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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive in Tanzania.

After meeting with your guides, we transfer to our lodge 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.

Relax: Free to explore until dinner

Eat: Dinner

Sleep: Pamoja Olea Farm Lodge

Day 2 - Game drives in Serengeti National Park, relax at night at lodges in the parks.

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 safari camp inside the park.

Safari: Game drives

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Karibu Sametu Camp

Day 3 - Discover Ngorongoro Crater

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 the Karatu.

Safari: Game drives

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Pamoja Olea Farm Lodge



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Day 4 - Visit Hadzabe Bushmen & Datoga blacksmiths

Transfer to the Lake Eyasi area to go visit the Hadzabe bushmen and Datoga blacksmiths. The Hadzabe bushmen are one of the few hunter gather tribes in existence today in Africa, following their ancient traditional ways without modern influence. Join them for a bush walk. After your cultural experience you will be transferred to Simba Farm Lodge in West Kilimanjaro where you will be spending the night. Simba Farm is a working farm that dates back to 1905 (or perhaps earlier).

Walk: Bush walks

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Simba Farm Lodge

Day 5 - Cycle around Mt Meru, overnight in the Osiligilai Maasai Lodge.

Today we cycle into the world of Tanzania's nomadic Maasai tribe, pedaling from Arusha to the Osiligilai Maasai Lodge. 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 Osiligilai Maasai Lodge, where we spend the night in the village in traditional Maasai style huts (with en suite bathrooms) enjoying a barbecue and traditional dances.

Ride: 50 mi / 81 km (dirt & paved roads), Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Osiligilai Maasai Lodge

Day 6 - Ride the savanna around Mt Kilimanjaro, Tanzania's tallest peak, to the market town of Moshi

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.

Ride: 38 mi / 61 km (dirt & paved roads), Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Weru Weru River Lodge



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Day 7 - Rhino watching in Mkomazi National Park, Historic Port Tanga.

Today the bikes get a day off, as we set off in search of Black Rhinos, oryx, gerenuk and other lesser known residents of Tanzania's Mkomazi National Park. In afternoon we will continue by vehicle to avoid the heavy traffic to the port town of Tanga and if time allows may visit the Amboni Caves, East Africa's most extensive limestone cave network.

Safari: Game viewing by vehicle

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Tanga Beach Resort

Day 8 - Biking along the sea, historic town of Pangani

Today's ride weaves between coastal sections and inland roads, passing through small villages. Early 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.

Ride: 31 mi / 50 km (paved road), Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Mike's Beach Cottages

Day 9 - Cycling the coast of the Indian ocean, visit Saadani National Park, overnight in the park.

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.

Ride: 50 mi / 80 km (mostly dirt road), Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Tanganyika Coastal Camp



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Day 10 - More coastal riding to the historical town of Bagamoyo, celebrate a great ride with dinner by the beach

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.

Ride: 48 mi / 77 km (mostly dirt road), Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: The Family Cottages

Day 11 - Homeward bound, full of wonderful African memories.

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

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast

Scheduled Dates You Can Join:

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

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

Private Dates For Your Gang:

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed June through September is best with cooler temperatures and little rain. January & February enjoy another dry period but warmer temperature, OK for cycling.



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Why Pedalers?

Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

Lodging:

Boutique Hotels & Resorts, Tented Safari Camp (2 nights)



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What's Included:

- 10 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- Meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 11, 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 11.

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

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

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.

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm

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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Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:

Passports and Visas are required for all guests unless you are a citizen of or currently residing in Tanzania. US and Canadian citizens can apply for their visas through the Tanzanian Immigration website: <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>. Citizens of other countries should check with the Tanzania Embassy in their country for entry requirements applicable to your trip. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, so as to be prepared and not left standing at the gate.

Pedalers does not provide any visa processing services for tour guests.

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.