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DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC)

Empakaai Crater Adventure

4 Days, 3 Nights: Olmoti Hike to Empakaai Crater, Luxury Camping and Lake Natron

DURATION	WHERE	STOPS	BEST MONTHS
4 Days / 3 Nights	Tanzania	2	All year

Your route for this journey

> *Four days and three nights off the usual safari circuit: hike from Olmoti Crater to Empakaai with a Maasai guide, spend a full day in Empakaai Crater with its soda lake and flamingos, camp in luxury at the rim, then descend to Lake Natron for waterfalls, a Maasai village and a view of Ol Doinyo Lengai before driving back to Arusha.*

Highlights

- Hike from Olmoti Crater to Empakaai with a Maasai guide.
- Picnic lunch and sunset at the crater rim.
- Lake Natron: waterfalls, a Maasai village and a view of Ol Doinyo Lengai.
- A full day in Empakaai Crater: flamingos on the soda lake, buffalo and birdwatching.
- Two nights of luxury camping at Empakaai.
- Sunrise with the flamingos at Lake Natron.

Route map



1 Empakaai Crater 2 Lake Natron

Summary

Empakaai Crater Adventure

DURATION	STOPS	BEST MONTHS
4 Days / 3 Nights	**2**	**All year**

Day by day

DAYS	PLAN OF THE DAY	MEAL PLAN
Day 1	Arusha to Ngorongoro and the Olmoti Hike to Empakaai	
Day 2	Empakaai Crater Full Day	
Day 3	Empakaai to Lake Natron	
Day 4	Sunrise at Lake Natron and Return to Arusha	

Best time to go

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec


Empakaai Crater and its lake


Lake Natron landscape



Day 1

Olmoti Crater, Empakaai Crater

Arusha to Ngorongoro and the Olmoti Hike to Empakaai

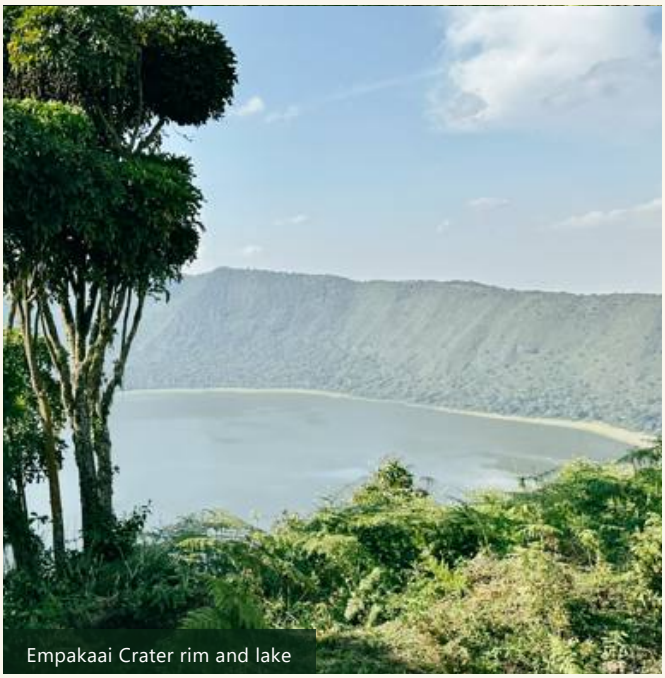


Empakaai Crater and its lake

Drive from Arusha to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and meet your Maasai guide. Hike from Olmoti Crater to Empakaai and spend the night at Luxury Camping Empakaai.

ABOUT EMPAKAAI CRATER

Empakaai is a volcanic crater in the Ngorongoro highlands, with steep forested walls and a deep soda lake on its floor that attracts flamingos, buffalo and many birds.



Empakaai Crater rim and lake



Day 2

Empakaai Crater

Empakaai Crater Full Day



Empakaai Crater and its lake

Descend into Empakaai Crater to see the flamingos on the soda lake, buffalo and birds. Picnic lunch in the crater, then sunset at the rim and a second night at Luxury Camping Empakaai.

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Empakaai Crater rim and lake



Day 3

Lake Natron

Empakaai to Lake Natron



Lake Natron landscape

Descend to Lake Natron, visit the waterfalls and a Maasai village, and look across to Ol Doinyo Lengai. Overnight at Natron River Camp.

ABOUT LAKE NATRON AND OL DOINYO LENGAI

Lake Natron is a highly alkaline soda lake in the Rift Valley, a breeding site for lesser flamingos below the volcano Ol Doinyo Lengai.



Lesser flamingos at Lake Natron



Ol Doinyo Lengai above Lake Natron

Day 4

Lake Natron

Sunrise at Lake Natron and Return to Arusha

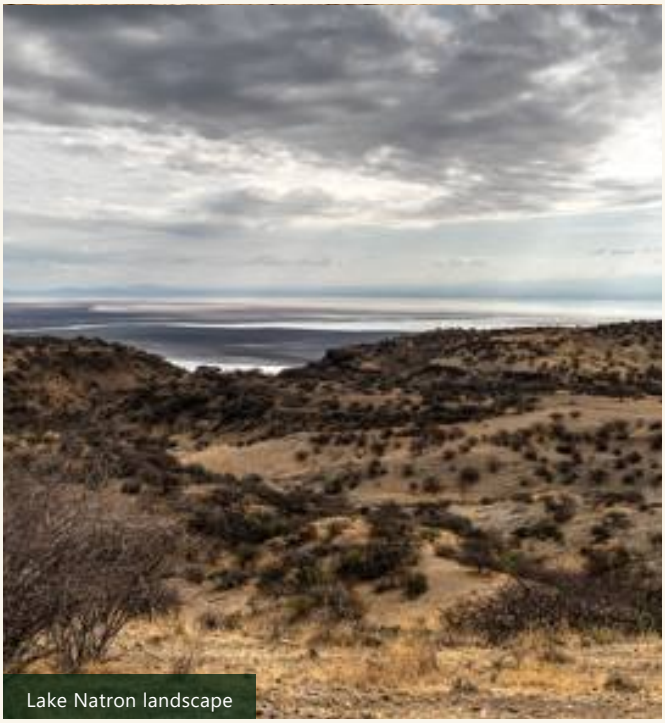


Ol Doinyo Lengai volcano

Watch the sunrise over Lake Natron and its flamingos, then drive back to Arusha. End of tour.

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Lake Natron landscape



Lesser flamingos at Lake Natron

Where you'll stay

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DAYS	Where you'll stay	
Day 1	Luxury Camping Empakaai	Olmoti Crater, Empakaai Crater
Day 2	Luxury Camping Empakaai	Empakaai Crater
Day 3	Natron River Camp	Lake Natron

What's included

What's included in your journey

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Professional safari guide
- Park fees and conservation fees
- Luxury camping and accommodation
- All meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Transport in a 4x4 safari vehicle
- Maasai guide and cultural visit
- Drinking water and refreshments

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Flights
- Tips

Good to know

Is this hike difficult?

You walk from Olmoti Crater to Empakaai with your guide. Please tell us about your fitness and any health issues when you book so we can confirm that it suits you.

What is the difference between Group and Private?

Group is a shared departure with other guests. Private is just your own party. Both prices are per person for the whole trip. Tanzanian residents pay TSh 950,000 per person; ask us to book.



Lake Natron landscape



Lesser flamingos at Lake Natron

About Strenger African Safaris

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