



# SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

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***“World’s Greatest Wildebeest Migration”***

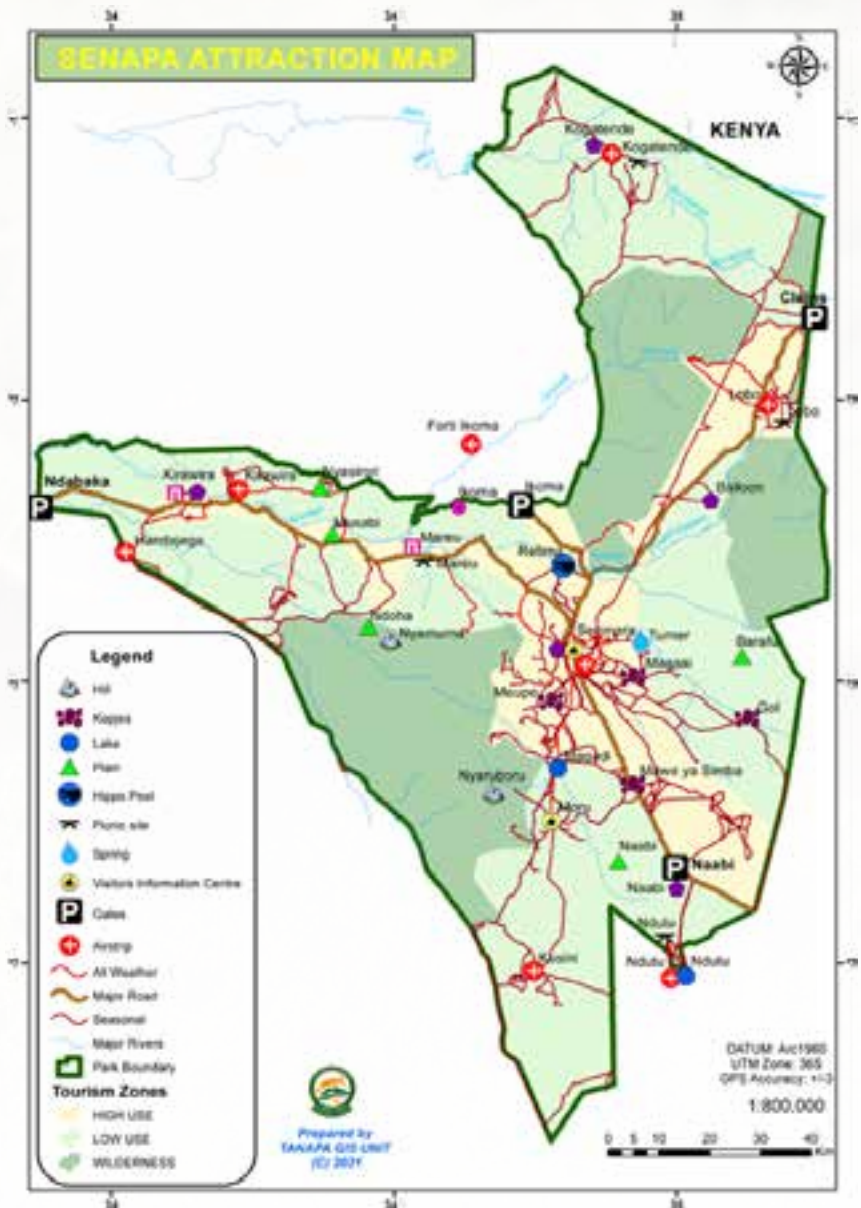


## *Welcome to Serengeti National Park!*

**O**ne of the most famous wildlife areas in the world and one of the oldest National Parks in Africa. This world-renowned wildlife sanctuary hosts the largest remaining large mammal migration in the world. With its breathtaking species diversity and abundance, Serengeti is land of the famous big five as well as rare and endangered species.

Your visit to this magical place will leave you with the best wildlife experience you can rarely find anywhere!





## Brief History of the Park

Serengeti comes from Maasai name “Siringet” meaning wide endless plain. Serengeti National Park is Tanzania’s first and third largest National Park covering 14,763 square kilometres.

The central Part of the park was declared a Game Reserve in 1929. The reserve became Tanganyika’s first National Park in 1951 and in those days included the Ngorongoro Crater.

In 1959 Serengeti was established after separation from Ngorongoro Conservation Area.



The Park is one of the top listing UNESCO's World Heitage Site as well as Man and Biosphere Reserve since 1982.

Serengeti form the core part of "Serengeti-Mara Ecosystem" roughly defined by annual wildebeest migration treks. The Ecosystem covers an area of about 30,000 square kilometers comprising of Serengeti National Park, part of Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Maswa, Grumeti, Ikorongo, Kijereshi game reserves, Loliondo Game Controlled and Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya.

## Getting there

The Park can be accessed by both road and air.

Road: Accessed from all town and cities to the entry /exit points/gates namely Naabi Hill, Ndutu, Handajega, Ikoma,Tabora B,Lamai,Ndabaka,Machochwe and Kleins.

Air: There are all weather airstrips in the centre (Serenera), in the South (Kusini), in the East (Lobo), in the West (Kirawira) and in the North (Kogatende and Lamai).

There are scheduled and private charters from Arusha, Mwanza, Kilimanjaro, Musoma, Dar es salaam and Zanzibar.

## Climate

The climate of Serengeti National Park is a subtropical, with rain season from November to April and dry season from May to October. The park is located at an altitude between 1,100 and 2,000 meters with annual average rainfall ranging from 900 to 1,000mm

# Attractions

Serengeti National Park, a world-renown, World Heritage Site and a Biosphere Reserve has arguably many unique attractions than any other National Park in Africa.

The Great Migration of Wildebeests, The Big Five, Highest concentration of Carnivores and Herbivores, Rare and Endangered Species, Unique bird collections, Scenic and spectacular landscapes are some of the attractions one will encounter!

- **The Great Migration**

The great wildebeest migration of more than 1.5 million accompanied by hundreds of thousands of zebras and half a million Gazelles as well as Eland with annual pattern seeking fresh grazing and water. Having a chance of encountering this phenomena gives you a life experience from nature.





- **Highest Concentration of Carnivores**

Serengeti has the highest concentration of carnivores especially all the big African cats such as Lions, Leopards, Cheetah and other large carnivore like Spotted Hyena. Seeing these powerful predators hunting and sometimes fighting for their territories will make your day.

- **Highest Concentration of Herbivores**

Serengeti has more than 28 species of herbivores including Buffalos, Wildebeest, Zebras, Elands, Hippos and Waterbucks. During game viewing spotting herbivores coloring the endless plains while feeding gives you a thrilling experience!

- **Diverse Birdlife**

With more than 530 species recorded one quarter being those migrating from other parts of the world, part from an ecologically important bird area and ideal place for bird lovers! Some of the species commonly seen are European and Abdim's storks, Eurasian Roller, Barn swallows etc.





- **Cultural and Historical sites**

Serengeti is home to many cultures from famous tribes of Maasai, Sukuma, Kurya and Ikoma. Indigenous Maasai and Ikoma used to live in parts of the Park before they were resettled outside the park. The present signs which are still visible at famous Maasai Rock Painting, Gong Rock and Ikoma ruins mark a special combination of game viewing and human history.

- **Rare and Endangered Species**

The park is one of the last remaining sanctuary for critically endangered Black Rhino as well as African Hunting dog which are highly endangered as well.

The rare species of primates such as Red Patas Monkeys as well as Angolan Black and White colobus Monkeys can be seen in the western part of the park.





- **Scenic and Spectacular Landscapes**

The vast scenic and unspoiled landscapes among others made this area recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. With its vast plains, rolling hills and island of Kopjes contribute to the beauty of the park.

## **Tourism Activities**

Having Unparalleled attractions, Serengeti has a number of tourism activities and opportunities for visitors to get the best wildlife experience! Some of these includes Hot Air balloons, Game Drives, Filming and Photographic safaris, Walking safaris, Bush meals and Cultural tourism.

- **Hot Air Balloon Safari**

Hot Air balloon which gives visitor a chance to see the park in a different perspective!. Seeing it from the top. Visitors will be able to enjoy the early morning balloons flight in the central,west,east,south and northern part of the park.





- **Game Viewing by Vehicles**

This is a major tourist activity in the Park. It gives the visitors to the Park opportunity to see animal comfortably from their vehicles. Don't miss ! Please come and see!.

- **Bushmeals**

Having a meal in the middle of the bush while surrounded by wild animals, the sceneries and the beautiful African sky makes the day truly memorable! The opportunities to offer these meals can be organized from the accommodation facilities where the visitors will reside.





- **Walking Safaris**

The best way to experience nature is on foot. Serengeti offers opportunity for Walking safaris in wilderness normally accompanied by an armed Park Ranger. These are offered in the eastern and northern part of the park!



- **Tourism Sinks/Picnic Areas**

These designated special areas provide a chance for visitors to stretch and see things around therefore come close to nature. Retima Hippo Pool is one example of these where having spent the long hours in vehicle, guests will be able to get out of their vehicle and observe hippos on foot!

# Accommodation facilities

Accommodation options are many from extreme air-conditioned luxury to simple camps, lodges and camping sites. TANAPA oversees the booking and management of public Special and Seasonal campsites, rest house and bandas.

- **Lodges**

The park has about six(6) Lodges ranging from three (3) to five(5) star! There are Four Seasons Serengeti Safari Lodge, Melia Serengeti Lodge, Serengeti Serena Lodge, Serengeti Sopa Lodge, and Seronera and Lobo Wildlife Lodges.

- **Permanent Tented Camp**

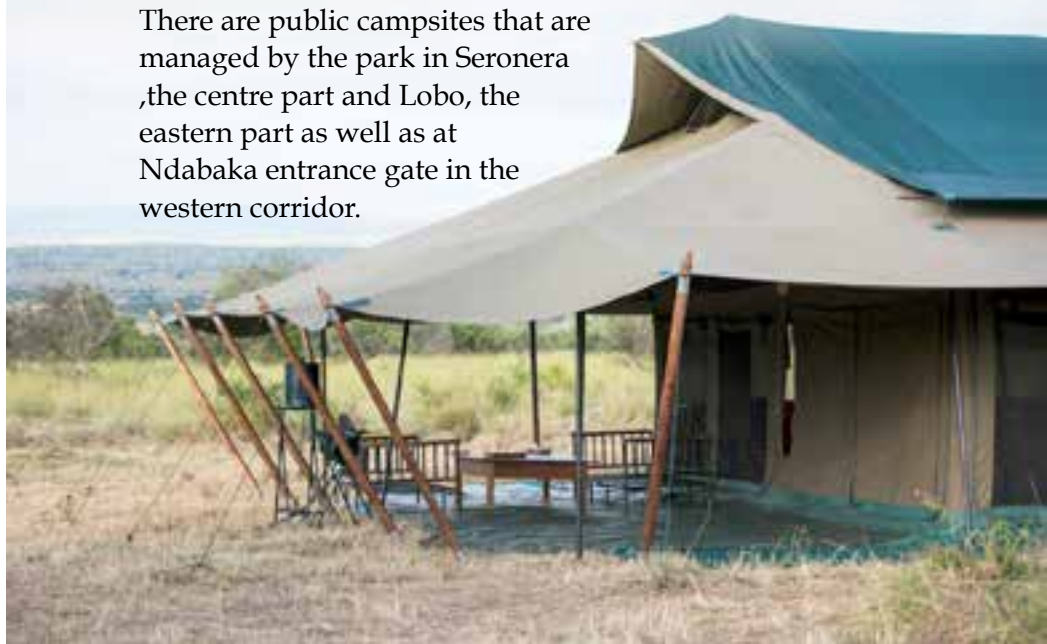
These are some luxurious high end accommodation facilities in all corners of the park .Some of these includes Sayari Camp in the Northern Serengeti, Lahia tented Lodge in the western Serengeti, Lemala Nanyukie in the eastern part, Kirawira Serena and Grumeti River Camp in the West, Kusini Sanctuary Camp in the southern part and many others.

- **Seasonal /Special Campsites**

These are non-permanent camps that camping operators occupy in various designated areas of the park, they are some of the luxury as well and cater needs for variety of customers. Customers always book these at TANAPA headquarters.

- **Public Campsites**

There are public campsites that are managed by the park in Seronera ,the centre part and Lobo, the eastern part as well as at Ndobaka entrance gate in the western corridor.





- **Rest houses and Bandas**

These accommodation facilities are also managed by the Park and they are available on bookings in Seronera and Kirawira in the Western Corridor. These park Bandas have all the necessary facilities but the guests need to arrange for their own food or catering! The bookings has to be done in advance so that all the arrangements can be made.



# TARIFFS

	East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$
<b>A. Conservation fees per person</b>			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	10,000	60	30
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,000	20	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>B. Camping Fee - Public Campsite</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	5,000	30	30
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,500	5	5
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>C. Camping Fee - Special Campsite</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	10,000	50	50
ii. Age between 5 and 15	5,000	10	10
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>D. Camping Fee - Seasonal Campsite</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	15,000	50	50
ii. Age between 5 and 15	7,500	10	10
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>E. Camping Fee - Fly Camping</b>			
(Prior booking required)			
i. Age 16 and above	5,000	50	50
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,500	10	10
<b>F. Walking Safaris</b>			
i. Short walks (1 to 4 hours) for adults	5,000	20	20
ii. Short walks for children of or above 12 years	2,500	10	10
iii. Long walks (above 4 hours) for adults	10,000	25	25
iv. Long walks for children of or above 12 years	5,000	15	15
<b>G. Guide/Ranger per group</b>			
Guide fee	5,000	20	20
<b>H. Park Accommodation facilities</b>			
(rates payable per head per night) prior booking required			
i. Bandas	20,000	30	30
ii. Rest houses	20,000	30	30
iii. Youth Hostel	5,000	10	10

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<b>I. Concession Fees</b>			
i. Age 16 years and above	30,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	5,000	10	10
<b>J. Video shooting per group of 2-20 pax</b>			
This is for recording own art (music or movies)			
i. Inside the Park (payable on top of conservation fees per day)	100,000	100	100
ii. HQ and Park office ground	100,000	50	50
<b>K. Bushmeal</b>	5,000	5	5
<b>L. Special Rhino Viewing</b>			
Moru Kopjes per trip	100,000	100	100
<b>M. Motor Vehicle Fees</b>	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% extra of the normal vehicle fee			
<b>N. Fine for vehicles causing accident</b>	TShs. 200,000		
<b>O. Over Speeding (All type of vehicles)</b>	Tshs. 50,000		
<b>P. Fee for Tanzanian registered (non commercial vehicle/trailer/ boats and air crafts station per year)</b>			
i. Tare weight up to 2000kgs		50,000	
ii. Tare weight 2,001 hadi 7,000kgs		100,000	
iii. Tare weight 3001 - 7,000 kgs		200,000	
iv. Tractor, trailer and boats		50,000	
v. Aircraft		200,000	
<b>Q. Crew fee per person per day. This is for guides &amp; porters, driver guides and cooks.</b>			
This includes conservation fee (Tshs. 1,500 and camping fee 2,000) <b>Identity card is required</b>			
		TShs. 3,500	

S. Landing Fees	Foreign Aircrafts (US \$)		Local Aircrafts (TShs)	
	Private	Commercial	Private	Commercial
a) Up to 4 seaters	50	120	10,000	15,000
b) 5 - 12 seaters	120	170	15,000	20,000
c) 13 - 20 seaters	170	320	20,000	35,000
d) Over 20 seaters	NA	NA	50,000	60,000

## T. Filming Fees

The following filming fees are applicable to each person per day and covers entrance, camping and filming. This applies to all Nationalities

US \$ 300

## U. Students Fee for Organized Groups

- Conservation fee for Primary, Secondary and High School students TShs 2,000
- Conservation fee for Colleges and Universities Students TShs 5,000
- Camping fees for Primary, Secondary and High school students TShs 2,000
- Camping fee for College and University students TShs 3,000
- Huts and hostel for the students TShs 5,000

## V. Annual Directors' Pass Fee

US \$ 100

*Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner*

## W. Balloon Operation Fees (Per Person Per Trip) US \$ 50

## X. Multiple entry in the park

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

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

## Y. 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 investors in National Parks.

- 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 the park and support Communities*

*Support the work of Serengeti National Park by visiting the Park and see the wildlife that call this place home. Visiting Serengeti support communities' livelihoods and protect wildlife for generation to come!*

## **Park Rules and Regulations**

One of the last great ecosystems in the world, the Serengeti faces many threats to its survival. The most serious are poaching and the ever increasing demand for land to feed large and growing human population that borders the park. Your behavior can be as damaging as that of a poacher's snare. Driving off road where is not allowed damages the fragile soils and plants of the Serengeti, and can disturb species such as Cheetah during critical breeding periods.

You can help preserve the Serengeti and its spectacular wildlife by respecting our rules and regulations, so that in the world of famous patron "Serengeti shall not Die"

### **Please do not:**

- Keep to the 50kph speed limit. This is for your safety and the safety of all wildlife
- Driving at night is not allowed (7 p.m. to 6 a.m.)
- Stay on the roads/tracks except where you are specifically allowed to drive off-road.
- If your vehicle weighs more than 2000 Kg, you must not drive off-road in any part of the Park
- Be considerate of the wildlife-do not harass, feed or interfere with the wildlife
- Act accordingly -do not get out of stand on, or hang out of vehicles near any animal
- Leave all plants, animals, skulls, bones rocks or any object in the Park where they belong.
- Do not bring any animal or plant into the Park.
- Please make sure to either take your trash with you, or dispose of it properly
- Extinguish your cigarettes in your vehicle's ashtray.
- Do not start fires unless at authorized camps
- Remember that the park gates open at 6 a.m. and open at 6 p.m.



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