RIDE WORLD WIDE
TANZANIA
TANZANIA HORSE SAFARIS 2027

RIDE INFORMATION

Tanzania Horse Safaris (formally operating as Kaskazi Horse Safaris), managed by Swedish born Joanna Westermark and her Tanzanian born husband Hansi Bruins, 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 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 your plans and check availability.

HORSES

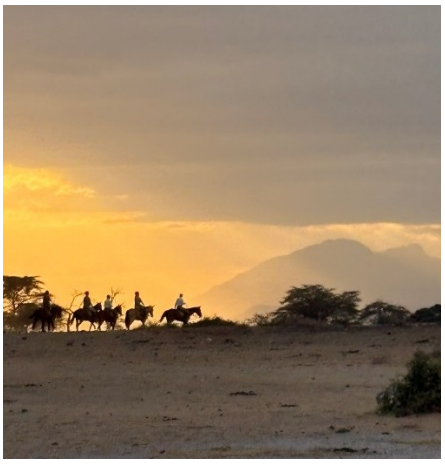
The horses are mixed blood, including several Thoroughbred, South African Boerperd and TB crosses. Most are between about 14.2 and 16hh and many are regularly used for polo. Some are homebred and all have been carefully chosen and are well-schooled for safaris. They are calm and sensible to handle, used to game and extremely well cared for by Jo and her team. They are used to neck reining with many polo schooled and you will be asked to ride with loose contact at the walk and to use one hand, rather than in traditional 'collected' English style. Grooms are on hand to look after the horses at all camps

TACK

Comfortable English style polo saddles with a few Australian stock saddles possibly available. Small saddle bags (front pouches) are provided to carry a water bottle and a few 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 between camps although the number of camp moves (particularly on Serengeti Safaris) may be governed by the movement of game. All safaris include some consecutive nights in the same camp so you can explore the local area, Of the longer itineraries the Serengeti Safaris can be the most challenging – because you are quite far from base, it can rain and there are vast open plains to cover, where horses can move on at an energetic pace but you always need to keep wits about you and your eyes open, watching for holes and other potential hazards. Kilimanjaro Safaris are adventurous and run at a fast pace but there's some good going in the areas in which you move on. Safaris are run for a minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 guests, although smaller groups may be taken at a supplement. All safaris are lead by an experienced guide, often 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

A strict 85kgs (13½ stone). Please be honest and 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 fast canters - although the pace always varies with the going, local conditions and game viewing. Riders are able to spread out and take their own line where possible but on all safaris you must watch for holes and there are times when you wind your way through scrub and thick bush, cross deep sand or difficult crusty black cotton-soil, when you have to go slowly and stay in a line.

RIDING EXPERIENCE

Safaris are aimed at competent riders who are comfortable, secure in the saddle and able to independently 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 secure, relaxed and confident at ALL paces 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 can be flexible but on longer rides with quite a distance to cover each day, you're likely to spend up to about 4 hours in the saddle at a time, so need to be riding fit. If you don't ride regularly at home, please put in some concentrated practice in the months before you go - and be honest in assessing your ability! If your guide feels you are unable to safely keep up with the group or are not fit enough, you will be asked not to ride. Children may join a safari but must be mature, strong riders, comfortable 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. Please contact us to discuss.

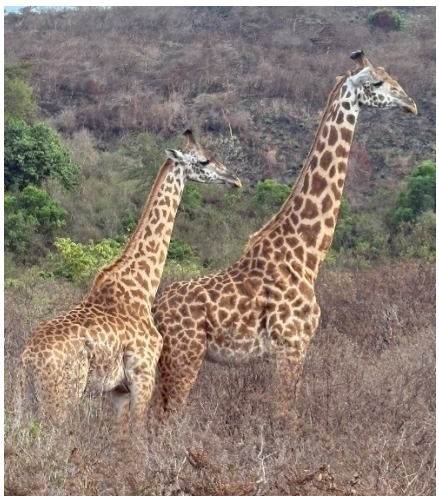
TERRAIN

Varies within each route and includes everything from open savannah, vast grassland plains, acacia woodland and Doum Palm forest, to really thick scrub and bush. Depending on the time of year and rainfall, you may ride across dry riverbeds, dusty, 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, often 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, giraffe, Thompson's and Grant's gazelle, monkey, baboon, jackal and ostrich are frequently seen; more unusual sightings include eland, oryx, lesser 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 often include good elephant sightings (perhaps ‘big tuskers’ from Amboseli) and, particularly in dry weather, you might see family groups of giraffe; sometimes 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 unlike anything else! Numerous and colourful birds include distinctive hornbills, brightly coloured bee-eaters, rollers, starlings, blue waxbills, huge Kori Bustards and the large, austere secretary bird.







ACCOMMODATION

The first night of most safaris is spent on the Kilimanjaro Wildlife Estate near Arusha, in a comfortable private villa or guest lodge. Rooms will have en-suite bathroom and lodges have comfortable dining and sitting areas, a terrace and private pool. Subsequent nights are in private tented camps moved ahead by staff. Camps use comfortable and spacious walk-in safari tents (4 x 4 meters), which have mosquito netted doors and windows, solar lamps, comfortable beds made up with cotton sheets, pillows and duvets, rugs, bedside tables and outside, chairs and a washstand. A separate tent is set up a short walk behind each sleeping tent with a long drop loo and traditional 'bucket & pulley' shower filled with hot water on request. Camps also have a large mess tent with chairs, cushions and a long table for meals if the weather is windy or cool. When it is fine a table and chairs will be set up by the campfire so you can eat out under the stars.





MEALS

Meals on safari are excellent and generous with a 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, usually a well thought buffet-type selection brought by vehicle. Dinner is 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.



GUIDES AND SAFETY

All safaris are lead by a qualified, experienced guide, accompanied by a local back-up rider(s) / groom. Jo, who leads many rides personally, has been operating riding safaris in the area for nearly 15 years. She 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 a fluent Swahili speaker (having been brought up in Tanzania) and is conversant in Maa (the language of the local Masai people) which has been hugely beneficial in gaining access rights to new areas. Fun, informative and reassuringly able with true leadership qualities, she is someone in whom you can have full confidence. Hansi, who was brought up in Tanzania and is an avid (and very good!) polo player, also leads rides and both are helped by co-guides, Josie and Luke, who also trained in South Africa. Knowledge, fun and welcoming, they are an asset to the guiding team and lovely safari company. The support team includes a number of very loyal and experienced local staff (many of whom are from tribes in the areas you ride through and have been working with Jo since she started - she is committed to their welfare and that of the local communities). The insight the team can give into the local cultures adds tremendously to the whole safari experience. On the first day there will be an introductory talk on routines 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 year-round and with riding at altitudes of about 4500 to 6000 ft above sea level, there is often a cooling breeze. Historically seasonal rains are expected ('long rains') March to May and ('short rains') between November and late January but rainfall is unpredictable, timing varies and some years, especially in the north, there may be very little or no 'short rains' at all. Serengeti Safaris, which run between January and early April aim to co-incide with the annual wildebeest migration which follows rainfall. These can be challenging if it is wet – but as the spectacular arrival of the migrating herds is closely linked to rain this is something you must expect! July / August to mid-October is usually the driest time when it can be very dusty but as the bush is thinner with few leaves, this is often a good time to see game in the north.



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. Safaris are all 'mobiles', following a progressive route, with camps moved ahead every two or three days. Short Arusha National Park Rides explore Arusha National Park in the footsteps of adventuress Margarete Trappe, who explored this area with her horses Comet and Diamond in the early 20th C. These can sometimes be arranged on request for small groups and are a wonderful way to fit a few days riding into a general safari itinerary in Tanzania. Below are example itineraries - please ask for others and note these are only examples. Day-by-day arrangements may be varied in the absolute discretion of your guiding team 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 30-40 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 at the Polo Club House. A safari briefing, dinner (drinks not included tonight) & night (D)

Day 2 A leisurely breakfast and then you will be collected and driven about 30 minutes to the gateway to Arusha National Park where the horses are waiting. Mount up and once everyone is settled with their horse, set off riding into one of the most beautiful Parks in East Africa. As you ride deeper into the Park, the vegetation changes dramatically, from open grassland plains to thick canopied rainforest, and with this there are good chances to see a wide variety of game – buffalo, giraffe and plains game, elephant and some unusual species such as rare Suni antelope, Red Duiker and Colobus monkeys 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 chattering and after breakfast in camp, set off riding towards the area made famous by the John Wayne film 'Hatari'! After riding for a couple of hours, the horses start climbing up towards a point which (if the weather is clear) provides a good view of Mount Kilimanjaro. Head back to camp for a leisurely lunch and siesta, before heading out in vehicles to the Momella lakes to look for hippo, flamingo and other water birds. Sundowners on the lakeshore before heading back to camp for showers and dinner. Night in camp. (B,L,D)



Day 4 A big camp breakfast and then set off in vehicles driving east out of the National Park towards Mount Kilimanjaro, leaving Mount Meru behind like a shadow. A drive of about 1½ hours passing local villages which are always interesting to see, before meeting the horses which have been moved ahead and are waiting in the bush. Mount up again and head off, riding across farmland and Masai steppe where local people tend donkeys, goats and cattle and you have a chance to get a feel for local life. Your guides will try to cover as much ground as possible in the morning before stopping for a welcome lunch, set out under a shady acacia tree, perhaps near a dam where the Masai water their cattle and the horses can drink. A long rest of about 3 hours before mounting up again and riding on across open plains, away from the farmland and back into wildlife areas to reach 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 a cooked breakfast in camp. Today is another moving day and after mounting up you 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 Gerenuk 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 mountains - Meru, Namanga, Longido and most legendary of all, Kilimanjaro. Dinner and night in camp. (B,L,D)

Day 6 A day to explore and track game. Elephant are often seen in this area where the terrain varies from patches of thick scrub and thorny acacia woodland to open desert-like plains and dry desert pans - 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)



Day 7 Wake-up call at dawn to make the most of the last full day, mounting up to ride out early when the light, and game viewing, is often best. The morning ride might take you to an authentic Masai boma where you can see how the local tribespeople live in traditional mud huts before heading back to camp for lunch and a rest. In the late afternoon, a final exhilarating ride before returning to camp for a magical evening overlooking the pans. Hopefully the skies will be clear, as views of the mountains and glorious night sky, are superb. Dinner and final night (B,L,D)

Day 8 Breakfast and pack up before setting off on the drive back to Kilimanjaro airport / Arusha (about 3 hours). For those with late onward flights a day room can be arranged (extra cost). (B)





Example itinerary - Serengeti Safari

Day 1 Arrive Arusha or Kilimanjaro International Airport. Met and driven about 30-40 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 (drinks not included tonight). 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)



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 herdsmen 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)



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 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 at a lookout with views to the Ngorongoro Crater and, time permitting, at a local gallery to shop for souvenirs before continuing to Manyara airstrip to meet a return charter flight to Kilimanjaro airport (about 40 mins). Own arrangements for onward flights. (B,L)

DATES & RATES 2027

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 include Tanzanian Wildlife Department, Management & Park Fees
Rates are based on a minimum of 4 riders.

Kilimanjaro Elephant Ride (7 nights) - USD 7310 per person

2nd to 9th June	14th to 21st July	11th to 18th September
12th to 19th June	4th to 11th August	22nd to 29th September
23rd to 30th June	14th to 21st August	2nd to 9th October
3rd to 10th July	1st to 8th September	13th to 20th October

Serengeti Safari (8 nights) - USD 9685 per person (including private charter group basis)*

13th to 21st January	13th to 21st February	20th to 28th March
23rd to 31st January	24th February to 4th March	31st March to 8th April
3rd to 11th February	6th to 14th March	

Arusha National Park Ride (3 nights) - USD 3250 per person
24th to 27th July (other dates on request)

NOTE new dates are often 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 us.** 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 (except on first night in your hotel / lodge), return set time vehicle transfers on the first / last day to/from Kilimanjaro International airport, charter flights within safari itinerary for Serengeti Safari (assuming minimum group size), flying doctor membership, Wildlife Department and Wildlife Management area fees **at current rates** (NB these 3rd party government fees are subject to change **at any time** and there will be a supplement to pay if rates change between booking and departure).

Rates EXCLUDE International flights to Tanzania and taxes, personal travel / medical insurance (comprehensive cover essential); airport transfers other than on set days /times, any charters outside safari itinerary or charter supplement for small group, drinks on first day at hotel / lodge, Visa and mandatory Tanzanian government inbound insurance fees, staff tips (as a guide, a tip of approx. USD 30 per person per day to be split between all camp staff is suggested plus a tip for your guide if you wish).

Rates assume twin shared accommodation. Depending on numbers, single rooms and tents may be arranged on request but a supplement of USD 90 per night is charged to guarantee a single (subject to availability).



FLIGHT & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Safaris include collection from Kilimanjaro International Airport on the first day (Note that if arriving a day or two before the safari start, there is an extra charge for transfers - approx $80 US per car taking up to 4 passengers from Kilimanjaro / Arusha). Sometimes a Kilimanjaro meeting time may be set to coincide with main flight arrivals and if you arrive much earlier / later you may have a short wait but usually you will be met off your flight - please check with us before booking your travel. On the last day, you will be dropped off at Kilimanjaro airport. 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.

There are various International flight options. Ethiopian Airlines fly from London to Kilimanjaro (JRO) via Addis and Kenya Airways fly to Kilimanjaro from London via Nairobi. You can also fly to Nairobi with British Airways and then onto Arusha with Kenya Airways, Air Kenya or local Tanzanian airlines Fly540 or Precision Air (all usually means a night in Nairobi). KLM also fly to Kilimanjaro from London and various UK regional airports via Amsterdam. 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

For further flight advice contact Ride World Wide (ATOL number for flight bookings is 6213). We would also be happy to organise safari add-ons / extensions 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. These are best obtained in advance of travel. The fee is currently USD$50. You also need Mandatory inbound insurance (as of October 2026) again obtained on line. 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 are usually asked to show a **Yellow Fever** vaccination certificate on arrival (although only essential 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 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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