



TANZANIA

## ARMCHAIR TOURIST

OUR VIRTUAL DESIGN ODYSSEY TAKES US ON SAFARI TO TANZANIA, WHERE WE HUNKER DOWN IN A LODGE AND HEAR THE LIONS ROAR

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The real point of staying in a safari lodge is the animals. Fortunately, thanks to conservation, there are still plenty in Tanzania. It's a country rich in natural habitats, from the heights of Mount Kilimanjaro to the depths of Lake Tanganyika. The savannah of the Serengeti National Park is home to 70 large mammal species and 500 bird species and, every year, thunders with the migration of the wildebeest. The vast, inactive Ngorongoro crater is inhabited by buffalo and elephant and, in the highlands, Maasai graze their cattle. Tourists

glimpse all this from the back of a Jeep and, when dusk falls, the verandah of their lodge. The interiors of these take their cue from the natural world and are furnished with bamboo, animal print textiles, masks and woven baskets. To bring a little safari style into your home, use colours that echo the African plains – sand, clay, terracotta, straw – and add bursts of colour and patterns as a nod to African style. A colourful rug will knit it all together. Finish it off with plenty of wildlife references. You can never have too many ceramic giraffes or animal masks in our book. **S**

- 1 Z style Dane lounge chair, £359, by Cult Furniture at [treniq.com](http://treniq.com)
- 2 Dando round tray, £59.95, [nkuku.com](http://nkuku.com)
- 3 Yu Kobayashi animal mask, £425, [theshopfloorproject.com](http://theshopfloorproject.com)
- 4 Margate ceiling shade, £70, [habitat.co.uk](http://habitat.co.uk)
- 5 Medium Neutra basket, £69, [olilella.com](http://olilella.com)
- 6 Large Neutra basket, £85, [olilella.com](http://olilella.com)
- 7 Eicholtz Zebra cushion, £105, [sweetpeaandwillow.com](http://sweetpeaandwillow.com)
- 8 Artesà bamboo serving mat, £5.99, [kitchencraft.co.uk](http://kitchencraft.co.uk)
- 9 Ace coffee table, £375, [loaf.com](http://loaf.com)
- 10 Afrique map print on cotton, £79, [limelace.co.uk](http://limelace.co.uk)
- 11 Animal vases, £172.80 for three (zebra not shown), [ellajames.co.uk](http://ellajames.co.uk)
- 12 Baja yellow rug, £99, [modern-rugs.co.uk](http://modern-rugs.co.uk)
- 13 Confit pot, £150, [oggetto.com](http://oggetto.com)

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