CLASSIC TANZANIA & PEMBA







Depart London Heathrow flying with Qatar Airways.



QR0002 Economy Dep: London Heathrow 21:30 Arr: I

Arr: Doha 06:20 (+1 day)



Day 02 DOHA - KILIMANJARO - ARUSHA

Arrive into Doha and meet an onward flight.



QR1353 Economy Dep: Doha 08:30

Arr: Kilimanjaro 14:45

Arrive into Kilimanjaro International Airport. Clear customs and immigration formalities.

Visas:

All British passport holders need a tourist or business visa to enter Tanzania. Tanzania has introduced an 'e-visas' system through which applications can be submitted and approved online in advance of travel. It is no longer possible to get a visa from the Tanzanian High Commission in London.

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Arusha Coffee Lodge 1 x Plantation Room on a Half Board basis for 1-night

Located in a verdant coffee plantation, Arusha Coffee Lodge is a sanctuary of aromatic tranquility and a welcome retreat after a long international flight, or the dust and excitement of a thrilling bush safari. Reminiscent of traditional plantation houses, 30 wooden chalets with spacious, airy and modern interiors are nestled amongst the surrounding gardens and coffee trees. Turning off the road, a tree-lined driveway guides you to the warm and inviting main area with its quiet understated aura of luxury. Vibrant gardens, a spa, a collection of boutiques and a swimming pool await, and a restaurant, Bacchus, and café bistro, 3° South, boast menus to satisfy the most discerning of palates.

The 18 Plantation Rooms are cosy and comfortably furnished rooms nestled among the aromatic coffee trees. A welcoming atmosphere greets guests, who enjoy an inviting in-room log fire, en-suite bathroom with shower and bath, and a veranda overlooking the surrounding green coffee garden.



Dinner at your lodge.



Day 03 ARUSHA – TARANGIRE

After breakfast, meet your experienced English private-driver guide with private 4WD safari vehicle.

Your safari experience will involve many exciting days viewing wildlife. As such, we pay utmost importance to the quality and comfort of your safari vehicle. Our safari vehicles are all converted into custom-built safari cars, with pop-up roof to enable visitors to view wildlife better. All vehicles are fitted with thickly-cushioned individual seats. All 4WD Safari Land Cruisers can carry between 5 and 7 persons and everyone is guaranteed a window seat. All safari vehicles have two-way radio communication equipment fitted to keep in contact with our offices. An electric fridge, an inverter system for charging your cameras, phones and iPads, a pair of binoculars and reference books on mammals, birds, flora and fauna are all standard equipment in each safari vehicle.

When you book with Distinctive Africa you are assured driver-guides who are extensively trained, qualified and experienced. Their knowledge spans over virtually everything you will encounter on safari - the wildlife, flora and fauna, the birdlife, the people and the local culture. Each driver-guide undergoes a rigorous and mandatory training program, and their experience over the years means they are a wealth of information at all times.





CONT... ARUSHA – TARANGIRE

Depart for Tarangire (around 2 hours) and enjoy a full day game drive with picnic lunch (included).

Covering 2,600 square kilometres, Tarangire abounds with a wonderful diversity of wildlife and is dominated by numerous huge baobab trees that create a lasting impression on all its visitors. Tarangire is at its finest during the dry season, between June and October when, the park is witness to an elephant migration which is fantastic. Herds of hundreds of elephant congregate at the banks of the river which is an incredible sight. The dry season is when the Tarangire River and the various swamps attract the highest concentration of wildlife, providing a lifeline to thousands of species. The density of wildlife in Tarangire is second only to that of the Serengeti and the area is best for oryx, kudu, wildebeest, zebra, elephant, buffalo and eland but leopard and hyena are also found here. Located south of Lake Manyara and just over 100km from Arusha, this is a delightful, untamed gem of a park that is very accessible on most itineraries.

Tarangire Treetops

1 x Treetops Elevated Suite on an All-Inclusive basis for 1-night

All-Inclusive Basis:

Your stay includes full board accommodation, soft drinks, beer, house wines, selected spirits and laundry.

On the path of an annual elephant migration, Tarangire Treetops sits alone in a 312km2 private wildlife area bordering Tarangire National Park, amid a landscape of rolling and baobab-studded hills. The elevated suites are perched high up with views over the adjacent baobab and marula trees giving Tarangire Treetops an adventurous and exotic feel. Encasing an impressive baobab tree, the spacious and tranquil dining room, reception and lounge overlook the swimming pool and a waterhole that sees a steady flow of animal visitors.

Each Treetops Elevated Suite boasts one of the largest bedrooms to be found in any camp or lodge in East Africa with a floor space of 65m2 and all with an exotic double shower en-suite bathroom. With furnishings that create warmth and demonstrate a commitment to local craftsmanship, the 'up-in-the-air' experience is completed by the open-fronted room design affording views across the Tarangire plains from an expansive but private balcony. Each room offers a unique and special view, oriented to enjoy the sunset in the evening, sunrise in the morning or affording a view over the waterhole and animal trail in front of the lodge.



Enjoy the excitement of a night game drive (included).

The African bush certainly does not sleep at night! Learn about and encounter Africa's elusive nocturnal creatures on a night drive. Whether you are searching for the rare pangolin or watching a leopard hunt, you will be surprised by what goes on after dark!



Day 04 TARANGIRE – LAKE MANYARA – NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast, depart for Lake Manyara (around 1.5 hours) passing through Makuyuni and Mto wa Mbu villages. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in Lake Manyara National Park and the Lake Manyara Treetop Walkway (included). Picnic lunch (included).



Lake Manyara was made a National Park in 1960 and covers an area of 330 square kilometres, of which some 230 square kilometres are lake. It lies at the foot of the western wall of the Rift Valley Escarpment and is particularly famous for its elephant and tree-climbing lions. It is also well known for its rich variety of birdlife in both the forest and along the lake shore. Manyara provides the perfect introduction to Tanzania's birdlife. More than 400 species have been recorded, and even a first-time visitor to Africa might reasonably expect to observe 100 of these in one day. Highlights include thousands of pink-hued flamingos on their perpetual migration, as well as other large water birds such as pelicans, cormorants and storks.

Tanzania's first and only Treetop Walkway, located in Lake Manyara National Park. The walkway is an excellent way to experience this groundwater forest ecosystem from a unique birds-eye view. This sky-high adventure has a total walking distance of 370 metres and a maximum height of 18 metres (59 feet). The walkway is built up with 10 suspension bridges along with several viewing decks situated around tree trunks. The guides are well trained to provide assistance on the bridge as well as information on the trees, butterflies, birds, monkeys and various wildlife that guests can expect to see.

Treetop Walkway Details:

This tour is around 1 - 1.5 hours in duration. You will need closed-toe, secure and covered shoes.



CONT... TARANGIRE – LAKE MANYARA – NGORONGORO CRATER

Afterwards, continue to the Ngorogoro Highlands (around 1 hour) and your lodge.

The Manor at Ngorongoro

1 x Manor Cottage on an All-Inclusive basis for 2-nights

All-Inclusive Basis:

Your stay includes full board accommodation, soft drinks, beer, house wines, selected spirits and laundry.

The Manor at Ngorongoro is home to 20 luxurious cottages and the magnificent main Manor House and is one of the first safari lodges of its kind to blend East African hospitality with old-world Afro-European architecture and decor. Located adjacent to the famous Ngorongoro Conservation Area and within a 1500-acre Arabica coffee estate, The Manor is reminiscent of an elegant up-country farm home in the Cape Dutch-style of architecture.



Each Manor Cottage has its own private entrance and adjoining private sun terrace. A double open-fronted log-burning fireplace divides a room interior that mirrors the traditional Cape Dutch architecture. The en-suite bath and shower room boasts a Victorian-style claw-footed bath as well as twin vanity basins and large 'rainfall' shower.



Day 05 NGORONGORO CRATER

Full day exploring the Ngorongoro Crater.

This morning, descend into the crater to experience the majestic beauty of caldera with picnic lunch (included). Later in the afternoon, return to the lodge for time at leisure.



A true natural wonder, the Ngorongoro Crater has a magical setting and abundant wildlife. A collapsed volcano over 2.5 million years old and almost 10 miles across, this caldera has steep forested walls which both retrain and protect the wildlife. The crater floor has a permanent population of over 30,000 animals and it is one of the few places in Tanzania where it is possible to see the 'Big Five' in a single game drive. This is a unique haven and many of the lodges are spectacularly located on the edge of the crater rim overlooking the caldera. Each morning you will descend through dense forest and lush vegetation to explore what is often dubbed 'Africa's Eden'. Home to the endangered black rhino, the timeless scene is completed by Masai herdsmen who graze their cattle alongside the wildlife like they have for centuries. The crater is the focus of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area which boasts a diversity of landscape, people and archaeology.



Day 06 NGORONGORO CRATER – SERENGETI

After breakfast, drive to the central Serengeti (around 3 hours) and enjoy game drives en-route. Lunch on arrival to your camp.

Serengeti Pioneer Camp 1 x Safari Tent on an All-Inclusive basis for 3-nights

All-Inclusive Basis:

Your stay includes full board accommodation, soft drinks, beer, house wines, selected spirits and laundry.

Located in the Southern Serengeti (within the Moru Kopjes area), Serengeti Pioneer Camp is ideally situated to offer exceptional access to the annual migration and the 'Big 5' with sweeping views overlooking Moru Kopjes, Lake Magadi and the endless plains. Paying homage to the mobile camps of the 1930's, a time when an African safari was truly a journey into the unknown, Serengeti Pioneer Camp's 'zero footprint' and close proximity to nature combines to make an unmistakably distinctive and truly individual offering. A dining tent hosts the camp's guests for both breakfast and dinner.

Comprising of 10 Safari Tents all of which have en-suite facilities including a flushing toilet, vanity basin, and solar-power hot showers. The tent interiors are designed to evoke the very best of an era long-gone but certainly not forgotten.





Days 07 - 08 SERENGETI

Two full days exploring the Serengeti National Park with picnic lunch (if required).



Serengeti Pioneer Camp's prime location allows guests to be in the midst of the drama of the annual Great Migration calving season, which occurs January to March. An evolutionary phenomenon, in the short span of just a few weeks some 400,000 calves are born while the herds reside in the Southern Serengeti region. The event attracts numerous predators, and visitors to the area have the opportunities to witness one of the grandest shows in nature. When the herds of wildebeest and zebra have left on their journey back north, what remains in the area is an abundance of wildlife and excellent game viewing year-round. The Serengeti is famed for its Big 5, and guests to Serengeti Pioneer Camp will be treated to some of the best game viewing opportunities in East Africa.

Nearby, Lake Magadi is a large soda lake, and seasonally home to thousands of pink flamingo, a sight to behold. Year round the lake is home to numerous bird species to be enjoyed and is an easy drive from camp. Also nearby are the Moru Kopjes; a rocky outcrop with great historical significance to the Maasai people. Moru Kopjes features ancient Masai paintings on many of its boulders. Another fascination of the kopje, are the gong rocks, a geological phenomenon of rocks that produce musical sounds when hit, which were used as a communication tool by the Maasai people.



CONT... SERENGETI



Float in a hot air balloon over the famous Serengeti National Park with its enchanting scenery and amazing wildlife. This may be the most beautiful area in the world for a balloon flight. There are no power lines, fences and few roads. This is an exclusive excursion over the Serengeti plains, offering unparalleled panoramic views of the awe-inspiring landscape. Only two balloons fly each day, each with a capacity of only 16 people.

Your balloon safari adventure starts early morning when you depart your lodge or camp at around 05:00. It is still dark and you may be fortunate to see nocturnal animals on the way to the launch site. When you arrive, you will meet your pilot and witness your balloon being inflated and prepared for launch. After a thorough safety briefing and demonstration of boarding and landing position you board your balloon and lift off for a one hour flight! Rising as the sun rises your balloon floats in whatever direction the winds of the day are heading over this wonderful area. As you float over the plains in the increasing light, enjoy breath-taking panoramic view of the plains. Much of the remainder of the flight will be at a tree-top or even grass-top level for some close-up views of the wildlife, flora and fauna below.

On landing, you are met by the ground support team with a bottle of champagne. Then it's off to a special 'Out of Africa' breakfast, which will have been set up under a fine umbrella tree close to the landing spot. You are served a full cooked English breakfast with some tropical additions - a fine spread served on bone china with silver cutlery and crystal glasses making a memorable finale to your adventure. The balloon safari is complete at around 0900am, and you are returned to the meeting point to be met by our driver-guide to continue with further activities.

Please Note:

Passengers weighing above 120kgs (19 stone) will be charged for two and provided two places.







Day 09 SERENGETI - ARUSHA – PEMBA

After breakfast, enjoy a game drive en-route to the airstrip at Seronera with a picnic lunch (included) to meet an onward flight with Auric Air or similar.



Auric Air Economy Dep: Seronera TBA

Arr: Pemba TBA

Auric Air:

Baggage is strictly limited to 15kg per person (including hand luggage). There is a change of plane in Arusha en-route.

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

The Aiyana Pemba Lodge 1 x Prestige Beachfront Villa on a Full Board basis for 4-nights

The Aiyana nestles on the northern most edge of Pemba Island, a mere a 30-minutes mini-plane ride from Zanzibar and boasts the most beautiful natural beach. Pure and chic, The Aiyana has been designed and built around the concept of simple materiality and consummate craftsmanship. The vernacular architecture, high ceilings, pastel-white colours, fragrant gardens, natural forms and traditional African building materials come together perfectly and melt into the sublime natural décor of this little slice of heaven. Farm to table, the cuisine is all about bringing out the big flavours.



The one-bedroom Prestige Beachfront Villas measure 85m2 and offer a greeting pavilion, balcony with beach view, in-villa bathroom, king-size bed, outdoor sitting area, shower and separate bathtub, double vanities, WC, hairdryer, LCD TV, expansive front and rear gardens and an outdoor shower.





Days 10 - 12 PEMBA

Days at leisure. Optional tours and activities can be arranged locally.



Pemba has been separated from the mainland and Zanzibar for decades, leaving an untouched and pristine island of great beauty and fertility. The mosaic of forests, swamps, mangroves, hidden beaches and lagoons is scattered with the ruins of mosques and tombs mostly reclaimed by the forest with sites that date back to Arab domination when Pemba was seized by the Sultan of Muscat (Oman) in the 17th Century. Pemba slightly smaller but is much more rural than Zanzibar. Where Zanzibar (Unguja) is relatively flat, Pemba's hills and escarpments are green and picturesque; coloured by the rich greens of ten types of mangoes, and many hundreds of clove trees that have traditionally supported the fortunes of this island of spice. Pemba is still the world's major clove producer, around 70% of all cloves deriving from there, but now plays its more traditional role of being an island paradise with small inter-island trade.



Day 13 PEMBA – DAR ES SALAAM - DOHA

Private transfer to the airport to meet an onward flight with Auric Air or similar.

Auric Air Economy Dep: Pemba TBA

Arr: Dar Es Salaam TBA

Auric Air:

Baggage is strictly limited to 15kg per person (including hand luggage). There is a change of plane in Arusha en-route.

Transfer on arrival from the domestic to the international terminal to meet return flights with Qatar Airways.



QR1348 Economy Dep: Dar Es Salaam 17:20 Arr: Doha 23:45



Day 14 DOHA - LONDON



OR0009 Economy Dep: Doha 01:40

Arr: London Heathrow 07:05

Arrive back into London Heathrow via Doha.



HOLIDAY COST

From £10,380.00 per person

A deposit of around 20% is usually required to secure a booking

Includes

- Flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Accommodation as listed.
- Transfers and transport as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Government taxes and park fees.

Excludes

- Local departure taxes, park fee increases and VAT increases where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.* *In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.

Please Note

- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

Booking Conditions

- A deposit of around 20% is usually required to secure a booking.
- The final balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.
- You can review our full booking conditions at: <u>www.distinctiveafrica.co.uk</u>.

Passenger Information

- Please provide full passport details on confirmation of booking.
- It may be a requirement that you have a valid Yellow Fever certificate to enter into Tanzania.

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