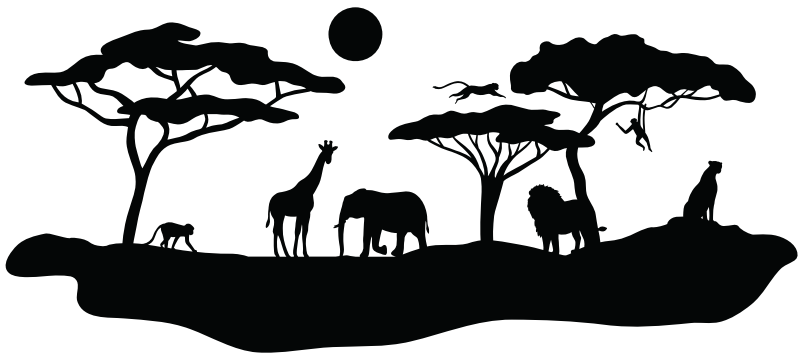




TANZANIA

Travel Guide





WELCOME

Tanzania is a destination that enchants travelers with its breathtaking beauty, abundant wildlife, warm hospitality, and rich cultural heritage. It's a place where the call of the wild echoes across vast savannas, the sunrise paints the horizon with golden hues, and every corner reveals something extraordinary. Whether you're seeking adventure, serenity, or a deep connection with nature and its people, Tanzania delivers an experience that will stay with you forever.

THE WILDLIFE OF TANZANIA: A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO NATURE'S GREATEST SHOW

Tanzania is home to some of the world's most iconic national parks and reserves. Picture yourself witnessing the Great Migration, where over two million wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles journey across the Serengeti, a spectacle unmatched in the natural world. The Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is often referred to as the "Garden of Eden," housing a dense population of lions, rhinos, elephants, and flamingos within its caldera.

For those drawn to the untamed beauty of Africa, Tanzania is also home to the towering Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak. Its snow-capped summit is a bucket-list challenge for adventurers and a breathtaking backdrop for safari-goers. In the south, Selous Game Reserve and Ruaha National Park offer a quieter, more intimate safari experience, with opportunities to spot rare wild dogs and vast herds of elephants.

UNPARALLELED NATURAL BEAUTY

Beyond its wildlife, Tanzania's landscapes are equally captivating. From the idyllic beaches of Zanzibar, with their powder-white sands and turquoise waters, to the surreal beauty of Lake Natron's pink-hued shores, every corner of this country feels like it belongs on a postcard. Explore the lush Usambara Mountains for cool, misty forests and sweeping views, or marvel at the baobab-studded plains that stretch endlessly under the African sky.

For marine enthusiasts, the coral reefs surrounding Tanzania's coastline and islands provide a kaleidoscope of underwater life, perfect for snorkeling and diving.

ARUSHA

Nestled at the foothills of Mount Meru, with views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro on the horizon, Arusha is a vibrant city often referred to as the safari capital of Tanzania. This bustling hub offers a perfect blend of urban energy, cultural richness, and proximity to some of the most iconic landscapes and wildlife reserves in East Africa. Whether you're embarking on a safari, exploring local culture, or simply enjoying the city's charm, Arusha promises an unforgettable experience.

A Gateway to Tanzania's Wonders

Arusha serves as the starting point for many of Tanzania's most famous adventures. From here, you can access the Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire National Park, and Lake Manyara. Its strategic location makes it the ideal base for travelers eager to dive into the heart of Tanzania's wildlife and natural beauty.

Cultural and Historical Highlights

- **Cultural Heritage Centre:** A treasure trove of Tanzanian art, crafts, and history, this center showcases everything from intricate carvings and Tanzanite jewelry to African tribal artifacts.
- **Local Markets:** Arusha's vibrant markets, like the Maasai Market, are perfect for finding handmade crafts, colorful fabrics, and unique souvenirs while experiencing the city's lively atmosphere.
- **Arusha Declaration Museum:** Learn about Tanzania's political history and its journey to independence at this informative museum.

Outdoor Adventures in and Around Arusha

- **Arusha National Park:** Just a short drive from the city, this park offers a chance to see wildlife like giraffes, zebras, and colobus monkeys against the stunning backdrop of Mount Meru. Canoeing on Momella Lakes or hiking through the park's lush trails are unique ways to explore.
- **Mount Meru:** A challenging but rewarding climb, Mount Meru provides breathtaking views, rich biodiversity, and an excellent warm-up for those planning to conquer Mount Kilimanjaro.
- **Coffee Tours:** Arusha is surrounded by lush coffee plantations. Guided tours let you see the coffee-making process from bean to cup, with plenty of tasting opportunities.

TARANGUIRE

Tucked away in northern Tanzania, Tarangire National Park is a hidden gem that offers a quieter, more intimate safari experience. Known for its iconic baobab trees, vast elephant herds, and diverse wildlife, this breathtaking park is a must-visit for nature enthusiasts. Whether you're on a game drive, enjoying a walking safari, or simply marveling at the scenic beauty, Tarangire promises an unforgettable adventure.

A Wildlife Haven

Tarangire is famous for its large herds of elephants, which are often seen along the park's namesake river. During the dry season, the river becomes a lifeline, attracting zebras, wildebeest, giraffes, and buffalo. Predators such as lions and leopards are also frequently spotted, while the park's 500+ bird species make it a paradise for birdwatchers.

Breathtaking Landscapes

Tarangire's iconic baobab trees, ancient and majestic, dominate the landscape, creating an otherworldly charm. The park's mix of savannahs, swamps, and riverine forests provides a stunning backdrop for your safari adventure.

Unique Experiences

Tarangire offers thrilling opportunities for game drives, walking safaris, and even night safaris to see nocturnal animals in action. Its seasonal highlights ensure something special to discover all year round.

Perfectly located near Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire is an essential stop on any Tanzanian safari itinerary. Come and explore this serene and captivating park—it's a journey you'll treasure forever. Karibu Tarangire!



LAKE MANYARA AND KARATU

Nestled between the Great Rift Valley escarpment and the shimmering waters of its namesake lake, Lake Manyara National Park is a compact yet incredibly diverse destination. Known for its tree-climbing lions, vibrant birdlife, and picturesque scenery, this park offers a serene safari experience perfect for travellers seeking both beauty and wildlife.

A Wildlife Wonderland

Lake Manyara is home to an array of animals, including elephants, giraffes, buffalo, and hippos. Keep an eye out for its famous tree-climbing lions, a rare and fascinating behavior unique to this area. The park is also a haven for bird enthusiasts, with over 400 species, including flocks of pink flamingos that line the lake's shores.

Scenic Splendor

The park's landscapes are a kaleidoscope of habitats, from dense woodlands and open grasslands to the vast alkaline lake that reflects the surrounding mountains. This diversity creates stunning vistas and unforgettable photographic opportunities.

Whether you're on a traditional game drive, walking along nature trails, or canoeing when water levels permit, Lake Manyara offers a variety of ways to connect with its natural beauty. Pair your visit with cultural encounters for a truly unique experience.

Karatu: A Charming Gateway to the Highlands

Perched in the fertile hills between Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater, Karatu is a delightful town offering a warm welcome to travelers. Known for its vibrant culture, rich agricultural landscapes, and proximity to some of Tanzania's most iconic destinations, Karatu is the perfect base for your safari adventures.



TRIBAL VILLAGES TO VISIT

A Taste of Local Life

Karatu's bustling markets, coffee plantations, and traditional villages offer a glimpse into everyday Tanzanian life. Guided coffee tours and visits to local farms showcase the region's agricultural heritage, while cultural excursions provide an authentic connection to the local community.

Cultural Highlights: Hadzabe Tribe and Datoga Village

A short journey from Karatu takes you to Lake Eyasi, home to the fascinating Hadzabe and Datoga tribes.

- **Hadzabe Tribe:** Experience life with one of Tanzania's last remaining hunter-gatherer communities. Join them on a morning hunt, learn about their traditional tools and survival techniques, and witness their unique way of life, which remains untouched by modernity.
- **Datoga Village:** Visit the Datoga people, skilled blacksmiths and pastoralists. Watch them forge tools and jewelry using traditional methods, and gain insight into their vibrant culture and daily life.

The way of life in these tribes may feel very different to what we're used to, but the Hadzabe and Datoga people are warm, welcoming, and eager to share their traditions and stories with visitors. They take pride in preserving their culture and invite you to learn, connect, and celebrate their unique heritage. These visits are not just enriching—they are a privilege.



11 DAY LUXURY SAFARI & ZANZIBAR

Day 1: Arrival & Welcome

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), you'll be warmly greeted by your driver-guide. Enjoy a scenic drive to Kili Villa, a serene retreat located on the outskirts of Arusha, surrounded by picturesque landscapes and Mount Meru views.

Relax after your journey in the villa's elegant rooms or by the pool. The villa offers a peaceful ambiance and exceptional service. Kick off your adventure with a delightful welcome dinner at the villa, featuring a mix of local Tanzanian dishes and international cuisine. Meet your fellow travellers and your guide for a trip briefing. B D

Day 2: Explore Arusha

After breakfast, head out for a guided city tour. Explore Arusha's bustling central market, where you'll find vibrant displays of fresh produce, textiles, and artisan crafts. Learn about Tanzanian culture and interact with friendly locals. Spend the evening at leisure, soaking in the tranquil surroundings of Kili Villa. B D

Day 3: Tarangire National Park

Depart early for a thrilling safari in Tarangire National Park, famous for its massive herds of elephants, iconic baobab trees, and diverse wildlife. Enjoy a packed lunch amidst nature while watching wildlife at a picnic spot. Check-in at Lake Burunge Baobab Tented Lodge, nestled within a Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Relax with a sundowner overlooking the lake, followed by a delicious dinner. B L D

Day 4: Full Day Safari in Tarangire

Spend the entire day exploring the park, observing lions, giraffes, zebras, and migratory birds. Your guide will ensure you uncover hidden wildlife gems. Return to Lake Burunge Baobab Tented Lodge to unwind after a day of adventure with an exquisite dinner under the African sky. B L D

11 day itinerary

Day 5: Scenic Drive to Lake Manyara – Mawe Mawe Luxury Lodge

After breakfast, depart for Lake Manyara National Park, famed for its tree-climbing lions and flamingo-lined shores.

Arrive at Rhotia Lodge and check in to your comfortable accommodations. Enjoy the peaceful setting of this boutique lodge and a delicious dinner. Spend the evening at leisure, soaking in the tranquility of the area. BLD

Day 6: Cultural Immersion at Lake Eyasi

Take a short drive to Lake Eyasi, where you will visit the Hadzabe and Datoga tribes. Spend time with the Hadzabe, a hunter-gatherer community, learning about their way of life, traditional hunting techniques, and click-based language. Later, meet the Datoga people, known for their blacksmithing skills, and watch them craft intricate tools and jewelry. Return to Rhotia Lodge for dinner and a relaxing evening. BLD

Day 7: Explore the Majestic Ngorongoro Crater

Drive to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area to explore the world-renowned Ngorongoro Crater. Descend into the caldera for a half-day game drive, where you may encounter the Big Five, hippos, and a variety of birdlife. Break for a picnic bush lunch surrounded by the crater's stunning landscapes. In the evening, return to Mawe Mawe Luxury Lodge for dinner and overnight stay. BLD

Day 8: Fly to Zanzibar – Blue Bay Resort

Transfer to the airstrip for your flight from Lake Manyara to Zanzibar. Arrive on the island's pristine shores and transfer to Ocean Paradise Resort, located along Zanzibar's northeast coast. Check in to your elegant beachfront accommodations and spend the afternoon unwinding by the pool or walking along the white sand beach. Enjoy dinner at the resort with views of the Indian Ocean. BD



11 day itinerary

Day 9: Safari Blue Adventure – Dhow, Snorkeling, and Seafood

Embark on the Safari Blue Adventure, a full-day excursion exploring Zanzibar's turquoise waters aboard a traditional dhow boat. Snorkel in vibrant coral reefs, relax on remote sandbanks, and enjoy a freshly prepared seafood lunch on a secluded island. Return to Blue Bay Resort in the evening to relax and reflect on your day's adventures. BLD

Day 10: Relax and Enjoy Zanzibar

Spend the day at leisure, soaking up the tranquil beauty of Zanzibar. Relax on the beach, indulge in spa treatments, or explore the coral reefs through snorkeling or diving. Optional activities such as a village tour or kayaking are also available. End the day with a sumptuous dinner at the resort. BD

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Price in US\$ based on double occupancy

Group Departure Aug 5th 2025

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Single occupancy +20%

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Day 8: Scenic Drive to Serengeti – Manya Luxury Camp

Embark on a scenic drive through the Ngorongoro Highlands to the Serengeti National Park. Arrive at Manya Luxury Camp, your home in the heart of the Serengeti, where modern comforts meet the beauty of the wilderness. Enjoy an afternoon game drive en route to the camp, spotting lions, cheetahs, and other wildlife along the way. Settle in for dinner and a peaceful night under the African sky.



Day 9: Full-Day Safari in Serengeti National Park

Spend the day exploring the Serengeti's endless plains on a full-day game drive. Witness the incredible wildlife, including the famous wildebeest migration, if the season allows. Break for a picnic bush lunch amidst the stunning savannah before continuing your safari adventure. Return to Manya Luxury Camp in the evening to relax and enjoy dinner by the campfire.

Day 10: Fly to Zanzibar – Ocean Paradise Resort

Take a direct flight from Seronera Airstrip to Zanzibar, arriving on the island's stunning white sandy beaches. Transfer to Ocean Paradise Resort, located along Zanzibar's northeast coast. Check in and unwind in this idyllic setting. Enjoy your first evening on the island with a delicious dinner at the resort, surrounded by swaying palm trees and the gentle sound of the Indian Ocean.

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Day 12: Stone Town and Spice Tour

Spend the day discovering the historic charm of Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander its labyrinthine streets, visit landmarks like the House of Wonders and the Old Fort, and shop in its bustling markets. In the afternoon, take a spice tour to learn about Zanzibar's rich history as the "Spice Island" and see how cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg are grown. Return to Ocean Paradise Resort for a final evening of relaxation and dinner.

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SAFETY AND HOSPITALITY



Tanzania is known for its warm and welcoming people, making visitors feel at home from the moment they arrive. Tanzanians take great pride in sharing their culture, from traditional music and dance to delicious local dishes like nyama choma (grilled meat) and ugali (a cornmeal staple). At African Queen, we take your safety seriously while ensuring your trip is seamless and unforgettable.

From the moment you touch down in Tanzania, we are with you every step of the way. Our English-speaking guides meet you at the airport, assist you with luggage, and accompany you to your first destination. Throughout your journey, our professional guides stay in the same lodge as you, providing peace of mind and ensuring that help is always close by if needed. These guides are highly trained not only in the country's history, culture, and wildlife but also in guest safety protocols.

We use only carefully vetted drivers and vehicles that meet international safety standards, particularly for game drives. Vehicles are equipped with seat belts, first aid kits, and radios to maintain constant communication with support teams. Your guides are also knowledgeable about local conditions, advising on how to avoid potential risks, such as wearing neutral clothing to deter tsetse flies or adhering to park regulations when on safari.

Our personalized itineraries are thoughtfully designed to prioritize safety and comfort, whether you're exploring the bustling streets of Arusha, enjoying a game drive in the Serengeti, or relaxing on the beaches of Zanzibar. Your safety is our top priority, and every detail of your trip is planned to give you the confidence to fully immerse yourself in the wonders of Tanzania.

With African Queen, you'll experience Tanzania in the safest and most enriching way possible, leaving you free to focus on making memories that will last a lifetime.



VISAS & VACCINES

For travelers, another convenience is that Tanzania does not require any mandatory vaccines, making it easy to prepare for your trip. While some vaccinations are recommended as a precaution, they are not compulsory. Additionally, obtaining a visa is straightforward and hassle-free. You can apply for your visa online before travel or simply obtain it upon arrival at the airport. This flexibility ensures your journey to Tanzania starts smoothly and without unnecessary stress.

BEST TIME OF YEAR

January to March: The Calving Season

- **What to Expect:** This is an incredible time to visit the southern Serengeti and Nduetu regions, where thousands of wildebeest give birth to their young. The plains come alive with new life, and predators such as lions, cheetahs, and hyenas are in abundance, taking advantage of this feast.
- **Weather:** Warm and generally dry with occasional short rains, making it perfect for safaris.
- **Ideal For:** Wildlife enthusiasts, photographers, and those wanting to witness the circle of life.

April to May: The Green Season

- **What to Expect:** Tanzania's long rains transform the landscapes into a lush, verdant paradise. This is the low season, meaning fewer crowds and lower prices. While some areas may be challenging to access due to heavy rain, it's a magical time to see the parks in their most vibrant form.
- **Weather:** Expect daily rain showers, but they are often followed by sunny breaks.
- **Ideal For:** Budget-conscious travelers and those who enjoy quieter safaris.

June to October: The Dry Season

- **What to Expect:** This is the most popular time to visit Tanzania. Wildlife congregates around water sources, making game viewing easier. It's also when the Great Migration moves north, crossing the Grumeti and Mara Rivers—an exhilarating spectacle. The skies are clear, and the beaches of Zanzibar are picture-perfect.
- **Weather:** Cool mornings and evenings with warm, sunny days. Ideal for safaris and outdoor activities.
- **Ideal For:** Classic safaris, the Great Migration, and beach vacations.

November to December: The Short Rains

- **What to Expect:** Brief, refreshing rains bring life to the landscape without disrupting travel plans. Migratory birds arrive, adding vibrant colors to the skies. The Great Migration begins to return south to the Serengeti, and the parks are alive with activity.
- **Weather:** Mildly wet but with plenty of sunshine in between.
- **Ideal For:** Birdwatching, fewer crowds, and stunning photography.



ACTIVE TRAVELLERS

Tanzania is a dream destination for active travellers, offering thrilling adventures across its breathtaking landscapes. Whether you're hiking majestic peaks, exploring hidden waterfalls, or walking among wildlife, Tanzania promises excitement for every explorer.

Hiking Adventures

- **Mount Kilimanjaro:** Take on the challenge of Africa's highest peak, trekking through rainforests and alpine meadows to the snow-capped summit.
- **Usambara Mountains:** Discover lush forests, charming villages, and panoramic viewpoints in these northern highlands.
- **Ol Doinyo Lengai:** Climb the "Mountain of God," an active volcano with sweeping views of the Great Rift Valley.

Walking Safaris

Immerse yourself in nature on a guided walking safari. Feel the thrill of tracking animals, spotting giraffes, elephants, and more on foot in Selous Game Reserve, Ruaha National Park, or the Serengeti.

Chase Waterfalls

- **Materuni Waterfalls:** Near Moshi, this stunning cascade is perfect after a coffee plantation tour.
- **Marangu Waterfalls:** Cool off at these falls near Kilimanjaro's base.
- **Udzungwa Falls:** Explore tropical trails to this spectacular waterfall in Udzungwa Mountains National Park.

Horseback Riding

Ride through savannahs and private reserves, experiencing Tanzania's landscapes and wildlife from a unique perspective.

Golf with a View

Play a round at the Kilimanjaro Golf and Wildlife Estate near Arusha, with Mount Kilimanjaro or Mount Meru as your stunning backdrop.

Cycling and Canoeing

- **Cycling:** Bike through Arusha National Park or rural villages near Lake Manyara for unforgettable sights.
- **Canoeing:** Paddle on tranquil Lake Duluti or around the fringes of Lake Manyara, spotting birds and wildlife.

Coastal Adventures

In Zanzibar, stay active with kiteboarding, snorkeling, or sunrise beach runs. Explore vibrant coral reefs or try windsurfing on the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean.

PRACTICAL INFO

Traveling to Tanzania is an exciting adventure, and being prepared with practical knowledge will make your trip smooth and enjoyable. From understanding currency to navigating local transport, here's what you need to know:

Currency and Money

- **Currency:** The Tanzanian Shilling (TZS) is the local currency. U.S. dollars are widely accepted for major expenses like accommodation and tours, but small purchases require shillings.
- **Banks and ATMs:** ATMs are available in major cities like Arusha, Dar es Salaam, and Zanzibar. Many accept Visa and MasterCard. Always carry cash when visiting remote areas, as ATMs may be scarce.
- **Tipping:** Tipping is customary for guides, drivers, and lodge staff. A general guideline is \$10–20 per day for guides and \$1–5 per day for porters or lodge staff.

Plugs and Chargers

- **Plug Type:** Tanzania uses Type D and Type G plugs, with a standard voltage of 230V and frequency of 50Hz.
- **Adapters:** Bring a universal travel adapter to charge devices.
- **Power Outages:** Power cuts are common, especially in remote areas. Carry a power bank to keep your devices charged.

Language

- **Official Languages:** Swahili and English are widely spoken. English is commonly used in hotels, lodges, and with tour guides.
- **Key Swahili Phrases:**
 - Jambo: Hello
 - Asante: Thank you
 - Karibu: Welcome
 - Pole pole: Slowly (often used in a relaxed or friendly context)
 - Hakuna matata: No worries

Learning a few words in Swahili will delight locals and enhance your experience.

Transport and Taxis

At African Queen, we provide your own dedicated driver to ensure your transport needs are covered throughout your stay. Whether you wish to visit a nearby attraction, pick up something from a store or pharmacy, or simply explore, your driver will always be on hand. This personalized service ensures flexibility, comfort, and convenience at all times.



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Infrastructure and Connectivity

- **Roads:** Infrastructure is improving, but some roads, especially in rural or remote areas, may be unpaved and bumpy. Safaris often involve long drives, so patience is key.
- **Wi-Fi and Internet:** Available in most lodges, hotels, and urban cafes. Speeds may vary, especially in remote areas. Consider purchasing a local SIM card for better connectivity.
- **Water:** Drink bottled or filtered water to avoid illness. Most lodges provide safe drinking water.

Safety and Health

- **Vaccines:** No mandatory vaccines are required, though yellow fever vaccination is recommended if traveling from a yellow fever zone.
- **Insect Protection:** Use insect repellent and wear long sleeves in the evening to avoid mosquito bites.
- **Travel Insurance:** Comprehensive travel insurance is a must.

Shopping and Souvenirs

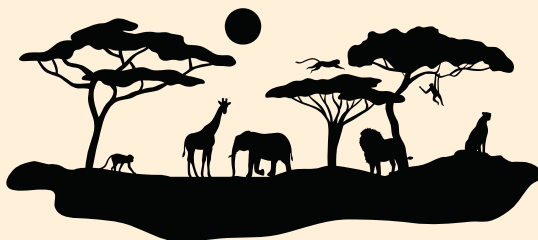
- **Local Markets:** Look for handmade crafts, Maasai jewelry, and Tanzanite gemstones. Bargaining is expected but always done with a smile.
- **Supporting Local:** Opt for locally made goods to support artisans and communities.

Time Zone

Tanzania operates on East Africa Time (EAT), which is UTC+3. There is no daylight saving time.

Additional Tips

- **Toiletries:** Bring travel-sized essentials, as some brands may not be available in rural areas.
- **Drones:** Prohibited in many national parks without special permits.
- **Clothing:** Dress modestly in towns and villages, respecting local customs. Lightweight, neutral-colored clothing is ideal for safaris.





GET IN TOUCH

As the North America, UK, and Ireland Representative of African Queen, I am proud to provide personalized support to clients and travel partners planning extraordinary journeys to Tanzania. While all bookings are made directly with African Queen, I am here to help facilitate the process, ensuring a seamless experience from start to finish.

With my extensive experience in luxury and experiential travel, I assist in crafting tailored itineraries for individual and group visits, managing logistics, and providing expert advice. Whether you're planning a family adventure, a milestone celebration, or a professional FAM trip, I work alongside African Queen to ensure your journey to Tanzania is as memorable and effortless as possible.

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