

Geography Tanzania

What should I already know?

- The names of some oceans and continents.
- Some places in the world are hot and others are cold.
- Maps, globes, and atlases can be used to locate places around the world.
- What makes a capital city.



Key Question: What is life like in rural Tanzania?

Key learning

Tanzania is a country on the east coast of Africa, next to the Indian Ocean. It is near Uganda, Mozambique and Kenya. It is quite a poor country with one of the lowest economies. Since it is so rural, most of its money comes from agriculture—growing and selling crops—



including maize, tea and cashew nuts.



Tanzania is just south of the equator and its climate is tropical, so it is hot all year. On the coast, there is lots of rainfall, but the central area is much drier.

Over 100 different tribal groups live in Tanzania and most of them speak Swahili. The main religions are Christianity and Islam.

Tanzania attracts a lot of tourists who want to go on safari to see the animals that live there such as zebra, lions, elephants, leopards and rhinos. Many of them live in the Ngorongoro Crater, which formed about three million years ago when a large volcano exploded and collapsed in on itself.

Tanzania is famous for its national parks including the Serengeti. The tallest mountain in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro, is in Tanzania. Lake Victoria, one of the largest lakes in Africa, is also found there. Its capital city is Dodoma, but the largest city is Dar es Salaam, which used to be the capital.



Vocabulary

coast	an area where land meets ocean
crater	a bowl-shaped hole in the ground
crops	plants grown by farmers to be sold
equator	an imaginary line around the centre of the Earth
humid	a high level of water vapour in the air
rural	countryside with few towns and cities
safari	a trip to watch animals in the wild
tourists	people who travel to or visit a place for pleasure
tribes	a group of people who share the same culture, beliefs and leader
tropical	hot areas of the Earth, near to the equator