

12-Day Luxury Tanzania Safari – Bush to Beach

📍 Zanzibar, Tarangire, Ngorongoro, Serengeti, Lake Manyara



Experience the perfect blend of adventure, culture, and relaxation on this **12-Day Luxury Tanzania Safari**. This journey takes you from the pristine beaches of **Zanzibar** to the wild safari parks of northern Tanzania. It is ideal for couples, families, and solo travelers seeking an unforgettable African adventure.

Your trip begins in **Zanzibar**, where you will spend six days exploring tropical beaches and cultural highlights. First, stroll through **Stone Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit fragrant **spice plantations**. Then, enjoy leisure time on white-sand beaches, swim in turquoise waters, or relax at your luxury resort. Optional activities include the **Safari Blue Tour**, snorkeling over coral reefs, sailing on traditional dhows, and visiting **Jozani Forest** to see red colobus monkeys.

Next, fly to **Arusha** to begin your safari adventure. Start with **Tarangire National Park**, famous for large elephant herds and iconic baobab trees. Continue to **Lake Manyara National Park**, where tree-climbing lions and flamingos await. Then explore the legendary **Serengeti National Park**, home to the Big Five and the Great Migration. Finally, descend into the **Ngorongoro Crater**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for close wildlife encounters in a stunning natural amphitheater.

Throughout the safari, stay in **luxury lodges** such as Four Seasons Serengeti, [Chem Chem Lodge](#), and Ngorongoro Crater Lodge. These properties combine comfort, fine dining, and spectacular views of the wilderness.

This itinerary offers a seamless **bush-to-beach experience**. You will enjoy thrilling game drives, cultural exploration, and tropical relaxation. With every detail carefully planned, Paul Tours Safari ensures a journey filled with adventure, comfort, and lasting memories.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
2-7

Language:
English, France, Germany, Spain

Duration:
12

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival in Zanzibar



Your adventure begins upon arrival at **Zanzibar International Airport**, where a Paul Tours Safari representative will greet you and assist with your transfer to **Park Hyatt Zanzibar** in Stone Town. After checking in, take time to relax and settle into your luxurious surroundings.

Depending on your arrival time, explore the charming streets of **Stone Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with historic architecture, vibrant markets, and cultural landmarks. In the evening, enjoy a **welcome dinner** at the hotel or a nearby restaurant overlooking the ocean, where your guide will provide an overview of the upcoming itinerary. This first day is designed to help you **unwind after your flight** while immersing you in the rich history and unique atmosphere of Zanzibar. Overnight stay at **Park Hyatt Zanzibar**.

Meals Included
DINNER,

Duration
3 Hours

Day 2 : Zanzibar – Spice Farms and Cultural Exploration



After a leisurely breakfast at **Park Hyatt Zanzibar**, embark on a guided tour of Zanzibar’s famous **spice plantations**. Learn about the cultivation of cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, and other aromatic spices that have shaped the island’s history and economy. Continue to **Stone Town**, exploring its winding streets, historic buildings, and landmarks such as the **House of Wonders** and the **Old Fort**. Along the way,

interact with local artisans and shop for handmade souvenirs, gaining insight into the island’s vibrant culture. In the afternoon, return to your hotel for some leisure time—relax by the pool or take a stroll along the nearby waterfront. In the evening, enjoy a **dinner featuring local Swahili cuisine**, preparing for the tropical adventure ahead. Overnight stay at **Park Hyatt Zanzibar**.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 4 : Zanzibar – Beach Transfer and Relaxation



After breakfast at **Park Hyatt Zanzibar**, transfer to **Zuri Zanzibar Resort** on the northern beaches of the island. This scenic drive allows you to enjoy glimpses of Zanzibar's lush landscapes and coastal scenery. Upon arrival, check in and take time to settle into your luxurious villa or bungalow, complete with private terraces and stunning ocean views. Spend the day **relaxing on the pristine white-sand beaches**, swimming in the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean, or lounging by the infinity pool. Optional activities include kayaking,

paddleboarding, or indulging in a rejuvenating spa treatment at the resort. In the evening, savor a **gourmet dinner** at the resort's beachfront restaurant while watching the sunset over the horizon. Overnight stay at **Zuri Zanzibar Resort**, immersing yourself in tropical tranquility in preparation for the adventures ahead.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 4 : Zanzibar – Marine Adventures and Dhow Cruise



After breakfast at **Zuri Zanzibar Resort**, embark on the renowned **Safari Blue Tour** for a full day of marine exploration. Cruise in a traditional dhow along the turquoise waters, snorkel among vibrant coral reefs, and discover the diverse marine life that surrounds the island. During the tour, enjoy a **fresh seafood BBQ lunch** on a secluded sandbank while soaking in the sun and ocean views. In the afternoon,

return to the resort for leisure time—relax on the beach, swim in the pool, or enjoy optional water sports. As the day winds down, indulge in a **sunset cocktail** at the resort and savor a gourmet dinner featuring local and international cuisine. Overnight stay at **Zuri Zanzibar Resort**, enjoying the peaceful ambiance and luxury accommodations.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 5 : Zanzibar – Jozani Forest and Leisure



After breakfast at **Zuri Zanzibar Resort**, take a morning excursion to **Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park**, home to the rare red colobus monkeys and a variety of tropical flora. Enjoy a guided walk through the forest trails, observing the unique wildlife and learning about the ecosystem's importance to the island. After the excursion, return to your resort for an afternoon of **relaxation on the beach** or by the infinity pool. Optional activities include kayaking, paddleboarding, or a

spa treatment for ultimate rejuvenation. In the evening, watch the spectacular **Zanzibar sunset** from your beachfront villa before enjoying a gourmet dinner featuring Swahili-inspired cuisine. Overnight stay at **Zuri Zanzibar Resort**, allowing you to unwind fully before beginning the safari portion of your journey.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 6 : Zanzibar – Free Day / Optional Excursions



After breakfast at **Zuri Zanzibar Resort**, enjoy a full day at leisure to relax and soak in the tropical surroundings. You can spend your time **lounging on the beach**, swimming in the turquoise waters, or indulging in spa treatments at the resort. For those seeking adventure, optional excursions include **diving trips, deep-sea fishing, or another dhow cruise** to explore the nearby coral reefs and marine life. This free day allows you to **recharge and enjoy the island at your own pace** before

the safari portion begins. In the evening, savor a delicious dinner at the resort, watching the sun dip below the horizon. Overnight stay at **Zuri Zanzibar Resort**, concluding your beach adventure and preparing for the thrilling safari ahead.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
6 Hours

Day 7 : Zanzibar → Arusha → Tarangire National Park



After an early breakfast at **Zuri Zanzibar Resort**, transfer to **Zanzibar Airport** for your domestic flight to **Arusha**, the gateway to northern Tanzania's safari parks. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by your Paul Tours Safari representative and enjoy a scenic drive through the rolling landscapes and farmlands toward **Tarangire National Park**, famous for its towering baobab trees and large herds of elephants. On the way, spot traditional Maasai villages, grazing livestock, and scenic

panoramas of the African plains.

Arriving at Tarangire, embark on an **afternoon game drive** through the park's diverse ecosystems, including open savannahs, acacia woodlands, and riverine areas. Observe **elephants bathing in the river, giraffes browsing the trees, zebras grazing peacefully**, and possibly predators such as lions and leopards in their natural habitat. Learn from your experienced safari guide about the park's unique flora and fauna, including endemic bird species and wildlife behavior.

As the sun begins to set, enjoy the golden glow over the park, creating perfect photo opportunities. In the evening, check in at **Chem Chem Lodge**, a luxury safari lodge known for its elegant tented suites, private decks, and immersive wilderness experience. Unwind with a refreshing cocktail on your terrace, dine on gourmet cuisine featuring local and international flavors, and reflect on your first day of thrilling safari adventures. The sounds of the African bush at night provide a serene backdrop for a restful sleep. Overnight stay at **Chem Chem Lodge**.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 8 : Tarangire / Chem Chem Wildlife Management Area – Full Day Game Drive



After breakfast at **Chem Chem Lodge**, spend a full day exploring the **Chem Chem Wildlife Management Area (WMA)** and the surrounding landscapes of **Tarangire**. Begin with a morning **game drive**, spotting large herds of elephants, giraffes, zebras, and buffalo as they move across the savannah. Keep an eye out for predators such as lions and leopards, and enjoy the expert commentary of your guide on wildlife behavior and conservation efforts in the area.

Return to the lodge for a leisurely **lunch on your private deck**, overlooking the sprawling wilderness. In the afternoon, embark on a **second game drive**, visiting quieter areas of the WMA to witness more intimate wildlife interactions. This is an excellent opportunity for photography, birdwatching, and experiencing the tranquility of the African bush away from the more crowded national parks.

Spend the evening at **Chem Chem Lodge**, relaxing with a sunset cocktail and enjoying the **sounds of the bush at night**. Dinner is served under the stars or in the lodge's elegant dining area, featuring gourmet cuisine prepared from fresh local ingredients. Overnight stay at **Chem Chem Lodge**, fully immersing yourself in the luxury safari experience while surrounded by unspoiled wilderness.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 9 : Chem Chem WMA → Lake Manyara / Serengeti National Park



After breakfast at **Chem Chem Lodge**, depart for the world-renowned **Serengeti National Park**, with a scenic drive through the **Ngorongoro Highlands**. En route, enjoy spectacular views of rolling hills, fertile farmland, and traditional Maasai villages. Stop briefly for photographs and to take in the panoramic landscapes that stretch across northern Tanzania.

Arriving in the Serengeti in the late morning, embark on an **afternoon game drive** across the park's vast plains. Witness abundant wildlife, including **lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, and wildebeests**, moving across the iconic savannah. Capture breathtaking photos during the golden hour as the sun begins to set over the endless Serengeti horizon.

Check in at **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti**, a luxurious property blending comfort and wilderness immersion. Relax on your private balcony with sweeping views of the plains, enjoy a refreshing cocktail, and savor a **gourmet dinner** featuring local and international cuisine. The lodge offers a perfect combination of modern luxury and authentic safari experience, ensuring a restful and memorable night. Overnight stay at **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti**.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 10 : Serengeti National Park – Full Day Game Drives



After an early breakfast at **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti**, embark on a full day of **game drives** across the iconic Serengeti plains. Begin with a morning drive when wildlife is most active, spotting **lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, zebras, and wildebeests** in their natural habitat. The Serengeti's endless grasslands provide ample opportunities to witness predator-prey interactions and the beauty of

the African savannah.

For a truly unforgettable experience, consider an optional **sunrise hot-air balloon safari**, floating above the plains with panoramic views of the wildlife below, followed by a **champagne breakfast** upon landing. Afterward, continue with a mid-morning and afternoon game drive, exploring different regions of the park to maximize wildlife sightings and capture stunning photographs.

Return to **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti** in the late afternoon to relax on your private balcony overlooking the savannah. Enjoy a refreshing cocktail and dinner featuring gourmet cuisine, reflecting both local flavors and international specialties. The evening sounds of the Serengeti create a serene backdrop for your overnight stay at the lodge, providing comfort and luxury after a full day of thrilling wildlife adventures.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 11 : Serengeti → Ngorongoro Crater



After breakfast at **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti**, depart for the **Ngorongoro Highlands**, enjoying scenic stops along the way to photograph rolling hills, traditional Maasai villages, and panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes. Upon arrival, descend into the legendary **Ngorongoro Crater**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for an **afternoon game drive** in this natural amphitheater.

Explore the crater floor, home to a dense population of wildlife, including **lions, elephants, buffalo, rhinos, zebras, and flamingos**. Your experienced guide will provide insights into the unique ecosystem, geology, and wildlife behavior, making the experience both educational and unforgettable.

In the late afternoon, check in at Melia **Ngorongoro Lodge**, a luxury lodge designed like a grand castle perched on the crater rim. Relax on your private terrace while enjoying breathtaking views over the crater, and unwind with a cocktail as the sun sets. Dinner is served in the lodge's elegant dining room, featuring gourmet cuisine made from fresh local ingredients. Overnight stay at **Ngorongoro Crater Lodge**, combining luxury, comfort, and a truly immersive safari experience.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 12 : Ngorongoro → Arusha → Departure



After breakfast at **Ngorongoro Crater Lodge**, enjoy a final **morning view of the crater rim** and surrounding highlands. Depart for **Arusha**, taking a scenic drive through lush farmland and rolling hills, with opportunities to stop for photographs or brief visits to local villages. Upon arrival in Arusha, you will be transferred to **Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)** for your onward flight.

This marks the conclusion of your unforgettable **12-Day Luxury Tanzania Safari**, combining six days of relaxation and cultural exploration in Zanzibar with six days of thrilling wildlife encounters across northern Tanzania. Reflect on the incredible experiences, from pristine beaches and spice plantations to the vast plains of the Serengeti and the breathtaking Ngorongoro Crater, as you prepare for your journey home.

Meals Included
LUNCH, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours