

## Kili Marathon

plus Essence of Tanzania scheduled safari  
(13 - 23 Mar 2026)

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

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

***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 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 March we include nights in central Serengeti as the herds start to move northwards.



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Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
<a href="#">The African Tulip</a>	Arusha	Breakfast	<b>1 Night</b>
<a href="#">Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge</a>	Tarangire National Park	Full board	<b>2 Nights</b>
<a href="#">The Retreat at Ngorongoro</a>	Karatu	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>
<a href="#">Serengeti Wilderness Camp</a>	Serengeti	Full board including local drinks	<b>3 Nights</b>
Keys Hotel	Moshi	Breakfast	<b>3 Nights</b>

#### Brief itinerary:

Day 1	Pick up from Kilimanjaro Airport and transfer to The African Tulip.
Day 2	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 3	Full day exploring Tarangire. Overnight Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge or similar.
Day 4	Morning depart Tarangire. Continue to the highlands of Karatu, stopping on the way to view Manyara and the escarpment below. Overnight at The Retreat or similar.
Day 5	Morning Crater visit. Continue onto the Serengeti eco-system to overnight at Serengeti Wilderness camp.
Day 6	Full day exploring the Serengeti. Overnight at Serengeti Wilderness Camp, or similar.
Day 7	A full day exploring the Serengeti. Overnight as above.
Day 8	From Serengeti Central drive to Moshi to prepare for the Kilimanjaro Marathon.
Day 9	Day at leisure. Overnight Keys Hotel.
Day 10	Marathon day.
Day 11	Transfer from Moshi to Kilimanjaro Airport for your flight home.

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## Day 1: The African Tulip, Arusha (Fri, 13 Mar 2026)

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You will be met off your arrival flight at Kilimanjaro Airport and transferred through to Arusha where you will be staying at The African Tulip, a stylish boutique hotel in central Arusha, perfect for safari stopovers. It offers warm hospitality, comfortable rooms, a popular restaurant, and easy access to nearby parks and attractions. *We have suggested The African Tulip, however you're welcome to choose a different hotel for your pre-safari night if you would prefer to upgrade or opt for something more budget-friendly to suit your preferences, just let your consultant know.*

**Overnight: The African Tulip (or similar)**

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## Day 2: Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park (Sat, 14 Mar 2026)

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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 Tarangire National Park will be in the midst of the green season, with lush landscapes, tall grasses, and vibrant vegetation transforming the park into a picturesque, almost tropical setting. 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)**

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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.



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### Day 3: Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park (Sun, 15 Mar 2026)

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

**Overnight: Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge (or similar)**

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### Day 4: The Retreat, Ngorongoro (Mon, 16 Mar 2026)

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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)**

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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 our 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.




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### Days 5-7: Ngorongoro Crater - Serengeti Wilderness Camp (Tue, 17 Mar-Thu 19 Mar)

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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 in the afternoon when driving from Tarangire.*



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 Ndutu, before proceeding north through the centre and Western Corridor until 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 Serengeti Wilderness Camps (or similar)

#### **Overnight: Serengeti Wilderness Camp**

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Serengeti Wilderness Camp, our classic tented retreat in the heart of the central Serengeti, enjoys a prime position overlooking a game-rich valley with a permanent water source. Offering peaceful seclusion away from the busier areas, the camp still provides easy access to exceptional wildlife sightings. With abundant resident game, a high concentration of predators, and the Great Migration often passing through, guests can look forward to delicious meals, a laid-back atmosphere, and the genuine warmth of Tanzanian hospitality.



Fall asleep to the sounds of the African wilderness and wake up to freshly brewed tea or coffee brought to your private verandah by our welcoming camp staff. Each of our ten spacious canvas tents (9m x 6m, with a 9m x 2m verandah) offers scenic views and generous spacing for added privacy. Designed for comfort, the tents feature large double doors, netted windows for natural airflow, and a private sitting area with classic wicker furnishings. The en-

suite bathroom includes a vanity basin, gravity-fed shower, and toilet. Your verandah is the ideal place to unwind and watch wildlife wander through camp. A family tent is also available upon request.

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.




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## Day 8:      Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi      (Fri, 20 Mar 2026)

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After an unforgettable safari in the Serengeti, you'll journey southeast through Tanzania's scenic landscapes, heading towards the foothills of Africa's highest peak. Arriving in Moshi, the gateway to Mount Kilimanjaro, you'll have time to settle in and soak up the vibrant pre-race atmosphere as the town gears up for the iconic Kilimanjaro Marathon. It's the perfect way to transition from the wild beauty of the bush to the energy and excitement of one of Africa's most celebrated running events.

Nestled at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro in northern Tanzania, Moshi is a lively town known for its rich coffee-growing heritage and expansive plantations.

For clean, budget-friendly accommodation in Moshi, we recommend the sister properties Keys Uru and K's Lodge (also known as Keys Mbokomo).

Both are privately owned mid-sized hotels, rated as basic 2-star options, offering airconditioned en-suite rooms with TVs. Guests can enjoy free WiFi and, on a clear day, views of Mount Kilimanjaro from both hotels.

Facilities include a full-service restaurant offering bar snacks, main meals and pizzas throughout the day. There is also a well-stocked bar, laundry services and a swimming pool. Depending on availability, you may be accommodated at **either of the two properties**.

**Overnight Keys Hotel.**

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**Day 9:           Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi           (Sat, 21 Mar 2026)**

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As a valued Wild Frontiers guest, we've taken care of the details to make your experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Your race number and shirt will be personally delivered to your hotel—simply collect them from reception at your convenience.

With no need to queue at race registration, the day is yours to unwind by the hotel pool or explore the vibrant town of Moshi, where you can browse local curios and enjoy lunch at one of the charming restaurants.

Should you need anything or just want to say hello, feel free to visit our friendly Marathon team at the MoCU Stadium—we're always happy to assist.

**Overnight Keys Hotel.**

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**Day 10:           Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi           (Sun, 22 Mar 2026)**

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**KILIMANJARO MARATHON - Race day**

It's race day — the moment you've been training for, and Mount Kilimanjaro creates a dramatic backdrop to what promises to be an unforgettable run. Transfers to/from the stadium are included.

Good luck with the race!

**Overnight Keys Hotel.**



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**Day 11:           End of Itinerary           (Mon, 23 Mar 2026)**

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After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport to catch your flight home.

**End of safari.**

## **Package Price**

Contact us on [reservations@wildfrontiers.com](mailto: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
- 1 night accommodation at The African Tulip on a bed & breakfast basis (you can also choose alternative accommodation in Arusha if you prefer)
- Fully guided scheduled small group safari with Wild Frontiers from Day 2-9 (min 2 pax, max 7)
- 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 Serengeti Wilderness Camp including all meals, local beer, house wine and soft drinks
- Park and camp/ concession fees **USD 832** per person
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- Transfer by road back to Kilimanjaro airport (or optional flight at additional cost **USD 340** per person)
- 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
- Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport after the marathon weekend
- 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 / MAR / 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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