



AURIC AIR

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 · SEPTEMBER 2026

SEASON	Peak dry. Clear skies, dusty bush strips, excellent game viewing across both circuits.
WEATHER	Northern circuit: cool dawns about 14–18°C, warm afternoons about 25–30°C. Southern parks fully dry and similar. Rain is uncommon.
WILDLIFE	Great Migration in northern Serengeti / Mara River — Kogatende and Lamai. Southern calving is not this month.
TOURIST VOLUME	High / peak. Northern strips at capacity. Southern circuit: peak wildlife, far fewer vehicles.
NETWORK	Full scheduled + charter. Safari-to-Sea busy. DAR–ZNZ shuttle running throughout the day.

WHERE THE MIGRATION IS · STRIP CONDITIONS

Great Migration · Northern Serengeti

Herds remain concentrated in the north, along the Mara River corridor. Kogatende (KOG/KGT) and Lamai (LAM) are the strips that put clients at the crossings — book these first. Lobo (LOB) is a useful northern alternative when the river strips are full.

Seronera (SEU) stays the network hub for Safari-to-Sea and circuit connections. Ndtutu (NTU) and Serengeti South are off the migration path this month; calving returns December–March. Do not sell southern calving for September.

Northern strips · Southern & coast

North: dry, dusty, weight-sensitive. Kogatende and Lamai rotations fill first. Grumeti (GTZ), Sasakwa (SAS) and Fort Ikoma (FTI) serve western camps with lighter crossing traffic now. Kuro (Tarangire) and Chem Chem remain daily northern-circuit links.

South & coast: Nyerere and Ruaha are in peak dry — Big Five viewing with far fewer vehicles than the north. Multiple daily from DAR and ZNZ. Safari-to-Sea (SEU/KGT to ZNZ about 1h45 daily) is the payoff; DAR–ZNZ about 20 minutes.



Bush-strip turnaround · peak dry



Nyerere / Selous · southern wilderness



Zanzibar · Safari-to-Sea

Weather ranges are typical September figures for the northern safari circuit (dry-season guides). Wildlife position is the standard September pattern, not a live animal count. Frequencies from Auric Air rack rate & schedule Ver. 1.4.2 (15 Jun 2025–31 Dec 2026) and destination pages.

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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 · peak demand. 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. Off-migration this 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). Daily in peak (16 Jun–31 Oct).

Rubondo

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



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OPS & LOGISTICS · SEPTEMBER PEAK

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

Bush-strip ops in peak

September is dry and dusty. Expect haze on unpaved strips, especially Kogatende, Lamai, Kuro and the Nyerere hops. Soft-field and weight are the constraints — not weather cancellations.

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.

Many safari sectors are sold on inducement (typically 2 seats; Kigali/Entebbe 4). Confirm live with reservations before locking a FIT that cannot move.

Safari-to-Sea · the useful frequencies

Seronera or Kogatende to Zanzibar: about 1h45, daily direct (auricair.com/Destinations/Zanzibar).

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 (closed 15 Mar–31 May). Pemba 3× daily from both DAR and ZNZ.

Serengeti to Ruaha direct: Monday, Thursday, Saturday (destination page). Timetable: SEU–RUH on those days, on request, min. 4 per PNR.

Masai Mara: Auric lands Tarime; clients road-transfer via Sirari/Isibania to Migori (about 1 hour plus visas, USD cash). Kenyan sector is Safarilink / Air Kenya / FlyALS.



Dash 8 on a dusty strip · peak-season lift



Pilatus PC-12 · premium charter



INSIDER TIP

For peak-season FITs still open on the northern Serengeti: lock Kogatende and Lamai now — those two strips are the Mara River product, and they sell from the same small daily lift. If the north is full or the client hates vehicles, sell Nyerere or Ruaha as the less-crowded Big Five alternative; both are in peak dry, with multiple daily DAR and ZNZ connections and no migration circus. Chem remains the elegant Tarangire/Manyara answer — a private corridor, daily from the northern hubs, without inventing a camp you do not operate. We sell the seats. The lodges sell the beds.



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