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## The Great Migration Train 2021

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*Pretoria - Dar es Salaam - Northern Serengeti*

*20 Days / 19 Nights*

*2 Persons*

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## Introduction

Board one of the most luxurious trains on earth (THE most luxurious, according to Vogue) for a two-week journey northwards to Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania. Think of this as your home on rails. There are excursions to fascinating places on most days. At the famous Madikwe Game Reserve, you leave the train for two nights and stay in a luxury game lodge, participating in game drives to see the iconic African wildlife life. A couple of days later you arrive at Victoria Falls where again leave the train, walking across the plaza to the Victoria Falls Hotel, the Grand Old Lady of African tourism, where you spend the night. You will visit the Falls, that are arguably at their best for your viewing experience at this time of year.

Just over two weeks after you leave Cape Town, too soon for most, you arrive in Dar Es Salaam on the Indian Ocean. Your private vehicle will shuttle you to your luxury hotel facing the ocean. Rovos Rail travel rarely runs on time, but in our experience, nobody ever complains about spending more time on board than they expected to. And for this reason, we never schedule a flight out on the same day the train arrives. Enjoy a relaxing day at your fine hotel before your flight to the Northern Serengeti next day.

Lamai Serengeti is in the middle of where we expect the massed herds of the Great Migration to be at this time of year. Millions of Wildebeest and Zebra pass by here during the migration. They are driven by the fresh grasses rising from the annual rains. Sometimes the rains are late and sometimes they're early. If they're early your game drives will be towards the north. If they're late you'll spend more time south of your base. In any case, the rocky outcrops around the house are home to thousands of "resident" wildlife, including many predators. Being very territorial, the predators don't follow the herds, but they are certainly very active the herds come to their territory. At other times of the year, the plains are still home to prolific wildlife, more than enough to sustain the cats.

NB: The train does this journey just twice next year.

Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Room Type	Duration
<a href="#">Rovos Rail</a>		26 Jun	10 Jul	FI	1x Deluxe Suite	<b>14 Nights</b>
The Oyster Bay	Dar es Salaam	10 Jul	11 Jul	FI	1x Double / Twin Suites	<b>1 Night</b>
<a href="#">Lamai Serengeti</a>	Northern Serengeti	11 Jul	15 Jul	FI	1x Lamai rooms	<b>4 Nights</b>

### Key

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

## Price

US\$25,245 per person sharing

## Included

Accommodation in a Deluxe Suite on Rovos Rail journey.

Ocean facing balcony suite at The Oyster Bay Hotel.

Fully inclusive stay at one of our favourite lodges in the northern Serengeti, Lamai Serengeti

All meals, drinks (except premium brands), activities, transfers & internal Tanzania flights, as indicated in the itinerary.

**The Deluxe Suites** (±10 sq metres/±108 sq feet) accommodate two passengers in either twin or double beds and have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower. The wood-panelled rebuilt sleeper coaches, remodelled and refurbished to mint condition, offer every modern convenience and comfort.

In the en-suite bathrooms, original fittings combine with the modern technology of hot showers, hair dryers and shaver plugs. The spacious suites offer passengers the opportunity to travel in privacy, comfort and luxury, with fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard. All are equipped with a writing surface and a personal safe for valuables. There is also a bar fridge filled with beverages of the passengers' choice and room service is available 24 hours a day.

## **Excluded**

International flights

Visas, travel insurance, gratuities, items of a personal nature.

Any item or service not specifically indicated as being included.

## Day 1: Friday, 26 June

### Rovos Rail

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#### Day Itinerary

##### DAY 1 - MATJIESFONTEIN

- 11.00 Depart from Platform 23 at Cape Town Station. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.
- Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels towards Worcester in the Hex River Valley.
- The train climbs up the face of the escarpment to Touws River before arriving at the first of four tunnels.
- The last tunnel is 13.5 kilometres long with no lighting so guests are to be careful when walking through the train. Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.
- Disembark at Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through this historic little village.
- Depart Matjiesfontein.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars. Travel through the Karoo via De Aar towards Kimberley. *Dress: Formal*

#### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
26 Jun		Cape Town International Airport [CPT]	Cape Town Station		Transfer

#### Journey Information

Date	Train	Agency	Departure Platform	Time	Arrival Platform	Time	Class	Ref
26 Jun	Train		Cape Town Station		Tazara Railway Station			

#### Overnight: Rovos Rail [View iBrochure](#)

Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world class travel experiences. Exceptional train safaris combine some of Africa's most magnificent scenery with travel aboard an authentically refurbished Edwardian-style train, accommodating up to 72 guests in the most spacious train suites in the world, each with their own en-suite bathroom and subtle modern conveniences. The eight scheduled journeys begin or end at Rovos Rail Station, the headquarters and private station of this independent railway company, which is situated in Pretoria.



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## Day 2: Saturday, 27 June Rovos Rail

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### Day Itinerary

#### DAY 2 - KIMBERLEY

- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.
- Lunch is served in the dining cars.
- Arrive Kimberley. Disembark for a tour of the city, Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole.
- Depart Kimberley. Ten minutes after leaving Kimberley, a shallow lake appears on the left-hand side of the train where, on most occasions, there are spectacular flocks of Lesser Flamingos (approximately 23 000).
- Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Klerksdorp. Overnight on board. *Dress: Formal*

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## Day 3: Sunday, 28 June Rovos Rail

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### Day Itinerary

#### DAY 3 - PRETORIA

- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:45. The train travels northeast through the goldfields.
- Arrive at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. Enjoy a walking tour of the station and locomotive workshops (weather permitting) followed by lunch on the platform and a city tour of Pretoria at 14:15.
- Depart for Zeerust in the North West Province.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Zeerust. *Dress: Formal*

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## Day 4: Monday, 29 June Rovos Rail

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### Day Itinerary

#### DAY 4 - MADIKWE

**Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Madikwe. Tog bags have been placed in your suite for your convenience. See Inclusions/Exclusions. Spa facilities available (own account). Payment in ZAR or by credit card only. Times of meals and activities are seasonal and will be reconfirmed on arrival.**

- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.
- Disembark at Zeerust. Transfer by coach to Madikwe for a two-night stay. Lunch is served upon arrival. Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours).
- Dinner at the lodge. *Dress: Casual*

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## **Day 5: Tuesday, 30 June**

### **Rovos Rail**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **DAY 5 - MADIKWE**

- Early morning game drive (approximately 3 hours). Breakfast is served at the lodge until 09:30.
- Lunch at the lodge.
- Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours). Dinner at the lodge. *Dress: Casual*

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## **Day 6: Wednesday, 1 July**

### **Rovos Rail**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **DAY 6 - MADIKWE**

- Early morning game drive (approximately 2 hours).
- Breakfast is served at the lodge until 09:30. Please ensure your bags are ready for collection at 10:00 and proceed to check-out.
- Depart the lodge. Transfer to the train at Gaborone in Botswana. Border formalities will take place en route and guests are required to present themselves to the border officials (luggage may be searched).
- Lunch is served in the dining cars. Depart Gaborone at 13:30.

**Please ensure the Train Manager/Gift Shop is in possession of your passport and completed forms.**

**Victoria Falls** It is a good idea to familiarise yourself with the list of activities available: Tour of Falls; helicopter over Falls; whitewater rafting; bungee-jumping; golf. You may book these excursions yourself at the hotel OR beforehand on the train with the on-board lecturer – **today between 16:30-18:00**. Cash accepted.

- Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Plumtree for border formalities. *Dress: Formal*

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## **Day 7: Thursday, 2 July**

### **Rovos Rail**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **DAY 7 - AT LEISURE**

**Victoria Falls:** If you have decided to book activities through the on-board lecturer, please ensure you have done so before lunch. Cash accepted.

**Lectures in morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheet for details.**

- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. The train departs Plumtree.
- Lunch is served in the dining cars.
- Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train. Pass Gwaai and Dete along one of Africa's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres – and along the eastern edge of the Hwange National Park where occasional sightings of animals can occur.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Thompson's Junction. *Dress: Formal*

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## **Day 8: Friday, 3 July**

### **Rovos Rail**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **DAY 8 - VICTORIA FALLS**

**Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay at Victoria Falls Hotel. See Inclusions/Exclusions.** Meals are taken at the Jungle Junction Restaurant. Dinner is at the Livingstone Room. Meals taken in other venues are for your own account. Currency exchange available at hotel (passports not required); there is a business centre and WiFi available throughout. **If you are crossing the border into Zambia during your stay, please obtain your passport from the Train Manager/Gift Shop.**

- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

- Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls. Disembark with overnight bag and walk across to the hotel. Welcome address on the lawn followed by lunch at Jungle Junction. Luggage will be delivered to the rooms. Guests to meet in the hotel foyer before departure for the Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River.
- Dinner at the Livingstone Room, Victoria Falls Hotel. *Dress: Smart Casual*

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## **Day 9: Saturday, 4 July**

### **Rovos Rail**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **DAY 9 - VICTORIA FALLS**

*Check-out time is normally at 10:00 (to be advised). If you have organised morning activities, please*

*ensure you have checked out. Complimentary luggage storage at reception until afternoon departure. Please call the front desk and they will send a porter to collect your luggage.*

- Breakfast is served at the Jungle Junction Restaurant until 10:00. Day at leisure in the Victoria Falls.
- Lunch at Jungle Junction.
- Meet on station platform for departure to Zambia.
- Depart Victoria Falls and cross the bridge to Livingstone. Tea in the lounge car or observation car.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

*Please ensure the Train Manager/Gift Shop has your passport for border formalities.*

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## **Day 10: Sunday, 5 July**

### **Rovos Rail**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **DAY 10 - AT LEISURE**

*Lectures in morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheet for details.*

- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. After breakfast, the train travels across the Kafue railway bridge – a 477-metre long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans each at 33 metres supported on concrete piers.
- Enjoy a day at leisure on the train as it travels through Zambia.
- Lunch is served in the dining cars.
- The train passes through the country's capital, Lusaka.

- Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.
- Dinner en route to Kapiri Mposhi and the start of the TAZARA railway line. *Dress: "African" Theme or Smart Casual*

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## **Day 11: Monday, 6 July**

### **Rovos Rail**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **DAY 11 - AT LEISURE**

*Lectures in morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheet for details.*

- Breakfast is served until 10:00. The train passes through Serenje. Enjoy a day at leisure on the train.
- Lunch is served in the dining cars.
- Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kasama. *Dress: Formal*

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## **Day 12: Tuesday, 7 July**

### **Rovos Rail**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **DAY 12 - CHISIMBA FALLS**

- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
- Disembark the train at Kasama for a morning excursion to Chisimba Falls.
- Depart Kasama. Travel towards the border.
- Lunch is served in the dining cars.
- Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car. The train passes Chozi.
- Arrive in Nakonde for Zambian border formalities. Continue to Tunduma on the Tanzanian border.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Mbeya. *Dress: Formal*

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## Day 13: Wednesday, 8 July

### Rovos Rail

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#### Day Itinerary

##### DAY 13 - MAKAMBAKO (optional)

*Lectures in morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheet for details.*

- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.
- Arrive at Makambako and enjoy an optional stroll through the town – time permitting.
- Depart and travel towards Mlimba. The train descends into the Rift Valley and through the Udzungwa Mountains as it negotiates the tunnels, switchbacks and viaducts of the escarpment towards the Selous.
- Lunch is served in the dining cars.
- Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kisaki. *Dress: Formal*

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## Day 14: Thursday, 9 July

### Rovos Rail

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#### Day Itinerary

##### DAY 14 - SELOUS GAME RESERVE

*Lectures in morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheet for details.*

- Continental breakfast is served in the lounge and observation cars until 08.30.
- The train descends into the highlands and traverses the fertile lands of Tanzania towards Dar es Salaam. Brunch is served in the dining cars until 12.00.
- Game visit in the Selous Game Reserve, the largest in Africa at 55 000km<sup>2</sup> (time permitting). Rejoin to the train.
- Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Gwata. *Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual*

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## Day 15: Friday, 10 July

### The Oyster Bay, Dar es Salaam

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#### Dar es Salaam

Dar es Salaam is Tanzania's former capital, her largest city and main port. The distinctly African, colourful markets are well worth a visit and both German and British influences can still be seen in the architecture around the city. Conveniently positioned amidst some of the most important sea routes in the world, the city is the transport and economic hub of the country as well as a centre for arts and culture. It serves as an excellent jumping off point to explore the surrounding area including Pemba, Mbudya, Unguja islands, a variety of national parks and countless pristine beaches. Visitors can look forward to visiting a number of other activities including: learning about Tanzanian culture at the National Museum and House of Culture, visiting the eclectic Oyster Bay, and taking a stroll through the city's lush Botanical Gardens.

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#### Day Itinerary

##### DAY 15 - DAR ES SALAAM

*Please ensure that you have obtained your passport from the Train Manager/Gift Shop.*

- Depart Gwata and travel in an easterly direction towards the coast.
- Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:30.
- Arrive at journey's end in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Transfer from Dar es Salaam Station to your hotel.

#### THE OYSTER BAY Hotel

You will see your name on the hand-held board of our uniformed chauffeur then be speedily and comfortably transferred from the station, through the city to arrive in the ocean side, ambassadorial, residential area of Oyster Bay.

#### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
10 Jul		Tazara Railway Station	The Oyster Bay		Transfer

#### Overnight: The Oyster Bay

Whether it is just for a few hours or overnight – guests will be pampered and receive a similar type and standard of hospitality received (or are about to receive) in the small, luxurious properties of the Southern Tanzanian game parks and the Indian Ocean Islands. And when it is time to leave for the airport, the chauffeur is waiting – it's all part of the service.

The Oyster Bay is like staying with friends, a beautiful large home and garden with 8 luxurious ocean facing guest suites, spacious in the extreme (70 sqm) with luxurious bathrooms, air-conditioned, fabulously furnished in contemporary African style, the suites reflect modern day Africa in a timeless setting – balmy, equatorial, coastal, Dar es Salaam. Extensive lounges and terraces overlooking mature gardens, swimming pool and within secure walking distance of the Oyster Bay shopping centre.



### *Double / Twin Suites*

Cool – in every sense of the word.

We know that you will not be staying long so have designed each suite for maximum impact with a contemporary African design scheme that will linger in your mind long after you have left. The accents are on space, comfort, clean lines, cool and natural colours with a vibrant ‘splash’ here and there to remind you that you are indeed in Africa.

King sized or twin beds face the ocean view, comfortable lounge furniture, writing desks, plasma screen televisions and WiFi computer technology, in fact everything to make your stay as comfortable as possible.

Air-conditioning of course, it is sometimes necessary in this equatorial climate, but each suite is fitted with ceiling fans and also French doors that open on to an ocean facing balcony capturing even the slightest breeze. The en-suite bathrooms, with free standing bath and ‘walk through showers’ and enclosed toilet cubicle flow off the main bedroom area creating a feeling of modern day spaciousness.




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All Drinks (excl Champagne) Included

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## Day 16-19: Saturday, 11 July to Tuesday, 14 July

### Lamai Serengeti, Northern Serengeti

#### Northern Serengeti

The vast, rolling savannah of the Northern Serengeti, is known as the hub of the great migration. The landscape is characterised by vast stretches of savannah interspersed with acacia trees and riverine woodlands. Wildlife can be seen along the banks of the Mara River and visitors can view the annual spectacle of the half a million migrating wildebeest. Commonly spotted wildlife include: a multitude of plains game such as buffalo, zebra, gazelles, impala, giraffe as well as lion and leopard. Visitors can look forward to bird watching, hot air ballooning, game safaris and guided bush walks.

#### Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
11 Jul	Charter Flight		Dar es Salaam Domestic Terminal		Kogatende Airstrip			

#### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
11 Jul		The Oyster Bay	Dar es Salaam Domestic Terminal		Transfer
11 Jul		Kogatende Airstrip	Lamai Serengeti		Transfer

#### Overnight: Lamai Serengeti [View iBrochure](#)

Lamai Serengeti sits tucked amongst the rocks of Kogakuria Kopje with panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, only a few miles from where the wildebeest cross the Mara River. For roughly a quarter of the year, between late July and October, this is where you'll find the migration. Right here, on our doorstep. For the rest of the year, it is wild Serengeti with all the resident game of the Masai Mara but without the people.

Each of the rooms is designed to fit into the complex geometry of the kopje and to make the most of this sensational location, its views and its natural space and light. The rooms are a blend of canvas, plaster and natural poles.



#### Lamai rooms

There are twelve stone and thatch rooms, raised on wooden decking and all en-suite. Three have an adjoining twin room for children, sharing the bathroom. Each en-suite room is open-fronted, with mosquito netting that can be zipped closed, and canvas roll-downs if needed. There are canopied mosquito nets over the beds.

The bathrooms are enclosed by heavy netting, and contain a generous shower with hot and cold running water (provided by a solar system), and flush toilet.

Each room has a comfy day bed and chairs for relaxing on the verandah.



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## Day 20: Wednesday, 15 July

### End of Itinerary

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#### Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
15 Jul	Charter Flight		Kogatende Airstrip		Kilimanjaro International Airport [JRO]			

#### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
15 Jul		Lamai Serengeti	Kogatende Airstrip		Transfer

#### Urgent Contact Numbers

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#### Service Provider Directory

Service Provider	Ref. Number	Telephone	Address
Lamai Serengeti		+255 784 734 490	Kogakuria Kopje Northern Serengeti Tanzania
Rovos Rail		+27 12 315 8242	Rovos Rail Station 1 Transnet Avenue Capital Park Pretoria 0001
The Oyster Bay		+44 1932 260618	

## Travel Information

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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. Zanzibar Air 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 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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## **Terms and Conditions**

### **Experiential Travel Terms and Conditions**

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