TARANGIRE
NATIONAL PARK

The Elephant's Paradise

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English

Welcome to the Park!

Tarangire extends to you a very cordial welcome. We are thrilled to have you here and appreciate you for trusting us. Meeting your expectation is our MISSION since a customer to us is highly appreciated. Whether you are visiting a park for a day trip or having an overnight stay, Tarangire has something special for everyone.

This Park is impressively splendid for its famous concentration of wild animals especially the majestic African elephants and it is also one of the finest birding destinations in East Africa.

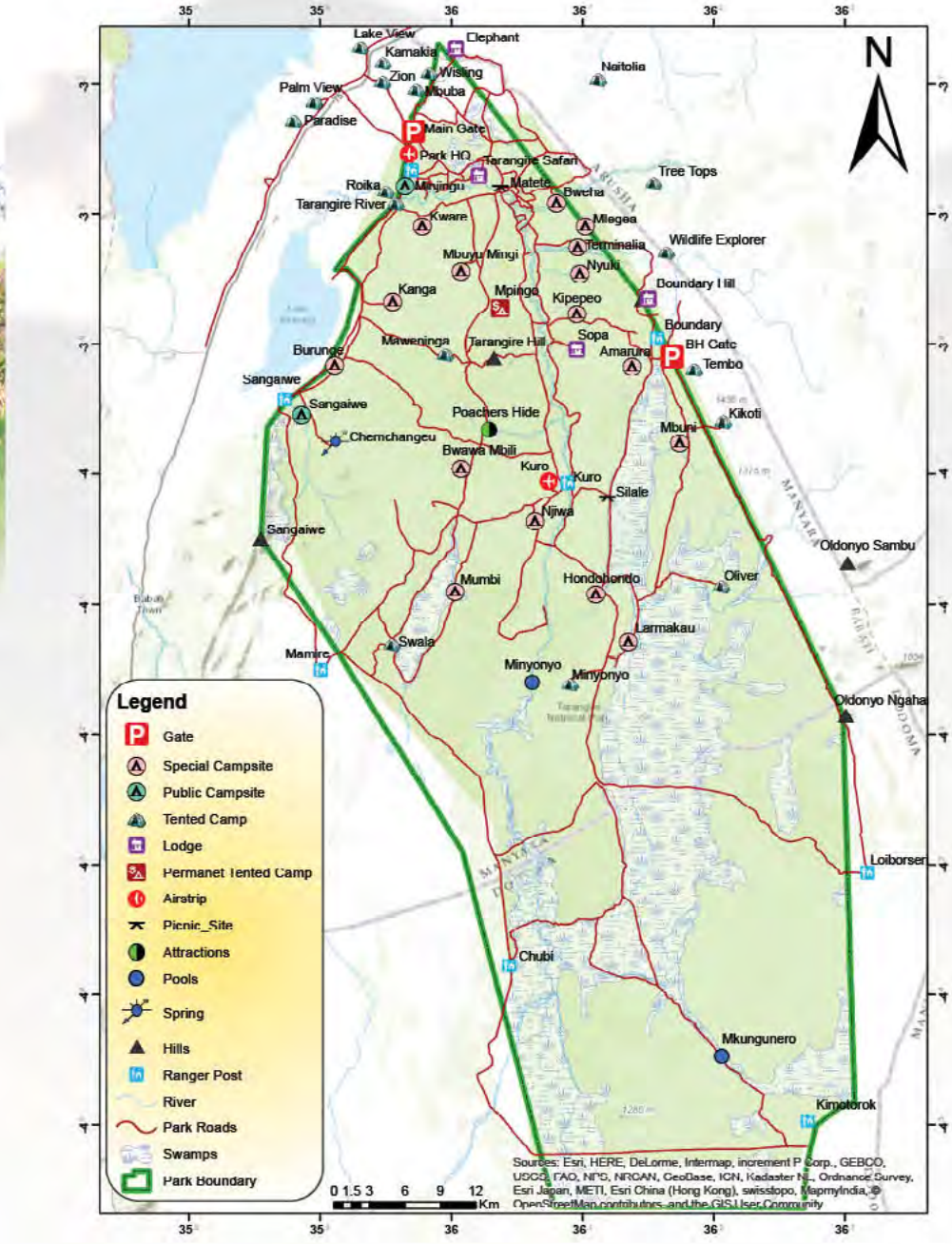
Plant species such as acacia and baobab trees make up the vegetation of this park. Notable species such as *Acacia tortilis*, without forgetting the occasional palm trees beautify the park. Make your safari a once in a life time experience by planning a trip to Tarangire where you will be able to experience nature.

We wish you an awesome visit to this beautiful Park!

Thank you!

Brief History

Gazetted in 1970, the park covers an area of 2,850km^2.The river's name comes from the union of two words "Tara and Ngire" Tara in Mbugwe language means river but also snaking, while the word Ngire in Hadzabe language means warthog and actually many warthogs live here.



Getting there

By Road: The park is 121km on a tarmac road from Arusha city to the park's main gate.

By Air: The park can be reached by flight from Kilimanjaro International Airport which is 46km from Arusha. Chartered

flights are also available from Arusha to Kuro Airstrip located inside the park.

Climate

Tarangire has a bimodal rainfall with short rains from October to December, long rains from March to May and dry season from June to October and January to February. The highest day temperature goes up to 38°C in January to February but drops to 15°C in July.

Attractions

- **Wildlife**

  Tarangire is noted as a safari destination for its large concentration of wildlife population. There are unimaginable herds of animals that are attracted to the Tarangire river. Most notable animals are Elephants, Eland, Giraffe, Lions, Buffalo, Cheetah, Leopards and Zebras.

  The park also gives you a chance to see Mongoose Colonies that are often hosted by abandoned ant hill. Endeavour to make this Park part of your safari in northern Tanzania

  The best place to see the gentle giant elephants in their natural habitat from the adorable calves all the way to the intimidating bulls. Come see them digging up the muddy river trying to access water!!!!

- **Baobab Trees**

  If only they could talk, the baobab trees certainly have no hurry !!!! and why should they be!! . As they have all the time in the world! They can live up to 3000 years and can grow trunks reaching more than 100 feet in circumference. They have spent quite sometime on the planet and seen a lot of history. So, if only they could talk, they would surely be interesting storytellers!

- **Tarangire River**

  The river is fed by seasonal sand rivers originating to the East and South-eastern parts of the park. It flows northward along the park and empties into Lake Burunge. Within the park, the river is linked to/with Silale, Gurusi and Larmakau swamps. It is undoubtedly that Tarangire River with its associated permanent swamps serves as critical dry season water sources for thousands of migratory animals in dry seasons, thus offering a fantastic game drive experience.

- **Diverse Birdlife**

  Enjoy spotting a large batch of colorful and exclusive bird species. Over 550 different species of which several are threatened or endemic are housed with terrestrial and aquatic environments, spread all over across the park. Particularly rich bird life occurs in the open Acacia woodlands, in and along the wetlands and in the floodplain of Tarangire River. The park is therefore an amazing destination for bird lovers. One wouldn't miss to see colorful and breeding species of birds such as African bishop, Secretary bird, Open-billed stork, Spoon bill and Crown crane.

- **Termite Mounds**

  This park has a remarkable number of the termite mounds. They are built of soil from underground and held together by termite saliva are always seen and provide observation points for animals. They are also a home to dwarf mongoose, pangolin, snakes, aardvark when abandoned.

Tourism Activities

- **Game Drive**

  This is an adventure that entails viewing wildlife while in a vehicle. Tarangire offers tourists an opportunity to explore Mammals such large herds of elephants, giraffes, fringe eared oryx, greater kudu, gazelles, hartebeest, wildebeest, lions, leopards, and zebras. Birds including ostriches, tiny ashy starling, guinea fowls, francolins. Reptiles like tree climbing pythons, tortoise etc.

  They mostly take place in early morning, late afternoon or evening because animals are more active during cooler times of the day. A game drive ensures a unique and thrilling safari experience. One can enjoy the natural dramas of the animals, exciting actions and predators' hunting.

  "Enjoy the thrilling predator chase by choosing a day game drive in Tarangire".

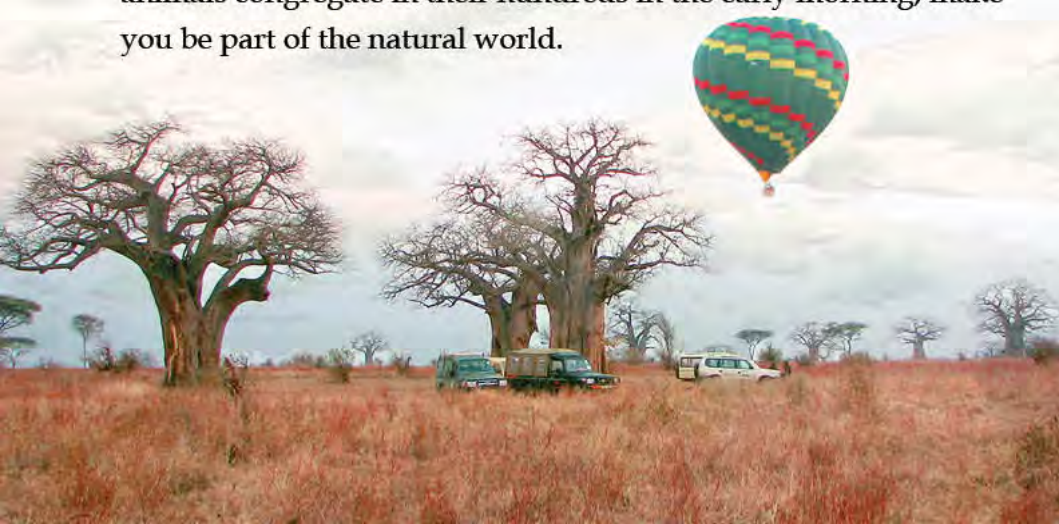
- **Walking Safari**

  This gives you a more learning experience about animals in the wilderness and a better way of spotting animals at a close range. It is mostly done in the morning and evenings and brings about a different scope and sense of adventure. It also conveys a different dimension in the whole safari experience.

  "Experience safari on foot in order to view large heard of elephants, scenic view of the Tarangire landscape and see the African big cats."

- **Balloon Safari**

  Hot air balloon flight in Tarangire will give you a different experience. Gliding across Tarangire river on your tour as the sunrise stains the plains pink, the golden grassland dotted with giant baobab trees, the silver ribbons of the Tarangire River and animals congregate in their hundreds in the early morning; make you be part of the natural world.



- **Bird Diversity**

  Tarangire is a great bird watching site with more than 500 species recorded. Bird lovers should keep an eye open for flocks of dazzlingly colorful yellow-collared lovebird and the somewhat drabber rufous-tailed weaver and ashy starling.

- **Night Game Drive**

  The bush is completely a different world at night. This is what makes night drives so special. Not only do night game drives allow you to see nocturnal animals but also are a fantastic way to see nocturnal predators such as leopards.

  Night drives are interesting and can offer a different perspective on wildlife. The smaller cats, genet and African wild cat not to mention the chance of seeing lion hunting. Night jars and other birds are also of interest. Going with a blanket sitting in an open vehicle under an African sky with the pretty stars is a moment to remember.

Tourist Facilities

There is wide choice of accommodation facilities in and outside tarangire national park.

Tarangire is well supplied with public, private facilities includes, permanent, seasonal camps and permanent lodge both located within and outside the park. The park also owns a well-furnished rest house, cottages and a student hostel.

Park rules and regulations

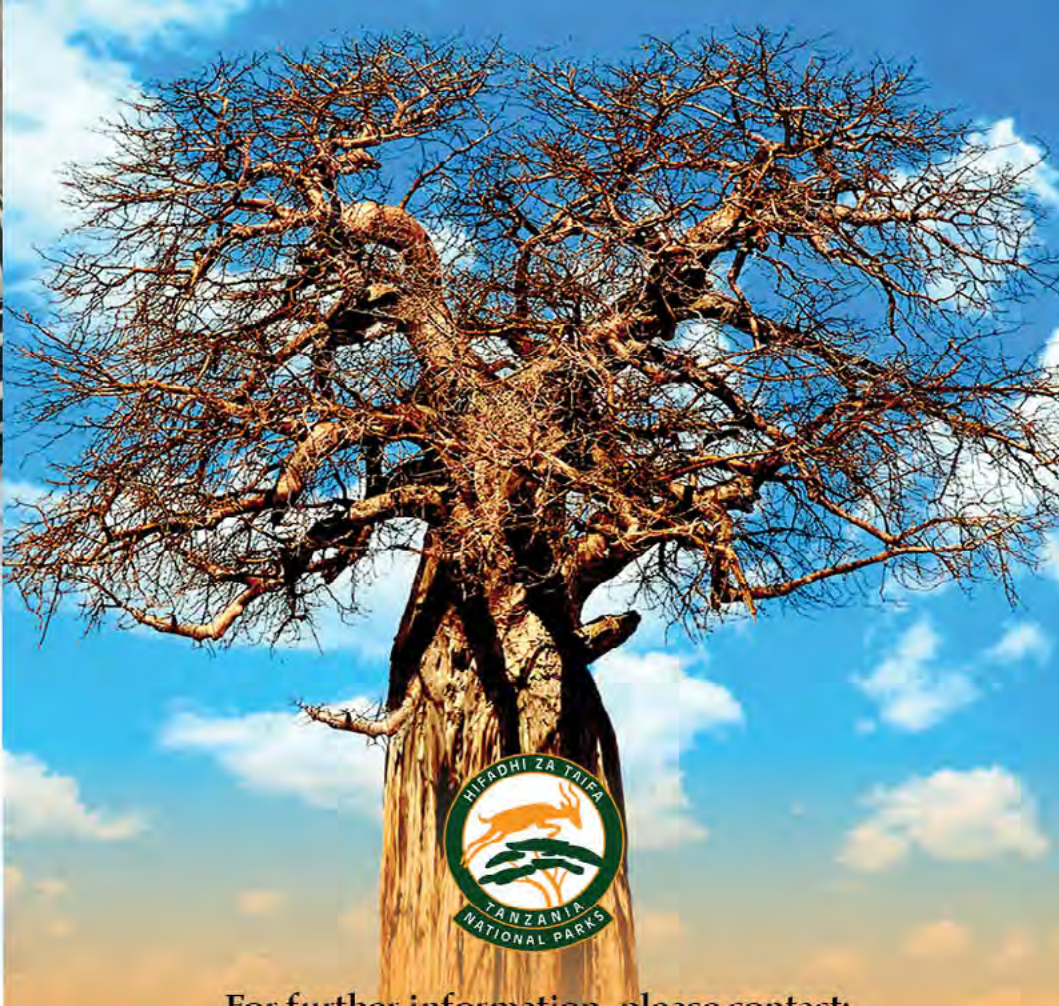
Please do not:

- Enter the park without a valid permit;
- Litter;
- Block other visitors access, disturb or the animals they are watching;
- Exceed the speed limit of 50k.p.h;
- Take pets, plant seeds or fire arms into the park;
- Uproot, pick, cut or damage or be in possession of any part of the plant from the park;
- Kill, harass, disturb or feed any wild animals in the park;
- Feed animals;
- Ignite wildfires;
- Enter or leave the park at points other than the official

Visit and support!

Visit and experience the beauty of this amazing park. You can support the park and the surrounding communities by visiting and contribute to conservation projects.

Thank you!



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