

LAKE MANYARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE FACT SHEET



Standing high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over the glittering alkaline waters of Lake Manyara, Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge offers a unique blend of safari opportunities, peace and tranquillity, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness.

Location

The Lodge is in Mto wa Mbu, Northern Tanzania, 130 kilometres from Arusha.

Transfers by road from Arusha take approximately 2 ½ hours.

The airstrip is adjacent to the lodge and a 'meet and greet' and transfer service is offered.

Accommodation

The unique Lake Manyara accommodation consists of circular, double-storey, white-washed 'rondavels' (traditional circular buildings with conical thatched roofs), which are strung out along the edge of the cliff so as to allow for maximum views.

66 Standard Rooms are made up of 15 Triple rooms, 21 Double rooms & 30 Twin rooms. 10 pairs of the rooms are interconnecting and 2 are specially adapted for the physically challenged.

1 Suite is set slightly apart from the rest of the rooms and enjoys its own private access, spacious bedroom, elegantly appointed sitting room and generous balcony.

Room Amenities

- Telephone and Wi-Fi
- Laundry, valet and shoeshine services
- Mineral water and toiletries
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Snacks and drinks room service
- Hairdryers in the room
- Safes (available from reception)
- 24-hour medical service
- Children's meals, beds, babysitting

Activities

- Game Drives in Lake Manyara National Park
- Nature/Bird Walks
- Cycling Safaris
- Canoeing on Lake Manyara
- Beauty Therapy
- Massage Service
- Body Stretch Lessons
- Swahili Language Lessons
- Cooking Lessons
- Jogging
- Traditional Instrument Lessons
- Water-Colour Painting
- Archery

Child Policy

- Children under 2 years sharing a room with 1-2 adults are accommodated on a complimentary basis.
- Children 2 to 12 years of age sharing a room with 2 adults are charged 50% of the per person adult rate.
- If own room is required 75% of the adult rate is charged.
- Young adults 13 to 17 years of age are charged 75% of the per person adult rate whether sharing or on their own.

Check-in Facilities

- Check in 1200 Hrs.
- Check out 1000 Hrs.
- Cold Towel and Welcome Drink

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Highlight of a Stay

The panoramic view across the lake from the top of the escarpment where you can have a bush breakfast, dinner or sundowners.

Dining

Breakfast and lunch are presented in buffet-style and feature a wide range of international choices. In typical safari style, we offer a 'full English Breakfast' as well as Continental options while our lunch menus will typically include meat, poultry, fish and vegetarian options.

Our table d'hôte dinner menus feature a salad buffet, soup, entrée, pudding, cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee. Vegetarian options are always available. The majority of our meat and dairy products, as well as our fruits and vegetables are sourced from the communities that surround the Lake Manyara National Park.

Our wine list offers a broad selection of old- and new-world wines, and local and imported beers and spirits. We also offer a wide range of soft drinks including an array of freshly-made local fruit juices. We serve only the finest Tanzanian coffee and tea.

We are expert in arranging breakfasts, lunches, dinners and cocktails in the bush. We have a number of dedicated sites, which are typically presented with tables, safari chairs, 'bush bar' and a 'bush kitchen', where a broad range of meats, poultry, fish and vegetables are cooked on-site (supplemented by fresh soups, salads and puddings from our hotel kitchens). In the evenings, 'sun-downer' cocktails are traditionally served around a campfire and can be followed by a lamp-lit 'bush dinner'.

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Lake Manyara

The Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge stands on the 900-metre high Mto wa Mbu escarpment of Northern Tanzania. It is immediately adjacent to the colourful market town of Mto wa Mbu (Mosquito Creek) where several tribes converge to form a linguistic mix that is one of the richest in Africa.

The Mgubwe, Sukumu, Iraqw, Gorowa, Irangi, Tatoga, Chagga and Maasai have used Mto wa Mbu as a trading post for centuries and it is the only place on the continent where you can hear the four major African language groups, Bantu, Khoisan, Cushitic and Nilotic spoken in the same area.

Lake Manyara is a shallow alkaline lake, which lies in a cleft in the Great Rift Valley.

40km long and 13km wide, its water level is highly changeable and can dramatically affect the numbers of water birds present. Lake Manyara National Park covers 325 sq kms of land, one third of which is typically covered by water.

Climate

Tanzania's climate is predominately tropical. Coastal areas are usually hot and humid, but on the beaches a sea breeze cools the air considerably. The average day temperature is 30°C. Tanzania has two rainy seasons - the long rains from late March to June and the short rains from November to January. The long rains fall in heavy downpours, often accompanied by violent storms, but the short rains tend to be much less severe. The hottest time of the year is from December to March, before the long rains begin. The coolest months are June, July and August, when the weather is often overcast.



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