

SAUTI AFRICA SAFARIS: **TANZANIA TRAVEL GUIDE**



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Mara river crossing, Serengeti National Park

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This guide is your exclusive insider's pass to Tanzania, crafted with passion by Sauti Africa Safaris Team. Every tip, story, and recommendation inside is designed to help you travel with effortless ease, connect deeply with our people, and dip yourself truly in our local culture.

The breathtaking moments captured in these pages are the work of our extraordinary safari guides and photographers. Their skill, dedication, and keen eyes bring Tanzania's vibrant wildlife, majestic landscapes, and rich human spirit vividly to life. We also extend our deepest gratitude to our Communications Lead, whose dedication ensured this guide is both richly informative and a joy to read.

In Tanzania, a warm smile and a heartfelt Swahili greeting are the keys to unlocking the magic of local hospitality. Dive into this guide as you plan your adventure. Let it inspire you, prepare you, and set the stage for a smooth, enriching, and unforgettable safari experience



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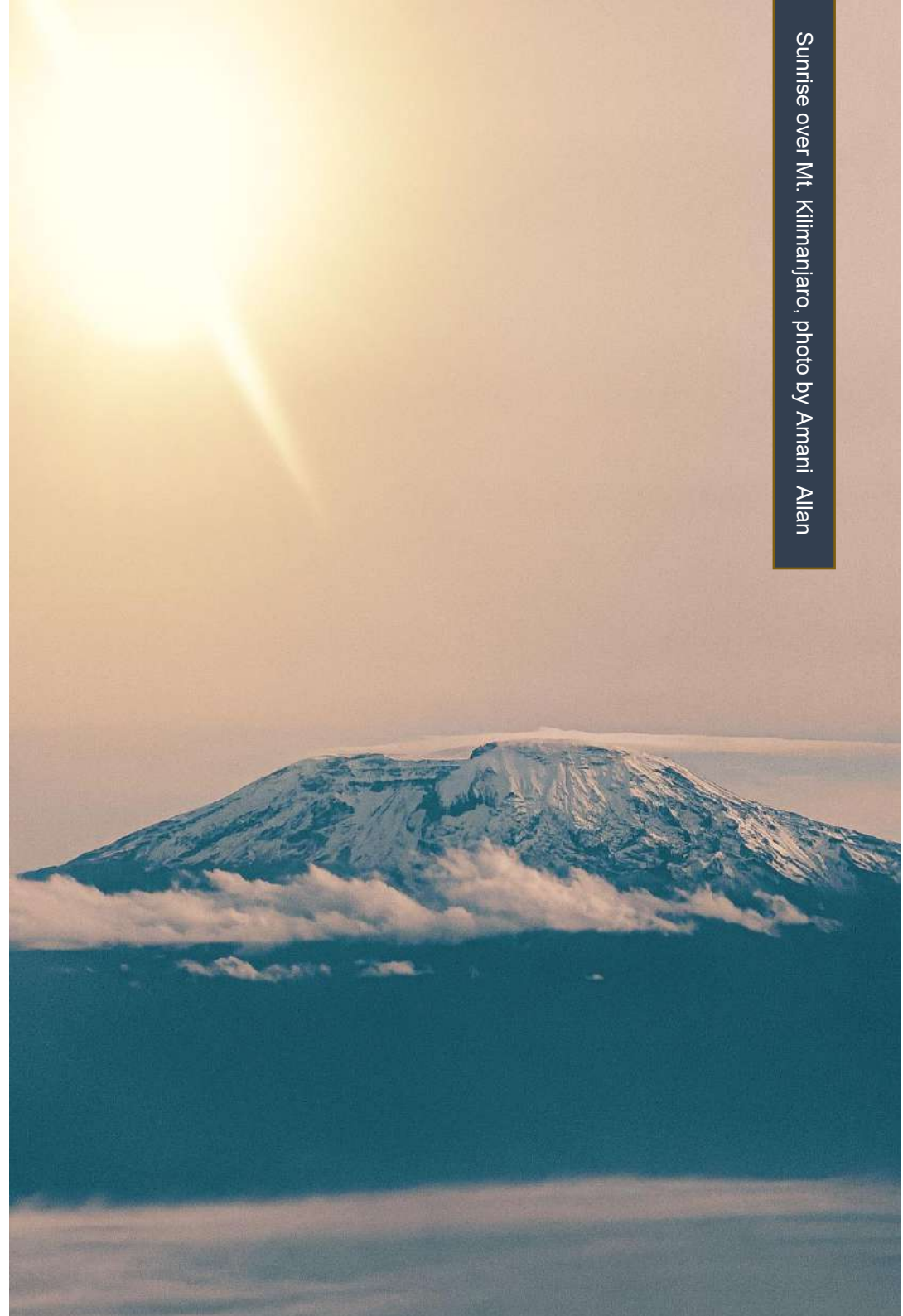
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TANZANIA AT A GLANCE

Karibu **Tanzania!**, a world-class sanctuary for the wild. As a global leader in conservation, we are home to **22 National Parks** and the iconic **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**. Our land is one of breathtaking contrasts, nestled within the majestic arms of the **Great Rift Valley**.

Whether you are a first-time traveler or a seasoned explorer, Tanzania offers an infinite variety of experiences. From the snow-capped peak of **Mount Kilimanjaro** in the north to the sun-kissed shores of the Indian Ocean in the east, our landscape is a vibrant tapestry of golden savannahs and lush, hidden rainforests. From exploring vast open woodlands to trekking through remote mountain ranges, a world of natural wonder is waiting for you. Your ultimate African adventure begins here.



Tanzania Adventure & Serenity

Tanzania is a land of contrasts: **thrills for the adventurous** and **peace for the contemplative**. Whether you seek heart-pounding experiences or tranquil escapes, the country offers endless possibilities.

Activities to enjoy during your safari:

- Trekking and hiking through forests, waterfalls, and hills
- Mountain climbing on iconic peaks
- Canoeing and boat excursions
- Zanzibar : snorkeling, sunset dhow cruises, and swimming
- Zip lining and quad-bike riding
- Coffee, village, and cultural tours
- Game drives across vast plains
- Balloon and helicopter rides for aerial views
- Sky diving and tree-top walking adventures
- ...and many more ways to discover Tanzania's wild beauty.

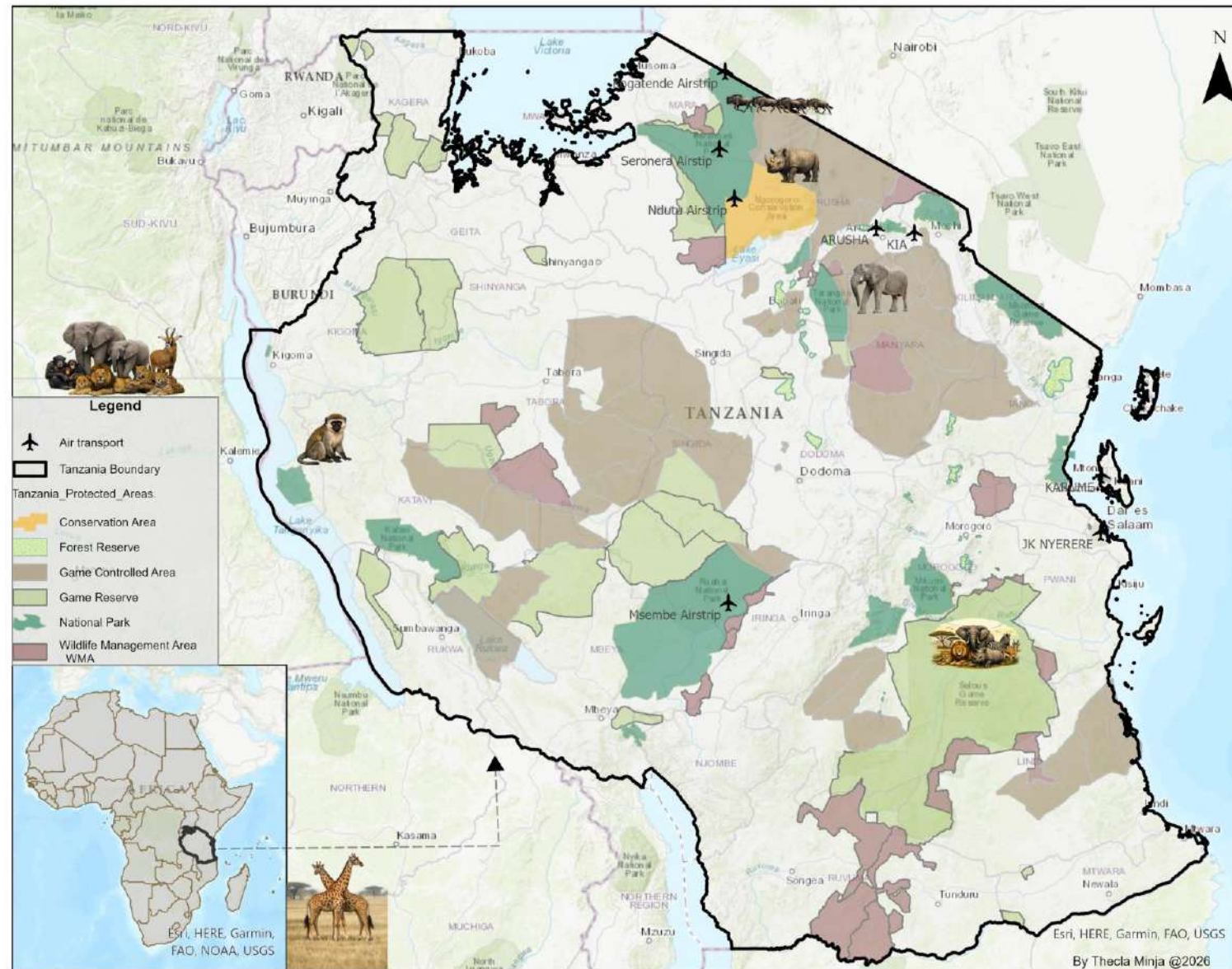


Figure 1: A map showing Protected Areas in Tanzania

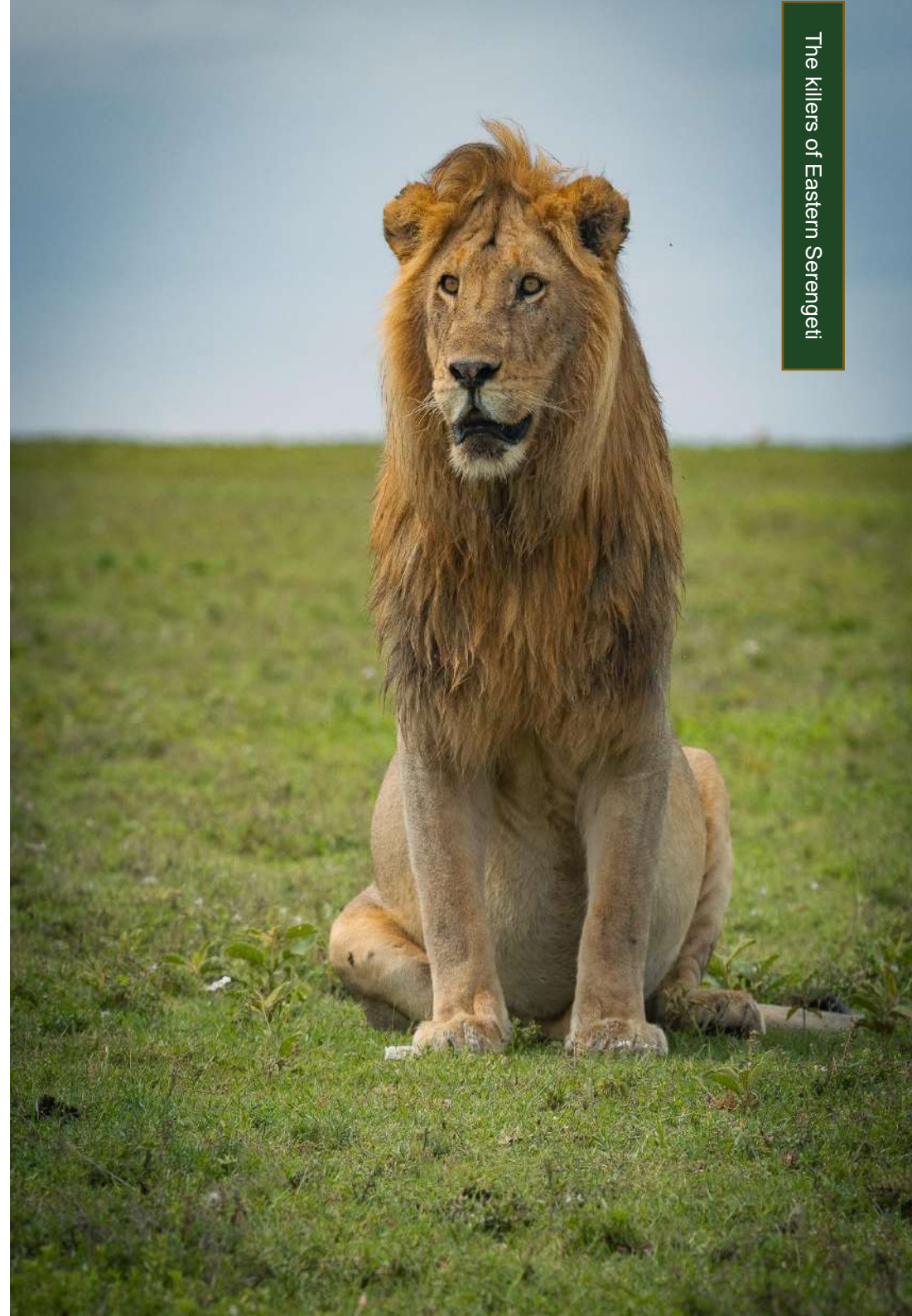


SAFARI CIRCUITS OF TANZANIA

Tanzania is a land of diverse adventures, thoughtfully grouped into regional circuits to help you craft your perfect journey. Whether you seek the "Big Five," untouched wilderness, or tropical relaxation, there is a circuit designed for you.

The Northern Circuit: The Crown Jewel

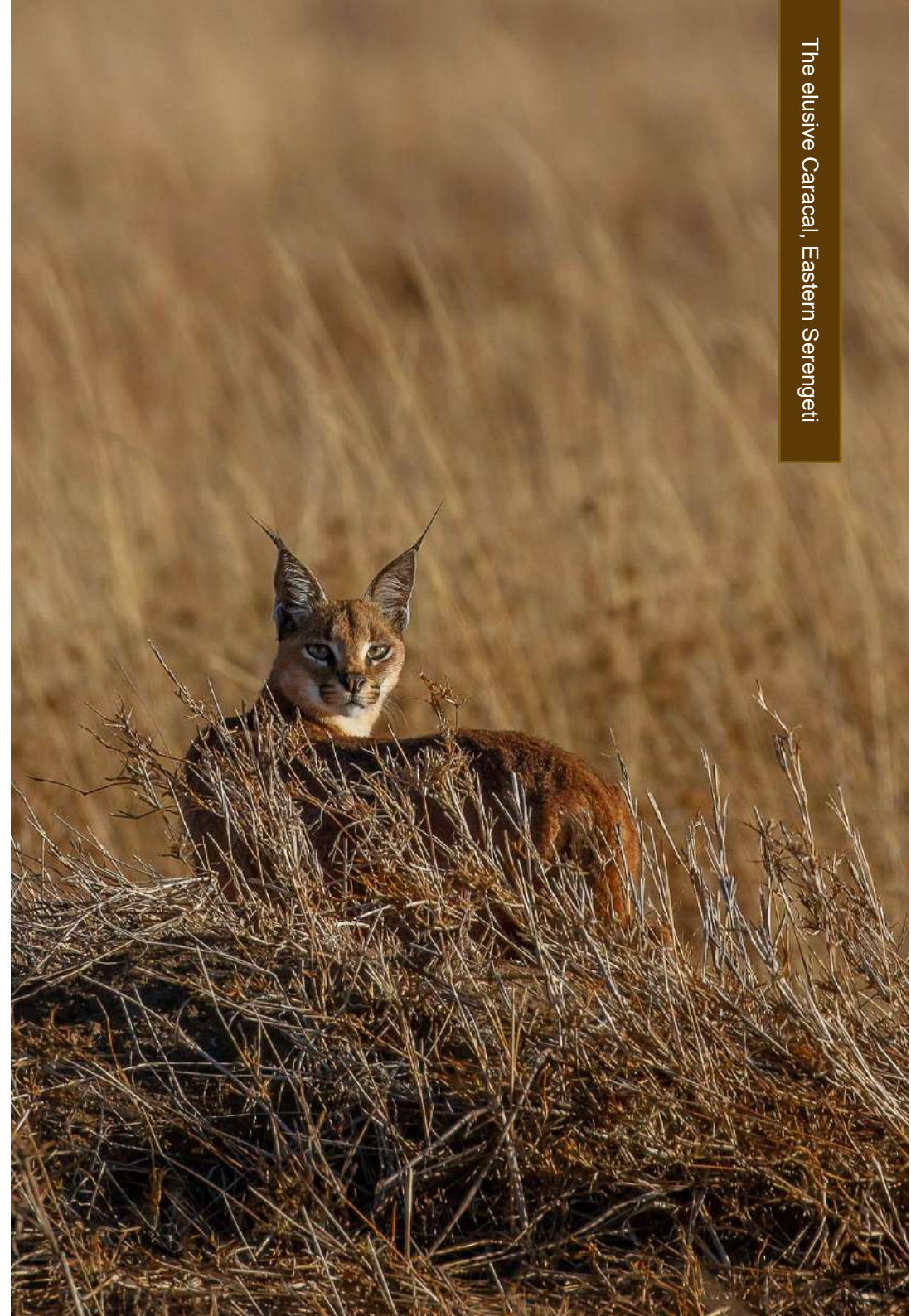
Home to **8 premier parks** and conservation areas, including the legendary **Serengeti** National Park. It also features the **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**, a unique UNESCO site where wildlife and people coexist and where the largest intact Caldera is found. This is the most iconic safari route in Africa, offering unparalleled wildlife density and dramatic landscapes. Other National parks include **Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Arusha, the majestic Kilimanjaro, Mkomazi**, and the recently created **Burigi-Chato**, near Lake Victoria.



The Southern Circuit: Into the Wild

For those seeking solitude and a raw, "off-the-beaten-path" experience, the Southern Circuit features **6 vast wilderness areas** comprising the massive **Nyerere, Ruaha, Mikumi, Udzungwa Mountains, Katavi**, and the **floral Kitulo Plateau** National Parks. The landscape is a rugged mix of river basins, ancient mountains, and deep forests, perfect for those seeking an intimate and exclusive adventure with fewer vehicles and remote charm where you can truly connect with the soul of Africa.

- ❖ **The Experience:** undisturbed wildlife sightings, bird watching, trekking, walking safaris, boat excursions along winding rivers, and adventurous fly-camping under the stars.



The Western Circuit: Primate Paradise

This remote frontier includes **Gombe Stream, Mahale Mountains, Rubondo Island, Ibanda-Kyerwa, and Rumanyika-Karagwe** National Parks. Nestled along the shores of Lake Tanganyika, the scenery is defined by steep, lush jungles and crystal-clear waters.

- ❖ The experience: Visitors can enjoy the rare thrill of chimpanzee trekking, bird watching, and sport fishing in some of the continent's most secluded habitats.

The Eastern & Coastal Circuit: Bush Meets Beach

Featuring **Saadani** (the only park where the bush meets the ocean), **Saanane Island, Ugalla River, and Kigosi National Parks** (It is one of the few places in Africa where you can spot the rare **Shoebill Stork** and the water-loving **Sitatunga antelope**). This circuit offers the ultimate fusion of adventure and relaxation, where the wild pulse of the African bush fades into the rhythmic waves of the Indian Ocean.



The Island Paradise: Zanzibar

Beyond the mainland safaris lie Tanzania's stunning island escapes. The **Zanzibar Archipelago** and **Mafia Island** offer a tropical retreat where history meets the sea.

Zanzibar, famously known as the *Spice Island*, is a paradise of white-sand beaches, turquoise waters, and rich cultural heritage. It blends relaxation with discovery, making it the perfect extension to any East African safari, whether for a romantic getaway or barefoot luxury.

- ❖ **Activities include:** beach relaxation, snorkeling, and diving among vibrant coral reefs, touring fragrant spice plantations, and wandering the historic alleys of Stone Town. Unique experiences such as dhow sailing, dolphin encounters, and forest walks with red colobus monkeys enrich your stay. As the sun sets, the legendary Forodhani Garden Food Market comes alive with an open-air feast of freshly grilled seafood and local delicacies.



Guest relaxing by the beach at, Tulia Zanzibar



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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & ENTRY ESSENTIALS

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Valid passport.
- ✓ Valid visa or entry permit.
- ✓ Yellow fever vaccination certificate, if necessary.

Passport

- **Validity:** Every traveler, including children under 18, must carry a valid, machine-readable passport issued by their country of citizenship. Your passport must remain valid for at least six months after your return date.
- **Blank Pages:** Ensure your passport has at least two consecutive blank pages per country visited for visas and entry stamps. For example, visiting three countries requires six consecutive blank pages. Airlines and immigration officials may refuse boarding or entry if your passport does not meet this requirement.
- **Copies:** Keep a physical copy of your passport stored safely, and upload a digital copy to secure cloud storage for easy access in case of loss or emergency.



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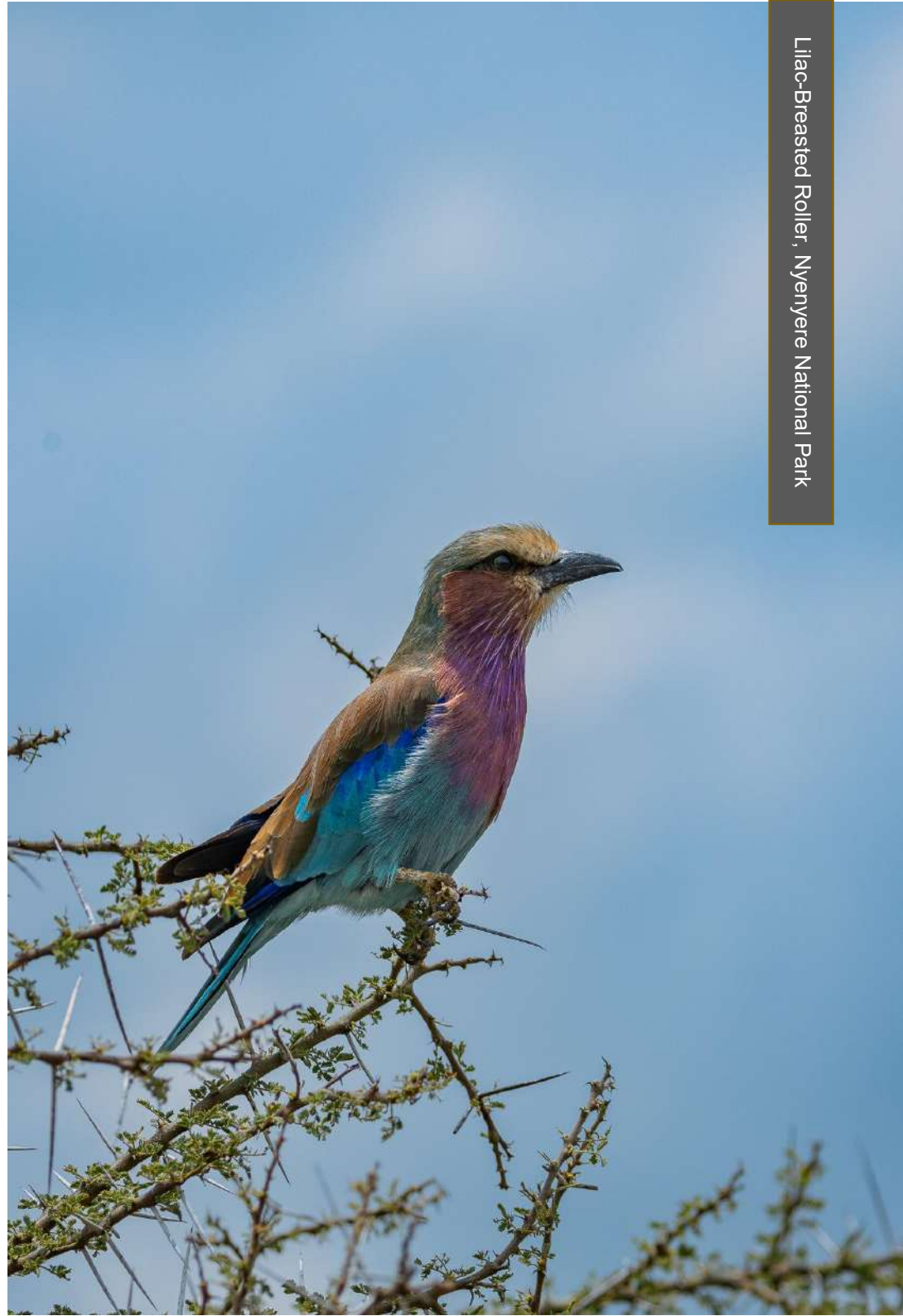
Visa

Sauti Africa Safaris does not provide visa application services and cannot arrange travel visas on behalf of guests.

- Travelers are responsible for securing their own required documentation
- Where visas are available on arrival, please ensure that you have US dollars in small denominations on hand to make the payment. Credit cards will not be accepted.

Inoculation Certificates

Yellow fever vaccinations and certificates are compulsory for some travelers entering Tanzania. Please see page 17 for more information.



GETTING AROUND TANZANIA

BY LAND

At **Sauti Africa Safaris**, we prioritize your comfort and safety across every mile of your journey. We handle all your logistics. From the moment you arrive, your dedicated Sauti Africa briefer and professional driver will be there to welcome you and manage every transfer throughout your stay ensuring a seamless experience.

Beyond the airport, we also provide **private transport for exploring the city and surrounding attractions**. These are fully air-conditioned for your comfort and come equipped with refreshing bottled water and safety seat belts for every passenger. Our well-maintained vehicles guarantee **safe, reliable, and stress-free travel**.



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Meet the face behind your transfers, Sauti Africa Safaris

The Ultimate Safari Rig: Once you enter the national parks and reserves, you will switch to our rugged **4x4 Safari Land Cruisers**.

Our Safari cruisers feature:

- ✓ **Open-Top Roofs:** Perfect for unobstructed, 360-degree wildlife viewing and photography.
- ✓ **Onboard Cool Boxes:** Stocked with chilled drinks to keep you refreshed throughout the day.
- ✓ **Safari Essentials:** Every cruiser is equipped with **high-quality binoculars** and a collection of **wildlife guide books** to help you identify the incredible species you encounter.
- ✓ **charging ports** to keep your cameras and phones powered up while on the move.

Please Note: To ensure you are fully connected to the sounds and scents of the wild, our 4x4 safari cruisers generally do not use air conditioning while on game drives; however, the natural breeze through the open roof provides the perfect cooling as you explore.



BY AIR

Tanzania has three main international gateways, strategically located to connect you with our coast, islands, and wild northern landscapes.

- **Julius Nyerere International Airport:** Located in **Dar es Salaam**, this is the country's largest hub and the primary gateway to the coast and the Southern Safari Circuit.
- **Kilimanjaro International Airport :** Situated between **Arusha and Moshi**, this is the preferred hub for inland adventures, including Mount Kilimanjaro treks and Northern Circuit safaris.

Abeid Amani Karume International Airport: Located in **Zanzibar**, this airport serves as the direct tropical gateway for beach escapes and cultural tours in Stone Town



A Serengeti Balloon over the plains, Green Season

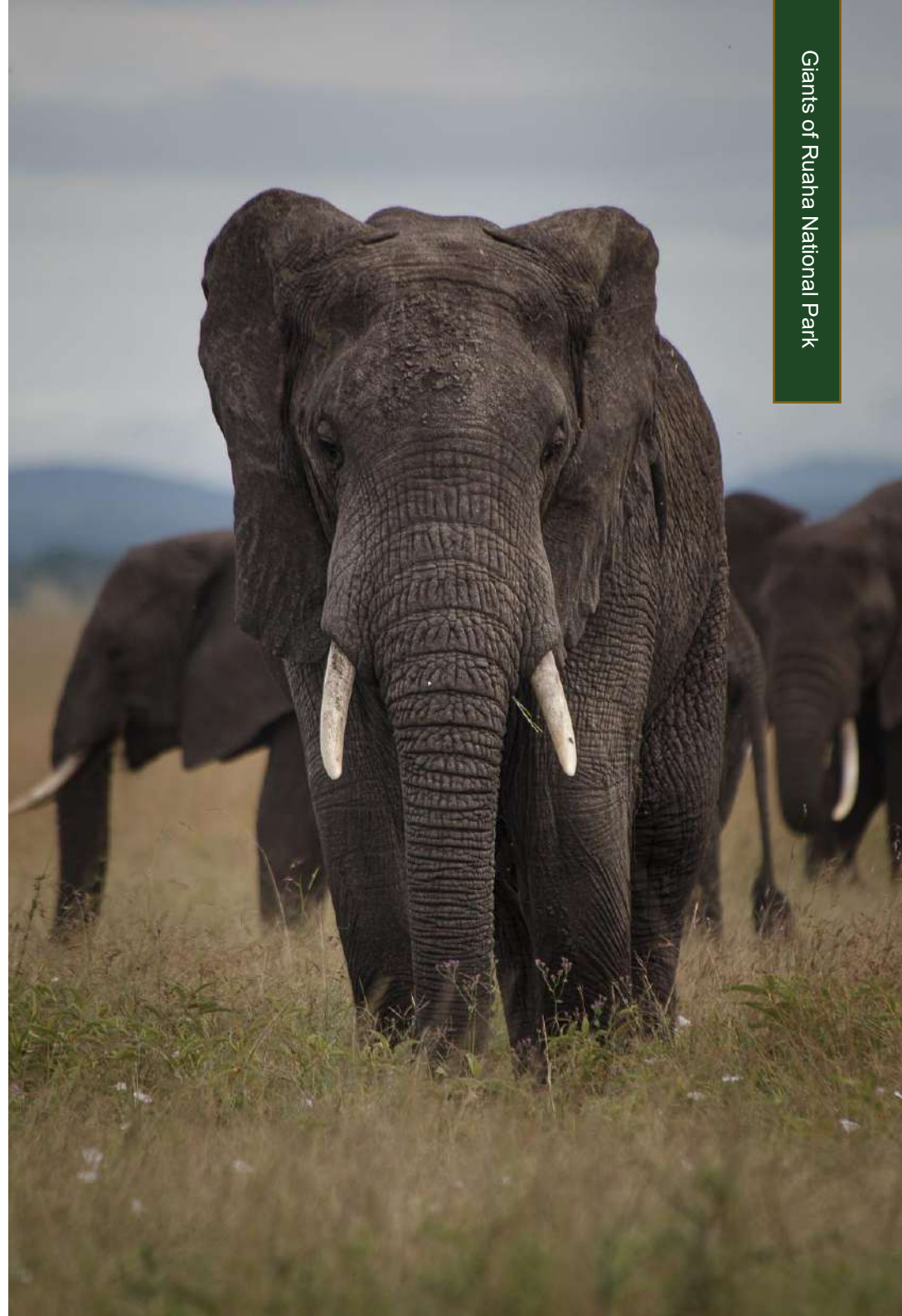


The Safari Connection: Bush Flights & Airstrips

Tanzania's vast wilderness is made accessible through a sophisticated network of smaller airports and bush airstrips. Visitors transfer through shared light aircraft.

Regional Hubs:

- **Arusha Airport (ARK)** serves as the main domestic jump-off point for the northern parks
- **Mwanza Airport**, located right on the shores of **Lake Victoria**, this is the key hub for the Western Circuit.
- **Bukoba Airport** is another vital link on the western shore of Lake Victoria, serving as a gateway to the remote Ibanda-Kyerwa and Rumanyika-Karagwe parks.
- The newly upgraded **Mtemere Airport** serves as the main entry point for the Nyerere National Park.



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Air strips: To save time and maximize your adventure, you can fly directly into airstrips located within or bordering the parks:

- Seronera or Kogatende airstrips in the Serengeti
- Ndutu Airstrip near the Ngorongoro border
- Msembe Airstrip in Ruaha.

Important Reminders:

- ❖ Luggage: These light aircraft have strict weight and size restrictions (usually 15kg/33lbs in soft-sided bags).

Please refer to page 14 for detailed baggage guidelines.

- ❖ Check-in: Arrive at **least one hour before domestic departures** and two hours for international flights. Flights to the USA require a three-hour check-in window



HEALTH & WELLNESS ON SAFARI

Your well-being is the heartbeat of a successful safari. At **Sauti Africa**, we believe that true wellness comes from the harmony of a prepared body and a relaxed mind. While the wild landscapes of Tanzania offer incredible rejuvenation, the environment requires a proactive approach to health. Beyond standard vaccinations, we prioritize your safety through expert planning, transparent communication, and comprehensive emergency support. We are committed to keeping you vibrant and secure throughout your journey.

Malaria Prevention & Preparedness

Malaria is prevalent year-round throughout Tanzania. While the risk varies by region, We recommend consulting your healthcare provider about suitable malaria prevention medication at least six weeks before travel.



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Maasai Sacred site custodian, Africa Amiri

To help protect yourself during your safari and enjoy a healthy stay, we advise to:

- Sleep under the mosquito net provided in your room & ensure to tuck nets under the mattress every night.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin and use repellent devices where provided.
- Wear lightweight long trousers, socks, closed shoes, and a long-sleeved shirt at sunset.
- For your safety, please keep tent flaps zipped and close all windows and doors at dusk. Use the supplied mosquito net each night and report any tears or gaps to camp staff.



If you plan to go scuba diving, inform your healthcare practitioner as this will affect the type of antimalarial you may be prescribed



Yellow Fever

Travelers entering Tanzania must show a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate if they are arriving from, transiting through (12+ hours), or have recently visited countries with a risk of Yellow Fever transmission mainly in Africa and South America. If you're flying directly from non-endemic countries (like the USA, UK, or Europe) with no transit through endemic hubs, you don't need the certificate. Please check your travel route and consult your doctor at least 10 days before departure.

Key Notes for Guests

- **Timing:** The vaccine must be taken at least 10 days before travel.
- **Validity:** A single dose provides lifetime protection.
- **Exemptions:** Infants under 9 months, adults over 60, and those with medical contraindications (with proof) may be exempt.
- **Enforcement:** Without a valid certificate, travelers may be denied entry, vaccinated on arrival, or quarantined for up to 10 days

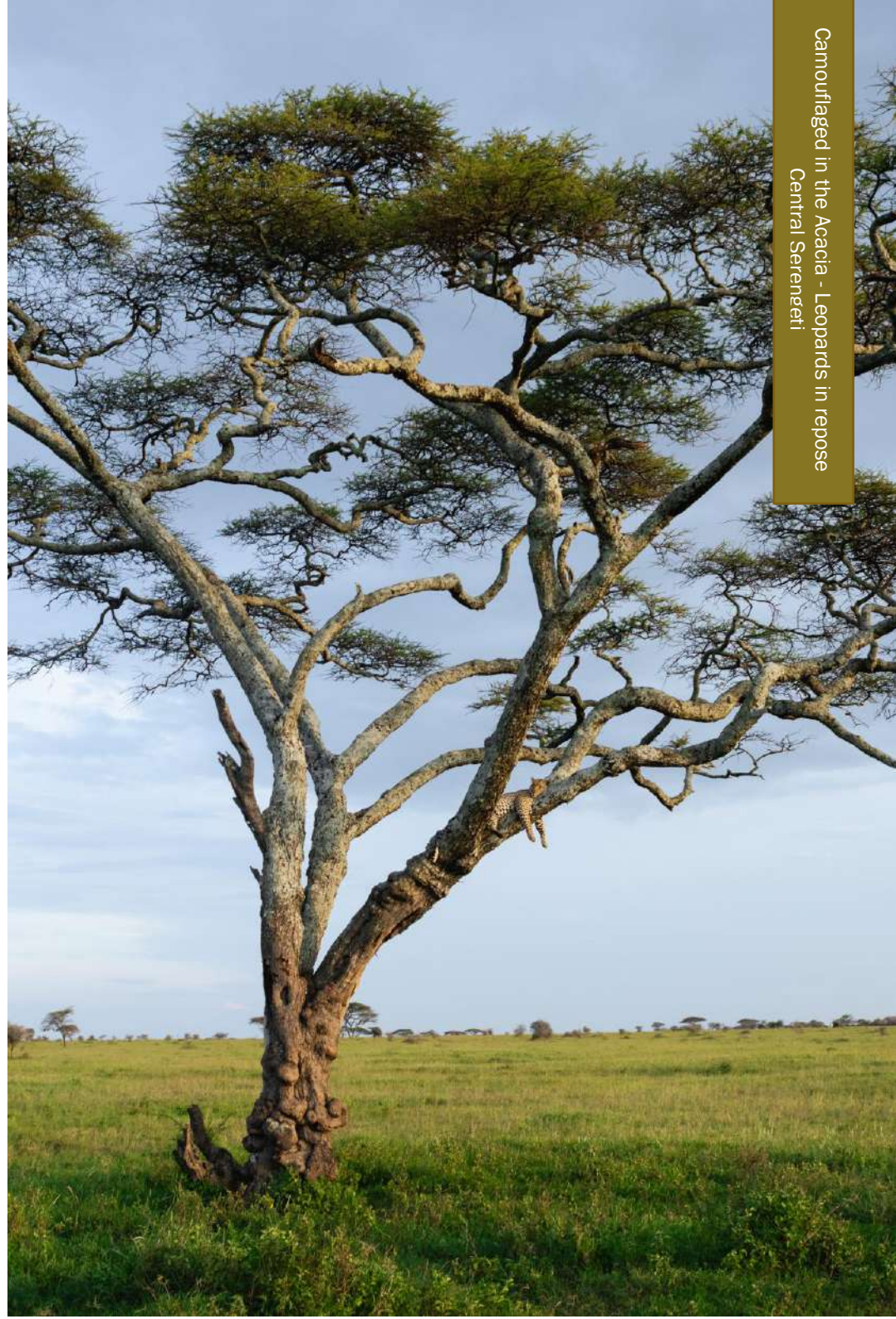


Table 1: High risk countries that require yellow fever Certificate

Africa	South America	Transit Hubs/Notes
Angola	Argentina	Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
Benin	Bolivia	Nairobi (Kenya)
Burkina Faso	Brazil	Kigali (Rwanda)
Burundi	Colombia	Lagos / Abuja (Nigeria)
Cameroon	Ecuador	Any transit over 12 hours in endemic countries
Central African Republic	French Guiana	
Chad	Guyana	
Republic of Congo	Panama	
D.R. Congo	Paraguay	
Côte d'Ivoire	Peru	
Equatorial Guinea	Suriname	
Ethiopia	Trinidad & Tobago	
Gabon	Venezuela	
Gambia		
Ghana		
Guinea		
Guinea-Bissau		
Kenya		
Liberia		
Mali		
Mauritania		
Niger		
Nigeria		
Rwanda		
Senegal		
Sierra Leone		
South Sudan		
Sudan		
Togo		
Uganda		



GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Communication is Key! For your safety, please inform your Sauti Africa guide of any pre-existing medical conditions, allergies (especially to bees or food), or physical limitations prior to the start of your safari. Our guides are trained to support you, but early awareness allows us to tailor the experience to your needs.

To keep your energy high and your body resilient, keep these additional tips in mind:

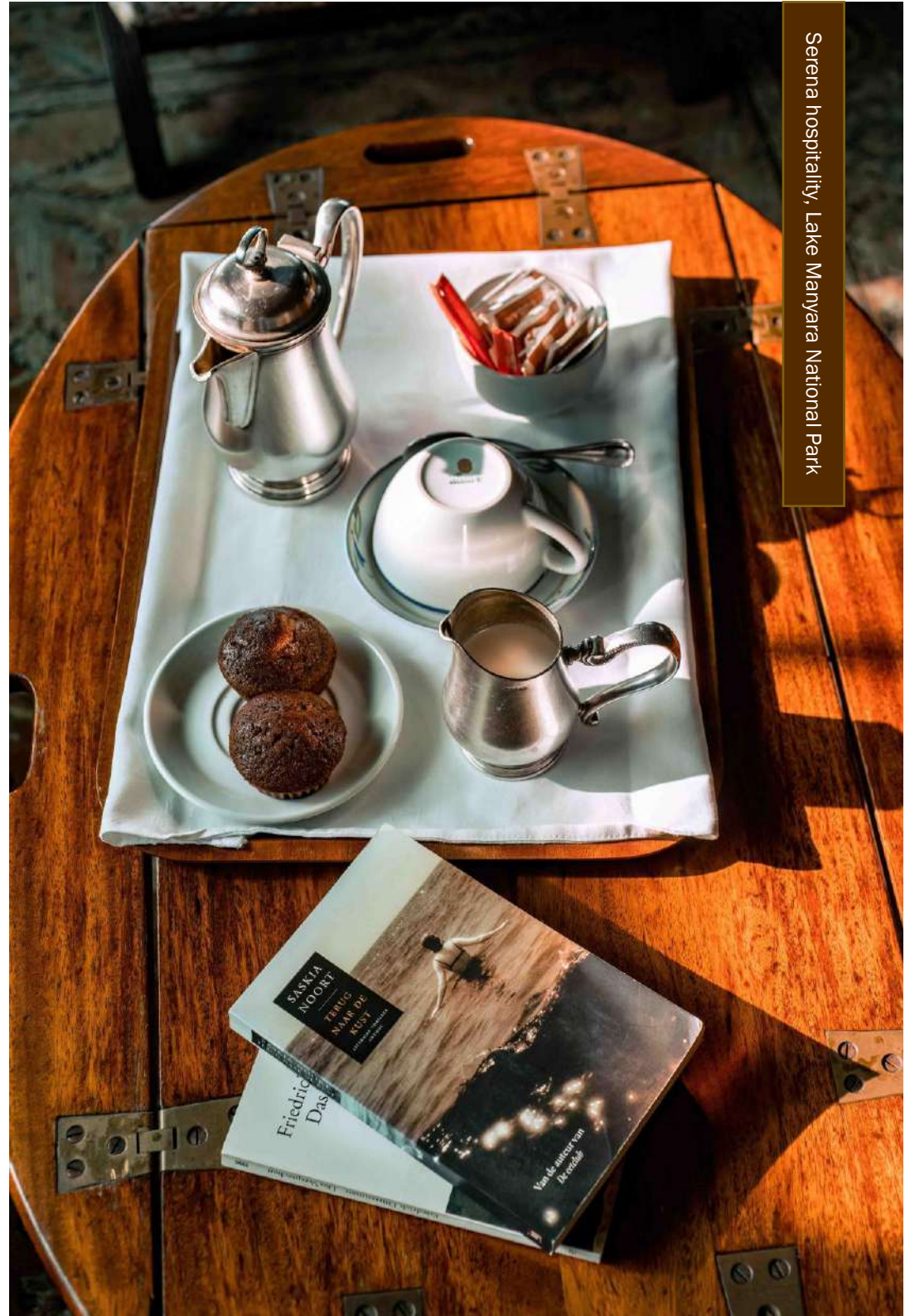
- **The Gold Standard of Hygiene:** Maintaining personal hygiene is the simplest way to stay healthy. We advise washing your hands regularly with soap, especially after using the toilet and before every meal. For times when you are deep in the bush and soap is unavailable, always carry an antibacterial hand gel (minimum 60% alcohol) in your day pack.
- **Pre-Travel Vaccinations:** Please ensure you are up-to-date with routine vaccinations such as measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), polio, diphtheria, and tetanus. We also



Our safari guide sharing coffee at Central Serengeti

strongly recommend considering boosters for Hepatitis A and the seasonal flu to provide an extra layer of protection against common traveler illnesses.

- **Hydration is Key:** The equatorial sun is intense. Drink bottled or purified water only, never tap water. We recommend carrying a reusable bottle and aiming for 2–3 liters daily.
- **Sun Protection:** Even on overcast days, UV rays are strong. Use SPF 50+ sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat, and polarized sunglasses to prevent heat exhaustion.
- **Dietary Care:** Stick to freshly cooked, hot meals. While street food is tempting, it's best enjoyed at reputable spots recommended by your Sauti Africa guide. You can dine with peace of mind at our partner lodges and hotels. In these established settings, water, ice cubes, fruits, vegetables, rare meat, seafood, and dairy products are prepared according to strict international safety standards and are safe for consumption.

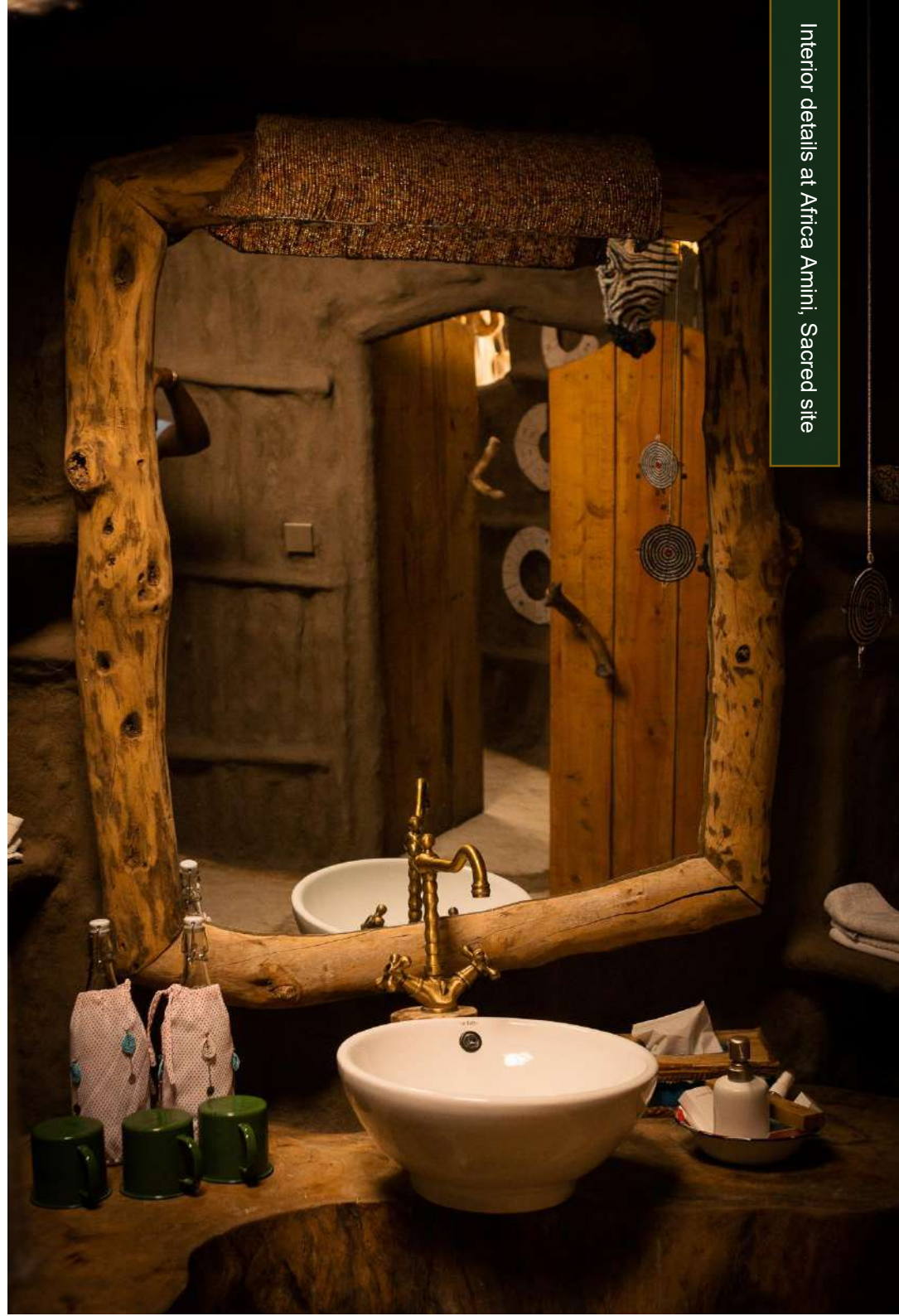


- **Pack a "Bush Kit":** Include basic first-aid supplies: pain relievers, antiseptic wipes, antihistamines, and oral rehydration salts
- **Altitude Awareness:** If your itinerary includes the Ngorongoro Highlands or Kilimanjaro, be mindful of altitude. We suggest a "pole pole" (slowly, slowly) pace to allow your body to acclimate.

Our Safety Net: Flying Doctors

We believe you should explore with confidence. As part of our commitment to your safety, Sauti Africa includes Flying Doctors emergency evacuation insurance in our safari packages.

- **What this means:** In the unlikely event of a medical emergency in a remote area, you will have access to a "hospital in the sky"; a light aircraft staffed with professional medical personnel to evacuate you to the highest quality medical facilities in Nairobi or Arusha.
Note: This covers the evacuation; we still require all guests to have comprehensive personal travel insurance for hospital costs



MONEY MATTERS IN TANZANIA

Currency

- The official currency is the **Tanzanian Shilling (Tsh)**
- **Banknotes:** Tsh 1,000, Tsh 2,000, Tsh 5,000 and Tsh 10,000 (highest note)
- **Coins:** Tsh 50, Tsh 100, Tsh 200 and Tsh 500
- Keep **small denominations** handy for refreshments, souvenirs, or tips.
- **US dollars (issued after 2006)** are widely accepted for tipping and larger payments, check the print date on your notes before traveling.



Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is essential for peace of mind while exploring Tanzania. It protects you against **medical emergencies, lost luggage, trip delays, or cancellations**. We recommend purchasing **comprehensive coverage** before departure.

Five Key Questions to Ask Your Insurer:

- 1.What situations are *not* covered under trip cancellation?
- 2.How much extra does “cancel for any reason” coverage cost?
- 3.Which expenses must I pay upfront, and what will be reimbursed?
- 4.When does my coverage start and end during the journey?
- 5.What are the medical exclusions, and what is the coverage limit?



Credit Cards

- **Visa and Mastercard** are widely accepted across Tanzania, including most banks, hotels, lodges, national parks, and restaurants.
- **American Express and Diner's Club** may be accepted at select upscale establishments but are less common.
- Merchants and Banks may request **photo ID** when processing card payments.
- Carry some **cash in Tanzanian shillings (TZS)** for small purchases or tipping, as rural areas may not have card facilities.

Banks

Tanzania's banking system is modern and reliable, with branches and ATMs available in all major towns and tourist areas. **Security Tip:** Use ATMs located inside banks or reputable hotels, and keep receipts for reference.



Key Points for Guests:

- **Operating Hours:** Most banks open **Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM**. Some offer limited Saturday service.
- **ATMs:** Widely available in cities and airports; they dispense Tanzanian shillings (TZS). Connectivity may vary in remote areas, so withdraw cash in advance when traveling to parks or islands.
- **Currency Exchange:** Exchange foreign currency at banks or licensed bureaus. Avoid street exchangers for safety and authenticity.
- **Mobile Money:** Services like **M-Pesa, Tigo Pesa, and Airtel Money** are common for local transactions.

Travelers' Cheques

Travelers' cheques are **not accepted** by most hotels, lodges, or restaurants in Tanzania. Use **cash for small transactions** and **credit/debit cards** for larger payments.



Tipping In Tanzania

Tipping is a thoughtful way to show appreciation for good service. Guests are encouraged to tip based on **personal satisfaction and the quality of service received**. Local Etiquette: A warm smile and a polite “**Asante sana**” (thank you very much) make tips even more meaningful.

Why Tipping Matters, while not mandatory, it is warmly welcomed and often shared among staff. Tipping is a simple yet meaningful way to express gratitude. It acknowledges the effort and care of the service providers, encourages them in their work, and adds a touch of joy to their day.

Practical Tips

- **US Dollars:** For Tanzania and many other countries, **\$20, \$50, and \$100 notes (printed after 2006)** are the most practical and widely accepted
- **Tanzanian Shillings (TZS):** Keep small denominations handy for local markets, incidental purchases, and tips.
- **Communal Tip Box:** Most lodges and camps provide a general staff tip box. Contributions here are shared among housekeeping, kitchen, and maintenance teams.
- **Timing:** For multi-day safaris, tips for guides and trackers are usually given at the end of the trip.
- **Discretion:** Guests may also wish to tip individuals directly for personalized service. Common roles include: Guides, trackers, porters, transfer drivers, Butlers, Briefers, Restaurant waiters. Tips can be handed directly to the individual or placed in envelopes provided by restaurant, hotel and lodges.
- **Guidelines, Not Rules:** While tipping is customary, the amount and manner are flexible. Guests may choose how best to express their gratitude.



SAFARI ATTIRE & PACKING ESSENTIALS

Packing smart makes your safari more comfortable and enjoyable. What you bring depends on the season, your planned activities, and luggage limits - but remember, most lodges offer laundry services, so you don't need to over-pack. Guests often find that **less is more** when it comes to safari clothing .

Weather

Tanzania has a tropical climate with two rainy seasons and warm temperatures year-round.

- **Rainy Seasons:** Roads can become muddy and slippery; wildlife viewing is still excellent but requires patience.
 - **Long rains:** March to May (heaviest in April).
 - **Short rains:** Mid-October to December.
- **Dry Season:** June to October — generally sunny and ideal for safaris.

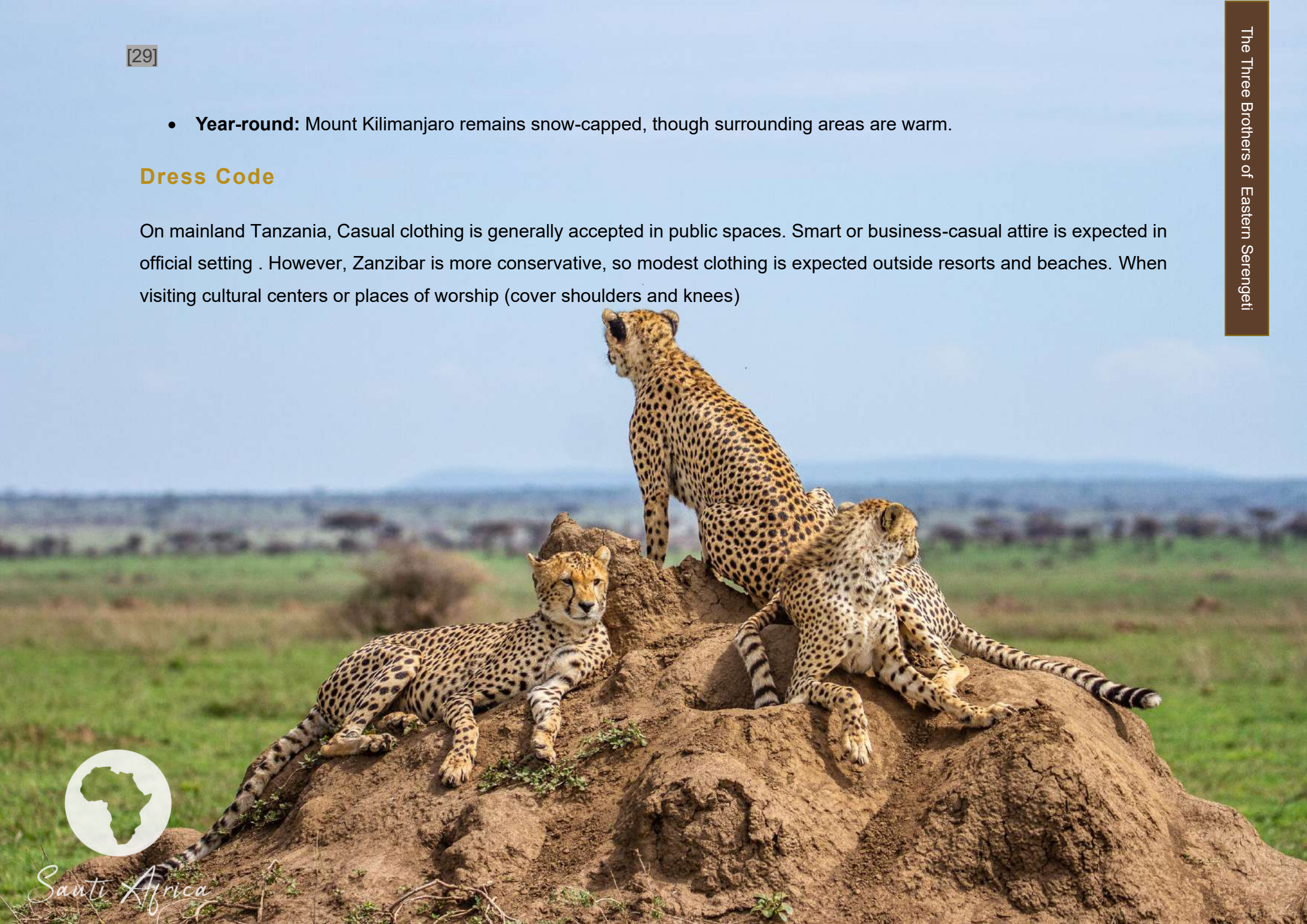


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- **Year-round:** Mount Kilimanjaro remains snow-capped, though surrounding areas are warm.

Dress Code

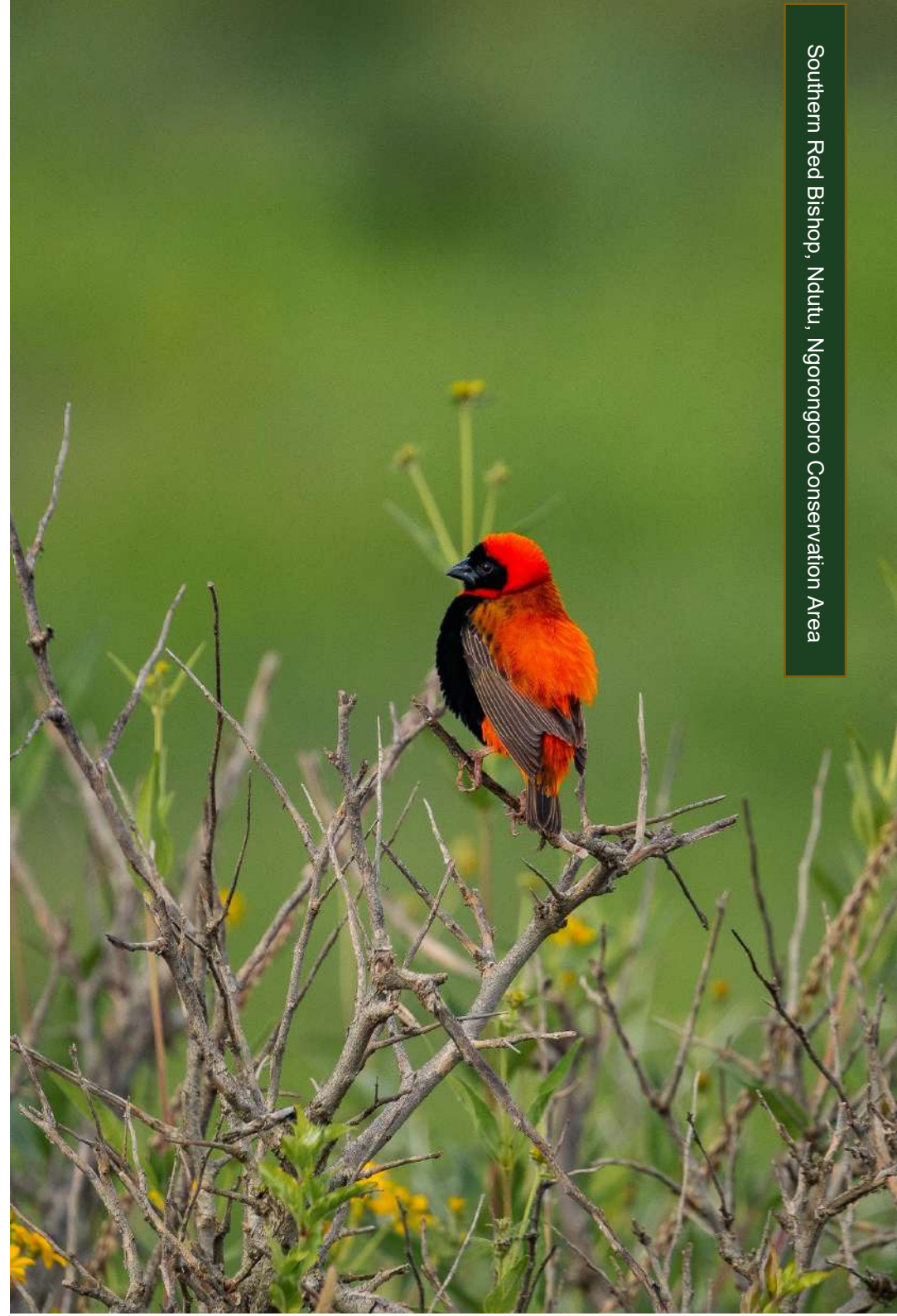
On mainland Tanzania, Casual clothing is generally accepted in public spaces. Smart or business-casual attire is expected in official setting . However, Zanzibar is more conservative, so modest clothing is expected outside resorts and beaches. When visiting cultural centers or places of worship (cover shoulders and knees)

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What to Pack? Think Twice

Some items are best left at home to keep your safari simple and worry-free:

- **Valuable jewellery:** Even though theft is rare, leaving sentimental or expensive pieces behind ensures peace of mind.
- **Electric grooming tools:** Many lodges rely on solar or generator power, so devices like hairdryers, straighteners may not work reliably and they take up precious luggage space.
- **Heavy cosmetics or perfumes:** Simplify your routine and skip strong scents; wildlife can detect them easily and may keep their distance.
- **Delicate fabrics:** Materials like silk, suede, or leather can be damaged by dust and humidity. Choose durable cottons or quick-dry fabrics instead.



Avoid Overpacking on Safari



No Plastic Bags



No Delicate Fabrics



No Excessive Products & Accessories



Pack Light & Fractical — Heovv, fragile items don't belong on safort.

Plastic Bag Ban: Tanzania enforces a **nationwide ban on plastic carrier bags**, including importation, sale, and use. For eco-friendly travel, use reusable containers and avoid single-use plastics. Tanzania's conservation laws are strictly enforced.

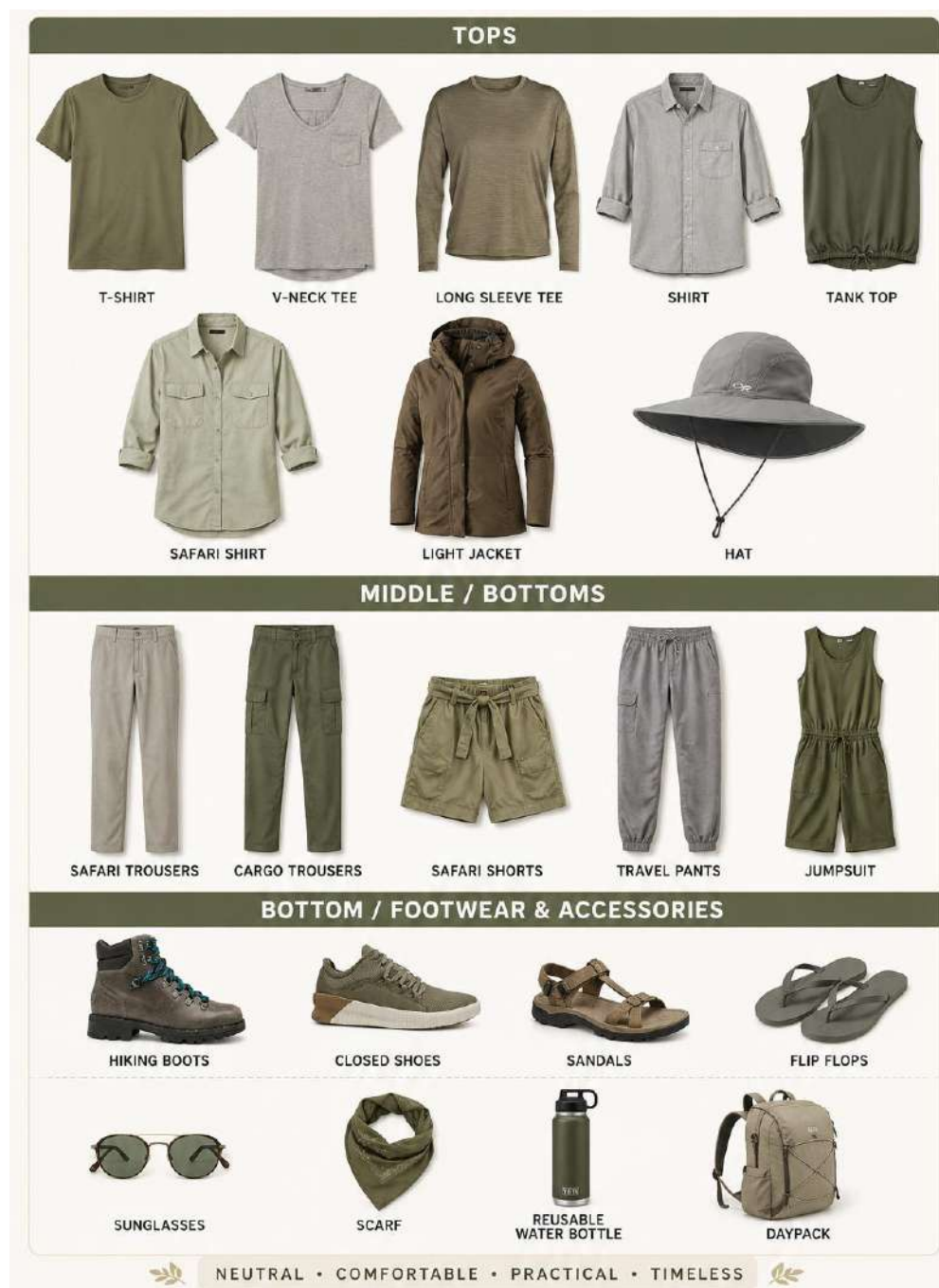
- Do not pack or carry **plastic shopping bags** in your luggage, customs officers may confiscate them and issue fines.
- **Resealable ziplock bags** for toiletries are permitted, provided they remain in your possession and are not discarded locally.
- Opt for Cloths, Canvas or reusable dry bags instead.



SAFARI PACKING GUIDE

Safari Outfits

- Pack lightweight quick-drying neutral colours such as khaki, brown, beige or green. Avoid white, it will get dirty, and black, which can be very hot in the day and may attract mosquitoes at night.
- Trousers with removable, zippered lower legs are very practical as they can double as shorts.
- Dress in layers. Early-morning game drives in open vehicles can be very chilly, but the day will heat up quickly as the sun rises. Evening drives can also be cold, so consider a beanie, scarf, and gloves if you're on holiday in winter. Most 4x4s are stocked with lap blankets for game drives in cold weather.
- If you're planning to hike, bring worn-in, waterproof hiking boots or other comfortable walking shoes.
- A sun hat, sun protection cream and sunglasses are essential.



- Many lodges and hotels have swimming pools, so bring appropriate swimwear and flip-flops.
- Pack a lightweight rain jacket, even for the summer season as it can rain throughout the day, primarily from November to April.



Avoid bright clothing and strong scents. Animals are highly sensitive to both; bright colors signal danger and heavy fragrances act as a warning. Neutral colors and minimal scents are the secret to the best wildlife

Electronics

- Tanzania's electricity runs on **230 volts, 50Hz**, using **Type D (round pins)** and **Type G (rectangular pins)** sockets. If necessary, bring a **universal plug adapter** that fits both types.
- Pack **extra camera batteries**, a **large memory card**, or a **portable hard drive** to back up your safari photos and videos.
- Include **charging cables** for all devices and keep them organized in a small pouch.
- Remember that **airlines count electronics** like laptops, tablets, and cameras toward your luggage allowance.

BEACH WEAR



LINEN SHIRT



SWIMWEAR



SWIM SHORTS



COVER-UP



STRAW HAT



SUNGLASSES



BEACH TOTE



SANDALS



FLIP FLOPS



Healthy Kit Essentials

- Carry a **compact first aid kit** with plasters, antiseptic cream, pain relief, and digestive medication.
- Add **rehydration sachets**, **high SPF sunscreen**, and **bug spray** for daily use.
- Bring **spare prescription medication** in its original packaging, plus **copies of your prescriptions** and your doctor's letter.
- Pack **spare spectacles or contact lenses** and cleaning solution. Lodges are often far from city pharmacies.
- Include **hand sanitizer** or **antibacterial wipes** for convenience during game drives.

Electronics Essentials



Healthy kit Essentials



Pack spare prescription medication in its original packaging and bring copies of your prescription (s)

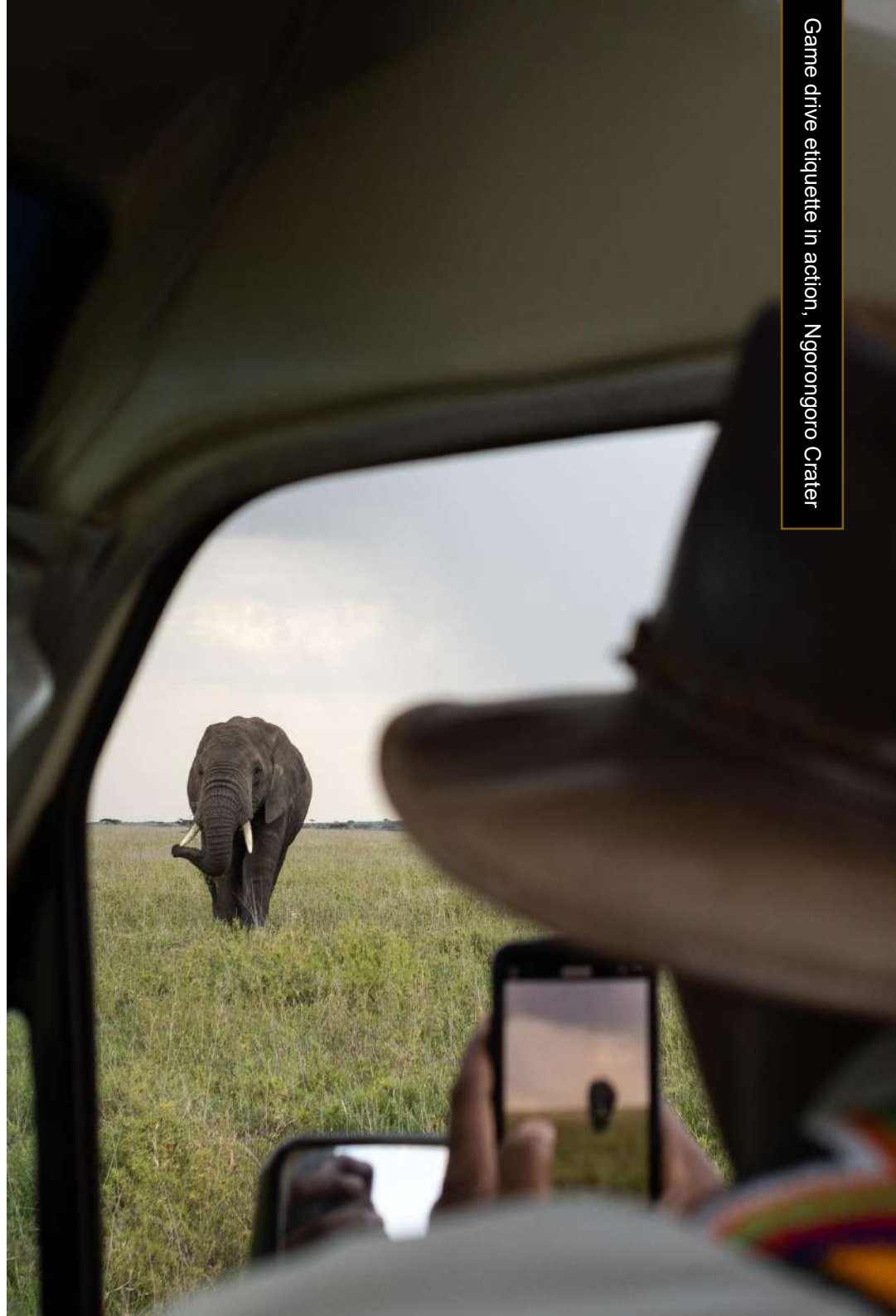


RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

Tanzania's beauty comes with responsibilities. As a guest, your choices help protect wildlife, respect communities, and preserve the environment.

On Safari

- **Protect wildlife:** Turn off GPS tagging when posting photos. Poachers exploit location data.
- **Use water responsibly :** Water is precious in many safari regions, so small habits make a big difference.
 - **Turn off taps** when not actively using water: while brushing teeth, washing hands, or during a shower pause.
 - **Laundry care:** please request lodge laundry services instead of washing clothes in bathrooms. If you prefer to do it yourself, use designated washing areas provided by the lodge.



- **Follow your guide:** Wild animals may appear calm but remain unpredictable. Never clap, mimic sounds, reach to touch, pet them or offer food.
- **Game drive etiquette:** Smoking, eating, drinking, or singing is not allowed. Ask questions and enjoy the pace, follow the guidelines given by your safari guide.
- **Respect distance:** Don't pressure guides to offroad or move closer to animals, especially mothers with young ones or predators feeding. This may result to fines and can cause harm from agitated animals.
- **Leave nature untouched:** Do not litter the environment follow proper waste disposal guidance on site, do not collect plants, rocks, or animal products. Buying ivory or rhino horn is illegal.
- **Choose ethical interactions:** Only visit reputable sanctuaries for animal encounters.



Personal Safety Rules

Tanzania is known for its warm hospitality and welcoming atmosphere, but it's always wise to follow basic travel safety practices. This ensures a smooth and enjoyable journey throughout your safari and city visits.

- Keep valuables **locked in your in-room safe** or hand them to the manager for secure storage in the lodge or hotel strong room.
- Avoid carrying **large amounts of cash**; use cards or small denominations when possible.
- Always **inform the receptionist or guide** where you're going and when you expect to return.
- Follow the same precautions you would at home. Stay in **well-lit areas at night**, avoid unsafe neighborhoods, and engage cautiously with strangers on the street especially when you are not with your guide,
- Never leave bags, wallets, phones or cameras unattended or in plain sight in public areas



General Safety Guidance

- **Giving responsibly:** Avoid handing money to beggars. Instead, donate food, clothing, or contribute through local charities.
- **Fair trade:** Bargain lightly in markets, but remember a few dollars can mean a lot to a seller.
- **Photography etiquette:** Always ask before taking pictures of people and respect their wishes.
- **Tipping:** Reward good service discreetly and fairly across staff.
- **Respect culture:** Honor local customs, avoid flashy displays of wealth, and don't waste food.
- **Security awareness:** Never photograph airports, borders, or government facilities.
- **Drone use:** Flying drones requires permits. Unauthorized use can lead to fines, confiscation, or arrest.



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LANGUAGE & LOCAL EXPRESSIONS

Tanzania has **more than 120 tribes**, making it one of the most culturally diverse nations in Africa. Each tribe with its own language and traditions, yet **Kiswahili (Swahili)** serves as the national language that unites the country. English is also widely used, especially in business, education, and tourism making communication easier for international visitors. It's fun to learn the indigenous names of the animals you're likely to spot on safari and some few common greetings, knowing these adds a touch of cultural connection and makes every sighting more memorable.

ENGLISH	SWAHILI
Hello!	Jambo / Mambo
How are You?	Habari Yako
I am fine	Poa
Very good	Nzuri sana
Welcome	Karibu
Goodbye	Kwaheri
No!	Hapana
Yes!	Ndio
Thank you	Ahsante
Food	Chakula
Please	Tafadhali
Excuse me	Samahani
Water	Maji
Friend	Rafiki
Journey	Safari
Sorry	Pole



Table: Common Wildlife names and their Swahili translation

Animal (English)	Swahili Name	Pronunciation (approx.)
Lion	Simba	SEEM-bah
Elephant	Tembo	TEM-boh
Giraffe	Twiga	TWEE-gah
Zebra	Pundamilia	POON-dah-mee-lee-ah
Leopard	Chui	CHOO-ee
Buffalo	Nyati	NYAH-tee
Hippopotamus	Kiboko	Kee-BOH-koh
Rhinoceros	Kifaru	Kee-FAH-roo
Warthog	Ngiri	Ngee-ree
Cheetah	Duma	Du-ma
Gazelle	Swala	Swa-la
Ostrich	Mbuni	Mboo-nee

**Guest
Tip!**

Cultural Note: Tanzanians are known for their politeness. A simple greeting in Swahili before asking a question often leads to warmer interactions. Even learning a handful of Swahili words especially greetings like **“Jambo”** and **“Habari”**, will make your interactions friendlier and more memorable.



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