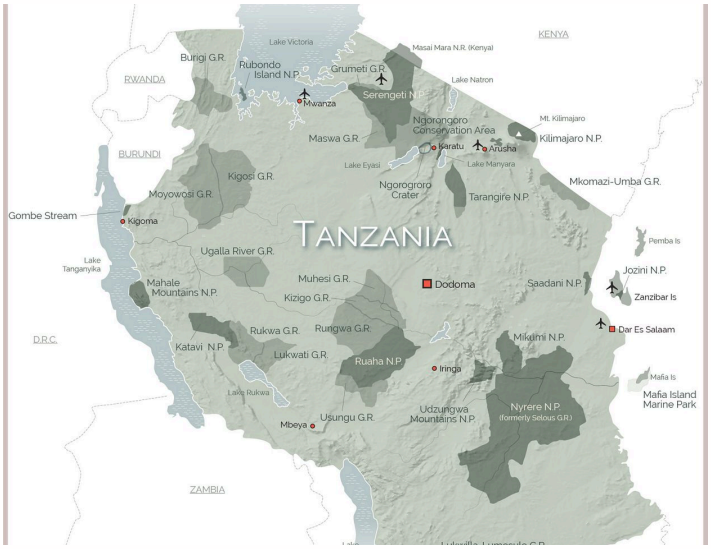








Embark on a breathtaking adventure with Ahnasa, an extraordinary travel company founded by the dynamic mother-daughter duo, Pana and Phera. We are a passionate team of women guiding you through the heart of Africa, weaving together an enchanting tapestry of experiences that will linger in your soul forever.

At Ahnasa, we are not just curators of travel; we are architects of unforgettable moments. Our mission, fueled by the spirit of empowerment, is to craft transformative journeys that resonate with the heartbeat of Africa. We invite you to dance with the rhythm of the continent, savor the vibrant colors of Africa's landscapes, and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of amazing cultures.

As a women's run company, Ahnasa is not just a travel experience; it's a celebration of strength, passion and connection. Let us guide you through the hidden gems and untold stories of Africa, ensuring that every step you take, every sight you behold, and every breath you inhale becomes a part of the intricate mosaic of memories etched in your hearts and minds.

At Ahnasa, we promise more than a journey; it's an exhilarating odyssey that transcends the ordinary. Let the magic of Africa unfold before you as we create moments that will last a lifetime.

Ahnasa - where passion meets adventure, and every heartbeat echoes the romance of the African soul.

The Ahnasa Team

KALPANA

"I am a passionate traveler, love animals, the wild, and the beach, crazy mum to two grown-up children and 8 dogs, and lover of all things red!"

It was a dream come true when Phera and I established Ahnasa Destinations. I now get to show others the beauty that Africa has to offer.

PHERA

"I belong in the wild with my camera, a book, and a nice cold G&T! It's my comfort zone"

Every safari out in the bush is always a new experience. There is always something new, no two safaris are ever the same. The excitement, thrill, peace tranquillity, and every other emotion I feel when I'm out on safari is the feeling I

wish for everyone to experience.

SARA

“I’m an animal lover with a desire to save them all. It’s my dream to become a wildlife conservation photographer.” Nature has always been a huge part of my life and living in a country rich in opportunities to be in nature, I was in heaven. Every chance I got, I would head out of Nairobi and go on a safari in the Mara, go hiking through Hell’s Gate, or boating on Lake Naivasha. The possibilities are endless.

Karibuni Tanzania

Tanzania holds a special place in our hearts and in the hearts of travelers for a multitude of reasons. Tanzania captivates its visitors with its unique blend of natural wonders, cultural diversity, and warm hospitality. One of the primary reasons that guests are drawn to Tanzania is its extraordinary wildlife, making it a paradise for safari enthusiasts. The sheer diversity that this beautiful country offers is the reason Tanzania should be one of the top countries to visit when planning a trip to Africa.
World-renowned for an incredible diversity of wildlife, the most pristine powdery white sandy beaches, and stunning landscapes from the vast savannahs, mountains, and forests, Tanzania is a wonderful country offering something for everyone.
Guests visiting Tanzania for the first time come for the wildlife experience, but guaranteed they will return time and time again because of the African Hospitality. Nothing beats the warmth, the wide smiles, and the genuineness of the people. With a diversity of tribes - over 120 ethnic groups with unique cultures, guests are assured of the warmest welcome!
Whether you're planning a family holiday, a honeymoon, a proposal to your ‘someone special’ in a special place, a solo safari, or a retreat getaway, Tanzania has it all.

Animals of Tanzania

Weather and When to Go

June-October (Dry Season)
This is considered the best time to visit Tanzania as it corresponds with the dry season and cooler temperatures. The wildlife is more concentrated around water sources, making it an excellent time for safaris. Mount Kilimanjaro trekking conditions are favorable during these months.

November-December (Short Rainy Season)
Also known as the "short rains," this period may experience sporadic rainfall. However, it is a transitional season, and many areas remain accessible. Wildlife is still abundant, and the landscape is lush and green.

March-May (Long Rainy Season)

This is the "long rains" season, characterized by heavier and more sustained rainfall. Some areas may become challenging to access due to muddy and waterlogged conditions. It's not the ideal time for safaris or climbing Kilimanjaro, but it's a great time for birdwatching and dramatic photographic opportunities.

January-February (Hot, Dry Season)
This is a relatively hot and dry period, an ideal time to visit coastal areas, such as Zanzibar, Fanjove, and others. The Northern Safari circuit offers good wildlife viewing during these months.

Some of Tanzania's Parks and Reserves

Tanzania is home to 16 national parks, each offering a unique blend of landscapes, ecosystems, and wildlife. Approximately 38% of Tanzania's land is dedicated to wildlife conservation, a testament to the country's commitment to protecting its natural treasures. It is a wildlife destination against which few can compete. Here are just a few of the favourite parks and reserves which garauntee an incredible safari experience.

Serengeti National Park

Situated in northern Tanzania, is an iconic wildlife sanctuary known for its vast savannas and annual Great Migration. Home to an incredible array of wildlife, including the "Big Five" and numerous other species, the park offers unparalleled opportunities for safari adventures. The Serengeti's expansive plains, dotted with acacia trees and granite kopjes, provide a stunning backdrop for witnessing one of nature's most awe-inspiring spectacles—the migration of wildebeest and other herbivores in search of greener pastures.

Tarangire National Park

Nestled in northern Tanzania, Tarangire National Park is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, known for its iconic baobab-studded landscapes and diverse ecosystems. Famous for hosting one of the largest concentrations of elephants in Africa, the park offers intimate encounters with these majestic creatures along with sightings of lions, giraffes, and an abundance of birdlife. The Tarangire River, meandering through the park, adds a scenic element, attracting wildlife during the dry season and providing an ideal backdrop for unforgettable safari adventures.

Ngorongoro Conservation Area

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area in northern Tanzania is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a geological marvel, housing the spectacular Ngorongoro Crater, one of the largest calderas in the world. This unique ecosystem encompasses grassy plains, soda lakes, and the iconic crater walls, creating a haven for diverse wildlife, including the "Big Five" and a high concentration of predators. Visitors to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area are treated to breathtaking panoramic views and the opportunity to witness an array of wildlife against the backdrop of this ancient volcanic landscape.

Mahale Mountains National Park

Mahale Mountains National Park, situated on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in western Tanzania, is a remote and pristine wilderness known for its population of wild chimpanzees. The park's dense forests, mist-covered mountains, and crystal-clear lakes create a picturesque backdrop for trekking adventures and wildlife encounters. Visitors to Mahale Mountains National Park can embark on a unique journey to observe and interact with habituated chimpanzee groups, making it a remarkable destination for those seeking a blend of natural beauty and primate-centric experiences.

Selous Game Reserve (Nyerere National Park)

Selous Game Reserve, now known as Nyerere National Park, is a vast and UNESCO World Heritage-listed wildlife reserve in southern Tanzania. Renowned for its pristine wilderness, the park is characterized by diverse landscapes, including grassy plains, dense woodlands, and the Rufiji River, providing a habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. Selous is particularly famous for its large elephant populations, healthy wild dog populations, significant concentrations of predators, and the opportunity for boat safaris along the Rufiji River, offering a unique perspective on the region's natural beauty.

Lake Manyara National Park

Lake Manyara National Park, located in northern Tanzania, is a compact yet biodiverse wildlife haven known for its scenic beauty and diverse ecosystems. The park surrounds the alkaline Lake Manyara and is famous for its tree-climbing lions, a unique behavior rarely observed in other parts of Africa. Visitors to Lake Manyara can enjoy vibrant birdlife along the lake's shores, witness the annual flamingo migration, and explore the park's lush forests that are home to a variety of wildlife, making it a captivating destination for nature enthusiasts.

Katavi National Park

Katavi National Park, nestled in the remote southwest of Tanzania, is a pristine wilderness and one of the country's lesser-known gems. Renowned for its untouched landscapes and abundant wildlife, the park features vast plains, dense woodlands, and the Katuma River, providing a habitat for large herds of elephants, buffaloes, and numerous predators. With its secluded and unspoiled atmosphere, Katavi offers a unique and immersive safari experience, attracting those seeking an off-the-beaten-path adventure in the heart of Africa.

The Great Wildebeest Migration

Most people think that the Wildebeest Migration - the eighth wonder of the natural world - only takes place between July and October, but it’s actually an ever-moving, circular migration with various but equally exciting event that occurs year-round. The popular river crossings usually coincide with the safari high season (June to October), hence the perception that this is the only time of the year that the wildebeest is on the move or can be seen.

Because the Great Migration is a fluid, year-round movement of about two million animals across the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, there are no defined start or end points. The Wildebeest Migration is triggered by East Africa’s

rains and the animals follow an age-old route in search of fresh grazing and water. This epic journey takes the wildebeest across the Masai Mara plains in Kenya, all the way south into Tanzania's Serengeti and the edge of the Ngorongoro Crater, before circling up and around in a clockwise direction.
It is generally believed that the Great Migration in Africa is dictated primarily by the wildebeest's response to the weather. They move after the rains and the new growth of grass, essentially following a natural instinct to find food to stay alive.

Tanzania's Coastline

Combine your Tanzanian safari with a relaxing beach holiday at the Coast, a tropical paradise of pristine beaches, turquoise waters, and vibrant cultural heritage.
Stretching along the Indian Ocean, the coast boasts breathtaking coastal landscapes, palm-fringed beaches, and picturesque coral reefs. Popular coastal destinations like Fanjove, Mafia Island and Zanzibar offer a blend of relaxation and adventure. Guests can indulge in water sports such as snorkeling, diving, and deep-sea fishing or take leisurely dhow cruises along the coast.
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city and economic hub, is a bustling coastal metropolis that harmoniously blends urban vibrancy with historical charm. Dar es Salaam is characterized by a diverse cultural tapestry, showcased in its lively markets, historical buildings, and the fusion of Swahili, Arab, and European influences. Notable attractions include the vibrant Kariakoo Market, and the peaceful Coco Beach. As a major port city, Dar es Salaam is not only a bustling center of commerce and trade but also a cultural hub, reflecting the dynamism of modern Tanzania while preserving echoes of its rich past.
Zanzibar, an enchanting archipelago off the coast of Tanzania, is a tropical paradise renowned for its idyllic white-sand beaches, turquoise waters, and a rich cultural heritage. The main island, Unguja, hosts the historic Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where narrow winding streets reveal a blend of Swahili, Arab, Indian, and European influences. Zanzibar's spice farms, aromatic markets, and the intriguing doors of Stone Town narrate a story of centuries-old trade and cultural exchange. Beyond the historical charm, Zanzibar offers a haven for relaxation and water activities, with pristine beaches, coral reefs for diving and snorkeling, and the allure of traditional dhow boat cruises along the Indian Ocean sunset.

Some of our Favorite Experiences

Walking tour of Stone Town
Embarking on a walking tour through Zanzibar's Stone Town is a sensory journey through centuries of history and cultural diversity. Narrow winding streets, adorned with intricately carved doors and vibrant markets, reveal the UNESCO-listed heritage of this Swahili trading hub. From the historical Old Fort to the aromatic alleys of the spice market, a walking tour of Stone Town immerses visitors in the unique charm of its architecture, flavors, and the captivating stories of its past.

Walking Safaris

A walking safari in Tanzania's reserves and parks is an extraordinary way to intimately connect with the untamed wilderness. Accompanied by knowledgeable local tribal guides and rangers, guests can step off the beaten path and explore the savannah on foot, immersing themselves in the sights, sounds, and scents of this remarkable ecosystem.

Fly Camping
Fly camping involves setting up temporary campsites in remote and pristine locations, allowing you to sleep under the vast African sky. With minimalistic amenities, you'll experience nature up close, surrounded by the sounds of nocturnal creatures and the enchanting stillness of the wild. Fly camping provides a genuine safari experience, complete with guided walks, campfire stories, and a profound appreciation for Tanzania's untamed landscapes.

Hot air ballon ride
Floating above the rolling plains of the Serengeti or Tarangire, guests are treated to breathtaking panoramic vistas, with the opportunity to witness the iconic wildlife from a unique perspective. From herds of wildebeest and elephants to graceful giraffes, the hot air balloon ride provides a serene and awe-inspiring adventure, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Helicopter ride
Take your safari to new heights and explore Tanzania's remote destinations in an unparalleled journey of discovery. Soar through the skies, witnessing extraordinary scenery, the natural wonders, and the abundance of wildlife from an entirely new perspective. Fly across some of the wildest, most spectacular, and most extreme locations- places inaccessible by land and untouched by humans.

Sunset Dhow Cruise
Embarking on a sunset dhow cruise in Zanzibar is a mesmerizing experience that unfolds the magic of the Indian Ocean's coastline. As the traditional wooden dhow glides through the calm waters, the setting sun casts a warm glow, painting the sky with hues of orange, pink, and gold. With the rhythmic sound of the waves and the sea breeze gently caressing your skin, the sunset dhow cruise offers a serene and enchanting way to witness the breathtaking beauty of Zanzibar's coastal panorama.

Off the Beaten Path Experiences

Visit the Hadzabe Tribe
Visiting the Hadzabe tribe in Tanzania is a captivating cultural experience, offering a rare glimpse into the lifestyle of one of East Africa's last remaining hunter-gatherer communities. Immersed in the stunning landscapes around Lake Eyasi, travelers can witness the Hadzabe's traditional hunting techniques, using bows and arrows, and gain insight into their intimate connection with nature. Engaging with the Hadzabe provides a unique opportunity to learn about their ancient customs, language, and the challenges they face in preserving their distinctive way of life in the modern world.

Chimp trekking in the Mahale Mountains

Chimp trekking in the Mahale Mountains is an extraordinary adventure set in the pristine wilderness of western Tanzania. Exploring the dense forests of Mahale, visitors have the unique opportunity to encounter wild chimpanzees in their natural habitat. Guided by experienced trackers, the trekking experience is not only an awe-inspiring wildlife encounter but also a journey through lush landscapes, offering a profound connection with nature and the fascinating world of these intelligent primates.

Trek from Empakaai to Lake Natron

This adventurous hike is over two days. Starting at one of the most stunning craters - Empakaai in the Ngorongoro Conservation area and ending at Lake Natron - the breeding site of both lesser and greater Flamingoes. Your trek will involve some of the most breathtaking sceneries that you can imagine. Hiking through community land, along the escarpment and with Ol Donyo Lengai as your compass.

Snorkelling, Diving & Whale Sharks in Fanjove

Imagine a palm-fringed island with powder-white sands; azure, shimmering waters, and all you can hear is bird song - and all of that you will have to yourself. Fanjove is a secluded and exclusive, tropical island idyll. Guests only share Fanjove with the abundant resident marine life and the dedicated staff, who help to deliver the experience of a lifetime. On Fanjove, time seems to stand still,
and guests feel privileged to alight upon this pristine island –
an unadulterated paradise, still very much as nature intended.
intact coral reef spans for miles; the prolific wildlife includes
spinner dolphins, green turtles, and humpback whales.

Special Occasions

Proposals

If you've decided to 'put a ring on it' then Tanzania has some of the most romantic settings to propose to your 'Someone Special'. Think about somewhere wild, surrounded by exotic animals, in some of the most stunning scenery imaginable. Or, how about on the pristine white sandy beaches of the Tanzanian Coast, with the gentle waves of the Indian Ocean in the background? Guaranteed you'll hear the reply "YES"!

Weddings

It's the biggest and one of the most important days of your life, so why not say those two important words in the most awe-inspiring of settings: the African Plains or the beach. Nothing beats the romance of celebrating your special day in the most memorable way possible, with the sights and sounds of the Africa Bush or the gentle lapping of the waves at the African Coast.

Honeymoons

A romantic honeymoon in Africa... stunning landscapes, spectacular wildlife, golden sandy beaches, the vast Savannah and the African sky filled with millions of stars. Wildlife whispers in the vast wilderness, candlelight dinners, romantic bubble baths - nothing touches the soul quite like Africa. Intimate, luxury accommodation with all the modern creature comforts, it's enough romance to spark a wildfire! Tanzania is one of the best honeymoon destinations, offering the perfect romantic breaks for couples. The beginning of your life together deserves the most memorable honeymoon experience.

Family Adventures
Happy kids = Happy families! Why not give the children an adventure of a life-time and create wonderful family memories together! Tanzania is one of the ultimate family adventure destinations where the abundant wildlife and stunning landscapes provide an exciting and educational backdrop for children and adults alike. Families can embark on thrilling safaris, where kids can witness majestic animals up close, sparking a sense of wonder and fostering a connection with nature. Tanzania's numerous national parks and reserves offer a variety of activities, from game drives to guided walks, from archery to kayaking, and even spending the day with wildlife rangers, allowing families to explore and learn together.

Tanzanian Culture

Tanzanian culture is a vibrant tapestry woven from the diverse traditions of over 120 ethnic groups, each contributing unique customs, languages, and artistic expressions. The Swahili culture is particularly influential, embodying a fusion of Bantu, Arab, and Persian influences that extend to music, dance, and cuisine. Traditional ceremonies, such as the Maasai's jumping dance or the Sukuma's bullfighting, showcase the rich cultural heritage, while the warmth and hospitality of the Tanzanian people create an inviting atmosphere for visitors to immerse themselves in this multifaceted and inclusive society.
Tanzanians showcase their cultures through their food, music dances, their art, and much more.
Ahnasa is proud to work with camps, lodges, and hotels that largely employ staff from local communities, so during your visit to Tanzania, you'll interact with a number of different cultures by simply traveling to different destinations and properties.
Want to dive deeper into the culture and really immerse yourselves? Try the local cuisine, and talk to the guides and camp staff further about their cultures, they love to share their stories. We are happy to recommend and organize authentic cultural visits or local excursions where you can interact and learn about various cultures in a responsible way.

Booking with Ahnasa

At Ahnasa we will exceed your expectations in every way in crafting the perfect travel experience; an experience that will uplift your soul and bring a sense of happiness and peace every time you think about your safari. Our team of incredible ladies work hand in hand to create the perfect extraordinary safari experience, making sure you leave with unforgettable memories of your trip etched in your mind and Africa in your heart.

At the core of Ahnasa's ethos is conservation – to help conserve Africa's extraordinary wildlife, preservation and restoration of the fragile environment, and empowerment and enrichment of local communities. This we do through responsible tourism. As well as raising funds through our guests' travels, we work and collaborate with companies sharing the same ethos of conservation. We support various conservation initiatives personally vetting various projects and organisations to ensure that our donations, or our guest's direct donations to them are used in an impactful way. We also have a number of projects which guests can donate to.

The Ahnasa team is available for constant support, from your initial inquiry to your safe return home. With team members in Kenya and the USA, we are available most any time of the day or night.

We love what we do, and it's the reason we do it! Our passion for travel and unique experiences has led us to explore the many extraordinary destinations across Botswana, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zanzibar. With more than a decade of knowledge and with our extensive experience in travel, we will create the perfect dream-filled safari with intimate moments in some of Africa's most breathtaking destinations. When you plan a trip with Ahnasa, we carefully and lovingly design a personalised safari, especially for you, ensuring a unique dream adventure that will touch your soul.