

# 8-Day Tanzania Calving Migration Photo Safari

📍 Ndotu Conservation Area



This **8-day Tanzania photo safari** focuses on the **Great Wildebeest Calving Migration** in the southern Serengeti. Between January and March, thousands of calves are born daily in the Ndotu region. The abundance of newborns draws predators, creating unforgettable photographic opportunities of lions, cheetahs, and hyenas.

Your journey begins in **Arusha**, where you spend a night at the elegant **Legendary Lodge**. After resting, you fly to the southern Serengeti. Here, you settle into **Lemala Ndotu Tented Camp**, perfectly positioned for the calving season. Over three days, you explore open plains filled with wildebeest, zebra, and predators. Guides ensure you capture action in the best light, from mothers giving birth to predators stalking the herds.

Next, you move to the **central Serengeti**, home to big cats and diverse landscapes. At **Serengeti Pioneer Camp**, you enjoy luxury in the heart of wildlife country. Game drives take you across acacia-dotted savannas and rocky kopjes, perfect for both wildlife and scenic photography. The area is famous for large lion prides and stealthy leopards, making every drive exciting.

Seamless **domestic flights** connect each stage of the journey, reducing travel time and maximizing time in the field. With professional photographic guidance, you can focus on building a strong portfolio of migration and predator images. Sundowners, bush meals, and luxury camps balance adventure with comfort.

By the end of this safari, you will have experienced one of the most dramatic wildlife events on Earth. The calving migration offers a rare chance to witness life, survival, and predator-prey drama in real time. This journey combines luxury accommodations, expert guiding, and unforgettable encounters—making it perfect for passionate photographers and wildlife lovers alike.

## Tour Facts

Group Size:  
**5**

Duration:  
**8**

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

Tour Type:  
**continuous**

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1 : Arrival in Arusha - Transfer to Legendary Lodge



Upon arrival at **Kilimanjaro International Airport**, you will be warmly welcomed by your safari guide and transferred to **Legendary Lodge** in Arusha. Spend the day relaxing and recovering from your international flight while enjoying the lodge's lush gardens, elegant rooms, and serene atmosphere. This evening, meet your guide for a **briefing on the upcoming safari**, covering the itinerary, wildlife photography tips, and what to expect during the calving migration.

Enjoy a **gourmet dinner** at the lodge while taking in the views of Mount Meru in the distance. Overnight at **Legendary Lodge**, preparing for an early departure to the Serengeti the next day.

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

Duration  
**5 Hours**

### Day 2 : Flight to Ndutu - First Calving Migration Safari Drive



After an early breakfast at **Legendary Lodge**, take a scenic **domestic flight to Ndutu airstrip** in the southern Serengeti, the heart of the **wildebeest calving grounds**. Upon arrival, your guide will transfer you to **Lemala Ndutu Tented Camp**, a luxury camp ideally positioned near the plains, offering panoramic views and elegant tents with ensuite bathrooms. This location places you at the center of the action, where thousands of wildebeest and zebra congregate, and predators patrol

nearby.

After settling in, embark on your **first afternoon photographic game drive**. Your expert guide will take you to areas with active herds, helping you capture **intimate moments of calves with their mothers**, as well as lions, cheetahs, and hyenas in pursuit. Learn positioning tips and photography techniques to frame wildlife against the dramatic Ndutu landscapes.

As the afternoon light softens, enjoy **sundowner drinks on the plains**, capturing the golden hues of sunset for breathtaking landscape and wildlife shots. Return to **Lemala Ndutu Tented Camp** for a **gourmet dinner**, while the sounds of the African bush—calls of hyenas and distant lions—set the scene for an immersive safari experience. Overnight at **Lemala Ndutu Tented Camp**, fully immersed in the southern Serengeti's calving migration spectacle, ready for a full day of photography tomorrow.

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

Duration  
**7 Hours**

### Day 3 : Full-Day Calving Migration Photography



Wake up early to the soft sounds of the Serengeti plains and enjoy **coffee or tea at dawn** before heading out on your first full-day game drive in Ndutu. Today is dedicated entirely to **capturing the calving migration**, where thousands of wildebeest and zebra congregate and predators like lions, cheetahs, and hyenas follow closely.

Your expert guide will take you to the most active areas, positioning your vehicle for **optimal light, angles, and photographic opportunities**. Focus on intimate wildlife moments—wildebeest mothers tending newborn calves, predator-prey interactions, and the newborns' first steps on the plains. Open landscapes, scattered acacia trees, and distant kopjes provide perfect backdrops for dramatic wildlife photography.

Enjoy a **bush lunch** under the shade of acacia trees, giving you time to review your images and receive additional guidance from your photography-focused safari guide. In the afternoon, continue exploring Ndutu's plains for more **action shots and golden-hour photography**, capturing predators silhouetted against the setting sun or herds moving across the plains.

Return to **Lemala Ndutu Tented Camp** in the evening for **sundowner drinks** and a gourmet dinner. Spend the night in your luxury tent, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the Serengeti bush, fully immersed in the heart of the calving migration.

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

Duration  
**7 Hours**

### Day 4 : Full-Day Calving Migration Safari



Rise before dawn to witness the **sunrise over the Ndutu plains**, a magical moment perfect for photography. After breakfast at **Lemala Ndutu Tented Camp**, head out for a **full-day photographic safari drive** in the southern Serengeti. Today, you'll follow the movements of wildebeest and zebra herds, capturing the delicate interactions between **newborn calves and their mothers**. Predators—including lions, cheetahs, and hyenas—often patrol the area, creating thrilling action and storytelling opportunities for photographers.

Your expert guide will carefully position the safari vehicle for **optimal light, framing, and angles**, helping you capture close-up shots of wildlife behavior while maintaining a safe distance. Open plains, acacia trees, and kopjes provide dramatic backgrounds, enhancing both wildlife and landscape photography.

Stop for a **bush lunch** in a scenic location, review your morning photographs, and receive guidance on improving composition, lighting, and timing. In the afternoon, explore new areas where herds and predators are most active. Take advantage of **golden-hour light** to photograph silhouettes, herd movement, and the striking colors of the Serengeti sunset.

Return to **Lemala Ndutu Tented Camp** for **sundowner drinks** on the viewing deck, followed by a gourmet dinner. Overnight at the luxury camp, fully immersed in the sights and sounds of Ndutu, preparing for another exciting day of calving migration photography tomorrow.

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

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 5 : Transfer to Central Serengeti – Big Cat Photography – Serengeti Pioneer Camp



After an early breakfast at **Lemala Ndutu Tented Camp**, check out and take a **scenic drive or short domestic flight** to the **Central Serengeti**, home to expansive plains and thriving big cat populations. Upon arrival, settle into **Serengeti Pioneer Camp**, a luxury tented camp offering stunning views and immediate access to predator-rich areas.

In the afternoon, embark your first **photographic safari drive in the central Serengeti**. The open plains provide ideal opportunities to capture **lions resting on termite mounds, leopards in the trees, and cheetahs sprinting across the savanna**. Your guide will position the vehicle for the best angles, helping you frame dramatic predator behavior and wildlife interactions against iconic Serengeti landscapes.

Enjoy a **bush lunch** or picnic while reviewing your morning shots, then continue exploring the central Serengeti during the late afternoon, taking advantage of the **golden-hour light** for silhouette and landscape photography. Return to **Serengeti Pioneer Camp** for **sundowner drinks**, followed by a gourmet dinner under the stars. Overnight in luxury tents ensures comfort while remaining immersed in the heart of predator territory.

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

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 6 : Full-Day Big Cat Photography – Serengeti Pioneer Camp



Wake up before dawn at **Serengeti Pioneer Camp** to enjoy the soft morning light over the **central Serengeti plains**. After a quick breakfast, set out for a **full-day photographic safari drive** dedicated to big cat sightings, including lions, leopards, and cheetahs. The open savanna and scattered kopjes provide perfect settings for **dramatic wildlife and landscape photography**.

Your expert guide will help you **position the vehicle strategically** to capture predator behavior, such as lions stalking prey, cheetahs sprinting, or leopards resting in trees. Photographers can also focus on landscape compositions, acacia silhouettes, and the movement of other wildlife across the plains.

Enjoy a **bush lunch** in a scenic location, with time to review your photos and discuss techniques for improving composition, timing, and lighting. Continue the afternoon drive, taking advantage of the **golden-hour light** for stunning action shots and silhouettes of wildlife against the setting sun.

Return to **Serengeti Pioneer Camp** in the evening for **sundowner drinks** overlooking the plains, followed by a gourmet dinner under the star-filled Serengeti sky. Overnight in your luxury tent, fully immersed in the sights and sounds of the Serengeti, ready for another day of photography-focused safari adventures.

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

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 7 : Full-Day Big Cat Safari - Serengeti Pioneer Camp



Begin your day before sunrise at **Serengeti Pioneer Camp**, enjoying coffee or tea while the plains awaken with wildlife activity. Set out on a **full-day photographic safari**, focusing on the abundant big cats of the central Serengeti. Lions, leopards, and cheetahs offer dramatic predator behavior to capture, while elephants, giraffes, and zebras provide additional opportunities for landscape and wildlife photography.

Your guide will strategically position your vehicle for **optimal photographic angles**, ensuring you capture intimate predator-prey interactions, cub behavior, and action sequences across the open plains. Explore different areas of the central Serengeti to maximize variety in your images, including acacia woodlands, kopjes, and wide savanna vistas.

Take a **bush lunch** in the field, where you can review your images and receive tips on lighting, framing, and composition. Continue your afternoon drive, using the **golden light of late afternoon** to photograph wildlife against dramatic backdrops. The open plains and iconic Serengeti landscapes make every shot memorable.

Return to **Serengeti Pioneer Camp** for **sundowners** and a gourmet dinner under the star-studded sky. Overnight in your luxury tent keeps you immersed in the Serengeti, fully prepared for the final morning of your photographic adventure tomorrow.

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

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 8 : Final Morning Game Drive and Departure - Serengeti to Arusha



Wake up early for your **last photographic game drive** in the Serengeti. Take advantage of the soft morning light to capture final shots of lions, leopards, cheetahs, and grazing herds against the golden plains. This is your opportunity to photograph any wildlife moments you may have missed and to enjoy one last immersion in the iconic Serengeti landscape.

Return to **Serengeti Pioneer Camp** for a **hearty breakfast**, then pack your belongings and check out. Transfer to the **Serengeti airstrip** for your **domestic flight back to Arusha**. Upon arrival, you can enjoy a **farewell lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge** before being transferred to **Kilimanjaro International Airport** for your onward international flight.

This concludes your **8-day luxury photographic safari**, leaving you with a remarkable collection of wildlife images and memories of the **Great Wildebeest Calving Migration**, predator interactions, and iconic Serengeti landscapes.

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**