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ARUSHA and NORTHERN TANZANIA 2025 TOURING



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**~ All tours should be pre-booked and operate with a minimum of 2 people ~**



## TOURING IN ARUSHA

### Arusha City Tour and Shopping

Arusha is the safari capital of East Africa. A bustling, vibrant town, it offers visitors an opportunity to shop at a variety of stores – from unique artisan boutiques with high quality crafts to curio markets. Enjoy the use of your private vehicle and guide for a half or full day of exploring.

**Cost: \$110.00 per person Half-Day** (excluding lunch, based on 2 people)

**Cost: \$200.00 per person Full-Day** (excluding lunch, based on 2 people)

Below are some of our favorite experiences.

1) Arusha is a coffee lover's dream destination! Visit The Arusha Coffee Lodge or Burka Estate and take their **"Bean-to-Cup" Coffee Estate Tours**, where you have the opportunity to explore the world of coffee like never before (see additional cost below). Or visit **Msumbi Coffee Estate's** flagship café in Arusha for a fresh cup and shop for the perfect souvenir of a bag of coffee to take home to friends and family.

**Coffee Tour entrance fee + \$45.00 per person** (min 2 people at Arusha Coffee Lodge, min 4 people at Burka Estate) plus half or full day vehicle fee.

2) Shop at **Shanga** for unique and high-quality handmade jewelry and glassware incorporating recycled materials. This social enterprise employs people with disabilities, who create these special pieces (located at Arusha Coffee Lodge). A similar experience can be found at **Sanaa's workshop** for an opportunity to meet the local disabled artists and shop for their one-of-kind pieces. The storefront is located in the Gran Melia Arusha Hotel and has a charming café attached, ideal for a snack or beverage.





3) There are many jewelry shops selling the brilliant Tanzanite gemstones in Arusha, but the **Tanzanite Experience** stands out and offers you the chance to learn bit a more about its history and how it was formed in their museum.

4) The **Cultural Heritage Center** is well worth visiting also because of the architecture of the Art Gallery and for the art displayed. Experience artwork from over 120 Tanzanian tribes as well as a large collection from Ghana, Mali and the Ivory Coast.

5) A visit to the **Canine Conservation Project** is ideal for those interested in learning about how dogs are used to track wildlife poachers. You will be met by one of the senior trainers, who will introduce you to the work they do. You will then meet the dogs at the kennels before proceeding to demonstrate the skills of our detection dogs and if time, our tracking dogs. Visits usually last 1.5 hours and as the center is located outside of Arusha, a full-day vehicle hire would be needed. A donation of \$100.00 per person is requested and paid directly. *(Please note this must be pre-booked well in advance.)*

6) Foodies rejoice! Join a **traditional cooking class** with a local Woman's Foundation and learn to prepare and sample a variety of Swahili dishes, such as samosas, spiced rice, makande and urio (the menu will change according to allergies and dietary requirements). Minimum 2 people, approximately 3 hours long. Cost: \$80.00 per person (include roundtrip transfers from local hotels).

Some fun restaurant recommendations include: The Blue Heron, Sanaa Café and the Arusha Coffee Lodge's Bistro.





## TOURING ON OUTSKIRTS OF ARUSHA

### Arusha National Park

Depart with your guide for a full day's excursion to nearby Arusha National Park, including visits to the Momella Lakes and Ngurdoto Crater. This gem of a "mountain park" is by and large, overlooked by the vast majority of tourists. Arusha National Park has terrain ranging from open savannah through acacia scrublands to Afro-montane cloud and rain forest, and Afro-alpine vegetation similar to Mount Kilimanjaro. There are several alkaline lakes and the spectacular Ngurdoto Crater is not to be missed. Mammal species include elephant, buffalo, various primates, giraffe and leopard. This is one park where you can see the colobus monkey.

Hiking is allowed if accompanied by an armed guard, and the climb up Mount Meru is superb, often giving the best views available of Mount Kilimanjaro. At 4,556m, Mount Meru is the fifth highest mountain in Africa. Due to low density of visitors the chances of seeing forest animals and especially primates like black and white colobus monkeys are far better than on Kilimanjaro.

**Cost: \$395.00 per person Full Day with guided walk and picnic lunch**

### Canoeing on Momella Lakes in Arusha National Park

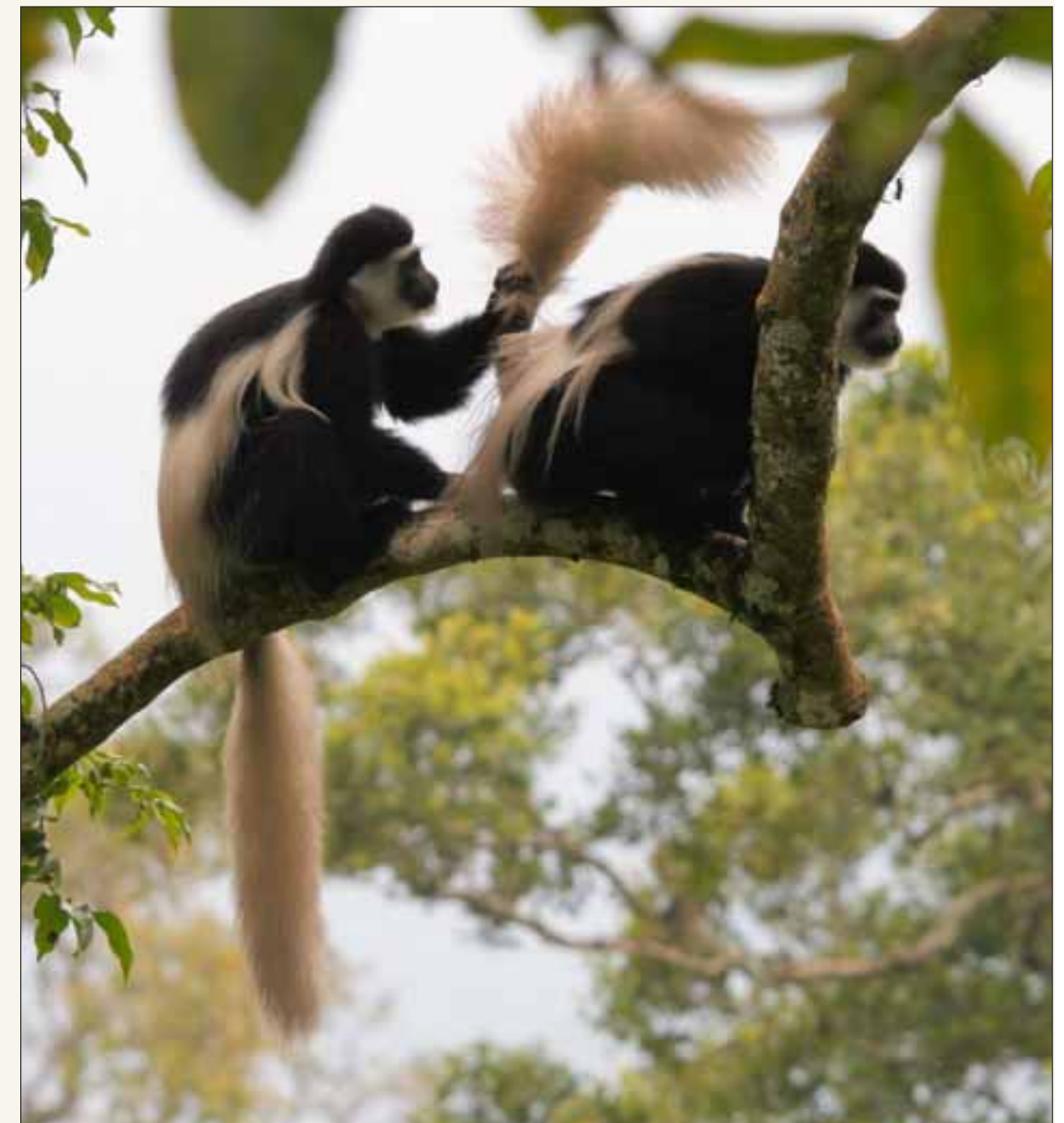
Depart this morning at 7:00am. Take a two-hour game drive from Arusha to Lake Momella Ndogo. On your game drive you often see groups of browsing giraffe, warthogs kneeling in search of food, waterbuck, bushbuck and red duiker. You might even see some black and white colobus monkeys with their grand coats. The fauna and flora of this park is breathtaking and its size makes this park an ideal half-day destination. Canoeing allows you to get out of the vehicles and breathe the air and smell the scents of nature.

Arrive at the launching site by 9:30am. The canoeing guide will brief you on the dos and don'ts before you board the stable two-person canoes from a jetty. You circumnavigate the lake spotting some of the 500 species strong birds in the park. Along the way, if nature allows, you might see solitary bushbuck, herds of grazing buffalo, giraffe, waterbuck and hopefully some fat hippo. Mount Meru is magnificent, and on a clear day, you will also be able to see Mount Kilimanjaro towering on the horizon. You return to the launching site after a relaxing 2- to 2.5 hour paddle. The canoeing safari is moderately strenuous. The type of canoe that will be used is very easy to operate and does not require any special skills. All safaris will be with the wind from behind, thus making it much easier for you to paddle. The aim of the canoeing safari is to view game on the shoreline, thus the safari always stays close to the shore.

Guides will have VHF radios on the canoes to communicate with a support vehicle on the mainland. The support vehicle can assist in the case of an emergency and will reach any point on the shore. All guides are trained instructors and have been walking and mountain biking guides before they were trained as canoeing guides.

Return to your Arusha hotel late in the afternoon.

**Cost: \$460.00 per person Full Day with canoe and picnic lunch**





### **Half-Day hiking the lower slopes of Mt. Meru**

After breakfast you will be picked up by your guide and transferred to the lower slopes of Mt Meru. The hike is approximately 10 kms and you will walk through villages and forest. You might see some Sykes Monkeys or Colobus Monkeys jumping and feeding in the trees. Depending on the area of the hike as this is weather dependent you will also pass through a few coffee plantations. You will then return to the lodge in time for lunch.

**From Arusha Hotel - Cost: \$135.00 per person**

### **Scenic Flight around Mt. Kilimanjaro**

Experience the beauty of the highest mountain in Africa as you explore Mt Kilimanjaro by plane! Board the 14-seater turbine engine Cessna Caravan, flown by two experienced pilots. The flight is one hour in duration. Take off from Arusha Airport, heading east soaring above Arusha city, Arusha National Park, West Kilimanjaro, Shira Plateau, Glaciers, Reusch Crater, Mawenzi Peak and returning via Mt. Meru. Be sure to bring your camera!

**\$750.00 per person** (roundtrip shared transfers from Arusha hotels included) / minimum 4 pax for flight to operate





### **Full-Day N’Giresi Village Cultural Tour**

N’Giresi village is situated 7 kms out of Arusha on the green and steep slopes of Mt. Meru. The local tribe is the Wa-Arusha and they are all farmers. They are related to the Maasai tribe but have gradually shifted from pastoralism to agriculture. Some Wa-Arusha still live in the traditional bomas and others try to build stone houses. Some depend on income from their cows and others have cultivated large plots.

The full-day tour is recommended and it starts at Mzee Loti’s farm where clients are welcomed with a cup of tea/coffee and get an explanation of bio gas, cross breeding and soil conservation projects on the farm. As the village is situated on the slopes of Mt Meru farmers are applying terraces to avoid soil erosion. Wa-Arusha live together with their cattle and goats in the same house and you are able to see how their houses are built to accommodate all.

You are taken to see the banana and coffee farms and shown different agricultural activities including some small-scale irrigation. Eventually you stop at the village school where the head teacher gives you a brief about the school and the education system in general. During school days the children may sing for you. You will be taken around the school buildings and shown classrooms that have been built from the money put aside for cultural tourism. There is a waterfall where clients can also go for a short hike and enjoy seeing water from Mt. Meru cascading down.

**Cost: \$255.00 per person Full-Day with lunch including village fees and transfers from/to Arusha**

**Cost: \$270.00 per person Full-Day with lunch & waterfalls hikes - including village fees and transfers from/to Arusha**

### **Visit Malaika Children’s Friends**

Travel to Malaika Children’s Friends Orphanage, located in Arusha and spend a few hours with the children of this center dedicated to providing alternatives to children who have lost parents or otherwise do not have an acceptable home environment. The center helps these youngsters with education, health and life skills and visitors find this opportunity gives them a rewarding experience and chance to learn about the African culture through their visit. (request our Donation Wish List).

**Cost : \$230.00 for the vehicle (shared by your party)**





## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ON SAFARI

### Tarangire Park:

#### 1) Bush Walks

Available for guests staying at Chem Chem and Little Chem Chem. Walks take place in the private Chem Chem Game Concession, the corridor between Tarangire National Park and Lake Manyara, away from roads. You will walk through open acacia woodlands and the chance to see big game.

**Cost: Included in your stay at Chem Chem and Little Chem Chem**

#### 2) Night game drives

Experience the thrill of a night safari in Tarangire and enjoy a rare opportunity to explore the park after dark. Aided by the specialized lighting on the safari vehicle, you'll search for elusive nocturnal creatures that emerge only after dusk. You might catch a glimpse of a leopard or African wild cat hunting its prey, as well as lions, hyenas, spotted genet, serval, bat-eared foxes, owls and nightjars. Please note this is a shared game drive.

**Cost: From \$125.00-\$200.00 per person** (please ask for specific rates based on your camp – available at Tarangire Ndovu, Lemala Mpingo Ridge, Kuro Camp and Swala Camp)

#### 3) Olasiti Maasai Village Visit

Chief Lobulu is the head of the Olasiti Village near Tarangire National Park. You will meet him and his 5 wives and learn all about East Africa's most famous tribe, the Maasai. The tour will take you around their boma and you will see and experience the typical daily life of the Maasai.

**Cost: \$40.00 per person**

### Lake Manyara:

#### 1) Forest Hike (2.5-3 hrs)

This activity is perfect for guests who want to have a good hike and who enjoy observing a peaceful natural environment. Leave Serena Lodge reception on foot, walk along the edge of the escarpment, descend down into a nearby gorge, explore groundwater springs, and end the hike at the Lake Manyara National Park entrance gate to be driven back to your lodge, or on to your next destination.

**Cost: \$55.00 per person**

#### 2) Cultural walk to the Mto Wa Mbu village (2.5-3 hrs)

During this walk you go on a 2-hour stroll through the local farming village of Mto Wa Mbu. This village is unique in Tanzania since it is home to over 120 different tribes from across Africa. The walk will take you to see local farms, schools, churches, milling machine and much more. Our guide will join you and act as the facilitator to ensure you enjoy the trip and be safe.

**Cost: \$60.00 per person (additional \$25 per person for local lunch)**





### 3) Mountain biking on the lakeshore (3 hrs)

Experience local cultures from your bike on a 3-hour mountain bike ride through the farming village of Mto Wa Mbu. You visit local farms, schools, church, milling machine, a local bar and enjoy the sights and sounds of this vibrant village. Cycle to the lake shore where there are stunning vistas of the lake, the Rift Valley Wall and small herds of wildlife. The ride is on fairly flat single tracks

**Cost: \$85.00 per person**

**4) Night game drive into Lake Manyara Park** – This experience is completely different from a day safari as a whole new world of nocturnal animal species awaits you. The illusive animals are generally active at night and Lake Manyara National Park is full of them! Porcupines, genets and civet cats are frequent visitors to the forest and also hippos, lions and leopards.

**Cost: \$75.00 per person + \$60.00 park fees**

### 5) Treetop Walkway (1 hr)

Manyara Treetop Walkway takes you on a sky-high adventure through the beautiful forest of Lake Manyara. Walk among the treetops and experience untouched nature and wildlife from a unique perspective. This 370m airwalk starts with a short boardwalk that gradually rises from ground level up through the canopy of the forest. You walk over a series of suspension bridges with thick netting on the sides and reach a height of 18m off the ground. Each of the bridges end on a viewing deck situated around tree trunks. These treetop platforms are perfect places to stop and enjoy life in the canopy amongst butterflies, monkeys and birds.

During this walk guides will point out interesting facts about the Lake Manyara flora and fauna, while you can enjoy a unique birds-eye view of the world around you. This walkway is one of the longest treetop walkways in Africa and a great outdoor activity for nature lovers and adventure seekers.

**Cost: \$75.00 per person for the activity only (Plus \$60 Manyara park entrance fees)**

### 6) Visit Amani Children's Home

“Amani” is the Kiswahili word for “peace” and is the ideal way to describe this residential and educational program for children in MtoWa Mbu Village. Amani provides safe housing, nutritious meals, education and socialization for orphans and children of under-privileged children. Over 40 children from ages 3 to 14 call Amani home. (No cost for this visit enroute to/from the Lake Manyara area during your safari).





## Lake Eyasi

### **Kisima Ngeda Primary School**

Today you will drive half an hour to a small village where the lodge owner, staff and guests have taken the community into their hearts, and are all trying to help. The Kisima Ngeda Primary School has of around 485 students, aged between 4 and 13 years of age; 8 teachers and 7 classrooms. You will spend the afternoon at the school and visiting the different classrooms. By visiting the school, you will be sponsoring the cost of providing lunch for all of the children and staff that day. *(Visit is only available if school is in session).*

*(Available when based at Ziwani Lodge – No Cost (Donations welcomed)*



## Karatu / Ngorongoro Area:

### **Gibbs Farm Excursion**

- 1) A walk to the top of a nearby waterfall and also see the caves made by elephants. This guided walk takes about two hours and often you may see wildlife and a multitude of birds in the forest. **(\$30.00 per person)**
- 2) A hike to the local village and Tloma Primary School **(Small donation – payable directly)**
- 3) A guided farm and garden walks through the organic vegetable garden, coffee plantation and dairy *(Complimentary)*
- 4) A Tanzania culture visit the Makonde Carving Studio and the Iraqw Cultural Center (if time permits - **\$230.00 per vehicle**)





### Olduvai Excursion

When visiting Olduvai Gorge for a visit to Richard Leakey's Museum, an optional permit can be purchased to visit the Archeological Site, where traces of early man were unearthed. Continue through the Shifting Sands to then enter the Serengeti park gate.

**Permit Cost: \$36.00 per Person**



### **Full Day Empakai Crater hike**

Experience the beauty of the Empakai Crater on this exciting hike. Tucked away in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, this hidden gem offers a unique blend of stunning scenery, wildlife encounters, and cultural immersion.

Transfer from your lodge in the morning to the trailhead and begin with a walk through the forested hills to the crater's rim. Here you will enjoy the panoramic views of the deep caldera, spanning 3.7 miles in width, and a soda lake shimmering at its base. There is also the opportunity to see Ol Doinyo Lengai volcano, Lake Natron, the Great Rift Valley and even Mt. Kilimanjaro (on a clear day).

For the more adventurous, a guided descent into the crater is offered. The steep slope calls for a degree of fitness but it is well worth the effort. You may encounter some animals including blue monkeys, bush buck, water buck, an array of bird life and perhaps some local Maasai villagers.

Morning departure and hike. Return to your lodge in the mid-afternoon depending on the speed of your hike. Picnic boxed lunch is included.

**Cost: \$110.00 per person**





**Ballooning over the Serengeti (Children must be at least 7 years old and 48 inches tall)**

Awake between 4:30am-5:30am in the morning with steaming hot coffee and tea brought to your room. Depart between 5.00-6:00am for a short drive to where the hot-air balloons are being filled. Moments later, lift above the plains of the Serengeti for the ride of a lifetime. Silently viewing game from the perfect vantage point, you brush the tops of giant acacia trees for close-up views of birds' nests and baboons. Most animals take little notice, but somehow the hippos know you are there. Maybe it is your shadow or the occasional firing of the burners necessary to keep you aloft that they notice.

The pilot is entertaining and knowledgeable of the ecosystems you fly over and points out a variety of large birds flying along side you and plains game and perhaps a lion or cheetah. You may have the opportunity to see part of the Great Serengeti Migration from the air — an awesome sight indeed!

The return to earth is an event in itself. About an hour after lift-off, the pilot will make a perfect crash landing. (By the way, all landings are crash landings, so just follow your pilot's instructions and join in the fun.) Minutes later, a champagne breakfast appears on the open savannah within clear view of wildebeest, buffalo and zebra. Your return to camp is another exciting game drive. Ballooning is available in Southern, Central, Western and Northern Serengeti

**Cost: \$625.00 per person**

*\*\*There may be additional Travel Protection Premium of up to \$11 per person for the Travelex Adventure Sports Upgrade based on your state of residence. Please contact our office for updated plan cost.*

