

Kili Marathon

plus Essence of Tanzania scheduled safari
(21 Feb - 02 Mar 2025)

Tarangire – Ngorongoro Crater – Serengeti National Park
10 Days / 9 Nights

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Join us on the foothills of Africa's highest free standing mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, for one of Africa's iconic marathons, The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon. Then join up on our Essence of Tanzania scheduled small group safari (Min 2, max 7 guests)

Unwind under vast African skies and discover the wild spirit of Tanzania on this leisurely safari. From Tarangire – famed for its elephant population and impressive baobab trees – to the world famous Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park, we invite you to explore with us.

Our Serengeti Wilderness Camps - intimate tented camps offering great food and excellent hospitality - are located in pristine areas of the Serengeti/Ndutu eco-system.

Our guides are experienced professionals committed to ensuring optimal game-viewing throughout your safari. In our specially customised, extended land cruisers the windows are enlarged and the roof height raised to allow ease of photography and game-viewing through the 360 degree view hatches, with plenty of room to stretch your legs.

We aim to get you as close to the migration as possible. From January-mid March we include nights at Ndutu for the wildebeest calving in the south.



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Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Keys Hotel	Moshi	Breakfast	3 Nights
Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge	Tarangire National Park	Full board	2 Nights
The Retreat	Ngorongoro Crater	Full board	1 Night
Ndotu Wilderness Camp	Ndotu	Full board including local drinks	3 Nights

Brief itinerary:

Day 1	Pick up from Kilimanjaro Airport and transfer to Keys Hotel.
Day 2	Day at leisure. Overnight Keys Hotel.
Day 3	Marathon day
Day 4	Pick up from your hotel and drive to Tarangire National Park. Balance of day enjoying game drives in the area, with picnic lunch included. Overnight Tarangire.
Day 5	Full day exploring Tarangire. Overnight Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge or similar.
Day 6	Morning depart Tarangire. Continue to the highlands of Karatu, stopping on the way to view Manyara and the escarpment below. Crater tour. Overnight at The Retreat or similar.
Day 7	Continue onto the Serengeti eco-system to overnight at Ndotu Wilderness camp.
Day 8	Full day exploring the Serengeti. Overnight at Ndotu Wilderness Camp, or similar.
Day 9	A full day exploring the Serengeti. Overnight as above.
Day 10	From Serengeti Central/Ndotu camp either drive or fly back to Kilimanjaro Airport.

Please note: Camps may vary slightly depending on time of year in order to give you the best possible game viewing experience. Please note that on rare occasions changes may be implemented and final itinerary will be confirmed at time of booking.

Day 1: Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi (Fri, 21 Feb 2025)

You will be met on arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to Keys Hotel in Moshi.

Located on the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro in Northern Tanzania, the vibrant town of Moshi is known as a coffee producing hub boasting vast coffee plantations. The majestic snow-capped peak of Kilimanjaro towers over this little African town.

For basic, clean and affordable accommodation in the mountaineering town of Moshi, we recommend two sister hotels - Keys Uru and K's Lodge (Keys Mbokomo). Both hotels offer views of Mount Kilimanjaro and are classified as basic 2 star budget hotels. They are of medium size, privately owned and rooms are all en-suite. Some have air-conditioning, television and mini-bar.

There is a full restaurant offering a choice of either bar snacks, restaurant meals and pizzas which are served all day, and occasional evening barbecues. A bar with a full range of drinks is available. Amenities include full laundry service and swimming pool. Guests may be accommodated at either hotel. Option to upgrade standard of hotel to a more luxury option if preferred.

Overnight Keys Hotel.

Day 2: Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi (Sat, 22 Feb 2025)

As a pre-booked Wild Frontiers guest, your race number and shirt will be delivered to the hotel – so be sure to collection it from reception. And because there's no standing in long queues at race registration the day is yours for relaxing by the hotel's pool or venturing into the town of Moshi, where you can buy curios and enjoy lunch at one of the local restaurants. Feel free to pop down to registration at MoCu Stadium if you need anything from our Marathon team.

Overnight Keys Hotel.

Day 3: Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi (Sun, 23 Feb 2025)

KILIMANJARO MARATHON - Race day

Transfers to/from the stadium will be provided. Good luck with the race!

Overnight Keys Hotel.



Day 4: Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park (Mon, 24 Feb 2025)

An early morning briefing at your Arusha hotel kick starts your safari, before you head off away from the main safari route of the northern circuit, to Tarangire National Park, a true wildlife gem known primarily for its vast elephant population and impressive baobab trees. (Driving time 90 mins - 2 hours)

Highly underrated, yet bursting with a dense wildlife population, it won't take you long to appreciate just why we love Tarangire.

During the dry season (June to September) thousands of animals including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, and the rarely seen oryx migrate from the dry Maasai steppe to the Tarangire River in search of water.

Lion, leopard and other predators follow, so be sure to charge your camera battery and empty your memory stick as some unique memories are waiting to be made. With impressive landscapes dominated by baobab trees, an enormous elephant population and over 550 varieties of bird, Tarangire offers secluded game viewing and loads of game – a winning combination in anyone's book!

Spend the day enjoying game drives, with picnic lunch included.

Overnight: Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge (or similar)

Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge is located in the heart of Tarangire, 45 minutes from Kuro airstrip. This delightful permanent tented camp offers ten standard suites, and 2 x two bedroom inter-connected family suites. The entrance to the spacious tents comprises double sliding doors with mosquito netting, while the netted windows with roll up canvas allow the breeze to flow through the tent.

With polished concrete floors, elegant furnishing in natural tones and great views out over the plains, it may be hard to believe you are in a safari tent. Enjoy simple but wholesome meals in the thatched main area, or beside the swimming pool – and wind down the day around the campfire, sundowner in hand of course! The camp operates on solar and generator power, and free Wifi is available.

Activities include game drives, guided walking safaris, bush breakfasts, community and cultural visits.



Day 5: Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park (Tues, 25 Feb 2025)

Enjoy a leisurely day on game drives exploring Tarangire National Park.

Overnight: Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge (or similar)

Day 6: The Retreat, Ngorongoro (Wed, 26 Feb 2025)

Morning game drive in Tarangire. Head to the highlands of Karatu, stopping on the way to view Manyara and the escarpment below.

Overnight: The Retreat at Ngorongoro (or similar)

The Retreat at Ngorongoro is an oasis in rural Karatu, bordering the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. When creating this lodge, a serious tree planting project that would serve to off-set its carbon footprint was embarked on. Planting over 40,000 indigenous trees wasn't an easy task, but with persistence, success followed. This tree planting brought in numerous bird species (hence the bird-themed concept of the lodge), insects and other small animals. Indigenous flowers blossom here, while the vegetable garden & orchard produce fresh food served at the Kipepeo Restaurant. The Retreat proudly harvests their own honey, roasts their own coffee, makes their own jams and juices, and uses firewood from the pruned branches of the trees they planted. Solar panels are used to heat water.

The 25 cottages are tastefully decorated and spacious - offering a generous 90 square meters, as well as a deck overlooking the Ngorongoro forest. Guests can relax in The Nest Lounge, or get active in the fitness room. There is also a lovely swimming pool in which to cool off and soak up the tranquil surroundings of this delightful property.



Days 7-9: Ngorongoro Crater - Nduvu Wilderness Camp (Thur, 27 Feb-Sat 01 Mar)

An early start today, but one we're sure you've been itching to tick off your African travel bucket list. Enjoy a full morning and picnic lunch in the Ngorongoro Crater, one of the natural wonders of the world. The volcanic caldera of Ngorongoro offers spectacular game viewing in the crater. We can almost guarantee you four of the Big Five will show up, as well as a rich variety of birds, all viewed against the backdrop of the thickly forested crater walls. Varied terrains and dramatic landscapes consisting of forest, grasslands and both freshwater and soda lakes make the Ngorongoro Crater a true marvel of creation.



(On some Essence of Tanzania itineraries, your crater visit may take place on Day 2, in the afternoon. The timing of this activity will be confirmed by your guide when commencing this safari)

Continue onto the Serengeti, home to more than three million large mammals spread over vast endless plains. It is here that we may encounter the fascinating spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration, where one and quarter million wildebeest trek in columns of up to forty kilometres long in search of grazing, drawing with them plenty predators and numerous other species of game.

From January to March the herds can largely be found birthing their young in the southern area around Nduvu, before proceeding north through the centre and Western Corridor during June and July, eventually splitting to the west and north as they continue their way toward the Mara River.

August to October sees dramatic river crossings which can only be considered Africa's "greatest leap of faith", before the herds return south in November to repeat this amazing instinctive procession all over again.

Overnight for 3 nights at Ndotu Wilderness Camps (or similar)

Overnight: Ndotu Wilderness Camp

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Ndotu Wilderness Camp available in the Ndotu area of the Serengeti ecosystem typically from December—March, which coincides with the 'calving season'. It is placed in a private site, in the heart of the Ndotu plains – nestled under shady trees. Plenty of predators can be found year round in this area. The diverse eco-systems, from woodlands, to plains, to soda lakes, within the Ndotu area make it a unique place for bird watching.



Spend the following few days enjoying half or full day game drives.

We highly recommend booking a **Hot Air Balloon trip** (optional extra).

A hot air balloon safari over one of Africa's most famous and majestic national parks is not easily captured in words. The quiet of floating over plains, the exhilaration of climbing into the pink-blue of the early dawn on invisible currents, the breathless awe of peering over the basket's edge at this vast swathe of wild Africa. Take off is at dawn and a champagne bush breakfast completes this must-do adventure.



Day 10: End of Itinerary (Sun, 02 Mar 2025)

After breakfast, return by road to Kilimanjaro International Airport (driving time +- 7-9 hours depending on which camp you are staying at and game viewing en route). Or transfer to airstrip for your optional return flight back to Kilimanjaro airport. It is an exceptionally scenic flight across the vast expanse of the Rift Valley escarpments and the highlands of Ngorongoro.

End of safari.

Package Price

Contact us on reservations@wildfrontiers.com for a detailed quotation.

Please advise your nationality with your enquiry for us to quote the relevant race entry fee.

INCLUDED:

- Arrival transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport to Hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation including breakfast at Keys Hotel/ K's Lodge (Keys Mbokomo) in Moshi
- Marathon entry fee & guaranteed bib number
- Delivery of your race number and shirt to your hotel - no standing in long queues at race registration
- Return shuttle transfers to/ from stadium on race day
- Services of Wild Frontiers co-ordinator at race and over weekend
- Services of a Wild Frontiers guide and vehicle while on safari from Day 4
- Game drives as specified
- 2 nights' accommodation at Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge or similar on a full board basis
- 1 night accommodation at The Retreat or similar on a full board basis
- Ngorongoro Crater Visit and picnic lunch
- 3 nights' accommodation at Ndutu Wilderness Camp including all meals, local beer, house wine and soft drinks
- Park and camp/ concession fees **USD 875** per person
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- Transfer by road back to Kilimanjaro airport (or optional flight at additional cost USD 395 per person)
- Contribution to [The Kilimanjaro Project](#) for every night spent on safari which allows two tree saplings to be planted, accelerating ecosystem restoration at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro
- Full liability insurance cover and 24 hour emergency contact

EXCLUDED:

- International flights
- Flights and airport taxes
- Visa fees
- Health requirements including Yellow Fever inoculation if required
- Drinks
- Meals not specified above
- All items of a personal nature including tips
- Any services not mentioned above under included

THE MIGRATION EXPLAINED:



The following should be used as a guideline when planning your safari to East Africa – movement of wildlife depends on a great many aspects. The following migration calendar helps to explain the seasonality of game viewing. Remember there is resident game throughout the year in the Serengeti/Ngorongoro eco-systems.

JAN / FEB / MARCH

The large herds of wildebeest are generally in the southern plains of the Serengeti eco-system, calving takes place over approximately two weeks. An abundance of predators, good visibility of game, mix of open plains and some woodland.

APRIL / MAY

The herds start moving toward central Serengeti. This is typically the rainy season, however, game viewing is still excellent and there are some great discounts available at lodges and camps. It generally doesn't rain all day. Conditions for photography are generally superb with moody skies and good depth of colour.

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

The wildebeest move from the central area and split to the west and north, continuing their trek toward the Mara River. River crossings may be seen in both the western corridor (Grumeti area) and north (Mara River).

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Whilst some of the wildebeest successfully reach the Masai Mara, there are still hundreds of thousands remaining in the northern region of Serengeti, offering those with guests with loads of patience the chance to see exciting river crossings (the Mara River runs through the Serengeti).

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

The massive herds start to return from the north, to the southern plains, before the cycle repeats again!

MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

Wild Frontiers are specialists in East and Southern Africa, and have been selling safaris since 1991. Why not combine your race and safari with Gorilla Trekking in Uganda or Rwanda, a climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro, or a beach break to Zanzibar? Contact us today and speak to one of our safari designers who will tailor your perfect marathon add on trip just for you.

**VISA REQUIREMENTS:**

All visitors to Tanzania must have a valid passport which needs to be valid for 6 months after return date of travel and have at least 3 blank pages in it. Except for exempted countries all visitors require a visa to enter Tanzania. South Africans visiting on holiday currently do not require a visa. Visas are currently US\$ 50 per person, single entry for most other nationalities. An exception is US citizens for whom a single-entry visa is US\$100

Visitors should apply via the e-visa portal: <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>.

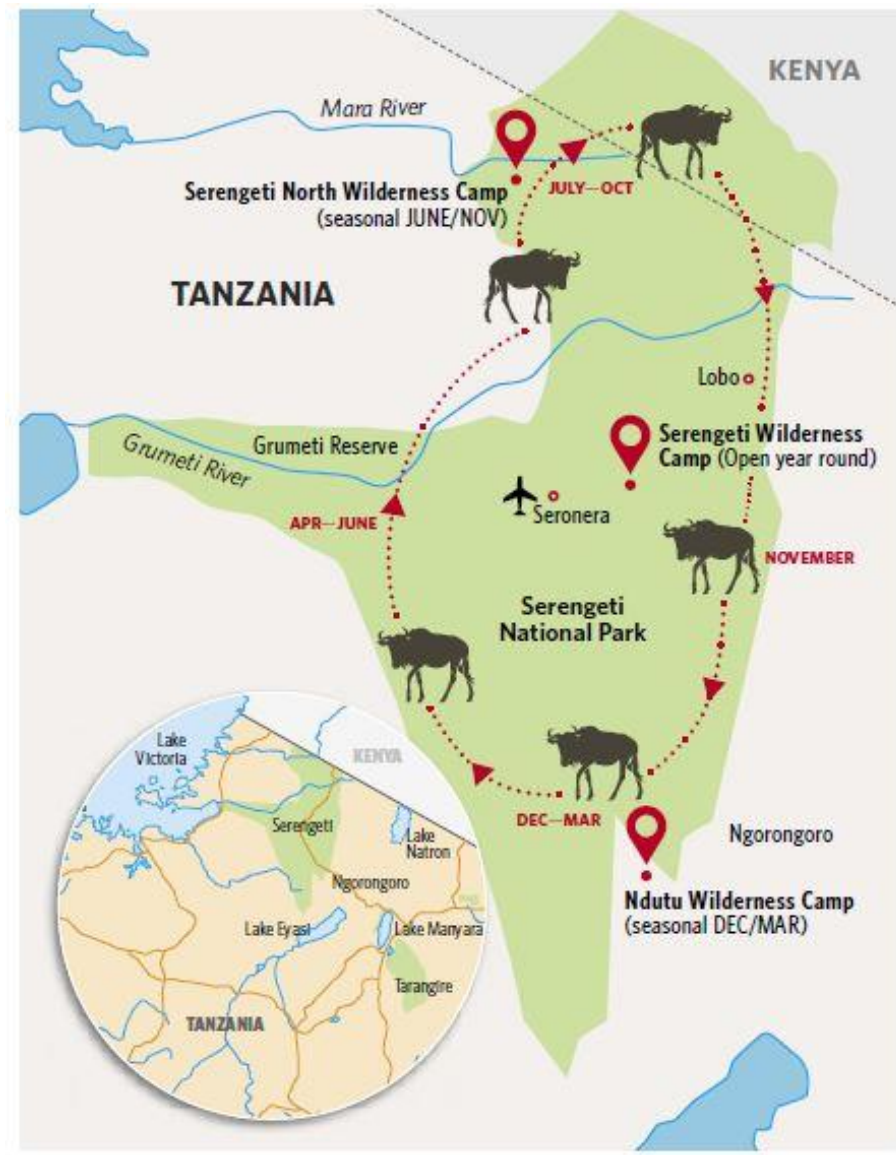
Visas are issued within 2 - 3 weeks.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Please contact us for the latest entry requirements.

Yellow fever vaccines are no longer required to enter Tanzania unless you have been via an endemic area. However, on the ground, it often differs and you are likely to be asked for Yellow Fever certificate, even if you have only been in transit via Nairobi. We strongly suggest you have a Yellow Fever vaccination, as regulations can change and often staff at border posts have the incorrect information on this, which can cause delays. (For a list of countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring yellow fever vaccination click [here](#))

Precautions against Malaria are also recommended.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.



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