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Tanzania Wild Lens: Empakaai Crater Filming Safari

4 Days of Filming & Photography at Empakaai Crater and Lake Natron, by NS Camera

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

Your route for this journey

> *A filming and photography safari by Tanzania Wild Lens (NS Camera) and Strenger African Safaris, built around Empakaai Crater: hiking shots from Olmoti, a full day in the crater, Maasai culture filmed with consent and the flamingos of Lake Natron at sunrise. Two rates: content creators, and commercial film crews. The filming permit and the drone permit are paid separately and we help you apply.*

Highlights

- Content creator rate: film with a phone, GoPro or small camera, no Film Board permit needed.
- A full day filming flamingos, buffalo and birds inside Empakaai Crater.
- Sunrise flamingos at Lake Natron.
- Hiking shots from Olmoti Crater to Empakaai and sunset filming at the rim.
- Maasai village cultural filming, with consent.
- We help you apply for your filming and drone permits.

Route map



1 Empakaai Crater 2 Lake Natron

Summary

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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 Filming	
Day 3	Empakaai to Lake Natron Filming	
Day 4	Lake Natron Sunrise Filming 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

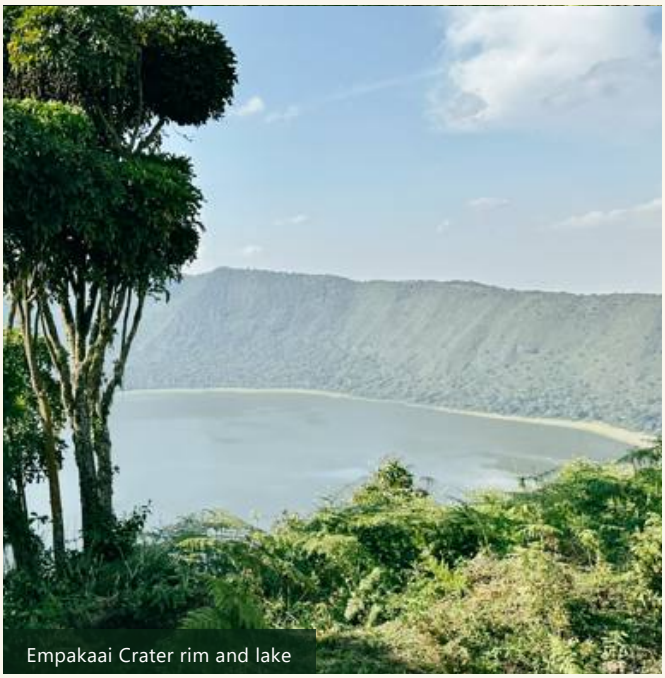


Empakaai Crater and its lake

Drive from Arusha to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and meet your Maasai guide. Hike from Olmoti Crater to Empakaai, filming the hiking shots, with sunset filming at the rim. Overnight 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 Filming



Empakaai Crater and its lake

Descend into the crater to film the flamingos, buffalo and birds. Golden hour drone shots, only with a permit. Picnic lunch, sunset filming at the rim and a second night at Luxury Camping Empakaai.

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Day 3

Lake Natron

Empakaai to Lake Natron Filming



Lake Natron landscape

Descend to Lake Natron and film the waterfalls. Film the Maasai village culture, with consent, and the view of 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

Lake Natron Sunrise Filming and Return to Arusha



Ol Doinyo Lengai volcano

Film the sunrise flamingos at Lake Natron, then drive back to Arusha. End of tour.

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Lake Natron landscape



Lesser flamingos at Lake Natron

Where you will stay

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 in your journey

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Professional safari guide and filming guide
- Park fees and conservation fees
- Luxury camping
- All meals
- Transport in a 4x4 filming vehicle with a roof hatch
- Maasai guide and cultural visit
- Help with your drone permit application
- Drinking water

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Filming permit (not included; we help you apply)
- Commercial film crews: Film Board permit (USD 1,000), NCAA filming fee (USD 300 per day) and TANAPA filming fee (USD 250 to 300 per day), paid separately
- Drone permit (from USD 5,000), paid separately
- Flights
- Tips

BUSINESS LICENCE REQUIRED FOR FILMING

Every client who wants to film must hold their own business licence. TANAPA requires it before it grants permission to film in the national parks.

Good to know

Which rate applies to me, content creator or commercial film crew?

Content creators film with a phone, a GoPro or a small camera and do not need a Film Board permit; they pay the Group or Private rate. Commercial film crews (documentaries and broadcasters) pay the crew rate, and the Film Board permit, the NCAA and TANAPA filming fees are paid separately. Tell us what you plan to film and we will confirm your rate in writing.

Are the filming permit and the drone permit included?

No. The filming permit is not included, and a drone needs its own permit (from USD 5,000, paid separately). We help you apply for both. Tell us when you book so we can start in time.

About Strenger African Safaris

Strenger African Safaris is a Destination Management Company (DMC) based in Arusha, Tanzania. Explore tradition and wildness with a guide who plans every day around you.

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