



## WILDLIFE SAFARI WEEKEND TRIP



There are several amazing weekend trips to get involved in during your time with PMGY in Tanzania. Travelling over the weekends is a huge part of the experience as it gives you the opportunity to explore the country with fellow volunteers on the program.

Due to a lack of public transport travelling independently in Tanzania is not the easiest thing to do. Even if there were a better transport network it would not be viable to travel out to a national park and then be left to your own devices. As a result, you really need to travel in a more private network to ensure your safety and to make the most of the weekend opportunities.

There are many travel agents based in the city who can provide affordable and reputable weekend trip options to our volunteers, and they also allow for you to meet other travellers in Tanzania. Our local team are also able to organise weekend trips for volunteers, but we want to ensure participants have the freedom to book elsewhere if this suits their plans better.

As a result, we have found participants to prefer the flexibility to explore all the opportunities available to them once they arrive in Arusha rather than pre-organising trips only for people to want to change these plans once they arrive. You can therefore book weekend trips locally based on your budget, travel preferences and once you have met other volunteers on the program.

We have outlined a couple of popular weekend trip options to give you an idea of some of the trips you can get involved in during your time with us. We recommend participants do not make any firm commitments until they arrive in Tanzania as participants will usually travel in a group and our team are a great resource to help you make plans!

It is common for volunteers to make weekend trip plans for a 3 day period when travelling further afield. This will mean choosing to miss a day from your volunteer project. Subsequently, you should give as much notice as possible to the local team and staff at the project to ensure they can approve your plans before you make any trip commitments and make alternative arrangements if necessary.

As one of Africa's top safari destinations, this Tanzanian safari is something not to miss out on - during this trip, you will be fortunate to visit not one, not two, but three National Parks!

Your first day will be spent exploring Tarangire National Park. This expanse of land is based in the midst of the Maasai Steppe and the Great Rift Valley, spanning a tremendous 2,600km<sup>2</sup> - twice the size as the US City Los Angeles! This makes it the 6th largest of Tanzania's National parks. Famous for its high number of African elephants, this place is not to be missed!

Your second day is spent exploring Ngorongoro Crater - the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. Combined with

its varied scenery, it is believed to home the largest density of game across Africa. This makes it one of Tanzania's best-known locations for spotting members of the Big 5!

Lake Manyara National Park tops off this wildlife adventure! Although it might be one of Tanzania's smaller parks, it is thought to be underrated, with diverse vegetation and tree climbing lions. Will you be lucky enough to spot one?

Throughout the trip, you will be accompanied by an English guide for its entirety. Transport will be by Jeep, exclusively for PMGY participants.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Following breakfast at the Volunteer House, the group will be collected by Jeep and briefed by their guide, before embarking on the 3 hour drive to Tarangire National Park. On the way, you will have the chance to purchase snacks and beverages. Upon arrival, you will dive straight in with a game drive to become familiar with the land. After a quick pit-stop for a picnic lunch, you'll continue exploring the beautiful landscapes that you can call your home for the weekend! As the sun begins to set, the group will head out of the park to camp at Lilac camp ground, for dinner and a good nights rest before the adventure continues tomorrow.



### DAY 2 - NGORONGORO CRATER

After a bite to eat for breakfast, you'll head back out via Jeep to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, approximately 45 minutes from base camp. From the edge of the crater, today's first game drive will begin. You will be able to take in the beautiful sights, varying from plains, to forests and even swamps! Lunch will be taken at the famous 'Hippo Pond' - if you're lucky, you might spy a hippo going for their midday dip! You will then continue to explore these breath-taking scenes before returning back to camp in the early evening. The day doesn't finish there however! It's time to relax and rewind with dinner and a cultural dance show.



trip guides to take you around to the sites.

## DAY 3 – LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

You'll eat your final breakfast at camp before the group makes their way to Lake Manyara National Park, approximately 25 minutes away. Similar to yesterday, you will enjoy two game drives, split up by a picnic lunch. The park is famous for its tree climbing lions, great birdlife, elephants and baboons. As the late afternoon approaches, your guide will take you back to the Volunteer House in Arusha.



## ACCOMMODATION

Depending on availability and the type of accommodation you prefer, you will stay at Panorama Camp or Lilac Campground located in Mto Wa Mbu Manyara, just outside Lake Manyara National Park. The accommodation will be dormitory or shared tents with mosquito nets and a private western toilet and bath. The rooms are basic but clean and comfortable.

## MEALS

The group will be provided with 3 meals a day. The meals will be continental items such as pancakes and scrambled eggs for breakfast, BBQ chicken and vegetables for lunch and stew for dinner. The meals will include a drink of some kind, such as tea, coffee, or juice.

## TRANSPORT

Transport will be by Jeep. You will have English-speaking