

A woman with light skin and dark hair is wearing a blue headwrap and a large, colorful beaded collar in yellow, blue, and white. She is also wearing white beaded armbands on both arms. A large, white, stylized ampersand watermark is overlaid on the left side of the image. The background is a plain, light gray.

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TANZANIA

SHOPPING EXCURSIONS
ARUSHA



Arusha has a number of lovely shops to buy souvenirs and keepsakes for your guests to remember their time in Tanzania by. From Tanzanite jewellery to batik paintings, there is a memento for everyone.

SIDAI DESIGNS

The Sidai Designs collaborates with Maasai women in Tanzania to create handmade contemporary jewelry and homewares with the aim of empowering the ladies economically. The company employs 7 beaders who produce unique beaded products in black and white and complemented by soft leather, gold filled and sterling silver components. Sidai Designs launched their first collection internationally in 2015 in New York and London. Today they are stocked in stores in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France, Italy, Spain among others.



SCHWARI COLLECTIBLES

Founded by designer Beate Allard, Schwari is an accessory line that consists of intricate local beading, along with hand-died textiles, leather and African fabrics.

From its workshop in Arusha, over 39 artisans produce one-of-a-kind pieces that are sold in various lodges in different National Parks.

In Arusha, the pieces are sold at The Blue Heron Restaurant so guests can enjoy a meal after a shopping escapade.



THE TANZANITE EXPERIENCE

The Tanzanite Experience is the world's only Tanzanite Museum. It showcases exquisite jewellery made from this rare stone only found at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro. First discovered in 1967, Tanzanite bears unique blue and violet hues that led Tiffany & Co to declare it the most beautiful blue stone to be discovered in 2000 years.

At the Tanzanite Experience, guests learn about the history of the gemstone, why it is so rare and eventually get the chance to purchase an elegant pair of Tanzanite earrings, ring, pendant or bracelet.

SHANGA

Founded in 2007, Shanga is a social enterprise that employs people with disabilities to create unique handmade jewelry, glassware and home wares using recycled materials. From Shanga's open workshop located at the Arusha Coffee Lodge, guests can witness Tinga Tinga painting, bead making, glass blowing and purchase beautiful handmade products from the shop. Guests can also buy Shanga products at The Green Room in Dar es Salaam.

After shopping, guests can indulge in a meal at the Shanga Restaurant.



ARUSHA CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTRE

The Arusha Cultural Heritage Centre is a collection of shops and galleries that showcase arts from renowned African artists. This wide collection ranges from antiques, paintings, sculptures, precious stones to carvings and so much more. Expert assistants are at hand to answer any questions and help your guests with their purchases.



MAASAI WOMEN FAIR TRADE CENTER

For shopping with a conscience, guests can visit the Maasai Women Fair Trade Center. The market sells crafts and artefacts prepared by over 5000 women in the Arusha and Manyara regions in Tanzania. The women produce beaded jewelry and ornaments, leather accessories and also sell local fabric such as kangas, kitenge and Maasai shukas.



MT MERU CURIOS & CRAFTS MARKET

Popularly referred to as the Maasai Market, the Mt Meru Curios and Crafts Market offers the best in African souvenirs and curios. From leather hand-made flip flops to coconut wood carvings, the market has the widest selection of goods in Arusha. Please let your guests know that bartering is half the fun and expected in the market.

HOUSE OF GEMS

For the last 30 years, House of Gems have specialized the finest gems from East Africa. From the Tanzanite, to rubies and sapphires, the jeweler is the go to for beautiful Tanzanian jewelry. Guests can choose from the gem set collection available at the showroom or pick a loose gem and create a design for themselves.