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Arusha - Tarangire National Park - Lake Eyasi - Ngorongoro Crater - Northern Serengeti

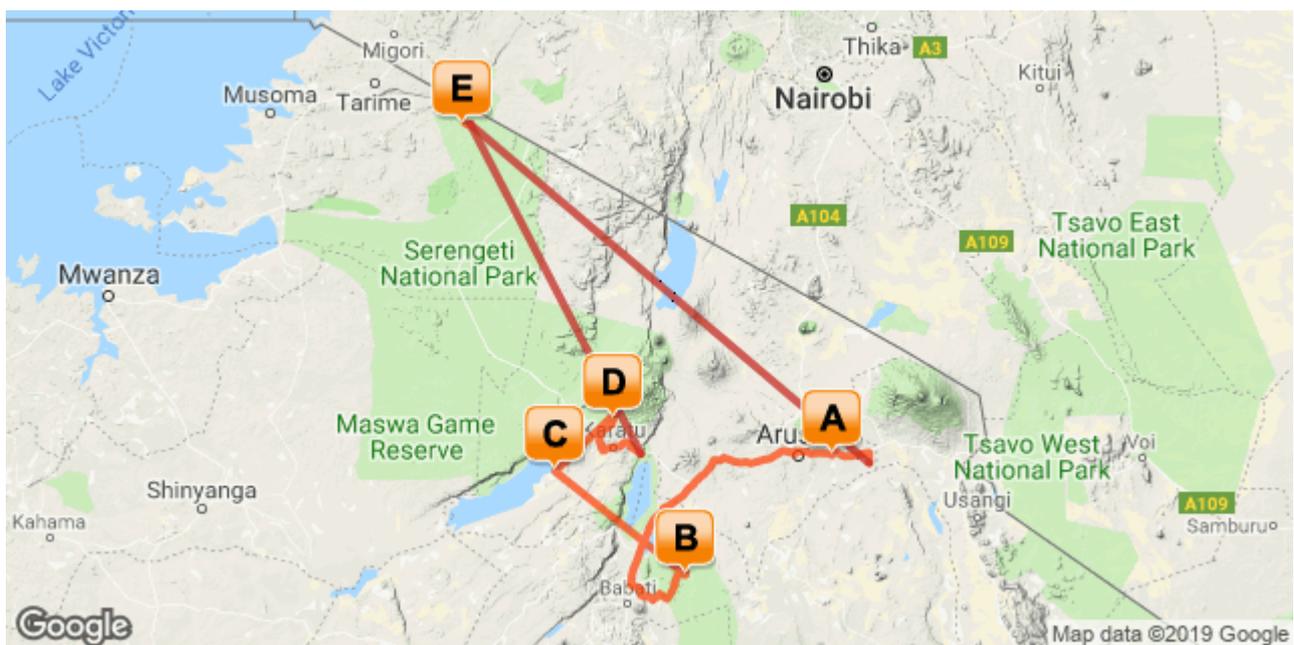
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6 Persons

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Introduction

See the Elephants of the Tarangire, learn about Hadzabe and Datoga tribal traditions and practices; learn about our ancient origins at Olduvai Gorge and experience wildlife as never before in Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti Migration.

Maximum 6 guests only and fully escorted in Tanzania by Experiential Travel.

Pre- or Post-tour Zanzibar available.

Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Duration
Rivertrees Country Inn	Arusha	13 Jul	14 Jul	D, B&B	1 Night
Kichuguu Camp	Tarangire National Park	14 Jul	16 Jul	FB+	2 Nights
Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp	Lake Eyasi	16 Jul	18 Jul	FB+	2 Nights
Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	Ngorongoro Crater	18 Jul	21 Jul	FB+	3 Nights
Chaka Camp - Northern Serengeti (May 15 - Nov 5)	Northern Serengeti	21 Jul	24 Jul	FB+	3 Nights

Key

D, B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities Daily

Price

US\$8333 per person, twin/share basis excluding airfares

Internal airfares: US\$652 per person

Single Supplement: US\$1558

Participants: Minimum four, maximum six.

Included

Accommodation on Basis indicated herein.

Internal flights, Activities and Ground transfers indicated herein.

Excluded

Flights to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania.

Drinks.

All items of a personal nature.

Anything not specifically mentioned in this itinerary.

Tips and gratuities.

Cost of Passports and Visas.

Travel Insurance.

Day 1: Saturday, 13 July

Rivertrees Country Inn, Arusha

Arusha

Resting at the foot of Mount Meru, the sprawling city of Arusha is known as the safari capital of northern Tanzania. It serves as an excellent base from which to explore the remarkably scenic surrounding area which includes majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, as well as the Manyara, Tarangire and Ngorongoro National Parks. Arusha is a good spot to take a day or two off from the safari circuit as it features a temperate climate and lush surrounds. Visitors can look forward to exploring the wildlife-abundant Serengeti National Park; the magnificent Arusha National Park; and taking on the challenge of climbing Mount Meru, Africa's fifth highest mountain.

Day Itinerary

Transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport to Arusha.

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
13 Jul		Kilimanjaro International Airport [JRO]	Rivertrees Country Inn		Transfer

Overnight: Rivertrees Country Inn

Once an old coffee estate, Rivertrees is now a charming country inn nestled in abundant foliage with the Usa River flowing by. Set in the foothills of Mt Meru, conveniently close to Kilimanjaro International Airport and a short drive to Arusha, its location proffers a wealth of natural wonders to explore.

Comprising the original Farm House, an elegant River House, luxurious River Cottages and several beautifully appointed Garden Rooms, it also serves delicious garden-fresh cuisine in its stunningly set restaurant. The swimming pool and spa are tailored for relaxation, and friendly personalised service ensures a memorable stay, whether for a one-night stopover or much longer.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Sunday, 14 July

Kichuguu Camp, Tarangire National Park

Tarangire National Park

Located just a few hours drive from the town of Arusha, Tarangire is a popular stop for safaris travelling through the northern circuit on their way to Ngorongoro and the Serengeti. The park extends into two game controlled areas and the wildlife are allowed to move freely throughout. After the Serengeti, Tarangire has the greatest concentration of wildlife in Tanzania and in the dry season the Tarangire River is a magnet for thirsty wildlife. Large herds of elephants and migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest and eland gather and not surprisingly the predators follow. This is also the one place in Tanzania where dry-country antelope such as oryx and gerenuk are regularly spotted. Tarangire is also known for its spectacular baobab trees, and its breathtaking views of the Masaai Steppe and the mountains to the south.

Day Itinerary

Depart from Arusha for Tarangire National Park. The name Tarangire is derived from the Tarangire River which provides permanent water for wildlife. In addition to a wide variety of mammals, over 300 species of birdlife have been recorded in this park.

Enjoy shared night game drive.

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
14 Jul		Rivertrees Country Inn	Kichuguu Camp		Transfer

Overnight: Kichuguu Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Kichuguu opened its doors in 2017 inside Tarangire National Park. Meaning 'termite mound' in Swahili, Kichuguu is named after this prominent feature found all over Tarangire National Park. The camp's design has a termite mound theme with organic features and structures found throughout the camp. Enjoy gourmet Swahili cuisine from our highly trained chefs!

A 45 minute drive from the main gate, this camp is located in a less crowded area of the park with great access to the river, swamp and other areas. Our third camp in the Chaka Camp family, Kichuguu follows our other camps in that it offers an extremely comfortable and intimate atmosphere in the middle of Tanzania's wilderness!



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 3: Monday, 15 July

Kichuguu Camp, Tarangire National Park

Day Itinerary

Enjoy a full day safari, game viewing with a picnic lunch.

Evening Sundowner.

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 4: Tuesday, 16 July

Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp, Lake Eyasi

Lake Eyasi

Tucked between the Kidero Mountains in the south and the Eyasi Escarpment in the north, Lake Eyasi is set in a remote, dry, arid landscape located just south of Tanzania's renowned Serengeti National Park. This seasonal lake features dry salt beds; a variety of birdlife such as flamingos and pelicans; and is surrounded by woodlands, forests and ancient baobabs. Visitors can learn about local cultures and visit the pastoralist Datoga people as well as the nomadic hunter-gatherer Hadzabe group. Other popular activities include: bird watching, hiking, walking safaris and soaking up the spectacular views. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the nearby Oldeani Mountain, the swampy valley of Yaeda and spectacular Serengeti.

Day Itinerary

Depart for Lake Eyasi, a rewarding detour on a safari trip for those looking for something remote and off the beaten path. This area is known for the Hadzabe bushmen who subsist entirely off the bush and by bow hunting. The weather is nearly always very hot, as the lake is located in floor of the Rift Valley, the oldest rift in the world.

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
16 Jul		Kichuguu Camp	Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp		Transfer

Overnight: Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp

Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp is located on the shores of Lake Eyasi. This small and intimate camp is beautifully set in a wooded area and is part of a two hundred acre family owned farm with a natural spring nearby which feeds into the seasonal soda lake. Each tent has fantastic views over the lake but for the best view enjoy a sundowner on our high platform or on top of the rocky outcrop behind the camp.

The camp is designed to blend in with the natural environment. Constructed almost entirely with palms and trees from the area, each of Kisima Ngeda's eight tents are built on a permanent wooden platform with a palm thatched roof, a hand carved bed, and an enclosed bathroom and shower with hot water. The tents are carefully created to be low-impact, spacious, totally comfortable and each has a stunning view of the lake. . Kisima Ngeda's décor draws on elements from the surrounding landscape and incorporates elements of traditional Hadza and Datoga culture.

Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp has consistently been rated excellent by trip advisor and this year we celebrate 5 years running of exceptional reviews and are now officially part of their Hall of Fame



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 5: Wednesday, 17 July Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp, Lake Eyasi

Day Itinerary

Enjoy a full day cultural excursion to the Lake Eyasi region to see various birdlife and a chance to meet the local tribespeople including the Hadzabe Bushmen - East Africa's last true hunter-gatherers.

Activities

Hadzabe Experience

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 6: Thursday, 18 July Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro Crater

Ngorongoro Crater

Located in Northern Tanzania, the Ngorongoro Crater is best known for its natural beauty and abundance of diverse wildlife; which makes it one of Africa's most popular safari destinations. Surrounded by Tanzania's highlands, this UNESCO-listed crater is said to be the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. Visitors can look forward to spotting the world-renowned Big Five and a host of other wildlife species including large herds of zebra and wildebeest. It is famed as one of Tanzania's best tourist attractions offering visitors an array of wonderful activities including excellent bird watching, trekking, wildlife viewing, mountain biking and visiting a local Maasai village. Don't miss the opportunity to jump on an excursion to the magnificent Olduvai Gorge.

Day Itinerary

Depart for Ngorongoro with picnic lunch.

Afternoon at leisure.

Optional: Afternoon Ngorongoro Crater Rim Walk.

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
18 Jul		Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge		Transfer

Overnight: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Perched on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge peers over the crater floor, which is home to vast herds of wildlife. The lodge is situated on the eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, in the volcanic highlands of Tanzania. Accommodations are designed thematically to match traditionally circular African houses with conical roofs. Guest rooms are spacious and include an ensuite bathroom, a private lounge and balcony. Amenities include Wi-Fi in public areas, a swimming pool, a restaurant and bar. Guests can take part in traditional dances and bird watch.



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 7: Friday, 19 July

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro Crater

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, descend into the crater for full day game viewing with picnic lunch. Here you can see a spectacular concentration of wildlife, including the Big Five. Drive across the dense forest and near the soda lake and enjoy viewing a variety of bird life. Ascend to the lodge from the 2000ft deep crater.

Activities

Ngorongoro Region

Ngorongoro Region

Bordering Kenya to the north, the Ngorongoro Region is known for its abundance of beautiful natural features. It encompasses the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; the spectacular Ngorongoro

Crater, and the active Ol Doinyo Lengai volcano. Visitors can look forward to a variety of activities such as viewing the epic Serengeti wildebeest migration, visiting a local Maasai village, soaking up the remarkably diverse scenery and catching a glimpse of the magnificent bird and wildlife including over 500 bird species, all of the Big Five, as well as crocodile, hippo, zebra, antelope, lion, leopard, and cheetah. Don't miss the opportunity to join a walking safari, enjoy thrilling mountain biking adventures and scenic trekking.



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 8: Saturday, 20 July Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro Crater

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, depart with picnic lunch to visit the Olduvai Gorge and Shifting Sand.

The Olduvai Gorge site of archaeological findings where traces of pre-historic man dating back to 3.5 million years ago have been discovered. Visit the on-site museum and witness a panoramic view of the historical excavation site.

Activities

Olduvai Gorge

Olduvai Gorge Museum

Olduvai Gorge

Olduvai Gorge is a paleoanthropological site of major significance, where an old river has carved away the rock to expose layer upon layer of volcanic soil. This is where Dr Louis and Mary Leakey found the remains of hominids "Nutcracker Man", "Tool Making Man" and "Lucy", discoveries that have helped to fill some of the missing links in the chain of human evolution and added more evidence to the theory of modern man's emergence in Africa.

The "Cradle of Mankind" now has a visitor centre where you may hear a short lecture on the work of the Leakey's and their successors and a small museum where you may see some of their finds, including a giant giraffe - it is hard to believe that they were once even taller!

Olduvai Gorge Museum

The museum's exhibits tell the story of the paleoanthropological artefacts that have been discovered here and the research they have generated. There is a room dedicated to the Leakey family and all they have achieved here and another to the famous Laetoli fossilized footprints which included a cast of part of the trail. Museum staff also conduct orientation presentations.

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 9: Sunday, 21 July

Chaka Camp - Northern Serengeti (May 15 - Nov 5) , Northern Serengeti

Northern Serengeti

The vast, rolling savannah of the Northern Serengeti, is known as the hub of the great migration. The landscape is characterised by vast stretches of savannah interspersed with acacia trees and riverine woodlands. Wildlife can be seen along the banks of the Mara River and visitors can view the annual spectacle of the half a million migrating wildebeest. Commonly spotted wildlife include: a multitude of plains game such as buffalo, zebra, gazelles, impala, giraffe as well as lion and leopard. Visitors can look forward to bird watching, hot air ballooning, game safaris and guided bush walks.

Day Itinerary

Transfer to Lake Manyara Airstrip.

Flight by light aircraft: Manyara - Serengeti / Kogatende.

On arrival met by camp's vehicle and guide and transferred for lunch.

Afternoon shared game drive.

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
21 Jul	Scheduled	Coastal Aviation	Lake Manyara Airstrip		Kogatende Airstrip			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
21 Jul		Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	Lake Manyara Airstrip		Transfer
21 Jul		Kogatende Airstrip	Chaka Camp - Northern Serengeti (May 15 - Nov 5)		Transfer

Overnight: Chaka Camp - Northern Serengeti (May 15 - Nov 5) [View iBrochure](#)

From May through November, Chaka Camp is located in Northern Serengeti, just minutes away from the Mara River. Often featured in magazines and on television, wildebeest crossings over the Mara River are a once-in-a-lifetime event. Watch as the herds gather on the riverbank and then take the first leap into the water, often into the open mouths of waiting crocodiles. Chaka Camp's location allows for easy access to several crossing points along the river. A short distance from Kogatende Airstrip, this once remote destination is now easy to reach by bush plane. As with any migration experience, cats are following closely behind in search of their next meal.

Chaka Camp, the original property in the Chaka Camp chain, offers an intimate bush experience in the Serengeti ecosystem. Designed to be lightweight to move seasonally, Chaka follows the migration south to Nduvu from

December through March. Chaka Camp operates off grid and relies on a custom built solar system for its power. Room fabrics are handwoven African designs, and the camp's furniture was commissioned and crafted by artisans in Arusha, Tanzania.



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 10: Monday, 22 July

Chaka Camp - Northern Serengeti (May 15 - Nov 5) , Northern Serengeti

Day Itinerary

Shared game drives in camp's vehicle.

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 11: Tuesday, 23 July

Chaka Camp - Northern Serengeti (May 15 - Nov 5) , Northern Serengeti

Day Itinerary

Shared game drives in camp's vehicle.

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 12: Wednesday, 24 July

End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Transfer to Kogatende Airstrip.

Depart for Kilimanjaro Airport via Arusha by light aircraft, flying over the Ngorongoro Crater and great rift valley. The flight might make one or more intermediary stops to pick up or drop other passengers.

On arrival connect onto onwards flight.

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
24 Jul	Scheduled	Coastal Aviation	Kogatende Airstrip		Kilimanjaro International Airport [JRO]			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
24 Jul		Chaka Camp - Northern Serengeti (May 15 - Nov 5)	Kogatende Airstrip		Transfer

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Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge			Ngorongoro Conservation Area Ngorongoro Tanzania
Rivertrees Country Inn		+255 713 339 873	

Travel Information

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The name Tanzania conjures up images of wildebeest stampeding across vast savannah, rain forests teeming with monkeys and birdlife, and great plains brimming with legions of game. All of these natural wonders and more are on offer in this exceptionally diverse African nation. Visitors typically visit Tanzania to partake in at least one of the four well known Tanzanian tourist experiences: a relaxing seaside vacation on the picturesque island paradise of Zanzibar, an underwater tour of some of the world's most renowned dive sites around the gorgeous Spice Islands, a safari adventure in some of Africa's most impressive game reserves, or a hiking excursion around Mount Kilimanjaro National Park. Whichever of these incredible holidays you choose, you will undoubtedly be welcomed by some fabulously friendly and peaceful inhabitants who, despite being divided into 120 different ethnic groups and cultures, live in harmony with one another and provide some of the most wonderfully exotic local cuisine you could imagine. With all of this diversity on offer, the most difficult part of your Tanzanian holiday experience is likely to be deciding where to go!

Banking and Currency

Currency

In Tanzania, the unit of currency is the Tanzanian Shilling, which is divided into 100 Cents. Notes are issued in denominations of 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, and 10000 Shillings. Coins are issued in denominations of 50, 100 and 200 Shillings.

Banking

Banks are open from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday. Many banks are equipped with 24 hour ATM machines.

Credit cards and travellers checks are not widely accepted in Tanzania. Where they are accepted can high service fees and poor exchange rates be expected. Major foreign currencies - particularly US \$ - are accepted in Tanzania and are convertible at banks and bureau de changes in the main towns and tourist areas. If bringing cash in US \$, please make sure bank notes are in good condition, with no cuts or damage and are not older than 2004. Most banks offer higher exchange rates for US \$ 100 / US \$ 50 bank notes compared to US \$ 20 / US \$ 10 or US \$ 5 bank notes.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

If you are visiting a number of parks and reserves in Tanzania, you can either drive or fly between them. Roads in most of the wilderness areas are in poor condition and unmarked, and self-driving is not recommended. Operators will supply you with a driver who doubles as an informal guide; alternatively, you can arrange to fly to your destination and utilize a car and driver supplied by the lodgings. Elsewhere in Tanzania, towns and cities are linked by a steady stream of buses and *dala-dalas* (minibuses), and in the cities, there is public transport in the way of buses, *dala-dalas*, taxis, and, in some places, bicycles or *tuk-tuks*.

Precision Air run regular services, mostly via Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro or Zanzibar, to all main towns and other destinations in East Africa and beyond. All national parks and some of the top-end luxury lodges have airstrips and Coastal Air operates between these and the main airports on the mainland and the islands of Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia. Zanzibar Air has frequent connections between Zanzibar, Pemba and the mainland.

Driving is on the left hand side of the road

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Most camps, lodges or hotels cater specifically to tourists and serve Western-style food, ranging in standard, but generally are excellent. Game lodges tend to offer a daily set menu with a limited selection, so it is advisable to have your tour operator specify in advance if you are a vegetarian or have other specific dietary requirements. First-time visitors to Africa might take note that most game lodges in and around the national parks have isolated locations, and driving within the parks is neither permitted nor advisable after dark, so that there is no realistic alternative to eating at your lodge.

Tap water in Tanzania is generally not safe to drink, and most travellers try to stick to mineral water. Filtered and bottled water can be difficult to find if you are travelling outside of main town and so it is advisable to stock up. Most camps, lodges and hotels have bottled water readily available.

Climate and Weather

Just south of the equator, Tanzania is huge and its sheer size means that the climate varies considerably within it. However, generally the main rainy season, or the 'long rains', lasts during about **March, April and May**. Afternoon tropical downpours are the norm – which are heavier and more predictable beside the coast and on the islands. The humidity is high and daily temperatures reach the low-mid 30's.

The long dry season lasts throughout **June, July, August, September and October** is when rainfall is unusual, even on the islands. Temperatures vary hugely with altitude and location, but it's usually a fine, clear sky and sunny weather – it's a great time to visit Tanzania. During **November and December** there's another rainy season: the 'short rains'. These are much lighter than the main rains and less reliable.

If it has rained during the short rains, then it normally dries up for a few months, **January and February**, which is Tanzania's 'short dry season', before starting to rain again in earnest in **March**.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

It never gets really cold in Tanzania so lightweight clothing, preferably cotton or linen, is recommended. While on a game viewing safari, avoid brightly coloured clothing, stick to whites, beiges, khakis and browns. There may be long days sitting in safari vehicles, so it is advisable to wear light comfortable clothing such as short sleeved shirts and cotton/linen trousers or shorts. Denim will become too hot and extremely uncomfortable. Walking shoes and socks will be required.

The evenings will be chilly, so long sleeved shirts and trousers should be worn. A sweater may be needed. These will also prevent you being bitten by insects. A hat should be worn at all times outside. The sun may sometimes not feel hot, but it can still easily burn, especially if it is cloudy and overcast.

If visiting Zanzibar or any coastal town don't forget to take a swimsuit, as it is invariably warm. Ladies are recommended to take cotton skirts, blouses and dresses. Sandals are a must for this environment! On the beaches and within the confines of hotels, normal swimwear is acceptable but nudity is not.

As over a third of the population in Tanzania is Muslim, it is therefore not etiquette for ladies to walk around in public displaying their legs and shoulders. Remember to dress modestly as short shorts, miniskirts, vests and tank tops will be frowned upon.

Electricity and Plug Standards

The electricity supply in Tanzania is 220/240 volts at 50Hz. Plugs are 3 point square (UK Type). Adapters are available at major airports.

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