

#### **DESTINATION GUIDE**

# REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

We're pleased to be hosting you at our camps in Tanzania. We've compiled travelling tips and guidelines, and some facts about the destination. For more information, check out <a href="www.wildernessdestinations.com">www.wildernessdestinations.com</a>; also Tanzania Tourism at <a href="www.tanzaniatourism.go.tz">www.tanzaniatourism.go.tz</a>/ and the Tanzania Tourist Board at <a href="www.tanzaniatouristboard.com/">www.tanzaniatouristboard.com/</a>.



#### **GREAT-TO-KNOW FACTS**



The colours of the flag include elements of those of Tanganyika and Zanzibar. Green — rich natural resources and vegetation.

Black strap — represents the country's Swahili indigenous communities.

Yellow (gold) stripes — rich mineral resources.

Blue — Indian Ocean and various lakes and rivers in Tanzania.

#### Government

Tanzania is a multiparty democracy.

## **Economy**

The main sectors of income are: agriculture, tourism, fishing, forestry, beekeeping, mining, manufacturing and energy. Agriculture plays the most important economic role with its production of coffee, cotton cashew nuts, sisal, tobacco, tea, coconuts, cloves, fruit, flowers and vegetables. Gold and diamonds are the mainstay of the country's mineral production and the country has been a significant diamond producer for several decades. The tourism industry plays a critical role in the economy by supporting the country as a whole. Much of the income from tourism supports community projects that aim to preserve ancient Tanzanian cultures.

## Currency

The Tanzanian Shilling (TZS) is the currency; however, US Dollars are widely accepted and preferred.

## Language

English and Kiswahili are the official languages.

#### Time

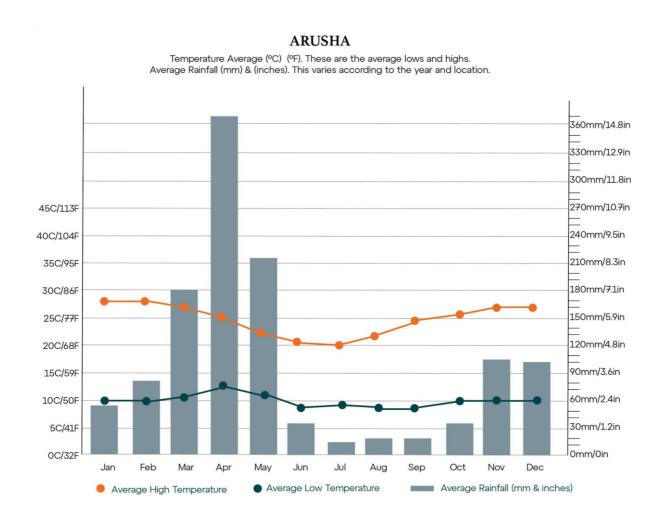
Three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+3) or Central European Time (CET) + 2 hours.

#### Climate

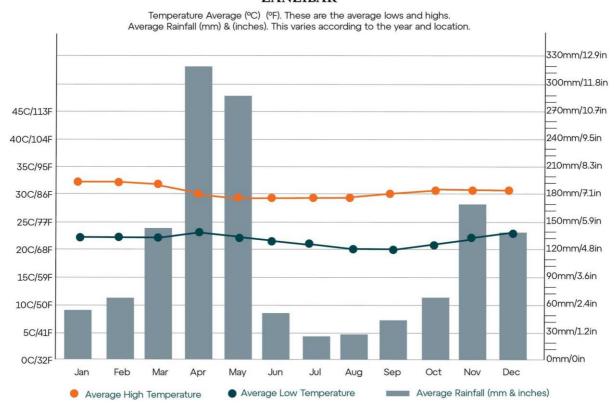
A tropical climate along the coast and temperate in the highlands. Rainy season is April to mid-May. It's cool from June to September, and hot from October to March, with short rains November — December.







#### **ZANZIBAR**



## **Public Holidays**

Some public holiday dates will vary each year.

New Year's Day	01 January	Eid ul-Fitr (End of Ramadan)	Varies
Zanzibar Revolution Day	12 January	Saba Saba Day	07 July
Karume Day	07 April	Eid El-Hajj	Varies
Good Friday	Varies	Nane Nane (Farmer's Day)	08 August
Easter Sunday	Varies	Mwalimu Nyerere Day	14 October
Easter Monday	Varies	Maulid Day	Varies
Union Day	26 April	Christmas Day	25 December
Labour Day	01 May	Boxing Day	26 December

#### USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

### **Tanzania Travel Regulations**

Visa applicants can apply through the official Tanzanian Immigration Services Department website <a href="https://www.immigration.go.tz">www.immigration.go.tz</a> or obtained on arrival. Our recommendation is that travellers apply for visas online prior to travelling.

Due to stricter policies at Arusha Domestic Airport, guests now have to produce a copy of their flight ticket (either electronic or hard copy) at check-in.

#### **Travel Insurance**

All foreign visitors to Zanzibar are required to possess a mandatory Inbound Travel Insurance which provides coverage for the duration of their stay.

The insurance is only obtainable from Zanzibar Insurance Corporation through a QR code that will be provided before embarking on your journey to Zanzibar. Please visit <a href="https://www.visitzanzibar.go.tz">www.visitzanzibar.go.tz</a> for more details.

- The insurance cover will be up to 92 days.
- Multi-entry within 92 days.
- Cost per adults is USD 44.00
- Cost per child from 02 years to 18 years is USD 22.00
- Cost per infant from 00 years to 02 years is free of charge.
- Groups starting from 10 people will be allowed a 10% discount.

Policy documents with full details of benefits, conditions, and exclusions will be sent to the traveller via email. Anyone can apply for insurance and the certificate must be presented at the point of entry.

## Banking

Cash can be withdrawn from ATMs using Visa or MasterCard. Any sizeable town has at least one bank with an ATM, and there are ATMs at the larger airports. US Dollars are accepted by larger establishment. Banks are open Monday to Friday 09h00-15h00 and Saturdays 08h30-12h30.

## Excess luggage

On light aircraft/helicopter flights the luggage is usually limited to one soft-sided bag per person with a maximum weight of 15kg. No hard-shell bags are permitted. Contact your agent or Travel Designer for information on storage and excess luggage fees.

#### Dress code

Modest attire is recommended in the bigger towns out of respect for Muslim beliefs. Refer to packing list for specific safari clothing suggestions.

## Shopping

Plastic bags are illegal to use in Tanzania. Ziploc bags specially used to carry toiletries will be permitted.

#### Value Added Tax (VAT)

All goods and services in Tanzania are priced to include value added tax (VAT) of 18%. On departure, non-residents may claim a VAT refund on goods exported as accompanied luggage. In order to claim, the original tax invoice, valid passport, air ticket and boarding pass must be presented to the designated Customs Officer.

## Communication in camps & lodges

Wi-Fi is offered at most safari camps and lodges. Consult your Travel Designer about which have Wi-Fi and/or cell phone coverage. Conventional communication options may not be available at the more remote safari camps.

## **Power Supply**

Primary socket type: British BS-1363 (British Standard). Most safaris are situated in remote areas and generate their own electricity through solar power or generators. The standard voltage is 220/240 and the frequency is 50 Hz. This is suitable for charging batteries and sleep apnea machines; however, it is not suitable for hairdryers or electric shavers. We recommend that you carry spare batteries with you to ensure uninterrupted usage of your devices.

# Map of Tanzania

