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SAMPLE ITINERARY

10 Days Usambara Mountains Trek

Village-to-village walking through green farmland and ancient rainforest, with huge views from the edge of the escarpment.

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

Route: Arusha → Usambara Mountains

Makao Mapya, Arusha, Tanzania

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YOUR JOURNEY

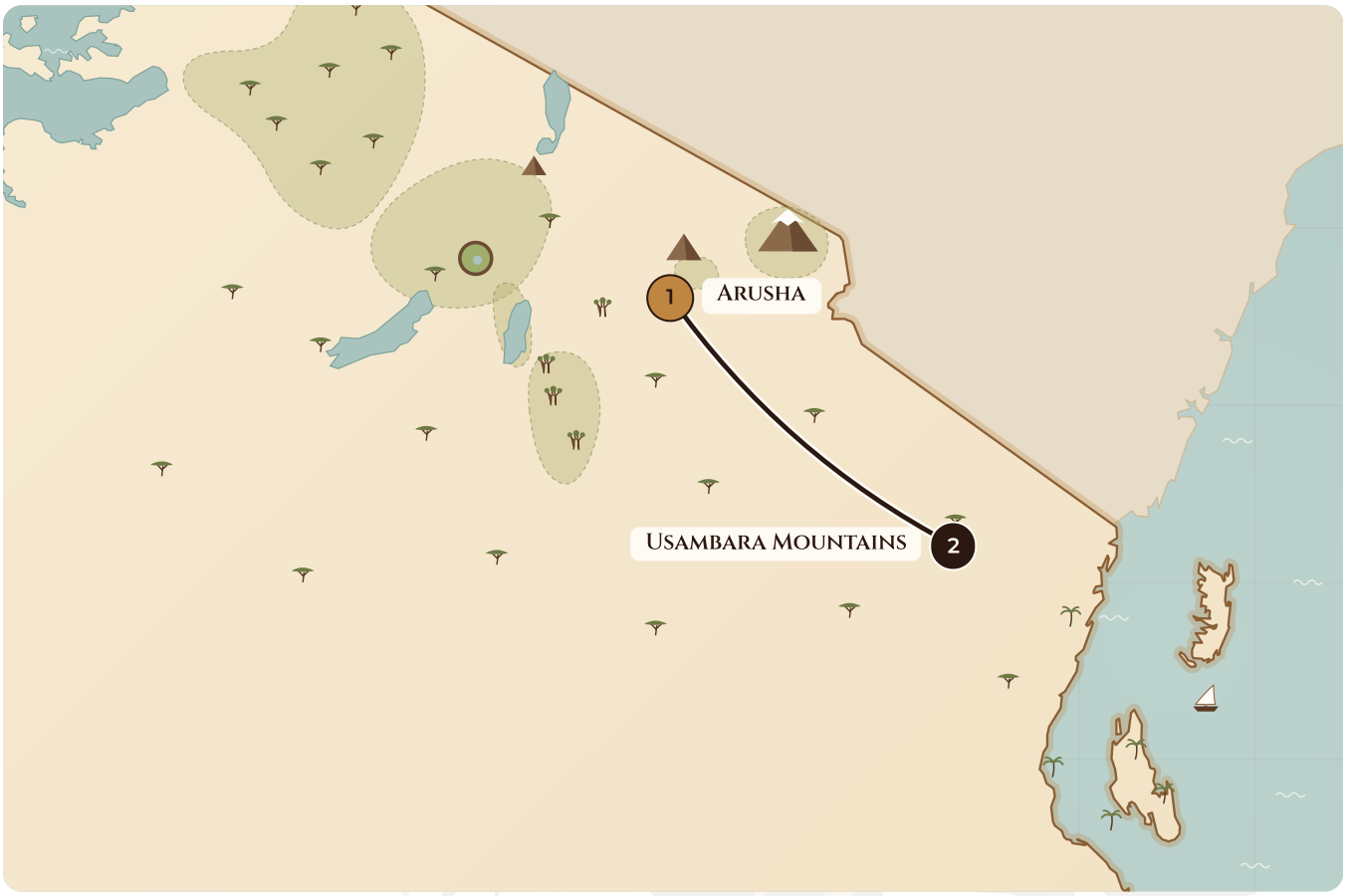
The overview

The Usambaras are among Africa's most beautiful walking country: cool hills, rainforest and friendly farming villages. Days are moderate rather than extreme, which makes this a lovely choice if you want to walk without altitude, with local guides and community stays.

Highlights

- Lushoto to Mtae on foot
- Irente and Mtae viewpoints
- Magamba rainforest
- Amani's rare forest wildlife
- Stay with local communities

Your route



Journey start · Stop · By road

Illustrative map, not to be used for navigation.

Day 1	Arrival in Arusha
Day 2	Arusha – Lushoto
Day 3	Irente Viewpoint Walk
Day 4	Magamba Rainforest
Day 5	Lushoto – Rangwi
Day 6	Rangwi – Mtae
Day 7	Mtae Villages and Viewpoints
Day 8	Mtae – Amani Nature Reserve
Day 9	Walking in Amani's Forest
Day 10	Amani – 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 – Lushoto

Drive beneath the Pare Mountains and then climb the winding road into the Usambaras, where the air cools and the hills turn green.

Pare Mountains views | Mountain road | Cool Lushoto evening

TRAVEL
Usually 5–6 hours by road, with stops.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Mountain lodge in Lushoto, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 3

Irente Viewpoint Walk

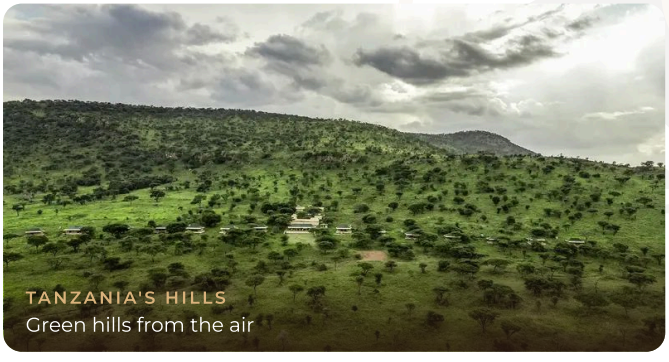
Walk through farms and villages to Irente, where the hills drop away suddenly to the Maasai Steppe far below. Stop at the cheese farm for lunch on the way.

Irente viewpoint | Farm lunch | Village paths

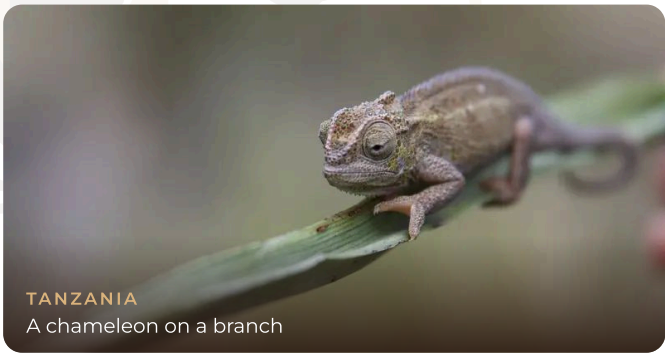
TRAVEL
Usually 4–5 hours of easy walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Mountain lodge in Lushoto, confirmed in the final quotation.



TANZANIA'S HILLS
Green hills from the air



TANZANIA
A chameleon on a branch

DAY 4

Magamba Rainforest

Walk with a local guide among the huge old trees of Magamba, looking for black-and-white colobus and chameleons, and visit an old German-era nursery.

Magamba rainforest | Colobus monkeys | Chameleons

TRAVEL
Usually 5–6 hours, with some steep sections.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Mountain lodge in Lushoto, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 5

Lushoto – Rangwi

Set off on your village-to-village walk north through terraced farms, with pack support so you carry only a daypack.

Terraced farmland | Village paths | Daypack only

TRAVEL
Usually 5–6 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Simple guesthouse in Rangwi, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 6

Rangwi – Mtae

Continue along the ridge to Mtae, perched at the edge of the escarpment, with views stretching towards Mkomazi and the Pare Mountains.

Ridge walking | Mtae's escarpment | Sunset views

TRAVEL
Usually 5–7 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Simple guesthouse in Mtae, confirmed in the final quotation.



TANZANIA
Walking with a local guide



TANZANIA
A bird in the bush

DAY 7

Mtae Villages and Viewpoints

Take a shorter walk around Mtae to see the viewpoints and how the community lives, with time to rest in the afternoon.

Local village life | Mkomazi views | A slower afternoon

TRAVEL
Usually 3–4 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Simple guesthouse in Mtae, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 8

Mtae – Amani Nature Reserve

Drive down from the mountains and across the plains to the East Usambaras and the deep, wet forest of Amani.

Mountain road descent | East Usambara forest | Evening forest walk

TRAVEL
A long driving day of about 5–6 hours.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Simple forest rest house at Amani, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 9

Walking in Amani's Forest

Walk with a reserve guide through one of the richest forests in Africa, looking for rare birds, butterflies and chameleons among the old tea and spice plantations.

Rare forest wildlife | Butterflies and birds | Tea and spice history

TRAVEL
Usually 3–5 hours of easy walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Simple forest rest house at Amani, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 10

Amani – Departure

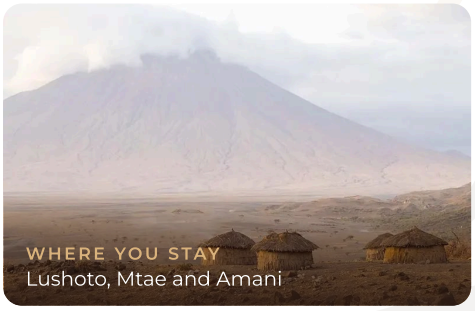
Drive down from the forest to Kilimanjaro Airport, or to Dar es Salaam, for your onward connection.

Forest morning | Road transfer | Departure transfer

TRAVEL
A long road transfer of about 6–7 hours. Please book evening flights or stay an extra night.

MEALS
Breakfast and lunch

STAY
No accommodation included unless an extension is requested.



Mid-range

Mountain lodges and simple guesthouses

Comfortable lodges around Lushoto, with simple guesthouses in the villages along the trek. Exact properties are confirmed in your tailored quotation.

Included

- Private vehicle and driver-guide for road transfers
- Local walking guides and rangers where required
- Park, forest reserve and village walking fees
- Accommodation and meals as listed in the itinerary
- 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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