



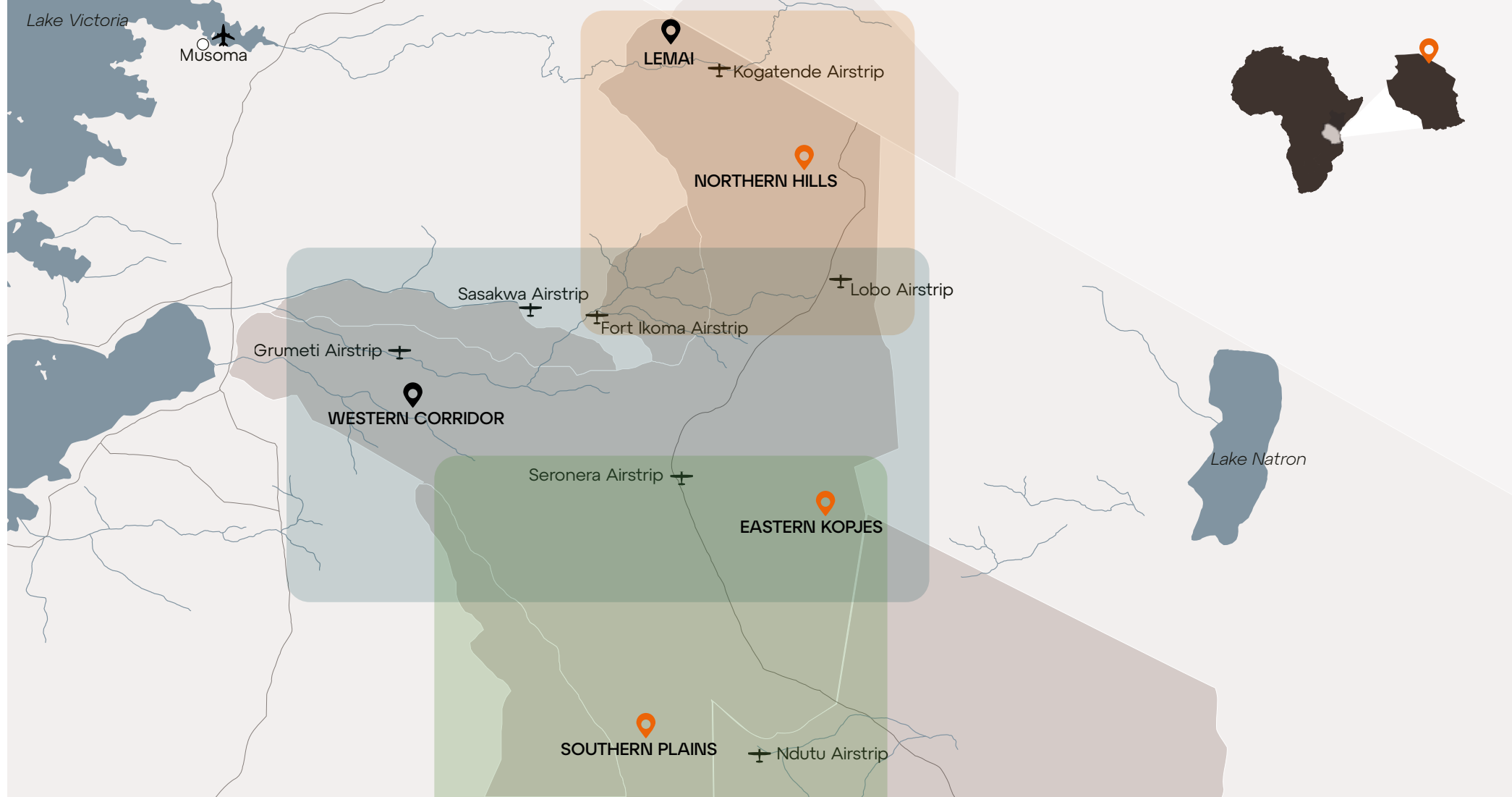
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2023-2024 LOCATIONS





- RIVER CROSSINGS
 July - October
- SMALLER HERDS/TRANSITIONS
 April - June
 October - December
- CALVING SEASON
 February - April

KEY POINTS

- Wilderness Usawa Serengeti is a mobile operation which follows the Great Wildebeest Migration and weather patterns, to provide the best wildlife experience for guests.
- The opening dates for our locations are our best guess as to where the herds and best wildlife will be – although this changes from year to year. If annual variations indicate that the experience will be better in a different area, we will move/change camps and re-route guests if necessary.
- In 2024, we anticipate operating in Southern Plains, Eastern Kopjes & Northern Hills. Our other locations, such as Lemai or the Western Corridor, will be on standby for 2024.



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In a remote setting away from the Mara River, the camp is positioned in amongst the Nanyumba Hills. The herds come through this open region on the way to, and on the way back, from the river. With two water courses around camp, the area is never without wildlife. The camp is frequently visited by the resident lion pride, which can easily be found on almost every drive. The Mara River can be busy with large numbers of camps and vehicles. The river crossings can be accessed on game drives from the Northern Plains, but camp is away from the busier tourist areas. Quieter regions give rise to more timid wildlife, with both leopards and rhino being spotted near Usawa Serengeti.

We anticipate using this region from June '24 as the herds begin their journey, following the rains out of the drying Southern Plains. In 2023, this area did not lose any signs of the migration during our time there. Usawa Serengeti will move out of this area in November to follow the herds into the Eastern and Southern Plains.

A possible reason that could delay moving into this region are controlled burns, operated by national parks officials, to curb grass growth and encourage regeneration. However, the landscapes recover within a matter of weeks.

DISTANCE TO LOCATION

Kogatende Airstrip: 1.5-hr game drive

Mara River: 2-hr game drive

Serengeti Balloon: 2-hr game drive

CIRCUIT OPPORTUNITIES

2 or 3 nights in each location

June: Usawa Eastern Kopjes & Usawa Northern Hills – 4.5-hr game drive apart

EASTERN KOPJES





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Situated in the more central-eastern area of the Serengeti, the Eastern Kopjes catches the wildebeest on their migration both down to the Southern Plains and back up to the Northern Hills.

Wilderness chose this specific location due to its extremely remote position. Set on the eastern edge of the park and away from other camps, this is a secluded space but still within close striking distance of the Southern and Eastern Plains – famous for the herds during calving, but also cheetah action. The kopjes around the camp provide a suitable shelter for predators and plains game alike. Herds of buffalo, elephant, zebra, a healthy pride of lions, hyena and some solitary leopards are residents year-round.

We anticipate using this region between November and July of next year, as the migration filters down into the open Southern and Eastern Plains to give birth, and then back up again to the more northern reaches following the rains.

A possible reason to move out of this region would be a large proportion of the herds heading into the west rather than using the central-eastern belt. We may also move out of the region earlier in June if the herds move north faster than expected.

DISTANCE TO LOCATION

Seronera Airstrip: 1.5-hr game drive

Eastern Plains: 30 mins

Southern Plains: 2 hrs

Gol Kopjes: 1.5hr game drive

Serengeti Balloon: 1-hr game drive

CIRCUIT OPPORTUNITIES

2 or 3 nights in each location

June & July: Usawa Eastern Kopjes to Usawa Northern Hills – 4.5-hr game drive apart

December, January & February: Usawa Southern Plains & Usawa Eastern Kopjes – 3-hr game drive apart

A large herd of wildebeest is captured in motion, running across a vast, open savanna plain. The animals are dark brown with prominent, curved horns, and they are kicking up a cloud of dust as they move. The background is a hazy, expansive landscape with scattered acacia trees under a bright sky. The text "SOUTHERN PLAINS" is centered in the middle of the image.

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SOUTHERN PLAINS

The Southern Plains were created by the once magnificent Ngorongoro Volcano filling the Serengeti region with millions of years' worth of ash from volcanic eruptions. As such, now the region is a flat expanse of rich, fertile grass. The open plains provide protection for the wildebeest during calving season by banding into huge herds for protection in numbers. Predators can easily be seen approaching, and millions of eyes are available to spot danger, with wildebeest and zebra sounding the warning call.

We anticipate moving into this region in December. Herds have already been noticed in these lower-lying regions as early as October, due to some early rains – so wildlife is in its abundance. The famed Ndutu Woodlands in the NCAA are as close as 1.5 hours, meaning guests can game drive in high-density traffic areas then break away into our more secluded camp.

The camp location enjoys sweeping views, with a mixture of open plains and acacia woodlands. For walking there is a good variety of kopjes, drainage lines and woodlands, despite the Southern Plains being so close by.

A possible reason to move from this location could be the early onset of the rains, which makes using camps set within the Southern Plains region challenging due to the black cotton soil created over millennia by ancient volcanic ash.

DISTANCE TO LOCATION

Seronera Airstrip: 3.5-hr game drive

Kusini Airstrip: 30 mins

Southern Plains: 30 mins

Ndutu Woodlands: 1-hr game drive

Serengeti Balloon: 1-hr game drive

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