

## Fact File

- . Union Day - April 26
- . Workers Day - May 1
- . Industrial Day - July 7
- . Farmers Day - August 8
- . Independence Day - December 9
- . Christmas Day - December 25 .
- Boxing Day - December 26
- . Good Friday - April 9
- . Easter Monday - April 11

### Best times to visit:

Northern Tanzania: July to March

Southern Tanzania: June to March

Zanzibar and the coast: June to March

Western Tanzania: May to March

### Getting There:

#### By Air

Tanzania has three international airports: Dar es Salaam International Airport (DAR), which handles most international flights, Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA), and Zanzibar International Airport (ZNZ). One may also want to consider flying to Nairobi or Johannesburg and then transfer by air or road to Tanzania.

From the UK and Europe: European airlines fly into Dar es Salaam with varying regularity, but there are usually daily flights to any number of European destinations. British Airways' flight to Dar es Salaam is one of the cheapest and most popular.

From Africa: Dar es Salaam is served by Kenya Airways, South Africa Air, and other African airlines from their respective countries. Travellers from Europe or North America might consider flying to Nairobi or Johannesburg to connect to Tanzania.

From the USA: At this time, there are no direct flights from the United States to Tanzania. The easiest connections are through Europe. Cheaper flights include British Airways' service from London to Dar es Salaam and KLM's service from Amsterdam to Kilimanjaro.

Another possibility for travellers from North America is to fly directly to Johannesburg and catch an onward connection to Dar es Salaam on South Africa Airways.

#### By Road

From the north, paved roads connect the Kenyan capital of Nairobi with Arusha and cross the border at the Namanga post. A number of shuttle buses, leaving twice daily between the two cities, also follow this route. The trip takes approximately 4-6 hours.

From the south, the road from Malawi enters Tanzania at Karonga before continuing onwards to Mbeya. There are no viable bus services on this route. It is possible to cross the border from Uganda at the Mutukula border post, but transport options are equally limited.

Internal roads connect Arusha and Dar es Salaam to major towns around the country. Roads to major tourist destinations are either already paved or under construction. At the time of writing, pavement extends from Arusha to Tarangire National Park and almost to Karatu, on the way to Ngorongoro Crater. Large trucks and buses frequently drive recklessly on the roads, so caution is advised. For road safety, avoid driving at night.