

TANZANIA

Tanzania, officially the United Republic of Tanzania is a large country in Eastern Africa within the African Great Lakes region. Parts of the country are in Southern Africa. It is bordered by Kenya and Uganda to the north, Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique to the south and by the Indian Ocean to the east. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain is in northeastern Tanzania.

Tanzania is an East African country known for its vast wilderness areas. They include the plains of Serengeti National Park, a safari mecca populated by the "big five" game (elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo and rhino) and mountain. Offshore lie the tropical islands of Zanzibar and Mafia Marine Park, where whale sharks swim through reefs.

Tanzania is highly biodiversity and contains a wide variety of animal habitats. On Tanzania's Serengeti plain, white-bearded wildebeest (*Connochaetes taurinus mearnsi*) and other bovids participate in a large-scale annual migration. Tanzania is also home to about 130 amphibian and over 275 reptile species, many of them strictly endemic and included in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red Lists of different countries.

The music of Tanzania includes traditional African music, string-based taarab and a distinctive hip hop known as bongo flava. Tanzania also has its own distinct African rumba music; termed muziki wa dansi (dance music) important artists include Simba Wanyika, Remmy Ongala and Orchestra Makassy. Freddie Mercury of the band Queen was born in Tanzania.

The population distribution in Tanzania is extremely uneven. Most people live on the northern border or the eastern coast with much of the remainder of the country being sparsely populated. Density varies from 12 per square kilometer in the Katavi Region to 3,133 per square kilometer in Dar es Salaam Region.

More than almost any other destination, Tanzania is the land of safaris. Wildebeest stampede across the plains. Hippos jostle for space in muddy waterways.

Elephants wander along seasonal migration routes and chimpanzees swing through the treetops. Wildlife, beaches, ruins, Mount Kilimanjaro, friendly people, fascinating cultures- Tanzania has all these and more wrapped up in one adventurous, welcoming package and there is solid reason behind calling Tanzania an airborne adventure and the place where giants roam.