



Tanzania

TSC Fall Expedition Trip

Oct 30 – Nov 9, 2026



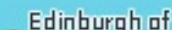
Leave Texas on Oct 30

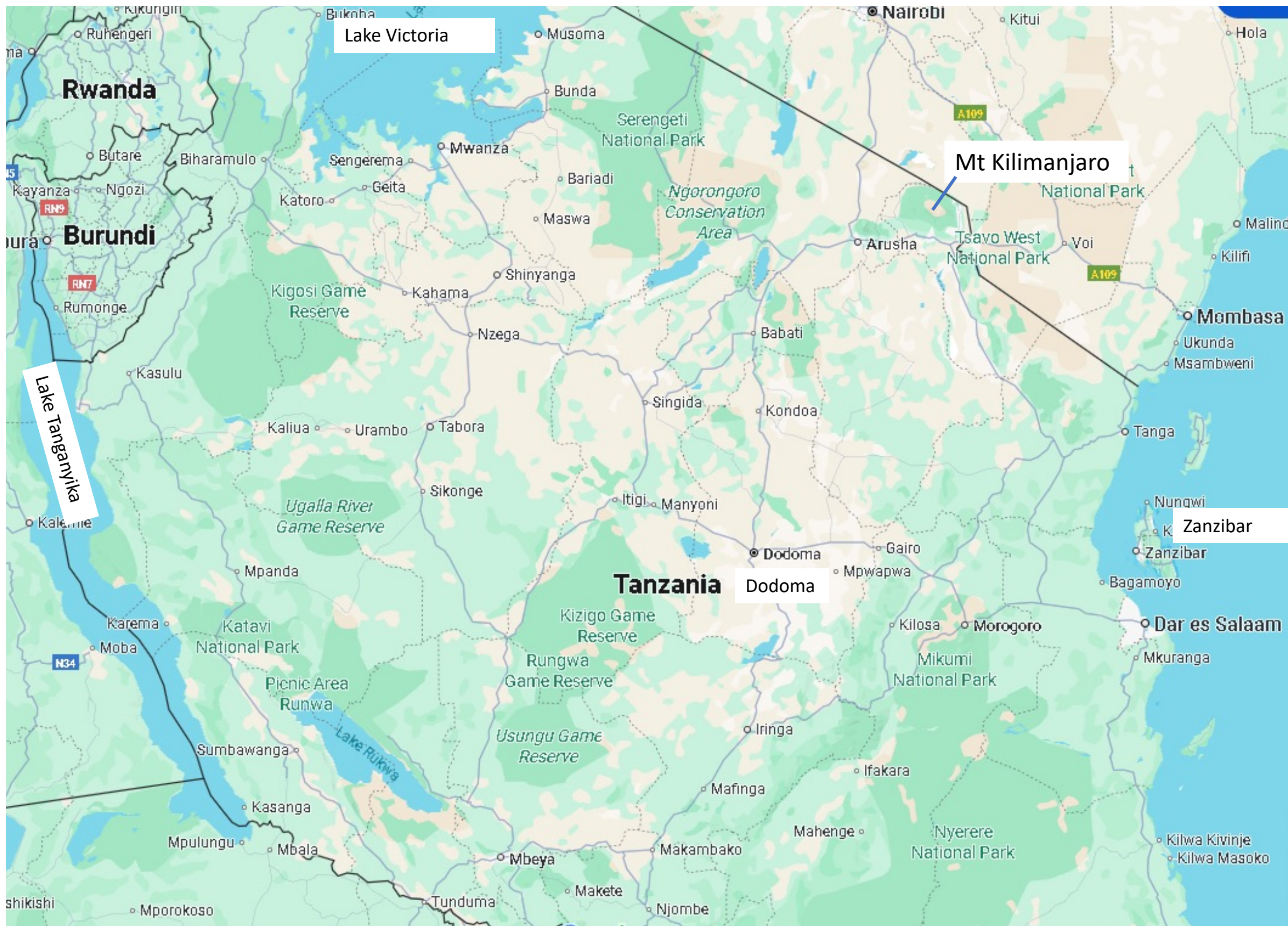
Arrive in Arusha, Tanzania (Kilimanjaro airport JRO) early on Nov 1

In-country dates: Nov 1 – 9, 2026

- 2 full day + 3 half-day safari tours
- Optional activities on Day 2 in Arusha
- All meals included (B, L, D every day)
- Tanzania Multiple Entry Visa required. \$100 per person, not included in trip price.
- Post trip option: Zanzibar 4 days, Nov 9-12







Get to know Tanzania:

Tanzania is home to the highest and lowest points on the African continent:

Top of Mt. Kilimanjaro at 19,341 ft, and the lowest point is the floor of Lake Tanganyika at 4,826 ft below sea level.

Many important hominid fossils have been found. It is one of the oldest continuously inhabited areas on Earth. The Olduvai Gorge, in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, features important collections with remnants of tools.

As of 2024, with 67.5 million people, Tanzania is the most populous country in the world that is entirely south of equator.

Originally two countries, Tanganyika and Zanzibar Archipelago, they were under British rule after WWI. They became independent in 1961 and 1963, respectively, and merged in 1964 to form the United Republic of Tanzania. It is still a member of the British Commonwealth. It is a presidential, constitutional republic, and currently has a female president. It is considered to be one of the safest and most politically stable countries on the continent.

Over 100 languages are spoken. It does not have an 'official language', but the national language is Swahili. English is used for foreign trade and diplomacy, in higher courts, and for instruction in secondary and higher education. Arabic is also spoken in Zanzibar.

Christianity is the largest religion, with substantial Muslim and Animist minorities.

The vast majority of mineral exports are gold. It also exports gemstones, including diamonds and tanzanite. Tanzania heavily agricultural, with 80% of the population engaging in subsistence farming. Approximately 68% of the population lives below the poverty line of \$1.25 a day.

Currently, \$1 USD = 2500 Tanzania Shillings TZS.

Why are we going there?

Tanzania contains around 20% of the species of Africa's enormous warm-blooded animals. There are 21 National parks and reserves, 1 conservation area and 3 marine parks. 1/3 of Tanzania land mass is protected area.

The Big Five: lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo, rhino. All 5 are in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro where we are going.

Note: The Great Migration happens in late January – February.

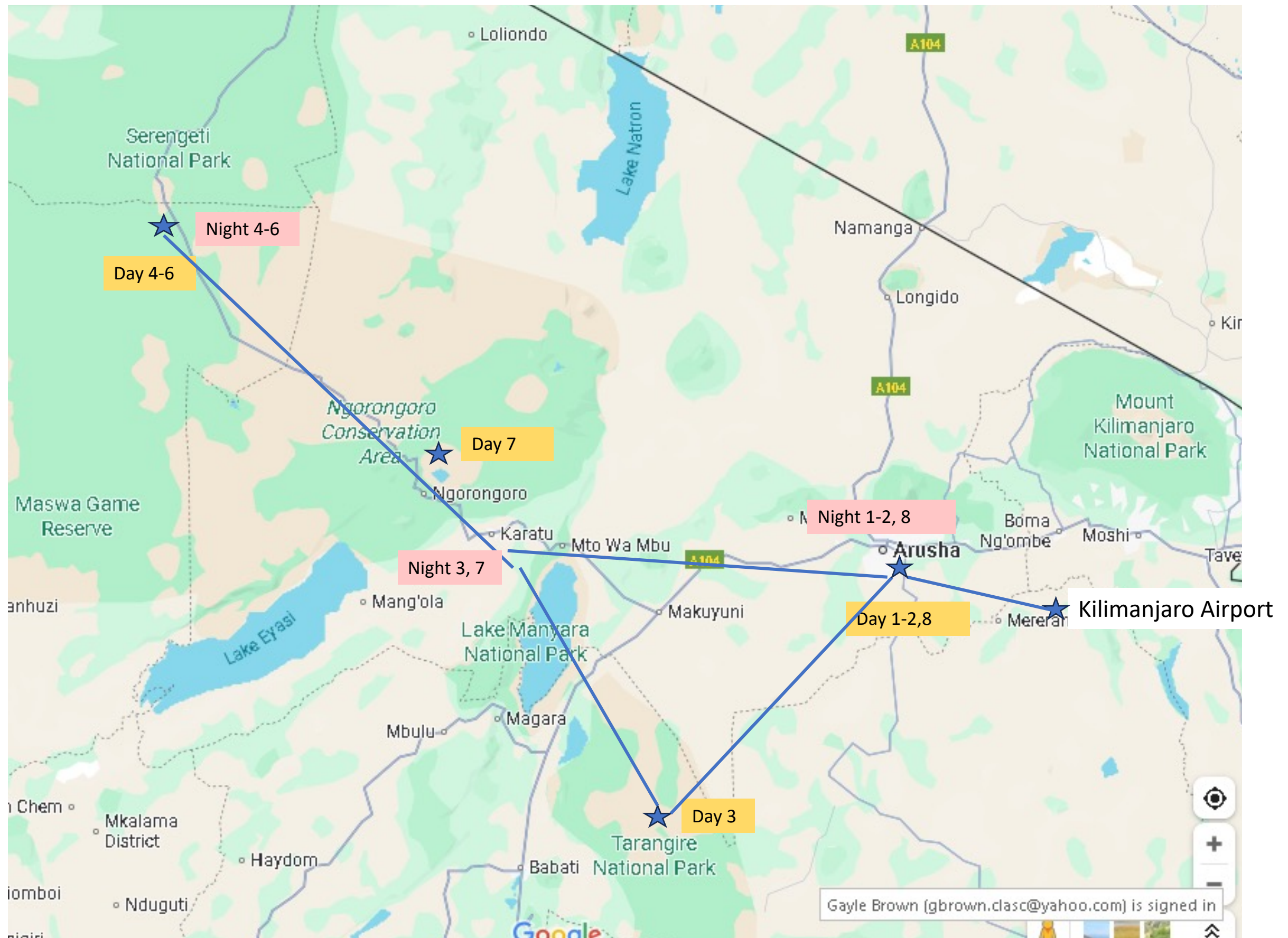
Weather

Rainy season: Long Rain (*maskia*) March to May. The Short Rains (*vuli*) mid November to mid January.

Dry season June to October.

We will be at the end of the dry season. The bonus is that the animals are coming to the water areas where we will go.

Highs and lows for Nov 1st and 9th Arusha 59/86, 61/83 Karatu: 60/85, 61/82 Serengeti (Seronera) 60 / 89, 59/86



Day 1 Arusha

Early morning arrival at JRO airport

Transfer to Arusha (drive time ~1:30)

Early check-in

Evening TSC Welcome Party



Nights 1 - 2 Arusha
Lodging: Gran Melia Arusha hotel
Luxury Class



Day 2

Optional tours in Arusha area.
TBD Minimum number for each tour.

Activity	Est Cost	Location
Masai Market & Art Gallery	\$50	Arusha Town
Snake Park	\$20	Meserani - Arusha
Day Hike at Mt. Kilimanjaro	\$180	Marangu, Mt Kilimanjaro Gate
Horse - Wildlife Day Ride	\$150	Dolly - Estate - USA River
Arusha Giraffe Centre	\$55	Arusha



Our Vehicles: Fleet of Toyota Land Cruiser 7-seaters (pop-tops).
VHF radio, fridge and charging ports. Max 5 guests per jeep for comfort.

These will be used all week, even on the transfer days, as every day has some time in one of the parks.



Day 3

Tarangire National Park

Activities

Morning drive to **Tarangire National Park** (Drive time: ~2:00)

Afternoon safari

Come with us as we look for lions, elephants and so much more amid the baobab trees and classic safari scenery of **Tarangire National Park**.



Night 3 Karatu
Lodging: Ngorongoro Farm House and Valley



Days 4 - 6

Serengeti National Park



Activities

Day 4

Morning drive to **Serengeti National Park** (drive time ~2:30)

Afternoon - Enjoy the safari experience of a lifetime on your guided safari game drive through **Serengeti National Park**. A guide will help you look for big cats, elephants and more as you drive through so many classic safari landscapes.

Day 5

Full Day Safari Game Drive, **Serengeti National Park**

All Day - 6 - 7 Hours

Day 6

Full Day Safari Game Drive, **Serengeti National Park**

All Day - 6 - 7 Hours



Night 4 Serengeti National Park
Lodging: Serengeti Kati Kati tented camp
(real beds and real bathrooms)



Nights 5 - 6 Serengeti National Park

Lodging: Melia Serengeti Lodge (about ~100 TSC travelers) and Lahia Tented Lodge (overflow)



Lahia Tented Lodge



Day 7

Ngorongoro Crater

Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest inactive and intact volcanic caldera. The volcano was active from 2 to 3 million years ago.

Activities

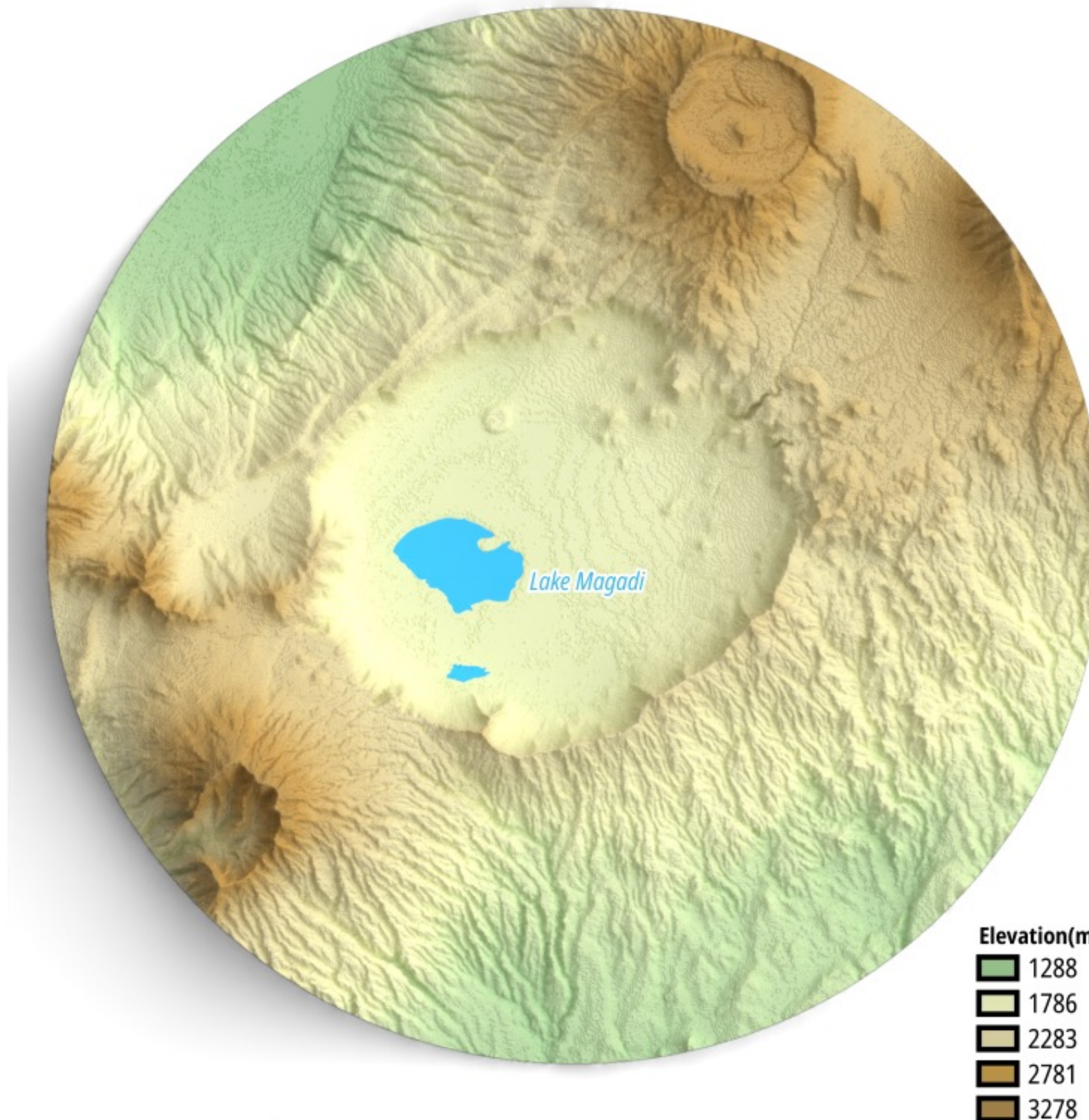
Morning drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area then
Ngorongoro Crater safari tour (6 – 7 hrs)

Drive to Ngorongoro Farm House





Ngorongoro Crater



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Night 7 Karatu

Lodging: Return to Ngorongoro Farm House and Valley



Day/Night 8

Return to Arusha



Activities

Morning drive to **Arusha** (drive time ~2:30)

Check-in at Gran Melia hotel

Relaxing at the hotel

TSC Farewell Dinner



Day 9 (Nov 9)

Main trip - Departure

Early transfer (drive time ~1:30) to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) to fly home.



Optional Post Trip Extension: Zanzibar Beach Escape, 4 days

Dates: Nov 9-12, 4* resort

Fly JRO airport to Zanzibar (possibly small plane)

Optional activities: Stone Town tour, spice farm, dolphin visit, cave swimming with turtles, snorkeling, etc.

Mandatory health insurance \$40/person, not included in price

