

16 Days Tanzania Offroad Motorbike Safari (M-ID: 4144)

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from \$7,507.20

Dates and duration (days)

On request

16 days

10 days of motorbike safari and 4 days of classic jeep wildlife safari to Tarangire, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro Crater.

This 15-day tour will start with a 5-day Tanzania Motorbike safari. You will enjoy the adventure on your bike through untouched magnificent destinations and tracks of Tanzania. Off the beaten roads right into the bush, experience authentic and exceptional encounters with the African wildlife as you interact with indigenous people of Africa such as the Maasai, Chagga, and the Sonjo. See the best of Tanzania from the off-road Motorcycle that rides over mountains, valleys, and vast plains of wildlife and rich African cultures.

After the dusty and bumpy days, it's time to visit the highlights of northern Tanzania National Parks in another 4-full-Day Classic Wildlife Safari tour, such as the Tarangire National Park, the Serengeti National Park, and the Ngorongoro Crater. Unique to this safari is the abundance of wildlife offering you a real sense of what Africa is all about.

In Serengeti National Park you will witness the great wildebeest migration. Approximately two million wildebeest, including animals such as zebras and gazelles, move annually, in an endless cycle, across Tanzania's Serengeti and Kenya's Masai Mara, in search of better food and water resources.

In Tarangire National Park you will enjoy good elephant sightings and marvel at the huge baobab trees that line the horizon of this park. You can also look for wild cats along the swamp edge and towards the Tarangire River.

In Ngorongoro Crater, apart from seeing all the Big 5 and many other animals, you will find yourself in the cradle of mankind. In a place where animals and humans live together peacefully on a crater floor, the task of the day will be to try and find the endangered black rhino.

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport

Our staff will meet and greet you at the JRO airport, from where you will be taken to the lodge for refreshment. In the evening we will have the bikes handed over for personal adjustments and trials. If flying with Qatar airways the plan will be well blended.

In the evening we will take you to Arusha's famous street for a dinner BBQ (vegetarian meals also available). This evening we will give a briefing for the next day's activities. After dinner, we will go for a drink (optional). If you feel already tired, we will return to the lodge for a good night's rest.

- Accommodation: Mount Meru Hotel

- Meal Plan: FullBoard.

Day 2: Arusha - Maasai Steppe

After breakfast at around 8:00 am our chief guide will give you a clear and thorough briefing on the daily schedules and tour overall expectations. He will, also, introduce you to the rest of the crew for greetings and to get to know each other. You will therefore test your motorcycles and protective equipment and see if they fit you comfortably. At around 9:00 am you will start your ride from your hotel to Dukabovu, where you will divert the tarmac road and start riding off-road through the Maasai villages of Lolkisale,

Naberera, Namalulu, and Orkesumet. It is a complete semi desert experience, with tribal men walking around and performing their daily activities, interacting with wild animals that surround them.

The Maasai Steppe Conservancy is located between the Tarangire National Park and the Simanjiro Plains, within the Northern Safari Circuit. Safaris in the Maasai Steppe provide a wonderfully varied experience for people wanting a combination of wildlife viewing, walking, and authentic, 'un-canned' cultural experiences with the natives. This Steppe is a vibrant and important ecological stronghold for the wildlife and people of northern Tanzania. Nearly 92% of these critical ecosystems are designated Maasai village lands where livestock husbandry represents the primary livelihood. Maintaining healthy rangelands is critical to both the Maasai people and the wildlife dependent on this arid environment.

- Accommodation: Rozana Guest House
- Meal Plan: Full Board.☒
- Distance: 209 km / 130 miles
- Travel duration: 7 hours.
- Terrain: Dirty, gravels, sandy + 28km of tarmac.

Day 3: Maasai Steppe - West Usambara Mountains

Usambara mountains are part of the forest-capped ancient crystalline mountains of eastern Tanzania and southeast Kenya, popularly referred to as the "Eastern Arc". During the colonial period, Germans discovered the charms of the Usambara and they established Lushoto (Wilhelmsthal, in those days) which was a favored holiday spot for colonial administrators. Even today, you still can find many traces of German colonies.

In the morning, you will start your ride through the Maasai Steppe Conservancy to the small townships of Hedaru and Mombo where you will make several short stops to interact with the locals - a marvelous experience, especially on market days. Your ride goes up the hills along the Usambara Mountains and down to Mkomazi National Park. It's a tricky uphill ride with very sharp corners, sometimes covered by rocks and loose gravel.

- Accommodation: Irete View Cliff Lodge
- Meal Plan: FullBoard.☒
- Distance: 204 km / 127 miles
- Travel duration: 7 hours.
- Terrain: Dirt road, gravels, sharp corners, forest - steep trails.

Day 4: Lushoto Highlands (Full day)

This full-day stay at Lushoto Highlands will allow you to rest your bodies. You will rest after a short ride of only 64km, from Irete View Cliff Lodge to Mambo View Point Eco Lodge. You will pass through several local villages of the local tribe Wasambaa. You will arrive at the Mambo Viewpoint which is located just at the top of Mkomazi National Park, allowing you a clear view of the park and the townships of Mombo and Hedaru.

- Accommodation: Mambo View Point Eco Lodge.

- Meal Plan: FullBoard.☒
- Distance: 64 km / 40 miles
- Travel duration: 7 hours.
- Terrain: Dirt road, gravels, sharp corners, forest - steep trails.

Day 5: Lushoto Highlands - the Pare Mountains

After breakfast, we explore the range of the Usambara Mountains. Through the local villages of Rangwi and Manolo, we reach the palm forests. The ride down to the southern ranges will be completely off the tarmac. The trail goes through the virgin savannah down to Lake Kalimawe, surrounded by rice plantations and small villages. The ride continues to the area of Mkomazi National Park on the slopes. After a while, you will start exploring the Pare Mountains and local Pare villages of Gonja and Visiwani, before arriving at Same.

The motel at Same has spectacular views of the South Pare Mountains and because of its location, it is the ideal gateway to/from Mkomazi National Park, the South Pare Mountains, and Shengena Forest. This is where we will treat ourselves to a cold beer and a rest, well deserved after a long and hard riding adventure day.

- Accommodation: Elephant Motel Same.
- Meal Plan: FullBoard.☒
- Distance: 143 km / 89 miles
- Travel duration: 5 hours.
- Terrain: Dirty, gravels, rocky, steep, and sharp corners.

Day 6: the Pare Mountains - Lake Chala

After breakfast at Same Motel, we leave heading uphill to the Pare Mountains with a nice view of the small towns/villages downhill. The trail goes up through the Pare mountains and the local villages of Mgagao, Usangi, and Kambi ya Simba. Over here, you will have your lunch break, before carrying on with your ride to Lake Chala. This trail will take you along the boundaries of Lake Jipe and the border of Tanzania and Kenya. Arrive at your hotel for late evening rest along the shores of Lake Chala and enjoy a natural swim.

- Accommodation: Lake Chala Safari Lodge
- Meal Plan: FullBoard.☒
- Distance: 120 km / 75 miles
- Travel duration: 5 hours.
- Terrain: Dirt road, up-and-down hills + 6km of tarmac.

Day 7: Lake Chala - West Kilimanjaro

This will be an awesome day since the ride will be from the Windward to the leeward side of Mount Kilimanjaro. Two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo will be visible in the morning and evening. This is also a chance to pass over different Chagga people who are regarded as the typical conservators of Mount Kilimanjaro. Today we will have a picnic lunch, and if we're lucky we might be able to see mountain primates such as black and white Colobus monkeys and Blue monkeys on the forest reserve. The ride will pass over earth roads and newly paved tarmac roads.

The distance will be 140km and we will arrive at Maasai Lodge for dinner. The camp is situated between Mount Kilimanjaro and Meru. You will have an awesome view of both old volcanic mountains.

- Accommodation: Simba Farm Lodge
- Meal Plan: FullBoard.
- Distance: 140 km / 86 miles
- Travel duration: 8 hours.
- Terrain: Dirt road, gravels, rocky, sandy, and forestry trails.
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Day 8: West Kilimanjaro - Lake Natron (via Longido)

We will ride via typical African roads - dust, sand, and gravel up to the small town of Longido. This is an adventure ride on a very dusty trail, way down into a huge gorge where resident wildebeest, zebras, giraffes, and antelopes gather for grazing land and water. The last 50 km in this leg is a sandy and stony track cut in the rift.

While here, we are going to visit the largest soda ash lake, Lake Natron, and Engare Sero waterfalls, and have views of Oldonyo Lengai. We will experience the Maasai culture, traditions, and customs. Meals will be prepared natively but with high hygienic standards. Maasai warriors will give us dance while enjoying the barbeque.

- Accommodation: Maasai Giraffe Eco Lodge.
- Meal Plan: FullBoard.
- Distance: 237 km / 147 miles
- Travel duration: 8 hours.
- Terrain: Dirt road, gravels, rocky, sandy, and forestry trails.
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Day 9: Lake Natron - Sonjo plains

Located about 40 miles / 64km west of Lake Natron, The Sonjo are a Bantu-speaking people. About 30,000 Sonjo live in northern Tanzania in the Ngorongoro district. Riding to their area you will get a chance to learn more about this less-known indigenous tribe of Tanzania, that has lived there for centuries, isolated within the Maasai territory. You will get to know their astonishing culture, their gender roles, the role of music as well as their clothing.

- Accommodation: Maasai Giraffe Eco Lodge.
- Meal Plan: Full Board.
- Distance: 64 km / 40 miles
- Travel duration: 8 hours.
- Terrain: Dirt road, gravels, rocky and sandy, and forest - steep trails.
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Day 10: Lake Natron - Lake Eyasi

After early breakfast, ride from Maasai Giraffe Eco Lodge through gentle slopes at the foot of Oldoinyo Lengai to a famous little crater of Shimo la Mungu (a Swahili word for "god's hole"). After a 15-minute break, you will take your ride through a Maasai village of Engaruka to a small township of Mto wa Mbu (near Lake Manyara National park). You will have your picnic lunch here and a full hour break. After, we will start a ride alongside Manyara National Park with another 15 minute stop at Manyara Park Viewpoint and carry on to Lake Eyasi. There, we will meet the Hadzabe community, the main hunters, and gatherers of eastern and southern Africa. After a joined hunting experience on Hadzabe's native grounds, we will ride to the camp, for well-deserved cold drinks and food.

- Accommodation: Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge
- Meal Plan: FullBoard.
- Distance: 150 km / 93 miles
- Travel duration: 7 hours.
- Terrain: Dirt road, gravels, rocky and sandy.
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Day 11: Lake Eyasi - Tarangire National Park

The day starts with a traditional hunt with bushmen which is well worth your time. After breakfast, they will graciously show you where and how they live and hunt. They subsist entirely off the bush and by bow and arrow hunting. Everything they use is made of local materials, including their bows which are strung with giraffe tendon, and their arrows which are coated in lethal poison. Their language resembles that of the Kalahari bushmen tribe (who were featured in the 1980 film 'The Gods Must Be Crazy') with clicking noises used.

Just after we are done with the morning activities, we will start our ride through the Manyara EcoSystem to Tarangire National park. This is a rocky and hilly road that passes through different altitudes and vegetations down to Magara village, adjacent to Lake Manyara National park. We will enjoy our packed lunch and after, we will leave the good view of the rift valley while heading to our Hotel inside Tarangire National Park.

- Accommodation: Tarangire Safari Lodge
- Meal Plan: FullBoard.
- Distance: 140 km / 85 miles
- Travel duration: 7 hours
- Terrain: Dirt road, gravels, rocky and sandy.
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Day 12: Full Day in Tarangire National park - Karatu town

After breakfast, we will leave our lodge for a full-day game drive inside Tarangire National Park. The Park is known as the Elephant Sanctuary. The giant baobab trees, bush savannah, and seasonal marshes add to the wonder of this nature reserve. The Tarangire National Park is considered one of the best places to view elephants up close. The park is also home to buffaloes, zebras, and wildebeests which are always closely followed by a range of predators such as lions and leopards. Those are sporadically seen but cheetahs are rarely spotted. From the open roof safari

vehicle, you will be able to absorb the landscape and watch the animals. In the late afternoon, you will drive outside the park and to the vibrant town of Karatu for dinner and overnight.

- Accommodation: Ngorongoro Forest Tented Lodge.

- Meal Plan: Full Board.

Day 13: Karatu - Serengeti National Park (Full Day in 4x4)

- Travel time: 4 - 5 hours

- Distance: 210 km.

After breakfast, you will depart for Serengeti National Park with a picnic lunch in hand. You will enjoy a game drive en route. The Serengeti is famed for its incredible wildlife, stunning views, and the annual migration of over 1.5 million wildebeest and hundreds of thousands of zebras. In this frenzied bout of territorial conquests and mating, we will witness the survival of the fittest as these animals plunge through crocodile-infested waters. The wildebeest will give birth to more than 8,000 calves daily before the 1,000 km (600 miles) pilgrimage begins again.

- Accommodation: Great Exploration Tented Lodge

- Meal Plan: Full Board.

Day 14: Serengeti National Park (Full Day in 4x4)

- Travel time: N/A

- Distance: N/A

This whole day is dedicated to game viewing in the Serengeti National Park. Your guide will take you to the best spots to observe the wildlife. Elephants, buffaloes, lions, cheetahs, hyenas, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, topi, Grant's and Thomson's gazelles and many more can be seen in this large national park. Especially in the Seronera Valley, you will be able to experience fantastic game viewing all year round. The Serengeti is home to the largest animal migration on the planet.

Optional Serengeti Balloon Safari:

Prepare for a 4 am wake-up call so that you can fully enjoy your sunrise in a hot air balloon safari. As you embark on an extraordinary adventure you will enjoy an incredible Safari from The Sky, over the Serengeti National Park, boosted by the enchanting scenery and uninterrupted views. Special arrangements are made for you to depart before the break of dawn. This gives you a rare chance to experience the awakening of the surrounding wildlife and a wonderful sunrise. With amazing opportunities for stunning photographic moments, this miraculous glide over the Serengeti ecosystem also allows you to absorb the magnitude of the size of the park. The planned take-off is at dawn - 6 am. The flight depends mostly on the weather and the wind, thus varies daily, but generally, it is an hour's flight. Once you land, our ground team will escort you to your breakfast area where you will commemorate this

special event with a hearty breakfast amidst the wild ambiance.

Day 15: Serengeti - Ngorongoro Crater (Full Day in 4x4)

- Travel time: 3hrs

- Distance: 160km.

Rise and shine! After breakfast, you will travel to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area before you drive down into the crater floor for a full-day game drive. The massive, collapsed volcano is home to over 25,000 mammals ranging from the Big Five – lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, and leopard – to spotted hyenas, rare wild dogs, and some of the more than 500 bird species of the area. After an extensive game drive and a picnic for lunch, you will leave the caldera in the afternoon and return to your Luxury accommodation just outside the park.

- Accommodation: Oldeani Mountain Lodge.

- Meal Plan: Full Board.

Day 16: Departure Day

You will wake up at the crater rim and, after breakfast, we will take you to Arusha, where you will have a shower and lunch at the hotel. Waiting for the evening to drive you to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight back home.

Countries	Tanzania
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room (based on 8 participants)	\$7,507.20
per rider in shared twin/double room (based on 7 participants)	\$7,567.20
per rider in shared twin/double room (based on 6 participants)	\$7,675.20
per rider in shared twin/double room (based on 5 participants)	\$8,110.80
per rider in shared twin/double room (based on 4 participants)	\$8,514.00
per rider in shared twin/double room (based on 3 participants)	\$9,237.60
per rider in shared twin/double room (based on 2 participants)	\$9,517.20
per person single room - (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	\$540.00

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Pillion passengers are more than welcome to join. Pillion riders (both on motorcycles or support vehicle) pay 25% less than the riders' cost. For the exact prices please enquire.

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Optional:

per person Serengeti Balloon Safari (Surcharge)	\$599.00
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Included

Personal meet and greet services
Private Transfers to and from Airports
Motorbike (Honda CRF 250 L, 2013) + Fuel + Guide
Basic spares, Tools and First aid kit
Support vehicle

All Park fees, entry fees and Government Taxes
Professional and experienced English-speaking guide and full-time mechanic
Full board accommodations and all 3 Meals - Every day
Third-party motorbike insurance in Tanzania
AMREF Flying Doctors Insurance on the tour - Emergency Evacuation Service
4x4 Safari Jeep with pop-up roof (safari tours)
All Airport Transfers

Not included

International Flights
Visas and Vaccinations
Driver/guide gratuities
Bike Insurance - Third Party
Drinks/laundry/Porters
Any other items of a personal nature
Personal travel & medical insurance
Visas (US\$50) and yellow fever vaccination
Serengeti Balloon Safari (USD. 599/person)
Everything that is not listed under features

More details

Distance: 995km / 594miles distance will be covered on this tour (roughly 80% of this distance will be off-road).

Experience: Suitable for all skilled bikers who like a couple of long riding days, but you don't need experience on un-tarred roads. No hard off-road riding involved. On most roads, you'll ride around 60 – 100 km/hour. The itinerary is planned in such a way that you have plenty of time to enjoy the magnificent scenery. You'll encounter wildlife and indigenous people to learn about their culture most of the days.

Wildlife Experience: You will visit the highlights of northern Tanzania such as the Tarangire National Park, the Serengeti National Park, and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Motorbike Types & Model: Honda CRF250L – 2013.

License: You need to have a motorcycle driving license valid for a 150 cc motorbike (at least)

Suitability: Very suitable for riders with a pillion; if you want to skip a day on the motorbike backseat you can ride in the support vehicle.

Accommodation and meals: Most of our accommodations facilities have hot showers, a swimming pool, a bar, Wi-Fi, and laundry services. Three meals are included as indicated each day with B (breakfast), L (lunch), and/or D (dinner). Special evening events (like evenings with local Maasai BBQ) are also included as per the itinerary.

For the rental bike, you have two insurance options in case of damages: 1) Non-refundable insurance of USD 100. This covers damages of up to USD 300. In case of no damages, no refund is issued. 2) Refundable insurance deposit of USD 500. Damages will be deducted from the deposit. Full refund if no damages.

Deductible in the event of damage: The motorcycles can withstand quite a bit. Should something break, the repair will be deducted from the deposit. The motorcycles are partially insured with a 500,00 € deductible. The deductible can be excluded by additional insurance for reimbursement of the deductible in case of damage, for example for 6,90 EUR per day at HanseMerkur.

Riding equipment: there are very limited options to rent riding gear. We recommend bringing your own. On request, it may be rented for USD 25 per person per day.

Checklist: Using this checklist you can cross off the essentials. You can add to this to your heart's delight. During the daytime, your main luggage will be transported in the backup vehicle. You'll also encounter a lot of dust when riding through Africa. Please, bring sturdy plastic bags to pack your daily belongings, so your camera and other belongings are protected against water and dust. Since dust will find its way into the smallest cracks, we advise you to pack your main luggage in plastic bags as well.

For The Ride:

Helmet

Motorcycle jacket

Protective pants

Sturdy shoes or boots

Protective gloves

Sunglasses or goggles

Shawl or buff

Rain gear (optional)

For off the bike:

Swimming gear

Fleece sweater (April /Oct)

Underwear, socks, etc.

T-shirts and/or blouses

Casuals for the evenings

Slippers or sandals

Shorts (f.i. during game drives)

Cap or hat

Documents and money:

Flight ticket (print of your e-ticket)

Valid passport with at least two empty right-hand pages (valid until at least 1 or 6 months after your Flight date back home)

Valid motorcycle driver's license and if needed a valid international driver's license

Proof you have adequate travel and cancellation insurance

A photocopy or scan of all of the above

Vaccination certificate

(Bank) card which you can use on ATM's in Tanzania

Credit card (Mastercard, American Express, or Visa)

Cash (Dollars or Euros)

Personal effects:

Malaria prophylaxis and other personal medical drugs

Basic First Aid set containing Painkillers, plasters, antiseptics, etc.

Mosquito repellent (containing at least 50% Deet or similar)

Sun cream and Glasses

Other:

Chargers

Camera, including memory cards, (spare) batteries and charger

Plastic bags (dust-proof)

Duct tape (for those repairs)

Torch or headlamp

Best time to visit Tanzania: all year round except April and May.