

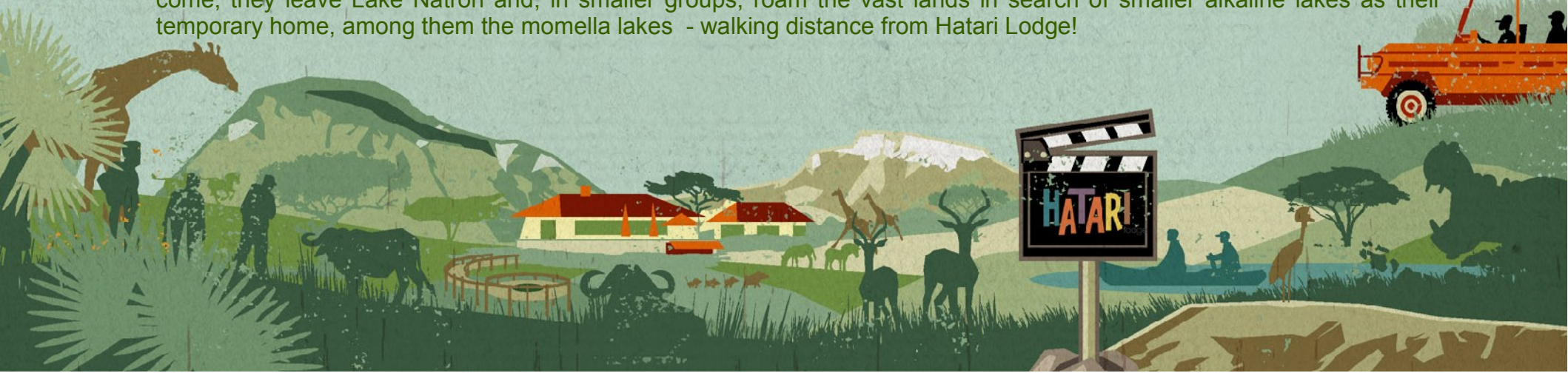


## Momella Lakes and Canoeing

“Why is the lake so pink?”

“Because there are thousand and thousands of flamingos spreading across the lake, their voices producing a sound that resembles a river flowing somewhere.”

Lake Natron is the sole breeding ground for millions of East African Lesser Flamingo. It is located in one of the lower points of the Great Rift Valley, in a primeval landscape with thorn trees and brush, near Tanzania's only active volcano, Ol Donyo Lengai, the “Mountain of God”, which occasionally spills lava rich in sodium carbonate into the lake, increasing its salt concentration. To the lesser flamingos, this raw harshness is paradise. The birds do not breed every year and only lay one egg that both parents take turns incubating. Their feeding, breeding and nesting habits depend on the abundant algae, a particular soda content, precise water levels and solitude. Their grey feathered chicks stay in the shallow waters in huge groups, under the watchful eye of a few adults, until they are able to feed themselves and fly. When this time has come, they leave Lake Natron and, in smaller groups, roam the vast lands in search of smaller alkaline lakes as their temporary home, among them the momella lakes - walking distance from Hatari Lodge!





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### Description:

The area around the Momella Lakes, which is located in an altitude of 1400 m, extends over the north-eastern part of the Arusha National Park and is surrounded by green hills. Here you find lakes, surrounded by bush savanna and acacias. Several hollows were formed by the last eruption of Mount Meru, which have porous ground like a volcano, allowing water to come to the surface and offer enough water for the lakes. The biggest and also most interesting ones are the big and small Momella Lakes, together they covering an area of 4 km. Flamingos prefer the Small Lake because of the high amount of alkali.

### Activity:

After lunch you are driven to the Momella Lakes as a half day activity. Get the chance to see hundreds of flamingos rising to the sky with their pink colour. You may also see hippos and giraffes and watch them in their natural habitat. The day ends with a drive to the viewpoint - Boma la Megi, where you enjoy a sundowner with a magnificent view of Mt. Kilimanjaro. We say good night to the last sunrays of the day, while enjoying delicious snacks and drinks.

Accommodation at Hatari Lodge with full board (drinks are not included).

