



# ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK

## Fast facts:

**Size:** 542 SQ KM (206 SQ MI)

**Activities Offered:** Game Drives, Guided Bushwalk, Canoe Trip, Waterfall Hike / Camp Mt. Meru, Picnic at Momella Lake

**Driving Distance** from Arusha Town: 45 minutes

**Common Wildlife:** Black and White Colobus Monkey, blue velvet monkey, Sykes monkey, baboon, Giraffe, Elephant, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, common waterbuck, hyena, leopard, warthog, flamingo, red and blue duiker, multiple species of birds and reptiles

**How did it get started?** Established in 1960, Arusha National Park is a gem of varied ecosystems and spectacular views of Mt. Meru, the crater that gives the region its name.

**What's in Arusha National Park:** It is a popular destination for visitors who are about to embark from the town of Arusha on longer northern circuit safaris. The small national park includes Mt. Meru's slopes, summit, and ash cone, the Momella Lakes, Ngurdoto Crater, and the lush highland forests that blanket its lower slopes. Game viewing around the Momella Lakes is at a laid-back and quiet pace, and while passing through the forest, many visitors stop to search for troupes of rare colobus monkeys playing in the canopy.

**A Day at Arusha National Park:** After breakfast, we will depart from the hotel to Arusha national park at 8:00 am (upon request). The drive from Arusha town to the park takes about 1hr. Arusha national park attained its status in 1960 just one year before the Tanganyika gain its independence, it is located about 32km from Arusha town, covering an area of 137sq km. This park offers a vast variety of animals from smaller creatures to bigger mammals. Feel relaxed in our luxurious, comfortable, excellent, Toyota Landcruiser 4-wheel drive, specifically modified for your safari safety. Enjoy all the great explanations and exciting experiences that your guide shall provide while driving through dense forests, highlands, marsh, and swamp areas. The Magnificent views of Mt. Meru, Mt Kilimanjaro, and Momella Lakes, the rich variety of Fauna and Flora can be viewed during lunch at the picnic site. Look for the handsome black and white monkeys, which are called, colobus monkeys, view numerous water birds including a flock of Lesser and Greater flamingos hosted in the lakes with a nice breeze. Bushbucks, Warthogs, Blue and Red Duikers, Dik Diks, Giraffes, Buffaloes, Zebras, Waterbucks, Blue and Velvet Monkeys, and Baboons can always be sighted in this beautiful park. If you are fortunate, you may also see the actual elephants apart from the evidence that you see as you drive around, leopards, and hyenas. In addition to breathtaking views and exciting animals, there are thrilling activities to experience, such as hiking, canoeing, guided bush walk with an armed ranger. Its name, Arusha, refers to one of the tribes in the region (Wa-Arusha).

**TAT Tip:** suggests the popular and economical guided bushwalk activity, which provides an opportunity to traverse the landscape with a park ranger while getting up close and personal with some of the most commonly spotted animals. The walk culminates at the Tulusia Waterfall, a spectacular 100-foot waterfall, and the perfect photo op to remember your amazing day at Arusha National Park.



