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# Tarangire

## YOUR GUIDE TO THE SEASONS

MONTH	RAIN FALL	HI TEMP	WILDLIFE & PARK INFO
<b>JAN</b>	75 - 135mm	28°C (82.4°F)	January through March is when the park tends to dry out a little after the early rains of late November and December. The park is green and full of life as the trees flower and the wild flowers start to bloom. The migrant animals (mainly zebra and wildebeest) move out of the park to their green season grazing but the larger herbivores and predators remain. Because of the standing water, dry season movements between highland grazing and the river change and the animals are dispersed and can be more difficult to see due to the high grass. This is the best time to see avian migrants in all their amazing breeding plumage. Walking can be difficult if the bush is too thick.
<b>FEB</b>	75 - 135mm	28°C (82.4°F)	
<b>MAR</b>	75 - 135mm	28°C (82.4°F)	
<b>APR</b>	185mm	27°C (80.6°F)	<b>Camp closed.</b> April & May are when the majority of the rains fall and the weather tends to be overcast, the roads muddy and impassable in places.
<b>MAY</b>	65mm	25°C (77°F)	<b>Camp closed.</b> April & May are when the majority of the rains fall and the weather tends to be overcast, the roads muddy and impassable in places.
<b>JUN</b>	5mm	24°C (75.2°F)	The long rains have just finished and the grass is still long which can make game viewing a little more challenging. Many of the migrant animals are still out of the park to the east. There's still a lot of standing water around, Silale is green and scattered with pools. This is a great time for water birds and also for large herds of buffalo, which benefit from the absence of other herbivores. Walking can be difficult at this time. The park is often still quiet and the scenery beautiful and clear.
<b>JUL</b>	1mm	23°C (73.4°F)	The park is starting to dry out and the herds of zebra and wildebeest start to accumulate east of Silale around Lemiyon and Serengeti Ndogo. The habitual daily treks between the ridges for grazing and the river for water begin again. The grass is slowly being trampled down, making both herbivores and predators more visible and creating better conditions for walking.
<b>AUG</b>	1mm	25°C (77°F)	August is dryer still and the daily commute of the wildlife between the higher ground and the river is becoming more pronounced. The movement further tramples the grass, and makes the game viewing easier. Birds concentrate at the diminishing pools, particularly pelicans and marabou storks which prey on the increasingly isolated fish. This is a great month to get out on foot.

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SEP	5mm	27°C (80.6°F)	September and October tend to be the hottest, driest months. Food starts to become more hard to come by and the water is diminishing. Elephants dig wells in the sandy river beds, in turn visited by other animals.
OCT	15mm	28°C (82.4°F)	This is particularly good time for night drives when predators are actively targeting the animals that are beginning to weaken from lack of food. The concentration of birds is increasing and during October, the first northern migratory birds arrive.
NOV	80mm	29°C (84.2°F)	November is a mixed month – it can be hot and dry or wet depending on when the rains start. Either way it is a good time to visit. If it's dry, the game viewing is much like September and October, but if it's wet, there's a wonderful spring like feel to the place. The grass and leaves quickly sprout green shoots and the animals all have extra bounce after a lean period. With the fresh grass, the animals don't need to drink as much so the behaviour changes once more. The birds start to exhibit territorial behaviour.
DEC	112mm	29°C (84.2°F)	We expect a bit more rain during December and the temperature is warm and muggy. The birds are now in full breeding plumage and are frantically nest building. The migrant herbivores start to move out to their green season grazing territory to the east but this is a wonderful time to see elephants wallowing, flowers and greenery.