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ACTIVITIES FACT SHEET

Entamanu, Ngorongoro

Northern Tanzania



NGORONGORO CRATER DRIVES

Early morning departure from camp with picnic breakfast in the Crater. Return to camp for a late lunch and the option of a short afternoon walk and/or sundowners behind camp, overlooking the Serengeti.

Our Private Game Package gives complete flexibility for guests to plan their own schedule, including the option of a picnic lunch en route back from the Crater, with a 2 to 4 hour walking safari along the Crater rim.

PRIVATE CRATER VIEW LUNCH

Cost: \$150 pp min 2 pax.

These are served as a normal buffet style camp lunch with a proper meal set up with table, chairs, waiters and fully laid out meal in a private picnic site. Pre-booked and subject to availability. This is only available on a private car basis with a minimum of 4 pax and a max of 16.

OLDUVAI MUSEUM AND SHIFTING SANDS

Cost: \$36pp entry fee, pre-arranged and prepaid.

Olduvai Museum, overlooking Olduvai Gorge, is a 60 minute drive from Entamanu on what can be a bumpy road. Shifting Sands are a further 20 minutes across and beyond the Gorge. In the green season (Dec to May), both sites can be visited en route from Entamanu to the southern Serengeti, to avoid the return journey.

Shifting Sands is a volcanic half-moon (barkan) shaped sand dune, formed from carbonatite sand from a previous eruption of Mt. Lengai. This fine magnetic sand moves slowly across the plains with the wind, retaining its shape as it travels, with markers on the ground showing its progress over the years. The dune holds strong religious significance for the Maasai of the area and sits within dramatic scenery in the short grass plains.

MAASAI INTERACTIONS

We are very privileged to have access to a Maasai Boma that only Entamanu guests visit. This is accessed by a short 10-minute drive from camp and then a short walk from the road into the Boma which takes about 15 minutes. Visits generally take between 30 minutes and 3 hours depending on what guests want to see and do. Once guests are in the Boma, they will be shown around by the Maasai and there is often a short performance of song and dance, a lesson in traditional fire making, spear throwing, a short "lecture"/ talk, milking and livestock duties if it is in the evening.



MAASAI DANCING

Cost: \$200 per group. Must be pre-booked.

A private Maasai dance at our sundowner spot is an unforgettable spectacle of colour and culture. As the sun descends in the direction of the Serengeti, around 50 tribesmen and women gather to begin their hypnotic chanting, warming to full volume, punctuated by theatrical leaping, as the light fades. The fervour is contagious, and guests will often find themselves warmly welcomed to join the revelry.

MAASAI ORPUL

Cost: \$100 per group. Must be pre-booked.

A Maasai Orpul is a fascinating traditional ceremony which the Maasai have practiced for centuries. Guests are invited to get involved with as much of the process as they would like to. This ceremony involves the slaughtering and skinning of a goat, mixing of herbal medicine and a description from the Maasai of the activities involved and the significance they hold for the Maasai. The ceremony completes with boiling and roasting of the meat, which is then shared amongst the group.

KOPELION EVENING TALK

Cost: \$250 per group. Must be pre-booked.

Across much of Africa, lions are in dramatic decline. KopeLion works with local Maasai and other pastoralists to foster human-lion co-existence in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Learn first-hand from those tracking lions and monitoring their behaviour and movements. We arrange for William, a founder of the KopeLion program, and a respected senior elder of his Maasai community, to meet you in camp for a private talk about their work.

TANZANIAN CHILDREN'S FUND (TCF)

Cost: \$50 per person. Must be pre-booked.

Pre-booked private car is required.

TCF is home to 97 vulnerable children, meeting their everyday needs and investing in their futures. Guests travelling between Entamanu Ngorongoro and Arusha can visit the children's home and the great work of TCF, first hand. Guests staying at Entamanu Ngorongoro will detour to visit the children's home which adds three hours to the journey. For Lake Manyara fly-ins, the home is around one hour from the airport.

HIGHLAND WALKING SAFARIS

All walks are accompanied by your Nomad guide, a Maasai walking guide and an NCAA armed ranger. We are in the heart of some of the best walking country in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, having access to our own remote corner of Crater rim wilderness. We would encourage all guests to walk at least once during their stay. We can offer short walks from camp as well as some longer walks in the surrounding area. Please read our full walking guide below to see what may be suitable for your clients.

Crater viewpoint walk



AT A GLANCE...

How long – 2-3 hours

How far – 3-4kms

How fit – Moderate fitness required

Who with – Your Nomad guide, Maasai walking guide and NCAA armed ranger

When – July to March unless vegetation very thick or wildlife present

An absolute must for any Entamanu visitor, this walk is the best possible introduction to the breathtaking views into the Crater.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WALK

You'll head out straight from camp and wend your way along ancient cattle trails in the direction of the Crater, very likely chancing upon some of your guide's fellow tribesmen, our Maasai neighbours herding their livestock along the way. You'll meander along to the end of the gully that takes you right to the Crater rim, and there's little that can prepare you for the vista that awaits. The unimpeded view directly into the Crater is spellbinding, and it would be sacrilege not to bring a pair of binoculars – it's an idyllic spot to enjoy a bit of game spotting from on high. In the lushest midst of the green season, vegetation can be thick enough to hide a buffalo or even elephant, but our guides are attuned to this environment and any decision they make will always be in the interest of your safety. Generally Apr to Jun we avoid this walk.

HOW TO FIT INTO YOUR ITINERARY

1. On your day of arrival or after a morning in the Crater, have a leisurely lunch in camp and set out for your walk in the late afternoon so that you're back in time for sundowners.
2. On your departure day, have an early breakfast and take this opportunity to stretch your legs before moving on to your next destination.

Maasai Boma Walk

AT A GLANCE...

How long – 2-3 hours

How far – 4-6kms

How fit – Moderate fitness required

Who with – Your Nomad guide, Maasai walking guide and NCAA armed ranger

When – Possible all year round unless very thick vegetation or wildlife present

A Boma is a Maasai homestead, and these are as much a part of the Ngorongoro scenery as the wildlife is. What could be better than taking a stroll to meet new friends?

DESCRIPTION OF THE WALK

Our Maasai neighbours are one of our favourite features of this spectacular patch of wilderness, and we feel lucky to share their home with them. An insight into their culture and way of life adds dimensions to an Entamanu experience; you'll be warmly welcomed, and it truly is a window into another world. After a morning in the Crater and lunch in camp, set out for a stroll down the hill. From November to June while the bush is lush, thick, and green, you'll stick to the open road until the Acacia Forest ends, and you can cut across the highland plains toward the Boma. In the dry season, you'll meander through the Acacia Forest along the ancient Maasai cattle paths. Both routes reveal picturesque Maasai settlements dotting the northern side of the Crater, and rolling hills give way to views of the Ol Balbal Depression and the endless Serengeti plains before you arrive at the Boma, where you'll be invited in by the folk who've called these highlands home for centuries. If you're feeling fit, walk back up the hill and stop off at our sundowner spot to toast a day well spent; alternatively, jump aboard your chariot directly from the Boma.

HOW TO FIT INTO YOUR ITINERARY

1. On your arrival from Kuro or Manyara Airstrip, have lunch in camp and stretch your legs on a walk to the Boma, followed by sundowners on the way home.
2. Enjoy this afternoon activity after a morning in the Crater and a leisurely lunch in camp.
3. Set out for this walk first thing in the morning, and arrive back in camp for a later breakfast.

Crater Rim Walk

AT A GLANCE...

How long – 3-5 hours

How far – 6-8kms

How fit – Moderate fitness required

Who with – Your Nomad guide, Maasai walking guide and NCAA armed ranger

When – Possible all year round unless very thick vegetation or wildlife present

Take an epic amble along the edge of one of the wonders the world on your approach to Entamanu; soaking it in slowly is the only way to do justice to the staggering scenery.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WALK

A quintessential part of the Entamanu experience is exploring this elemental terrain on foot, and in our eyes, there's no better way to set the tone for your arrival in camp than by walking in. Abandon your vehicle near Seneto and take your time over these incredible vistas as you amble along in the company of your Maasai guide. On your right, the entire Crater bowl reveals its magic to you, and as you approach camp, the Gol Mountains and the Ol Balbal Depression come spectacularly into view. It goes without saying that binoculars are a must. In the afternoon, you'll have the sun at your back and an icy-cold G&T waiting for you as you arrive. It's also an unbeatable way to start the day: stroll out of camp while the morning's still fresh and the views are crisp and clear; you'll get to Seneto in time for a cookout bush breakfast in a truly stunning setting.

HOW TO FIT INTO YOUR ITINERARY

1. On your arrival day into Entamanu from Kuro or Manyara Airstrip, stop for a picnic lunch on the way, and alight at Seneto for a long but magical walk into camp where the team will be waiting to welcome you.
2. Head out for a morning Crater drive, have a picnic lunch en route back and walk the rest of the way.
3. On your departure day, strike out early on foot and head for Seneto where a bush breakfast will be waiting, and drive on to Serengeti Safari Camp in Ndotu. Link up with the Serengeti walk for walking enthusiasts.

Serengeti Walk



AT A GLANCE...

How long – 4-6 hours

How far – 10-14kms

How fit – Good fitness required

Who with – Your Nomad guide, Maasai walking guide and NCAA armed ranger

When – Primarily green season but a shorter route is available during the dry season

Entamanu's the only place in the world where you can see the Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti plains from the same spot. This walk is an unparalleled opportunity to connect the two with your own footsteps.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WALK

Start early with coffee, then jump aboard for a 30-minute drive to your starting point. You'll wend your way along ancient cattle trails through high-altitude meadows, past picturesque Maasai Bomas and Acacia woodlands, revealing stunning views of Lemakarot Mountain as you gradually descend to the endless plains of the Serengeti. The transition from the montane Crater highlands all the way down to the infinity of the Serengeti plains is a gradual yet dramatic change in landscape, navigated in the company of your Maasai guides whose knowledge of this part of the world is steeped in their DNA. You'll be met with a rewarding brunch where the highlands give way to the plains, and from there you can either drive back to Entamanu or on to Serengeti Safari Camp in Ndotu. In the green season, you can extend your walk by another few kilometres in the direction of Olduvai Gorge for an extra dose of scenery and plains game. Tuck into a good breakfast before you set off on this epic adventure.

HOW TO FIT INTO YOUR ITINERARY

1. Make this the ultimate transition to Serengeti Safari Camp on your departure day from Entamanu. For guests on Private Game Package, this walk can be arranged in camp. Clients on Shared Game Package we recommend pre-booking.
2. Add a day to your Entamanu stay and dedicate it to this one of a kind on-foot experience.
3. Consider combining this walk with a visit to Olduvai Museum.

Lemakarot Mountain Hike

A truly off-the-beaten-track experience for those fit and wild at heart, the reward in trekking this road less travelled far exceeds the challenge.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WALK

Fuel up with coffee and brekkie and be out the door no later than 6.30am for a 90-minute drive to your starting point. You'll start on old cattle trails that weave you through pretty Maasai settlements as you approach Lemakarot's incline. The climb takes about 3.5 hours, up along grassy slopes and into a belt of dense highland vegetation: mystical trees are cloaked in Old Man's Beard, and leafy shrubs and giant ferns brush the path. This gives way to open highveld grassland wreathed with wildflowers, and a view of Lemakarot's peak through patches of montane evergreen forest. Looking back reveals part of Ngorongoro Crater, Mt Satiman, Mt Oldeani and endless undulating highland hills. As you summit, you're rewarded with an indescribable 360° view from Lake Eyasi to the Serengeti Plains, Ngorongoro Highlands and all the way to the Gol Mountains with Lengai in the distance toward the northern side of the mountain. It is, quite simply, breath-taking. After a picnic lunch and a good rest, it's time to wend your way back down and drive back to camp.

HOW TO FIT INTO YOUR ITINERARY

Add a day to your Entamanu stay and dedicate it to this one of a kind on-foot experience. This hike must be pre-booked and does require a pre-booked private car, if not on Private Game Package.

AT A GLANCE...

How long – 4-6 hours

How far – 10-14kms

How fit – Good fitness required

Who with – Your Nomad guide, Maasai walking guide and NCAA armed ranger

When – Primarily green season but a shorter route is available during the dry season