



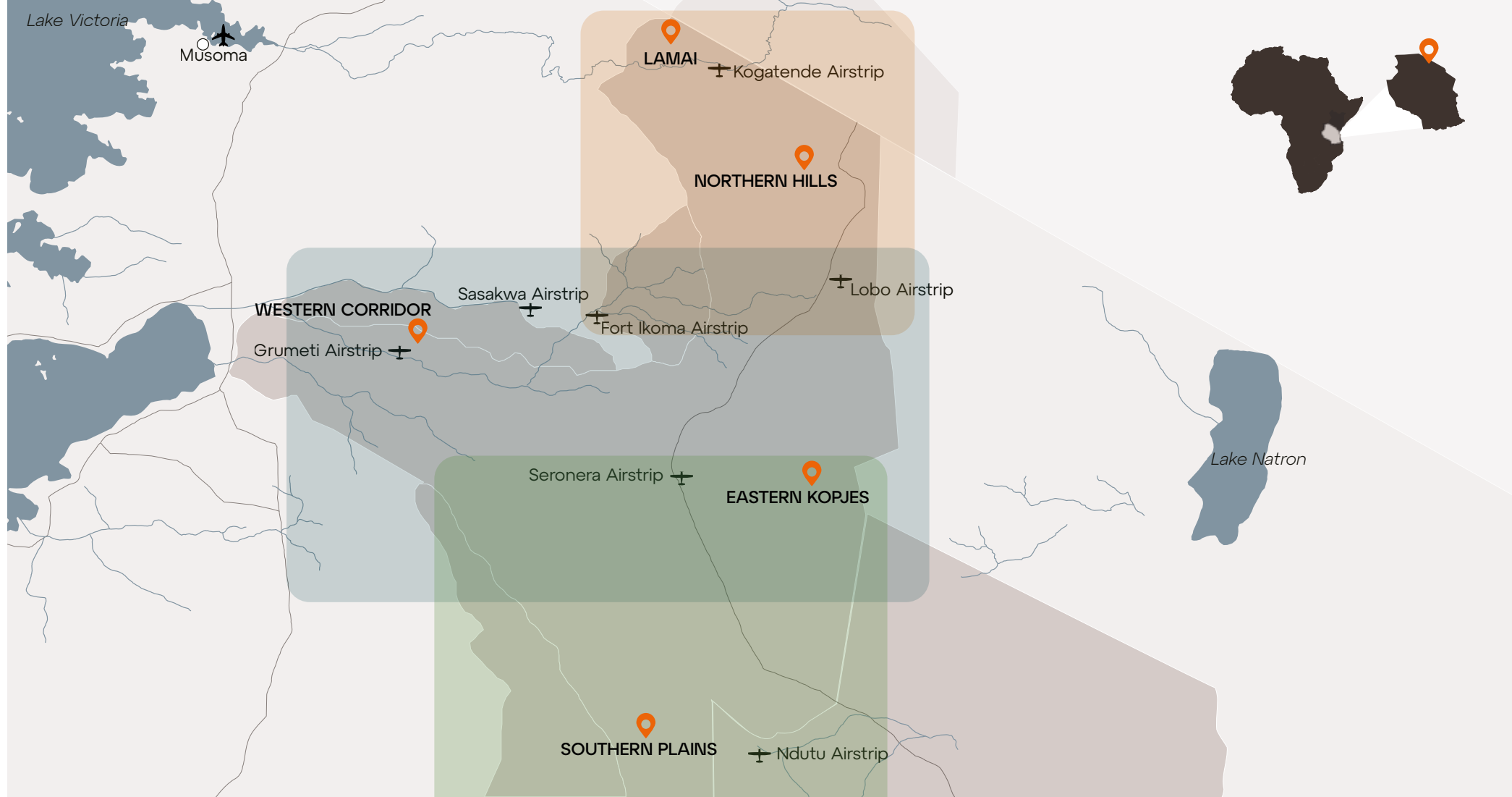
WILDERNESS

TANZANIA

WILDERNESS USAWA SERENGETI

2025-2026 LOCATIONS





- SOUTHERN PLAINS
 – December to April
- LAMAI
 – July to October
- WESTERN CORRIDOR
 – April to July
- EASTERN KOPJES
 – October to February
- NORTHERN HILLS
 – July to October

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.
- We move Wilderness Usawa using live wildlife and weather information coupled with our experience of operating in the Serengeti for over 30 years.
- 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 reroute guests if necessary.



NORTHERN HILLS





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NORTHERN HILLS

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 the camp is set 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 as the herds begin their journey, following the rains out of the drying Southern Plains. Usawa Serengeti will then move out of this area in November to follow the herds back into the Eastern and Southern Plains.

Possible reasons 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 Western Corridor & Usawa Northern Hills – flight between Grumeti Airstrip and Kogatende Airstrip

FLIGHT CONNECTION FROM KOGATENDE AIRSTRIP TO OTHER AREAS

- Lamai Airstrip: 20-minute flight
- Grumeti Airstrip: 25-minute flight
- Seronera Airstrip: 25 minutes
- Kusini Airstrip: 35 minutes

EASTERN KOPJES





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EASTERN KOPJES

Situated in the more central-eastern Serengeti, the Eastern Kopjes catch 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 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 January, as the migration filters down into the open Southern and Eastern Plains to give birth.

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 choose to relocate this camp on the western side, and can re-route flights accordingly.

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

FLIGHT CONNECTION FROM SERONERA AIRSTRIP TO OTHER AREAS

- Kogatende Airstrip: 25-minute flight
- Lamai Airstrip: 35-minute flight
- Grumeti Airstrip: 20-minute flight
- Kusini Airstrip: 15-minute flight

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. The ground is covered in dry, yellowish grass, and a light dust cloud is kicked up by their hooves. In the background, the landscape extends to a horizon dotted with scattered acacia trees under a pale, overcast sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of a massive migration in a natural, wild environment.

SOUTHERN PLAINS



One of the most fertile regions in the Serengeti, drawing herds to the open plains during calving season.

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 calls.

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 here in 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 to 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

Hidden Valley: 30 mins

Ndutu Woodlands: 1-hr game drive

Serengeti Balloon: 1-hr game drive

CIRCUIT OPPORTUNITIES

2 or 3 nights in each location

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

FLIGHT CONNECTION FROM KUSINI AIRSTRIP TO OTHER AREAS

- Kogatende Airstrip: 35-minute flight
- Lamai Airstrip: 45-minute flight
- Grumeti Airstrip: 25-minute flight
- Seronera Airstrip: 15-minute flight

GRUMETI / WESTERN
CORRIDOR





This area is a prime gathering point for the Great Migration between May and July.

GRUMETI / WESTERN CORRIDOR

The Western Corridor of Serengeti National Park lies between the Central Serengeti and Lake Victoria, with the lake forming the park's westernmost boundary. This region is defined by the Grumeti River, which winds through the landscape, flanked by dense riverine forest. The Mbalageti River marks the southern boundary, while the Grumeti Game Reserve borders the north.

The Simiti Hills are the only hills in the corridor that stretch east to west, adding to the area's diverse terrain. The landscape is a mix of woodlands, open plains, and thick riverine forest along the riverbanks.

The Ndabaka Plains are a key highlight of the Western Corridor, located north of the Grumeti River. This area is a prime gathering point for the Great Migration between May and July, as herds pass through in large numbers.

Unlike other parts of the Serengeti, the Western Corridor also supports a resident population of wildebeest, ensuring year-round wildlife activity. This makes the region a rewarding safari destination throughout the year, home to large lion prides, elephant herds, and diverse wildlife.

We may move out of the west sooner if the herds migrate north earlier. The leading animals in the migration do not normally get to Kogatende until late June, with most of the migration filtering out of the central and western areas by August. Fires in the north may cause us to hold in this western location for longer.

DISTANCE TO LOCATION

Grumeti Airstrip: 30-minute game drive

Serengeti Balloon: 2-hour game drive

CIRCUIT OPPORTUNITIES

- 2 or 3 nights in each location
- June & July: Western Corridor to Usawa Northern Hills – 30 minute flight from Grumeti Airstrip to Kogatende airstrip

FLIGHT CONNECTION FROM GRUMETI AIRSTRIP TO OTHER AREAS

- Kogatende Airstrip: 30-minute flight
- Lamai Airstrip: 40-minute flight
- Seronera Airstrip: 15-minute flight
- Kusini Airstrip: 20-minute flight

LAMAI AREA –
NORTHERN
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LAMAI AREA – NORTHERN SERENGETI

The Lamai area of the Serengeti lies north of the Mara River, bordered by the Escarpment to the north, the Masai Mara Game Reserve to the east, and the Mgumu communities to the west.

This region is characterised by vast open grasslands interspersed with small groves of Balanites trees. Numerous small streams flow down from the escarpment, creating ideal hiding spots for lion prides and solitary leopards.

The annual wildebeest migration begins arriving in mid-July, and this is where they gather for their annual rutting season and stay until late October. Unlike the more popular Kogatende area, Lamai is often less crowded with tourists, making it a more secluded and intimate wildlife experience.

While this area comes alive with activity during the migration season – supported by around five seasonal camps – it remains one of the most breathtaking and unspoiled regions of the Serengeti even after the migration moves on. With abundant resident wildlife and minimal tourist presence, Lamai offers a truly untouched and serene safari experience.

We may move out of the Lamai area in early October, back towards using more of the Usawa Northern Hills camps if the herds move out early – although there are resident herds here that can stay year-round.

DISTANCE TO LOCATION

Lamai Airstrip: 30-minute game drive

Mara River: 20-minute game drive

Serengeti Balloon: 30-minute game drive

CIRCUIT OPPORTUNITIES

- 2 or 3 nights in each location
- June: Usawa Lamai & Usawa Northern Hills – 10 minute flight from Lamai to Kogatende

FLIGHT CONNECTION FROM LAMAI AIRSTRIP TO OTHER AREAS

- Kogatenda Airstrip: 10-minute flight
- Grumeti Airstrip: 25-minute flight
- Seronera Airstrip: 30-minute flight
- Kusini Airstrip: 40-minute flight







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