

Círculo de Viajes

UGANDA AND TANZANIA SAFARI ITINERARY



SAFARI DETAILS

DIA 1. MADRID DOHA ENTEBBE (UGANDA)

Salida desde Madrid con destino Entebbe.

DIA 2. ARRIVE IN ENTEBBE



On arrival at Entebbe International Airport and after clearing with Immigration and Customs formalities, you will be met by a representative of Maniago Safaris and transferred to The Boma Guest House.

Boma Guest House is a small rustic guest house set in a tropical garden in a leafy suburb, a few minutes' drive from Entebbe International Airport. Rooms combine the modern comforts one expects today with the charm and character of the original 1940's home. All rooms are individually decorated in a mixture of African and European décor, and have been designed to reflect the original colonial architecture. A cozy dining room and bar by the poolside complete the welcome that Boma offers.

Dinner at the guest house.

Overnight at Boma Guest House (Meal: Dinner)

DIA 3. ENTEBBE / BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK



This morning after an early breakfast, you will be transferred back to Entebbe International Airport for a scheduled (0700/0940hrs) flight to Kihhi. On arrival at Kihhi Airstrip, you will be met by a representative of Mahogany Springs Safari Lodge and transferred (approx. 2 hrs drive) to the lodge.

Mahogany Springs is set back on the pristine waters of the Munyanga river and facing the Impenetrable forest. The lodge offers privacy and serenity blended with optimal comfort in a spectacular setting. With some of the

most luxurious accommodation in East Africa the feeling that you will experience when staying here is beyond compare. The exotic gardens and intricately designed stone pathways leading to the river invite you to explore every corner of this magical place uncovering the various surprises along the way such as the Home grown vegetable garden.

Lunch at the lodge.

After lunch, relax and enjoy your beautiful surroundings.

Optional activities you may choose to do (some at an extra cost) include a guided nature walk along one of the many trails in Bwindi Forest. Bwindi is an ancient highland forest, and is a sanctuary to approximately half of the world's remaining 888 mountain gorillas, some of which have been habituated for tracking, and it is the only place where mountain gorillas and chimpanzees co-exist. It is also home to over 320 bird species and many plants, trees and insects that are endemic to the area or you can take a self guided community walk, visiting the local homesteads and the community hospital.

Overnight at Mahogany Springs Safari Lodge (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

DIA 4. BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK



Morning transfer to the park gate for a briefing by your guides. Upon entering the national park you will be immersed in the mysterious intimacy of the rainforest, alive with different bird calls and butterflies. The hiking to reach the gorillas can vary considerably - taking anything from 30 minutes to many hours - as the movements of the gorillas are unpredictable. Your guides will help you weave through the overhanging vines and giant lobelias that thrive in the tropical climate, as the experienced trackers, many who spend most of their time with the gorillas, will help locate the Gorilla family.

Upon sighting the gorillas, spend an hour with them as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting and raising their young. Coming face to face with a giant silverback must truly be one of the greatest wildlife experiences on earth!

After your hour with the Gorillas, return to the lodge for lunch.

Afternoon is at leisure.

Overnight at Mahogany Springs Safari Lodge (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

DIA 5. BWINDI / ENTEBBE / NAIROBI / ARUSHA



After a leisurely breakfast at the lodge, you will be transferred back to Kihiki airstrip for a scheduled flight (1405/1555hrs) to Entebbe Airport where on arrival you will connect to your scheduled flight to Arusha via Nairobi. On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport and after clearing with Immigration and Customs formalities, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Arusha Coffee Lodge.

Arusha Coffee lodge is located on the outskirts of Arusha town, hidden amongst one of Tanzania's largest coffee plantations. The lodge has been designed around the original landowner's home that dates back to the early 1900's. Within the main Plantation House there is an 'a la carte' restaurant, an intimate bar and a cozy lounge, all of which have inviting open log fires. The lodge also has two boutiques, a swimming pool and a popular garden terrace.

Dinner at the lodge.

Overnight at Arusha Coffee Lodge (Meals: Breakfast & dinner)

Optional accommodation at Legendary Lodge



Set in lush tropical gardens on a working coffee farm just outside Arusha, the Legendary Lodge features six beautiful garden cottages, each with an inspiring view of Mount Meru from its own private veranda. Designed with a unique blend of African arts and crafts, combined with old, colonial-style luxury, the cottages offer king sized beds, a separate lounge with fireplace and en-suite bathrooms. The two-bedroom Kahawa Cottage is ideal for families, while two cosy en-suite rooms are available in the Old Farmhouse for those who prefer to be closer to the dining room and guest lounge.

DIA 6. ARUSHA / LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK (Approx. 2.5 hours drive)



Breakfast at the lodge and begin your drive to Lake Manyara National Park arriving at Lake Manyara Tree Lodge in time for lunch.

Lake Manyara Tree Lodge is nestled in a dense forest between the lakeshore and the Rift Valley escarpment, in a remote corner of Lake Manyara National Park. The lodge has been built to blend-in with the natural beauty of its surroundings. Each suite is a lofty tree house with private veranda and large windows that open up to the lush forest, welcoming in the sights and sounds of the African bush. A soak in the large, free-standing tub offers a panoramic view, with an open air shower behind a simple bamboo screen. There is a lodge pool, decks and split level sitting and dining rooms.

After lunch, relax before departing for an afternoon game drive in the park.

Lake Manyara National Park sits at the base of the Great Rift Valley and is famous for its tree-climbing lions. The large shallow lake and the surrounding landscape is extremely scenic. Large fig and mahogany trees can be seen in the forest around the park gates and to the south are acacia woodlands. The lake and the surrounding area are home to over 300 bird species, including flocks of migratory flamingo. During the dry seasons, the lake waters recede exposing large grass covered areas.



Overnight at Lake Manyara Tree Lodge (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

DIA 7. LAKE MANYARA / SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK



Following an early breakfast, transfer to Manyara airstrip for a scheduled flight (08.40/0925hrs) to Serengeti National Park. On arrival at the airstrip, you will be met by a representative of Serengeti Bushtops Camp and transferred to the camp.



Serengeti Bushtops lies far off the beaten path, deep in the secluded wilderness of North Serengeti. The area around the camp offers fantastic game viewing year round and around this time of year, the Great Wildebeest Migration often pours right through the nearby woodlands bringing with it all the drama you might expect when thousands of wildebeest and Zebra pass through. (The movement of the migration is an act of nature and times can vary slightly from year to year). At camp every luxurious detail has been considered, from fine a la carte dining in an elegant open air environment with stunning views to fireplace, library, wine cellar and even message services and an outdoor tub on each guest's balcony.

Relax after lunch before you are joined by your safari driver guide for your afternoon game drive in the park.

Overnight at Serengeti Bushtops Camp (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Optional accommodation at Singita Mara River Tented Camp.



Singita Mara River Tented Camp is located in the Lamai triangle at the northern most tip of the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. The Lamai triangle forms part of the Mara ecosystem and is sandwiched between the Masai Mara National Park in Kenya, and the Mara River in the south. During the annual wildebeest migration you can often see the wildebeest and zebra crossing the river from the camp. The camp has been built from natural and recycled materials including wood, stone, canvas and raw leather. Accommodation is in six en-suite tents with a strong contemporary design, with inspiration coming from traditional African objects like baskets, pots and beads. In an effort to eliminate the use of unnecessary energy the camp runs entirely on a central, custom-designed solar power system.

DIA 8. SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK



Spend the next two days game viewing in the vast Serengeti plains.

The name 'Serengeti' comes from the Maasai language and means 'endless place'. The vast open savannahs and wooded grasslands are home to large predators like lion, leopards, cheetahs, herds of buffalo, elephant, giraffe and also to a host of plains game and a wide variety of birdlife. Serengeti is host to the great Wildebeest migration which is one of the natural wonders of the animal world - millions of wildebeest and zebra migrate in a year round pattern through Tanzania and Kenya and in the early months of each year the short grass plains of Serengeti provide the perfect setting for the calving season where hundreds of calves are born.

Overnight at Serengeti Bushtops Camp (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

DIA 9 SERENGETI / ZANZIBAR



After breakfast, transfer to the airstrip with packed lunches for a scheduled flight (1000/1435hrs) to Zanzibar via Arusha. On arrival at Zanzibar Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Diamonds La Gemma dell' Est.



Set within exotic tropical gardens and waterfalls with pristine views over the Indian Ocean, Diamonds La Gemma dell' Est is located on the north-western shores of magical Zanzibar. This resort has a total of 138 rooms, all with private terrace and with sea views. The 4 restaurants, 3 bars and oriental café offer a vast array of international and local cuisine. Facilities include an international diving centre, a water sports centre, an open air gym, a Boutique, the Baobab Congress Centre and the Mvua African Rain Spa.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the facilities at the resort.

Overnight at Diamonds La Gemma dell' Est (All Inclusive)

Optional accommodation at Diamonds Star of the East



Diamonds Star of the East is located along Nungwi Beach on the North Western tip of Zanzibar. The resort offers an oasis of tranquility, privacy and relaxation. Eleven private villas feature a private pool, terrace and garden, with breathtaking views over the Indian Ocean and the famous Zanzibar sunsets. Each villa has a personal assistant to take care of all your requirements and all villas have air-conditioning, a TV, Wireless internet connection, in room safe box, mini-bar, coffee and tea making facilities and a hair dryer. Some of the villas also have an indoor Jacuzzi. Facilities at the resort include restaurants, bars, a dive centre and the Mvua African Rain SPA.



DIA 10. ZANZIBAR



Spend the next two days at leisure to relax at the beach, enjoy the facilities at the resort or take optional activities and water sports available.

Overnight at Diamonds La Gemma dell' Est (All Inclusive)

DIA 11. ZANZIBAR / DEPART

Breakfast at the resort with the rest of the morning at leisure. Check-out time is 12.00hrs. Early lunch at the resort and then transfer to Zanzibar Airport for your international departure flight.