



Tanzania

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Why Go?

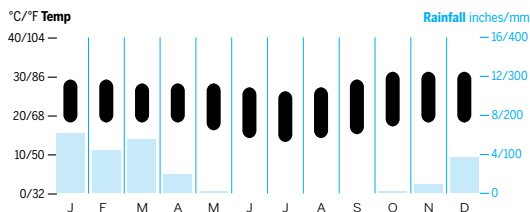
Tanzania is *the* land of safaris, with wildebeest stampeding across the plains, hippos jostling for space in rivers, elephants kicking up the dust and chimpanzees swinging through the treetops.

Tanzania's magical Indian Ocean coastline also entrances, with its tranquil islands, long beaches and sleepy villages steeped in centuries of Swahili culture. Coconut palms sway in the breeze, dhows glide by on the horizon, and colourful fish flit past spectacular corals in the turquoise waters.

More than anything, though, it is Tanzania's people that make a visit so memorable, with their characteristic warmth and politeness, and the dignity and beauty of their cultures. Chances are you will want to come back for more, to which most Tanzanians would say '*karibu tena*' (welcome again).

When to Go

Dodoma



Mar–May Heavy rains bring green landscapes, lower prices, top-notch birding and muddy roads.

Jun–Aug The weather is cool and dry throughout, and wildlife watching is at its prime.

Sep–Oct The weather continues dry, and wildlife watching remains good, without the crowds.

DAR ES SALAAM

Dar es Salaam is Tanzania's major city and its capital in everything but name. Yet, despite its size, 'Dar' is a down-to-earth place, with a picturesque seaport, an intriguing mix of African, Arabic and Indian influences, and enough historic buildings, shops and restaurants to keep you busy for several days.

Sights & Activities

National Museum

MUSEUM

(📍 022-211 7508; Shaaban Robert St; adult/student Tsh6500/2600; 🕒 9.30am-6pm) Dar's premier museum houses the famous fossil discoveries from Olduvai Gorge (only a copy is available for general viewing) and displays on the precolonial and colonial periods.

Village Museum

MUSEUM

(📍 022-270 0437; cnr New Bagamoyo Rd & Makaburi St; adult/student Tsh6500/2600; 🕒 9.30am-6pm) The centrepiece of this open-air museum is a collection of authentically constructed dwellings illustrating traditional life in various parts of Tanzania. Traditional music and dance performances are held some afternoons. It's 10km north of the city centre; catch a Mwenge *dalla-dalla* (minibus) from New Posta transport stand (Tsh300, 45 minutes).

Tours

Afriroots

CYCLING, WALKING

(📍 0732-926350; www.afriroots.co.tz) Budget cycling, hiking and camping in and around Dar es Salaam.

Authentic Tanzania

TRAVEL AGENCY

(📍 0786-019965, 0784-972571; www.authentic-tanzania.com) Good-value southern circuit and southern coast itineraries.

Foxes African Safaris

TRAVEL AGENCY

(📍 in Tanzania 0784-237422, in UK 01452-862288; www.tanzaniasafaris.info)

Tent with a View

TRAVEL AGENCY

(📍 022-211 0507, 0713-323318; www.saadani.com)

Wild Things Safaris

TRAVEL AGENCY

(📍 0773-503502; www.wildthingsafaris.com)

Sleeping

It's cheaper to stay in the city centre and more convenient if you're relying on public transport. There's a range of pricier hotels on Msasani Peninsula.

SET YOUR BUDGET

Budget

- ➔ Double hotel room US\$50
- ➔ Two-course dinner US\$10
- ➔ Coffee US\$2
- ➔ Bus Maputo–Inhambane US\$20

Midrange

- ➔ Double hotel room US\$50–150
- ➔ Two-course dinner US\$10–20
- ➔ Beer US\$2
- ➔ Car rental US\$85 per day

Top End

- ➔ Double hotel room from US\$150
- ➔ Two-course dinner US\$20
- ➔ Glass of wine US\$4
- ➔ Return flight Pemba–Ibo US\$310

YWCA

HOSTEL \$

(📍 0713-622707; Maktaba St; s/d from Tsh15,000/20,000) Just up from the post office in a central, noisy location, this is a good budget deal. Rooms have fan and clean shared bathrooms. The attached restaurant serves inexpensive lunches.

YMCA

HOSTEL \$

(📍 022-213 5457, 0755-066643; Upanga Rd; r Tsh25,000) No-frills rooms in a small compound around the corner from the YWCA.

Econolodge

HOTEL \$

(📍 022-211 6048/9; econolodge@raha.com; Band St; s/d/tr from Tsh22,000/30,000/40,000; 🚿) Clean, bland rooms in an aesthetically unappealing high-rise on a tiny side street in the heart of Kisutu.

Safari Inn

HOTEL \$

(📍 022-213 8101, 0784-303478; safari-inn@lycos.com; Band St; s/d with fan Tsh24,000/30,000, with air-con Tsh28,000/35,000; 🚿📺) A popular travellers' haunt in Kisutu, although there are no mosquito nets and no food.

Sleep Inn

HOTEL \$\$

(📍 022-212 7340/1, 0784-233455; www.sleepinnhotelz.com; Jamhuri St; s/d US\$55/65; 🚿📺📺) This good-value high-rise has a convenient location in the heart of the Asian Quarter and clean rooms with fan, air-con, refrigerator and small double bed.