

Tanzania Migration Photo Expedition

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Trip Details:

Days 10 Days / Feb & Jul

Price From \$15995 (+Air)

Physical Requirements Easy to Moderate

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Among the world's epic wildlife events, few can match Tanzania's Great Migration. And for nature photographers, there is simply nothing like being in the midst of thousands upon thousands of wildebeest and zebra as they make their annual trek over the Serengeti Plains in pursuit of new grass. Agile predators steal behind, poised to seize the young and the weak that trail the great herds. To truly capture the wonder of the migration, it's essential to photograph it from key locations that offer a close-up vantage on the action—and our private safari camps ensure that, situated in the remote bush near the herds and far away from crowds. Other wildlife abounds, too, and we expect plenty of opportunities to capture exciting shots of big cats, elephants, giraffe, gazelle and so much more. Our Expedition Leaders, who are both top naturalist guides and wildlife photographers, are by your side every step of the way to help you get the coveted shots you're after!

Trip Highlights

Our route is adjusted seasonally for proximity to the herds, maximizing your chance to photograph Africa's most dramatic wildlife phenomenon at close range

Enjoy unparalleled seclusion, comfort, ambience and photo action at Nat Hab's own private camps, including our luxury mobile camp near the migration route

No matter your skill level, our Photo Expedition Leaders will help you take your photos to the next level, sharing their trove of tips and techniques with personalized coaching







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Itinerary At A Glance

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Arusha, Tanzania

Day 2

Arusha National Park

Days 3 - 6

Southern Serengeti—Nat Hab's Migration Camp

Days 7 - 9

East-Central Serengeti—Nat Hab's Serengeti East Camp

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Arusha / Depart

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Day 1: Arusha, Tanzania

Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport and transfer to our lodge in the rolling foothills of Mount Meru. Photograph flowers in the beautifully landscaped gardens that offer a relaxing respite after our long travels or relax by the pool or on your private veranda. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner and orientation from our Expedition Leader, who offers a preview of the incredible photography opportunities ahead.







Day 2: Arusha National Park

Cradled between Mount Meru's towering volcanic cone and Kilimanjaro's iconic peak, Arusha National Park unveils a diverse landscape brimming with photo opportunities. A rich tapestry of habitats shelter an array of wildlife, including elephants, buffalo, giraffes, zebra, various antelope species and the photogenic Colobus monkeys. More than 400 bird species nest in amid the park's wetlands, forests and savannas. We spend the entire day here with ample opportunities to capture classic landscapes and wildlife shots from unique vantage points.

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Flying on to the southern Serengeti, we reach Nat Hab's private Migration Camp, our base for a four-day immersion in Africa's Great Migration. In accord with the herds' seasonal movements, we locate our mobile camp in the southern Serengeti from December through March. This deluxe tented outpost rests within one of the main movement corridors for more than 2 million wildebeest, zebra and gazelle that make this annual trek, plus an accompanying cast of predators. Each year, the herds follow an ancient circuit covering 1,800 miles from Kenya's Maasai Mara to the southern Serengeti and back again. On daily game drives, witness this remarkable spectacle as the enormous herds traverse the savanna while big cats and hyenas steal behind, following them in 4x4 vehicles with pop-top roofs that offer superb photography access.

The days of heavy canvas hunting camps set for the likes of Roosevelt and Hemingway were nearly over until photo safaris gained popularity in the 1970s, and our secluded camp, with its walk-in canvas tents and crackling campfire, is redolent with that vintage atmosphere. Yet despite our remote location, we enjoy impressive luxuries, including candlelight dinners served on white linen under a canopy of stars.

Days 7 - 9: East-Central Serengeti—Nat Hab's Serengeti East Camp

Embark on a full-day game drive across the vast grasslands to our private camp in the Eastern Serengeti. Along the way, we'll pass the iconic Gol Kopjes, rugged rocky outcrops rising from the plains, known as "islands in a sea of grass." From the base of our exclusive bush camp surrounded by open range and kopjes, we take multiple game drives each day. Our private camp offers fabulous wildlife viewing in diverse habitats, particularly of the abundant feline predators that live and hunt in this area. It also provides exceptional seclusion away from crowds. From canvas tents shaded by giant acacia trees, survey 360-degree views of wildlife traversing the savanna, with more thrilling encounters in store on game drives.

Day 10: Arusha / Depart

On the last morning of our photo safari, we make our way to Seronera Airport for our flight to Arusha, arriving at Ngare Sero Lodge at the base of Mount Meru, where a farewell lunch is served on arrival. Day rooms await in this peaceful setting, offering a chance to relax and refresh before your transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport for international departures this evening.







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Early this morning, depart for Arusha's domestic airport and our flight to Serengeti National Park. This legendary savanna derives its name from a Maasai word meaning "endless plains," and the vista of golden grasslands stretching to the horizon under a blue bowl of sky provides an iconic image of East Africa. Meeting our safari vehicles and drivers, we set out on our first wildlife drive. Everyone has a window seat and plenty of room for camera gear to take full advantage of photo opportunities. Our destination is our exclusive bush camp in a remote sector of the Serengeti.

Surrounded by open range and kopjes—large granite outcrops that dot the plains— our own private camp offers fabulous wildlife photography in diverse habitats, with top subjects being the abundant feline predators that live and hunt in this area. It also provides exceptional seclusion away from crowds. From canvas tents shaded by giant acacia trees, survey 360-degree views of wildlife traversing the savanna, with more thrilling encounters in store on game drives.





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Accommodation Details:

Nat Hab's Migration Camp— Serengeti

Nat Hab's Serengeti East Camp

Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge

Plantation Lodge

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/tanzania-migration-photo-

expedition/accommodations

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Nat Hab's Migration Camp—Serengeti

Our own deluxe mobile tented camp is set seasonally for proximity to the flow of wildebeest and zebra herds through the Serengeti, optimizing the chance to witness the migration at close range.



Nat Hab's Serengeti East Camp

Located in a remote sector of the eastern Serengeti where solitude (and big cats!) reign, our mobile safari camp takes bush comfort to a new level, with seven canvas safari tents surrounded by rich wildlife habitat.



Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge

Ten spacious period-style suites front a sprawling lawn and lush gardens surrounding a 1905 German farmhouse, transformed from a colonial home into a tranquil lodge at the foot of Mount Meru.







Plantation Lodge

This elegant, owner-run lodge is set amid tall trees and lavish gardens filled with tropical plants and exotic birds, providing gracious hospitality in an oasis-like setting surrounded by coffee plantations.





All Migration Photo Safaris Are NOT the Same!

No wildlife event on the planet rivals Africa's Great Migration for sheer drama. Twice each year the huge herds make a great circuit across the Serengeti Plains, following the grass that sprouts with the seasonal rains. To capture action shots of this phenomenon is on many a wildlife photographer's bucket list. But it's crucial to choose the right trip—because all Tanzania migration safaris are not the same! Here's why you'll get better photos with us:

- An Itinerary Designed for Optimal Migration Photography Many companies operate the same standard "migration" tour year-round, driving the entire northern circuit of Tanzania with no concern to be in a particular place at a time that jibes with the arrival of the herds. We focus on the best time to see the animals, then build our safari itinerary and dates around that, attempting to time our presence for peak photo opportunities, without rushing.
- Fly from Arusha to the Serengeti to Maximize Time on SafariOur Safari Expedition

 Leaders meet you in Arusha, then we fly to the Serengeti, meeting our vehicles and trackers in the bush. And we return by air, too, avoiding long, dusty drives over often-rough roads. Many companies drive you to and from the Serengeti, a trip that can take 6-8 hours one way. By flying, we maximize time for what you've come to Africa for: watching wildlife on safari!
- An Open Window Seat for Every Guest

 Every traveler is guaranteed a window seat. We know how important unimpeded views are when you've come all this way to see and photograph the migration. That's why we split our group into separate top-of-the-line 4x4 safari vehicles, so no one is stuck in a middle seat. With just four guests per vehicle, each person gets an open side view with plenty of room for your personal belongings and photography equipment.
- **Each Traveler Gets a Whole Row in Our Vehicles**With just four guests per vehicle (and sometimes fewer), each Photo Expedition guest gets not just a side view but an entire row, enabling unobstructed views out both sides, and plenty of space for your gear. Enjoy room to spread out and angle for perfect shots—because we know how important unimpeded views are when you've come all this way to see and photograph the migration!





- Remote Private Camps for Proximity to the Migration Rather than using crowded lodges where vehicles depart each morning in large numbers, often surrounding the same animals all at once, we enhance your experience with our own small luxury bush camps located in remote spots where wildlife is prolific. Natural Habitat's mobile Migration Camp and Serengeti East Camp give us proximity to the migration others miss out on—not to mention closer encounters with a host of other wildlife, too, including feline predators.
- A Maximum of Just 12 Travelers—Divided into Three Vehicles—Ensures Intimate Wildlife Encounters

A small group is essential for optimal wildlife photography, and Nat Hab boasts the smallest groups in the industry. We take a maximum of 12 guests, and we divide into multiple vehicles with radio contact to track the migration. Small groups mean we get closer to the herds for better photos, with more personalized photography guidance from our Expedition Leader.

- Additional Weight Allowance—Take All Your Photo Equipment Most airlines and safari companies in East Africa strictly limit luggage to 33 pounds per guest, including carry-on bags, with even the highest priced trips having this limitation. On our Photo Expedition, we have reserved extra seating permitting a special luggage allowance of 60 pounds per guest—making it easier to carry all your essential camera equipment.
- The World's Finest Photo Safari Guides Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the finest naturalist guides on the planet, and on our Photo Expeditions, they are also expert wildlife photographers adept at helping guests capture the best possible images. Among the most highly trained guides in Africa, they are renowned for providing exceptional service—and superb photography coaching. With you from beginning to end, our Expedition Leaders average approximately 15 years' guiding experience. Their training is further enhanced by the resources of WWF's premier scientists. See Expedition Leader bios with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.
- Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superior Photo Safari Experience Natural Habitat Adventures offers an exclusive guarantee, which states that we will meet the lofty expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.
- Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

 We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home.

 Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since

2007.





Make It Private or Design Your Own Custom Safari

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. Our in-house safari experts can reserve a private departure for your group or help you design your own custom Africa itinerary—their expertise is second to none! **Click here** to request more info.

Please note that on Tanzania Migration Photo Expedition Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 6 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices: From \$15995 (+Air)

Group Size: Limited to 12 Travelers

Physical Requirements:Easy to Moderate

Tanzania Migration Photo Expedition Dates, Pricing & Info

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2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 31, 2025	Aug 9, 2025	

2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Feb 10, 2026	Feb 19, 2026	
Jul 28, 2026	Aug 6, 2026	
Sep 7, 2026	Sep 16, 2026	





Pricing

2025 Prices

Mouse over or tap dates above to view prices for specific departure dates.

> Photo Expedition Price \$15995 (+internal air)



Internal Air Cost:

- Jan-Mar & Dec: \$1587 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing)
- Jul-Oct: \$1991 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing)

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$1995. **Click here** to learn how you can avoid the single supplement.

Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars. **Please read our Payment & Refund Policy here.**

2026 Prices

We're still in the process of confirming 2026 pricing. Please contact an Adventure Specialist for more details: 800-543-8917.

Included

- > Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), extra baggage allowance on chartered flights (60 lbs per passenger), local guides and camp staff, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through lunch on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- > Internal air cost includes: All light aircraft flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Not Included

Travel to and from start and end point of trip, premium alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees, optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, souvenirs, etc.), airport and departure taxes, optional travel insurance, and required medical evacuation insurance.





Physical Requirements

Easy to Moderate

To participate in this trip, you must be able to walk unassisted at a steady pace for at least one mile over uneven terrain, climb steps to get into and out of our raised safari vehicles, and be able to tolerate daily outdoor excursions that may last 4-5 hours or even a full day at a time, sometimes in hot, windy and/or dusty conditions. Wildlife drives pose a particular type of physical demand on the body, as they require long hours of sitting and take place over terrain that is often very rough and bumpy, including dirt roads with many ruts and potholes. Travelers with back or neck problems, or other health issues that could be exacerbated by such conditions, should take this into consideration. While any walking safaris are considered optional, travelers must be able to walk unassisted to and from the vehicle to our camp accommodations, sometimes walking over uneven ground or on boardwalks. Days spent on safari are often long, as mornings typically start before daybreak and evening meals are served after sundown. Safari accommodations and vehicles are not climate-controlled and, depending on the season, temperatures can range from quite cold to extremely hot, so it is critical that travelers come prepared.

On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.

Important Information About This Trip

Your safari wildlife drives take place in the highest quality, 4-wheel drive Land Cruisers, providing up-close encounters that cannot be accomplished in typical safari vans. This is a very important feature of our safaris. These vehicles have roof hatches which provide a full 360- degree view of the wildlife. Since every passenger is guaranteed a window seat, you are assured you will have plenty of space for wildlife viewing and taking photographs.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

Getting There & Getting Home

Please plan to arrive in Arusha, Tanzania by 5 pm on Day 1 in order to attend a 7 pm Welcome Dinner. You are free to depart from Arusha after 5 pm on the final day. We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as we are intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find special web rates or better fares online.





Extension Details:

Extra Day in Arusha \$645

Tarangire National Park \$5195

Maasai Mara Extension \$5595

Zanzibar Extension \$1395

Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Extension \$4995

Uganda Mountain Gorilla Extension \$3995

Tanzania Migration Photo Expedition Extensions

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Extra Day in Arusha

Arusha is the jumping-off point for safaris to Tanzania's famous national parks—a lively city with a temperate climate at the foot of Mount Meru.

\$645



Tarangire National Park

Less-visited Tarangire, the "Baobab Capital of the World," is home to these giant ancient trees, huge elephant herds and some of Africa's densest wildlife populations.

\$5195



Maasai Mara Extension

Experience wild Africa in Kenya's Maasai Mara, a vast mosaic of savannas and acacia-dotted plains on an exclusive Big Five safari from private mobile camps far from crowds. **\$5595**







Zanzibar Extension

Discover a serene oasis with white sand beaches and clear waters in this Indian Ocean archipelago celebrated for natural beauty, history and culture.

\$1395 (+air)



Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Extension

Track endangered mountain gorillas, hike through the rainforest with expert guides and spend rare moments with a habituated family troop.

\$4995 (+permits)



Uganda Mountain Gorilla Extension

On a 5-day safari extension in the rain forests of Uganda, track endangered mountain gorillas on one of the world's most moving and heartwarming wildlife adventures.

\$3995 (+air/permits)





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