

Understand the following Before You Book with us!

Informing yourself about what to expect and how to prepare for your trip to Tanzania is one of the best things you can do to make sure your journey is enjoyable and goes without a hitch. Here is the official information about everything you will need to equip yourself for your trip: bank information and details about how to change money, health precautions to take with extra information about malaria prevention and awareness, travel insurance, where to find hospitals and clinics, how to arrange your visas, and a brief overview of security. Once you know the basic facts, you will be well-informed and prepared for your stay in Tanzania, confident in every situation and ready for the trip of a lifetime.

Money

The unit of currency is the Tanzanian shilling (Tsh.) and there are no smaller denominations. It's best to carry as little cash as possible when travelling to avoid further inconvenience if anything should be lost or stolen. That said, major currencies (like the US Dollar, the English Pound, and the Euro) are easily changed in large towns, although US Dollars are sometimes preferred. Forex bureau offer faster service than banks and although the exchange rates are only nominally different, the bureau usually offer a better rate on travelers' cheques. Standard Chartered banks around the country have ATM machines that allow you to withdraw cash from your VISA card and Barclay's Bank ATMs allow you to withdraw on both VISA and MasterCard accounts. Credit cards are accepted only at major lodges, hotels, and travel agents.

Travel in Tanzania

Africa is very different from Europe. Vast distances, tough physical conditions, and cultural differences mean that things do not always happen as scheduled. You must be prepared to adapt your plans if necessary and accept that there is a degree of uncertainty in African travel. This is especially relevant to travel in destinations such as Zanzibar or Pemba, which are very Islamic zone and strictly to some clothes etc. Hotel standards can be inconsistent. Flights can be cancelled at short notice. Should this occur, we will do our best to minimize the inconvenience, but travel in these Areas and indeed throughout Tanzania, requires a flexible attitude.

Our price.

The guide prices and our tailor-made quotations are per person in USA Dollar, unless otherwise stated. Generally they NOT include return International flights from Abroad. Accommodation on the occupancy and board basis stated and returns transfers to the resort. Imagine Tanzania Tourism Bureau. Offers you the flexibility to create your own holiday from a wide range of accommodation and services available. Because of the choice we can offer you, it is not possible to list every price on every date. A 'from' price is indicative of the lowest price available for the hotel or itinerary featured and is based on a shoulder season departure. These prices may also vary depending on a number of factors, such as your exact date of travel and choice of accommodation. In general we don't show peak season prices. All our quotations are personalized to your exact requirements and each quote will utilize the very best rates available at the time, and can often be cheaper than the prices shown in our Catalogues.

Prices do not include:

Holiday insurance

Transportation between your home and departure airport
International regional flights
Expenditure of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, room service etc.
Tips and gratuities

Website accuracy

Although we have made every effort to ensure that the content of this website is correct, it is inevitable that circumstances may change. Facilities may be withdrawn due to maintenance - eg the pool is closed as it needs a tile replaced and so on. Public and religious festivals may also impact on the availability of facilities both in the hotel and resort. We will endeavor to advise of changes we are aware of prior to travel.

Passport & visas.

In Tanzania, visas are required by most foreign nationals whether visiting for a holiday or to conduct business. Tanzania does permit visa free travel for a period of up to three months to some foreign nationals, mainly those from African and Asian countries however in most cases, with the exceptions of Kenya and Uganda, these visitors will still to obtain entry permit clearance. A Global Visas immigration will be able to advise you of the exact visa requirements for citizens of your country of residence travelling to Tanzania. Visit online Tanzania visa assessment form now to get started on your visa application. The assessment form is quick and easy to complete, just answer a few simple questions and one of our immigration consultants will respond to your enquiry.

Types of Visa for Tanzania

For foreign nationals from countries who do not receive the three-month visa exemption it will be necessary to apply for a Tanzanian visa.

Tanzanian Tourist visa

In Tanzania, tourist visas may be issued as single or multiple entry permits and are valid for a maximum period of three or six months respectively. As with short-term visit visas and business visas in many destinations, these time limits are the maximum period for visas may be granted but do not necessarily reflect the grant that will be issued.

Requirements:

- Photocopy of round-trip, airline tickets or itinerary.
- Photocopy of the most recent bank statement showing sufficient funds.

Tanzanian Business visa

Tanzanian business visas are also issued for either a single entry or multiple entries and are granted a maximum duration of three or six months. As with short term business visit visas in most destinations a visa of this kind does not constitute a work permit or employment visa and does not entitle the holder to work in Tanzania whether in paid or unpaid employment.

Business visas are a temporary immigration solution designed to allow applicants to engage in a range of business related activities including attending meetings and business conferences and researching potential buyers or suppliers.

Requirements:

- A letter on company letterhead addressed to the Embassy of Tanzania, Visa Section, Tanzania High Commission / Embassy your applying, signed by the company executive, stating the nature of the business, duration of the trip, companies to be visited, guaranteeing sufficient funds.

Visas for research will only be granted after the applicant have been cleared by the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH):

P.O. Box 4302, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Tel.: 255-22-270.0750 or 270.0745

Fax: 255-22-275.313

Visas for journalism will only be granted after the applicant have been cleared by the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH):

The Tanzania Information Services (MAELEZO)

P.O. Box 9142, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Tel.: 255-22-211-0585 or 212.2771 or 211.2860

Fax: 255-22-211-3814 or 211-6474.

Eligibility

All Tanzanian visa applications must be accompanied by a valid passport from the applicant's country of origin. For candidates who are living in a country which is not their country of origin, proof of residence must also be supplied. In all cases, passports must be valid for a minimum of six months after the duration of the visa. Where candidates are applying for Tanzanian business visas, a letter from the business contact in Tanzania will be required. The letter must detail the proposed duration and purpose of the trip to Tanzania.

All foreign nationals travelling to Tanzania should be aware that it may be necessary to attend an interview and that supporting documentation may be required.

Spouse Immigration and Dependent Immigration

Short-term visit and business visas for Tanzania do not make specific provisions for family members of the main applicant to travel with them. Short-term visas do not lead to long term or permanent settlement and require their holders to return to their country of residence when their visa expires. If the spouse, common law partner, civil partner, or dependent children wish to travel to Tanzania with the main applicant, they will need to apply for a visa individually.

Processing Times and Fees

Visa fees and processing times are subject to change at short notice and both fees and processing times may vary according to the type of visa you require and your nationality. Your Global Visas consultant will be able to provide precise details of the visa fees and processing times involved for your specific application. At Global Visas, we provide visa and immigration services for a continually expanding range of destinations worldwide. The team of specialist immigration layers and migration experts will manage your visa application from beginning to end and will ensure that you embark upon the right visa service for your individual needs. You can begin your application today by visiting the Global Visa online assessment area and completing our assessment form. It takes minutes to submit your enquiry and a Global Visa consultant will contact you.

Visa Section

The Visa Section is open to the public for logging of Visa Applications from 10.00am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday, with exception of local Bank Holidays and Public Holidays falling under the national holidays' calendar of the United Republic of Tanzania and country you're applying.

Who Needs Visa To Tanzania? All nationals of the countries or territorial entities mentioned below. Stateless and those holding non-national travel/refugee documents or passports issued by an authority not recognized by the United Republic of Tanzania, must obtain a valid visa on each occasion they need to enter Tanzania.

The countries whose nationals require visa for Tanzania are: Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Angola; Argentina; Armenia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahrain; Belarus; Belgium; Benin; Bhutan; Bolivia; Bosnia; Brazil; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burma; Burundi; Cambodia; Canada; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China (Peoples Republic of); Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Congo (Democratic Republic of); Costa Rica; Cote D'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Czech Republic; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El-Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Estonia; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; Georgia; Germany; Gibraltar; Greece; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holland; Holy See; Honduras; Hungary; Iceland; Independent State of Samoa; India; Israel; Italy; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Korea (North & South); Kuwait; Kurdistan; Laos; Latvia; Liberia; Lithuania; Libya; Luxembourg; Macedonia; Malagasy; Maldives; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Moldova; Monaco; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nepal; Netherlands; Niger; Norway; Oman; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Republic of Ireland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russia; Rwanda; Sao Tome & Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syria; Taiwan; Tajikistan; Thailand; Togo; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Venezuela; Vietnam; Yemen; Yugoslavia (all travelling documents issued by former SFR of Yugoslavia or by present Yugoslav Authorities) Citizens of the following countries do not need a visa for stay up to 90 days: Namibia, Romania, Rwanda, Hong Kong, Commonwealth states except UK, Canada, Nigeria, India, S. Africa. Nationals of any Country not listed or described above please consult the Mission for further information. Tanzania High Commissions / Embassies and Consulates abroad – see Tanzania Embassies Abroad,

Can we get our visa on arrival? Yes, you can get a visa on arrival at the airport or at any entry point into Tanzania such as at Dar-es-salaam International Airport, Kilimanjaro International Airport, Zanzibar International Airport, Namanga (Tanzania – Kenya Border Post to the North), Tunduma (Tanzania – Malawi Border post to the South), Taveta and Holili (Tanzania – Kenya Border post to the North East)

Visa Application

Applicants for the entry visa to Tanzania must meet all the necessary requirements. These include the submission of the following:

1. Filled in Application Forms – download
2. Valid Passport (at least not less than six months from the date of entry)
3. Two Passport Size photographs
4. Supporting letter (for Business visas)
5. Special delivery – prepaid self-addressed envelope for return of the Passport (for postal application)
6. If applied by post please send the original receipt from bank or postal order

How to Apply

1. Personal Application: In this category applicant have to fill in the forms available free of charge from the High Commission Visa Desk or downloading – see VISA Forms, from the link provided. Payment for this category is by cash only.

2. Postal Application: the fee in this category must be in cash paid in dedicated bank or postal order payable to the Tanzania High Commission. Visa fee payments must be made to bank dedicated, using the counters pay-in slips and Original receipt sent with the Application Forms and supporting documents.

NOTE. It takes three (3) working days to process a Visa in Personal Application category, but express service of 24 hours is available at extra charge.

Postal Application: visa process takes 10 working days. Any failure to comply with the stated requirements may result in unnecessary delays or returning of unprocessed application to the sender. Calls will not be entertained within the time mentioned above. Please do not call us about the development of your application. For all Visas that will expire before being used, a fresh application has to be made, fulfilling all previous conditions without exceptions.

VISA Fee

- The Fee for all the visas, Tourist, Holiday, Transit or Business depends on the country you're applying
- Once the Visa is issued the fee cannot be refunded.
- Visa Fee varies depend on the Nationality.

Health Precaution

Tanzania is located in a tropical climate with different bacteria, flora, and fauna than most visitors are accustomed to, so it is advisable to take a few health precautions when travelling to make sure that your trip goes as comfortably and smoothly as possible.

Malaria: This is usually top on the list of visitors' worries, and prevention goes a long way towards keeping you protected. Although it is believed that the anopheles mosquito (the species that carries malaria) hunts only at night, make sure that all exposed areas are well slathered in insect repellent at all times. Sleep under a net, there are some very good travelling mosquito nets available now, but budget travelers are well-advised to bring their own since the nets at most low-end guesthouses have holes or are invariably too small. If you're sleeping in a tent that doesn't have a net, spray insect repellent inside, close the flap, and leave for a few minutes.

Make sure to visit your doctor to get a prescription for the ant malarial drugs that best suit your health and condition, there are some very good ones available on the market now, but tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breast feeding. If you feel achy, have chills and hot flushes, headaches, or a fever either during your trip or up to two weeks afterwards, visit a doctor immediately to be tested for malaria. If your symptoms persist, don't hesitate in seeking a second opinion. A malaria test only takes about fifteen minutes and involves a simple finger prick, and it's available around the country. Treatment is widely available and recovery times are fast, provided that you get diagnosed as soon as you notice any possible symptoms. After all this advice, it's worth noting that not every mosquito has malaria and that if you're conscientious and take precautions, it's unlikely that you will be exposed.

Health & Vaccinations: The yellow-fever vaccination is no longer officially required when entering Tanzania, yet because the disease is endemic many doctors will recommend it as a precaution. Other vaccinations that might be considered before you travel include typhoid, hepatitis A and B, meningitis, and tetanus. For more information, contact your doctor.

Food and water: It's best to drink bottled water when travelling through Tanzania, numerous brands are widely available and served in all restaurants and lodges. Steer clear of ice, raw vegetables, and salads when eating at street restaurants. High-end lodges and restaurants will clean their produce in antiseptic solution, but should you feel wary about anything on your plate, leave it. Try to avoid eating in empty restaurants, the food may have been sitting out for some time and order your meat well done. On the coast, seafood and fish are usually fresh, but again, make sure everything is well-cooked. While on holiday, it's always better to err on the side of caution.

Hospitals and clinics: For minor aches and pains during your travels, there are many hospitals and clinics around the country that will care for you and prescribe any medicine you may need. For emergency or out-patient cases, Dar es Salaam's new Aga Khan Hospital provides excellent care, as does the Nairobi Hospital and the Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi.

African Air Rescue (AAR) has clinics and out-patient care in both Arusha and Dar es Salaam, and smaller clinics offer consultations and laboratory services around the country. Major lodges may also have doctor's on-call to assist. In the event of a medical emergency, contact your country's embassy or consulate for extra assistance.

We strongly suggest consulting your Doctor about vaccination issues at least six weeks before travel. This is particularly important if you are visiting areas. We will advise you of this at time of booking.

Hotel Services.

Even in the best of hotels, occasional hiccups can occur, although these are usually very quickly resolved. Minor problems can usually be resolved by reception, whilst others may need a prompt but discreet word with senior management. It is in everyone's interest that problems are given the opportunity to be resolved whilst you are in the hotel/resort. This can particularly apply to items such as air conditioning, plumbing and hotel service. Please do not wait until you have returned home to register your complaint. Hotels are much more receptive to dealing with such problems whilst you are there.

Always acquaint yourself with the safety precautions such as the fire drill shown in your room, taking particular note of the fire exits. Most hotels will display this on the door or in your room information kit. If you are not certain please ask the hotel to explain. Please be vigilant with the safety of your children, particularly the younger ones, and ensure they do not play in unsafe areas (such as near a lift). Some of the hotel swimming pools may have lifeguards; however in most cases you will be responsible for your own safety, so please do familiarize yourself with the depth of the pool before you dive in.

Meals

When meals have been included in the price, these will always be arranged on a table d'hôte (set meal) menu. Supplements will apply should you decide on à la carte items. This could particularly apply on all inclusive options. For those with specific diets of any kind, we suggest you choose a room only or breakfast only option and discuss your requirements locally. If alcoholic beverages are included, these tend to be house wine or locally bottled beer and spirits and supplements will apply to more premium brands.

Dress requirements.

There are no specific dress codes on our itineraries. For itineraries that involve trekking, or visits to regions

with extreme weather, you should dress appropriately. For other itineraries, if you are unsure about what clothing to take, our Specialists will be able to offer advice.

Building work.

If we receive prior advice we will inform you of any building work that we think will affect your holiday. Please note we have little or no control over building work taking place on a private residential property that may be adjacent to one of our featured hotels. Unlike Europe, much of Africa does not have stringent laws on building works. Whilst many hoteliers will act responsibly on this, the same would probably not apply to a private residence next to a hotel. Unfortunately we have no control over these works or the notice given. We will endeavor to notify you as soon as we become aware of any such building work within or nearby a hotel that will impact on your holiday enjoyment.

Personal safety.

Many of the countries featured are part of the developing world and financial extremes do apply. We suggest that where possible you leave valuables at home. Most hotels will provide security safes for the storage of valuables. Please do check your insurance policy to ensure all items of value are adequately covered and take note of the hotel's comments on resort safety.

Take sensible precautions and avoid walking in unlit areas at night - always adhere to local advice. Be particularly vigilant in crowded areas, such as markets, railway stations and airports. In short be sensible in your security, just as you would at home.

Eco adventure tours / water sports / safaris

Eco adventure tours are increasingly popular. As the name suggests, there could be an element of risk, indeed for some that is very definitely part of the appeal. Some of these tours involve travel over unmade roads (for example) or at sea. You need to satisfy yourself that you are able to cope with such tours, particularly if you do not partake in regular exercise. Always do ring + 255 716 074747 or [email us](#) for advice as we are here to help you.

Security: Tanzania is a safe country to travel in. Tanzanians are warm-hearted and generous people and are eager to help visitors get the most out of their stay. Tanzania is a true example of tolerance and cooperation in our modern world, with an evidenced multicultural diversity that has co-existed for centuries and has a lot to offer the world by its example. As in all countries, a little common sense goes a long way and reasonable precautions should still be taken, such as locking valuables in the hotel safe, which frees your mind to absorb the natural beauty and incredible sights that will stay with you forever.