

LAKE MANYARA WILDLIFE LODGE

Lake Manyara National Park

Size

330 sq km, of which up to 200 sq km is lake when water levels are high.

Location

Situated in northern Tanzania, the entrance gate lies 1.5 hours (126km) west of Arusha along a newly surfaced road, close to the market town of Mto wa Mbu. The diverse terrain across Lake Manyara National Park - from groundwater forest to acacia woodland, to grassy floodplains and the alkaline Lake itself - means that the mammal and bird lists are most impressive.

The compact game-viewing circuit ensures the best viewing opportunities. The forest is home to baboons and blue monkeys that scamper between the mahogany trees as well as bushbuck and forest hornbills. Across the food plains buffalo, wildebeest, zebra and giraffe congregate to graze and the acacia woodland is the favoured haunt of Manyara's famous tree-climbing lions and large-tusked elephants.

Black rhino are often seen and leopards are commonly sighted in the early morning or late evening. Manyara is noted for its wealth of birdlife - more than 400 species have been recorded and a first-time visitor may spot over 100 in a single day. At times the Lake is visited by thousands of pink flamingos as well as pelicans, cormorants and storks.

Lake Manyara Wildlife Lodge

- 125 km from Arusha (1½ hour drive)
- 165 km from Kilimanjaro International Airport (30 min. flight)
- 10 minutes from the landing strip for domestic airlines
- 60 km from Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge (45 min. drive)
- 205 km from Seronera Wildlife Lodge (2½ hour drive)
- 285 km from Lobo Wildlife Lodge (3½ hour drive)
- Weather: Nov-June: hot, humid; July-Oct: cool, especially at night
- 210 beds (one Presidential and one Junior suite)
- In-room facilities: 220/240V for shavers, safe, mini bar, telephone, tea/coffee-making facilities, hair dryer
- Colourful landscaped gardens with a beautiful swimming pool
- All rooms face the Park
- Boutique, laundry, currency exchange
- Internet café, satellite TV lounge
- On-site nurse, babysitting services
- Activities include: game drives, boat trips, canoeing safaris, bird walks, mountain biking, horse riding and cultural visits
- Visits can also be arranged to the Mto wa mbu Cultural Tourism Programme, offering village walking and bicycle tours