



## A Quick Guide to Swahili

Planning a Tanzania safari? That's exciting! Tanzania is full of amazing wildlife, stunning views, and rich culture. Learning basic Swahili can help you connect with locals and make your adventure even better. As they say in Swahili, "Hakuna Matata" – no worries!

### GREETINGS AND POLITENESS

Swahili is known for its warmth and friendliness, and greetings play a significant role in Tanzanian culture. Here are some basic greetings and polite expressions to get you started:

"Jambo" or "Mambo" – Hello (informal)

"Habari yako?" – How are you?

"Nzuri" – Good

"Asante" – Thank you

"Tafadhali" – Please

"Karibu" – Welcome

"Pole pole" – Slowly, take it easy (an important phrase for your safari)

Are you okay?: Uko sawa? (Response: Niko sawa – I am okay)

### SAFARI-RELATED PHRASES

Swahili has some helpful words and phrases that can make your safari experience easier and more enjoyable. Here are some to get you started:

Safari – Safari (Referring to your journey)

Game drive – Kuzunguka Kuangalia Wanyama (Wanyama = Animals)

I want to see a lion – Nataka kuona simba

Animal – Wanyama

Elephant – Tembo

Lion – Simba

Giraffe – Twiga

Rhino – Kifaru

Zebra – Punda milia

Bird – Ndege

Sunset – Jua linashuka

Sunrise – Jua linachomoza

### COMMON WILDLIFE AND NATURE TERMS

Since you're going on a safari, knowing some Swahili words for animals and nature can make your trip more fun.

It's also a great way to connect with local guides and people. Here are a few simple words to learn:

Simba – Lion

Tembo – Elephant

Kifaru – Rhino

Twiga – Giraffe

Mamba – Crocodile

Jua – Sun

Mwezi – Moon

Mto – River

### COMMON WILDLIFE AND NATURE TERMS

When talking to locals or guides, these phrases can be very helpful. They'll make your conversations smoother and more enjoyable.

Where is...? – Iko wapi...?

How much is this? – Hii ni bei gani?

I would like... – Ningependa...

Can I have...? – Naweza kupata...?

Food is delicious – Chakula ni kitamu

Where are you? – Upo wapi?

Could I please have some more water? – Je, unaweza kuniongezea maji tafadhali?

Could you take a picture of me, please? – Tafadhali, unaweza kunipiga picha?

Yes, I can. – Ndiyo ninaweza

Where is the restroom? – Choo kipo wapi?

Water – Maji

