



Tanzania's Premier Safari Carrier

FROM THE AIR · MONTHLY BRIEFING

FROM THE STRIPS

What we are seeing right now

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For our travel-agent and tour-operator partners — a snapshot of Auric Air's East Africa network this month. Migration position, strip demand, scheduled frequencies, and one honest ops note you can pass to clients. Compiled for the travel trade from Auric Air network operations.

QUICK LOOK · NOVEMBER 2026

SEASON	Vuli / short rains. Afternoon storms, mornings often clear. Not the long rains.
WEATHER	North: days about 25–28°C, nights about 16°C, ~115 mm. South still hot (~32°C) with building storms. Coast 27–30°C, kaskazi starting.
WILDLIFE	Major moving month. Last Mara/Kogatende crossings typically ~mid-November, then Lobo — Seronera — Ndutu for December calving. Do not sell river crossings as a November product.
TOURIST VOLUME	Shoulder. Crowds drop; better value than Oct. Next spike is festive December.
NETWORK	Full scheduled. Safari-to-Sea still daily but the faster SEU–ZNZ 11:00–12:35 bank ends 15 Nov (year-round 11:00–14:20 continues). Tarime–Migori jumps to min 4 pax 1 Nov–15 Dec.

WHERE THE MIGRATION IS · STRIP CONDITIONS

Great Migration · the moving month

Do not park clients on Kogatende all month. Early November can still see Mara River action at Kogatende (KOG/KGT) and Lamai (LAM); last crossings typically around mid-month. Then the herds move Lobo — Seronera — Ndutu.

Mid-month Seronera (SEU) is the strip. Late month Ndutu (NTU) is rising toward December calving. Lamai and Lobo fall after mid-month. Do not sell river crossings as a November product.

Northern strips · Southern & coast

North: vuli / short rains — afternoon storms, mornings often clear. Not the long rains. Crowds drop; better value than October. Kuro and Chem Chem remain daily northern-circuit links.

South & coast: Nyerere and Ruaha still OPEN (wet close is 15 Mar–31 May) and good value. Boat on Nyerere can return as levels rise. Mafia whale sharks still in season (Oct–Mar). Mara road-transfer harder to induce — Tarime–Migori min. 4 pax from 1 November.



Bush-strip turnaround · short rains



Nyerere / Selous · still open



Zanzibar · Safari-to-Sea

Weather ranges are typical November operator/climate figures, not a TMA forecast. Wildlife position is the standard November pattern, not a live 2026 sitrep (none existed as of 2 Sep 2026). Frequencies from Auric Air dest. pages and rack rate Ver. 1.4.2 / G10 (15 Jun 2025–31 Dec 2026).

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CITIES & STRIPS WE LAND AT

Named points from the official rack rate & schedule Ver. 1.4.2 (valid through 31 Dec 2026), cross-checked with auricair.com destination pages.

Lodge names are Auric's own Serengeti directory.

NORTHERN · SERENGETI

Seronera (SEU)

Central hub · daily. Four Seasons 45 min, Melia 40, Namiri 1h15, One Nature 25.

Kogatende (KOG/KGT)

North / Mara River · early month only. Sayari 15, Kuria Hills 25, Olakira 20, Bushtops 15.

Lamai (LAM)

Lamai Triangle. Lamai Serengeti 15, Mkombe's House 15, Singita Mara River 20.

Lobo (LOB)

North-east. Klein's Camp 1h30, Elewana Migration 40, Lobo Wildlife 10, Taasa 1h15.

Grumeti (GTZ)

Western. & Beyond Grumeti 10, Kirawira Serena 20, Mbalageti 40.

Sasakwa (SAS)

Singita Grumeti. Sasakwa 10, Sabora 15, Faru Faru 15.

Fort Ikoma (FTI)

Western/Ikoma. Eco-Resort 15, Grumeti Migration 25, Ikoma Wild 20.

Ndutu (NTU)

South. Rising late month. Ndutu Lodge 5, Lake Masek 15.

Mwiba

Southern concession · daily in the timetable (inducement).

Serengeti South

Named separately from Ndutu in Ver. 1.4.2 · daily.

COAST & ISLANDS

Zanzibar (ZNZ)

Safari-to-Sea. SEU/KGT about 1h45 daily direct; ARK about 1h15 multiple daily; DAR about 20 min shuttle; Nyerere daily.

Dar es Salaam (DAR)

JNIA. Commercial gateway. Direct to Serengeti, ZNZ, Pemba, Mafia, Iringa, Nyerere, Ruaha, Tanga, Arusha, Chem Chem.

Mafia (MFA)

Daily DAR (3×) and ZNZ. Marine park / whale sharks Oct–Mar.

Pemba (PMA)

Chake Chake. 3× daily DAR, 3× daily ZNZ; also ARK, Serengeti, Ruaha, Nyerere.

Tanga (TGT)

3× daily DAR; 2× daily ZNZ; daily ARK. Pangani & Saadani nearby.

Pangani / Kwajoni

Daily DAR and ZNZ (inducement).

Saadani

Beach-and-bush. Daily DAR, ZNZ (inducement); scheduled Tanga.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT

Manyara (LKY)

Daily gateway to Manyara & Ngorongoro. Links ARK, SEU, ZNZ, DAR, Tarangire; Kigali daily, Entebbe 4× weekly.

Chem Chem

Daily to the private corridor between Tarangire and Manyara. From DAR, ARK, LKY, Serengeti, ZNZ; regional Kigali, Entebbe, Mara.

Tarangire / Kuro

Daily. Elephant country / baobabs. Links ARK, DAR, ZNZ, SEU, Kigali, Entebbe.

Arusha (ARK)

Northern city hub. Multiple daily to ZNZ (about 1h15). Daily into Serengeti strips, Manyara, Chem Chem, Kuro.

Kilimanjaro (JRO)

Daily into Chem Chem, Manyara, Kuro and all listed Serengeti strips.

SOUTHERN

Nyerere / Selous

All park airstrips on scheduled hops. DAR 2× daily (about 35–40 min); ZNZ 2× daily (about 1h15–1h20 in the timetable; destination page quotes 45 min). Closed 15 Mar–31 May.

Ruaha

Daily from DAR and ZNZ (wet-season closed 15 Mar–31 May). Direct SEU link Mon/Thu/Sat. Dest. page: Msembe & Jongomero.

Iringa (IRI)

Highland gateway to Ruaha. DAR daily (split morning/afternoon by day).

Ifakara

Wed/Fri/Sun from DAR · on request / inducement.

CITY HUBS

Mwanza (MWZ)

HQ / Lake Victoria hub. Dash 8 regional. Links Serengeti strips (open 28 days out, inducement), Kigali & Entebbe on request.

Iringa (IRI)

See Southern. Business + Ruaha.

Arusha / JRO / DAR

The three city gates most FIT itineraries actually use.

REGIONAL

Kigali (KGL)

Daily from Serengeti, Manyara, Tarangire, Chem Chem. Min. 4 full-paying pax. Gorilla-trek link.

Entebbe (EBB)

4× weekly (Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun) from Serengeti / Manyara / Tarangire / Chem Chem. Min. 4 pax. Aerolink onwards to Kihikihi & Kisoro.

Migori / Tarime

Mara connection. Ground transfer Migori–Isibania–Sirari–Tarime (about 1 hr plus visas). Min. 4 pax 1 Nov–15 Dec.

Rubondo

Lake Victoria island. Daily Manyara & Serengeti strips (inducement 4).

Not listed as named points in Ver. 1.4.2 — omitted or charter/on-request only: Moshi, Dolly/Kili Golf, Dodoma, Morogoro, Katavi, Mahale, Tabora, Kigoma, Kilwa, Bukoba,



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OPS & LOGISTICS · NOVEMBER SHOULDER

What to tell clients before they fly the bush strips this month.

Bush-strip ops in the short rains

November is vuli — short rains, not the long rains. Afternoon storms, mornings often clear. More weather-sensitive than October, but this is not a cancellation season on the scheduled network.

Baggage is 20 kg per passenger including hand baggage and cameras (Ver. 1.4.2). Excess in 10 kg slabs. Soft bags only on most bush strips; hard cases belong on DAR/ZNZ/JRO/ARK.

Build a buffer day between the last bush sector and any international departure. Times in the rack rate are estimates and depend on the day's final routing — hops add minutes.

Nyerere and Ruaha stay OPEN (wet close 15 Mar–31 May) and are good value on the shoulder. Many safari sectors are sold on inducement (typically 2 seats; Kigali/Entebbe 4; Tarime–Migori 4 from 1 Nov).

Safari-to-Sea · the useful frequencies

Seronera or Kogatende to Zanzibar: about 1h45, daily direct. The faster SEU–ZNZ 11:00–12:35 bank ends 15 November; the year-round 11:00–14:20 continues.

Arusha to Zanzibar: about 1h15, multiple daily. DAR to ZNZ: about 20 minutes; the timetable shows a full-day shuttle (seven DAR departures, eight ZNZ returns in Ver. 1.4.2).

Nyerere to Zanzibar: destination page quotes 45 minutes, daily. Ruaha to ZNZ daily — both still OPEN (wet close 15 Mar–31 May). Boat safari on Nyerere can return as levels rise. Mafia whale sharks still in season.

Serengeti to Ruaha direct: Monday, Thursday, Saturday (destination page; prefer this over older G10 PDFs that list only Mon/Thu). On request, min. 4 per PNR.

Masai Mara: Tarime–Migori still flies, but min. 4 pax from 1 November to 15 December, so the road-transfer often drops off unless you have four seats.



Dash 8 · shoulder-season lift



Pilatus PC-12 · premium charter

INSIDER TIP

Split the north rather than parking on Kogatende all month: early November can still see river action; mid-month Seronera is the strip; late month Ndutu is rising toward December calving. Do not sell river crossings as a November product. Tarime–Migori still flies but min. 4 pax from 1 November, so the Mara road-transfer often drops off unless you have four seats. South stays open — Nyerere and Ruaha are good shoulder value. We sell the seats. The lodges sell the beds.



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