

Safari Information

Getting to Tanzania

Arusha is the the starting point for most safaris. Kilimanjaro International Airport is the most convenient port of entry and exit, located just 35 minutes from Arusha. The airport is served from Europe by KLM/Northwest, which flies daily from Amsterdam. We have an affiliated ticketing agent based in the United States who is most helpful in procuring competitive rates. We will provide her contacts upon request.

Visas

A visa is required for entry into Tanzania from most countries. The visa may be purchased at the Tanzanian port of entry; however, we recommend that the visa be obtained prior to arrival. Visas are obtainable from any Tanzanian embassy or through a visa service.

Airport Tax

Airport Departure Tax is \$30.00USD per person departure from Tanzania. It is normally included in your international carrier ticket fare but it is wise to confirm this. If departing Tanzania by private charter or private aircraft, the tax will be due at the airport.

Health

Immunization against Yellow Fever may be required to enter Tanzania (the government periodically changes their mind). Check with your physician or Public Health Department for recommended immunizations, and additional information may be obtained from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia (www.cdc.gov). Protection against malaria is necessary. Consult your physician to obtain these prescription and non-prescription drugs, as your preference may not be readily available. Please advise us if you have any medical conditions or allergies.

Rates

Contact us for rates or contact your local travel agent or tour operator.

Getting to Lukuba

To reach Musoma (where our boat will pick you up), the choices are either to go overland via car or fly via small plane into Musoma which has a year round government airport with Customs and Immigration facilities. There is also an airport at Mwanza, which is a

245 kilometers drive to Musoma on a well-paved road. (Transfers can be arranged upon request.)

Guests are met in the town of Musoma by our manager and escorted to the staging point for departure on board one of our boats. The journey to the island takes approximately 45 minutes.

Clothing

The climate in Tanzania, although equatorial in situation, varies from very hot and humid on the coast, to quite cool and even cold in the highland areas such as Ngorongoro. It is recommended that comfortable outdoor clothing, can be worn in layers, be brought on safari. Shorts can be comfortable in the day but long pants are necessary in the cool evenings. A sweater and lightweight jacket are good to have, especially as temperatures on the Ngorongoro Crater rim can drop to 45 degrees F. A change of clothing is always nice after an evening shower. Neutral "safari" colors are most appropriate, as they tend not to show the dust and blend into the natural environment. Shoes should be comfortable and stout; boots are not necessary. Bring a swimsuit if desired as some lodges have pools. As laundry is available on request.

Luggage

Luggage should be the soft-sided or duffel type, especially if flying in small aircraft. The usual weight requirement on small aircraft is 15 kilograms (33 lbs.) per person on a full aircraft.

Accessories

A list of items that may be useful:

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Spare prescription glasses
- Hat
- Binoculars 8-10x manual focus (per person)
- Camera
- Video Camera, with 2-3 spare batteries
- Digital Still Camera, with 2-3 spare batteries
- Film or Flash cards (Minimum 2-3 rolls per day)
- Dustproof camera bag
- Small flashlight
- Insect repellent
- Chapstick