

We Know

TANZANIA

Tanzania, formerly known as Tanganyika, is situated on the East Coast of Africa, south of the Equator. It borders Kenya and Uganda in the north, Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi in the west, and Zambia and Mozambique in the south. Off the mainland lie the islands of Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia in the Indian Ocean



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Useful Information



Tanzania's mainland has a coastline of hundreds of miles of palm fringed beaches, but the major attractions of Tanzania are the national parks teeming with wildlife, the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, and Lake Tanganyika, the deepest and longest freshwater lake in Africa. Tanzania has reserved a total of 46,000 square miles for National Parks.

CLIMATE

There is no real winter, but the climate is governed by altitude. The average temperature in the central plateau which covers most of the country is 70-85 degrees in winter and 80-100 degrees in summer. Nights are generally chilly on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. Long rains occur from March to June and short rains in November.

CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

Tanzania Shilling is the official currency of Tanzania. It is against the law to import or export Tanzania Shilling. Foreign currency may be exchanged at commercial banks, authorized dealers, or at the bureau de change operating at the international airports and major towns. Your local driver-guide will be available to assist. It is illegal to exchange money to individuals who are not authorized dealers.

US dollar bills, Pound Sterling, and Euros, as well as Visa and MasterCard are accepted in most tourist hotels and lodges. American Express is not widely accepted even by major hotels. Cash can be withdrawn from ATMs in major towns using Visa and MasterCard. Small denomination USD bills are useful for miscellaneous expenses on safari but change will be given in Tanzania Shillings. NOTE: If carrying cash, take only recently minted U.S. currency.

SHOPPING HOURS

Shopping hours are generally Monday through Friday 8:00AM to 5:30PM; Saturday from 8:30AM to 12:30PM. Some shops open on Sunday. In the larger cities markets are open daily 8:00AM – 6:00PM.

LANGUAGE

Swahili is the official language. English is widely spoken.

VOLTAGE

240 Voltz, 50 Hz

ELECTRICAL PLUGS



240V 50Hz

PHOTOGRAPHY

Visitors should respect the outlook of the local people towards photography and only use cameras if they have permission from the person or people the picture is being taken. Never try to "steal" a photo against the will of the person concerned. Let your tour guide or escort help you negotiate terms before you start shooting! It is also against the law to take photographs of border posts, persons in uniform, and of course, military installations.