



DAY SAFARI

Ngorongoro Crater Day Trip

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FROM

USD 380

Per person — Price depends on group size and pick-up location.

DURATION

1 Day

Crater wildlife safari

TRIP STYLE

Private Day Trip

Big Five and crater scenery

DESTINATIONS

Ngorongoro Crater

Northern Tanzania

BEST FOR

Year Round

Best from June to October

Overview

The Ngorongoro Crater Day Trip is one of the best one-day safari experiences from Arusha for travelers who want a powerful wildlife safari within limited time. Ngorongoro Crater is a UNESCO-listed natural wonder and one of the most concentrated wildlife areas in Africa, offering dramatic scenery and excellent game viewing on the crater floor.

With Serengeti Wild Tours, this private Ngorongoro Crater Day Trip gives you a professional safari guide, private 4x4 vehicle, and a full day focused on wildlife viewing, photography, and crater landscapes. The crater is home to lions, elephants, buffalo, zebras, wildebeest, hippos, hyenas, and, with luck, black rhino. It is a strong choice for travelers with one free day in Arusha who want a premium Tanzania day safari.

Highlights

- Visit Ngorongoro Crater on a private day trip from Arusha.
- Descend into one of Africa's most famous wildlife areas.
- Enjoy strong chances to see lions, elephants, buffalo, zebras, wildebeest, hippos, and hyenas.
- Look for the rare black rhino on the crater floor.
- Experience dramatic volcanic scenery and high-density wildlife viewing.
- Enjoy a picnic lunch inside the crater.
- Travel in a private 4x4 safari vehicle with a professional guide.

Inclusions & Exclusions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick-up and drop-off from Arusha • Private 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof • Professional English-speaking safari guide • Ngorongoro Conservation Area entry fee • Ngorongoro Crater service fee • Crater game drive • Drinking water • Government taxes and levies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights • Visa fees • Travel insurance • Tips for guide • Personal items • Lunch unless arranged • Alcoholic and soft drinks unless specified • Pick-up and drop-off outside Arusha unless arranged • Any extra activities not mentioned in the itinerary

Itinerary

Day 1

Stop 1: Pick-up from Arusha

Accommodation: No accommodation included

Your guide will pick you up early from your hotel in Arusha and begin the drive toward the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The journey passes through northern Tanzania countryside, local towns, farms, and scenic highland areas. Your guide will brief you about the day's route, crater wildlife, and the main game-viewing areas before arrival at Ngorongoro.

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Day 2

Stop 2: Ngorongoro Crater Descent

Accommodation: No accommodation included

Arrive at Ngorongoro and descend into the crater for a game drive on the crater floor. The descent offers dramatic views of the volcanic landscape before reaching one of Tanzania's richest wildlife areas. Your guide will begin searching for lions, elephants, buffalo, zebras, wildebeest, gazelles, hyenas, jackals, hippos, and many bird species.

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Day 3

Stop 3: Crater Game Drive and Picnic Lunch

Meals: Lunch | Accommodation: No accommodation included

Continue your game drive across the crater floor, exploring open grassland, wetlands, lake areas, and wildlife-rich zones. Ngorongoro Crater gives strong chances to see large mammals in a compact area, and with luck, you may spot the rare black rhino. Enjoy a picnic lunch at a designated area inside the crater before continuing with more wildlife viewing and photography.

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Day 4

Stop 4: Crater Rim Views and Return to Arusha

Accommodation: No accommodation included

After the game drive, ascend the crater wall and enjoy final views over the Ngorongoro landscape. Your guide will then drive you back to Arusha, where you will be dropped off at your hotel or agreed location. This marks the end of your Ngorongoro Crater Day Trip with Serengeti Wild Tours.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can Ngorongoro Crater be visited as a day trip from Arusha?

Yes. Ngorongoro Crater can be visited as a long but rewarding day trip from Arusha, especially for travelers with limited time.

What animals can I see on a Ngorongoro Crater Day Trip?

You may see lions, elephants, buffalo, zebras, wildebeest, hippos, hyenas, jackals, gazelles, many birds, and, with luck, black rhino.

Is Ngorongoro Crater good for seeing the Big Five?

Yes. Ngorongoro Crater is one of the best places in Tanzania for Big Five viewing, especially for lions, elephants, buffalo, and black rhino. Leopard sightings are possible but not common.

Is lunch included in the Ngorongoro Crater Day Trip?

Lunch can be included on request. Most travelers choose a picnic lunch inside the crater to maximize game-viewing time.

What is the best time for a Ngorongoro Crater Day Trip?

Ngorongoro Crater can be visited year-round. June to October is excellent for dry-season wildlife viewing, while the green season offers beautiful scenery and good birdlife.

Can this day trip start from Moshi?

Yes. The trip can start from Moshi, but it involves a longer drive and may require an earlier departure and a higher price than a departure from Arusha.
