



Arusha Planet Lodge
Activities



- Please be aware that dress standards are conservative throughout Tanzania.
- To respect this, and for your own convenience, it is strongly recommended that you wear modest clothing.
- This means tops that cover the shoulders (tank tops are not suitable) and at least knee-length shorts.
- We also recommend lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings or in case it rains.

Arusha Town



While in Arusha, here are a few attractions as recommended by previous clients:

→→→→ **Central Market** ←←←← Locals sell and buy food stuffs and other consumable products.

→→→→ **Maasai Market** ←←←← This market is equipped with lots of craft shops which display much of East African culture. One sees the making of handcrafted pieces such as beads, bangles, necklaces, kitchen products, dresses and carvings as well as completed masterpieces.

→→→→ **Museums** ←←←← One can choose to visit the two museums in Arusha i.e. the Arusha Natural History Museum or the Arusha Declaration Museum.



→→→→ **Tanzanite Experience** ←←←← You will get the pleasure of learning the story of the unique Tanzanian gemstone, Tanzanite. Declared to be 1,000 times more rare than diamonds, this “museum’ of sorts offers a series of visual and interactive exhibitions showcasing the history, mystery and rarity of Tanzanite. Clients can comfortably admire or purchase attractive cuts of the gems per their picking.

→→→→ **Cultural Heritage** ←←←← Here you will enjoy a display of craft works designed in different styles, one can also get see and buy varieties of art and paintings from artists all over Africa. Likewise, gem stones and such as rings and necklaces are available for sale.

→→→→ **Visit to Orphanages** ←←←← There are quite a number of orphanages in Arusha such as Malaika, Bethlehem, and Samaritan Village or Neema House, by visiting these orphanages one will get to interact with the kids in residence and the share knowledge, perhaps play some games etc.

→→→→ **School Visitation** ←←←← There are lots of schools in Arusha ranging from nursery school to high school, there are local schools, English Medium and International schools. Examples of these schools are St. Monica which is opposite Arusha Planet Lodge, Moshono Primary and Secondary school, St Constantine International School, Arusha Secondary School and Ilboru secondary and High School.

→→→→ **Sports/Golfing** ←←←← is an option at Gym Khana Grounds, Mount Meru and/or Ngurudoto grounds. The activity is can be booked subject to availability.



Lake Duluti



Lake Duluti is a small crater lake east of Arusha just a 10 minute drive along the Moshi road. A nature trail around the Lake is a sanctuary for over 130 different bird species including Kingfishers, Osprey, Buzzards, Eagles, Doves, Stork and Babets. The forested area around Lake Duluti is also home to many reptiles such as Snakes and Lizards. Fishing and Bird watching is popular in the Duluti area. Guided nature walks or canoeing can be arranged. Wonderful views of Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro can often be seen.

Mulala Coffee and Cheese Tour



The Mulala village is a typical rural setting on the southern slopes of Mount Meru, surrounded by spectacular views. It lies at about 1700m above sea level and you wind your way up to the mountain through lush, green vegetation dotted with small farms. Several women of the village have set up small co-operations in order to support economic activities and start new income generating projects. You will take a walk through the Mountain Green Coffee farm, learn about the coffee plantation and participate in the local way of de-fruiting and drying coffee seeds. Of course you can sample a cup of the home-made coffee which you'll prepare yourself. Afterwards walk through the village criss-crossing banana farms up to a height of about 1.800m, from where you can enjoy the spectacular view of Mount Meru and the Kilimanjaro, the village of Usa River and Lake Duluti. After visiting a local in a private home, you will visit the Mountain Green cheese making unit, where cheese like Gouda, Cheddar and Feta are produced in the local way, using partly biogas.



Meserani Snake Park



The snake park is a special treasure of Arusha, a wonderful source of enjoyment and relaxation for locals and foreign visitors. The snake park is located 25km west of Arusha on the route to Tarangire, Lake Manyara National Park and Ngorongoro crater.



The snake park provides various activities including;

- A guided tour and learn about some of the most dangerous snakes in the world, from the Black and Green Mamba, Egyptian Cobra, Puff Adders and many more. Capture your special moment and hold a live snake. Check out the crocodiles at feeding time and touch a baby crocodile.
- You can also enjoy your personal Maasai guide, who will take you on spectacular tour of the Maasai Cultural Museum.
- Camel riding safari to the local village.

Arusha National Park



You will be picked up from Planet Lodge after breakfast, and then drive to Arusha National Park with picnic lunch boxes; The Park has terrain ranging from open savannah through acacia scrublands, to Afro-mountain cloud and rain forest and Afro-alpine vegetation similar to Mount Kilimanjaro.

Mammal species includes elephant, buffalo, various primates, giraffe, white and black colobus monkeys; and leopard (very difficult to be seen though). We can also arrange a walking safari for approx 2-3hrs where you will walk with an armed ranger and get a little closer to buffaloes as you go to view one of the park's remarkable waterfalls. The tour ends with drop off at the Lodge around 5:00PM.



Kaskazi Wildlife Horse Safari



Kilo Bravo, Kaskazi's horse base is on Dolly Wildlife Estate, in USA River /Maji Ya Chai, only 1 hour drive from the lodge. The ride takes place on the Wildlife Estate and whether you are a complete beginner or an advanced rider, there is an opportunity and experience for everyone. Led by experienced guides, one can explore the meandering paths, spotting a rich array of wildlife like zebras, wildebeests, eland and other gazelles and antelopes along your way. Regularly seen on the horse ride is one of the most elegant and rarest mammals found in Tanzania, the Genuk.

They offer morning and afternoon rides, 2-hour ride (depending on pace). The morning rides depart at 0800AM and the afternoon rides depart at 1430PM. They are flexible with time however these are the best hours of the day to be out in the bush on horseback. Some people like to combine the morning ride with a lunch /brunch at the horse polo club afterwards. Apart from the restaurant and the bar at the polo club there is also a lovely swimming pool to be enjoyed.



Chemka Kikuletwa Springs



Chemka Kikuletwa Hotsprings gets its name from the water that bubbles in underground caves. Surrounded by fig trees, this area is a hidden gem in the midst of a semi-arid landscape. Here you may find a diversity of colorful birds amongst an abundance of plant life and neighboring indigenous tribes. Emanating from within the earth, the geo-thermally warmed water

is constantly renewed and is therefore very fresh, clear and clean. It's a very pleasant place to spend a couple of hours with family, or to relax before or after a flight, climb or safari. One should allow at least 4 hours for this excursion.

Transfer, towels, water and picnic lunch is included in the daytrip from the Lodge to Chemka Hot Springs. Other soft drinks and beers are available to buy at the beautiful site. An optional catered BBQ lunch at the springs can be arranged for larger groups and with prior planning. Round-trip transport from the Lodge makes this a hassle-free way to escape the city for a day at the hot springs.



Trekking to Mandara Hut



Depart from Planet Lodge with picnic lunches and drive to Marangu via Moshi town; we will depart to the Marangu gate of Kilimanjaro National Park (It's a 45 – minute drive from Moshi town and 2hrs driving from Arusha to the Marangu gate). Upon arrival we will register with park authorities. Our climb will officially commence with a four to five hours walk to the Mandara encampment. We will pass through a thick rainforest zone, where there is a high chance of rain in the afternoon. You can have your lunch at the camp, thereafter descend to the gate and drive back for drop off at Planet Lodge.



Marangu Cultural Tour



We shall depart from Planet Lodge with picnic lunches and drive to Marangu via Moshi town, stop at the big baobab tree the on the way to Marangu to take pictures. It is considered as one of the biggest trees around, and it is a great place to take pictures. On arrival you will visit the Chaga museum and we can visit the Chaga cave and the local village in the same area. There will be a visit to a waterfall where we will also have lunch. A quick visit to Marangu gate is optional following your picnic lunch. While it is not very exciting, you have the option to see what it is, and get an idea of

how it will be to climb the mountain. If you are short of time, this part can be skipped. Later in the day we drive back for drop off at Planet Lodge.

Ngorongoro Crater



You will be picked from Planet Lodge and driven to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. When descending into the Crater, you will enjoy variations of vegetation within the world's largest inactive, intact, and unfilled volcanic caldera. You will descend into Crater for hours of unrushed game drives, exploring the short-grass plains of the crater floor. This extinct volcano embraces 100sq miles providing a home to one of the densest known population of lions. Other habitats of the crater include wildebeest, zebras, gazelles, waterbuck, black rhinos, the hippopotamus and many more game.



Midday, you will enjoy a packed lunch with spectacular views of the crater and its diverse wildlife. Later in the day we drive back to Arusha, for drop off at the Lodge.

Tarangire National Park



You will be picked from Planet Lodge and driven to Tarangire National Park with a picnic lunch where you will enjoy a full day of game drives in the park. The Tarangire park is famous for its big herds of elephants, baobab trees and tree climbing lions. The hilly landscape is dotted with vast numbers of Baobab trees, dense bushes and high grasses

during the rainy season. Visitors to the park can expect to see resident zebras and wildebeest in addition to waterbucks, giraffes, and olive baboons. The park is also a haven for bird enthusiasts who can expect to see dozens of species even in the dry season. Yellow-collared lovebirds are a common bird sighting in the trees along the Tarangire River. In the late afternoon, we will drive back to Arusha for drop off at the Lodge.



Lake Manyara National Park



After breakfast, we drive to Lake Manyara National Park in the Great Rift Valley. The park offers a lush jungle-like groundwater forest where baboon troops lounge nonchalantly along the roadside, blue monkeys scamper nimbly between the ancient mahogany trees, dainty bushbuck tread warily through the shadows, and outsized forest hornbills honk cacophonously in the high canopy.

After a picnic lunch in the Park, we will explore the intimacy of the forest in the grassy floodplain and its expansive views eastward, across the alkaline lake, to the jagged blue volcanic peaks that rise from the endless Maasai Steppes. Large buffalo, wildebeest and zebra herds congregate on these grassy plains, as do giraffes – some so

dark in coloration that they appear to be black from a distance. Further inland of the floodplain, a narrow belt of acacia woodland is the favored haunt of Manyara's legendary tree-climbing lions and impressively tusked elephants. Later in the afternoon we will drive back to Arusha.



Mkuru Camel Safari



Mkuru Camel Safari is a community-based cultural tourism initiative, directly managed by local people. The experience includes camel and walking safaris, as well as a wide variety of cultural events, with the objective of spreading the knowledge of natural and cultural resources of Mkuru/Mount Meru area, and distributing the benefits of tourism to rural communities.



You will be picked from Planet Lodge in the morning and driven to Oludoinyo Sambu, a village located along the Nairobi highway. Upon arrival, you will be briefed about the Camel ride, and the guided Camel tour will begin by visiting a baboon cave, which hosts almost 300 baboons nightly. Later in the day you will ride back to the camp, break for a traditional Tanzanian lunch and drive back to the lodge for drop off at the Lodge.



Helicopter Tours



1. Deluxe Water Fall Cruise

This is an opportunity to award yourselves a magnificent “bird’s-eye” view of nature in an exclusive and luxurious scenic flight, taking you from Moshi/KIA airport. You will be exposed to the wonders of nature and witness a breathtaking view of the glacier flow on the majestic Kilimanjaro. Taking off from Moshi airport the “Airbus” will cruise over the beautiful green town of Moshi then pass over the well aligned coffee plantations on the foothill of Mount Kilimanjaro. This 30-minute Scenic Flight adventure is never out of style.

2. Epic Kili Cruise

This is a 45-minute sensational ride in a helicopter over the roof of Africa, a true definition of a perfect adventure. From appreciating the beautiful natural surroundings of this legendary Mountain to captivating beauty of wildlife. What’s more fascinating is the awe-inspiring view of the three volcanic cones born over a thousand of years. Shira peak, stubborn Mawenzi and the white hatted Kibo peak standing strong over centuries. This overwhelming picturesque scenery gives a complete grasp of the roof of Africa that not even a hiker gets to experience.

3. Grand Kili Cruise

In this flight you will immerse yourself in the iconic wonders of the 90-minute grand helicopter tour. Soar above an eye catching green town of Moshi, From wide opened windows our experienced pilot will pass you through large coffee plantation, just after witnessing astonishing waterfalls coming from the roof of Africa. Hold on! Nature has more to surprise you with, when connecting you with the famous volcanic cones Shira and Mawenzi peak, joyfully introducing you to the highest Africa’s peak Mount Kilimanjaro. Just when you are taking a long breath from so much fun a gorgeous Caldera lake, lake Chala will be waiting to show you its beauty.



