

## **East Africa: Safari Drives, Mountain Hikes & Chimp Trekking**

19 days, Nairobi to Dar es Salaam

Trip code DKNT

## What's included

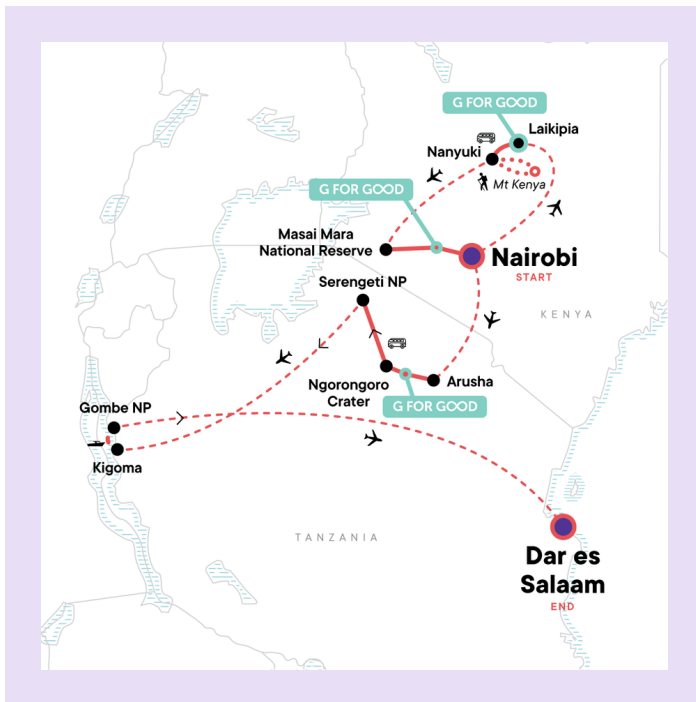
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- Your OMG Day: Mount Makarot Hike-Challenging or Moderate Trail, Ngorongoro Crater
- Complimentary Arrival Transfer
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- Maasai Guided Bush Walk and Safari Game Drive, Maasai Village Visit, Sweetwaters Chimp Sanctuary Tour, Ol Pejeta Conservancy Safari Game Drive, Hike Mt Kenya, Maasai Mara National Park safari game drive, Dinner in the Bush, Tree Planting Project, Complimentary Arrival Transfer
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- Elephant Caves Walk, Ngorongoro Crater Safari Drive, Serengeti Safari Drive, Chimp Trekking, Kakombe Waterfall Visit, Hike to Jane's Peak, Visit Jane Goodall's House, Visit Bongoyo Island

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing August 8th, 2025 and onwards

# Itinerary



**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Nairobi: Welcome to Kenya

From culture to wildlife to active adventures, Kenya has it all and has well-earned its reputation as one of the best places for safari in Africa. But this adventure goes way beyond that, bringing you a step further off the beaten path. Welcome to Nairobi and to Kenya, where we invite you to leave your hesitations behind and dive straight into the most exhilarating ten days you'll ever have.

Join your CEO and fellow travellers for a welcome briefing. Afterwards, head out for a delicious welcome dinner.



### Meals included

Dinner



### Accommodation

Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport - Nairobi

You will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to start your adventure.

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

## Il Ngwesi: Maasai Wildlife Tracking

Without a doubt the Maasai people have become the symbol of East Africa in many ways. North of Nairobi, south of Samburu, sits a very special lodge with a very special story. Il Ngwesi is owned and operated by the local Maasai community. The aim is to invite travelers to meet the community and feel completely immersed into your surroundings. It can be hard to really understand a culture when you are limited to a quick hour-long visit, and this experience at Il Ngwesi is the exact opposite. Spend plenty of time with your hosts, asking questions and discussing life. Join them on a bush walk to learn local techniques, or visit the village to learn how to craft some beautiful beadwork. With a laid back pace and a completely private experience, your stay at Il Ngwesi is completely worthy of its OMG status.

After a short flight from Nairobi to Laikipia, transfer to a vehicle to make your way north to Il Ngwesi. Keep your eyes peeled as you will be on safari some of the way to the lodge. Stretch your legs this afternoon and join your Maasai guides on a bush walk as they teach you different bird calls and how to spot elephant tracks in the bush.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Il Ngwesi Eco-Lodge (or similar)

Lodge

Owned and run by the Maasai community, Il Ngwesi offers a truly unique, once in a lifetime opportunity. Visitors to the lodge are immersed in wildlife and Maasai culture. At Il Ngwesi, join your Maasai host on a bushwalk, learn the traditional ways of hunting, watch the watering hole from the house and experience local music and dancing.



### Today's Activities

Plane

Nairobi - Lewa Downs Airstrip

1h

Sit back and enjoy the scenery on your short flight from Nairobi to Lewa Downs.

7-Seat 4x4 Safari Vehicle

Lewa Downs Airstrip - Laikipia

2h-3h

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride with a pop-up top.

A highlight of your stay at Il Ngwesi is the bush walk. Walking with the Maasai guides, the stories on the tracks and trails unfold around you as you learn to spot the different calls and habitats of the birds and animals. As you walk, you will hear the ancient tales as told by the Maasai people to explain the world around you.

#### ACTIVITY

Enjoy a truly unique stay at Il Ngwesi, an eco-lodge owned and operated by the Maasai community. Become immersed in the resident wildlife and Maasai culture, join your host on bush walks, learn more about traditional ways of hunting, watch the watering hole from a unique perch, and join in on some dancing to local music. The best part? Your stay is helping to support the nearby community while offering guests no barrier between each room and the vast savannah. Plus, the conservation efforts here have been instrumental in protecting a number of species only found in northern Kenya.

## Il Ngwesi: Village Life & Safari

Awake this morning at Il Ngwesi and with no front wall whatsoever, the fresh air wafts in as the sun rises. Rooms are built in the traditional style using wood and earth to afford travelers the opportunity to feel connected to traditional Maasai life in a very unique way. The lodge has an incredible location, set away from other tourist spots, and your hosts and guides are the Maasai men and women from the nearby community. Though not quite as modern as other facilities in Kenya, Il Ngwesi brings you straight into the heart of a Maasai community who are keen to welcome you and engage with you from the moment you arrive. Head out on safari to start the day.

Begin the day with a safari drive led by your local guides. You can spot wildlife out at the watering hole directly from the main area of the lodge, but getting out in a safari vehicle brings you much closer to the action. The afternoon includes a visit to the Maasai village with your local hosts.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



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Lodge

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### Today's Activities

Safari Drive

Laikipia

A safari game drive in the company of extremely knowledgeable Maasai guides, away from the tourist crowds and in some of Kenya's most spectacular scenery, is the perfect time to grab your camera and ask plenty of questions of the knowledgeable staff.

Maasai Village Visit

Laikipia

Admire the exquisite beaded necklaces, bracelets and earrings worn by both the men and women, and watch expert bead makers in action. Learn about the traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation.

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## Nanyuki: Jane Goodall's Chimp Sanctuary

Bid farewell to your Maasai hosts after an incredible two days of cultural discovery. Head south to Nanyuki where you will meet with 35 of your new best friends. While chimpanzees may not originate from Kenya, the OI Pejeta Conservancy opened to ensure a safe, peaceful and lifelong refuge for orphaned and abused rescued chimpanzees. Habitat loss, disease and hunting are among the main reasons chimpanzees are endangered and why Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary opened their doors. Today you have a special opportunity to visit the furry residents here at Sweetwater and take a tour of the sanctuary.

Today we have the opportunity to visit The Sweetwater Chimpanzee Sanctuary supported by the Jane Goodall Institute. While visiting with the over 30 rescued Chimpanzees, discover how OI Pejeta Conservancy is working to not only provide a safe place for these animals in need, but also to reduce the harm caused to primates across central and western Africa. In the afternoon, join a safari drive in the OI Pejeta Conservancy.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Sweetwaters Serena Camp (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Laikipia - Nanyuki

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Chimp Sanctuary Tour

Nanyuki

2h

The Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary aims to provide a refuge for chimpanzees rescued from the black market and is the only place in Kenya where our closest living relatives can be seen. The Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary was established in 1993, with an agreement between the OI Pejeta Conservancy, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the Jane Goodall Institute. The Sanctuary is now home to 35 chimps, divided into two large groups. These groups live in vast natural enclosures separated by the Ewaso Nyiro River.

Choose to go on an included but optional afternoon Game Drive through Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

Day 5

## Nanyuki: Mt Kenya Exploration

Covered in afro-alpine flora and capped with glacier, Mt Kenya is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular landscapes in Africa. Experience another side of all that Kenya has to offer by hiking a portion of this impressive mountain. Starting from Sirimon Gate and trekking through 12 km of forested slopes, crossing rivers and enjoying wildlife filled panoramic views. Though you won't summit Mt Kenya, the views from the final viewpoint on the Sirimon route are undeniably breathtaking.

Mt Kenya is the second tallest peak in Africa and today is your chance to climb part of it. Channel your inner mountaineer as you hike 12 kilometers across this extinct volcano. We'll take the Sirimon Route, popular for its unique forest and wildlife viewing. Keep an eye out for zebras as you trek this gentle hike.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Sweetwaters Serena Camp (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

Mt Kenya Hike

Sirimon Gate - Old Moses Camp

6h

12km

Hike through the moorland vegetation on the track crossing Ontulilli River before turning right, contouring through the Moorland and crossing Liki North River. Continue uphill to Mackinders Valley with panoramic views up the valleys. Here we stop for lunch before making our way back to the Old Moses camp. Packed Lunch en route.

Day 6

## Maasai Mara: Gateway to Safari

Hosting the safari Big Five, the Great Migration and offering unparalleled wildlife encounters, the Mara is a destination you could easily spend weeks discovering. With some of the largest populations of lions, leopards and cheetahs in the world, Maasai Mara is one of the most legendary safari destinations. After your flight, waste no time before your first unforgettable safari out in its rugged grasslands.

If safari is what brought you to Africa, then get your binoculars ready. After a flight to Maasai Mara, we'll head out on safari in the national park renowned for having the highest concentration of big cats in the world. You'll be amazed how these giant cats are still master disguisers.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Mara Serena Safari Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

Plane

Nanyuki - Masai Mara

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Wildlife Safari Drive

Masai Mara

You are in one of the world's top safari destinations, known for its abundance of big cats – cheetahs, leopards and lions – as well as the two million wildebeest, Thomson's gazelles and zebra that migrate annually across the vast grasslands in search of water. Set off on safari with our driver/guide on a private concession near the reserve and keep your eyes and ears peeled for movement and memories. Watch elephants and giraffe grazing, photograph zebras and wildebeest and, with a little luck, you'll even spot animals feasting on a recent kill.

## Maasai Mara: Your OMG Day

Today you get to choose! Do you want to hike or do you want to ride? If hiking sounds right for you, you'll head off to the Ooloolo Escarpment for a hike along the granite plateau. The escarpment receives more rain than any other place in the Mara triangle so picture thick, green vegetation and full watering holes that attracts thirsty wildlife. The hike takes around 3.5 hours and has an elevation gain of around 300 metres. If you're looking for something a little less green or less physical, choose to join your local guide on a morning safari drive. Both options allow for amazing safari time out on the grasslands. At night we continue our adventure in the wild savannah with a dinner in the bush.

Today might just be the best day of your trip. For your OMG Day, stay active on a 3 hour hike along the Ooloolo Escarpment, or join your local guide on a safari drive. In the afternoon, you'll head out on an afternoon safari drive that concludes with dinner in the bush under the stars.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Mara Serena Safari Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

Option 1: Ooloolo escarpment forms the western boundary of the Mara triangle running along a geological fault line forming the edge of a granite plateau that rises to a height of 400 metres from the bottom. The escarpment receives more rain than the rest of the Mara triangle and lots of fresh water streams radiate from its face, disappearing into the ground only to reappear in swamps lower down. As a result of the rains, a growth of thick vegetation is found to be growing along the escarpment. This terrain ranges from rocky crags, boulders strewn slopes and well-watered wetlands. The icing on the cake has to be the ability to enjoy endless plains of grass of the Mara Plains which are a site to see from atop the escarpment. There are several tracks here used by the Germans during WW1.

Option 2: Join a local Maasai Safari Guide on a morning drive. This area is famous for its high population of big cats and is also home to the Great Migration. Climb aboard your safari vehicle and head out in search of wildlife!

## Wildlife Safari Drive

Masai Mara

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## Dinner in the Bush

Masai Mara

Dinner in the savannah is one of those meals that is much less about what you eat, and more about where you eat. The food will be delicious, without question, but it's eating in the open air with the sights, smells and sounds of Africa all around that make this experience unforgettable. From the bush kitchen straight to your outdoor table, bon appetit!

## Maasai Mara: Safari from Sunrise to Sunset

You start to recognize familiar sounds of wildlife at dawn, the smell of the fire in the evenings after a day on safari and the feel of the vehicle as it treads through the bush. The exhilaration of spotting something new, witnessing some incredible display of Earth's diversity, is hard to give up once you've felt it. Luckily one final day of safari awaits.

After a morning on safari, we'll join a local reforestation project to plant native Acacia trees. This small exercise affords G Adventures travellers an opportunity to ensure the land and wildlife of the Mara is vibrant for years to come. While trees are planted on your behalf when you book an adventure with G, this morning you plant an extra special one in Kenya with your fellow travellers. Take a well-deserved break after lunch at the lodge before a final afternoon safari drive.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Mara Serena Safari Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



## Today's Activities

Wildlife Safari Drive

Masai Mara

Spend the morning out on safari in Maasai Mara National Park. The dawn hours present optimal conditions for observing active and vibrant animal behavior, giving us a prime opportunity to witness the untamed beauty of the wilderness awakening to a new day.

Tree Planting

Masai Mara

Support a local reforestation project by planting acacia trees with your fellow travellers.

Wildlife Safari Drive

Masai Mara

In the afternoon, head out on another safari in the Maasai Mara. As the setting sun casts mesmerizing, warm hues across the landscape, it creates stunning silhouettes which enhance the photographic allure of the wildlife. During the afternoon, many animals can become more active, engaging in their daily rituals and increasing the chances of encounters.

Day 9

## Nairobi: Farewell to Kenya

A final morning in the Maasai Mara brings the opportunity to capture a few final mental snapshots of your time on safari. Making your way north towards Nairobi, stop for a delicious lunch at Cafe Ubuntu, a social enterprise empowering women and families to provide for their communities through both the cafe and a crafts shop.

Once in Nairobi, join your CEO and fellow travellers for a final farewell meal.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Safari Vehicle

Masai Mara - Nairobi

5h30m-6h30m

245km

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride.

#### ACTIVITY

In the rural settlement of Maai Mahiu is the very special G Adventures for Good supported project, Ubuntu Café. A true social enterprise in the heart of Kenya, this initiative empowers the community, creating over 400 sustainable local jobs for mothers of children with disabilities, and supporting pediatric health and education programs in the region. Enjoy a delicious, organic farm-to-table lunch with tastes of quality coffee, breakfast tacos, soup, salad, freshly made pizzas, curry dishes and burritos.

Farewell to Kenya Dinner

Nairobi

Join your group for one last dinner together

Day 10

## Arusha: Welcome to Tanzania

From one East African gem to another, its onward to Tanzania. Arusha is the gateway to all of your Tanzania explorations. After touching down, your CEO will get you familiar with the city.

This morning, say goodbye to Kenya and hello to Tanzania. After your flight to Arusha, choose to rest or spend the day exploring the city. In the evening, join your fellow travelers and CEO for a welcome briefing and group dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Plane

Nairobi - Arusha

1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Airport Transfer

Kilimanjaro International Airport - Arusha

1h15m-1h45m

54km

Included shuttle from the airport to your hotel.



### Optional Activities - Day 10

Kikuletwa Hot springs

Arusha

Swim and relax in the natural, blue hot springs.

Coffee Tour

Arusha

Visit a coffee plantation, take a tour and taste the different brewed coffee varieties of Tanzania.

Kili Estate Horse Riding

Arusha

Ride horses through the beautiful park with a view of Mount Meru.

Day 11

## Ngorongoro Crater: Mto wa Mbu and Crater Safari

Millions of years ago when the volcano erupted, the world's largest intact and unfilled volcanic caldera was formed, creating Ngorongoro Crater. It is believed that animals like zebras, lions and rhinos fell into the crater almost 500,000 years ago and were trapped. The steepness of the crater is why you won't find a single giraffe inside. Travel to this incredible natural phenomenon after a day of cooking classes and a traditional lunch at your G for Good moment in Mto Wa Mbu.

Your first stop of the day is to Mto wa Mbu, your G for Good moment, where you'll participate in a cooking demonstration led by the women of the community. To understand this unique town more, we will take a walking tour through some of its most notable landmarks before enjoying a traditional lunch. Then head out in search of wildlife as you descend into Ngorongoro Crater on safari.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Ngorongoro Tortilis Camp (or similar)

Campground



### Today's Activities

7-Seat 4x4 Safari Vehicle

Arusha - Mto wa Mbu

2h-3h

130km

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride with a pop-up top.

#### ACTIVITY

Enjoy a cooking demonstration with some of the women from Mto wa Mbu. Create a breakfast snack that will keep you full until lunch!

7-Seat 4x4 Safari Vehicle

Mto wa Mbu - Ngorongoro Crater

1h-2h

60km

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride with a pop-up top.

Ngorongoro Crater Afternoon Wildlife Safari Drive

Ngorongoro Crater

Head down into the crater and to all the best spots to view wildlife. Spot zebras, gazelles, buffaloes and warthogs. The swamp and forest are home to hippos, rhinos, elephants, baboons and monkeys. Keep

your eyes peeled and camera ready to capture a pride of lions or a lone leopard walking along the crater floor.

Mto wa Mbu Community Walk and Lunch

Mto wa Mbu

Take part in a cultural walk to learn about life in this East African town. Mto wa Mbu has attracted some 18,000 residents from 120 different tribes. During the two-hour tour, visit the community's local market, go right to the farmer's fields, see how huts are constructed and meet artisans in their shops.

Afterwards, sit down with our new friends and enjoy a traditional lunch of meat and plantains.

## Ngorongoro Crater: Your OMG Day

Safaris don't always have to involve being seated, so set out today on two feet. On your OMG Day, choose between two incredible hiking options. The opportunity to explore the crater on foot provides a connected and humbling experience unlike any other safari adventure. If you are ready for a physical challenge, hike to the peak of Mount Makarot, arguably the most stunning view over the Ngorongoro plains. For a more mellow adventure, take Mt Makarot's more gentle trail to ascend to a view of Lake Eyasi on a laid back hike surrounded by the Ngorongoro highlands.

No matter which way you choose to hike Mt Makarot, you are guaranteed to feel the vast grandness that is so unique to the East African landscape. Enjoy a well deserved afternoon at leisure before a delicious dinner at camp.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Ngorongoro Tortilis Camp (or similar)

Campground



## Today's Activities

### ACTIVITY

Option 1: For those seeking a more relaxed and less strenuous experience, while still capturing the essence of the Ngorongoro Highlands, option one is a scenic excursion that allows you to appreciate the beauty of Lake Eyasi from a distance. This option involves a leisurely ascent of less than 500 metres. It's a perfect choice for those who prefer a more laid-back adventure. As you ascend, you'll reach a vantage point that provides a stunning view of Lake Eyasi. The vastness of the lake, surrounded by the Highland's landscape, creates a captivating scene for photography and relaxation.

Option 2: Climbing Mt Makarot is the more physically challenging option today. Starting from camp, head out into the acacia canopy and climb a steep track upwards. With your Maasai guide and armed ranger, continue upwards, looking down at Maasai villages both near and far below. Your Maasai guides carry lunch and water and are experts in pointing out flora and fauna as you ascend. The elevation gain is approximately 800 metres, with Ngorongoro crater already sitting at around 2200m above sea level. Summit Mt Makarot at 3100m above sea level, and for your efforts you are rewarded with stunning views of the Ngorongoro Crater itself and the surrounding plains.

## Serengeti: Safari in the Serengeti

Ngorongoro Crater and The Serengeti are two of the world's most renowned safari destinations. Driving from one iconic spot to the next means three and a half hours of nonstop beauty, wildlife and adventure. But don't go anywhere, because your time in the Serengeti is just starting. So grab your binoculars and your camera and get ready to experience some of the most jaw dropping wildlife encounters.

Today is a full day out on safari as we keep our eyes peeled for wildlife on our drive out of the Ngorongoro Crater to Serengeti National Park. Your first safari in the Serengeti wouldn't be complete without a picnic. So set the blanket up, relax and enjoy your first moments in one of the most incredible parks in the world.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

7-Seat 4x4 Safari Vehicle

Ngorongoro Crater - Serengeti National Park

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride with a pop-up top.

Serengeti National Park Wildlife Safari Drive

Serengeti National Park

This is the reason you came to Africa. Charge your camera, grab your binoculars and set out on safari. Your eagle-eyed driver will keep an eye out for wildlife – buffaloes, elephants, lions, wildebeests, zebras and more. Enjoy the scenery, the vast expanse of the grasslands, the play of light and shadow and the up-close look at wild Africa.

## Serengeti: Wildlife of Tanzania

The Serengeti is famed for its sheer numbers of wildlife. Millions of wildebeests, zebras and gazelles flock to this national park every year—accompanied by hungry predators. See for yourself how huge lions can blend into the golden backdrop of the savannah, or how giant giraffes can bend down so low that you don't see them until they're right in front of you.

What better way to spend your time in the Serengeti than a full day out on safari? Grab your camera and head out for your game drives. Have a picnic in the park and enjoy all the magic the Serengeti has to offer from sunup to sundown.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

Serengeti National Park Wildlife Safari Drive

Serengeti National Park

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Day 15

## Gombe: From Kigoma to Gombe Stream National Park

The encounters you experience on safari are life changing and some are more rare than others. With so few places left on Earth that are home to wild chimpanzees, your trek into Gombe Stream National Park may be one of the most special moments on your Tanzania trip. Adventure to the national park where Dr Jane Goodall lived and conducted her groundbreaking research on chimpanzees. Her work there, and her lifelong commitment to conservation and the protection of animals, continues to inspire travellers to this day.

To arrive to this remote part of the world, we take a plane, a road transfer and a boat to our lakefront jungle lodge. Just like the gorillas of Rwanda, trekking to see an endangered wild animal like the chimpanzee requires special care and attention to ensure their environment remains safe and protected. Tonight with your group, learn all there is to know about ensuring the safety of yourself and the chimpanzees throughout your trekking experience.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Mbali Mbali Gombe Lodge (or similar)

Lodge

Mbali Mbali Gombe is located on ancient montane forest bordering the second deepest lake in the world, Lake Tanganyika. Travel by boat to reach our eco-friendly lodge within Gombe Stream National Park. Luxury tents were designed to have every comfort while minimizing disturbance or impact on the natural environment we visit.



### Today's Activities

Boat

Kigoma - Gombe Stream National Park

Take a boat transfer from Kigoma to Gombe National Park

Chimp Trek Preparation Meeting

Gombe Stream National Park

In following National Park regulations and to be a responsible traveler, there are certain rules and protocol we must follow to safely and respectfully see chimpanzees. Don't worry though, this helps prepare everyone and make sure the trek is as amazing as it can be.

Plane

Serengeti National Park - Kigoma

3h

Flight from Seronera Airstrip to Kigoma Airport

Day 16

## Gombe: Chimp Trekking

Spending an hour with a family of chimpanzees is a life changing event. With complex social hierarchies, intelligent communication and human-like behavior, it's easy to see why these are our closest relatives. Spend the day trekking to see the chimpanzees. With any luck, encounter them and spend an hour observing them in their natural habitat.

Today will be a magical day. Meet your guide and head out to Kasekela where you'll begin your chimp trek. Travel on foot as your guide uses their tracking skills to find where the chimpanzees are that day. Don't forget to bring your camera so you can remember this moment forever. In the afternoon, spend free time on Lake Tanganyika.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Mbali Mbali Gombe Lodge (or similar)

Lodge

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Gombe Stream National Park

Free time on Lake Tanganyika

Chimp Trekking

Gombe Stream National Park

A chimpanzee trekking day in Gombe Stream National Park is a unique and humbling experience, offering you a glimpse into the world of these fascinating primates and the delicate ecosystem they inhabit. It's a day filled with discovery, wonder, and a deep connection to the wonders of nature. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this incredible journey in one of Tanzania's most iconic wildlife destinations. Chimp trekking times can vary, depending on the location of the chimps. After breakfast, you'll gather at the camp, where you'll be introduced to your experienced guide. Their knowledge of the

park, its inhabitants, and the nuances of chimpanzee behavior will prove invaluable throughout your trekking experience. With your guide and ranger leading the way, you'll set off on foot, venturing into the dense and captivating forest that serves as the chimpanzees' natural habitat. The forest is alive with the vibrant colors of birds, the rustling of leaves, and the distant echoes of chimpanzee calls, creating an immersive environment for your journey.

Chimpanzee Encounters: Gombe Stream is home to several habituated chimpanzee families, and your guide and ranger will use their tracking skills to take you to the areas where the chimpanzees were last seen. Your guide will remind you to maintain a respectful distance to ensure the chimpanzees' comfort and natural behavior. A maximum of one hour may be spent near the animals once they are spotted.



## Optional Activities - Day 16

Kayak on Lake Tanganyika

Gombe Stream National Park

Take in the views of the rainforest of Gombe Stream National Park from the kayak on Lake Tanganyika.

Fishing on Lake Tanganyika

Gombe Stream National Park

Lake Tanganyika is an excellent place to go fishing, and you can spend the afternoon out on the lake on a fishing excursion. The chef will cook up whatever you catch out on the water!

Day 17

## Kigoma: Dr. Goodall's Footsteps

Since chimpanzees are gravely endangered, there are many efforts in place to help protect the species in Tanzania. Thankfully, there are legendary conservationists, like Dr. Jane Goodall, paving the way for their protection. Spend the day exploring some of Jane Goodall's most iconic spots. Visit her former house and the research station. Hike to Jane's Peak and take a moment to reflect on yesterday's adventures before travelling to Dar es Salaam.

On the unusual occasion that you did not see chimps on your trek the day before, you have the option to go out on an early morning trek for a second attempt. After the day spent exploring, return to the town of Kigoma on a boat across Lake Tanganika and fly to Dar es Salaam.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Hotel Slipway (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Chimp Trekking

Gombe Stream National Park

If we did not see chimps on our trek the first day, our National Park pass allows us to re-enter the park for a second try early this morning. This way we are more likely to find the Kasekela chimp community. This is included, so you have the option to wake up early and join us to try again.

Hike to Jane's Peak

Gombe Stream National Park

Hike to the point known as Jane's Peak. This place sits above the canopy and was the site of one of Dr. Goodall's major primatological discoveries.

Visit Jane Goodall's Home

Gombe Stream National Park

Visit Jane Goodall's home in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania.

Boat

Gombe Stream National Park - Kigoma

2h

20km

Take a boat from Gombe Stream National Park to Kigoma.

Plane

Kigoma - Dar es Salaam

2h15m

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Day 18

## Dar es Salaam: A Seaside Farewell to Tanzania

On your final day in Tanzania, spend time by the coast to rest your mind and body before the return home. After an epic 10 days spent discovering Tanzania's diverse beauty, a free full day in Dar es Salaam's seaside coastal area is the perfect end to an incredible adventure.

Enjoy free time in Dar es Salaam and choose how you want to spend your last day. Join your CEO on an excursion to the tropical island reserve, Bongoyo Island. Or choose to explore the city, do some last minute souvenir shopping or relax at the hotel. In the evening join your group for a farewell dinner together.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



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Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Dar es Salaam

If you would prefer to relax, do some souvenir shopping or explore Dar Es Salaam, you can opt to have free time today.

Farewell Dinner

Dar es Salaam

Join your group for a farewell dinner at a seaside restaurant.



### Optional Activities - Day 18

Bongoyo Island Visit

Dar es Salaam

Take a boat to to Bongoyo Island for the afternoon. Departing from the Slipway Marina, these boats are public ferries and your CEO will join you for some fun in the sun this afternoon.

Your adventure comes to an end, and you can depart at any time today.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Il Ngwesi Eco-Lodge Stay, Il Ngwesi
- Your G for Good Moment: Café Ubuntu 3-Course Farm-to-Table Lunch, Maai Mahiu
- Your G for Good Moment: Mto wa Mbu Cooking Class, Mto wa Mbu
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your OMG Day: Olololo Escarpment Hike or Maasai Mara Safari Drive, Masai Mara
- Your OMG Day: Mount Makarot Hike-Challenging or Moderate Trail, Ngorongoro Crater
- Complimentary Arrival Transfer
- Welcome and Farewell dinners
- Maasai Guided Bush Walk and Safari Game Drive, Maasai Village Visit, Sweetwaters Chimp Sanctuary Tour, Ol Pejeta Conservancy Safari Game Drive, Hike Mt Kenya, Maasai Mara National Park safari game drive, Dinner in the Bush, Tree Planting Project, Complimentary Arrival Transfer
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- Elephant Caves Walk, Ngorongoro Crater Safari Drive, Serengeti Safari Drive, Chimp Trekking, Kakombe Waterfall Visit, Hike to Jane's Peak, Visit Jane Goodall's House, Visit Bongoyo Island

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## What is the group leader like?

On this tour, you will be accompanied by a group Chief Experience Officer (CEO) and an expert driver. The Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will be the group manager and leader. All of our leaders in East Africa are registered and licensed tourism guides, meaning they've studied to have a broad knowledge base of the region's history, cultures, and wildlife, and are legally certified to lead/guide tours in the regions visited. Most of our leaders in the region are from East Africa, though it may be possible that you'll have a leader from another country in the southern African region.

As the group manager and leader, the aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places where are travelling, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. He/she will take care of the small things so you can concentrate on enjoying your adventure. In addition, as an integral part of the team, your driver is skilled and experienced driver who has intimate knowledge of the vehicle and routes travelled.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting.

## How large will the group be?

Max 12

## What meals are included in this trip?

18 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 18 dinners

## What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, plane, walking, open-air safari vehicle, boat.

## What transportation will we take on this trip?

This trip is done in private 7 seat 4x4 Land cruiser vehicles. With sliding windows and a large pop-up roofs, these vehicles are designed for wildlife viewing. If there is a large group, 2 vehicles will be used.

## Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?

Please be advised that any flights noted on the G Adventures Itinerary for this tour are included in the tour services provided. Flight tickets are provided by G Adventures during the tour. The date for this service will match the day of the itinerary, for which Day 1 is equal to the start date noted on the Invoice under Land Services: Tour. If flight information is required in advance for visa purposes, please contact G Adventures.

Please note, internal flights on this tour have a maximum checked luggage weight of 15kg (33 lbs).

## Where will we stay during the trip?

Community Owned Lodge (2nts) Hotel (5nts), Safari Lodge (11nts).

## **Do any exceptions apply to Rooming or “My Own Room” on my tour?**

Night 2, 3, 15, 16

## **What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?**

Rustic Community Owned Lodge (2nts), Hotel (5nts), Safari Lodge (10nts)

## **What are the joining instructions?**

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1, or if you arrive up to three days prior provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through G Adventures in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

Our driver will be waiting for you with a G Adventures sign, and they will be waiting for you outside the luggage hall. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. Included arrival transfers are provided from the nearest airport to your starting location. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

For any issues relating to pre-booked transfers for Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, including delays or missed transfers, please contact our airport transfer operator:

Mr. Ashwin Bhatt

During office hours, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

From outside of Kenya: +254 721 474 814 or +254 729 163 545

From within Kenya: 0721 474 814 or 0729 163 545

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Office (Nairobi, Kenya)

From outside Kenya: +254 727 208 832

From within Kenya: 0727 208 832

G Adventures Local Representative (Tanzania)

During office hours, 9am-5pm local time:

From outside Tanzania: +255 754 400 141

From within Tanzania: 0754 400 141

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## **What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?**

If you would like to book an airport Departure transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

## Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

**Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

**Light Hiking:**

- Hiking boots
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Walking poles

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

Kenya:

As of January 1st 2024, the Kenyan government announced the introduction of a new Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) scheme, eliminating the requirement for all nationalities to obtain a visitor visa for Kenya. ALL travellers must apply for the eTA, including those that were previously exempt.

For more information, please refer to the eTA site [here](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

It may be required to show a Yellow Fever certificate upon entering the country. Please check in with your local consulate and health expert for advice on Yellow Fever and other inoculations required for this area.

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Tanzania:

Border crossing from Kenya into Tanzania is via Arusha Airport.

Tanzania Host information for the online Visa application for travellers:

- 1) Host - G Adventures
- 2) Full Name - G Adventures
- 3) Email - experience@gadventures.com
- 4) Relationship - Tour Operator
- 5) Mobile No - +255 754 400 141
- 6) Company Name / Organisation registration No - G Adventures
- 7) Physical Address: P.O.Box 1912, Boma Road, Arusha

Information is accurate as of March 1st, 2024.

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

On the Geluxe Collection tours, tipping is included for all included activities and meals. Tipping is not included for the CEO or Porterage. Should you want some basic guidelines on tipping for the activities you do on your own, please see below. At the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline would be \$10-\$15 per person, per day.

For meals and activities not included in your itinerary, it is appropriate in Africa to tip 10%. Though not compulsory, tipping is expected. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels and shows an expression of satisfaction.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

### Arusha

- Kikuletwa Hot springs
- Coffee Tour
- Kili Estate Horse Riding

### Gombe Stream National Park

- Kayak on Lake Tanganyika
- Fishing on Lake Tanganyika

### Dar es Salaam

- Bongoyo Island Visit

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

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## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

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