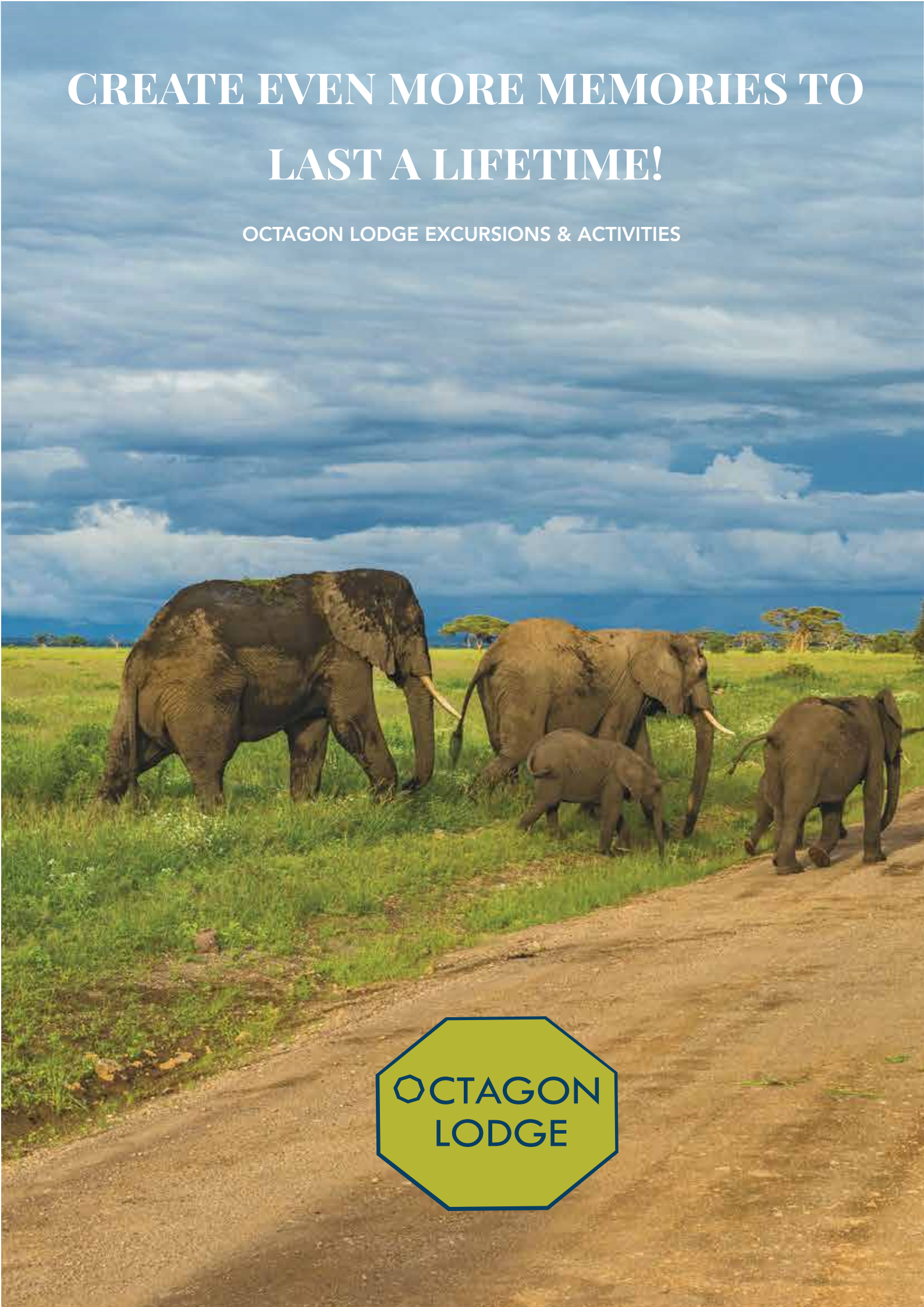


# CREATE EVEN MORE MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME!

OCTAGON LODGE EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES





**FROM THRILLING ADVENTURES ON QUAD BIKES, TO COLORFUL CULTURAL INTERACTIONS WITH THE BUSHMEN AT LAKE EYASI, WE OFFER A RANGE OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES TO ENRICH YOUR STAY IN TANZANIA.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR WISH TO BOOK AN ACTIVITY, PLEASE INFORM THE RECEPTION - THEY WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO MAKE YOUR STAY MORE MEMORABLE AT OCTAGON LODGE.**

**THE PRINCIPAL NATIONAL PARKS IN THE NORTHERN CIRCUIT OF TANZANIA ARE LAKE MANYARA, NGORONOGORO CRATER, TARANGIRE, KILIMANJARO AND SERENGETI. THE LODGE IS IDEALLY SITUATED WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE OF THESE PARKS SO IT CAN PROVIDE THE PERFECT BASE TO EXPLORE THESE KEY ATTRACTIONS. EACH PARK IS UNIQUE SO PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE DETAILED INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO PLAN YOUR ULTIMATE SAFARI.**

# WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO TODAY?

## LAKE MANYARA - VIEW POINT

This is the only official view point for Lake Manyara National Park and is nestled high above it on the Rift Valley. It gives spectacular views of Lake Manyara and the National Park that surrounds it from a higher vantage point - offering a chance to get a glimpse of its beauty without visiting it. Lake Manyara is also famous of its tree climbing lines and which are extremely rare to spot.

LOCATION: B144

DURATION: 1.5 - 4 hours

BEST TIME: 06:30-10:30 or 15:00-19:00

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult



## LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK (DAY GAME DRIVE)

One of Tanzania's smallest parks, Lake Manyara is also one of its most scenic. With a breathtaking landscape at the base of the Rift Valley's western escarpment, Ernest Hemingway described the incredible scenery as the loveliest he had seen in Africa. The park is dominated by the large alkaline lake, which attracts a huge variety of both birds and wildlife, the favorite of locals and tourists.

LOCATION: Manyara Region & Arusha Region, B144 - Near Mto Wa Mbu

DURATION: 4 -10 hours

BEST TIME: 06:30-18:30

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult



## LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK (NIGHT GAME DRIVE)

Experience the thrill of a game drive at night under the stars as a whole new world of nocturnal animals awaits you. Night drives at Lake Manyara National Park are particularly spectacular, with the moon reflecting off the lake and gives you a different perspective of the park and wildlife. This service is offered by the Lake Manyara National Park Rangers and requires an advanced booking. Please note that dinner hot beverage thermoses can be arranged and are recommended.

LOCATION: B144, Near Mto Wa Mbu

DURATION: 3-4 hours

BEST TIME: 19:00-23:00

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult



## KARATU BIKING TOUR

Leave your vehicle behind for exercise and interact with the local people. Explore the beautiful scenery of the landscape of Ngorongoro. We recommend that you hit the trail because it's a great experience to get out and see rural Tanzania.



LOCATION: Well Well Secondary School, Lutheran Church, Local Brick Factory, Market, and Dispensary

DURATION: 2.5 hours

BEST TIME: anytime

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## WALKING TOUR - BIRD WATCHING

Tanzania is an excellent destination for birders with 1,130 different species of birds. All the game parks in Tanzania have an amazing array of birdlife including famous water birds, savannah and forest species providing a rich viewing experience to the birder.



LOCATION: Gongali

DURATION: 1 - 1.5 hours

BEST TIME: 06:30-07:30 or 17:30-19:00

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## COFFEE PLANTATION TOUR

Coffee has been grown in Tanzania for centuries and is one of the country's largest exports. Karatu is an ideal growing area because of the mineral-rich volcanic soil and the altitude of the northern highlands. Visit the numerous coffee plantations in the area, including the plantation near Gibb's Farm.



LOCATION: Near Gibbs Farm

DURATION: 3.5 hours

BEST TIME: anytime

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## ELEPHANT CAVES & WATERFALL WALK

On this walk guests will enjoy spectacular views of the Endoro Waterfall and hike through the famous Elephant Caves in the Ngorongoro Highlands. Elephants are digging up the earth to ingest the vitamin and mineral rich soil for more than 150 years, and other animals include buffalo, bushbuck, waterbuck and baboons.



LOCATION: Ngorongoro Highlands

DURATION: 2.5-3.5 hours

BEST TIME: 6.00am - 18.00pm

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## MTO WA MBU

Mto Wa Mbu is a cross-cultural melting pot that offers a very rare experience for visitors as there are about 120 tribes that reside in the village. It has an exotic mix of languages and customs, and when you enjoy a visit to the village you'll be in the heart of the Northern Safari Circuit in Tanzania. The Village has a very active cultural programme that seeks to show visitors the traditional way of life of the villagers through various activities and also a range of community projects that are in place.



LOCATION: Mto Wa Mbu

DURATION: 6 -10 hours

BEST TIME: anytime

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Tarangire is home to Tanzania's largest population of African elephants. It is a great spot for a day trip from Karatu or as an addition to a Serengeti/Ngorongoro itinerary, with four of the Big Five also residing within the park. The park is named for the Tarangire River which flows through it, and is set against a backdrop of majestic baobab trees and twisted acacia, creating a beautiful experience.



LOCATION: Manyara Region

DURATION: 6-10 hours

BEST TIME: 06:30-18:30

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## LAKE EYASI - HUNTING WITH BUSHMEN

This great landscape is home to the indigenous bushman, the Hadzabe, and the nomadic Datoga tribe. They communicate with a range of clicks and still live in their traditional way, hunting for meat, milking their cows, and eating the wild fruit gathered from the bush around the lake. In fact this is the only place in Africa where you can go hunting with these Hadzabe, the last known tribe that lives by hunting and gathering honey and fruit. You will experience how the Hadzabe have survived for more than 10,000 years. During your visit to the bushmen, you can go hunting and taste the catch and an English-speaking guide will tell you about the traditions of this unique tribe.



LOCATION: Lake Eyasi

DURATION: 7-8 hours

BEST TIME: 08:00-17:00

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

ACTIVITIES: Working with traditional blacksmith, Hunting with hadzabe, baboon, birds & antelopes

## MANYARA TREE TOP WALK

Manyara treetop walkway takes you on a skyhigh adventure through the beautiful forest of lake Manyara. Walk among the forests and experience untouchable nature and wild life from a very unique perspective.



LOCATION: Lake Manyara National Park

DURATION: Anytime

BEST TIME: 08:00 - 17:00

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## TANZIP ZIPLINE ADVENTURE PARK

Located just outside of Mto wa Mbu village, Tanzip is nestled at the base of the great rift valley wall, offering stunning views of surrounding lakes, wetlands, maasai steppe, and the rift valley. The unique ecocourse offers over 1 km of thrilling zipline, with six unique platforms built around baobab trees. (Optional Tinga Tinga Painting Experience: 2-3hrs)  
Weight Limit min20kg, max140kg.



LOCATION: Mto Wa Mbu Village

DURATION: Anytime

BEST TIME: 06:30-18:30

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## QUAD BIKING

Enjoy an exhilarating drive with stunning panoramic views, and you will explore different terrains and surroundings near Mto wa Mbu village. Highlights include the famous masaaai bomas and coffee and banana plantations. All rides are based on the season and road conditions. Please note that a drivers licence is required.



LOCATION: Mto wa Mbu Village

DURATION: Anytime

BEST TIME: 08:00-17:00

AGE: From 15 years children & must be accompanied by an adult

## CAR HIRE

Enjoy your travels within Tanzania with reliable cars to suit your needs with competitive and affordable rates. We can arrange for well maintained, fully insured vehicles for self drive or guided safaris.



LOCATION: Octagon Lodge

DURATION: Anytime

BEST TIME: Anytime

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult

## NGORONGORO CRATER - VIEW POINT

Ngorongoro, the world's largest intact volcanic caldera and home to the highest density of big game in Africa has a built pavillion that provides a near 180° view of this immense wonder. Enjoy a picnic and view one of Africa's most beautiful regions, with volcanic craters that form stunning backdrops and some of the most fertile and richest grazing grounds in Africa.

LOCATION: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

DURATION: 1.5-2.5 hours

BEST TIME: anytime

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult



## NGORONGORO CRATER - GAME DRIVE

One of the world's most astonishing and renowned natural wonders, the Ngorongoro crater remains the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. The Crater is a breathtakingly beautiful setting and one of the best conservation areas to see the Big Five in Tanzania.

LOCATION: Ngorongoro Region

DURATION: 6-10 hours

BEST TIME: 06:30-18:30

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult



## OLDUVAI GORGE (OPTIONAL ON NGORONGORO GAME DRIVE)

Olduvai Gorge - Cradle of Mankind The first early human species, Homo habilis, occupied Olduvai Gorge approximately 1.9 million years ago and visitors can tour the steep-sided ravine in the Great Rift Valley. This gorge is one of the most important historic sites in the world and has been crucial to understanding human evolution.

LOCATION: Ngorongoro Region

DURATION: 3-8 hours

BEST TIME: 08:00-17:00

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult



## SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Serengeti National Park, in northern Tanzania, is known for its massive annual migration of wildebeest and zebra. Seeking new pasture, the herds move north from their breeding grounds in the grassy southern plains. Many cross the marshy western corridor's crocodile-infested Grumeti River. Others veer north-east to the Lobo Hills, home to black eagles.

LOCATION: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

DURATION: 3-4 hours

BEST TIME: 08:00-17:00

AGE: No min age, children must be accompanied by an adult



**IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN DO TO  
ENSURE YOUR STAY IS TRULY MEMORABLE,  
PLEASE ASK.  
WE ARE HERE TO HELP.**

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A herd of elephants is seen in a savanna landscape. The elephants are of various sizes, including several adults and a few calves. They are standing on a dirt path that leads into a field of tall green grass. In the background, there are scattered trees, including a prominent acacia tree, under a bright blue sky with some light clouds.

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