

# 12-Day Tanzania Calving Migration Photo Safari

📍 Serengeti National Park



Embark on an unforgettable **12-day luxury safari in Tanzania**, designed to witness the **spectacular calving season of the Great Migration**. This once-in-a-lifetime journey takes you through the Serengeti's vast plains, where thousands of wildebeest and zebras gather to give birth. With expert guides and carefully curated luxury lodges and camps, this safari combines unparalleled wildlife experiences with world-class comfort.

Your adventure begins with arrival in **Arusha**, where you spend the first night at a luxury lodge, relaxing and preparing for the journey ahead. Fly to the Serengeti and immerse yourself in the drama of the calving season, witnessing newborn wildebeest and the predators that follow them, including lions, hyenas, and cheetahs. The itinerary is designed to follow the migration closely, offering multiple game drives daily with ample opportunities for **photography, wildlife observation, and guided nature walks**.

Luxury accommodations ensure you enjoy your safari in comfort, with private tented suites or lodges featuring panoramic views, gourmet meals, and attentive service. Mid-safari, explore the **Ngorongoro Crater**, one of Africa's most iconic wildlife havens, where diverse species thrive within this breathtaking volcanic caldera.

From the golden plains of the Serengeti to the dramatic landscapes of Ngorongoro, each day immerses you in Africa's raw beauty, offering experiences for both wildlife enthusiasts and photographers. This safari is more than just a journey—it is a chance to witness one of the planet's most remarkable natural events in unmatched luxury, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

## Tour Facts

Group Size:  
**2-6**

Duration:  
**12**

Language:  
**English, France, Germany, Spain**

Tour Type:  
**continuous**

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1 : Arrival in Arusha



Your journey begins as you arrive at **Kilimanjaro International Airport** in Arusha, Tanzania. Upon arrival, a private transfer will take you to the **Arusha Coffee Lodge**, a luxury boutique property set within a working coffee plantation. Relax in your elegantly appointed room, enjoy the lodge's spa, infinity pool, and panoramic views of Mount Meru. In the evening, meet your expert safari guide for a **pre-**

**departure briefing**, where you will receive an overview of the 12-day calving migration safari, including itinerary details, photography tips, and essential wildlife information. Savor a gourmet dinner at the lodge's fine-dining restaurant, preparing for the adventure ahead. Overnight stay at **Arusha Coffee Lodge** ensures a comfortable and luxurious start to your African safari.

Meals Included  
**DINNER,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

### Day 2 : Fly to Ndutu - First Game Drive - Sanctuary Kichakani Camp



After an early breakfast at **Arusha Coffee Lodge**, you will take a scenic **domestic flight to Ndutu airstrip**, the southern Serengeti's prime location for the annual calving migration. Upon arrival, a private transfer will bring you to **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, a luxury tented camp perfectly situated in the heart of Ndutu, surrounded by vast

plains and active wildlife. Each tent offers panoramic views, comfortable beds, private bathrooms, and a touch of African elegance, blending luxury with immersion in the wilderness.

Once you have settled in, embark on your **first afternoon game drive**. This is your introduction to the southern Serengeti's calving season, where thousands of wildebeest and zebra calves are born, attracting a variety of predators. With your expert guide, you will seek out lion prides lying in the shade, cheetahs stalking the open plains, and hyenas moving stealthily between herds. The guide will ensure the vehicle is positioned for optimal photography, helping you capture both **intimate wildlife moments and dramatic landscape shots**.

As the afternoon light softens into golden hues, enjoy **sundowner drinks on the plains**, photographing the

sun setting over acacia-studded horizons. Return to **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp** for a gourmet dinner, where dishes are crafted from fresh local ingredients. The night at the camp is enhanced by the sounds of the African bush—the calls of hyenas, distant lions, and the rustle of nocturnal wildlife—allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the calving migration experience. Overnight stay at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp** ensures you remain in the heart of Ndotu’s wildlife spectacle, ready for a full day of photography and safari adventure tomorrow.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

### Day 3 : Full-Day Photographic Safari – Sanctuary Kichakani Camp



Wake up early to the sounds of the African bush and enjoy a hot coffee or tea as the **golden morning light illuminates the Ndotu plains**. After breakfast at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, embark on a **full-day photographic safari drive**, designed to maximize your opportunities during the calving season. Today, your expert guide will take you to the areas where wildebeest and zebra calves are most active, allowing you to capture intimate moments of newborns with their mothers. Lions, cheetahs, and hyenas follow closely, creating dramatic predator-prey action perfect for photography.

Throughout the day, the guide will assist with **positioning the vehicle for the best light and angles**, helping you frame both wildlife behavior and expansive landscapes. Between drives, enjoy a **bush lunch** under the shade of acacia trees, reviewing your images and discussing tips with your guide on composition, lighting, and storytelling in wildlife photography.

In the late afternoon, return to the plains for another **game drive**, taking advantage of the soft, golden sunset light to photograph silhouettes of wildlife against the open savanna. Capture the breathtaking scenes of herds moving across the plains and predators in action, all while immersed in the authentic wilderness of Ndotu. After the drive, return to **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp** for **sundowner drinks**, followed by a gourmet dinner. Spend the night in your luxury tent, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the southern Serengeti, fully immersed in the magic of the calving season.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

### Day 4 : Full-Day Photographic Safari – Sanctuary Kichakani Camp



Rise early to the golden light of dawn over the **Ndotu plains**, where the southern Serengeti’s calving season is in full swing. After a hearty breakfast at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, set out for a **full-day photographic safari drive**, with your expert guide focusing on the most active areas for calving herds. Capture intimate moments of **newborn wildebeest and zebra calves**, their mothers, and the predators—lions, cheetahs, and hyenas—that follow closely. Today provides prime opportunities for action shots, from a lioness stalking a herd to a cheetah sprinting across the open plains.

Throughout the day, your guide will help you select the **best vantage points for lighting and composition**, whether you're photographing wildlife behavior or the sweeping landscapes of Ndutu. A **bush lunch** in a scenic location allows for relaxation and image review, while your guide offers tips to improve framing, timing, and storytelling in your photos.

In the afternoon, return to the plains for **another photography-focused game drive**, when predators and herds become active again, and the soft late-afternoon light creates dramatic contrasts and long shadows. Capture the beauty of wildlife against sunsets over the vast Serengeti plains, including iconic acacia trees and rolling hills. Return to **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp** for **sundowner drinks** and a gourmet dinner under the stars. Spend the night in your luxury tent, immersed in the sounds and sights of the African bush, ready for more photographic adventures tomorrow.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 5 : Full-Day Photographic Safari – Sanctuary Kichakani Camp



Wake up at dawn to the vibrant sounds of the **southern Serengeti**, where the calving season continues in full swing. After breakfast at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, embark on a **full-day photographic safari drive**, venturing to areas where herds of wildebeest and zebra are concentrated. Today is ideal for capturing dramatic **predator-prey interactions**, as lions, cheetahs, and hyenas follow the newborn calves. Your expert guide will position the vehicle for the best photographic angles, ensuring unobstructed views while keeping a safe distance from the wildlife.

The day is structured around **optimal light conditions**—morning drives focus on softer light and intimate wildlife behaviors, while afternoon drives take advantage of golden-hour hues to create stunning landscape shots. Enjoy a **bush lunch** set in a scenic location, giving you time to review your images and discuss photography tips with your guide, including composition, timing, and capturing wildlife in motion.

In the late afternoon, return to the plains for **another photography-focused game drive**, capturing the herds moving across the open savanna, predators stalking, and dramatic sky-filled landscapes. End the day with **sundowner drinks at Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, photographing the iconic acacia silhouettes against the setting sun. After a gourmet dinner at the camp, retire to your luxury tent, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the Serengeti, fully immersed in the heart of the calving migration.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 6 : Full-Day Photographic Safari – Sanctuary Kichakani Camp



Rise early to witness the **serene sunrise over the Ndutu plains**, where the southern Serengeti’s calving season offers endless photographic opportunities. After breakfast at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, embark on a **full-day photographic safari drive**, following the movement of wildebeest and zebra herds and capturing the intimate moments of newborn calves with their mothers. Today is perfect for photographing **predator-prey interactions**, as lions, cheetahs, and hyenas stalk the vulnerable calves. Your guide will ensure the vehicle is positioned for optimal shots, helping you frame wildlife against the dramatic Serengeti landscapes.

Between morning and afternoon drives, enjoy a **bush lunch** in a scenic location, where you can review your photos and receive expert advice from your guide on composition, timing, and lighting techniques. In the afternoon, head back into the southern Serengeti for another **photography-focused game drive**, taking advantage of the soft golden light to capture silhouettes, wildlife in motion, and panoramic vistas of the open plains.

Return to **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp** for **sundowner drinks** overlooking the plains, followed by a gourmet dinner. The camp provides luxury and comfort while keeping you immersed in the sights and sounds of the African bush at night. Overnight at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, ensuring you are fully ready for another action-packed day of calving migration photography tomorrow.

Meals Included <b>LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,</b>	Duration <b>8 Hours</b>
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### Day 7 : Full-Day Photographic Safari – Sanctuary Kichakani Camp



Wake up early to the soft sounds of the African bush and the golden light of dawn over **Ndutu plains**. After a hearty breakfast at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, embark on a **full-day photographic safari drive**, following the movements of wildebeest and zebra herds. Today, your focus is on **capturing predator-prey interactions**, as lions, cheetahs, and hyenas actively follow the newborn calves, creating dramatic and dynamic photographic opportunities. Your expert guide will help you

position the vehicle at safe distances while maximizing **angles, lighting, and composition** for wildlife photography.

During the day, take a **bush lunch** at a scenic spot where you can relax, review your photos, and receive additional tips from your guide to improve storytelling and framing. The afternoon drive offers the chance to photograph wildlife in the warm late-afternoon light, capturing the majestic plains, silhouettes against the setting sun, and intimate wildlife moments.

Return to **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp** for **sundowners overlooking the open plains**, photographing the sky ablaze with sunset colors. Enjoy a gourmet dinner back at the camp and retreat to your luxury tent, surrounded by the sounds of the bush at night. Overnight at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp**, keeping you perfectly positioned in the heart of Ndutu for continued calving migration photography.

Meals Included <b>LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,</b>	Duration <b>6 Hours</b>
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## Day 8 : Transfer to Namiri Plains – Big Cat Photography Focus



Wake up early at **Sanctuary Kichakani Camp** for one last sunrise over the southern Serengeti before checking out. After breakfast, take a **scenic drive or short domestic flight to Namiri Plains** in the central Serengeti, an area renowned for its **high concentration of big cats**, including lions, leopards, and cheetahs. Upon arrival, settle into your **luxury tented accommodation**, offering sweeping views of the open plains and immediate access to wildlife hotspots.

In the afternoon, embark on your **first photographic safari drive in Namiri Plains**, focusing on capturing **lions lounging in the grass, cheetahs on the hunt, and leopards in the trees**. The open plains and dramatic light conditions provide ideal opportunities for **action shots, intimate wildlife portraits, and landscape photography**. Your expert guide will help you position the vehicle for the best angles while ensuring safety and minimal disturbance to the wildlife.

Return to your camp for **sundowner drinks** on a viewing deck, photographing the golden sun sinking behind the vast Serengeti horizon. Enjoy a gourmet dinner back at your **luxury tent**, reflecting on a day filled with big cat sightings and photographic opportunities. Overnight stay in **Namiri Plains** places you in the heart of prime predator territory, ready for full-day photographic adventures tomorrow.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 9 : Full-Day Big Cat Photography – Namiri Plains



Wake up at dawn to the sounds of the Serengeti bush and enjoy a **hot coffee or tea** before your **first morning photographic safari drive in Namiri Plains**. Today is dedicated entirely to **tracking and photographing big cats**, including lions, cheetahs, and leopards, in their natural habitats. The open plains provide excellent visibility and the soft morning light enhances your wildlife and landscape shots. Your expert guide will position the vehicle for optimal angles, helping you capture dynamic predator behavior, from hunting scenes to playful interactions among cubs.

Return to your **luxury camp** for a scenic **bush lunch**, where you can relax, review your images, and receive additional tips on composition, lighting, and wildlife storytelling from your guide. In the afternoon, head out for another **photography-focused game drive**, taking advantage of the golden-hour light to photograph big cats against dramatic Serengeti landscapes. Expect action-packed scenes,

including lions resting in the grass, cheetahs sprinting across the plains, and leopards perched in trees with panoramic views in the background.

After the drive, return to **your luxury tent at Namiri Plains**, enjoy **sundowners overlooking the open savanna**, and a gourmet dinner under the stars. Overnight at **Namiri Plains** ensures you remain at the heart of prime big cat territory, fully immersed in the Serengeti's predator-rich ecosystem and ready for another day of wildlife photography.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 10 : Full-Day Big Cat Photography – Namiri Plains



Wake up early to the **dawn chorus of the Serengeti bush**, enjoying a cup of coffee or tea before setting out on your **morning photographic safari drive**. Today continues your focus on **big cats in Namiri Plains**, where lions, leopards, and cheetahs dominate the landscape. The early light provides perfect conditions for photographing **predators in action, hunting sequences, or intimate interactions with cubs**. Your expert guide will carefully select vantage points, ensuring the best

angles for both wildlife and the vast, dramatic landscapes that define the Serengeti.

Return to your **luxury tented camp** for a scenic **bush lunch**, with time to review your images, discuss photographic techniques, and prepare for the afternoon session. In the afternoon, embark on another **photography-focused game drive**, using the golden light to capture stunning silhouettes of lions lounging on termite mounds, cheetahs sprinting across the plains, and leopards resting in trees. The open, predator-rich plains of Namiri offer endless opportunities for wildlife photography and dramatic landscape shots.

After the afternoon drive, return to **Sanctuary-style luxury accommodations** for **sundowner drinks** overlooking the vast Serengeti. Enjoy a gourmet dinner under the stars, sharing stories and reviewing the day's remarkable wildlife encounters. Overnight stay at **Namiri Plains** ensures you are perfectly situated for continued big cat photography on the following day.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**5 Hours**

## Day 11 : Final Big Cat Photography and Migration Sighting – Namiri Plains



Start the day with an **early morning game drive**, enjoying the crisp dawn light over the **predator-rich Namiri Plains**. Focus on photographing **lions, leopards, and cheetahs**, capturing intimate moments such as hunting sequences, playful cub interactions, and majestic predators resting on termite mounds. Your expert guide will position the vehicle strategically to maximize photographic opportunities while keeping a safe distance from the wildlife.

After a morning of wildlife action, return to your **luxury camp** for a **gourmet bush breakfast** and short rest. Mid-morning, continue your safari by exploring adjacent areas of the Serengeti that may offer sightings of the **Great Migration herds**, including wildebeest and zebra moving through northern corridors. These dynamic scenes provide excellent contrast with the predator-focused photography of previous days, giving you a complete wildlife portfolio.

In the afternoon, embark on a final **photography-focused game drive**, taking advantage of the **golden light of sunset** to capture dramatic silhouettes, expansive plains, and predator-prey interactions. Return to your **luxury camp** for **sundowner drinks**, sharing stories of the day's encounters, followed by a gourmet dinner under the starlit African sky. Overnight stay in **Namiri Plains or nearby luxury accommodation** ensures comfort while keeping you close to the Serengeti's wildlife for one last immersive day.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 12 : Final Morning Game Drive and Departure



On your final day, wake up early for a **last photographic safari drive** in the Serengeti, capturing the morning light on the open plains and any wildlife you may have missed. This is your opportunity for one final set of **dramatic wildlife and landscape photographs**, whether it's lions resting, cheetahs on the move, or herds of wildebeest and zebra grazing in the golden dawn.

After the morning drive, return to your **luxury tented camp** for a **hearty breakfast** and time to pack your belongings. Check out and transfer to the **Serengeti airstrip** for your **domestic flight back to Arusha or Kilimanjaro International Airport**, depending on your onward travel plans. Upon arrival, you can connect to your international flight or spend a final night in Arusha at a luxury lodge if needed.

This concludes your **12-day luxury Tanzania calving migration safari**, a once-in-a-lifetime experience combining the awe-inspiring calving season, predator interactions, and big cat photography, all while enjoying the comfort of **luxury lodges and tented camps**. The memories and photographs captured during this journey will last a lifetime.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**5 Hours**