



# Northeastern Tanzania

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## Why Go?

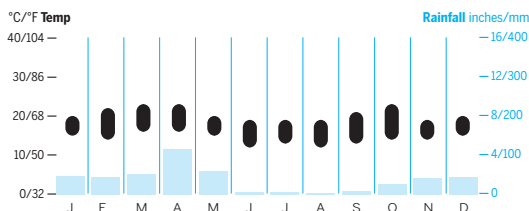
Northeastern Tanzania's highlights are its coastline, its mountains and its cultures. These, combined with the area's long history, easy access and lack of crowds make it an appealing focal point for a Tanzania sojourn.

Visit the moss-covered ruins at Kaole and Tongoni, step back to the days of Livingstone in Bagamoyo, relax on palm-fringed beaches around Pangani or explore Saadani, a seaside national park. Inland, hike forested footpaths in the Usambaras while following the cycle of market days of the local Sambaa people. Learn about traditions of the Pare, or experience the bush in seldom-visited Mkomazi National Park.

Most of the northeast is within a half-day's drive or bus ride from Dar es Salaam or Arusha, and there are good connections to Zanzibar. Main roads are in decent condition and there is a wide range of accommodation.

## When to Go

### Lushoto



**Mar-May** The Usambaras and Pares get muddy, and hiking at this time can be unpleasant.

**Oct** Don't miss the Bagamoyo Arts Festival.

**Jun-Nov** The beaches are good at any time, and the mountains are refreshingly cool.

## Northeastern Tanzania Highlights

- 1 Relax on the beach and spot elephants, giraffes and hippos at **Saadani National Park** (p122)
- 2 Laze in a hammock on the long, white beaches around **Pangani** (p124), while getting a taste of Swahili history and culture
- 3 Meander along winding footpaths in the scenic **Usambara Mountains** (p133)
- 4 Step back into history in the former colonial capital of **Bagamoyo** (p119), with its carved doorways and old buildings
- 5 Explore the bush in wild **Mkomazi National Park** (p144)
- 6 Snorkel in turquoise waters around **Maziwe Marine Reserve** (p124)
- 7 Get acquainted with local culture and customs in the **Pare Mountains** (p141)

