

Serengeti to the Sea



a 10 day Tanzania Bike Tour

Tanzania has long been known as a must do safari destination thanks to its famous game parks, such as the Serengeti national Park and also for Mt Kilimanjaro, the tallest peak on the African continent. But there is much more to Tanzania than going on safari and Pedalers' exclusive Serengeti to the Sea route will open doors to the rest of Tanzania's wonders, its people, landscapes, culture and way of life.

Our 10 day adventure begins in the traditional manner, with a welcoming night at a traditional tented safari camp, where we unwind from the flights under canvas the the open Tanzanian skies. The first couple of days are without our bikes, as safety prohibits cycling inside most wildlife parks, so we embark one two days of game drives, first in Serengeti National Park, then in Ngorongoro Crater Conservation area. While we don't guarantee that you will see the "Big Five", we will enjoy seeing a wide range of the wildlife of Africa. After game viewing we will head outside the parks to Arusha town to start the cycling leg.

Our cycling leg first heads through the land of the Maasai, nomadic cattle herders. Here we will not only see their villages along the route, but we bed down in a village one evening enjoying native dance and a BBQ. Cycling through the high savanna with Mt Meru and Mt Kilimanjaro looming above us, we start working our way east towards the coast, enjoying several days wending through the mountains of Tanzania. Once reaching the coast, our rides are along tiny dirt roads winding through the parks and historic seaport trading towns, some of which date back to 600 BC. The journey winds down in historic Bagamoyo, the launching point for many early European expeditions to explore the mysterious dark continent, including the fabled journeys of Livingstone and Stanley.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - After meeting with your guides, we transfer to our tented safari camp in Karatu. Along the way, we will explore a bit of Arusha town situated at the base of Mt Meru, Tanzania's second tallest peak, visiting small markets and villages along the way. Enjoy a welcome dinner bush style after reaching camp.

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Day 2 - You will leave the camp at 7am and head to the Serengeti National Park where you will be spending the whole day. Depending on the departure date you choose, you might be able to see the great migration which is considered one of the best wildlife spectacles in the world. The Serengeti is Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park, also a world heritage site and recently proclaimed a 7th world wide wonder, with its famed annual migration of wildebeest. Yet even when the migration is quiet, the Serengeti offers arguably the most scintillating game-viewing in Africa: great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and thousands upon thousands of eland, topi, kongoni, impala and Grant's gazelle. We will spend the night at a lodge inside the park.

Day 3 - Another early start today for another day on a game safari. After an early breakfast at around 6:30am you will leave the Serengeti and head for the Ngorongoro Crater. After your morning game drive, you will take a break to enjoy your packed lunch at the Hippo Pool Picnic site in the crater. After lunch you will be transferred back to Arusha City visiting craft shops along the way, then preparing for the cycling portion of the tour starting in the morning.

Day 4 - Today we cycle into the world of Tanzania's nomadic Maasai tribe, pedaling from Arusha to the Olpopongi Maasai village. Our route traverses the dry high savanna, following quiet dirt roads towards Mt Meru for a while passing through Maasai villages and even past free ranging wildlife. The later half of our ride is on paved roads once again to the Olpopongi Maasai village, where we spend the night in the village in traditional Maasai style huts (with en suite bathrooms) enjoying a barbecue and traditional dances. 50 mi / 81 km (dirt & paved roads)

Day 5 - Today's ride will start off at the Olpopongi Maasai village and head towards Moshi town. You will be cycling along both dirt & tarmac roads. You will cycle through the small town of Sanya Juu on the way. The cycle follows roads meandering through mountain villages and lots of ups and downs en route. Fortunately, very few vehicles roam this high up on the mountain and majestic views of both Mt Meru and Mt Kilimanjaro fill our views. We bed down tonight in Moshi town at the base of Kilimanjaro 38 mi / 61 km (dirt & paved roads)

Day 6 - This morning we start riding slightly outside Moshi to avoid morning rush and work our way along the base of the Pare Mountains, part of the Eastern Arc Mountain Range. During the first part of the ride, spectacular views of Mt Kilimanjaro provide numerous excuses for photos stops. Our ride winds down at Lake Jipe, where we relax a bit before driving to our hotel in Lushoto. 39 mi / 62 km (dirt & paved roads)

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Day 7 - One last transfer moves us past a long stretch of rural highway to Korogwe town, to start our ride through the Usambara Valley and onward to the Indian Ocean. The Usambara Mountains provide a very picturesque backdrop to our rolling ride and provide a chance for additional wildlife sightings as we go. Late in the afternoon we will arrive at the historic town of Pangani, believed to date back to 600 BC and has served as a trading base for Arabian Dhows. It also has a bit of dark history as a trading town for slaves back in the 1700s and 1800s. 78 mi / 126 km (paved road)

Day 8 - Cycle along the Indian ocean coast from Pangani to Saadani National Park which is the only national park in Tanzania which borders the ocean. The park is known for its elephant herds and the folks who run our overnight accommodation, Tent With A View, have been actively involved in protecting the herds from poachers and other detrimental issues. 50 mi / 80 km (mostly dirt road)

Day 9 - Continuing our ride along the Indian Ocean, the last day takes us from Saadani National Park to the historic town of Bagamoyo. Bagamoyo was also a small trading sea port dealing in salt, gum, copra, which later followed Pangani as an Arab slave trade port. But it is better remember as being the jumping off point for many explorations of the Africa, including David Livingstone, Sir Richard Burton and H.M. Stanley, whose search for and meeting with Dr. Livingstone lives on as an African legend. Celebrate the end of a great adventure with dinner overlooking the Indian Ocean. 48 mi / 77 km (mostly dirt road)

Day 10 - Full of fond memories, we will transfer from Bagamoyo to Dar es Salaam to catch your flight back home. Kwaheri

Dates & Prices:

Please check our website for the currently available dates and the applicable pricing.

<https://pedalers.travel/africa-bike-tours-tanzania-cycling-serengeti-to-sea.htm>

At Your Request:

Private departures can be arranged pretty much year round. June through September is best with cooler temperatures and little rain. October through December is the "short rains" season, but still OK for cycling, January & February enjoy another dry period but warmer temperature, again OK for cycling. March through May is the "long rains" and roads will be muddy and not so enjoyable for cycling. Get your wheels rolling and request your At Your Request date today. Plan a trip for your bike club or corporate incentive, contact us for more details.

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Lodging:

Boutique Hotels & Resorts, Tented Safari Camp (1 night)

What's Included:

- 9 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- Meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 10, except as noted in itinerary
- Water, sodas or beer included at dinner
- Rental Bike
- Service of bilingual Team Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Daily route directions and maps
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off

Meeting & Flights:

The tour meets at 1 pm on Day 1 at Tanzania's Kilimanjaro Airport.

The trip ends at Dar es Salaam Airport in the morning on Day 10.

Fly into Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) before 12 noon on Day 1

Fly out of Dar Es Salaam (DAR) after 11 am on Day 10

Note: The most direct routing for our guests coming from North America and Europe is KLM to Kilimanjaro, but this flight arrives at night, so we suggest planning to come a day early. We are happy to assist with booking a hotel nearby the airport for these early arrivals.

Route Conditions:

The route is a mix of dirt and paved roads. Traffic is moderate to light on the paved roads and very light on the dirt roads. The route is suitable for mountain bikes and touring bikes. Terrain is a mix of flat, small hills and a couple of moderate climbs midway to the coast.

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Visas & Travel Documents:

Passports are required for all guests. Your passport should have at least 6 months validity past your intended travel dates. Visas are required for most all nationalities. Citizens of the USA, Canada, UK, EU, Australia, NZ and other developed countries can obtain a single entry visa upon arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport. Fees are US\$100 for US citizens, US\$50 for other countries, payable in cash (make sure it is new bills). If you plan additional travels in neighboring countries and need a multiple entry visa you should arrange this through the Tanzania Embassy in your country before departing.

Health:

A variety of inoculations are suggested by health authorities for travel to Tanzania. In addition Tanzania requires that arriving travelers show proof of Yellow Fever Vaccination if traveling from a country with Yellow Fever, which includes neighboring Kenya. We suggest contacting your family physician or a tropical medicine specialist to discuss which inoculations are best suited for your overall travel plans.