

Best Time to Visit Calendar

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Seasonal patterns help with route selection, but rainfall, road conditions and wildlife movement vary. No migration event or sighting is guaranteed.

January to March

January: southern plains can suit migration-focused routes; warm conditions with variable rain.

February: calving is commonly associated with the southern Serengeti ecosystem.

March: wildlife activity can be rewarding; rain becomes an important planning consideration.

April to June

April: green landscapes and greater rainfall; check road access and camp opening dates.

May: transition period; plan with current local advice.

June: generally drier conditions; western Serengeti routing may be relevant to migration interests.

July to September

July: popular dry-season travel; consider the northern Serengeti for migration routing.

August: dry-season wildlife viewing; book preferred accommodation early.

September: northern migration areas may remain suitable; river crossings are unpredictable.

October to December

October: dry landscapes and water-dependent wildlife concentrations can reward Tarangire visits.

November: shorter rains commonly change grazing and migration positions.

December: greener scenery and returning southern movement may be relevant; holiday dates can be busy.

Combine parks and beach thoughtfully

Ngorongoro can work across much of the year; pack for cool highland mornings.

Tarangire's drier season and greener months offer different wildlife distributions and scenery.

Zanzibar: June to October and January to February are commonly considered; April and May are wetter.

Check beach location, winds, tides, transfer times and current conditions before booking.