park entry fees; airport transfers unless arrival before the rest of the group or departure after the rest of the group; guiding and advice about the animals and how to photograph them; photo analyses and an experienced and passionate tour leader!

The price excludes the international flight and related taxes, airport transfers if extra nights are booked before or after the trip, Tanzania visa, passport costs, travel insurance, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages, tips, personal expenses, evening meal on day 1.

Minimum number of participants: minimum 5 (maximum 7) participants

Minimum age for participants: 16

As soon as the minimum number of participants is reached, you will be contacted by TUI. TUI will then make you flight proposals for the **international flights**. You can then choose whether to book your flight through TUI or to take care of your international flights yourself.

Insurance: It is strongly recommended for every participant to have cancellation and travel insurance.

Force majeure: The photo safaris are normally accompanied by Ingrid Vekemans. Only if Ingrid Vekemans would be prevented through force majeure an alternative - equivalent replacement will be sought in view of a good execution of the travel contract.

Luggage restrictions: In order to be sure to have enough freedom to move around the vehicle on travel days, maximum one soft travel bag (dimensions maximum h 40cm x d 40cm x l 80cm) per

person is allowed as well as the camera bag. Only if every participant sticks to this restriction, the trip will be comfortable for all. The maximum allowed weight of your luggage will depend on the airline with which you book your flight.

Requirements for the participants:

Beginners, as well as more experienced photographers (and their partners) are welcome to join this trip. In order to get the most out of the photographic opportunities, it is however advised that you know the basics of photography (regarding ISO/shutter speed/aperture and light metering), such as you might learn in a basic digital photography or a wildlife photography workshop. The trip is physically not very demanding because we will always be photographing out of a vehicle. The game drives, however, will start very early in the morning and can last a long time depending on what we see. Participants therefore have to be in good health. It can be surprisingly cold, so make sure to pack enough warm clothing!

Participants have to take care of any necessary **vaccinations and medication**. For more information, check <https://www.wanda.be/en>. The information on this website needs to be evaluated by the participant in consultation with a qualified physician. Participants have to make sure they have a **valid international passport (valid at least another 6 months after the date of return) and a visa** for Tanzania. The visa can no longer be purchased locally upon arrival. It must be requested online a few weeks before departure via <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>. For more information you can go to the Tanzanian embassy in your country. For the last update: see <http://diplomatie.belgium.be>.

Finally, respect for nature and the animals is a must!

Participants have to be aware that Africa sometimes requires patience and understanding: roads can be bumpy and things may not work as efficiently as at home. The pace of life is slower, which should ultimately benefit us all...

