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## Essence of Tanzania 2020

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## In Africa Tours Essence of Tanzania 2020

*Arusha - Karatu - Seronera*

*8 Days / 7 Nights*

*2 Persons*

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## Introduction

Unwind under vast African skies, in some of the few last expanses of true wilderness and arguably the best game viewing areas on the continent. From untouched Tarangire, to the world famous Serengeti and Ngorongoro National Parks, this safari is run at a leisurely pace, allowing one ample time to discover the wild spirit of Tanzania.

Our camps – Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Serengeti North Wilderness Camp and Ndutu Wilderness Camp are located inside the national park and conservation areas respectively. These intimate camps, comprising a maximum of 12 tents, offer decent quality accommodation without costing a fortune. We strive to offer you the best experience possible – allowing flexibility on the ground to ensure you get to see, and be, in all the right places at the right time.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
<a href="#">The African Tulip</a>	Arusha	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Bougainvillea Safari Lodge	Karatu	FB+	<b>2 Nights</b>
<a href="#">Serengeti Wilderness Camp</a>	Seronera	FB+	<b>4 Nights</b>

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

## Price

01 Jan – 15 Mar 2020 = USD 3 900 .00 per person x 02 Adults  
 16 Mar – 31 May 2020 = USD 3 260 .00 per person x 02 Adults  
 01 – 30 June 2020 = USD 3 665 .00 per person x 02 Adults  
 01 July – 30 Sept 2020 = USD 4 455 .00 per person x 02 Adults  
 01 – 31 Oct 2020 = USD 4 400 .00 per person x 02 Adults  
 01 Nov – 13 Dec 2020 = USD 3 320 .00 per person x 02 Adults  
 14 Dec – 31 Dec 2020 = USD 3 970 .00 per person x 02 Adults

## Included

Arrival transfer and overnight African Tulip in a Deluxe Room (BB)  
 Services of a guide  
 Accommodation at quality lodges/ tented camps as set out above  
 Meals as specified above  
 Serengeti Wilderness Camp/ Ndutu/ Serengeti North Wilderness Camp all include local beer, house wine and soft drinks in the Full board rate  
 Park and camp/ concession fees (listed separately above)  
 Game viewing activities as indicated  
 Bottled water for game drives / in vehicle (not at hotels/lodges)

## Excluded

International flights, one way flight from Serengeti to Arusha (listed above), visas, travel insurance, health requirements, gratuities, drinks, all items of a personal nature and any service not specified. There is a cash bar at the Serengeti Wilderness camps.

## Day 1: The African Tulip, Arusha

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### Arusha

Resting at the foot of Mount Meru, the sprawling city of Arusha is known as the safari capital of northern Tanzania. It serves as an excellent base from which to explore the remarkably scenic surrounding area which includes majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, as well as the Manyara, Tarangire and Ngorongoro National Parks. Arusha is a good spot to take a day or two off from the safari circuit as it features a temperate climate and lush surrounds. Visitors can look forward to exploring the wildlife-abundant Serengeti National Park; the magnificent Arusha National Park; and taking on the challenge of climbing Mount Meru, Africa's fifth highest mountain.

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### Day Itinerary

On arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport you are transferred to Arusha to stay at **African Tulip** for (1) night. (1 x Deluxe Room)

### Overnight: The African Tulip [View iBrochure](#)

The African Tulip is an elegant and charming Luxury Boutique Hotel in the heart of Arusha. A warm and friendly welcome awaits guests who want to experience the best of Tanzanian hospitality. The hotel has been designed with

safari travellers, business persons, families, honeymooners, elite and leisure travellers in mind. It has amenities of convenience whilst offering a high standard of luxury.

The hotel has 29 guest rooms, 7 of which are suites. The rooms are individually and stylishly decorated using warm African tones. A lot of African material and local art has been used reflecting the common thread that runs throughout the hotel which is one of consistency and quality.




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## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 2: Bougainvillea Safari Lodge, Karatu

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### Karatu

Travellers heading for the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater will inevitably pass through the town of Karatu in the green hills of Tanzania's northern highlands. Presided over by the towering Ol Deani Volcano, this small, colourful town serves as a popular overnight stop for visitors exploring the area's many game parks. The town offers a variety of activities including browsing the bustling marketplace, sampling beer at a local brewery, visiting a traditional Iraqw homestead, or taking a guided walk through the Ngorongoro Forest in search of waterfalls and elephants caves. Whether you are looking for cultural tours, hiking and biking opportunities, a chance to enjoy an authentic rural Tanzania experience, or simply a break between safari game drives, this underrated town has plenty to offer.

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### Day Itinerary

From Arusha, depart early and drive to Tarangire National Park. Balance of day enjoying game drives in the area, with picnic lunch included. Continue to the highlands of Karatu, stopping to view Manyara and the escarpment below. Overnight **Bougainvillea Lodge** or similar including lunch and dinner.

An early morning briefing at your Arusha hotel kick starts your safari, before we head off away from the main safari route of the Northern Circuit, to Tarangire National Park, a true hidden gem.

Highly underrated, yet bursting with a dense wildlife population, it won't take you long to appreciate just why we love Tarangire. It's a special park, virtually untouched, with far fewer visitors than the world famous Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

During the dry season (June to September) thousands of animals including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, and the rarely seen oryx migrate from the dry Maasai steppe to the Tarangire River in search of water. Lion,

leopard and other predators follow, so be sure to be sure to charge your camera battery and empty your memory stick as some unique memories are waiting to be made. With impressive landscapes dominated by baobab trees, an enormous elephant population and over 550 varieties of bird, Tarangire offers secluded game viewing and loads of game – a winning combination in anyone's book!

From Tarangire, we head up through the beautiful highlands to the farm rich area of Karatu on the outer slopes of Ngorongoro crater to overnight.

### **Overnight: Bougainvillea Safari Lodge**

Located on the outskirts of the town of Karatu in Tanzania, Bougainvillea Safari Lodge is an excellent option for a countryside getaway. Accommodation options feature 24 comfortably furnished cottages. The en-suite cottages are equipped with Wi-Fi, mosquito nets and fireplaces. A complimentary breakfast is served daily, and guests can enjoy meals and drinks at the on-site restaurant and bar. Guests can make use of amenities such as the swimming pool.

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#### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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### **Day 3: Bougainvillea Safari Lodge, Karatu**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

Today you will enjoy a day in the Ngorongoro Crater, often seeing four of the big five with ease! Overnight Bougainvillea Lodge or similar on a full board basis.

Incredible and unforgettable, today is surely one you've been itching to tick off your African travel bucket list. One of the natural wonders of the world, the volcanic caldera of Ngorongoro Crater offers spectacular game viewing in the crater. We can almost guarantee you four of the Big Five will show up, as well as a rich variety of birds, all viewed against the splendid backdrop of the thickly forested crater walls. Our picnic lunch on the crater floor will forever remain a unique memory.

Varied terrains and dramatic landscapes consisting of forest, grasslands and both freshwater and soda lakes make the Ngorongoro Crater a true marvel of creation.

#### **Basis**

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### **Day 4: Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Seronera**

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#### **Seronera**

The Seronera region, in the central Serengeti, is set directly on the Great Migration route, and offers excellent viewing of this incredible annual phenomenon, when countless wildebeest flood across the plains. While migratory game populations fluctuate seasonally, Seronera is still a wildlife hotspot at other times of the year, sheltering the Big Five, among many other species. A number of small campsites provide accommodation and visitors can enjoy hot air balloon trips and walking safaris as well as guided game drives.

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## Day Itinerary

From Ngorongoro highlands we drive down to the Serengeti. Picnic lunch en route enjoying game drives along the way. Overnight at **Serengeti Wilderness Camp** (or Ndutu / Serengeti North Wilderness Camp depending on time of year), our base from which to explore the Serengeti for the next three days.

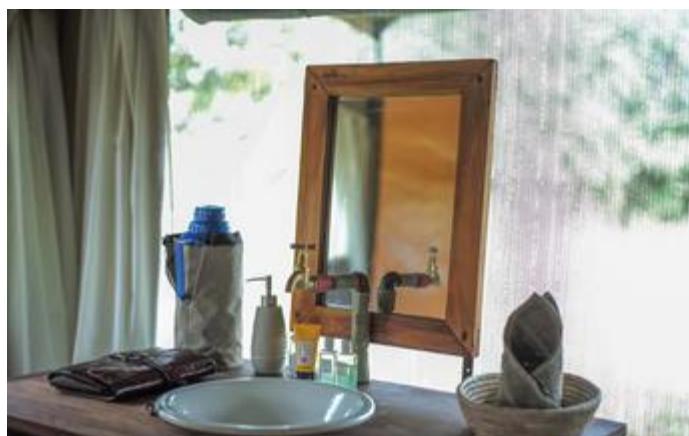
### Overnight: Serengeti Wilderness Camp [View iBrochure](#)

In the heart of the Serengeti National Park, in a pristine area that offers unparalleled game viewing, lies our Serengeti Wilderness Camp. If you are looking for an intimate safari experience, without compromising on comfort, then this is the camp for you.

The incredibly rich wildlife is supported by a network of rivers that make up the Seronera Valley. Battles between prey and predator play out all year-round and at certain times of the year the camp's location is in the path of the great migration – an incredible spectacle.

Twelve tents offer traditional 'under canvas' accommodation. Respect for the Serengeti and the fragile ecosystem means our camps are eco-friendly – complete with en-suite flush toilets, bucket showers and solar powered bedside lamps. With quality linen and a comfy bed, feelings of camping will soon disappear. Every tent boasts a shady veranda, where guests can relax and soak up their surroundings.

The central dining area boasts a well-stocked bar and cosy campfire area, allowing guests to relax and swap stories, while enjoying a couple of sundowners as the light fades on the Serengeti's sun-soaked plains. Our incredible staff are on hand to offer you personalised service and ensure that your stay is unforgettable.




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## Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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## Day 5: Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Seronera

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### Day Itinerary

Full day exploring the Serengeti. Overnight at a Serengeti Wilderness Camp. Balloon safari optional – inquire at the time of booking.

Relax with three full days in the Serengeti, home to more than three million large mammals spread over vast endless plains. It is here that we may encounter the fascinating spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration, where one and a quarter million wildebeest trek in columns of up to forty kilometres long in search of grazing, drawing with them

their predators and numerous other species of game.

From January to March the herds can largely be found birthing their young in the southern area around Ndutu, before proceeding north through the centre and Western Corridor during June and July, eventually splitting to the west and north as they continue their way toward the Mara River. August to October sees dramatic river crossings which can only be considered Africa's "greatest leap of faith", before the herds return south in November to repeat this amazing instinctive procession all over again.

### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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## **Day 6: Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Seronera**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Depending on the time of year, you may move camps to stay close to the migration. Day exploring the Serengeti. Overnight at a Serengeti Wilderness Camp.

### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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## **Day 7: Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Seronera**

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### **Day Itinerary**

A further day in the Serengeti. Overnight at a Serengeti Wilderness Camp.

### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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## **Day 8: End of Itinerary**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Morning transfer to the Seronera/Ndutu for your optional flight back to Arusha – or return by road. ***If you are staying up North, a flight back from Kogatende airstrip is compulsory.*** It is an exceptionally scenic flight (weather dependent) across the sweeping expanse of the Rift Valley escarpments and the highlands of Ngorongoro. **(Flight costs back from Kogatende airstrip is NOT INCLUDED)**

If you are not flying out tonight, but overnighting in Arusha, we highly recommend heading out to Mosque Street. Here, you will find probably the best chicken in Africa. In every town there are a few gems - delightful places off the beaten track that give you a sense of the soul of the town. Khan's is undoubtedly one of the key attractions in Arusha, and while it's definitely been discovered, it's still the real deal. You may have heard of Khan's as "Chicken in the Ditch", "Chicken on the Bonnet", "Kuku on the Curb", "That place by Soko Kuu with the fantastic chicken" or "Zubeda Autospare by Day, Khan's Chicken BBQ by Night".

Tasty salads, Zanzibar pizzas, garlic naan, barbecued chicken, beef mishkaki and mutton shish kabob are all winners.

Even the passion juice is top notch. But Khan's serves up more than an evening out - it's one place that will always remain a highlight of your trip to Arusha.

Another great spot is the "Lively Lady Bar and Grill ", down by the old train station, where the ambience is great (best pork chops ever), drinks icy, and, 1960's ROCK AND ROLL is played ... loudly!

However you choose to end off your Essence trip with us, your journey through Tanzania promises to leave you with many fond memories.

## **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Transport

### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Kilimanjaro International Airport [JRO]	The African Tulip		Transfer
		The African Tulip	Bougainvillea Safari Lodge		Transfer
		Bougainvillea Safari Lodge	Serengeti Wilderness Camp		Transfer
		Serengeti Wilderness Camp	Kilimanjaro International Airport [JRO]		Transfer

### Travel Information



The name Tanzania conjures up images of wildebeest stampeding across vast savannah, rain forests teeming with monkeys and birdlife, and great plains brimming with legions of game. All of these natural wonders and more are on offer in this exceptionally diverse African nation. Visitors typically visit Tanzania to partake in at least one of the four well known Tanzanian tourist experiences: a relaxing seaside vacation on the picturesque island paradise of Zanzibar, an underwater tour of some of the world's most renowned dive sites around the gorgeous Spice Islands, a safari adventure in some of Africa's most impressive game reserves, or a hiking excursion around Mount Kilimanjaro National Park. Whichever of these incredible holidays you choose, you will undoubtedly be welcomed by some fabulously friendly and peaceful inhabitants who, despite being divided into 120 different ethnic groups and cultures, live in harmony with one another and provide some of the most wonderfully exotic local cuisine you could imagine. With all of this diversity on offer, the most difficult part of your Tanzanian holiday experience is likely to be deciding where to go!

#### *Banking and Currency*

##### **Currency**

In Tanzania, the unit of currency is the Tanzanian Shilling, which is divided into 100 Cents. Notes are issued in denominations of 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, and 10000 Shillings. Coins are issued in denominations of 50, 100 and 200 Shillings.

##### **Banking**

Banks are open from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday. Many banks are equipped with 24 hour ATM machines.

Credit cards and travellers checks are not widely accepted in Tanzania. Where they are accepted can high service fees and poor exchange rates be expected. Major foreign currencies - particularly US \$ - are accepted in Tanzania and are convertible at banks and bureau de changes in the main towns and tourist areas. If bringing cash in US \$, please make sure bank notes are in good condition, with no cuts or damage and are not older than 2006. Most banks offer higher exchange rates for US \$ 100 / US \$ 50 bank notes compared to US \$ 20 / US \$ 10 or US \$ 5 bank notes.

### *Travel, Transport and Getting Around*

If you are visiting a number of parks and reserves in Tanzania, you can either drive or fly between them. Roads in most of the wilderness areas are in poor condition and unmarked, and self-driving is not recommended. Operators will supply you with a driver who doubles as an informal guide; alternatively, you can arrange to fly to your destination and utilize a car and driver supplied by the lodgings. Elsewhere in Tanzania, towns and cities are linked by a steady stream of buses and *dala-dalas* (minibuses), and in the cities, there is public transport in the way of buses, *dala-dalas*, taxis, and, in some places, bicycles or *tuk-tuks*.

Precision Air run regular services, mostly via Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro or Zanzibar, to all main towns and other destinations in East Africa and beyond. All national parks and some of the top-end luxury lodges have airstrips and Coastal Air operates between these and the main airports on the mainland and the islands of Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia. ZanAir has frequent connections between Zanzibar, Pemba and the mainland.

Driving is on the left hand side of the road

### *Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice*

Most camps, lodges or hotels cater specifically to tourists and serve Western-style food, ranging in standard, but generally are excellent. Game lodges tend to offer a daily set menu with a limited selection, so it is advisable to have your tour operator specify in advance if you are a vegetarian or have other specific dietary requirements. First-time visitors to Africa might take note that most game lodges in and around the national parks have isolated locations, and driving within the parks is neither permitted nor advisable after dark, so that there is no realistic alternative to eating at your lodge.

Tap water in Tanzania is generally not safe to drink, and most travellers try to stick to mineral water. Filtered and bottled water can be difficult to find if you are travelling outside of main town and so it is advisable to stock up. Most camps, lodges and hotels have bottled water readily available.

### *Climate and Weather*

Just south of the equator, Tanzania is huge and its sheer size means that the climate varies considerably within it. However, generally the main rainy season, or the 'long rains', lasts during about **March, April and May**. Afternoon tropical downpours are the norm – which are heavier and more predictable beside the coast and on the islands. The humidity is high and daily temperatures reach the low-mid 30°s.

The long dry season lasts throughout **June, July, August, September and October** is when rainfall is unusual, even on the islands. Temperatures vary hugely with altitude and location, but it's usually a fine, clear sky and sunny weather – it's a great time to visit Tanzania. During **November and December** there's another rainy season: the 'short rains'. These are much lighter than the main rains and less reliable.

If it has rained during the short rains, then it normally dries up for a few months, **January and February**, which is Tanzania's 'short dry season', before starting to rain again in earnest in **March**.

### *Clothing and Dress Recommendations*

It never gets really cold in Tanzania so lightweight clothing, preferably cotton or linen, is recommended. While on a game viewing safari, avoid brightly coloured clothing, stick to whites, beiges, khakis and browns. There may be long

days sitting in safari vehicles, so it is advisable to wear light comfortable clothing such as short sleeved shirts and cotton/linen trousers or shorts. Denim will become too hot and extremely uncomfortable. Walking shoes and socks will be required.

The evenings will be chilly, so long sleeved shirts and trousers should be worn. A sweater may be needed. These will also prevent you being bitten by insects. A hat should be worn at all times outside. The sun may sometimes not feel hot, but it can still easily burn, especially if it is cloudy and overcast.

If visiting Zanzibar or any coastal town don't forget to take a swimsuit, as it is invariably warm. Ladies are recommended to take cotton skirts, blouses and dresses. Sandals are a must for this environment! On the beaches and within the confines of hotels, normal swimwear is acceptable but nudity is not.

As over a third of the population in Tanzania is Muslim, it is therefore not etiquette for ladies to walk around in public displaying their legs and shoulders. Remember to dress modestly as short shorts, miniskirts, vests and tank tops will be frowned upon.

### *Electricity and Plug Standards*

The electricity supply in Tanzania is 220/240 volts at 50Hz. Plugs are 3 point square (UK Type). Adapters are available at major airports.

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