



SANCTUARY  
KUSINI

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK



TANZANIA 12 TENTS

This is the only permanent camp in this unspoilt and remote part of the Serengeti and every year wildebeest congregate on the camp's "doorstep."



## LUXURY, NATURALLY

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Adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally' - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and one of our traditional tented camps, Sanctuary Kusini.

Sanctuary Kusini is the only permanent camp in this unspoilt and remote part of the Southern Serengeti where the wildebeest migration congregates on an annual basis.

Sanctuary Kusini's location was specially selected by our guides and local experts. The camp is nestled in a woodland area surrounded by kopje. Built around a spectacular rocky outcrop and on the path of the wildebeest migration, the camp is ideal for seeing cheetah and wildebeest that congregate on the grassy plains in the calving season from mid-December to March.

## USPS

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- The only permanent camp located in the quiet southern region of the Serengeti
- On the path of the wildebeest migration
- Sundowners served on a rocky outcrop (kopje) with incredible 360 degree view
- Participate in a cheetah watch project with your cheetah images
- Incredible cosmic safaris on top of the kopje
- Complimentary Wi-Fi available in the tents

## ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

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Accommodation is offered in twelve double tents scattered around the main kopje. Each extremely spacious tent has ensuite facilities with an indoor shower. Large private decking with comfortable furnishings extends in front of each tent, with views of the surrounding bush below where zebra, buffalo and lion are a common sight year-round. The tented rooms feature mosquito netting, hairdryers and in room safe. Guests also have a personal tent attendant to look after their every need during their stay.

The dining area, lounge and library are housed in the main area, which affords spectacular views from its wooden deck and the adjacent kopje. The camp also has a bush boutique for curio shop purchases. Complimentary wireless internet access is available in the rooms. Electricity supply is a combination of silent packed generator and battery system.

## LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

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Sanctuary Kusini is the only permanent tented camp in the Southern Serengeti.

Sanctuary Kusini has a private airstrip, Serengeti South Airstrip (SGS) which can be accessed by daily scheduled light aircraft flights. Private charter flights can also be arranged. Transfer time from the airstrip to camp is 30 - 45 minutes.

### **Flying times:**

- Arusha (ARK) to Serengeti South airstrip (SGS) airstrip - 1 hour 30 minutes (depending on stops)
- Serengeti South airstrip (SGS) to Sanctuary Swala (Kuro airstrip) - 1 hour 10 minutes (depending on stops)

### **Road transfers:**

- Ngorongoro Crater to Sanctuary Kusini – 8 hours
- Arusha to Sanctuary Kusini – 10 hours

Please note that the luggage restriction for light aircrafts is 15kg / 33lbs per person in a soft-sided bag.



## GAME VIEWING AND ACTIVITIES

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Sanctuary Kusini is one of the great places in the world to see large predators – lion and cheetah; with leopard often lying in the kopjes nearby camp. Between January and March the great migration returns and wildebeest and zebra cover the plains as they give birth to their young. The treeless plains in this area provide the perfect habitat for cheetah that has made this area of the park their permanent home. Key wildlife include: lion, the elusive leopard, elephant, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, striped and spotted hyena, wildebeest, impala.

The following activities are included in your stay:

**Game drives:** Our experienced guides know every inch of the territory around the camp and this remote corner of the vast eco-system never disappoints - buffalo, elephant, the rare wild dog, hyena and giraffe, all can be seen close to the camp. There are no other camps round here, so adventurous travellers can be sure of unobstructed viewing from our customised safari vehicles. Bird life is particularly good on the forest edge where woodpeckers and brightly coloured kingfishers can often be seen.

**Cosmic Safaris:** Most visitors come to Africa looking for the wildlife and the beauty, yet one of the most spectacular sights of all is hardly ever mentioned - the African night sky, offering some of the best star gazing in the world. In the evening before dinner, sit around the campfire and allow the camp manager to uncover the universe. With a green laser pointer to show you the way, embark on a walk through the stars where you can look back millions of years in time and get lost in the beauty of the night sky.

**Sundowners:** Sundowners are the classic end to any day on safari - and the sundowners at Sanctuary Kusini are simply sensational. Climb to the top of the main kopje, relax on large pillows and view spectacular sunsets with our signature cocktails and snacks.

## A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

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**Schedule (flexible):**

- 05:30 Wakeup call
- 06:00 Breakfast
- 06:30 Depart for morning game drive
- 12:00 Lunch (alternatively, a full game drive with picnic lunch is available to explore up to central Serengeti)
- 16:00 Depart for afternoon game drive
- 18:00 Sundowners
- 19:30 Dinner

## HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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Guests celebrating their honeymoon will receive special surprises during their stay. All attempts are made to keep honeymooners separate from other guests.

Our honeymoon services include:

- Honeymoon welcome card in tent
- Private breakfast on the kopje overlooking the Serengeti
- Sparkling wine in guests' tent upon arrival

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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We welcome children 6 years and older Sanctuary Kusini.

Children aged 15 years and younger are required to share with their parents. Triples are available on request.



## DINING

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Breakfast, lunch, snacks during activities and dinners are all included in your stay. Meals are served in the dining mess tent. Breakfast is served before the morning game activity. No coffee tea, snacks etc are served on game drives unless a packed breakfast is requested. Lunch can be enjoyed back at the camp or alternatively picnic baskets can be arranged should guests wish to stay longer in the park.

Climb to the top of the main kopje to view spectacular sunsets with our signature cocktails, followed by a three course dinner in the dining area. With prior notice, our camps are able to arrange halaal meals, however, please note our kitchens aren't strictly halaal and our chefs are not trained in halaal food preparation. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange kosher meals.

Meals typically consist of the following:

- **Breakfast:** Continental and full English Breakfast
- **Lunch:** Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 choices, one being a vegetarian
- **Dinner:** Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 to 3 choices, one being a vegetarian

## CLIMATE

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Tanzania has a tropical climate which is mainly characterised by warm days and cool evenings. December to March are usually the warmest months of the year with possible afternoon thundershowers, while June to August are the coolest. From September to November the days are warm with short scattered rains falling in November.

## CLOTHING

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Clothing should be cool and comfortable. Greens, browns and khaki coloured clothing are advisable for safaris. We suggest long sleeves and long trousers and for morning and evenings due to mosquitoes; and a fleece, sweater or warm jacket for morning and evening game drives. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the camp (weather dependent).

**Accessories:** Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must. The camp provides complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.

## HEALTH

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Please discuss health precautions for your travel itinerary with a qualified health professional at least six weeks before you depart. We advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria and we recommend speaking to your GP or personal physician four to six weeks before departure. Travellers travelling from or through countries which have been declared yellow fever infected areas must provide an international health certificate of vaccination for yellow fever upon arrival into Tanzania.

## MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

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All extras can be paid for with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and US dollars, Pounds, Euros are also accepted. Change will be given in USD when payment is made in USD. Change will be given in the local currency for all other currencies. Diners Cards are not accepted. Currency exchange is not available

## TIPPING GUIDELINE

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Tipping is not obligatory but generally accepted rates are \$15 per guest per day for the guide and \$15 per guest per day for the rest of the staff.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

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Sanctuary Kusini prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.



## PHILANTHROPY PROJECTS

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### **Serengeti Cheetah Project**

The Serengeti Cheetah Project helps to monitor the demographics of the 50-80 cheetah in the area, one of the last few remaining natural ecosystems where cheetah exist in viable numbers. Sanctuary Kusini, located within the Serengeti National Park, is a proud supporter of this project which has been established for over 30 years. The camp's location directly in the path of the seasonal cheetah movement makes it ideal to help track this iconic African animal.

There are dedicated game drives at Sanctuary Kusini with the specific purpose of finding cheetah and identifying them. Once spotted, guests are encouraged to photograph the cheetah, and leave copies of the sighting photos which are then passed on to the research team. Feedback is then provided when possible to our guests on which cheetah were observed.

Further commitment to the project offers our guests a fascinating insight into the lives of the cheetah during their time on a Serengeti safari; along with increasing the valuable research required to conserve the habitat of this amazing cat.

### **Ilboru School Project**

Sanctuary Retreats Philanthropy sponsors Ilboru Primary School, located two kilometres from the centre of Arusha and through this assistance, the school's Special Needs Unit has gone from educating just two special needs children, to now having three classrooms and educating 30 deaf or disabled children.

So far the project has donated desks, sewing machines, books and computers and also covers the cost of living expenses for ten special needs students who could not otherwise attend school.

We have started to construct a suitable classroom facility for the secondary education of the deaf and disabled children graduating from the primary School. The building has been designed in such a way that it can be extended to accommodate larger numbers of children as the project develops. A secondary classroom has been built on the primary school grounds to encourage integration resources can be shared. SRP continues to support this project and we will continue to add more classrooms.

Additionally, on-going support of the project by Sanctuary Retreats Philanthropy and our guests on a Tanzania safari will contribute to the following key developments:

- A soundproof room to accurately test deaf children and fit hearing aids.
- A craft room where special needs students can participate in income generating projects once they graduate, giving them a means of independence.





## SANCTUARY KUSINI



## LUXURY, NATURALLY

Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and expedition ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and ‘Luxury, naturally’, all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.

## RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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