Seats strictly limited

Classic Tanzania Safari & Zanzibar

Fully Escorted Africa Safari

16 days from $16,500* per person twin share

Includes airfares ex Australia

Departs Melbourne: 18 June 2027

- Arusha, Tanzania
- Tarangire National Park
- Lake Manyara
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Olduvai
- Central, West & North Serengeti
- Stone Town, Zanzibar

Join us on our Classic Tanzania Safari including Zanzibar. A fully escorted multi-lodge safari through some of the best wilderness areas of Tanzania. Northern Tanzania never fails to move the seasoned traveller. From the ancient baobabs of Tarangire to the breathtaking, wildlife-rich sanctuary of Ngorongoro and the vast plains of the Serengeti, this journey is designed for exceptional game viewing.

We are delighted to introduce a carefully crafted 16 day safari for those who feel the quiet pull of Africa. For those who have travelled here before, this is an invitation to explore further, connect more deeply and create lasting memories. Thoughtfully paced and hosted in small, authentic lodges that prioritise location and comfort.

Travelling in late June places us at the start of Tanzania's dry season, when conditions are comfortable and wildlife viewing is exceptional. Driven by rainfall and grazing patterns, vast herds of wildebeest move steadily north through the central Serengeti and western corridor, gathering along the Grumeti River. Here, we can expect superb predator interaction, as lion and hyena track the herds.

We conclude in the historic Stone Town of Zanzibar, where the pace softens and the Indian Ocean offers a gentle contrast to the wild. An atmospheric blend of narrow alleys, rich culture and layered history reveals centuries of Swahili, Arab and Indian influence—a fitting final chapter to the journey. An experience that stays with you, long after the ancient dust of Africa has settled in your heart and soul.

Following the success of many unique Explorer Group Safaris since 2006, and due to popular demand, we have scheduled another adventure to the fascinating continent of Africa.

In 2027, I will be leading an **accommodated multi-lodge safari** to Tanzania & Zanzibar. East Africa is renowned for its remarkable landscapes, spectacular wildlife and pristine wilderness areas.

Travel with highly qualified local guides through the vast and diverse landscapes of the African bush. A new opportunity to get under the skin of the world's most exciting continent with up-close wildlife encounters, an intimate wilderness experience close to nature and meaningful interactions with local communities.

Travelling in late June marks the start of the dry season, offering exceptional wildlife viewing, clear skies and fewer crowds. The herds of wildebeest and zebra are expected to begin moving west toward the Grumeti and Mara River corridors of the Serengeti. In Zanzibar, we can expect pleasant temperatures, lower coastal humidity and a warm Indian Ocean. Staying in small lodges and intimate camps, group size is strictly limited.

Having had the privilege of working as a Professional Safari Guide and Lodge Manager in some of the best lodges in southern Africa, I have experienced what I believe to be true wilderness. I wish to introduce to you to more of these areas and hope to instil a deeper understanding and appreciation of these delicate eco-systems and the communities that live on the edge of these protected spaces.

We have created an affordable adventure with an opportunity to travel with like-minded explorers. A new world of travel awaits, and I look forward to exploring it with you.

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Safari with Mike

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18 Jun 27: Melbourne - Arusha, Tanzania. Fly from Australia to Arusha.

19 Jun 27: Arusha, Tanzania. Arrive in Arusha, Tanzania. Meet and greet at the airport and transfer to lodge for overnight including dinner and breakfast. Set among lush gardens and coffee-growing country on the slopes of Mount Meru, the lodge provides a peaceful introduction to Tanzania and a relaxed setting for our first evening. A charming lodge surrounded by gardens and mature vegetation, offering spacious cottages in a tranquil setting close to Arusha. (D)

Accommodation: Arumeru River Lodge, Arusha - 1 night.

20 Jun 27: Arusha - Tarangire National Park. After breakfast, travel towards Tarangire National Park, where the safari begins with a game drive. Famous for its centuries-old baobab forests and magnificent elephant herds, Tarangire is particularly rewarding during the dry season as animals gather around its dwindling water sources. Stop for lunch en route. Continue exploration and arrive at camp for our first night in the African wilderness, Staying in comfortable tented accommodation and perched high on a granite outcrop overlooking Tarangire with a unique panorama of sunrise and sunset views. (B,L,D)

Accommodation: Maweninga Camp, Tarangire National Park - 2 nights.

21 Jun 27: Tarangire. Today is dedicated to exploring Tarangire and to venture deeper into the park to experience its changing landscapes. The park's mix of open grassland, woodland and seasonal wetlands supports an impressive variety of wildlife with elephant, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest and an exceptional diversity of birdlife among the highlights. Lunch at a remote tented camp provides a welcome pause before continuing the game drive and return to Maweninga for another evening overlooking the park. (B,L,D)

22 Jun 27: Tarangire - Lake Manyara - Karatu. Morning drive in Tarangire then travel towards Lake Manyara National Park for a game drive with a picnic lunch. Set beneath the dramatic escarpment of the Great Rift Valley, Manyara encompasses an extraordinary variety of habitats, from groundwater forests and open plains to the shallow alkaline waters of the lake. The park is home to Elephant, Buffalo, Giraffe and the lake can attract impressive concentrations of waterbirds. Travel up the Great Rift Escarpment, with spectacular panoramic views past rich agricultural lands.

Set high on the edge of the Rift Valley near Karatu, our accommodation combines a peaceful rural setting with sweeping views across the fertile countryside. The property has the character of a colonial-style coffee-farm, with tastefully furnished spacious rooms, lush gardens and its own coffee plantation. (B,L,D)

Accommodation: Bashay Rift Lodge, Ngorongoro area - 1 night.

23 Jun 27: Ngorongoro Crater - Olduvai. Today we descend into the spectacular Ngorongoro Crater for a full day game drive. The crater floor is a remarkable natural sanctuary, with open grasslands, woodland and wetlands which support an extraordinary concentration of wildlife including Lion, Elephant, Hippo and Rhino. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the park then continue on game drive and exit the park towards Olduvai.

Welcomed by our Maasai hosts on arrival before walking to Sunset Kopje, where the changing light reveals the scale of this ancient landscape. Situated close to Olduvai Gorge, this intimate camp offers an authentic wilderness experience in a setting steeped in human history and surrounded by the landscapes that have played an important role in our understanding of human origins. (B,L,D)

Accommodation: Olduvai Camp - 1 night

24 Jun 27: Olduvai - Serengeti. Leaving Olduvai behind, enter the legendary Serengeti National Park, game viewing as we travel through this vast wilderness. One of Africa's iconic landscapes, its endless plains support huge populations of herbivores and the predators that follow them. In late June, the movement of the Great Migration adds another dimension to our journey.

Located in the north-eastern Serengeti, away from the classic circuits, our intimate camp provides a comfortable base from which to explore the surrounding wilderness. With a refined ambience, set against imposing granite boulders, in the middle of vast expanses where wildlife roams freely. The luxury tents under thatch, are designed to offer a premium experience: spacious, well-appointed, with a lounge area, private bathroom and terrace with view. (B,L,D)

Accommodation: Togoro Plains, North Eastern Serengeti - 2 nights.

Arumeru River Lodge - pool & garden

Maweninga Camp tent

There is an option of taking an unforgettable scenic balloon flight over the plains of the Serengeti (own expense). Floating silently above the savannah offers a spectacular view over one of the world's most famous wildlife reserves., During the flight it is possible to spot wildlife such as Elephant, Giraffe, Hippo and large herds of Wildebeest and Zebra.

Customized 4×4 safari vehicle

Luxury tent, Togoro Plains

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25 Jun 27: Serengeti. Today we devote the entire day to exploring the Serengeti. Without the need to relocate, we can follow the wildlife and spend time in areas that capture our interest, from open plains to rocky 'kopjes' and more sheltered habitats. The Serengeti is renowned for its exceptional wildlife diversity and every game drive brings the possibility of encountering an extraordinary variety of plains game, big cats and Hyena. (B,L,D)

26 Jun 27: Serengeti Western Corridor & Grumeti Hills. An early morning game drive takes us westwards through the Serengeti towards Grumeti Hills. This region forms part of the Western Corridor and is particularly significant during the Great Migration, when vast herds move through the area towards the Grumeti River. Arrive at Grumeti Hills for lunch, followed by time to relax and enjoy the surroundings or head out for an afternoon game drive.

The lodge is set amongst the rocky hills of the western Serengeti, with an elevated setting, a rock pool with a view, an open restaurant and a cosy lounge. The property also incorporates a number of thoughtful environmental initiatives, including electric game drive vehicles, rainwater collection, solar power, zero plastic and advanced waste management. Each tent opens onto a private terrace with panoramic views and combine the charm of adventure with the comfort of a top-of-the-range lodge. A private bathroom and elegant furnishings create a warm, functional space. (B,L,D)

Accommodation: Grumeti Hills, Western Serengeti - 2 nights.

27 Jun 27: Western Serengeti. This morning we experience the Serengeti from a completely different perspective with a guided walking safari, followed by breakfast in the bush. On foot, the smaller details of the ecosystem come to life; from animal tracks and insects to birds, plants and the subtle signs of wildlife nearby.

After lunch there is time to relax or enjoy an afternoon game drive, before venturing out again after dark for a night game drive. As daylight fades, the bush takes on an entirely different character and nocturnal wildlife begins to emerge. (B,L,D)

28 Jun 27: Western - Northern Serengeti. Travel north through the Serengeti, with game viewing continuing along the way. A picnic lunch allows us to make the most of our time in the wilderness and head towards the remote northern reaches of the park. Further north the landscape changes, with rolling hills, rocky outcrops and open grasslands of the central plains. An important wildlife corridor and, at this time of year, potentially part of the northward movement of the Great Migration.

Arrive at our small and intimate camp which overlooks the legendary Mara River and vast savannah beyond while retaining the atmosphere of a remote wilderness camp. (B,L,D)

Accommodation: Mara River Post, Northern Serengeti - 2 nights.

29 Jun 27: Northern Serengeti. A full day explore the northern Serengeti in search of the wildlife and taking time to appreciate this remote and spectacular region. The Mara River and surrounding plains provide an ever-changing landscape, with resident wildlife joined seasonally by migrating herds. Lunch can be enjoyed as a picnic in the wilderness or back at camp, depending on the day's wildlife opportunities and the success of our game viewing. (B,L,D)

30 Jun 27: Northern Serengeti - Zanzibar. A final early morning game drive takes us towards Kogatende Airstrip. One last opportunity to enjoy the wildlife of the northern Serengeti before boarding a scheduled flight over the endless Serengeti plains, the volcano chain & the Great Rift Escarpment to Zanzibar via Arusha. On arrival, we are met and transferred down winding alleys, lined with houses of ancient charm to the heart of historic Stone Town. With the scent of spices wafting through the air to the bustling Darajani market, the pace changes dramatically as we leave the wilderness behind and settle into the distinctive atmosphere of Zanzibar.

Our hotel is an atmospheric and character-filled property reflecting Zanzibar's rich architectural and cultural heritage. It provides a memorable transition from the African bush to the island's distinctive Swahili character. (B,D)

Accommodation: Emerson on Hurumzi, Stone Town, Zanzibar - 2 nights.

1 Jul 27: Stone Town, Zanzibar. This morning we explore Stone Town on foot with a local guide, wandering through its narrow streets and discovering a fascinating blend of Swahili, Arab, Indian and European influences. Historic buildings, bustling markets and richly carved doors provide a window into Zanzibar's centuries-old trading history.

The afternoon is free to explore independently, browse the shops and markets, relax at the hotel or simply soak up the atmosphere of this remarkable city. Dinner on our final evening is in the Roof top restaurant with a unique vantage point at sunset over Stone Town and the Indian Ocean. A fitting conclusion to a journey that has taken us from the wilderness of northern Tanzania to the cultural crossroads of the Indian Ocean. (B,D)

2 Jul 27: Stone Town, Zanzibar - Australia. After breakfast, we transfer to Zanzibar International Airport for our onward flight, bringing our Tanzanian adventure to a close. From the ancient baobabs of Tarangire and the wildlife-rich Ngorongoro Crater, through the vast plains of the Serengeti and towards the historic streets of Stone Town, this has been a journey through some of East Africa's most remarkable landscapes and experiences. An experience that stays with you, long after the ancient dust of Africa has settled in your heart and soul. (B)

3 Jul 27: Arrive Australia.

Prices per person twin share ex Melbourne

Departs	Twin Share	Single Supp
18 June 2027	**$16,500***	**$1600**

Price includes all pre-paid taxes

✈ Call about our airfares ex other Australian cities ✈

Price Includes:

- Economy class airfares from Melbourne to Arusha (Kilimanjaro) and Zanzibar to Melbourne with Qatar Airways.
- Economy class scheduled flight from Kogatende Airstrip to Zanzibar via Arusha.
- Accommodation, tours, meals and transfers as indicated in the itinerary.
- 14 nights comfortable hotel and lodge accommodation.
- *Prepaid taxes and park fees. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office.
- Escorted ex Australia by Mike Papenfus.

Notes

- *Prices are correct at time of printing but are subject to availability, currency fluctuations and surcharges and are only guaranteed when paid in full.
- Deposit of $2000 per person due within 7 days of confirmation.
- Zanzibar infrastructure tax of US$3 per person per night to be paid direct to the hotel. Zanzibar compulsory travel insurance US$40 per person to be paid online before travel.
- Ask about our companion register for single travellers.
- Optional extensions to Rwanda and Uganda for Gorilla trekking and Kenya can be added post safari, please contact us for details.
- Tour is based on a minimum of 11 passengers travelling together. Therefore should final number not reach this minimum number it will be necessary for this tour to be costed accordingly.

Spectacular Mara River view

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Stone Town, Zanzibar - Spice Tour

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