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### TRIP DOSSIER: 4-Day Gombe Forest Safari – Revised 19 November 2025

Embark on an unforgettable 4-day journey through Gombe Stream National Park, the legendary home of Dr. Jane Goodall's chimpanzee research. This safari offers an intimate escape into one of Tanzania's smallest yet most enchanting parks, where lush tropical forests meet the tranquil shores of Lake Tanganyika. Trek through dense woodland in search of wild chimpanzee families, observe a rich array of wildlife including olive baboons and red colobus monkeys, and enjoy peaceful moments by the lake. With guided hikes, primate encounters, and serene natural beauty, this safari delivers an immersive and inspiring wilderness experience.

**NB: While it is our intention to operate the itinerary as printed below, it may be necessary to make changes due to flight schedules, weather conditions,**

***accommodation availability, or other operational factors. Therefore, the order and location of overnight stops may vary.***

**Starting Point:** Kigoma Airport

**End Point:** Kigoma Airport

Included:

- Transportation
- Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- Services of English speaking driver/guide
- All the activities specified in the itinerary inclusive of applicable entrance fees

Not included:

- International flights
- Optional activities
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal items and beverages not specified
- Visas for countries visited

### Brief Day by Day Description

#### Day 1: Arrival and transfer to Gombe

Arrive at Kigoma Airport. Meet your guide and board a boat to Gombe National Park. The boat ride along Lake Tanganyika takes approximately 1–2 hours and offers scenic views of the lake and surrounding hills. Afternoon Check-in at your Lodge or nearby camp. Lunch at the lodge. Evening Orientation session with the guide about park rules and chimpanzee tracking. Walk around the lodge to familiarize yourself with the surroundings. Return to lodge and enjoy dinner

**Accommodation:** Forest Lodge or Camp

**Meals:** Lunch and Dinner



Gombe NP



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### Day 2: Chimpanzee and forest walk

Early Morning (6:30 AM), Start chimpanzee tracking in the forest. The guide will lead you through trails to observe chimpanzees in their natural habitat. Learn about their behavior, social structure, and vocalizations. Late Morning (10:30 AM) Return to lodge. Short rest and refreshments. Afternoon Lunch at the lodge. Optional nature walk along forest trails to see birds, monkeys, and unique plants. The guide explains flora and fauna, including medicinal plants used by locals. Evening Dinner at the lodge.

**Accommodation:** Safari Lodge

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



*Chimpanzee*

### Day 3: Lake Tanganyika and village visit

After breakfast enjoy a boat trip on Lake Tanganyika. Enjoy the stunning views, watch local fishermen at work, and explore the lakeshore. Swimming or snorkeling opportunities (if conditions allow). Afternoon Lunch at the lodge. Visit a nearby local village. Meet locals, learn about daily life, traditional fishing techniques, and local culture. Evening Return to lodge for dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Day 4: Morning Hike and departure

After breakfast, hike to nearby viewpoints or a waterfall if accessible. Spot birds, monkeys, and enjoy the rainforest scenery. Late Morning, Return to lodge for breakfast and packing Check-out and transfer by boat back to Kigoma. Depart via flight.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **\*\*END OF SERVICE\*\***



*Lake Tanganyika*



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### Terms and Conditions

#### Price Includes:

- Shared accommodation
- Entrance Fees and park fees
- Transfers and activities, as listed
- Professional Guide
- All meals

#### Price Excludes:

- International Flights
- All Beverages
- Optional Activities & Entrance Fees
- Visas, travel insurance, tips and personal expenses

#### Practical Info

**\*\* Excursions:** A qualified local guide will accompany clients on all excursions except where it is necessary to employ a guide from local parks.

- Please feel free to add on to this tour with any of the other possible tours we offer in the area.
- The accommodation specified in the itinerary is a guide only and subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard if required.
- The Dollar rate is just an indication of the price at the current exchange rate, it cannot be guaranteed until a confirmed booking is made

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Climate:

Gombe National Park experiences a warm, tropical climate influenced by its position along Lake Tanganyika. Temperatures remain fairly consistent throughout the year, typically warm during the day and cooler in the evenings. The dry season, from June to October, brings sunny skies and excellent trekking conditions with minimal rainfall. The rainy season, from November to May, is marked by heavier showers and lush green vegetation, creating vibrant forest scenery but sometimes making trails slippery. Overall, Gombe's climate is mild and welcoming, offering rewarding wildlife experiences in every season.

#### Baggage:

- As per airline
- 1 daypack

#### Clothing and Footwear:

- Lightweight cotton, long sleeves for sun protection
- Warm layers for cold nights
- Waterproof jacket and raincoat
- Hiking boots for trekking
- Shoes for wearing in the bush

- Swimwear, sunhat, insect repellent

#### Equipment:

- Hat for the sun
- Sunglasses, sunscreen
- Binoculars
- Camera and cover for dust
- Basic first aid, and personal medication
- Malaria Prophylaxis Recommended

#### Visas and Permits:

European travellers (including Dutch, Belgian, German, and most EU citizens) require a visa to enter Tanzania/Zanzibar.

You can obtain a Tourist Visa on arrival at the airport or port of entry, or apply online before travel via the official eVisa website:

<https://visa.immigration.go.tz>

Early applications are advised

The tourist visa costs USD 50 per person and is valid for up to 90 days for single entry. (Please bring cash for this)

Multiple-entry visas and business visas are also available if needed.

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your entry date and have at least one blank page.



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**Tip:** It's often quicker to apply online in advance, as airport queues for visa on arrival can sometimes be long

**Vaccinations & Health Advice:** Vaccination requirements & other health advice can change, so please check with a specialized travel clinic for up-to-date information before you depart.

### Entry requirement

A certificate of yellow fever vaccination is required for travellers aged  $\geq 1$  year only if arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

If coming directly from a "non-yellow-fever risk" country, yellow fever vaccine may not be required.

### Recommended vaccinations

**Yellow fever:** Generally not required for travellers arriving directly to Tanzania from low-risk countries. However, if your group is coming from, or transiting through, a country with a yellow fever risk, the certificate is required.

**Local costs:** 4 Breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinner are included.

Approximate costs are for guidance only and may vary widely according to location and type of establishment.

### Soft drink

USD\$2.00

### Medium beer

USD\$2.80

\*Reasonable Mid-range tourist class restaurant

### Tipping and Gratuities :

For better or worse, tipping is an accepted part of everyday life, and - although it is always at your discretion - you will be expected to tip to reward service. Your tour guide will give you an indication of when and how much is appropriate. This can vary widely, the following is suggested  
Hotel Staff :USD 2.00 per person per day  
Waiters: 10% of bill or equivalent  
Safari Guide: USD 15.00 per person per day

**Seasonal changes:** Although all rooms/chalets in malaria areas that we use are protected with mosquito netting; there will be insects and mosquitoes about. The camps, lodges and resorts are essentially "al fresco" so you should be prepared with insect repellent and appropriate long sleeved/legged clothing.

Insects are attracted to light at night and are especially prevalent during the rainy season. Switching the lights off and placing a hurricane lamp a distance from you will remove the problem.

The evenings and mornings will be chilly from about June to

August: so, it is advisable to take a light sweater or fleece

**Currency:** Official currency is Tanzanian Shilling (ZS)  
Other currencies commonly accepted

US Dollars are widely accepted, especially in:

Hotels, resorts, and tourist restaurants

However, smaller local shops, markets, and taxis usually prefer Tanzanian shillings.

### Important to note

Newer US Dollar notes only: Many places do not accept notes printed before 2009, and they prefer clean, undamaged \$50 or \$100 bills for the best exchange rate.

Change is often given in shillings, even if you pay in USD.

Euros and GBP can be exchanged, but are not commonly used directly for payment.

ATMs are available in Stone Town and major resorts; they dispense Tanzanian shillings.

**NB:** Pre-2009-dollar bills are not accepted in most African countries



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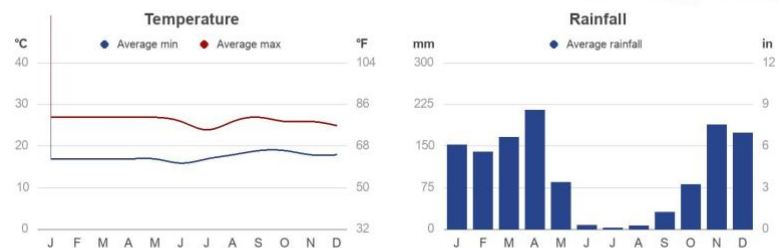
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**Airport Tax: This should be included in your air ticket. Please confirm with your air carrier**

Climate Chart Gombe National Park - 767-1,606m / 2,516-5,269ft



\*Averages based on 50 years of monthly climate data, taken from 1km<sup>2</sup> (0.39mi<sup>2</sup>) interpolated climate surfaces.  
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