

# ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK

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"A rewarding hiking destination"



### Welcome to Arusha National Park!

Welcome to the home of second highest mountain in Tanzania that offers unforgettable experience and serves as acclimatization refuge before climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. The park is rich in game animals that can be viewed at a very close distance and it's an ideal place for a day trip with a variety of tourism activities like game drive, mountain climbing, walking safaris, canoeing, cycling and horse riding.

### **Brief History of the Park**

Conservation of the area goes back to 1907 when it was a cattle ranch but in 1960 the area was set aside as Ngurdoto Crater National Park and after annexation of Mt. Meru the park name was changed to Arusha National Park with an area of 322 km<sup>2</sup>.





### **Getting there**

The park can be accessed from Arusha town by road, which is about 32 Kilometers away. It is about 40km from Kilimanjaro International airport.

### Climate

The Park can be visited throughout the year; however the best time is between June to September and from December to early March. The short rainy period is from October to November and the heavy rain season is from March to May.

### Attractions

The Park is gifted with variety of attractions ranging from wildlife inhabiting the wilderness to craters and mountain peaks.

Serengeti Ndogo

The name which means "Little Serengeti", describes the open grassland, a place in the park where various animals in large numbers can easily be seen such as buffaloes, warthogs zebras, waterbucks, giraffes, etc.

#### • The "Uwanja wa mbogo" (Buffalos Glade)

This open area is a natural glade consisting of marsh, bushes and Streams. It attracts animals such as Buffalos, Warthogs and Giraffes. The first two species spend their day – light grazing, resting and wallowing in the present mud-holes.

#### Ngurdoto Forest

A dense forest surrounding Ngurdoto crater with many varieties of tree species and it's a home of the Black and White Colobus monkey.

#### Ngurdoto and Meru Craters

This pear-shape Ngurdoto resembling just like a miniature of Ngorongoro crater comprises of five viewing points of mikindu, the Rock, Buffalo, the glade and Leitong being the highest point. From this point the snowy peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Momella lakes and lower slope with human settlement can be easily seen.

## • Tululusia Hill and waterfall

Tululusia hill meaning "look out point" is a view point that provides an excellent view of the lower areas of Arusha National Park, Mount Meru and the majestic Kilimanjaro.

Tululusia Waterfall is found on a narrow sided valley formed as a result of

erosion of a soft volcanic soil leaving behind a steep gorge with the height of 28m (84ft). It's a home of nesting Red-winged Starlings and having a chance of getting your photos around this natural environment are usually spectacular!

#### Lake Longil and Momella lakes

Lake Longil is the only fresh water lake in the park, inhabited with Tilapia fish and also there are Papyrus and Mace reed floating as Islands and changes their positions following the wind directions.

The Momella Lakes are largely fed from under-ground streams and are not very deep. Because of their different in mineral contents each lake supports a different type of algae growth and this gives each lake a different color.





#### Fig Tree Arch

A striking feature of the Fig Tree Arch (Ficus thoningii) with its roots reaching the ground while leaving behind an arch enough for a car to drive through.

#### • Ngarenanyuki River (Engare Nanyokie)

This river originating from the montane forest and Meru crater contains a brackish resulting from brown/alkaline water sources from the streams which joins the main river outside the park.

### **Tourism Activities**

#### Game Drive

With its open glades, grasslands and montane forest, the Momela lakes and fig tree arch, a game drive inside the park is inspirational to many visitors.





#### • Walking Safari (Day Hikes)

"Nature's on foot"; is one of the popular tourism activities within the park. Walking Safari offers unusual recreational opportunities, environmental education and sense of touch with nature and natural treasures. Currently there are six nature trails used for walking safari each with its different attractions, scenery and experiences.

#### Canoeing safari

This activity is conducted on "Small Momella" (one of the seven Momella lakes). Canoeing Safari has enabled visitors to experience aspects of nature that are inaccessible during Game drive and Walking Safaris. While canoeing, one is afforded a closer watch of animals such as hippopotamus, waterbuck, occasional elephant emerging from vegetation around the lake and also a chance to explore water bird-life.

NB: The canoeing Safari is operated by an Arusha-based companies, the Green Footprints Adventure Limited (Tel: +255 782 297503 or +255 684 153 882) and Kiliambo Adventure Limited (+255 762 694 407)

#### Horse riding

Horse riding safaris give visitors the ultimate feeling of being in the wild and closer to the wildlife. This riding provides a unique experience that differs from other tourism activities.

#### Cycling Tour

Cycling in the Park is a fun and thrilling way to experience, often overlooked by safari goers. This opportunity offers to explore attractive diversity of habitats within a few hours while exploring beautiful areas giving you the ultimate wilderness experience.



#### Trail Network

It requires 3 - 4 days to conquer Mount Meru summit. The park recommends 4 days to allow for acclimatization and to avoid high altitude sickness visitors spend the first night at Miriakamba Accommodation Centre (2500m), the second night at saddle area and third night at Miriakamba then descending to the exit gate on the fourth day.

Also there are six natural trails which are used for walking safaris namely; Momella gate- ltikoni, Kitoto View Point-Njeku View Point, Momella gate - Tululusia Waterfall, Momella gate - Campsite no. 3 via Tululusia Waterfall, Ngurdoto Crater Rim-Laitong - Buffalo and Nagy -Trappe Forest.

### **Available Tourism facilities**

#### Park accommodation facilities

Public campsites: Nos. I, 2 and 3, Special campsites: Ngongongare Spring Nasula and the Seasonal campsite of Itikoni. Rest House: Three self-contained rooms with two beds each. Kitchen and cooking utensils are available. Mountain accommodation centers of Miriakamba (96 beds) and Saddle (112 beds) Clean flush/pit toilets and showers are available at both centers.

#### Lodges in the Park

Momella Wildlife lodge: 150 beds (self contained rooms) and one suite. Hatari Lodge: 8 beds (self contained rooms).

**NB:** There are several other hotels and lodges outside the park including the famous Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge. Also booking for park owned facility (campsite and rest house) is mandatory. house) is mandatory.



### TARIFFS

### From 1<sup>St</sup> July 2021 to 30<sup>Th</sup> June 2022

	PEAK SEASON (July - September)			LOW SEASONAL (October - June)		
A. Conservation Fee	EA (Tshs)	Non EA Citizen (US \$)	Expatriate/ Residents (US \$)	EA (Tshs)	Non EA Citizen (US \$)	Expatriate/ Residents (US \$)
i. Of or above age of 16 years	10,000	50	25	10,000	45	22.5
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,000	15	7.5	2,000	15	7.5
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

#### B. Camping Fee -Special Campsite

i. Of or above age of 16 years	10,000	60	60	10,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	5,000	5	5	5,000	10	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

#### C. Camping Fees -Seasonal Campsite

i. Of or above age of 16 years	15,000	60	60	15,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15	5,000	10	10	7,500	10	10
years						
iii. Children below the age of	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
5 years						

			East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$	
D.	Ca	mping Fee - Public Campsite				
	i.	Of or above the age of 16 years	5,000	30	30	
	ii.	Between the age of 5 and 15 years5	2,500	10	10	
	iii.	Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free	
E.	Fly	Camping (Prior booking required)				
	i.	Of or above the age of 16 years	5,000	50	50	
	ii.	Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,500	10	10	
	iii.	Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free	

F.	Walking Safaris			
	i. Short walks (1 to 4 hou	ars) for adults 5,000	20	20
	ii. Short walks for children	n of or		
	above 12 years	2,500	10	10
	iii. Long walks (above 4 ho	urs) for adults 10,000	25	25
	iv. Long walks for children above 12 years	n of or 5,000	15	15
G.	Horse Riding Fee Per pe	rson 50,000	50	50
H.	<b>Cycling Fee</b> Per person NB: Holders of directors per riding and Cycling shall be park fees. When conducting will pay relevant park fees.	e exempted from g other activities	25	25
Н.	Guide/Ranger per group			
	i. Guide fee	5,000	20	20
	ii. Ranger fee for Mt. Mer	ru climb 10,000	15	15
I.	Park Accommodation fa	cilities		
	(rates payable per head per h	night)		
	prior booking required			
	i. Cottages adults	2.500	20	20
	(Miriakamba and Sadd	le) 2,500	30	30
	ii. Cottages Children (Miriakamba and Sadd)	le) 2,500	10	10
	iii. Rest Houses	20,000	30	30
J.	Concession Fees			
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	ii. Between the age of 5 ar	and the second	10	10
K.	Video shooting per grou	p of 2-20 pax		
	This is for recording own			
	i. Inside the Park (payable			
	of conservation fees per		100	100
	ii. HQ and Park office grou	nd 100,000	50	50
L.	Bushmeal	5,000	5	5

M.	Cre	ew fee per person per day. This is	for			
	guides & porters, driver guides and cooks.					
	This includes conservation fee (Tshs. 1,500					
	anc	l camping fee 2,000) Identity card is r	equired	TShs. 3,500		
N.	Mo	tor Vehicle Fees	Tanzanian Register TShs.	Foreign Register US\$.		
	i.	Tare weight up to 2000 kgs	20,000	50		
	ii.	Tare weight 2,001 to 3,000kgs	35,000	150		
	iii.	Tare weight 3001 to 7,000kgs	60,000	200		
	iv.	Tare weight 7001 to 10000kgs	150,000	300		
	V.	Tare weight above 10 tons (prior permission from Conservation Commissioner is required)	300,000	500		
	vi.	Open vehicles will be charged 50% ex	tra of the	normal vehicle		
		fee.				
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P.	Ov	er Speeding (All type of vehicles)	Tshs.	50,000		
Q.	Fil	ming Fees				
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Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner

T.	. On transit conservation fee					
	i.	Citizen passengers on public transport	2,500			
	ii.	Citizen passengers on private vehicles	5,000			

#### U. Fee for Tanzanian registered (non commercial vehicle/trailer/ boats and air crafts station per year)

i.	Tare weight up to 2000kgs	50,000
ii.	Tare weight 2001 - 7,000kgs	100,000
iii.	Tare weight 3001 - 7,000 kgs	200,000
iv.	Tractor, trailer and boats	50,000
v.	Aircraft	200,000

#### V. Annual Directors' Pass Fee

US \$ 100

Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner

#### W. Multiple entry in the park

There shall be two multiple entries in the Park where entry fees shall apply

- i. Day-trip permit, which is valid for twelve daylight hours and allows multiple entries within such validity period.
- ii. A sleep-over permit which is valid for twenty-four hours and allows multiple entries within such validity period.

#### X. Tourism Investment Site Allocation Fee and Annual Land Base Rent Fee

Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation and

Annual Land Base Rent fees for new investo	rs in	
National Parks.		
i. Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site		
Allocation fee	US\$	5,000
ii. Annual Land Base Rent fee:		
a) Seasonal campsites		US\$ 2,000
b) Permanent Tented Camps		US\$ 20,000
c) Lodges		US\$ 50,000

#### NOTE:

- · Conservation and Vehicle fees are for multiple entry
- Fee once paid is non- refundable
- Proof of identification is mandatory at entry gate
- All tariffs are VAT (18%) exclusive
- Expatriates/residents and their dependents living in Tanzania must have either of the following documents: residents permit Class A,B or C; exemption certificate; temporary pass attached with
- Government receipt plus acknowledgement letter; and Diplomatic passport or ID
- EAC citizen refers to the nationals of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and South Sudan
- Nationals of other EAC member states must produce their passport at entry gate
- EAC private vehicles are strictly prohibited to conduct any tourism business in the park
- For video shooting consult Park Management for guidance

### Visit and support the park

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Visit the park and experience the real side of an Africa culture where locals can share their traditions, cultural values and where you can contribute by improving their livelihood in this ever changing world! Thank you!

### **Park Rules and Regulations**

#### Please do not

- Do not litter
- Lighting or causing a wildfire
- Do not exceeding the speed limit of 50 k.p.h
- Every climbing group must be led by an armed park ranger/ guide
- Always go as a group, avoid ascending or descending alone
- Children under the age of 10 years are not allowed to go beyond (3700m a.m.s.l.)
- A porter is allowed to carry maximum weight of 20kg during mountain climbing
- Use only designated roads/routes/trails, and stick to your guide's advice
- Do not disturb wild animals
- Uprooting, pick, cut, damage any plant or be in possession of any part of a plant in the park.
- Being within the park between 1830 HRS and 0630 HRS, except in a camping site, lodge, rest house or any other designated places



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