

12 Days Tanzania Bush to Beach Safari

📍 Tarangire, Ngorongoro, Serengeti, Zanzibar



Embark on a 12-day **Tanzania Bush to Beach Safari** that blends thrilling wildlife adventures with tropical island relaxation. Your journey starts in **Arusha**, where you'll rest at the elegant **Gran Meliá Arusha** and enjoy beautiful views of Mount Meru.

From there, travel to **Tarangire National Park**, famous for its giant baobab trees and large elephant herds. The park's river attracts many animals, offering great game-viewing moments. Spend the night at **Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge**, overlooking the Great Rift Valley and the shimmering Lake Manyara below.

Next, head to the legendary **Serengeti National Park**. This vast wilderness is home to the Great Migration and incredible predators like lions, cheetahs, and leopards. Stay three nights at **Ole Serai Luxury Camp - Seronera**, ideally placed for daily game drives. Here, each sunrise brings new scenes of Africa's untamed beauty.

Continue to the **Ngorongoro Crater**, one of Africa's Seven Natural Wonders. Descend into the crater to spot elephants, lions, buffalo, and possibly the rare black rhino. Later, relax at **Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge**, surrounded by lush gardens and sweeping highland views.

Finally, fly to **Zanzibar** for the beach part of your adventure. Spend five serene nights at **Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa**, located on the pristine Kendwa Beach. Enjoy oceanfront dining, water activities, and sunset strolls along the shore.

This safari combines thrilling game drives, cultural experiences, and luxurious coastal escape. It's the perfect way to experience the best of Tanzania — from wild savannas to the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
2-7

Language:
English, France, Germany, Spain

Duration:
12

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival in Arusha - Welcome to Tanzania



Upon arrival at **Kilimanjaro International Airport**, you'll be warmly welcomed by a representative from **Paul Tours Safari** and transferred to your hotel in Arusha. Take the rest of the day to relax and recover from your journey. Nestled at the foot of Mount Meru, **Gran Meliá Arusha** offers a luxurious start to your adventure, with elegant rooms, tropical gardens, and views of the surrounding highlands.

Depending on your arrival time, you may enjoy a short city tour or visit a local coffee plantation to experience Arusha's vibrant culture. Later, unwind by the pool or enjoy a fine dining experience at the hotel restaurant as you prepare for the exciting safari ahead.

Accommodation: Gran Meliá Arusha

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

Meals Included
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Duration
3 Hours

Day 2 : Arusha - Tarangire National Park



After a hearty breakfast at **Gran Meliá Arusha**, meet your professional safari guide for a short briefing about the journey ahead. Then, set off on a scenic drive toward **Tarangire National Park**, one of Tanzania's most iconic wildlife destinations. The drive takes approximately two hours, passing through rural villages, Maasai homesteads, and picturesque landscapes along the way.

Upon arrival, enter the park for your first exciting **game drive**. Tarangire is often called the "home of elephants" due to its large population of these gentle giants. The park is also famous for its towering **baobab trees**, ancient sentinels that dominate the landscape and provide shelter for many animals. As you explore, keep your eyes open for lions lounging in the shade, graceful giraffes feeding on acacia trees, and herds of wildebeest and zebra moving across the plains.

You'll enjoy a delicious **picnic lunch** inside the park, surrounded by the sounds of nature. In the afternoon, continue your exploration along the Tarangire River, a lifeline that attracts diverse wildlife, especially during the dry season. Bird enthusiasts will delight in spotting species like lilac-breasted rollers, hornbills, and yellow-collared lovebirds.

By late afternoon, head to your luxurious lodge, **Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge**, perched on the edge of the Great Rift Valley escarpment. Relax by the pool, take in breathtaking sunset views over Lake Manyara, and later enjoy a fine dinner under the African sky.

Accommodation: Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 3 : Lake Manyara – Serengeti National Park



After an early breakfast at **Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge**, depart for the world-renowned **Serengeti National Park**, Tanzania's crown jewel of wildlife conservation. The drive takes you through scenic landscapes, including the rolling hills of the **Ngorongoro Highlands**, offering panoramic views and photo opportunities along the way.

Upon arrival in the **Serengeti**, embark on your first **afternoon game drive** in the park. The Serengeti is famed for its endless plains, teeming with wildlife, and is home to the **Great Migration**, as well as predators like lions, leopards, and cheetahs. Watch zebras and wildebeest grazing side by side, giraffes browsing acacia trees, and elephants roaming freely. Your guide will share insights into the park's ecology and point out smaller details, from colorful birds to unique flora.

Later, check in at **Ole Serai Luxury Camp – Seronera**, perfectly situated for wildlife viewing and luxurious comfort. Relax in your tented suite with private veranda overlooking the plains. Enjoy dinner under the stars while listening to the distant calls of the wild, immersing yourself fully in the Serengeti experience.

Accommodation: Ole Serai Luxury Camp – Seronera
Meal Plan: Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 4 : Full Day Safari in Serengeti National Park



Wake up early at **Ole Serai Luxury Camp – Seronera** and enjoy a hearty breakfast before setting out for a full day of **game drives** in the Serengeti. The park's vast plains are home to an extraordinary variety of wildlife, including lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, and large herds of wildebeest and zebra.

Spend the morning exploring different areas of the Serengeti, guided by your professional safari driver. Stop at scenic spots for photographs and enjoy the thrill of spotting predators in action. Keep an eye out for smaller wildlife and bird species, including colorful lilac-breasted rollers and African hornbills.

Midday, pause for a **picnic lunch** in a shaded area, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the wild. After lunch, continue your afternoon game drive, possibly witnessing dramatic predator-prey interactions or playful wildlife behavior. Your guide will share fascinating insights about the ecosystem, animal behaviors, and conservation efforts in the park.

As the day winds down, return to **Ole Serai Luxury Camp**. Relax on your private veranda, watch the golden Serengeti sunset, and savor a delicious dinner under the African night sky. The sounds of the wild around the camp create an unforgettable atmosphere, making this safari day truly magical.

Accommodation: Ole Serai Luxury Camp - Seronera

Meal Plan: Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Meals Included

LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration

6 Hours

Day 5 : Full Day Safari in Serengeti National Park



Wake up early at **Ole Serai Luxury Camp - Seronera** and enjoy breakfast as the sun rises over the Serengeti plains. Today is dedicated entirely to exploring the park's vast wilderness on **morning and afternoon game drives**.

Spend the day seeking out the Serengeti's incredible wildlife, from lions, leopards, and cheetahs to elephants, giraffes, zebras, and wildebeest. Your guide will take you to the best areas for wildlife viewing and share fascinating insights about the park's ecosystem, predator-prey dynamics, and conservation efforts.

Enjoy a **picnic lunch** in the heart of the park, surrounded by nature and the sounds of wildlife. In the afternoon, continue exploring the Serengeti's iconic landscapes, capturing photos of dramatic sunsets over the plains. Keep an eye out for rare birds and smaller animals, adding to the richness of your safari experience.

Return to **Ole Serai Luxury Camp** in the evening. Relax on your private veranda, savor dinner under the stars, and enjoy the tranquil sounds of the Serengeti night.

Accommodation: Ole Serai Luxury Camp - Seronera

Meal Plan: Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Meals Included

LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration

8 Hours

Day 6 : Serengeti - Ngorongoro Crater



After an early breakfast at **Ole Serai Luxury Camp - Seronera**, embark on your last morning **game drive** in the Serengeti. Enjoy a few final hours spotting lions, cheetahs, giraffes, and herds of wildebeest as the morning sun illuminates the endless plains. Capture any last photographs of this iconic landscape and soak in the Serengeti's breathtaking beauty.

By late morning, depart the Serengeti and drive toward the **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**. Along the way, admire the rolling highlands and scenic landscapes, with stops for photos and brief breaks.

Arrive at the **Ngorongoro Crater**, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa. Descend into the crater for an **afternoon game drive**. The crater floor is home to a dense population of wildlife, including elephants, lions, buffalo, hippos, flamingos, and the elusive black rhino. Your guide will point out key species and explain the unique ecosystem of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

After your exciting crater exploration, drive to **Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge**, perched on the highlands with panoramic views. Relax on your terrace, enjoy a sundowner, and savor a delicious dinner while reflecting on your unforgettable wildlife encounters.

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge

Meal Plan: Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Meals Included LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,	Duration 8 Hours
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Day 7 : Ngorongoro – Flight to Zanzibar



After breakfast at **Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge**, enjoy a short morning at leisure, taking in the stunning views of the highlands and surrounding landscapes. You may choose to stroll around the lodge gardens or simply relax before your flight.

Later, transfer to **Arusha Airport** for your domestic flight to **Zanzibar**, where a warm tropical welcome awaits. Upon arrival, meet your driver and transfer to **Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa** in Kendwa, located on one of the island’s most pristine beaches.

Check in and unwind in your luxurious beachfront room, with spectacular views of the turquoise Indian Ocean. Spend the afternoon swimming in the crystal-clear waters, strolling along the white sandy beaches, or simply relaxing under a palm tree with a refreshing drink. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner at the resort’s oceanfront restaurant while listening to the gentle waves.

This day marks the transition from thrilling wildlife adventures to tranquil beach relaxation, offering the perfect balance in your **Bush to Beach Safari**.

Accommodation: Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

Meals Included LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,	Duration 8 Hours
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Day 8 : Full Day at Leisure in Zanzibar



Start your day with a relaxing breakfast at **Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa**, enjoying views of the turquoise ocean. Today is dedicated to unwinding and enjoying the beauty of Zanzibar at your own pace.

You may choose to relax on the pristine **Kendwa Beach**, swim in the crystal-clear waters, or lounge by the pool. For those seeking adventure, optional activities include snorkeling over vibrant coral reefs, scuba diving, or exploring the island's famous spice farms. You can also take a guided tour of **Stone Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to discover its historic streets, colorful markets, and rich cultural heritage.

In the afternoon, enjoy water sports such as kayaking or paddleboarding, or simply stroll along the white sandy beach as the sun begins to set. Later, indulge in a sunset cocktail or dinner at the resort's oceanfront restaurant, savoring fresh seafood and local specialties.

This day is designed for pure relaxation, allowing you to recharge while enjoying Zanzibar's tropical charm and warm Indian Ocean waters.

Accommodation: Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

Meals Included

LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration

8 Hours

Day 9 : Zanzibar - Spice Farm & Cultural Exploration⁸



After breakfast at **Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa**, embark on a **half-day spice farm tour**, one of Zanzibar's most famous experiences. Explore lush plantations filled with cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, and other exotic spices. Learn about their cultivation, traditional uses, and aromatic properties while enjoying the vibrant sights and scents of the farm.

After the tour, continue to **Stone Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a guided walking tour of its historic streets. Discover centuries-old architecture, winding alleys, bustling markets, and cultural landmarks like the Old Fort, House of Wonders, and the Sultan's Palace. Your guide will share fascinating stories about Zanzibar's rich history, trade, and cultural heritage.

Return to **Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa** in the afternoon for some leisure time. Relax on the beach, enjoy swimming in the turquoise waters, or indulge in a spa treatment at the resort. In the evening, savor a delicious dinner at the resort's oceanfront restaurant, taking in the gentle sounds of the waves.

This day perfectly balances **Zanzibar's cultural heritage** with relaxation, giving you a deeper understanding of the island while enjoying its tropical charm.

Accommodation: Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
7 Hours

Day 10 : Zanzibar - Leisure and Optional Water Activities



Begin your day with a relaxed breakfast at **Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa**, taking in the serene ocean views. Today is a **leisure day**, allowing you to enjoy Zanzibar at your own pace or participate in optional water-based activities.

You may choose to snorkel or dive over vibrant coral reefs, discovering the island's colorful marine life. Kayaking, paddleboarding, or a glass-bottom boat ride are also great ways to explore the clear waters. For those seeking adventure, a deep-sea fishing trip can be arranged. Alternatively, spend the day lounging on **Kendwa Beach**, soaking up the sun, or enjoying the resort's pool and spa facilities.

In the afternoon, take a gentle walk along the beach and witness a spectacular **Zanzibar sunset**. Enjoy a beachfront dinner at the resort, savoring fresh seafood and local delicacies while listening to the soothing waves.

This day is designed for **ultimate relaxation**, giving you the freedom to tailor your experience and fully appreciate Zanzibar's tropical paradise.

Accommodation: Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 11 : Zanzibar - Island Excursion or Leisure



After breakfast at **Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa**, you have a full day to explore more of Zanzibar or simply relax on the beach. For adventure seekers, an optional **island excursion** can be arranged, such as a snorkeling trip to **Mnemba Atoll**, known for its crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and colorful marine life.

Alternatively, visit **Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park**, home to the rare red colobus monkeys and lush tropical forests. Guided tours offer insight into the island's unique flora and fauna while giving you a peaceful nature experience.

For a more leisurely day, relax at the resort, enjoy a spa treatment, or partake in water sports such as kayaking and paddleboarding. The warm waters and soft sands of **Kendwa Beach** make it an ideal setting for swimming, sunbathing, or simply enjoying a good book under a palm tree.

In the evening, return to the resort for a memorable **dinner by the ocean**, soaking in the tropical atmosphere and reflecting on your Tanzanian journey from the wild savannahs to Zanzibar’s serene beaches.

Accommodation: Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 12 : Departure from Zanzibar



On your final morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast at **Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa**, taking in the last views of the turquoise Indian Ocean. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have a few hours to relax on the beach, take a final swim, or enjoy the resort’s amenities.

Later, check out from the resort and transfer to **Zanzibar Airport** for your departure flight. Your driver will assist with luggage and airport formalities, ensuring a smooth and comfortable transfer.

As you board your flight, reflect on the incredible experiences of your **12-day Tanzania Bush to Beach Safari** — from thrilling game drives in Tarangire, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro Crater, to the relaxing beaches and cultural highlights of Zanzibar. This journey offers memories that will last a lifetime and a deep appreciation for Tanzania’s natural beauty and vibrant culture.

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Meals Included
LUNCH, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours