



Tanzania

Joined the Commonwealth 1961 - visited by the Queen in 1979



Tanzania, which includes the island of Zanzibar, is an East African nation on the Indian Ocean

Pop: (2013) 49,253,000 Capital: Dodoma Area: 945,090 sq km

Tanzania contains both the highest point in Africa, Mt Kilimanjaro (a dormant volcano) at 5,895m and the lowest point, the floor of Lake Tanganyika at 352m below sea level. It also has an incredible variety of wildlife, particularly plains and big game animals. The interior is a high plateau with savanna and scrub which provide ideal conditions for wildlife. National parks and game reserves account for 38% of the land area. Ngorogoro National Park is in a steep sided volcanic crater of great beauty and provides protection and enclosure for the animals living there. The Serengeti National Park is famous for its vast migratory herds of plains animals such as wildebeest, zebra, eland and kudu. Safari holidays are very popular and create much needed employment.

Gold, diamonds and other gemstones are important foreign earners and recently off-shore supplies of oil and natural gas will help boost the economy. Tea, coffee, tobacco, cashew nuts and cotton are also exported.

Mt Kilimanjaro from Arusha National Park

