

5 DAYS NGORONGORO HIGHLANDS TREKKING



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5 Days Ngorongoro Highlands Trekking is one of the best Tanzania Walking Safari. It is a lifetime adventure. After several days in a safari vehicle, most people find it quite refreshing to get out for a walk even if only for an hour or so like Ngorongoro Highlands Trekking.

The journey through the highlands takes us to the edge of the Great Rift Valley where we then descend to the base of the escarpment wall right on the foot of Mt. Ol Doinyo Lengai. Known to the Maasai as the “Mountain of God”, Ol Doinyo Lengai is one of the most unique active volcanoes in the world. Our trek ends up on the shores of the beautiful Lake Natron, an alkaline lake which serves as the breeding ground for the Lesser Flamingo.

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Hike to the stunning Empakai Crater, a hidden gem with a mesmerizing lake at its centre, surrounded by lush landscapes and rare bird species.*
- *Conquer the challenging ascent of Ol Doinyo Lengai, an active volcano, and witness panoramic views of the Great Rift Valley.*
- *Engage with local Maasai communities, gaining insight into their traditional way of life, customs, and rituals.*
- *Enjoy breathtaking vistas of the Ngorongoro Highlands throughout the trek, with opportunities to capture stunning landscapes and unique geological formations.*





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: MOSHI / ARUSHA TO OLMOTI CRATER TO NAINOKANOKA

We would pick you up from your hotel in the morning and we would drive on a good tar road to the village of Mto wa Mbu all along the escarpment of the Great Rift Valley. The Masai plains that stretch to the horizon and the grand beauty of the alkaline Lake Manyara down below would give you one of the best scenic sights to watch.

Take a short drive further alkaline Lake Manyara down below. After a short drive from there, you would reach at the gate of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The drive through the scenic crater roads will continue until you arrive in Nainokanoka: a Massai village. During the setting of the camp here you can climb up to the rim of the Olmoti Crater or can enjoy a small waterfall taking a short hop from there. Dinner will be served at the camp. Depending on the time of year, it might be cold (the camp is at an altitude of 2,650 m).

- Lunch; Dinner



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DAY 2: NAINOKANOKA TO BULATI

In the early morning, a Masai guide will arrive with his donkeys. After breakfast and loading the donkeys, the journey begins and you will pass many traditional Masai bomas and cattle herds. Soon, you might also see wild animals such as Thompson and Grant's gazelles, zebras and wildebeests with hungry jackals not far behind and majestic eagles observing the situation. After approximately 16 km of hiking, you will reach a campsite not far from the Masai village Bulati.

Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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DAY 3: BULATI TO EMPAKAI

After breakfast, the journey goes up a hill from where you have a last panoramic view of the grass plains below. You would have to trek through the bushy landscapes till you reach the Oldonyo Lengai: an active volcano. Before returning to the campsite at the evening you would explore the great views of the majestic volcano as well as into the impressive Empakai Crater.

Remember, after exploring the crater, there is a well-maintained path to descend to Lake Empakai inside the crater. This alkaline soda lake is an important food source for flamingos, which can be seen throughout the year. Returning to camp supper will be waiting for you. During the night you might hear the flamingos call as they fly back to their breeding nests at Lake Manyara and Lake Natron.

Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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DAY 4: EMPAKAI CRATER TO ACACIA CAMP

Today you will hike to the Masai village Naiyobi and following a good path, the village as well as Oldonyo Lengai, an active volcano, can be seen from a distance. After lunch in Naiyobi, the trek leaves the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the landscape becomes drier and warmer. Tonight's camp will be set up amongst an acacia forest.

Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

DAY 5: ACACIA CAMP TO ENGARE SERO TO ARUSHA/MOSHI

The last stage of the Journey is not too long and it goes mainly downhill. The highlights of the trek are the great views of Oldonyo Lengai, Lake Natron and the Rift Valley. The rugged countryside looks almost surreal covered by grey ash of the last eruption in 2007. You can see the ash up close descending down into the dry and hot Rift Valley. By the lunchtime, you would wait to your waiting vehicle that would take you back to Arusha/ Moshi.



INCLUDES

- *Airport transfer*
- *All meals and accommodation as per itinerary*
- *Expedition Leader/Professional Driver Guide*
- *Park fees and Government taxes*
- *Complimentary Maasai blanket*
- *Snacks/Drinking Water/ Other soft drinks*



EXCLUDES

- *Optional excursions and activities not listed in the itinerary*
- *Tips, Gratuities, Laundry and other items of personal nature*
- *Alcohol beverages*
- *Visa and related cost*
- *Insurance*
- *International flights*



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