



Tanzania

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Why Go?

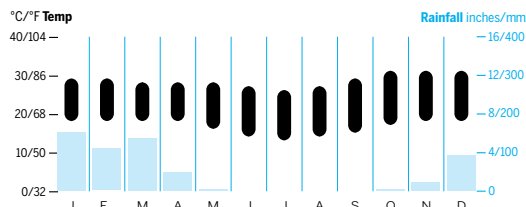
Tanzania is the land of safaris, with wildebeest stampeding across the plains, hippos jostling for space in rivers, elephants kicking up the dust and chimpanzees swinging through the treetops.

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. The 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.

Tanzania Highlights

- 1 Serengeti National Park** (p694)
Marvelling at nature's rhythms.
- 2 Zanzibar Town** (p668)
Taking in the skyline and wandering through narrow alleys.
- 3 Ngorongoro Crater** (p693)
Enjoying sublime views over the enormous crater.
- 4 Mt Kilimanjaro National Park** (p685)
Scaling the mountain's heights or hiking on its lower slopes.
- 5 Usambara Mountains** (p682)
Enjoying the rolling hill panoramas, hiking and local culture.
- 6 Mahale Mountains National Park** (p698)
Tracking chimpanzees through dense vegetation.
- 7 Selous Game Reserve** (p700)
Taking a boat safari to glide past borassus palms, slumbering hippos and motionless crocodiles.
- 8 Ruaha National Park** (p699)
Witnessing sunrise on the Great Ruaha River as elephants and other wildlife make their way down to the banks.

