



TANZANIA

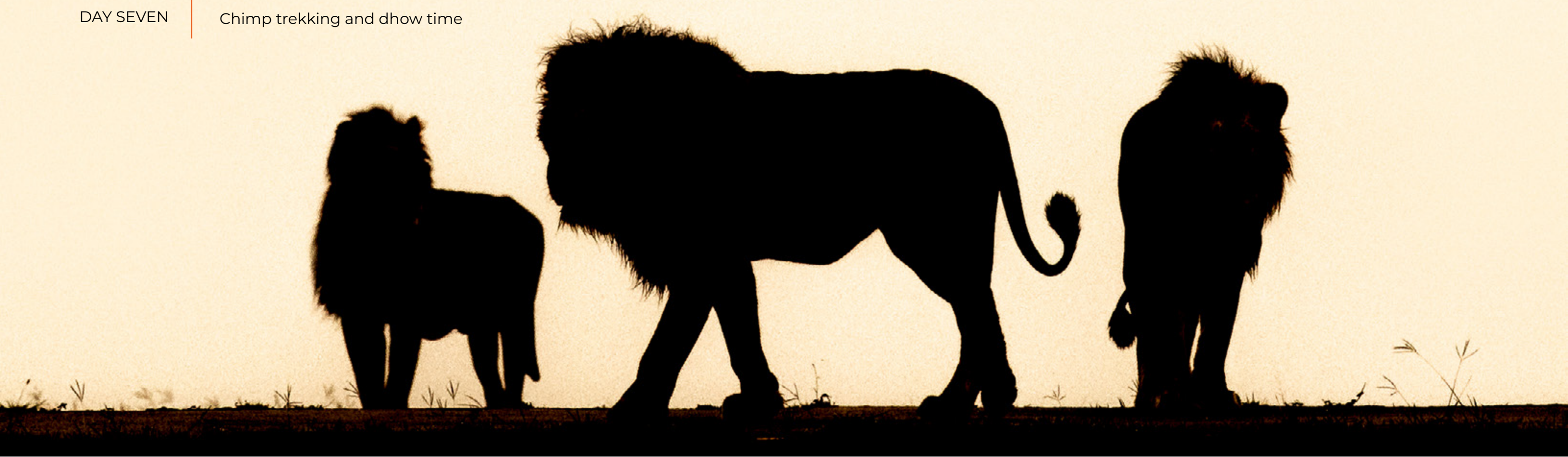
Mahale Mountains, Serengeti and Tarangire:

Endless plains, flamingoes and Greystoke's jungle playground

15 DAYS

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DAY ONE	Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania Clear customs and immigration into Tanzania Transfer to the Legendary Lodge (90 minutes) Legendary Lodge (one night)	DAY EIGHT	Chimp trekking and exploring the lake and its surroundings by kayak
DAY TWO	Transfer to Arusha Airport (15 minutes) PC12 charter to Tarangire National Park (30 minutes) Forest Chem Chem (three nights)	DAY NINE	Boat transfer to Mahale Airstrip (1 hour 30 minutes) PC12 charter to Lamai (1 hour 55 minutes) Serian Lamai Seasonal Camp (three nights)
DAY FIVE	PC12 charter to Mahale (1 hour 50 minutes) Dhow transfer to Mahale (1 hour 30 minutes) Greystoke Mahale (four nights)	DAY 12	PC12 charter to Grumeti (15 minutes) Sabora Tented Camp (three nights)
DAY SIX	Chimp trekking and forest discovery	DAY 15	PC12 charter to Kilimanjaro (50 minutes) Connect to international flight home
DAY SEVEN	Chimp trekking and dhow time		



A NOTE ABOUT OUR SAFARI

After a night spent in the lush and welcoming gardens of Legendary Lodge in Arusha, our safari starts at Forest Chem Chem, located in a unique community concession on the edge of Tarangire National Park. Chosen for both the camp and the destination, this is the perfect beginning to our journey. Forest Chem Chem is small, intimate and elegantly appointed with great hospitality and excellent food. The reserve offers rich wildlife viewing, from plenty of big cats to pink swirls of flamingoes on lake Burunge. However, our personal favorite highlight is spending time in the presence of the bachelor herds of big bull elephants that frequent the concession.

From here we travel south and west to the edge of Lake Tanganyika, the longest and second deepest lake in the world, which holds 16% of the earth's fresh water.

On landing, and after a leisurely hour's drift down the lake on a traditional dhow, we arrive at Greystoke - unquestionably one of our top five favorite places in Africa. Robinson Crusoe-esque in its simplicity, nestled between lake and verdant green mountain, the camp alone is worth the journey. Then of course there are the chimpanzees. Days spent trekking with members of the resident clan are intense, fascinating and deeply rewarding, giving one an insight into the lives and politics of our nearest relatives. There are also lazy afternoons boating or kayaking on the lake or simply watching the sun set across the lake and over the distant hills in the Congo. Once visited, this is a place that you never truly leave.

From the forests of Mahale we head to the game-rich open plains of the Serengeti with three nights in Serian's tented camp, located perfectly in the Lemai Wedge on the North bank of the Mara river in the Northern Serengeti, where the fabled migration (usually!) spends the months of June through November. The game viewing at this time of year is some of the very best in Africa and each day will be filled with a smorgasbord of experiences. We have chosen a seasonal camp, as it is closest to the 'under canvas' experience synonymous with the tradition of being on safari. Furthermore, the camp is positioned right above one of the most active river crossing points - giving you easy access to the action.

Some walking is also a possibility and offers a completely different way to connect with the wilderness. This is one of Africa's true safari gems.

Our last three nights in the Serengeti are spent at Singita Sabora – a luxurious haven after the intoxicating chaos of the Mara river. The safari pace slows a little and we get a chance to explore the consistently game-rich and scenically beautiful area around the camp. We will also take a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to manage this landscape as we meet the Grumeti Fund team who over the last 20 years have turned this slice of paradise into arguably the most wildlife rich region of the Serengeti, with one of the greatest lion densities of anywhere in Africa.

There is a little of everything on this safari – camping, great lodges, adventure and exploration, wilderness, bountiful wildlife, lots of activity, uncommon insight into Tanzania's conservation challenges and solutions, and a lifetime of memories.

This safari is designed to be privately guided by Michael, Warren or James and aims to run during the months of August through November.



ARUSHA DAY ONE | ONE NIGHT

ARRIVAL

On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be met and assisted through customs and immigration into Tanzania before being transferred to the Legendary Lodge, where you will stay for your first night.

YOUR STAY: LEGENDARY LODGE



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Legendary Lodge epitomises understated old world luxury. From the location to the hospitality and the service, this is a gem right on the outskirts of Arusha - and the perfect place to arrive in Africa.

Beautifully designed garden cottages, filled with African arts and memorabilia, each with a private veranda, provide a perfect refuge for your first night spent in Tanzania. The cottages offer a home away from home with delicious meals and a rejuvenating spa.

EXPERIENCE: LEGENDARY LODGE

After a long day of traveling, it's time for you to put your feet up and relax. Make yourself comfortable in front of the fireplace in your cosy cottage, enjoy a spa treatment or stroll around the tropical garden and observe the birdlife and antelope that roam around the grounds and coffee plantation.



VICINITY TARANGIRE NP DAY TWO | THREE NIGHTS

ARRIVAL

Today you will be transferred by road to Arusha Airport, from where you take the PC12 charter to the Chem Chem private concession on the edge of Lake Manyara. From here it's a short drive to Forest Chem Chem, your home for the following three nights.

YOUR STAY: FOREST CHEM CHEM



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This charming private camp offers a unique opportunity to explore the Chem Chem concession, adjacent to Tarangire National Park. 'Kuungana' means 'to connect' in Swahili and this is the essence of Forest Chem Chem. Here is where wilderness and people meet in peace and harmony. This gorgeous space has four luxury vintage tents, cradled under a forest of fever trees, with in-and-outdoor showers and all you could possibly imagine needing in a tent. The cosy living spaces are the perfect place to share hearty meals and long conversations around the campfire.





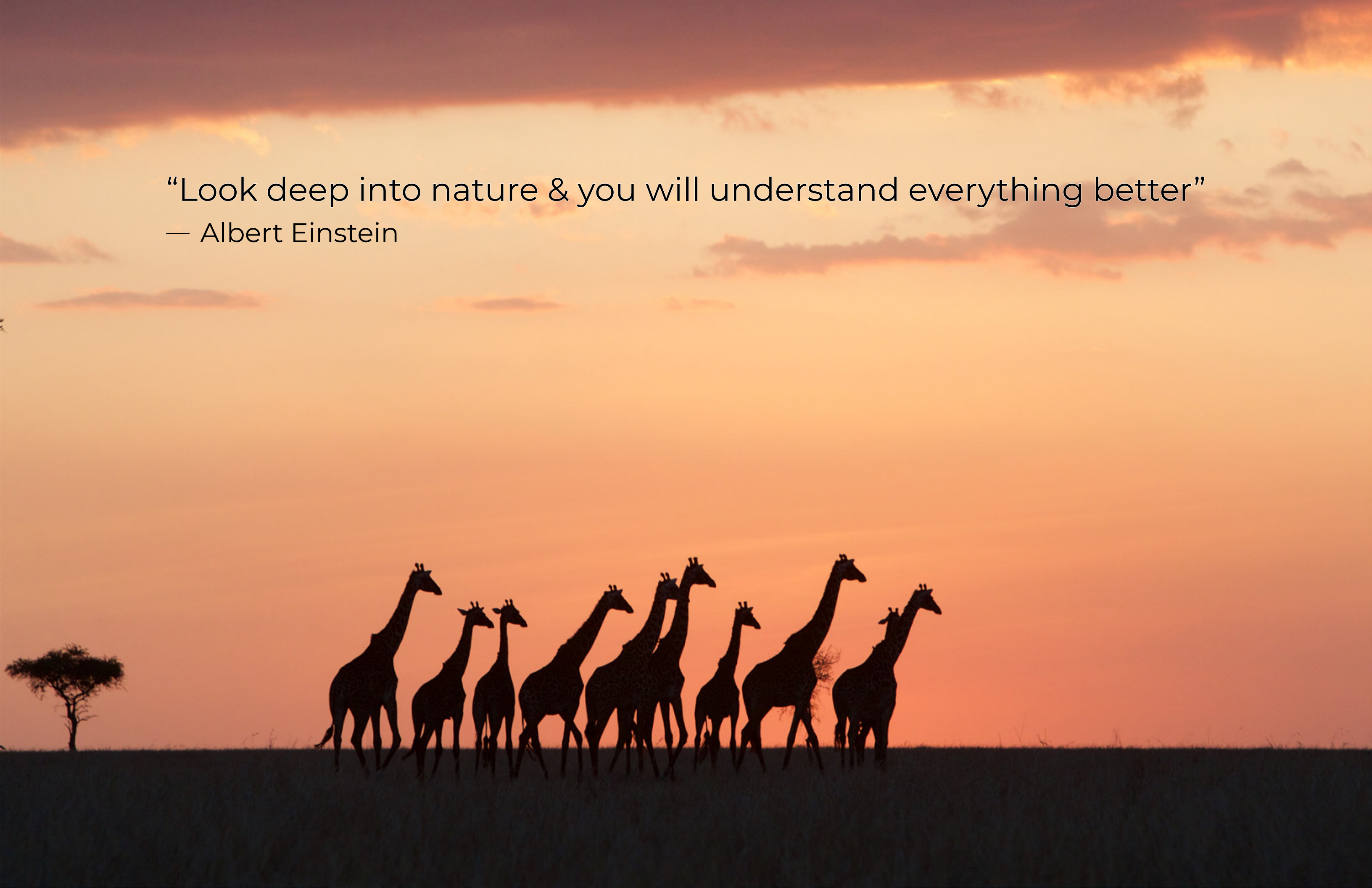
EXPERIENCE: CHEM CHEM CONCESSION

Chem Chem concession lies on the edge of Tarangire National Park, one of the most celebrated parks in Tanzania. Comprising 2,600 km², it is famous for its variety and abundance of wildlife species and its forests of giant Baobab trees. Whilst a day might be spent exploring Tarangire, the private concession offers excellent game viewing on your doorstep - and being a corridor between Tarangire and Lake Manyara, the elephant population in the dry season is breathtaking to witness.

Whether searching for elusive nocturnal animals, watching pink swirls of flamingoes on the lake, following lions on the prowl (or more often sound asleep), or hanging in the heat of the day at the waterhole with the elephants and herds of general game, Chem Chem offers a high impact and truly varied first stop on your safari.



“Look deep into nature & you will understand everything better”
— Albert Einstein



MAHALE MOUNTAINS NP DAY FIVE | FOUR NIGHTS

ARRIVAL

The arrival at Mahale is an adventure in itself. On landing you board a dhow and slowly journey down the lake edge to camp. A little north of where Stanley met Livingston, this is a journey back in time, and once you reach the edge of the National Park, the scenery is little changed from those historic days. Chimpanzees are even occasionally spotted from the boat! Greystoke Mahale will be home for the next four nights.

YOUR STAY: GREYSTOKE MAHALE



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Greystoke Mahale is exceptionally magical and its remoteness adds to the allure and mystique of this unique camp. The extraordinary six ensuite wooden bandas are simple yet beautiful, and perfectly in keeping with the location. Sandwiched on the beach between lake and mountain, each banda offers uninterrupted lake views all the way across to the Democratic Republic of Congo on the distant shore. This region is home to one of the most significant populations of chimpanzees in Africa and the camp lends its history and purpose to spending time with these fascinating cousins of ours.

EXPERIENCE: GREYSTOKE MAHALE

Trekking with the highly habituated chimpanzees, hiking on the forest trails to learn more about this largely pristine natural habitat and diving into the sunset waters of mesmerising Lake Tanganyika - this unique combination offers one of the most extraordinary safari experiences you will ever have.



EXPERIENCE: CHIMPANZEE TREKKING

Mahale Mountains National Park lies on the eastern shore of Lake Tanganyika and was created to protect the numerous chimpanzees that inhabit the region. The park's breathtaking array of habitats include miombo woodland, rainforest, grasslands and alpine bamboo. Here, some 50 species of mammals have been recorded, predominant among these being representatives from various primate families. The lake is home to over 350 species of fish, many of which are endemic. This is a park that can only be experienced on foot (or boat) as there is not a single road!

It's one of only two protected areas for chimpanzees in the country and being 50 times larger than Gombe Stream (the site of Jane Goodall's pioneering research), it is home to the largest population of the eastern subspecies of chimpanzee. The resident M group has been researched since the '60s so they are well habituated to human presence and the guides and trackers know every detail of each member of the group.



The trekking can be challenging and intense and if the idea of walking uphill for a few hours through a dense and humid forest does not appeal, Mahale is not for you. If it does, the thrill of hearing the primal hooting of chimpanzee ringing through the forest, and spending time engrossed in the drama and politics of our highly social cousins, is almost impossible to put into words.



LAMAI SERENGETI DAY NINE | THREE NIGHTS

ARRIVAL

Today you travel back to Mahale Airstrip on the Dhow, from where you get on the PC12 charter to Lamai Serengeti. Here you will stay at Alex Walker Serian's Mobile Tented Camp for the upcoming three nights.

YOUR STAY: **SERIAN'S MOBILE CAMP** [Click to view](#)

Lamai Mobile Camp is importantly situated on the less touristy north bank of the Mara river, close to the wildebeest river crossings - a prime location for viewing one of nature's most captivating spectacles. Each tent is well spaced through the savannah woodland and the camp itself sits right in the middle of the wildlife action. Designed with an elegant Moroccan touch, the tents are comfortably appointed, each with an ensuite bathroom with flushing toilets and bucket showers. The intimacy of this little camp makes it an idyllic refuge to retire to at the end of an action-filled day.

EXPERIENCE: LAMAI SERENGETI

The Serengeti is Tanzania's largest and best known national park and a world famous wildlife sanctuary where you can find some of the largest concentrations of game in the world. The Lamai wedge, a triangle of land north of the Mara river, yet still in Tanzania, is one of the Serengeti's most productive locations.





EXPERIENCE: LAMAI SERENGETI

At this time of year, the focus is often consumed by the famed 'crossings' when the wildebeest (we call them bewilder-beest) throw themselves into the Mara river - ostensibly to get to the other side. Very often it is into the mouths of lurking crocodiles. It is often surprising to see how often the wildebeest, on reaching the 'other side' turn around and brave the perils of the river to swim back to whence they came. The drama of these crossing has captivated tourists and wildlife filmmakers for decades.

The crossings aside, the Lemai is teeming with wildlife, from all the big cats to herds of general game and numerous elephant families. The further you get from the madness on the river, the more the Lemai shares it's secrets and days can be spent exploring the plains and waterways.



GRUMETI RESERVE, SERENGETI DAY 12 | THREE NIGHTS

ARRIVAL

You take a PC12 charter from Lamai Serengeti to Sasakwa, where Singita Sabora will be your home for your last four nights on safari.

YOUR STAY: SINGITA SABORA TENTED CAMP



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Set in the Grumeti Reserve, right on the Serengeti plains, the luxurious Singita Sabora Camp offers the perfect balance between the classic and modern.

Each of the nine tented suites offer sweeping views, a meditation deck, a private fitness area and a secluded outdoor sala with comfortable daybeds from where you can watch wildlife passing by. Singita's earthen-hued and chicly designed main area features a bar lounge, library, elevated viewing deck, a pool and dining area. The food is world class, and the en plein air dining locations equally spectacular - everywhere from under a star-speckled night sky, to beneath lamp-lit trees, soundtracked by a night chorus of hyenas, lions and nightjars.





EXPERIENCE: SINGITA GRUMETI RESERVE

Singita Grumeti Reserve spans over 350,000 acres of untouched wilderness, located in the western corridor of the Serengeti. The Reserve has well-established resident game populations that inhabit the area throughout the year. Notable wildlife highlights include large mixed herds of impala, zebras, topi, eland, Grant's and Thomson's gazelle. There are also good numbers of reedbuck, waterbuck, dik-dik, klipspringer, oribi and Coke's hartebeest and large breeding herds of buffalo that often frequent the area close to camp.

In the dry season, elephant herds spend the heat of the day drinking, mud bathing and playing at the various water holes scattered across the reserve, offering hours of amusement to those watching. And then there are lions. Grumeti has one of the highest densities of lion in East Africa, providing for excellent viewing.



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FAREWELL
DAY 15

DEPARTURE

Today our safari sadly comes to an end. We take the PC12 charter back to Kilimanjaro International Airport, from where you connect to your international flight home.





Tanzania Highlights

- Spending time in the presence of the bachelor herds of big bull elephants at Chem Chem
- Sweeping vistas of flamingoes as far as the eye can see
- Swimming in Lake Tanganyika, one of Africa's most dazzling and oldest lakes
- Following the dramas of chimpanzee family life at Greystoke Mahale (and realising yours isn't so bad after all)
- Observing the fabled migration in the rich open plains of the Lamai
- Watching the 'madding crowd' at the crossings
- Fabulous and varied accommodation that provides exactly what you need in great comfort and style
- Seamless logistics, aided by private charter transfers and private guides who elevate the experience from a naturalist and narrative viewpoint
- Visiting at a time when the wildlife is teeming and at its most dramatic



QUICK FACTS

PHOTO INSPIRATION

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VISAS

Tanzania visas can be applied for [online](#)

HEALTH

You do not need a yellow fever certificate to enter Tanzania, unless you have been traveling through [yellow fever-endemic countries](#). But please carefully check the requirements for other countries on your itinerary. Please note: if you do decide to have a yellow fever inoculation, it must be done more than 10 days before your departure.

It is essential that you consult your medical practitioner regarding anti-malaria requirements prior to your trip.

Covid requirements are changeable please check the latest advice.





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