

TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO TANZANIA

Some of the world's most spectacular attractions are found here in Tanzania. Tanzania is a tourist's dream of Africa - wonders of nature (Ngorongoro Crater), Africa's tallest mountain and world's tallest free-standing (Kilimanjaro), plentiful wildlife, abundant bird life, animals wondering in their most pristine nature, and of course Zanzibar, the exciting wonderful island with its beautiful beaches.

Tanzania's Population: 30 million people

TIME Tanzania has only one time zone. Local time is GMT + 3 hours.

LANGUAGE The national language is Kiswahili but English is widely spoken and is the language of the tourist trade and other international businesses.

CLIMATE The climate is tropical.
The coastal areas are hot and humid with an average day temperature of 30 degrees centigrade. The central plateau is dry and arid with hot days and cool nights.
In the northwest highlands around Arusha and Ngorongoro, the climate is temperate and cooler between June and September.
The long rains are from March to May and
The short rains fall between October and December.
The hottest months are between October and February.

CURRENCY The unit of currency is the Tanzania Shilling (Tshs) which is divided into 100 cents. Visitors can bring with them any amount of foreign currency but it is against the law to import or export Tanzania currency.

CREDIT CARDS In Africa, you may not find credit card facilities available at many lodges and camps. We advise you to carry travel money with you.
Foreign currency in cash or travellers cheques may be exchanged at the commercial banks, authorised dealers, or at the bureau de changes operating at the international airports, major towns and border posts.

INSURANCE We strongly advise that you take out comprehensive travel insurance covering your personal effects, accident, medical and emergency travel expenses, cancellation and curtailment lost baggage.

ELECTRICITY 215 - 230 Volts, 50 Cycles AC. Lodges in the parks run on generators.
Lights go off at about 10 or 11 pm at night and come on at about 6am. You are advised to charge your cameras and phones on time.

PASSPORTS & VISA All visitors to Africa must possess a valid passport with at least two (2) blank passport pages per country you visit. Your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months after your intended date of departure.
All visitors to Tanzania require a return or onward ticket and a valid passport with an entry or re-entry visa, duly endorsed. Visas are not required for visitors from some Commonwealth countries and other specified countries. Visas can be obtained from Tanzania Embassy in your Country or neighboring Country, and at main entry points including international airports, sea ports and border posts.
Tourist visa for American (USA) Citizens has been raised from USD 50 to USD 100 effective September 2007. The visa is now called "Multiple Entry Visa", regardless of visitor traveling on a single entry arrangement and will be valid for three months. There has not been any change on visa fees for other nationalities.

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DEPARTURES An airport tax of US\$ 30.00 is levied on all visitors departing the country by air. In many instances, this fee is included in your airline ticket. However visitors departing by air from Kenya are required to pay the departure tax direct at the airport. Baggage is weighed at check-in counters and may be inspected by Custom officials. Airport departure tax for domestic flights is about US\$ 6.00. All fees are subject to change. There is no departure tax when travelling by road.

AIR TRAVEL Several international airlines operate in and out of Tanzania through Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro International Airports. Travel within the country is by the National Airlines, Air Tanzania, and by Precision Air, Coastal Aviation, Regional Air, Air Excel, Auricair and ZanAir.

HEALTH REGULATIONS & VACCINATIONS

All travelers coming directly from Europe to Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro International Airports are required to have Yellow Fever vaccinations and relevant documents. If you are travelling to Tanzania from yellow fever endemic countries/regions (or if you have a transit in an affected area of more than 12 hours and/or leave the airport), please note that you will be required to present a yellow fever vaccination certificate upon arrival in any port of debarkations here in Tanzania. If you require the yellow fever vaccination certificate, it is imperative that this is obtained no less than 10 days prior to travel. Direct arrivals from non-endemic countries in Europe and North America are not required to show the certificate, however this remains at the discretion of Airport Immigration.

Visitors are advised to take anti-malaria tablets and make use of mosquito nets and insect sprays where provided. Health insurance through your travel agent or any other agent is recommended.

Please consult your GP before travelling to make sure you have the necessary vaccines

FOR YELLOW FEVER MAPS & INFO visit <https://nathnacyfzone.org.uk/factsheet/60/yellow-fever-maps>
Useful website with more info on your destination visit <http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/>

CUSTOMS Personal effects including binoculars, cameras, film, may be imported (temporarily) free of duty. A custom bond may be demanded from visitors bringing in professional video/filming equipment, radios, tape recorders and musical instruments to ensure the goods are re-exported. Firearms require a special permit that should be obtained in advance. Visitors buying local handicrafts must keep cash sales receipts and ownership certificates for wildlife trophies for presentation to Customs officials on departure.

LUGGAGE Safari vehicles and small aircraft provide limited space for luggage. It is therefore recommended to travel with light bags since bulky suitcases will overload and might not be taken on board.

FLYING DOCTOR MEMBERSHIP A temporary Flying Doctor membership is recommended to cover air medical evacuation to Nairobi, covering a distance per person upto 1000kms from Wilson Airport.

CLOTHING Light tropical clothes, especially cotton slacks, shirts and skirts are most suitable. Some warm clothing is needed in the higher altitude areas around Ngorongoro Crater, Mt.Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Iringa and Mbeya, especially in the evenings and early in the morning.

Ladies: Light easy to wash, drip-dry blouses, skirts, dresses, light khaki trousers.

Men: Drip-dry casual shirts, khaki trousers.

In Zanzibar, Women should carry a wrap to cover legs in the villages and towns as revealing clothes can cause offence, especially in Zanzibar and Moslem areas. On the beach and within the confines of beach hotels normal swim wear is acceptable.

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GENERAL – DOs and Don'ts

- Do not change money in the streets.
- If using a taxi, take a registered taxi.
- Avoid cowboy tour operators.
- Avoid walking at night along deserted streets or poorly-lit areas.
- Always bargain in shops and markets. Do not feel shy. Use all your skills.
- Prices in restaurants/ hotels/ supermarkets are fixed.
- Choose a reliable, recommended hotel or guest house in town/city.
- Do not photograph local people/ tribe/ Masai without asking for their permission.
- Do not take photographs of police, military installation or personnel.
- Inform your Hotel/Tour Operator/Travel Agent of any allergies or food preferences before travel.
- Please speak softly when around wildlife
- Please listen carefully to the guides instructions at all times
- Please do not force the driver to go off road as many places off roading is not permitted.
- Please do not force the driver to drive close to the animals as they need their space and we must respect their environment.
- Please do not litter
- Please check for signs for smoking designated areas at your lodge / camp
- No sudden movements in the vehicle when around wildlife.
- Do not walk alone in the wild at any time unless you are with a qualified driver / guide / ranger.
- Do not walk alone in Camp / Lodge after dark, you will be escorted at all times. Once you are in your accommodation after dinner please do not leave your rooms / tents.
- Do not drink tap water
- Take ample precautions against stomach bugs.
- Carry enough medication for Diarrhoea and Rehydration Salts.
- Be aware of jewellery and valuables, some camps and lodges will have safe deposit boxes.
- Like anywhere in the world do not walk with your Valuables in full view on Streets.
- If you smoke please do not throw cigarette butts outside.
- Always demand for an official receipt for any purchases
- Do not exchange / forward any inappropriate images, messages, videos you receive regarding politics/present situation about Government or Religious debate on any Social Media Platforms. Writing or forwarding any such message is an offence and you may face arrest without warrant.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bush hat or scarf for protection against the sun
- Camera with enough films
- Video camera for photographic enthusiasts
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent / Medicines i.e. Anti Malaria Tablets
- Suntan lotion
- Torch (flash light)

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WILDLIFE – GAME VIEWING IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

Please note all efforts will be made by your guide to show you abundance of wildlife in The National Parks and Game Reserves. However sometimes due to weather and unforeseen circumstances the viewing does become difficult as the nature is in its natural environment and moves constantly.

The National Parks have no boundaries for animals and they are free to roam, there is no guarantee on game viewing or birding as Mother Nature offers no guarantees although your guide and driver will do their best in spotting the wildlife, it is always a privilege to see the nature in its wildest form and in their natural environment.

PARK RULES

Driving off road is NOT allowed from main game circuit tracks. Park rules are to be followed strictly.

No Littering in the parks including cigarette butts to avoid bush fires.

No Noise or sudden movement near animals, animals get disturbed by loud noises and sudden movements, we are in their environment and we should respect it, taking photos is not a problem.

Strictly No smoking inside the Vehicle.

It is strictly prohibited to use Drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles of any size for photo taking, filming, and any other purpose in the National Parks or Game Reserves for security reasons,

ALL NATIONAL PARKS in Tanzania have Single entry park fees from 2014. (If you come out of the park after a morning game drive and wish to re-enter the park in the afternoon, you'll be charged again for this entry)

Timings mentioned on the itinerary are just a guideline / indication, they may vary.

SAFARI TIPS

- Please do not wear Contact lenses due to dust irritation. Contacts should be replaced with glasses.*
- Whilst on Safari please strictly follow camp/lodge rules and regulations and listen to your guide at all times.*

TIPPING

This is entirely at the discretion of the visitor, usually given on the last day and can be done in any currency. The following is a general guideline.

Driver-guide:

As most visitors ask for a guideline, we suggest USD 20 per Couple per day for a Couple and between USD 25 – 30 for a family, but the amount remains at your own discretion.

Porters/Waiters : \$1 - \$2 (or more if plenty of luggage).

For outstanding and courteous service, you may decide to give a higher tip all at your discretion.

BAN OF PLASTIC BAGS IN KENYA

If you are travelling between Tanzania and Kenya, please be notified of the ban on Plastic and carrier bags.

In their world leading efforts to protect the environment, the Kenyan Government has begun its enforcement of the February legislation to ban all use of plastic bags across and within the country.

In supporting the Kenyan government's environmental law, we would like to notify all our guests that any travellers entering the country refrain from using any and all forms of 'disposable' plastic carry bags. This would include plastic being found in both the guest's main luggage as well as hand luggage to prevent any inconveniences on arrival into Kenya.

In addition, please kindly note that when guests purchase duty free goods before entering Kenya, they will be required to leave their duty free plastic carry bags at the port of entry.

For more information please visit the [NEMA](#) website

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