

We appreciate many want to take their memories home from the sky using a drone (remotely powered aircraft system; RAPS) and this guide is designed to help you to achieve this. Operating drones in Tanzania is covered by multiple strict laws and you should aim to obtain permission prior to your arrival in Tanzania to avoid delays or confusion at entry points with equipment.

To obtain written permission you will need to:

1. Obtain written permission from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence and National Service (MODANS, <https://www.modans.go.tz/>). Your application should include the reason for using the drone for the purposes of advertising Tanzania's tourist attractions and include:
 - a. Description of:
 - i. The type of drone to be used
 - ii. The weight of the drone
 - iii. Country which the drone was made
 - iv. The height the drone can fly
 - v. The distance the drone can cover (radiance)
 - vi. The time that the drone can spend flying (endurance)
 - vii. The type and capabilities of the camera affixed to the drone
 - viii. The area(s) you intend the drone to be used
 - ix. Any additional apparatus on the drone
 - b. Accompanying documents:
 - i. curriculum vitae (CV) and proof of nationality of the person who will operate the drone.
 - ii. The drone user manual, and
 - iii. Picture showing the colour of the drone
 - c. Permits from MODANS has to be renewed after every three months and is not perpetual.
 - d. Applications should be done at least two weeks before the drone is used (usually well in advance).
2. To obtain written permission from the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA, <https://www.tcaa.go.tz>). A form can be found via their website or your consultant.
3. A certificate authenticating your ability to fly a drone / remotely powered aircraft system issued by your country of origin
4. Written permission from the conservator commissioner of Tanzanian National Parks (TANAPA, <https://www.tanzaniaparks.go.tz>). Please send us your permission documents from TCAA and MODANS for us to apply for this special permission from the Tanzanian Parks Authority on your behalf.
 - a. Special fees are applicable when filming inside of National Parks as listed below (covering entrance, camping and filming):
 - i. Serengeti National Park – USD \$300 per person, per day
 - ii. Gombe National Park – USD \$180 per person, per day
 - iii. Mahale National Park – USD \$100 per person, per day
 - iv. Other Parks – USD \$250 per person, per day
 - b. A ranger service fee of USD \$23.60 per ranger, per day is also required where applicable
5. Written approval from the Tanzanian Film Board under the Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture, Arts and Sports (Film Board, <http://filmboard.go.tz/>).
 - a. A USD \$1000 fee may need to be paid to the Film Board if you intend to make a movie.

The above process could take a long duration as multiple organisations are involved, and we highly recommend all applications to be done well in advance. Completing the above may not guarantee approval to operate a drone.

Conditions for flying drones:

1. To fly a drone in Tanzania you must obtain the correct permission for the destinations proposed or can face legal action, inconveniences or additional charges during your tour.
2. The tour itinerary must be pre-booked to ensure no confusion between destinations and filming locations.
3. Drones can only be operated once permission is obtained and explicitly for the locations defined in the permits and permitted by other applicable regulations.
4. Drone must be flown (operated) not less than 50 meters from the ground
5. Drone must NOT be flown in the presence of other unrelated tourists
6. Tourists with their guides must report to the chief park warden before commencing the activity
7. Drone must be operated under the supervision of park personnel
8. Apart from other relevant park fees, the client must pay the ranger service fee
9. For Serengeti no drones shall be flown during crossing.
10. No drones shall be flown in the vicinity of a property (unless owners of the facility approve).