

TSC Fall Expedition Trip 2026: Tanzania Safari

Dates: Oct 30 – Nov 9, 2026

Main trip in country: 9 days / 8 nights

Tour Operator: WildReality Safari



CLASC estimated prices: Main Trip Ground package w/ bus \$5230*

For **Full package**: Add Group air, Roundtrip, Economy (Turkish Air via Istanbul):

Main Trip (return Nov 9, Kilimanjaro-Houston): \$1920

Zanzibar (return Nov 12, Zanzibar-Houston): \$1769

Victoria Falls (return Nov 16, Dar es Salaam-Houston): \$1816

Mahale (return Nov 19, Dar es Salaam-Houston): \$1816

Business Class air seats are limited, additional \$4000 -6000 roundtrip (depending on return)

Optional 3-Night Post Trip Extension #1: Zanzibar Beach Escape, Nov 9-12, \$1390

Optional 3-Night Post Trip Extension #2: Victoria Falls, Nov 12-15, \$3315

Optional 3-Night Post Trip Extension #3: Mahale Park, Nov 16-19, \$4000

All Packages include:

All lodging

All tours and transfers

Meals: All meals Nov 1-9

Full package includes:

Round Trip Air (air is Houston to Kilimanjaro Airport on Turkish Air, via Istanbul)

Airport Transfers (If not taking Group air, transfer is \$40 round trip)

Not included: \$100 Tanzania Visa. This must be done online by each person.

Main Trip – Payment and Cancellation

Feb 20: Main trip Land payment of **\$600** per person is due.

Feb 20: Air deposit **\$100** is due - **non-refundable**.

Apr 20: Second payment of **50% of Main Land** package is due.

Up to Jun 15: **Main trip Land** portion is **refundable**. (From 6/15 – 9/15, partial refund available. Max number of cancellations for the group apply.)

Aug 15: **Final balance, land and air, is due.**

After Sep 15: **Main** package, land and air are **non-refundable**.

All Post trip extensions – Payment and Cancellation

Apr 20: Extensions payment of **30%** of each land package is due – **non-refundable**.

Aug 15: **Final balance, land and air, is due.**

After Aug 15: A total of **65%** of the payment for **Land portion** of extensions is **non-refundable**.

After Sep 15: All **Land** packages are **non-refundable**.

Sep 15 – Oct 15: **50% of Air** is **non-refundable**. (plus the \$100 deposit)

After Oct 15: **Air** is **non-refundable**.

CLASC is holding 30 spots. Estimated TSC trip size is 88. Trip Leader: Gayle Brown, gbrown.clasc@yahoo.com

*Price are CLASC estimates per person for Full Pkg (with Air), or Ground Pkg (Lodging, airport transfers, parties and fees) based on double occupancy, do not include baggage fees, are for Club members only and are subject to change. Cancellation Policy available.

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Main Trip In-country Itinerary

Day	Destination	Accommodation
Day 1-2	Arusha	Gran Melia Arusha
Day 3	Tarangire NP	Ngorongoro Farm Lodge
Day 4	Serengeti NP	Serengeti Kati Kati Tented Camp
Day 5-6	Serengeti NP	Meliá Serengeti or Lahia Tented Lodge
Day 7	Travel day	Ngorongoro Farm Lodge
Day 8	Ngorongoro Crater, Arusha	Gran Melia Arusha
Day 9	Kilimanjaro Airport	(No accommodation)

(see map on last page)

Detailed Itinerary

Day -1, Day 0 Oct 30-31

Overnight flights to Kilimanjaro

Day 1, Sun, Nov 1 Arusha

Pick Up from the Airport, **Kilimanjaro Airport** (very early morning)

Transfer to the Hotel **Gran Melia Arusha**

Rest and recovery day.

Day 2, Mon, Nov 2 Arusha

On your own to see Arusha, or

Optional:

Day trip trekking at Mt. Kilimanjaro, **Marangu Mount Kilimanjaro**, \$180 per person

Visit to Masai Market and Art Gallery, **Arusha**, \$50 per person

Materuni waterfall hike and Coffee tour, \$80 per person, includes lunch

Snake Park, Meserani **Arusha**, \$20 per person

Horseback Wildlife Day Ride, **Dolly Arusha**, \$150 per person

Visit to Arusha Giraffe Centre, **Arusha**, \$55 per person

Payment for all Day 2 optional activities will be made upon arrival in Arusha on Day 1. Payment can be made in cash or Visa or Mastercard (no other cards are accepted, card fee applies).

Welcome Party

Day 3, Tues, Nov 3

Drive to **Tarangire National Park**

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.

Drive to the Karatu Lodge, **Ngorongoro Farm Lodge**

(total drive time today 3:30, plus the tour of Tarangire Park)

Day 4, Wed, Nov 4

Drive to **Serengeti National Park**. Safari in transit. (total drive time today 5:00)

Option for Bush Plane transfer (1 hr flight) \$220 per person

Kati Kati Tented Camp

Day 5, Thurs, Nov 5

You'll enjoy the safari experience of a lifetime on your guided 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. Although every big cat sighting is special, they're only a part of the story here: there's a good chance you'll also see elephants, zebras, giraffes, wildebeest, buffaloes and spotted hyenas and much more.

All Day, 6-7 hrs: Full Day Game Drive, Serengeti National Park

Meliá Serengeti Lodge or Lahia Tented Lodge

Day 6, Fri, Nov 6

All Day, 6-7 hrs: Full Day Game Drive, Serengeti National Park

Option for Hot Air Balloon ride \$600 per person (reservation needed 2 weeks before trip, non-refundable)

Meliá Serengeti Lodge or Lahia Tented Lodge

Day 7, Sat, Nov 7

Drive to Karatu (total drive time today 6-7:00)

Option for Bush Plane transfer (1 hr flight) \$220 per person

Return to **Ngorongoro Farm Lodge**, Karatu

Day 8, Sun, Nov 8

Crater tour, **Ngorongoro Crater**. Your first sight of Ngorongoro Crater is likely not one you'll easily forget. As seen from the crater rim, this natural bowl, both vast and intimate, is one of Africa's most beautiful natural features, stretching 19 green kilometers (12 miles) from one side to the other.

Dive to **Arusha**

Relaxing at the hotel, **Gran Melia Arusha**

Farewell Dinner

(total drive time today 5:30, plus the tour of Ngorongoro Crater)

Day 9, Mon, Nov 9

It is departure time. (The Group air flight to Houston would require leaving the hotel about 1 AM.)

Optional Post-Trip extensions: (Separate flyers with more details)

See Round-trip Air cost details on page 1

Post Trip Option #1: Zanzibar Beach Escape, Nov 9-12

4 Days / 3 Nights

CLASC estimate: Zanzibar Package \$1390

Single Room: +\$390

Included: Domestic air Kilimanjaro to Zanzibar, 3 nights' lodging, airport transfers, all meals.

Not included: Mandatory Zanzibar Health Travel Insurance of **\$40 per person**. This must be done online by each person.

Lodging: Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa

The name Zanzibar evokes images of palm-fringed coastlines framing white sandy beaches and the warm, crystal-clear water of the Indian Ocean. It's no surprise, then, that the sultans of yesteryear chose this location as their key trading post.

Fly from Kilimanjaro to Zanzibar. Note: return flight departs from Zanzibar to Houston.

Spend the next two days relaxing on the beach with a book in hand.

For those who are more active, there are a variety of optional activities available at an additional cost: (each is a minimum 5 people, for all of TSC)

- Stone Town Tour - \$30 Per Person
- Saalam Cave Swimming with Sea Turtles In (Kizimkazi) \$70
- Jozani Forest - \$70 Per Person
- Prison Island Tour – \$70 Per Person
- Snorkeling and Sand Bank Tour - \$70 Per Person

Post Trip Option#2 Add on – (after Zanzibar) then **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, Nov 12 -15**

4 days/3 nights

Victoria Falls Package: \$3315

Included: Air from Zanzibar to Victoria Falls. Return to Dar es Salaam; 3 nights' lodging, airport transfers, all meals

Single room: +\$385

Lodging: Ilala Lodge Hotel

Enjoy a sunset cruise, a half-day guided tour of Victoria Falls, an afternoon game drive, and an evening of traditional African entertainment at the famed Boma Dinner. One day of relaxation or self-exploration.

Post Trip Option#3 Add on – (after Zanzibar, Victoria Falls) then **Mahale National Park, Tanzania, Nov 16 -19.** (chimpanzee treks)
4 days/3 nights +;

Mahale Package: \$4000

Included: Roundtrip air from Dar es Salaam to Kigoma; 3 nights' lodging in Mahale, airport transfers, all meals
Single room: +\$900

Lodging: 1 'night' in Dar es Salaam, Mediterraneo Hotel (flight from Victoria arrives 1:00 am, flight to Kigoma leaves early morning)

Lodging: 3 nights Mbali Mbali Mahale Lodge

Transfer from Kigoma to Mahale on a dhow boat transfer (approx. 2 hours). Two half-day chimpanzee treks, afternoon boat Safari along the lakeshore. Evening 'sundowners'.

Main Trip Lodging:

Gran Melia Arusha <https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/tanzania/arusha/gran-melia-arusha>

A convenient Arusha city center location. Some of the rooms have fabulous views of shapely Mount Meru off in the distance. There's an onsite restaurant, spa and wellness center, heated pool. 5 min to city center.

Ngorongoro Farm House Lodge <https://twctanzania.com/ngorongoro-highlands/ngorongoro-farm-house/>

Hand plaited thatched roof tops, ample verandas and colonial interiors at Ngorongoro Farm House, a small and exclusive hotel built on a 500-acre coffee plantation. Swimming pool, massage cabin, souvenir shop, wi-fi, laundry service.

Serengeti Kati Kati Tented Camp <https://twctanzania.com/serengeti-national-park/serengeti-kati-kati-tented-camp/>

This excellent camp has large, well-spaced tents that face out onto an area known for its wildlife: you never quite know when a lion or elephant family might wander by. Excellent meals and a nightly campfire beneath an endless spray of stars are further highlights of staying here. Tents have bathroom with flush toilet and bucket shower. Wi-fi.

Meliá Serengeti Lodge https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/tanzania/serengeti-national-park/hotel-serengeti-lodge-melia-collection?utm_campaign=google&utm_content=7068&utm_medium=organic&utm_source=directories

In harmony with the fabulous natural surroundings of the Serengeti National Park, this hotel offers an intense wildlife experience accompanied by all the comforts of the most exclusive accommodation. Elegant rooms inspired by Maasai traditions with spectacular views of the hotel gardens or Serengeti plains. A dining experience that reinterprets local dishes with ingredients inspired by international cuisine. Includes an infinity pool, gym and spa.

Lahia Tented Lodge <https://twctanzania.com/serengeti-national-park/lahia-tented-lodge/>

The stylish, wood-floored safari tents sit on stilts and have excellent views from their terraces. There's a swimming pool and the main building houses a bar and a restaurant. Apart from the views, which you'll never forget, there's so much wildlife to see in the area as well.

