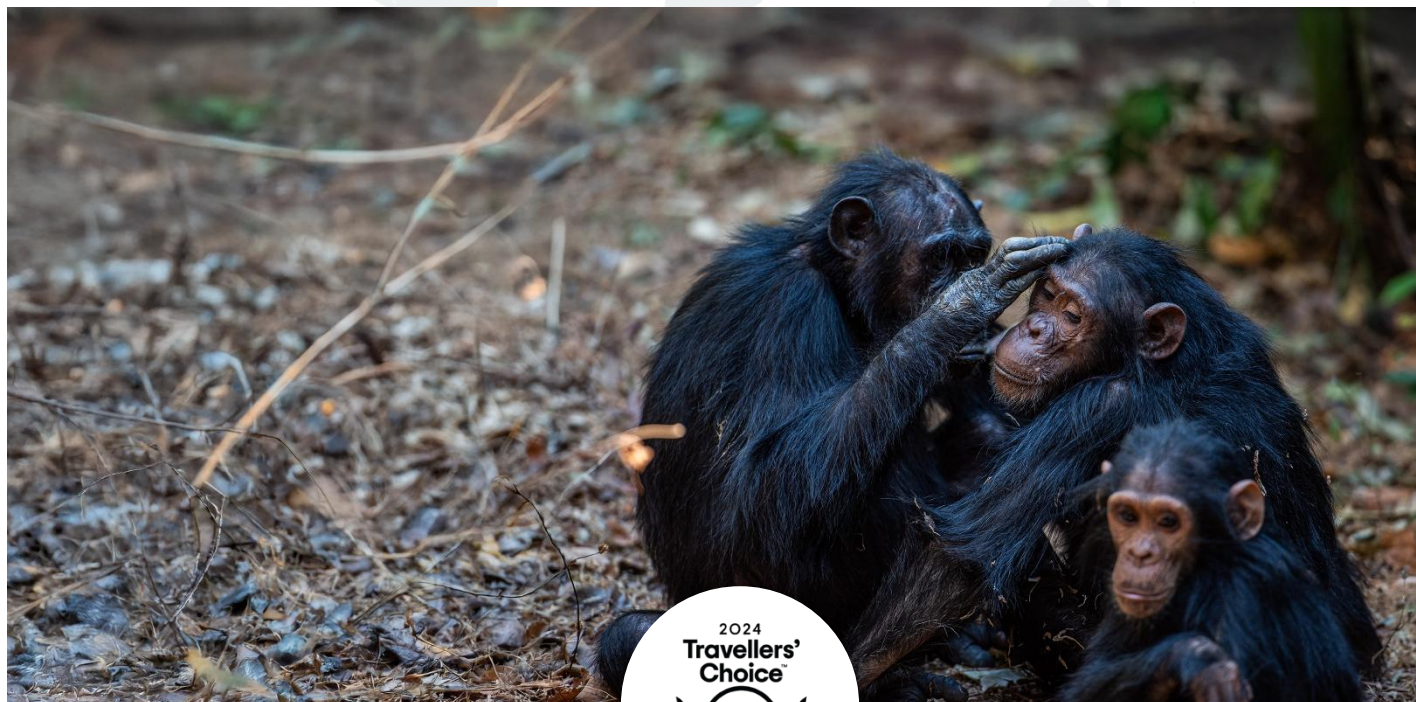


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9 Days Western Tanzania Safari

Travel by dhow boat on the crystal clear waters of Lake Tanganyika, the world's second deepest lake, to visit with the chimpanzees in one of Tanzania's most untouched destinations. In Mahale Mountains National Park, Japanese researchers have studied an estimated population of about 1000 chimpanzees since the 1960s. Highlights of this 9 Days Western Tanzania Safari include chimpanzee trekking, bird watching, fishing excursions, kayaking, barbeques, and sundowners on the beach around a campfire.

With the only lodge in the park, Mbali Mbali allows you to explore the smallest of Tanzania's national parks. Gombe Stream National Park is a fragile strip of chimpanzee habitat that straddles the steep slopes and river valleys that hem the northern shores of Lake Tanganyika. Its chimpanzees, habituated to human visitors, were made famous by the pioneering work of Jane Goodall who in the 1960s founded a behavioral research program that now stands as the longest-running study of its kind in the world. Get the best from this Safari In Tanzania!



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HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Chimpanzee trekking in Mahale
- ✓ Lake Tanganyika dhow cruise
- ✓ Jane Goodall Heritage Walk
- ✓ Kayaking and beach bonfires
- ✓ Birding and forest hikes

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Details Itinerary



DAY 1 - ARRIVAL

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) you will be met and transferred to Arusha to your hotel to rest for the night.

Overnight in Moshi/Arusha



DAY 2 - 5 : MAHALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARKS

Spreading out from the shores of beautiful Lake Tanganyika, the mountainous terrain of the Mahale Mountain National Park is home to some of Africa's last surviving wild chimps, and trekking in search of these endearing primates is one of the main attractions of the reserve. Other highlights include on-foot game safaris that take in the park's diverse wildlife, hiking up the 2460-metre Mount Nkungwe – the highest of the Mahale mountain range's six peaks – and fishing and snorkelling in Lake Tanganyika on the park's western border. While the park is home to over 900 chimpanzees, it is also home to a variety of other wildlife including: leopards, blue duikers, red colobus monkeys, giant pangolins, lions, elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, hippos, crocodiles, otters and a variety of bird species.





DAY 5-8: GOMBE NATIONAL PARK

Covering a mere 52 square kilometres of surface area, Gombe Stream National Park is Tanzania's smallest park but is exceptional for its prolific primate species, including chimpanzees, red colobus, red-tail and blue monkeys. The park's connection to Jane Goodall has given it worldwide renown. The wild chimpanzee population is at the heart of Goodall's groundbreaking research. Accessible only by water from the town of Kigoma, the park's dense forests are also inhabited by a myriad of avian species and offer phenomenal bird watching and walking safaris. Other popular activities include chimp tracking, lakeshore walks, taking in spectacular views from Jane's Peak and visiting the magnificent Kakombe Waterfall.



DAY 9: DEPARTURE

Today you will be transferred back to Arusha Airport (ARK) for overnight/departure.



Included & Excluded



Full Board Accommodation and Meals as specified in the itinerary.

Packed lunch on day of departure; Shared Charter Flights (Arusha - Mahale - Kigoma - Arusha).

Luggage allowance of 15kgs per person.

Minimum 4 seats all year round; Local beers, selection of spirits and house wines, soft drinks and water in Mahale and Gombe;

Daily Conservation, Concession and Guide fees for park entrance; Guiding with English Speaking Driver/Guide; 1 x Chimpanzee Trek per day in Mahale and Gombe; 1 x Boat Safari in Mahale;

Option 1: See the hippos, take a short river cruise, and try your hand at local methods of freshwater fishing;

Option 2: Visit a neighboring fishing village, Katumbi, for a cultural tour;

Pay for an additional boat safari and do both; Birding and forest walks in Mahale and Gombe;

All Government taxes and levies; VAT and TDL; All transfers as indicated;

Laundry services in Mahale and Gombe



All items of personal nature;

Tips and gratuities to hotel, lodges, camp staff and guides;

Medical Insurance and Evacuation;

Flying doctors coverage: Optional @ USD 50 dollars per person.

Covers guest within East Africa for a period of 14 days. In the event of a medical emergency, guest will be airlifted to a hospital in Nairobi. All hospital charges will be payable by the guest.

Request more information on coverage; Additional Boat Safari / Fishing Excursion in Mahale - \$85 per person; Boat Safari in Gombe @ \$25 per person; Visit a neighboring fishing village, Mwamgongo, for a cultural tour.

Stop at the village with our guide to understand fishing activities, palm oil extractions, embroidery, boat making, and visit the chief's palace. Experience also the traditional Ha Dance. This village is 3km away from Mballi Mballi Gombe.



Popular Safari Questions

Remote journeys bring unforgettable experiences—but it's natural to have questions before you go.

This unique Safari in Western National Parks takes you far off the typical route of most Tanzania Safari Tours. Here, we answer the top questions about this chimpanzee-focused adventure, so you feel ready before stepping into the forest.

Can I combine other Tanzania Safari Tours with this one?

Yes, a lot of people start their trip in Western Tanzania with a safari and then move on to northern parks like Serengeti or Ngorongoro. We can help you plan a Tanzania Safari Tour that takes you to more than one circuit.

What kinds of accommodations will I stay in during this safari?

It will be a mix of ease and the wild as you stay in small, eco-friendly lodges and fly camps. There aren't many places to stay in these parks, so you can enjoy peace and being close to nature.

Is this a good tour for people who want to take pictures of wildlife?

Of course. This is one of the best Tanzania Safari Tours for wildlife photographers because it has chimpanzees, lakes, soft lighting from the trees, and rare species.

What kinds of traditional activities are part of the Western Tanzania Safari?

Yes. Depending on your path and when you go, you might meet people who live and fish on Lake Tanganyika or see places in Gombe that are connected to Jane Goodall's work.



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