**Tour Code TAG** 



# Tanzania - From Nairobi through Tanzania to Zanzibar!

This incredible cycle tour offers a tremendous variety for the nature-loving cyclist through the diverse country on the East African coast on interesting paths in a fantastic landscape. The contact with the very interested and friendly population often leads to unforgettable, spontaneous experiences. During drives in unique national parks, such as the Ngorongoro Crater we have good chances to see the "Big Five". Afterwards, we cycle to the foot of Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, and continue through dreamy steppes and jungle sections to the beaches of Zanzibar.

#### Day 1

Meeting of all participants at the airport in Frankfurt. Common check-in and departure to Tanzania.

#### Day 2 Good morning, Kilimanjaro

At Kilimanjaro Airport, we will be picked up by our tour guide and get a transfer to the hotel in Moshi. In the afternoon, a visit to Moshi is planned and detailed information about the next few days are given while having dinner together.

## Day 3

The lunch is in a Franciscan mission, where we prepare our bicycles and deposit our main luggage, as we now change to an ATV and drive to the world-famous crater at 2000m altitude (about 4 hours / 350km). We travel through rolling farmland with cornfields and coffee plantations, where we certainly see our first monkeys on the roadside and trees full of storks in their nests. Our camp is in a well maintained complex with spacious sitting areas and a beautiful fireplace.



## Day 4 Ngorongoro Crater

Loch is the Masai name. Today, we will drive a whole day in the unique Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The chances are good that we will see the "Big Five" (elephant, lion, rhinoceros, buffalo and with luck the leopard). We will encounter countless other species of animals: zebra, giraffe, hippo, antelope, flamingo and many more. At a lake in the crater interior, we will have our picnic lunch.

#### Day 5 Lake Manyara – Mkuru Camel Camp 15 km

Early in the morning we go for a tour in Lake Manyara National Park. The park stretches 50km along the East African Rift Valley. We meet pelicans and flamingos and many other animals. With a little luck, we will see sleeping lions on trees. We drive back to Arusha and enjoy a special lunch in an African restaurant, with the opportunity to purchase handicrafts from handicapped people. In the early afternoon, we drive to Oldonio Sambu, where we board our bikes for the first time and cycle to a secluded campsite north of Mont Meru. Camping in tent rooms.

#### Day 6 Mkuru Training Camp – Monduli 40 km

Today, we start our cycle tour, which leads us into the Masai village Tinga Tinga and on to the Ndarakwai Lodge. We drive through the steppe, where the Masaai with their herds of cattle share the grassy plains with antelopes and zebras. The 5895 m high Kilimanjaro is in our field of vision. We stay overnight in the beautiful Ndarakwai Lodge, nestled in a forest, where the motto is: Simplicity is stylish. Maasai hut.



## Day 7 Nalemoru – Lake Chala 59 km

We drive along the Kilimanjaro massif through cornfields and Masaai steppe. On this hilly stretch we often meet Masaai in her traditional red robes. The people are very friendly and especially the children will call "Jambo", which means "Hello" in Swahili. Our accomodation is located on the Nalemoru River in the middle of the Rongai Forest, northeast of Kilimanjaro. With good visibility we can see the Kilimanjaro from this place in the morning.

### Day 8 Kamwanga - Lake Chala 68 km

Today, we cycle a quarter around the Kilmanjaro massif. It goes through steppe, forests and banana plantations. On winding single trails, we experience a lot of the everyday life of the locals. In the afternoon, lonely paths take us to the current campground, which is located on a steppe-like area not far from Lake Chala and invites you to swim before the campfire ends the day. Camping on Lake Chala (freshwater crater lake with possibility for swimming).

#### Day 9 Lake Chala – Marangu 26 km

Today, we go up to the base village on Kilimanjaro. The higher we climb, the lush the vegetation. Around noon, we reach Marangu, the village at the foot of Kilimanjaro, where we have lunch at the Lucerne Inn (which happens to be owned by our guide Severin). Our hotel is only a few meters away in a beautiful garden where we can rest in the afternoon.

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#### Day 10 Marangu – Mambo Viewpoint 19 km

After breakfast, we are driven in the escort bus about 250 km south to the Usambara mountains. We have lunch at the foot of a lonely road to the small mountain village Mtae. This mountain stage will be tackled either by bike, on foot or in the ATV. It is a steep path, which is worth it if you arrive at the top and enjoy a breathtaking view. We drive through small towns and further to the Mambo Viewpoint, which is an eco-lodge that is located at 1900m altitude and offers indescribable views over the Pare Mountains, the Mkomazi National Park and Kilimanjaro. Accommodation: Camping in the eco-lodge.

## Day 11 Mambo Viewpoint - Lushoto 58 km

Today, we in paradise-like are а with lovingly cultivated environment gardens, fruit trees and many small villages. On our way we will taste the local tea or coffee. We enjoy the proximity to a very hospitable population. Built on the model of a traditional and modern guest house, our today's accommodation is surrounded by gardens, just 1.5 km from the center of Lushoto.

## Day 12 Lushoto - Korogwe 46 km

Today, we will go to various tea plantations past the southern edge of the Usambara mountains. It is the main tea growing area of the country. At first, we are still in the rainforest area, then we go a long descent down to the wide plain to Korogwe.

## Day 13 Korogwe - Pangani 75 km

A long day is ahead of us. We drive along the sisal plantations and palm forests to the Indian Ocean. Our accommodation for the next two days is a holiday resort in the middle of a coconut plantation directly above the sea.

Should the day's stage be too long, there is the possibility to get in the escort vehicle. Generally, the track is flat. Radreisen weltweit erlebt.

## Day 14 Pangani – Nungwi (Zanzibar)

Pangani is a very old place on the caravan route for the export of slaves and ivory. Today, it is a quiet fishing and holiday village. In Pangani, we have a wide, beautiful beach almost to ourselves. Here, we enjoy the well-deserved rest and can visit the almost 200 years old buildings in the city.

#### Day 15 Pangani – Nungwi (Zanzibar)

In the morning, we take a speedboat to the northern end of Zanzibar (known as island for spices). The journey takes about 2 hours. Maybe we'll spot passing dolphins. From our hotel we can see the island of Tumbatu with its lighthouse. The white sandy beach is the perfect place to enjoy the sunset.



#### Day 16

Bathing and relaxation day. Opportunity to dive or snorkel directly at the hotel.

## Day 17 Tag Nungwi – Zanzibar Stonetown 56 km

Return flight to Frankfurt and arrival on the same day.



## Guided tour 18 days / 17 nights

## <u>Grade</u>: 🗣 - 🗬

The cycle stages with higher daily kilometers are rather easy stretches and mostly flat. The terrain is hilly on the cycle stages with lower daily kilometers, mostly with sandy roads, but also paved roads.

Minimum numbers of participants: 8, maximum 14

Dates: 18.11. - 05.12.2020 10.03. - 27.03.2021 16.03. - 02.04.2022\*

Price per person	Euro
Double Room full board Single room full board	4.400,00 4.740,00
Rental bike	220,00

\* additional costs: 60,00 €

The transport of your own bike costs about 140,00  $\in$ .

#### The tour includes:

- ✓ Flight with Condor from Frankfurt to Kilimanjaro
- ✓ Flight with Condor from Zanzibar to Frankfurt
- ✓ 12 nights in 3\* hotels/lodges
- ✓ 4 nights in camps with tents
- ✓ 1 night in a Maasai hut
- ✓ Full board in Tanzania apart from 2 meals
- ✓ Full board on Zanzibar
- ✓ 4-5 liters drinking water per day
- ✓ Tour guide of France A Velo
- ✓ Local tour guide
- $\checkmark$  1 escort vehicle during the whole trip
- ✓ Boat transfer to Zanzibar
- ✓ All mentioned transfers in minibuses
- ✓ Entry fees for 2 national parks
- ✓ Route books, maps and information material

## Many exceptional services included!

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