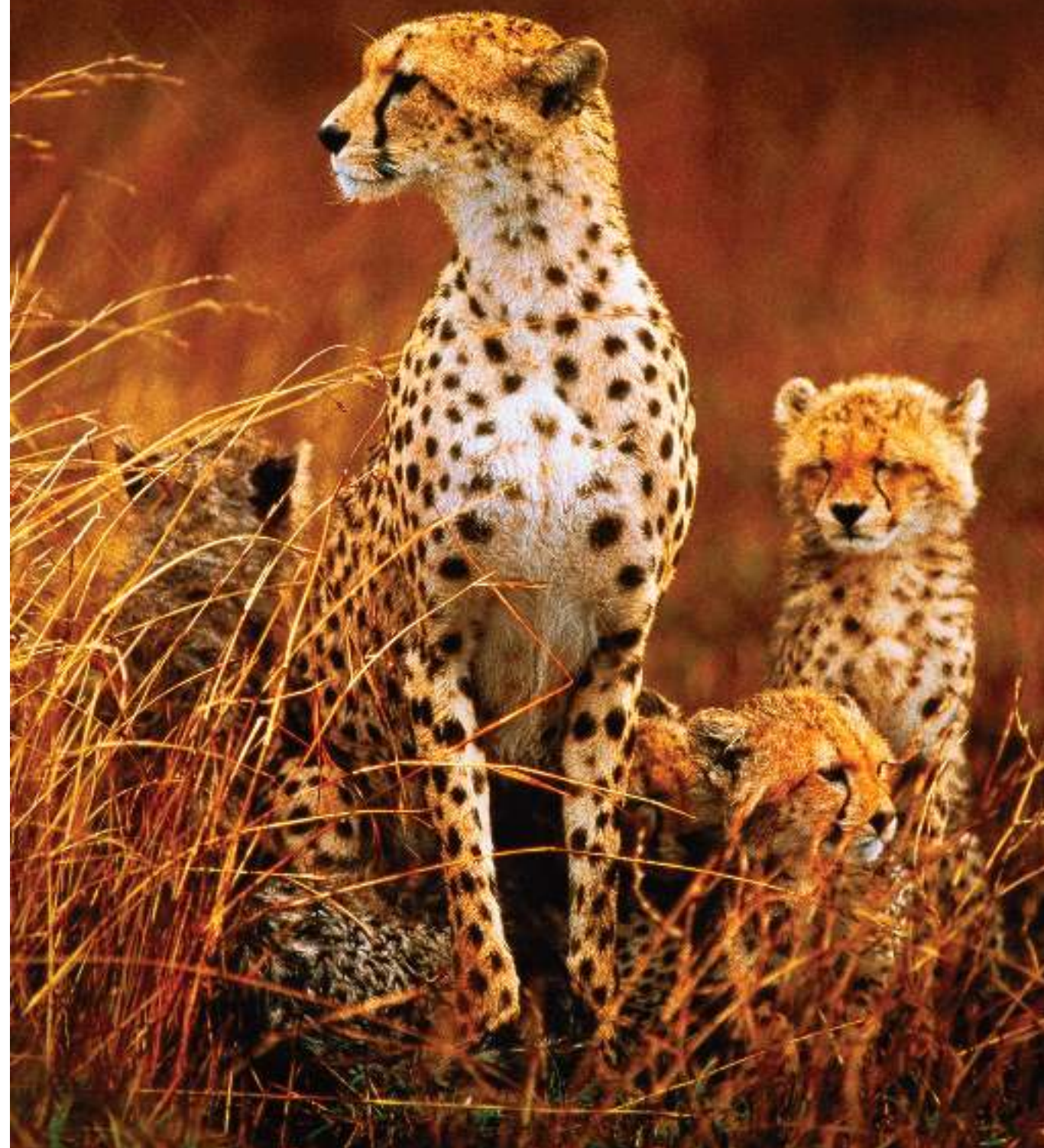


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 GR Game Reserve  
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 NR National Reserve

**Rubondo Island NP**  
 Spy fish eagles and water birds

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# Welcome to Tanzania

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*Wildlife, beaches, ruins, Mt Kilimanjaro, friendly people, fascinating cultures – Tanzania has all these and more wrapped up in one adventurous, welcoming package*



Dhow, Zanzibar

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## Wonderful Wildlife

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More than almost any other destination, Tanzania is *the* land of safaris. Wildebeest stampede across the plains. Hippos jostle for space in muddy waterways. Elephants wander along seasonal migration routes and chimpanzees swing through the treetops. Throughout the country, there are unparalleled opportunities to experience this natural wealth. Take a boat safari down the Rufiji River past snoozing crocodiles in Selous Game Reserve. Watch giraffes silhouetted against ancient baobab trees in Ruaha National Park. Sit motionless as waterbirds peck in the shallows around Rubondo Island. Hold your breath while a lion pads in front of your vehicle in Ngorongoro Crater.

## Idyllic Beaches

It's not just the wildlife that enchants. Tanzania's Indian Ocean coastline is also magical, with tranquil islands and sleepy coastal villages steeped in centuries of Swahili culture. Travel back in time to the days when the East African coast was the seat of sultans and a linchpin in a far-flung trading network extending to Persia, India and beyond. Relax on powdery beaches. Take in pastel-hued sunrises, immerse yourself in languid coastal rhythms, and sit beneath billowing sails on a wooden dhow.

## Mt Kilimanjaro

Inland, Mt Kilimanjaro beckons, its graceful, forested flanks rising up to a stately snow-capped summit. It is Africa's highest peak and one of the world's highest freestanding mountains. Climbers by the thousands venture here to challenge themselves on its muddy slopes, rocky trails and slippery scree. The rewards? The thrill of standing at the top of Africa, magnificent views of Kilimanjaro's ice fields, and witnessing the sunrise illuminating the plains far below.

## Captivating Cultures

Wherever you go, opportunities abound for getting to know Tanzania's people and cultures. Meet red-cloaked Maasai warriors. Spend time with the semi-nomadic Barabaig near Mt Hanang. Experience the hospitality of a local meal or the rhythms of traditional dance. Watch Makonde carvers bring wood to life. Chat and barter at local markets in the Usambara Mountains. More than anything else, it is Tanzanians themselves – with their characteristic warmth and politeness, and the dignity and beauty of their cultures – who make a visit so memorable. Chances are that you'll want to come back for more, to which most Tanzanians will say '*karibu tena*' (welcome again).



## Why I Love Tanzania

By Mary Fitzpatrick, Author

I love Tanzania because of the light, colours and life in almost every scene. Especially at dawn: the rising sun floods the cool grasslands with gold, school children walk along the roadsides and vendors set out their wares. And when nature surrounds you, there is exuberance everywhere: the largest of animals mingle with the most minute; birds of every size and colour soar and sing; trees and plants burst with flowers; landscapes are colourful and diverse. Mostly, though, it's because of the equanimity, charm, dignity and welcome offered by so many Tanzanians.



# Tanzania's Top 10

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## Serengeti National Park

The sound of pounding hooves on the Serengeti plains draws closer. Suddenly, thousands of animals stampede by in a cloud of dust as the great wildebeest migration – one of earth's most spectacular natural dramas – plays out. Despite the theatrics, time seems to stand still in this superlative park. Lions sit majestically on lofty outcrops, giraffes stride gracefully into the sunset, crocodiles bask on riverbanks. Wildlife watching is outstanding year round. Just allow time to appreciate all the [Serengeti](#) has to offer.



Lioness, Serengeti National Park  
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## Top Experiences

### Zanzibar's Stone Town

Whether it's your first visit or your 50th, [Zanzibar's Stone Town](#) never loses its touch of the exotic. First, you'll see the skyline, with the spires of St Joseph's Cathedral and the Old Fort. Then as you wander through narrow alleyways surprises are revealed at every turn. Linger in dusty shops scented with cloves, watch as men wearing white robe-like *kanzu* play a game of *bao*. Admire intricate henna designs on the hands of women clad in *buibui* (black cover-alls). Island rhythms take over as mainland life slips away.





### Ngorongoro Crater

On clear days, the magic of [Ngorongoro](#) starts while you're still up on the rim, with chilled air and sublime views over the enormous crater. The descent takes you down to a wide plain cloaked in hues of blue and green and covered in an unparalleled concentration of iconic African wildlife. If you're lucky enough to find a quiet spot, it's easy to imagine primeval Africa with an almost constant parade of animals streaming past against a quintessential East African backdrop. Go as early in the day as possible to maximise viewing time and to take advantage of the morning light.



Ngorongoro Crater  
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### Mt Kilimanjaro

It's difficult to resist the allure of climbing Africa's highest peak, with its snow-capped summit and views over the surrounding plains. Thousands of trekkers complete the climb each year, with a main requirement for success being adequate time for acclimatisation. But there are also other rewarding ways to experience [Kilimanjaro](#). Take a day hike on the mountain's lush lower slopes, learn about local Chagga culture or sip a sundowner from one of many nearby vantage points with the mountain as a backdrop.



Mt Kilimanjaro  
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### Local Life

Wildlife galore, a snow-capped peak, fantastic beaches and Swahili ruins are but a backdrop to Tanzania's most fascinating resource – its people. Local culture is accessible and diverse: seek [Cultural Tourism Programs](#) to get acquainted with the Maasai, learn about the burial traditions of the Pare and experience a local market day with the Arusha. Hike past Sambiaa villages in the Usambaras and watch a Makonde woodcarver at work in Dar es Salaam. Wherever you go, Tanzania's rich cultures are fascinating to discover.



Maasai women  
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