



# RIDE WORLD WIDE

## TANZANIA

### KASKAZI HORSE SAFARIS 2024

#### RIDE INFORMATION

Kaskazi Horse Safaris, managed by Swedish born Joanna Westermark, operates adventurous horse safaris from a base near Arusha in northern Tanzania. Using tented camps and focusing on the traditional meaning of a safari as a 'journey', safaris with Kaskazi explore the area just south of the Kenyan border, between Mount Kilimanjaro and Amboseli National Park to the north east and the Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Conservation Area to the south west. They follow little used routes through remote, un-touristed bush and are a wonderfully exciting way to see Tanzania, under the care and guidance of an enthusiastic, fun, friendly and immensely capable team.



#### DATES

Different safari itineraries are run from fixed dates throughout the year with private departures possible on request. Safaris are normally confirmed when there are at least 4 participants. Please see dates overleaf and contact Ride World Wide to discuss plans and check availability.

#### HORSES

The horses are mixed blood, including several Thoroughbred and Arab crosses, and between about 14.2 and 16hh. Several are used for polo and all have been carefully chosen and well-schooled for safaris. They are calm and sensible to handle, used to game and extremely well cared for by Jo and her team. Grooms are on hand to look after the horses at all camps.

#### TACK

English style Wintec or leather general purpose saddles are used with some Australian stock saddles. Small saddle bags are provided to carry water bottles and other small personal items when riding.

## RIDING

Safaris usually include about 4 to 6 hours riding each day, broken up with a long stop for lunch and shorter breaks for refreshments, to watch game, stretch legs and rest horses' backs. Most safaris are 'progressive' following a route from camp to camp although the number of camp moves (particularly on Serengeti Safaris) may be governed by the movement of game. Of the longer itineraries the Serengeti Safaris are usually the most challenging - there are vast open plains to cover, where you can move on but always need to keep wits about you and eyes open, watching for potential hazards such as holes. Safaris are run for a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 guests, although smaller groups may be taken at a supplement. All safaris are lead by an experienced guide, usually Jo herself, accompanied by a back-up rider / groom with a support team to move camp equipment, luggage and meet riders at lunchtime most days.



## WEIGHT LIMIT

85kgs (13½ stone) with some heavier, experienced riders occasionally taken by prior arrangement (a supplement may be charged to allow use of 2 safari horses). Please contact us if you are close to the weight limit so we can check horse availability.

## PACE

Generally moderate to fast overall, with the area's open plains perfect for long energetic trots and canters - although the pace always varies with the going, local conditions and game viewing. Riders are encouraged to spread out and take their own line to make the most of the excellent open country but on all safaris there are times when you ride through thick bush, deep sand or over difficult going such as crusty black cotton-soil, when you have to go slowly and stay in a line.

## RIDING EXPERIENCE

Safaris are aimed at reasonably competent riders who are comfortable, secure and able to control a well-schooled horse at all paces from a walk to fast canter. It is not necessary to be an expert over fences or in competition but you do need to be relaxed and confident riding in varied, open country with a group of horses and able to stay on if your horse reacts quickly or needs to move out of trouble. Riding hours on 3 night safaris are quite flexible but on longer trips, with quite a distance covered each day, and often up to about 4 hours in the saddle at a time, you also need to be riding fit. If you don't ride regularly at home, we strongly recommend concentrated practice in the months before you go. Children may join a safari but need to be mature, strong riders, comfortable riding at all paces on open, varied going, for long hours and often in hot, dry conditions. 12 to 14 years is the normal minimum age (accompanied by a parent or guardian) but this is always on a case-by-case basis.



## TERRAIN

Varies within each route and includes everything from open savannah, vast open grassland plains, acacia woodland and Doum Palm forest, to really thick scrub and bush. Depending on time of year and rainfall, you may ride across dry riverbeds, dusty and desert-like plains, through thick sand, up and down steep riverbanks, across water-filled ditches or difficult, crusty black cotton-soil.



## GAME

There is plenty of game in the areas in which you ride, although with no fences and wildlife moving freely over a huge area, the quantity and concentration at any one time is variable and, with animals following rains and the grass in its wake, entirely dependent on the weather. The northern part of Tanzania is often dry and in between rains, game tends to move away from open plains, towards areas of vegetation and water, congregating around the few waterholes in the region. After rains, it spreads widely across the plains. On all safaris you should see a good variety of animals - zebra, wildebeest, Thompson's and Grant's gazelle, monkey, baboon, jackal and ostrich are frequently seen; more unusual sightings include eland, oryx, kudu, bat-eared fox and perhaps (on Kilimanjaro Rides) gerenuk, a rare antelope with an elongated giraffe-like neck which thrives in dry areas. Kilimanjaro Safaris also often include good elephant sightings (perhaps 'big tuskers' from Amboseli) and, particularly in dry weather, giraffe, sometimes family groups with young, browsing amongst thorny acacia trees (up to 40 have been seen at one at a time). There are always chances to see predators such as hyena and if lucky cheetah, lion or leopard, which you may hear calling at night as you relax around the campfire. In the Kilimanjaro area, game is usually seen in small groups, rather than large herds - whereas on Serengeti Safaris, if timing and weather is right (always hard to predict!), you may find yourself riding with herds of thousands upon thousands of wildebeest - quite simply spectacular and an experience quite unlike anything else! Numerous and colourful birdlife includes distinctive hornbills, brightly coloured bee eaters, rollers, starlings, blue waxbills, huge Kori Bustards and the large, austere secretary bird. Night game drives with a spotlight are included and are a great chance to see nocturnal game such as bush babies, hyrax, genet cat, perhaps even aardvark, aardwolf or civet.



## ACCOMMODATION

The first night of most safaris is spent on the Kilimanjaro Wildlife Estate near Arusha, in a comfortable private villa hotel, where rooms all have en-suite bathroom, there are comfortable dining and sitting areas, a terrace and private pool.

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## ACCOMMODATION cont.

Subsequent nights are in private tented camps moved ahead by staff. These use especially designed, comfortable and spacious walk-in canvas tents (5 x 5 meters), which have mosquito netted doors and windows, a solar lamp, stretcher beds made up with cotton sheets, pillows and duvets, rugs, bedside tables and outside, chairs and a wash stand (shared with your tent partner). A separate tent is set up a short walk behind each sleeping tent with a long drop loo and 'bucket & pulley' shower (may be shared, one between two tents) and camps also have a large mess tent with chairs and a long table for meals if the weather is windy or cool; otherwise a table and chairs will be set up by the camp fire so you can eat out under the stars.



## MEALS

Meals on safari are excellent and generous with an extra special effort made to include tasty and varied menus. Breakfast is usually a selection of bread, toast, cereal, eggs cooked as you wish (with bacon, sausages etc), homemade juice and a selection of African fruit. Lunch will either be in camp or out in the bush, part way through your ride and might be a buffet selection brought by vehicle or sandwiches carried with you in saddlebags. Dinner is a delicious three courses, preceded by snacks and drinks around the fire, a mix of well-presented local and international dishes, with freshly baked bread, fresh salads, vegetables and herbs. Drinks are locally sourced and good wine, beer and a selection of spirits (with ice) are all included.

## SAFETY & GUIDES

All rides are lead by a qualified, experienced guide, accompanied by a local back-up rider / groom. Jo, who leads most rides personally, is qualified with the South African Field Guides Association and has an excellent knowledge of Tanzania's fauna and flora, taking a keen interest in smaller as well as bigger game. She is also fluent in Kiswahili (having been brought up in Tanzania) and conversant in Maa which has been hugely beneficial in gaining access rights to new areas. She has a team of loyal and experienced staff, many of whom are from tribes in the areas you ride through and is committed to their welfare and that of the local communities. The insight they can give into the local cultures adds tremendously to the whole safari experience. Jo herself is fun, attentive, informative and, although female and relatively young (in her thirties), is a reassuringly able guide with true leadership qualities. She is someone in whom you can have full confidence. On the first day there will be an introductory talk on the routine and safety when riding and radios, a mobile 'phone (with a satellite phone where necessary) and first aid kit are all carried when riding. Camp and support vehicles also have a first aid kit and radio station for emergencies.



## WEATHER

Tanzania is just south of the equator and has a tropical but fairly temperate climate. Midday temperatures usually range from the low 20s C to a maximum of around 35 degrees C. May to September / early October is usually the coolest time, although the weather is generally pleasant for riding year round - you are at altitudes of about 4500 to 6000 ft above sea level and there is often a cooling breeze. Seasonal rains are expected late March to May and November to mid-January, but rainfall is unpredictable, timing varies and some years there is very little or no rain at all. July / August to late October is usually the driest time when it can be very dusty but as the bush is thinner with few leaves, often the best time to see game. From mid-November / December to June seasonal rains can transform the landscape to vivid green and teeming with new life - a very different safari.

## WHAT TO BRING

We will send you a list when you book.



## ITINERARIES

Kilimanjaro Elephant Rides explore the plains at the foot of Mt Kilimanjaro, which stretch towards the Kenya border and Amboseli National Park. Serengeti Safaris, pioneered in 2017, explore the area just east of The Serengeti National Park during the peak migration season. Ruaha Safaris are new for 2023 and will explore the Ruaha National Park to the south, in central Tanzania. Safaris are all 'mobiles', following a progressive route, with camps moved ahead every two or three days. Arusha Rides and The Iron Lady's Ride explore Arusha National Park in the footsteps of adventuress Margarete Trappe, who explored the area with her horses Comet and Diamond in the early 20<sup>th</sup> C. They are a wonderful way to fit a few days riding into a general safari itinerary in Tanzania.

The following are example itineraries - please ask for others and note that they are only examples - day-by-day arrangements may be varied in your guides absolute discretion if the movement of game, weather or other local conditions require.

### Example itinerary - Kilimanjaro Elephant Ride

**Day 1** - Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport. Met and driven about 30 minutes to a villa hotel on the Kilimanjaro Wildlife estate where the night is spent. Time to relax, use the pool, meet your guide and others in the group. If there is a polo game on, sundowners will be at the Polo Club House. A safari briefing, drinks, dinner & night (D)

**Day 2** - A leisurely breakfast and at about 11 am collected for a drive of about 20 minutes to the gateway to Arusha National Park where the horses are waiting. After everyone is settled with their horse, set off riding into one of the most beautiful Parks in East Africa. The vegetation changes dramatically, from open grassland plains to thick canopied rainforest, as you ride deeper into the Park and with this there are good chances to see a wide variety of game - elephant, buffalo and plains game, including some unusual species such as rare Suni antelope and Red Duiker, as well as gorgeous birdlife such as Hartlaub's turaco and much more. The back-up crew will meet you along the way with a delicious lunch and, after a short siesta, continue riding through the canopy forest, good leopard country, and past the old house of the legendary Margarete Trappe, known and remembered as the 'Iron lady' from the first World War. Arrive at the first camp, set up at the foot of Mt Meru, in time for showers and sundowners. Dinner under the stars and night in camp. (B,L,D)



**Day 3** - Wake up with the sun to the sounds of Colobus monkeys and after breakfast in camp, set off riding towards the area made famous by the John Wayne film 'Hatari'! After an hour or two, start climbing up to the "Fig Tree Arch", a massive natural archway (big enough to fit 5 horses underneath!), then ride on to the lunch stop, next to a waterfall, around 2000 meters above sea level. After lunch and a siesta, ride back to camp by a different route, passing another 30 metre waterfall. A cup of tea in camp and those who wish, may have time for a vehicle trip to the Momella lakes, where you may see hippo and some of the lake's beautiful water birds, as you stop with a sundowners on the lakeshore. Head back to camp for showers and dinner. Night in camp. (B,L,D)

**Day 4** - Mount up after breakfast, riding out of the National Park east towards Mount Kilimanjaro, leaving Mount Meru behind like a shadow. A long ride today, crossing farmland and Masai steppe where local people tend donkeys, goats and cattle. You will try to cover several hours in the morning whilst it is cool before stopping for a welcome lunch, set out for you under an acacia tree, perhaps near a dam where the Masai water their cattle and the horses can drink. After a long siesta mount up again, riding on across open plains, away from the farmland and back into wildlife areas, reaching the new camp before the sun hits the horizon. Dinner and night in camp. (B,L,D)

**Day 5** - An early wake up with tea and coffee brought to your tent, before breakfast in the mess tent. Then mount up and set off to track the elephant which are often seen in this area. The terrain varies from patches of thick scrub, thorny acacia woodland and open desert-like plains - superb for long exhilarating canters. Ride back to camp, as the day heats up, for a leisurely lunch and siesta and in the late afternoon, ride out again to explore in another direction. Back to camp at sun set for welcome hot showers, sundowners and a second night in this lovely campsite. (B,L,D)

## KILIMAJARO ITINERARY cont.

**Day 6** - Today is another long moving day so the wake-up call is early. A cooked breakfast, then mount up and set off riding towards a group of hills called the Seven Sisters. After crossing the hills, continue through Sinya Village towards the lunch spot, set out on a table under a shady tree. The terrain varies from open grassland to beautiful canopy forest and there are good chances of seeing plains game such as zebra, giraffe and wildebeest. If you are lucky, you may also spot the shy Gerunuk antelope, typical of this dry area. Ride on to the new camp in the late afternoon, set up ahead in a wonderful spot, overlooked by four powerful mountains - Meru, Namanga, Longido and most legendary of all, Kilimanjaro. Dinner and night in camp. (B,L,D)



**Day 7** - Wake-up call is at dawn to make the most of your last full day. Mount up and set off riding towards the border with Kenya and Amboseli National Park. This is good elephant country and with luck there will be a chance to track and watch the elephant that constantly more through this area. Meet the back-up crew for a delicious lunch out riding and in the afternoon ride on to the final camp set up overlooking the pans, where plains game is ever alert for predators. Hopefully the skies will be clear, as views of the mountains and glorious night sky, can be superb. Hot showers and drinks before dinner and your last night on safari. (B,L,D)

**Day 8** - Breakfast and pack up before the drive back to the wildlife estate, about 3 hours. Lunch at the villa and then transfer back to Kilimanjaro airport (approximately 3 hours). For those with late onward flights it is possible to book a day room (extra cost). (B)

### Example itinerary - Serengeti Safari

**Day 1** - Arrive Arusha or Kilimanjaro International Airport. Met and driven about 30 minutes to a villa hotel on the Kilimanjaro Wildlife estate. Time to relax, use the pool, meet your guide and others in the group. The estate is home to the Arusha Polo Club and if there is a match, you might have drinks in clubhouse with a chance to watch the match. A short safari briefing before dinner. Night Kilimanjaro wildlife estate (D)

**Day 2** - An early start and short drive to meet a morning charter flight to Ndutu airstrip in the southern Serengeti. After a flight of between 40 minutes and 1 ½ hours depending on routing (you might fly over the Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manayara and / or Tarangire National Park, a wonderful opportunity to see these iconic sites from the air), land at Ndutu where safari vehicles are waiting. It is then a few minutes' drive and short wait as you are checked-in at the National Park registration post, before setting off through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) and Serengeti National Park, towards the first night's camp. Depending on the camp location, the drive will be 2 to 4 hours, game viewing the whole way. First the route heads through an area of short scrub, past impressive rocky outcrops ("kopjes") and river courses, before heading out across the Serengeti's famous 'short grass plains'. Prime grazing area for migrating wildebeest in the early months of the year, with luck (always dependant on the weather!) the plains may be thick with wildebeest which arrive in their thousands after rain to make the most of fresh grass. The plains are also the wildebeests' favoured birthing spot - it is one of nature's miracles that females delay giving birth until the rains and grass arrive, in an effort to ensure their newly born young have the best start in life, a chance to build strength on lush new grass before the long march north to Kenya's Mara plains. After driving for an hour or so across the plains, the vehicle will leave the National Park and NCA and eventually arrive at the spot chosen for the first camp in the shade of a lovely flat-topped acacia where the team of support staff are waiting. Shown to your tents to settle in, before a welcome lunch in the shade of the mess tent. Then, a short siesta before meeting the horses and their grooms and time allowing, an evening ride to try them. Head back to camp at sunset for hot showers, drinks by the campfire and a first dinner together in the bush. (B, L, D)

## SERENGETI ITINERARY cont.

**Day 3** - Woken at about 7am with tea or coffee brought to your tent, then breakfast in the mess tent before heading to the horses at around 8am. Plans each day always vary with weather and game, but on the first full safari day, you might ride out for a long morning to get used to the horses and area, returning to camp for lunch before another ride or game drive in the late afternoon. Or it might be a good day for a full day ride, meeting the back-up team for lunch out in the bush. Either way there's a good chance of trying your horse at all paces and with luck, of seeing the gathering herds of wildebeest for which the area is famous, as well as giraffe browsing acacia scrub, zebra and perhaps predators such as hyena and jackal. Dinner and night in camp (B, L, D)



**Day 4** - The day-by-day programme will vary with the game, but your guide always aims to move camp a couple of times during the week so you can explore new areas. Today might be the first moving day with an early wake up at dawn giving time to pack-up before breakfast. Then, after mounting up, ride out towards the new camp, through areas that have rarely been visited on a horse, perhaps passing Maasai herdsman or their small settlements, where tribesmen live off the land as they have done for centuries. After about 4 hours riding, the sight of the back-up crew who have gone ahead to set up a delicious al- fresco lunch in the bush, is welcome. Time for a long rest in the heat of the day, then horse are tacked up again and you head off, aiming to reach the new camp by tea time. Set up ahead, the camp might be spectacularly situated in the middle of vast open plains, where, at peak migration time, the air will be filled with the braying and mesmerizing grunts of wildebeest. Tea or a cold beer when you arrive, followed by hot showers & dinner in camp, listening to the sounds of the bush (B,L,D)





## SERENGETI ITINERARY cont.

**Days 5 to 8** - Four more days to explore, riding across vast open plains, into grassy valleys dotted with picturesque granite outcrops, swathes of whistling thorn and typically East African flat-topped acacia trees. On one morning or afternoon, there will be a visit by vehicle to Olduvai Museum, one of the most important paleoanthropological sites in the world with a wonderful collection of fossils, artifacts and skeletons of some of the now-extinct animals who once shared our world. The ride will also almost certainly also cross the Olduvai gorge, the 'Cradle of human kind' and on one day, there will be a long game drive with a picnic or BBQ lunch, perhaps into the Serengeti National Park itself on the look-out for cats such as cheetah, lion and leopard which thrive there, as well as elephant and the flamingo which gather on the area's soda lakes. Weather allowing the night will be spent in a lightweight 'fly' camp, sleeping under mosquito nets. Dinner each night, with a chance to chat through the next day's plans, and 4 nights in camps (B, L, D every day)



**Day 9** - An early call for breakfast and after farewell to your horses and support team, start the drive back across the plains, up to the Ngorongoro Highlands. Stop for breakfast at a lookout with views to the Ngorongoro Crater and time to shop for souvenirs at the access gate if you wish before continuing to Manyara airstrip to meet a return charter flight to Arusha airport (about 40 mins). Complementary lunch (drinks extra) in Arusha or at the villa hotel (shower available) before a transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport or Arusha for onward flights. (B, L.)

## DATES & RATES 2024

**Please note that due to constantly fluctuating exchange rates, rates are quoted in USD. The sterling price will be the equivalent sterling rate using the USD/sterling exchange rate in force when you book/pay.**

**Rates are inclusive of Wildlife Department, Management & Park Fees**

**Rates are based on a minimum of 4 riders (6 for Natron Ride).**

### **Kilimanjaro Elephant Ride (7 nights) - USD 6550 per person**

1st to 8th June	13th to 20th July	4th to 11th September
15th to 22nd June	27th July to 3rd August	2nd to 9th October
29th June to 6th July	10th to 17th August	30th October to 6th November

### **Serengeti Safari (8 nights) - USD 8585 per person**

20th to 28th January	13th to 21st February	9th to 17th March
3rd to 11th February	24th February to 3rd March	20th to 28th March

### **Natron Flamingo Ride (8 nights) - USD 7800 per person**

On request for groups

**Arusha Ride (3 nights) - USD 2818 per person** Dates on request  
**& Iron Lady Rides (3 nights) - USD 2400 per person** Dates on request

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## DATES & RATES 2024 cont.

**NOTE** new dates may be added through the year so if the above do not suit, please check with us. Other dates and tailor-made safaris can also be arranged on request (usually for 4 or more). Please ask. It is also sometimes possible to join a confirmed departure for part only (minimum stay 3 nights) - again please ask.

**Rates INCLUDE** - All riding, guiding, equipment and back up on safari, twin accommodation, all meals (dinner first day to breakfast last), drinks, return vehicle transfers on the first / last day to/from Arusha or Kilimanjaro International airport (depending on ride), charter flights within safari itinerary (for Serengeti Safari), flying doctor membership, Wildlife Department and Wildlife Management area fees at current rates (government rates subject to change at any time).

**Rates EXCLUDE** - International flights to Tanzania and taxes, personal travel / medical insurance (which you must have); airport transfers other than on set days, any charters outside safari itinerary, visa fees and any tips you may wish to leave staff (as a guide, a tip of approx. USD25 - USD40 per day is suggested).

Rates assume twin shared accommodation. Depending on numbers, a few single tents may be arranged on request but if you are unwilling to share a supplement of USD 70 per night is charged to guarantee a single (subject to availability).

**Note** also that Wildlife Department and Management Fees can change at very short notice and if they do, a supplement will be charged.



## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Safaris include collection from Kilimanjaro International Airport or Arusha Town / airport and you will be met when you arrive on the first day (if arriving a day or two before the safari start, there is an extra charge for transfers - approx \$80 US per car from Kili / Arusha taking up to 4 passengers). Sometimes a Kilimanjaro meeting time may be set to coincide with main flight arrival and if you arrive much earlier / later you may have a short wait but usually you will be met off your flight; however please check with us before booking. On the last day, you will be dropped off at Kilimanjaro airport or Arusha town / airport to suit but onward flights and transfers should not be before 15.00 (please check with us BEFORE booking onward travel to be safe). Private transfers can be arranged outside the set times for an additional charge.

Kenyan Airways fly to Kilimanjaro from London via Nairobi and KLM fly to Kilimanjaro from London and various UK regional airports via Amsterdam. You can also fly via Dar-es-Salaam. Local Tanzanian airlines Fly540 and Precision Air have regular flights from Nairobi International (and Precision Air also from Dar) to Kilimanjaro and Air Kenya fly from Nairobi Wilson to Kilimanjaro most days. Airfares depend on time of year, routing and how far ahead you book but for flights to Kilimanjaro from London you should budget around £800 - £1100 Economy return.

Please contact Ride World Wide for further advice and quotes for International flights from the UK (our ATOL number for flight bookings is 6213). We would also be happy to organise safari add-ons / extensions for before or after your ride - eg visits to Tarangire or Serengeti National Parks (fly in or vehicle), Kilimanjaro climbs and a few days R&R on the coast.

## GENERAL VISA & HEALTH INFORMATION

NB this is only a brief outline - further information will be sent to you if you make a confirmed booking.

**Visas** Holders of full British passports require a visa to visit Tanzania. At the time of writing visas are easily obtained at Kilimanjaro airport or in advance of travel. The fee is currently USD\$50. If you travel via Kenya you may need a visa or transit visa for Kenya.

**Health** The TravelHealthPro website (NaTHNaC) recommends most travellers are vaccinated against **Tetanus, Typhoid, Hepatitis A**, with some other vaccinations sometimes advised according to medical history. You may also need a certificate of **Yellow Fever** inoculation and be required to show this on arrival (usually only if travelling from another tropical country eg Kenya). Tanzania is rated a **high risk** area for **Malaria** below 1800 metres; **low / no risk** above 1800 metres. On these riding safaris, you will be riding in high areas for much of the time BUT a course of anti-malarial drugs is usually recommended as a precaution. You should always consult a medical practitioner for more specific / detailed advice.

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