

# GIBB'S FARM

TANZANIA: Ngorongoro Crater, Karatu | [www.gibbsfarm.com](http://www.gibbsfarm.com)



Gibb's Farm is located in Karatu, just outside of the Ngorongoro Crater in northern Tanzania. This is on the main safari route from Arusha, Tarangire National Park and Lake Manyara on the way north to the Serengeti. Gibb's Farm offers an authentic farm experience where guests can immerse themselves in the natural environment and take part in the daily farm activities, community involvement, and hiking adventures to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater.



## Location & Access

BY AIR: There are daily scheduled flights to Manyara Airstrip from the Serengeti, Arusha, Zanzibar & Dar es Salaam.

BY ROAD: The Farm is a 35-minute drive from Manyara Airstrip, and 2½ hours from Arusha Airport. Gibb's Farm can arrange these transfers at an extra cost.



## Owners & Managers

Gibb's Farm is family owned.

Managed by Nick and Sally Cooper.



## Classic Factors

- **Rhythm of the Farm:** Take part in day to day farm life.
- **Sense of Place:** Wake up and smell the coffee!
- **Farm to Fork:** Feast on organic cuisine fresh from the garden, bakery and dairy.
- **Explore:** Ngorongoro Crater. Local villages. Forest walks.

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## Giving Back



Gibb's Farm is a model for sustainable, environmentally respectful practices, continuing the legacy of founders Margaret and Jim Gibb. The farm has won numerous awards, including the Tanzania Tourist Board's 2011 Sustainable Tourism Award, Condé Nast Traveler Magazine's World Savers Award and the Educational Travel Community's Responsible Tourism Award. Gibb's Farm is also featured in the coffee table book "Africa's Finest" which showcases the most responsible and sustainable lodges in Africa.

Operation of the entire organic farm - consisting of 30 acres of coffee, 10 acres of vegetables and fruit, 5 acres of flowers and herbs and a working dairy, chicken and pig farm - is based upon sustainable farming methods. Everything is grown organically using only natural fertilizer and compost from the farm. Insect-repellent plants help to manage pests, rather than harmful pesticides. Reclaimed water is used whenever possible, and all buildings and furniture are built onsite using local materials and local labour.

Gibb's Farm boasts the largest solar panel array in Northern Tanzania heating 90% of the farm's water. 100% of grey water is recycled into the organic farm and garden via a reed plant filtration system. All kitchen and food waste are either fed to the farm pigs or composted for use in the gardens. Glass wine bottles are stored in bulk and donated to various causes, such as a small NGO where handicapped artisans recycle the glass to make jewellery.

Gibb's Farm offers guests the opportunity to get to know a culture and people while on safari by lending a helping hand to the local communities. There are different opportunities to get involved, including School Desk and Furniture Carpentry and Erosion Control Tree Planting.

Gibb's Farm subscribes to Pack for a Purpose whose mission is to positively impact communities around the world by assisting travellers who want to make meaningful contributions to the destinations they visit. Gibb's Farm's Pack for a Purpose project is Tloma Village Primary School serving 600 children.

## Hotel Facilities

OPEN ALL YEAR

|                    |     |                    |       |              |      |                  |    |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-------|--------------|------|------------------|----|
| Number of cottages | 19* | Check in           | 14:00 | Electricity  | 220V | Private dinners  | ✓  |
| Maximum guests     | 50  | Check out          | 10:00 | Mobile phone | ✓    | Spa facilities   | ✓* |
| Children           | ✓   | Security/patrolled | ✓     | Wi-Fi        | ✓    | Keep fit         | ✗  |
| Childminding       | ✓   | Swimming pool      | ✗*    | Credit cards | ✓    | Laundry included | ✓  |

\*COTTAGES: 2 x 2-bedroom cottages & 17 x 1-bedroom cottages.

\*SWIMMING POOL: Currently under construction.

\*SPA FACILITIES: Gibb's Farm offers holistic African in-room massages. Wellness centre currently under construction.

## In-room Facilities

|                |    |               |   |                |                |                 |                 |
|----------------|----|---------------|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Extra beds     | ✓  | Mosquito nets | ✓ | Indoor shower  | ✓              | In-room safe    | ✓               |
| Fans           | ✗* | Private pool  | ✗ | Outdoor shower | ✓              | Telephone       | ✗               |
| Air con        | ✗  | Sun hats      | ✓ | Separate WC    | ✓              | Hairdryer       | ✓               |
| Wood fireplace | ✓  | Bath          | ✓ | Mini bar       | waiter service | Disabled access | with assistance |

\*FANS: Cottages are being refurbished and will include ceiling fans as they are completed.



## Activities

|   |   |                             |          |   |    |
|---|---|-----------------------------|----------|---|----|
| Garden, forest & medicinal walks                          | ✓ | Mountain bike adventures    | ✓        | Farm to Crater Rim hike – 15 yrs+ (not offered March – June)      | ✓* |
| Children's farm activities                                | ✓ | Tloma Primary School visit  | ✓        | Elephant Cave & Waterfall hike                                    | ✓* |
| Rhythm of the farm  | ✓ | Karatu cycling tour         | ✓        | Safari to Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Eyasi & Lake Manyara – Full Day | ✓* |
| Interact with the artists-in-residence & buy their pieces | ✓ | Donate a Desk: school visit | donation |   |    |

\*ACTIVITIES: At an additional charge.

## Travel Information

|                 |   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| SEASONS         | Gibb's Farm is open all year.   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| WEATHER         | Tanzania has a generally comfortable, tropical climate year-round. Gibb's Farm is at a higher altitude, so it is a little cooler.   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| RAINFALL        | The long rain season is from March to May and shorter rains in late November.   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                 |   | <b>JAN - MAR</b> | <b>APR - JUN</b> | <b>JUL - SEP</b> | <b>OCT - DEC</b> |
| TEMPERATURE     | <b>Average day</b>  | 22°C / 72°F      | 18°C / 64°F      | 19°C / 66°F      | 21°C / 70°F      |
|                 | <b>Average night</b>  | 11°C / 52°F      | 12°C / 54°F      | 9°C / 48°F       | 12°C / 54°F      |
| GPS COORDINATES | 3.13 °S, 35.6627777777778°E   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| ALTITUDE        | 5447 feet / 1660 meters   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| MALARIA         | Generally, there are no cases of malaria due to the higher elevation, however, please seek advice from your doctor before travelling.   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| YELLOW FEVER    | A Yellow Fever certificate is not required for Tanzania but may be required if travelling via neighbouring countries.   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| CURRENCY        | USD & Tanzanian shillings.  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| TRAVEL VISA     | We strongly recommend online visa applications prior to travelling. Go to: <a href="https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/guidelines">https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/guidelines</a> . Visas can be obtained on arrival, but includes a process that could take in excess of 2 hours. |                  |                  |                  |                  |