

NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE FACT SHEET



This unique lodge in Tanzania clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater, a World Heritage Site and the largest and most perfect volcanic caldera on Earth. Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged with indigenous vines. Designed to blend completely into the landscape, it is entirely invisible from the floor of the Crater 600 metres below.

Location

The Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area lies immediately adjacent to the Serengeti National Park and 180 kilometres from Arusha.

By road transfers from Arusha take approximately 4 hours. There is an adjacent airstrip and a 'meet and greet' and transfer service is offered.

Accommodation

Total number of rooms 75

1 Suite

44 Standard rooms with twin beds

15 Standard rooms double beds

15 Standard room with triple beds

Room Amenities

- Private balcony overlooking the crater
- Direct dial telephone and free Wi-Fi
- Mineral water and toiletries
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Room service (05:00 – 23:30)
- Safe and hairdryers

Guest Services & Facilities

- Laundry, valet and shoeshine services
- 24-hour medical service
- Children's meals, beds, babysitting
- Cultural dancing and music
- Gift shop

Nearby Places of Interest

- Visit to the Ngorongoro Crater
- Visit Olduvai Gorge
- Visit Empakai Crater
- Cultural Tours to the Local Tribes

Activities

- Walking Safaris and Hikes
- Sundowners on the Crater Rim
- Breakfast or Lunch on the Crater Floor
- Game Drives
- Massage Services
- Body Stretch Lessons
- Swahili Language Lessons
- Cooking Lessons
- Traditional Instrument Lessons
- Visits to Maasai Villages & Cattle Markets

Dining

The split-level rock-built dining and bar area features a wall of windows, which look down on to the constantly changing vistas of the crater below while double doors lead out on to a broad viewing terrace. Clustered around a glowing central fireplace, the space is decorated with prehistoric cave paintings and lit by stylized torches offering a one-of-a-kind dining experience in Tanzania's Ngorongoro Crater.

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 European 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 conservation area.

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The Ngorongoro Crater

Known as 'the eighth wonder of the world' the Ngorongoro Crater is one of Africa's best-known wildlife arenas. A World Heritage Site, it boasts one of the largest volcanic craters in the world (almost 20 kilometres wide, 610-760 metres deep and covering a total area of 264 square kilometres).

Quite apart from the 'big five' (lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and buffalo), all of which can often be spotted in a morning, the Crater also hosts up to 25,000 large mammals. Most are grazers, half of which are zebras and wildebeests while the rest are made up of gazelles, buffalos, elands, hartebeests and warthogs. As a result of these extraordinarily large numbers of herbivores, the crater also numbers one of the densest predator populations in Africa, most of which are lion and spotted hyena. This remarkable ecosphere also supports a large elephant population, most of which are bulls due to the relative paucity of food for the breeding herds. Other animals, such as giraffe, topi and impala, are notable by their absence. Finally, Ngorongoro is the only place in Tanzania where there is a realistic chance of seeing a black rhino, around 20 of which live within the crater walls.

An utterly unique biosphere, the crater harbours grasslands, swamps, forests, saltpans, a fresh water lake and a glorious variety of birdlife, all enclosed within its towering walls. Due to its high concentration of wildlife, close-range viewing opportunities and striking scenery it is also Tanzania's most visited destination.

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Highlight of a Stay

Soaking up the view of the Ngorongoro Crater also known as 'the eighth wonder of the world' from your private balcony.

Climate

Tanzania's climate is predominately tropical. 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. In high-altitude areas such as the Ngorongoro Highlands, temperatures can fall below freezing.

Child Policy

Adjoining rooms can be arranged for the accommodation of families. We can also offer triple rooms or additional beds. Cots and baby-sitting services can be provided (prior notice appreciated).

- 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.