



Highlight Serengeti Photographer Tour

Africa Photographer
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in cooperation with

Zara Tours 

Zara Tours is a local company, established in 1986, located in Moshi, Tanzania



For those who love photography, nature and the bush!

Enjoy with every sense...

We had not left Africa yet...

„... but when I woke in the night I would lie, listening, homesick for it already. “

Ernest Hemingway

These words came to my mind when I was waiting at Kilimanjaro Airport for my journey home ... I haven't left my Africa yet and I'm homesick already. I cried, my eyes full of tears...

Description of the trip

Prices: please consult schedule and price list.

Participants: max. 6 persons, min. 4 persons.

Included: transport during the tour, 2 persons per car (sufficient room for photo equipment and you), driver/guide per car, lodgings and all meals during the safari (full board), fees for national parks and parks, balloon ride, visit of Maasai village, Water during the safari.

Not included: return flights Germany – Tanzania – Germany (individual booking), driver tips, dinner drinks, Visa fees.

Period: February (Large Migration and during gnu births) and – upon request – any month. Arrival is always on **Fridays** at Kilimanjaro Airport Rd., Tanzania before 2 pm; departures always on **Saturdays** from 3 pm.

Tour guide: Brigitte Nickel-Zeiger and Zara Tours.

Pictures of the camps and lodges: please see page 7.

Pictures are taken in the mind and in the soul...

„One eye of the photographer looks wide open through the finder, the other one, closed, looks right into your own soul.“

Henri Cartier-Bresson

On this tour you will rediscover yourself and be as close to the animals as possible. An experience that goes deeper than just the surface. An experience that goes deep into the heart of the Serengeti. Your camera and your eyes will follow the animals. For those guests who want to enjoy my beloved Serengeti and more, it's time to clear your head and thoughts and to be curious for what you are going to experience.



Itinerary/Reiseverlauf/Tour

Day 1

Today all participants will arrive in order to join this **Highlight Photographer Tour**. Therefore, all flights should arrive by 2 pm local time at Kilimanjaro Airport. Our guides and, of course, myself will be waiting there to give you a warm welcome.

We will then drive about 30 km to Moshi, a small town at the foot of the beautiful Kilimanjaro. Here we'll check in to our hotel and you will have time to relax a little. In the late afternoon Africa's tallest mountain (5895m) will hopefully present itself to us under the best conditions – clear and cloudless – so we can take our first pictures! We hope the weather will be on our side.

Day 1 we'll stay at: Springlands Hotel

Day 2

After an early breakfast together, we will start our first tour. We're heading for the Tarangire National Park. I am fascinated by this park which has lots of elephants and lion packs. It'll be exciting to see which animals we meet. Afterwards we'll drive to our lodge (near Karatu) where we will have a wonderful view over the coffee plantations. The staff of the lodge will welcome us there.

Day 2 we'll stay at: High View Coffee Lodge

Day 3

Today we start early because the Ngorongoro crater is waiting for us. The undisputed jewel of Tanzania, the world's biggest waterless crater, is ours for the day. We'll drive 600 meters deep into the crater. If we're lucky and patient the „Big Five“ will be waiting for us: lions, rhinos, buffalos, leopards and elephants; along with zebras and other interesting animals such as gnus and gazelles. Around lunchtime we will enjoy a meal in fitting manner. Just like Hemingway in the past. Wait and see.

Day 3 we'll stay at: Serengeti Wild Camp

Day 4

Serengeti mustn't die. That's why we are heading for Serenget, as it is also called, in the early morning. My spirits rise every time I'm here. We will go on a game drive to grasp the chance to see leopards, cheetahs, lions, elephants, zebras and gazelles. The unique landscape we are in will warm your heart and fill your memory cards. In the afternoon, having reached the camp, we will have some time to relax, because in the evening the next **highlight** is waiting for us.



Tonight is ,special time‘. We are having our Night Game Safari which means pure excitement! Later, back in the camp, we will have a little nightcap and go to bed, because tomorrow we start early again.

Day 4 we‘ll stay at: Ikoma Wild Camp

Day 5

After breakfast our ,Walking Safari‘ starts. Let’s wait and see which animals say ,good morning,‘ to us! It could be giraffes, buffalos or little dik diks (the smallest species of antelope). For our own safety we will be accompanied by a ranger.

After the ,Walking Safari,‘ we‘ll store bags/luggage in the cars and head for the Serengeti where we‘ll drift around to meet big cats and elephants, zebras and gnus etc. We will enjoy a sundowner in the beautiful Serengeti Safari Lodge. It will be our home for the following three days. Please don’t forget your bathing clothes, the swimming pool has a spectacular view... You have never seen anything like it. Here we will be able to take a closer look at our pictures, to motivate each other and to exchange ideas about what could, for example, still be improved. Enjoying and relaxing are also on today’s agenda, just as we like it.

Day 5 we‘ll stay at: Serengeti Safari Lodge

Day 6

This day still belongs to the Serengeti.

We are going up in the air! Today, a hot-air balloon safari is on the agenda.

We won’t sleep late, not at all. Today we‘ll get up really early; we’re being picked up in the dark. We drive through the pitch dark Serengeti. At the balloon’s starting point our pilot will give us instructions. When we are ready for take-off, the balloons filled with helium, we will climb into the baskets. And off we go.... Believe me, it’s an experience you will never forget. Slowly hovering over the treetops, seeing the animals waking up, the hippos ashore, the elephants, it’s unforgettable. My heart races every time I think about it. The ride is not the only experience, there are even nicer things waiting for us. But I’ll leave you alone now with your curiosity and happy eagerness.

Afterwards we will cruise the Serengeti by car again. While some of you might still be lost in thoughts of the balloon ride, we will be looking for lions, leopards and cheetahs. After an eventful day we return to our lodge for a sundowner.

Day 6 we‘ll stay at: Serengeti Safari Lodge



Day 7

All day long the Serengeti belongs to us and, naturally, to the animals.

Again we go deerstalking in the vastness of the Serengeti. Our way will be lined with umbrella acacias and baobabs. You will listen to the call of the wild, the animals' voices.

If you like, we can drive back to our lodge for lunch. We'll discuss that the previous evening. Or we'll have lunch boxes in the car and enjoy our meal in the vastness of the Serengeti. A truly unique moment.

Day 7 we'll stay at: Serengeti Safari Lodge

Day 8

After breakfast we'll pass the edge of the Ngorongoro crater in order to go to Karatu. We'll visit a Maasai village and you'll be impressed by how the Maasai are still living today.

On our way we will of course say „hello“ to the animals and save them in our hearts and our cameras. We will see various vegetation zones, because the edge of the Ngorongoro crater has an average altitude of 2300 m. It may rain now and then and fog is not unusual either.

Day 8 we'll stay at: High View Coffee Lodge

Day 9

Today it's time to say goodbye. Goodbye to a country I have taken deeply into my heart. But today there is no need for me to cry. I leave it up to you to shed a tear or two. If need be, feel free to cry. The local people and those at the airport are at least used to seeing me cry.

From Karatu we'll pass a landscape that you already know; the dark red earth, the green coffee plantations, the colourfully dressed people. It's another beautiful memory for our eyes and our hearts.

We'll drive together to Kilimanjaro Airport. Now we really have to say goodbye to the country, my Tanzania. I'd be really happy if you enjoyed this tour and, perhaps, to welcome you again soon to my beautiful country.

With an affectionate „**Kwa heri**“ I will bid you farewell and say „**Asante sana**“ that **you** have made this trip so special. Because it's only you that makes it special and I am glad that I was able to show you my Tanzania.

Please book the return flights starting from 3 pm local time.



Inspiration





Pictures from the lodges und camps

High View Coffee Lodge



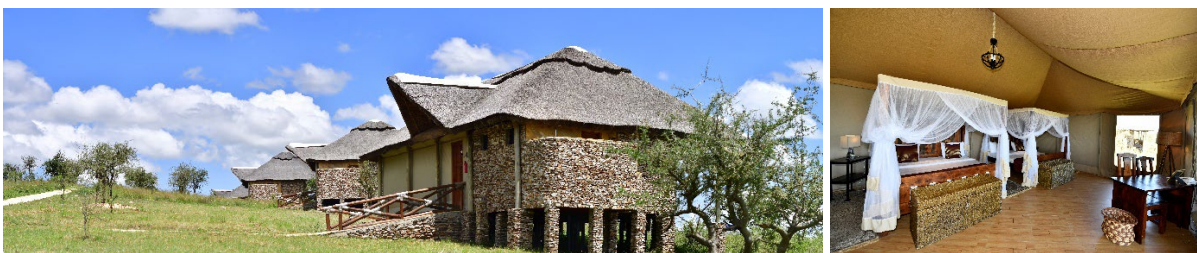
Serengeti Wild Camp



Ikoma Wild Camp



Serengeti Safari Lodge





Guidelines

Changes to lodges and camps are possible, e.g. when heavy rains make the paths impassable. However, alternative, equivalent accommodation will be provided if necessary. The balloon safari can be cancelled due to the weather. Since we spend a few days in the Serengeti, we can postpone the trip to the next day. If the balloon safari fails completely, that part of the travel price will be reimbursed. The weather in January and February is generally very good. There can always be a rain shower in between, which is usually over quickly. But we do not really have the weather in our hands. We don't let it stop us though; I have experienced some wonderful times in the rain.

Other Guidelines:

Photo equipment: Bring whichever camera suits you best. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Beanbags: Available in all cars. Beanbags help to fasten the cameras and can be used as a tripod; therefore you don't need your own tripod in the car.

Visa: Please file your individual application at your own expense.

http://www.visum.de/laenderinformationen/visum-beantragen.php?land=Tansania&konsulat=&bundesland=NRW&reisezweck=Touristenvisum&reisezweck_volltext=Touristenvisum

Tips for the drivers: At your own discretion.



Power supply for rechargeable batteries: English three-pin plug

Luggage: Please do not bring hard-top cases because the luggage has to be stored in our all-terrain vehicles. The storage space is quite limited.

Choosing insurance contracts: recommended: travel cancelation, curtailment of travel, international health insurance, luggage insurance, etc.

You can find **medical information** on vaccinations here: www.auswaertiges-amt.de

Travel literature: Reise Know-How Tanzanias Nationalparks mit Safari-Urlaubsplaner: Reiseführer für individuelles Entdecken, EAN: 9783831724680, von Jörg Gabriel



Important information on payments

Payments: by transfer

Conditions of payment and cancellation of this trip:

20 % of the travel price is payable with booking

80 % of the travel price is payable 70 days before travel date

In case of cancellation the following amounts will be retained:

- Up to 30 days before travelling date 20 % of the travel price will be retained
- Up to 14 days before travelling date 50 % of the travel price will be retained
- Less than 14 days before travelling date 100 % of the travel price will be retained



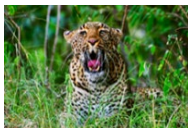
For your individual dreams, ideas, next steps and plans.



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