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SAMPLE ITINERARY

10 Days Ol Doinyo Lengai Climb and Safari

A midnight climb up the Maasai's Mountain of God, an active volcano, with sunrise over the Rift Valley.

DURATION	STARTS	STYLE	PRICE
10 Days / 9 Nights	Arusha	Mid-range	On request

Route: Arusha → Lake Natron → Ol Doinyo Lengai → Ngorongoro → Tarangire

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YOUR JOURNEY

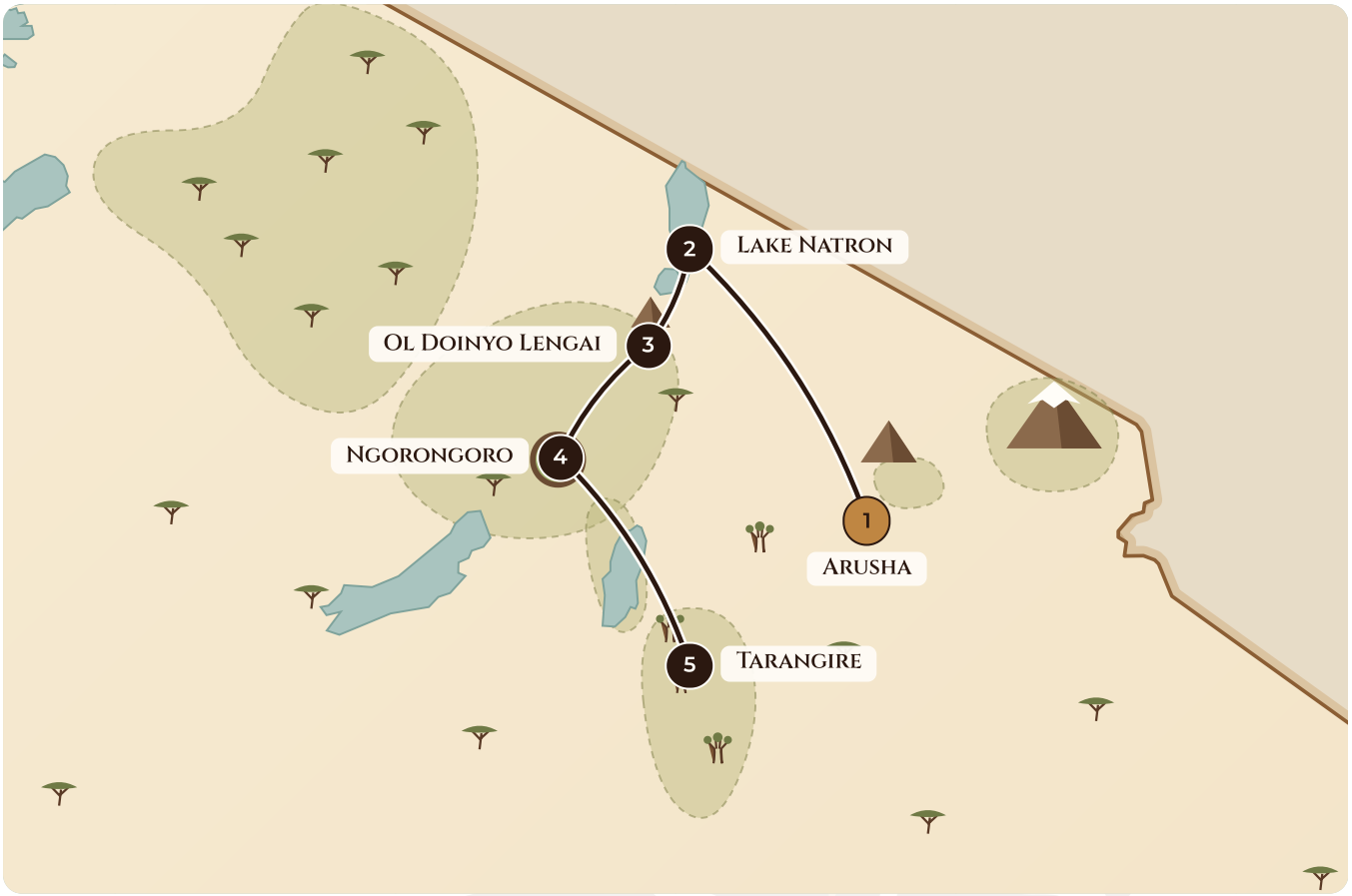
The overview

Ol Doinyo Lengai is an active volcano rising straight from the Rift Valley floor. The climb is short but very steep, on loose ash, and starts at midnight to avoid the heat. It's paired with Lake Natron, the Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire, and our crew checks current volcanic activity before you climb.

Highlights

- Summit at about 2,962 m
- Midnight climb and sunrise
- An active volcano
- Lake Natron's flamingos
- Ngorongoro and Tarangire safari

Your route



Journey start · Stop · By road

Illustrative map, not to be used for navigation.

Day 1	Arrival in Arusha
Day 2	Arusha – Lake Natron
Day 3	Lake Natron and Ngare Sero Waterfall
Day 4	Summit Night: Ol Doinyo Lengai
Day 5	Lake Natron – Empakaai and the Highlands
Day 6	Walking at Empakaai Crater
Day 7	Ngorongoro Crater
Day 8	Ngorongoro Highlands – Tarangire
Day 9	Tarangire National Park
Day 10	Return to Arusha and Departure

Day by day

DAY 1

Arrival in Arusha

Arrive in northern Tanzania, where a Hartebeest Safaris representative welcomes you and provides a private transfer to your Arusha accommodation. Settle in, recover from the flight and go through the plan for the days ahead.

Personal airport welcome | Private transfer | Briefing and route review

TRAVEL
Approximately 45–75 minutes from Kilimanjaro International Airport, depending on traffic.

MEALS
Dinner, depending on arrival time

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 2

Arusha – Lake Natron

Drive north on rough roads through Maasai country, past Engaruka's ancient irrigation ruins and down to the hot shores of Lake Natron, with Lengai rising ahead.

Maasai country | Engaruka ruins | First view of Lengai

TRAVEL
Usually 5–6 hours on rough roads.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Camp at Lake Natron, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 3

Lake Natron and Ngare Sero Waterfall

Spend the day getting used to the heat. Walk the shore looking for flamingos, then wade up a river gorge to the waterfall. Go to bed early, ready for a midnight start.

Lakeshore walk | Ngare Sero waterfall | Climb briefing

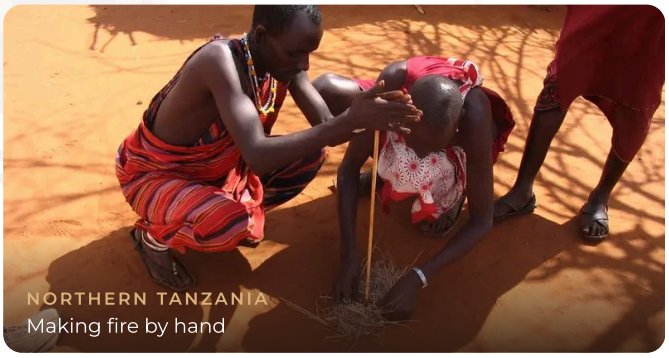
TRAVEL
Short walks only, to save your legs. Flamingo numbers vary by season.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Camp at Lake Natron, confirmed in the final quotation.



NORTHERN TANZANIA
A Maasai jumping dance



NORTHERN TANZANIA
Making fire by hand

DAY 4

Summit Night: Ol Doinyo Lengai

Drive to the trailhead around midnight and climb by headlamp up steep, loose ash, reaching the crater rim at about sunrise. Look down into the active crater, then make the long, tough descent and rest for the afternoon.

Sunrise over the Rift Valley | An active volcano's crater | Views over Lake Natron

TRAVEL
Usually 5–7 hours up and 3–4 down, and very steep. The climb depends on current volcanic activity.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Camp at Lake Natron, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 5

Lake Natron – Empakaai and the Highlands

Rest in the morning, then climb the Rift Valley wall on a rough road to the cool highlands near Empakaai Crater.

Rift Valley wall | Cool highland air | Maasai villages

TRAVEL
Usually 4–5 hours on rough roads.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Lodge in the Ngorongoro Highlands, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 6

Walking at Empakaai Crater

Walk down with a ranger through the forest walls of Empakaai to its soda lake, an easy way to enjoy the highlands after your climb.

Empakaai Crater walk | Forest walls | Possible flamingos

TRAVEL
Usually 3–4 hours, including a steep walk back up.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Lodge in the Ngorongoro Highlands, confirmed in the final quotation.



NORTHERN TANZANIA
A Maasai herder and goats



NGORONGORO
Looking into the crater

DAY 7

Ngorongoro Crater

Descend early to the crater floor for a game drive across grassland and wetlands, with a picnic lunch among the wildlife.

Ngorongoro Crater descent | Big Five viewing potential | Picnic on the crater floor

TRAVEL
Early descent is recommended; crater access and timing follow park rules.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Lodge in the Ngorongoro Highlands, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 8

Ngorongoro Highlands – Tarangire

Drive down through the farmland and the Rift Valley to Tarangire, with an afternoon game drive among the baobabs.

Rift Valley views | Afternoon game drive | Baobab sunset

TRAVEL
Usually 3–4 hours by road, with stops.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Lodge or tented camp, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 9

Tarangire National Park

Trade your boots for a game drive among baobabs and elephant families along the Tarangire River.

Large elephant herds | Ancient baobabs | Excellent birdlife

TRAVEL
Game-drive duration remains flexible and is agreed with your guide.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Lodge or tented camp, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 10

Return to Arusha and Departure

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and a scenic drive back through the Rift Valley to Arusha, in time for your onward connection.

Relaxed final morning | Scenic Rift Valley drive | Departure transfer

TRAVEL
Usually 3–4 hours by road. Transfer timing follows your flight.

MEALS
Breakfast and lunch

STAY
No accommodation included unless an extension is requested.



Mid-range

Natron Camp and Safari Lodges

A simple camp at Lake Natron, followed by lodges or tented camps on safari. Exact properties are confirmed in your tailored quotation.

Included

- Private vehicle and driver-guide
- Licensed local climbing guide
- Village, park and conservation fees
- Accommodation and all meals on the trip
- Game drives, vehicle and park fees for the safari days
- Airport transfers

Not included

- International flights
- Tanzania visa and travel insurance
- Personal walking clothing and boots
- Crew tips and personal expenses
- Drinks not listed as included

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This itinerary is a starting point. Tell us your dates, travellers and interests, and we will reply with a tailored proposal and quotation, usually within 24 hours.

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