



Northern Tanzania

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Why Go?

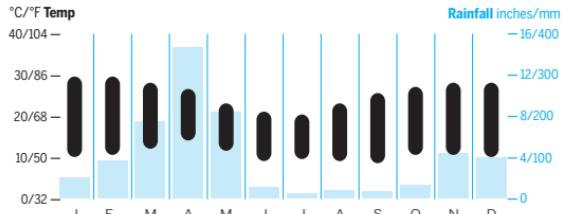
For many visitors to Tanzania, it's all about the north. With snow-capped Mt Kilimanjaro, wildlife-packed Ngorongoro Crater, red-cloaked Maasai warriors and the vast plains of the Serengeti, northern Tanzania embodies what is for many the quintessential Africa. But there's much more to this majestic and mythical place and it would draw scores of visitors even if it didn't host these African icons.

Crater-capped Mt Meru is a climb that rivals its taller neighbour, dry-season wildlife watching in Tarangire National Park is as good as any other park in Africa, and the desolate Rift Valley landscape between Lakes Manyara and Natron will mesmerise you. Sleep in a coffee plantation, hunt with modern-day nomads, ride camels, canoe with hippos...well, you get the point.

You couldn't possibly do it all in one trip, but you'll make a lifetime of memories no matter how much time you have.

When to Go

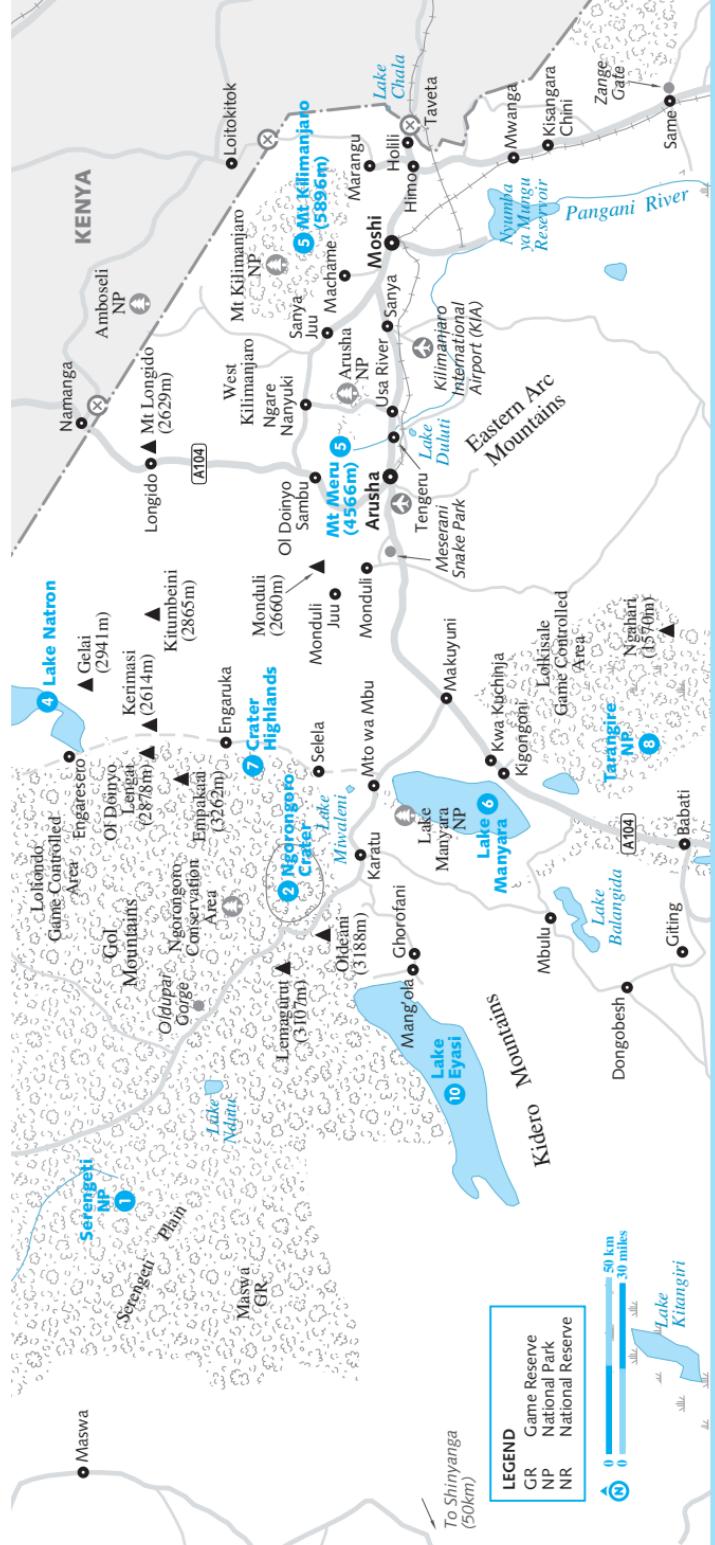
Arusha



Jan-Mar The wildebeest migration is in the southern Serengeti.

Apr-May Rain turns roads muddy making travel mostly miserable.

Sep-Oct The best time to travel. Animals gather around the last of the water.



Northern Tanzania Highlights

- Being amazed at just how much wildlife roams the Serengeti (p195)
- Descending into the ethereal blue-green vistas of Ngorongoro Crater (p191)
- Removing the walls between you and nature on a walking safari, now allowed in several national parks
- Driving through stunning Rift Valley vistas on the way to Lake Natron (p186)
- Standing on the top of Africa at the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro (p156) or almost the top of Africa at Mt Meru (p179)
- Meeting the other half of the animal world at Lake Eyasi (p194)
- Watching elephants in Tarangire National Park (p181)
- Striking out on foot through the volcanoes and calderas of the Crater Highlands (p192)
- Learning about local life on a Cultural Tourism Program (p168) tour
- Visiting nomadic bushmen at Lake Eyasi (p194)