

Northern Tanzania and Chimpanzee Trekking (16 days Tanzania)

This 16-day amazing journey through some of Africa's greatest safari destinations, will transport you from the foothills of the mighty Kilimanjaro to the expansive plains of the Serengeti. As you journey across the Northern Safari Circuit of Tanzania you will encounter an array of flora and fauna – from ancient Baobab trees to herds of elephants. You will also pass the farms, nomadic cattle herders, rural settlements, and gain a glimpse into the life of the people inhabiting the Northern Highlands including Maasai. Experience the 'classic safari' in true style with outstanding food, fine accommodation and expert guides. In the second part of your tour, you will fly to Mahale National Park to have a unique encounter with the endangered chimpanzee primates inhabiting this very special national park. Having the chance to be 'up close and personal' with these remarkable creatures will be a memory you will treasure forever.

Day 1: Arusha

On arrival at the Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be met by our professional representative and you will be transferred by road to the legendary Hatari Lodge in the Arusha National Park about 1 hour away.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Hatari Lodge](#)

Day 2: Arusha National Park

After breakfast, take the first game drive of the holiday in Arusha National Park. Picnic lunch provided. This park has incredible volcanic scenery, wonderful views of Mt. Meru and Mt. Kilimanjaro (on clear days), a beautiful rainforest and plenty of wildlife. The main features are Ngurdoto Crater and the Momella Lakes. The two Momella lakes attract a wide variety of birds, particularly flamingos. Alongside game drives, there is an option to go for a guided hike in this national park. It is a non-strenuous and safe way of viewing the landscape and wildlife. Lake canoeing can also be arranged. Picnic lunch provided. Head back early evening to your lodge.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Hatari Lodge](#)

Day 3: Tarangire National Park

Depart from the lodge after early breakfast and travel through the Maasai Steppe to the Tarangire National Park which is just over 2 hours away. This park is famous for its elephant herds, countless bird species, ancient Baobab trees, tree-climbing lions, leopards, and pythons. Picnic lunch provided. Enjoy a day game viewing before arriving late evening at the camp. Arrive this late evening at your camp and overnight.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Tarangire River Camp](#)

Day 4: Lake Manyara National Park – Ngorongoro Highlands

After early breakfast, drive to a nearby Lake Manyara National Park, a beautiful park with an alkaline lake and breath-taking views. The landscape is a mixture of dense forest, small open plains and lush waterside grasses, a feast for herbivores such as buffalo, hippos, elephants, flamingos, and other creatures. Enjoy a half-

day game drive and picnic lunch. Drive to the Ngorongoro highlands in the late afternoon to reach the town of Karatu and your 5 start accommodation set inside a coffee farm. There is a range of optional activities offered from massage to horse riding.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Manor at Ngorongoro](#)

Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater

After an early breakfast, head down to the Ngorongoro Crater floor where you have a full day game drive and a picnic lunch. Here you have great chances of seeing the 'Big 5' and search for the endangered Black Rhino. Spend the late morning and afternoon on the crater floor enjoying one of the world's finest natural wonders. Depart in the early evening for the manor.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Manor at Ngorongoro](#)

Day 6: Ngorongoro Highlands – Central Serengeti National Park

After an early breakfast, head to the Serengeti National Park via Olduvai Gorge Archaeological Museum, the site of Louis and Mary Leakey's renowned archaeological discoveries. Following a visit to the nearby 'Shifting Sands', an amazing volcanic sand dune phenomenon, there is an option of stopping by to visit a Maasai village along the way. Picnic lunch provided. As you drive into the Serengeti, you will quickly appreciate this pristine and unique sanctuary which gives you a glimpse into "the world as it was in the beginning." Arrive at the lodge by early evening.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Serengeti Serena Lodge](#)

Day 7: Central - West Serengeti National Park

Take a very early morning hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti and then enjoy a champagne breakfast out in the bush. Check out from the lodge and take an early lunch before enjoying a spectacular half day game drive. Then head towards the Western Serengeti area to seeking out the big cats, buffalo, giraffe, and many other mammals. Spot crocodiles and hippos along the nearby river. Arrive at the lodge by early evening.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Mbalageti Serengeti Lodge](#)

Day 8: West - North Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, check out and take a game drive along the Mara River area which borders the Maasai Mara in its northeast corner where the legendary Great Migration crosses the river each year. Picnic lunch provided. Spend a full-day enjoying this most remote and exclusive part of the country before driving for a short distance to the camp in the early evening.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Serengeti Olakira Camp](#)

Day 9: North Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, enjoy another full-day of game drive in another beautiful location along the Mara River area tracking resident game. Enjoy another spectacular day viewing the flora and fauna of the park. Picnic lunch provided. Return to camp in the early evening.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Serengeti Olakira Camp](#)

Day 10: North Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, continue your journey into the heart of Tanzania by heading north-east out of Serengeti National Park into Klein's Camp private concession. Klein's offers an array of safari activities usually not allowed within the national parks. The camp offers night game drives, bushwalks with rangers, as well as the possibility for an off-road drive whenever necessary. For those interested in visiting a local village and experiencing Maasai culture, a half day trip to the Ololosokwan village can be arranged (additional charges apply). After lunch you will then plan the evening's activities with the resident guide.

- [Lunch, Dinner, and Overnight: Klein's Camp](#)

Day 11: Klein's Camp Concession

You will plan this day with a help of your guide. Among the options available to choose from are - relaxing in the morning and using the swimming pool, or going for a walking safari, or a game drive night safari, or visit the Ololosokwan village nearby for a cultural experience. Lunch provided.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Klein's Camp](#)

Day 12: Klein's Camp Concession – Mahale National Park

After a very early breakfast, enjoy a game drive to the Lobo airstrip for a shared charter flight to Mahale. Land in Mahale early that afternoon and from the airstrip you will have a boat transfer lasting about 1 hour straight to the camp. Once at the camp the options available that afternoon range from a hike on the forest paths looking for birds and butterflies, and various mammals, or swim in ice-cold pools up in the mountain waterfalls, or take a kayak out for a paddle towards the middle of the lake, or enjoy sundowners on the old wooden dhow, or lazily following the shoreline, or just relax on the warm sands of the beach. Lunch is provided.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Greystroke Mahale Camp](#)

Day 13: Mahale National Park

After breakfast each day in Mahale you will enjoy an accompanied chimp trek. In addition, there will be a chance to swim, fish in the lake, kayak, or just head up to one of the amazing waterfall pools in a quiet corner of the forest. Chimp treks can be lengthy and usually end with lunch at the camp, a siesta or swim. In a late afternoon, you may head out for fishing or bird-watching or you can just relax and enjoy the view of Lake Tanganyika. Lunch provided.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Greystone Mahale Camp](#)

Day 14: Mahale National Park

Enjoy another day to the paradise land and several activities. You will decide upon the options available and do what suits your mood. Lunch is provided.

- [Lunch, Dinner, and Overnight: Greystroke Mahale Camp](#)

Day 15: Mahale - Arusha

After breakfast, prepare to check out late in the morning for a return trip to the airstrip and onward flight from Mahale to Arusha Airport. Picnic lunch provided. Arrive in Arusha by early evening and drive to the nearby lodge.

- [Dinner and Overnight: Arusha Coffee Lodge](#)

Day 16: Arusha - Kilimanjaro

After breakfast, enjoy a morning of leisure at the lodge. Activities available include a guided coffee farm tour or visit the nearby Shanga Cultural Project supporting local people with disabilities. You can also enjoy lunch at the River House Restaurant at Shanga House. Cultural Heritage Centre is also nearby and offers an array of arts and crafts from Tanzania and beyond. After check out, head to Kilimanjaro International Airport for a night flight back home.

End of Our services

Total cost per person for 16 Days/15 nights using above Hotels/Lodges or similar is:

- Price upon inquiry
- Email: info@elitesafari.com

Prices Includes:

- Airport transfers
- Accommodation in twin/double room occupancy
- All activities and all meals as indicated in the program
- All park fees, and related government taxes
- Services of our professional English-speaking safari guide
- Game drives in a private 4x4 Land Cruiser with pop up roof top
- Bottled water while on safari
- Unlimited mileage on the safari
- Arusha - Mahale - Arusha flight
- Lobo airstrip - Arusha flight
- Emergency Flying Doctors services

Price Excludes:

- International flights and Visa
- Expenses of personal nature
- Tips to the safari guide and all hotels staff