

Fly-in Luxury Tented Safari & Zanzibar

Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro & Serengeti

March 4 – 15, 2011



Itinerary

Friday, March 4, 2011 – Depart from the U.S.A. for Tanzania

Day 1: Saturday, March 5, 2011 - Arusha

Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport. Transfer to your lodge for overnight. (Bed & Breakfast)

Day 2: Sunday, March 6, 2011 – Tarangire National Park

After breakfast, travel to the Tarangire National Park.

Tarangire National Park: This park is home to an abundance of elephants. You will see these enormous creatures travel in families and you surely will not miss the extraordinary care they take of their young. The elephants tend to travel in packs and in the same paths as they have taken year after year. When they see your trucks coming closer they will gather around their young to protect them and lead them on their way.

After your visit in Tarangire National Park, travel to your luxury tented camp close to Lake Manyara National Park for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Monday, March 7, 2011 – Lake Manyara National Park

Early depart into Lake Manyara National Park.

Lake Manyara National Park: Picture lush woodlands, and the beaches of the Rift Valley Lake where giraffe, elephants and wildebeest enjoy an endless supply of water. You will often see these enormous animals in the water, sitting, sipping or just cooling off. Due to this unique habitat, there are thousands of bird species able to live in the forests and the ultimate site-seeing prize of this area is the tree-climbing lion.

Return to your luxury tented camp for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Tuesday, March 8, 2011 – Ngorongoro Conservation Area & Serengeti National Park

Early start and transfer to airstrip for flight from Lake Manyara to Ndutu in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Be met by guides. Day of game viewing.

The **Ngorongoro Crater** is often called ‘Africa’s Eden’ and the ‘8th Natural Wonder of the World.’ Within the crater rim, large herds of zebra and wildebeest graze nearby while sleeping lions laze in the sun. At dawn, the endangered black rhino returns to the thick cover of the crater forests after grazing on dew-laden grass in the morning mist. Just outside the crater’s ridge, tall Masaai herd their cattle and goats over green pastures through the highland slopes, living alongside the wildlife as they have for centuries.

Ngorongoro Conservation Area includes its famous crater, Olduvai Gorge, and huge expanses of highland plains, scrub bush, and forests. A protected area, only indigenous tribes such as the Masaai are allowed to live within its borders. Lake Ndutu and Masek, both alkaline soda lakes are home to rich game populations, as well as a series of peaks and volcanoes and make the Conservation Area a unique and beautiful landscape. Of course, the crater itself, actually a type of collapsed volcano called a caldera, is the main attraction. After a beautiful descent down the crater rim, passing lush rain forest and thick vegetation, the flora opens to grassy plains throughout the crater floor. The game viewing is truly incredible, and the topography and views of the surrounding Crater Highlands out of this world.

This truly magical place is home to Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys discovered the hominoid remains of a 1.8 million year old skeleton of Australopithecus boisei, one of the distinct links of the human evolutionary chain. In a small canyon just north of the crater, the Leakeys and their team of international archaeologists unearthed the ruins of at least three distinct hominoid species, and also came upon a complete series of hominoid footprints estimated to be over 3.7 million years old. Evacuated fossils show that the area is one of the oldest sites of hominoid habitation in the world.

Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Luxury Tented Savannah Camp.

Day 5: Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - Ngorongoro Conservation Area & Serengeti National Park

Full day of game viewing and exploring the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the Serengeti National Park. Enjoy a guided bush walk.

Serengeti National Park: The Serengeti is the setting for so many wildlife documentaries with good reason. Imagine endless land of acacia trees, baobab trees, African grasses, wildebeest, zebras, gazelles, giraffe and amazing weather. The Serengeti boasts staggering numbers of giraffe, eland, zebra, wildebeest, lions, elephants, Thompson’s gazelles, buffalo, 500 species of birds, Topi, and Grant’s gazelle.

Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Luxury Tented Savannah Camp.

Day 6: Thursday, March 10, 2011 - Serengeti National Park

Full day exploring the endless plains. Wake up early to watch the sun rise over the Serengeti – don’t miss it.

Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Luxury Tented Wilderness Camp.

Day 7: Friday, March 11, 2011 – Depart for Home OR Zanzibar

After your morning game drive, transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Arusha Airport.

EITHER Depart for flight home ...

OR Depart for flight to Zanzibar. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for overnight. (Bed&Breakfast)

Day 8: Saturday, March 12, 2011 - Zanzibar

Full day at leisure to explore and enjoy this spice island. Various optional extra activities available such as snorkelling, scuba diving, beach leisure. (Bed&Breakfast)

Day 9: Sunday, March 13, 2011 - Zanzibar

Another day at leisure on the beautiful island of Zanzibar. (Bed&Breakfast)

Day 10: Monday, March 14, 2011 – Depart for Home

After breakfast depart for Stone Town on Foot Tour (3 hours) with a private guide. Visit the “House of Wonders”.

The **House of Wonders** is a very large square-shaped building, with several stories, surrounded by tiers of pillars and balconies, and topped by a large clock tower. It was built in 1883 as a ceremonial palace for Sultan Barghash and was the first in Zanzibar to have electric light and an electric lift. Not surprisingly, when it was built, the local people called it Beit el Ajaib, meaning the House of Wonders. Today, it is still one of the largest buildings in Zanzibar, and there are plans to open it as the National Museum.


Stone Town: The Old Dispensary (now known as the Stone Town Cultural Centre) is a grand four story building with a set of decorative balconies. It served as a dispensary during colonial times but fell into disrepair in the 1970's and 1980's. It is one of the Stone Town buildings that has been successfully restored, in this case with funding from the Aga Khan Trust for Culture. It can be found on Zanzibar's seafront on Mizingani road.

The market is a great place to visit even if you don't want to buy anything. It is a vibrant place where everything under the sun is bought and sold. People bring their produce here from all over the island, and other people come to buy things they can't get in their own villages. Of special interest is the huge selection of brightly coloured khangas (worn by the local women) and the auctions that are held regularly.

Transfer to Zanzibar Airport for flight to Dar es Salaam International Airport. Depart for flight back home.

Tuesday, March 15, 2011– Arrive back in the U.S.A.

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Included in price:

- Accommodation in lodge in Arusha upon arrival
- Luxury Tented Accommodation in Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro & Serengeti as per itinerary
- All meals while on safari in Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro & Serengeti
- Accommodation in Hotel on Zanzibar – Bed & Breakfast only
- All airport transfers as noted in itinerary
- All transportation in 4-wheel drive safari vehicles with pop-open roof for 360 degree game viewing
- Domestic flights for safari: Lake Manyara to Ndutu; Serengeti (Seronera) to Arusha
- Domestic flights for Zanzibar: Arusha to Zanzibar; Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam
- Expert & Experienced English-speaking Tanzanian Guide/Driver with vast knowledge of Tanzania and its wildlife
- All park fees and activity fees for specified parks and activities in the above itinerary
- Soft drinks and bottled water on game drives

Excluded from price quoted:

- International airline tickets and applicable airport taxes
- Visas, Vaccinations, Malaria tablets
- Gratuities: Driver/Guide: \$8-12 per person per day
- Drinks with meals
- Personal, Medical and Travel Insurance, available through Ntaba Tours
- Emergency transport costs, tips, personal expenses, personal medical kit, travel insurance, bottled mineral water, sleeping bags, or other personal trekking gear
- All costs of a personal nature: Telephone calls, bar bills, drinks, room service, portorage, laundry, refreshments, snacks, curios, gifts, tips or gratuities etc.
- Extra transport or transfers not included in the itinerary, taxi fares, after hours transport etc.
- Entrance fees to tourist attractions, activities or attractions that are not specified in itinerary.
- Any other tours or tourist entrance fees not included in the itinerary above.

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