

THE MAGIC OF TANZANIA!

A PRIVATE AFRICAN WILDLIFE SAFARI
FEATURING
THE SERENGETI, NGORONGORO CRATER &
TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK



Thank you for asking us to create your safari in Tanzania, with its magnificent Serengeti Plains and its Eden-like Ngorongoro Crater. Traveling in July, you'll explore both the Central and the Northern Serengeti – where you are likely to find the southern edge of the Serengeti Migration as they seek the more nutritious grasses usually found here in July. At this time of year, the young wildebeests, who were born in January near Ndutu and Lake Masek, have grown noticeably. The presence of so many wildebeests and zebras offers a “season of plenty” for the area's numerous predators, especially for the lions and the spotted hyenas.

The Ngorongoro Crater is delightful throughout each of the dry seasons, with its population of relatively isolated animals. African buffalos, Thomson's gazelles and Grant's gazelles are plentiful – as are the hippos that you'll see at the Ngorongoro hippo pool. Exploring the Lerai Forest is likely to give you great views of elephants, including some particularly large “tuskers” – the older male elephants that call this forest home.

You'll begin your safari with a visit to Tarangire National Park. Here, the life-giving Tarangire River sustains a diverse population of African wildlife, including one of the highest densities of elephants in East Africa. But it is one of the members of the plant kingdom that travelers often associate with this unique landscape – the baobab tree, some of which are estimated to be centuries old. And don't be surprised if, when you look at a tree, you see some of the tree-climbing lions this region is known for.

Traveling in northern Tanzania in July will provide you with a combination of exciting wildlife encounters and some adventures that will give your family a truly memorable experience.

Again, thank you for choosing Safari Professionals to design and conduct your African wildlife safari.



Tom LaRock
Managing Director



YOUR SAFARI ITINERARY SUMMARY

JULY 5 (FRI): DEPART FROM USA (FLIGHT NOT INCLUDED)

JULY 6 (SAT): ARRIVE AT ARUSHA, TANZANIA – PRIVATE TRANSFER TO YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS AT RIVERTREES COUNTRY INN (D)

JULY 7 (SUN): BICYCLING AT RIVERTREES – MARKET TOUR OF ARUSHA (BLD)

JULY 8 (MON): PRIVATE OVERLAND TRANSFER TO TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK – ACCOMMODATIONS AT MARAMBOI TENTED CAMP (BLD)

JULY 9 (TUE) PRIVATE GAME DRIVES IN TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK – ACCOMMODATIONS AT MARAMBOI TENTED CAMP (BLD)

JULY 10 (WED): PRIVATE OVERLAND TRANSFER TO THE NGORONGORO CRATER – ACCOMMODATIONS AT LIONS PAW CAMP (BLD)

JULY 11 (THU) FULL DAY PRIVATE GAME DRIVE IN THE NGORONGORO CRATER – ACCOMMODATIONS AT LIONS PAW CAMP (BLD)

JULY 12 (FRI) PRIVATE OVERLAND TRANSFER TO OLDUPAI GORGE AND ON TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – ACCOMMODATIONS AT KUBU KUBU TENTED LODGE (BLD)

JULY 13(SAT): PRIVATE GAME DRIVES IN SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – ACCOMMODATIONS AT KUBU KUBU TENTED LODGE (BLD)

JULY 14 (SUN): PRIVATE OVERLAND TRANSFER TO THE NORTHERN SERENGETI – ACCOMMODATIONS AT MARA UNDER CANVAS (BLD)

JULY 15-16 (MON-TUE): PRIVATE GAME DRIVES IN THE NORTHERN SERENGETI – ACCOMMODATIONS AT MARA UNDER CANVAS (BLD)

JULY 17 (WED): SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO ARUSHA (FLIGHT INCLUDED) – LUNCH AND A VISIT TO THE MAASAI MARKET – DAYROOM AND DINNER AT RIVERTREES COUNTRY INN – PRIVATE TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT FOR YOUR DEPARTURE (FLIGHT NOT INCLUDED) (BLD)

JULY 18 (THU): ARRIVAL IN USA

B=BREAKFAST L=LUNCH D=DINNER



YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS

Avoiding the high-density tourist areas, your accommodations are in permanent tented camps and lodges. In the permanent camps your lodgings are large canvas tents which are hung under traditionally thatched or canvas roofs, with raised wooden or concrete floors. Essentially, each tent is an airy room with breathable walls. The en-suite baths offer completely private facilities, including a hot shower and flush toilet. These modern versions of the traditional safari camps let you enjoy the romance of the classic East African safari in comfort without giving up your most essential conveniences.

YOUR TRANSPORTATION

Your game drives take place in custom-designed safari vehicles. These spacious classic Land Rovers and Toyota Land Cruisers provide comfortable seating for up to six people. Each person has a window, as well as direct access to an open hatch in the roof to optimize your game viewing opportunities. Flights included in your safari are arranged on scheduled airlines, although some flights may take place on chartered aircraft.



YOUR GUIDE



As you enter the Arrivals Hall at Arusha's Kilimanjaro International Airport, your safari guide, Anglebert Pantaleo, will be there to greet you. Anglebert is the owner and managing director of African Nature Photography and Safaris and has served as our personal safari guide in Tanzania for several years. Traveling with you throughout your safari, Anglebert and his team are dedicated to making sure you safely enjoy every aspect of your safari adventure.

SAFARI LIFE

Just before dawn each day, you are awakened by a gentle voice greeting you with "Jambo" (Swahili for "Hello"). A tray of coffee, tea, and biscuits are left on your verandah to give you a start to the day, before you venture out for your morning game drive. Africa's wildlife is most active in the early morning and late afternoon, making these the best times to seek them out. Upon your return from the bush, breakfast awaits you, served in open-air dining rooms. The morning menu tends to reflect East Africa's British heritage with fresh fruit, cereals, meats, and breads. The chef prepares your eggs to your specifications while delicious locally-grown coffee replaces tea as the primary breakfast beverage. Lunches are often served buffet style and feature fresh salads, soup, and hot entrees. Beef, chicken, lamb, and fish are the primary main dish ingredients but the menus can be adjusted to meet any special dietary needs. Your meals are made with fresh ingredients, a seemingly overwhelming challenge, considering the remoteness of some of the locations you visit.



Each day, between 3:30-4:00 PM, you venture out in search of more animals as the African sun continues its journey toward the western horizon. Upon your return to your camp at dusk, a refreshing hot shower awaits you. You are then invited to conclude your day by gathering around a campfire for refreshments. After toasting the day with a raised glass, you are served a delicious four course meal under candlelight while the sounds of the African night begin to call. After further campfire discussions of the day's events, you are escorted back to your cozy quarters to rest for another day.

YOUR SAFARI ITINERARY

JULY 5-6 – DEPARTURE FROM THE USA AND ARRIVAL AT ARUSHA, TANZANIA

Your international departure flight takes you to one of the European gateway cities, where you board the flight that brings you to East Africa (flights not included). Your safari truly begins upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport in Arusha, Tanzania. Upon clearing customs, you will meet your guide, Anglebert Pantaleo, who will take charge of your luggage and bring you to your relaxing overnight accommodations in the Farm House at the Rivertrees Country Inn. Next to a river and in the forest where black and white colobus and blue monkeys reside, Rivertrees offers you the perfect peaceful respite after your long international flights. BLD



JULY 7 – BICYCLING AND MARKET TOUR OF ARUSHA



You'll enjoy a hearty breakfast within this former coffee farm. You'll then explore the area surrounding Rivertrees on a guided bicycle excursion, followed by lunch in a local village. Your adventures in Arusha will continue with an afternoon visit to a local open-air market, where you'll discover a wide variety of locally- grown fruits and vegetables, as well as other food items and non-food goods, for sale. BLD

JULY 8-9 – TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Following your morning's breakfast and your safari briefing, you and your guide drive to Tarangire National Park for two days of game viewing. Second only to the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation area in concentrations of wildlife in northern Tanzania, Tarangire National Park is renowned for its large numbers of ancient-looking baobab trees, giving the landscape in the northern region of the park an almost pre-historic feel. Due to their unique branching pattern that resembles roots and the fact that baobabs shed their leaves for most of the year, they are often described locally as "trees that God planted upside down."



Tarangire is also well known for its population of elephants. In the past, some of the elephants would have migrated away from Tarangire at this time of year. However, the development of land

around the park has cut off some of the migration routes and many are likely to be found during your visit.

Sustained by the permanent water source provided by the Tarangire River, the wildlife population also includes Maasai giraffe, common zebra, lion, leopard, cheetah, African buffalo, spotted hyena, wildebeest, eland, warthog, olive baboon, impala, lesser kudu, Thomson's & Grant's gazelles, common waterbuck, Coke's hartebeest, gerenuk and Bohor reedbuck. The much sought after African wild dogs reside here, as well, but are more rarely seen. Over 550 species of East Africa's colorful birds have been recorded here, as well.

Maramboi Tented Camp is your introduction to safari life under canvas. Mounted on raised wooden platforms, its ten permanent tents offer endless vistas of rolling golden grasslands and semi-arid desert. In addition to exploring the diverse habitats of Tarangire, Maramboi's unique location just outside the national park offers walking safaris, an activity not always available within the park's borders. And its small size offers a high level of exceptional service. B/L/D



JULY 10-11 – NGORONGORO CRATER

This morning you enter the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA), the world's first multi-purpose land use area with the goal to host not only tourism, research and conservation efforts, but also to allow local pastoralists access to ancestral grazing land. In addition, the NCA promotes the protection and exploration of archeological sites in which early hominid discoveries are found.

Within this large area, defined as from the Ngorongoro Forest in the Karatu region all the way to the Serengeti, lies Ngorongoro Crater - one of seven World Heritage Sites designated in Tanzania and the world's largest intact and unflooded caldera (collapsed volcano).

With a diameter of just 12 miles, the Crater's 100 square miles consists of six distinct habitats: acacia forest, swamp, short and long grass savannas, riverine and woodland, with each habitat attracting a variety of animals. The 2000 ft. walls of the Crater provide a natural enclosure, in which almost 30,000 animals live. Despite the high walls of the Crater, approximately 20% of the herd animals do migrate in and out, over the course of a year. Wildlife highlights of the Crater include some of the best opportunities to view black rhino in the African bush and the highest density of hyena in any location in Africa.



The relative isolation of two species in the Crater, lions and elephants, have led to unique structures of the populations of these animals. As an example, there are only male elephants in the Crater and



researchers are trying to figure out why there are no females. An exploration of the elephants' home in the Lerai Forest is likely to provide you with an opportunity to see some of the biggest "tuskers" in East Africa.

Our favorite location here is on the eastern rim, where the spectacular view overlooking the Crater is rivaled only by its incredible sunsets. And our favorite accommodations here are offered by Lions Paw Camp, a small tented camp that is uniquely positioned within the national park boundary. Its location makes it easy to be among the first to arrive on the Crater's floor in the early morning. In addition to its exceptional level of comfort and service, we've chosen Lions Paw Camp for your family because of its unique focus on activities for children. BLD



JULY 12-13 – OLDUPAI GORGE AND CENTRAL SERENGETI

This morning you turn toward the northwest, descending from the Ngorongoro highlands and on to Oldupai Gorge, one of the world's most important prehistoric archaeological sites. It was here, in 1959, that Mary Leakey discovered the fossilized bone fragments of one of our earliest hominid ancestors. Several animal fossils, which have been discovered in the gorge, are displayed in a small museum at the Oldupai Visitors Center. (Although most frequently written as "Olduvai," the correct spelling for the name of this area is "Oldupai," the Maasai name for a local species of the wild sisal plant.)



You continue on to the central Serengeti, an area rich with an impressive diversity of African wildlife. It's interspersed stands of trees make this one of the best places to search for the always elusive leopard. Creatures of the night, leopards spend their days asleep on the horizontal branches of trees. And that's where you will search in the hope of joining the ranks of those few who are successful in finding the most elusive of the big cats.

The diversity of species within the Serengeti ecosystem is remarkable. The plains species you encounter include elephant, giraffe, African buffalo and impala, among others.

Your accommodations at the Kubu Kubu Tented Camp are located on the slope of a hill, providing amazing views of the Serengeti's rolling grasslands. Owned and operated by the same team at Maramboi Tented Lodge, you can expect a similarly high level of exceptional service and comfort. BLD



JULY 14-16 – NORTHERN SERENGETI

This morning you continue your exploration of the Serengeti, traveling further north and into the region that usually hosts the heart of the Serengeti migration at this time of year. Here, the Serengeti provides lush grazing for over 1.3 million wildebeest, 500,000 Thomson's gazelles and 250,000 zebras. Back in January, hundreds of thousands of wildebeest babies were born. As the herds follow the re-emergence of fresh, nutritious grasses, the young wildebeest have grown significantly. While such a concentration of the next generation enables the species to flourish, they also provide a bounty for the area's predators, including lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas and jackals. You will also seek other large mammals, including elephants, Maasai giraffes, Grant's gazelles, warthogs, impalas, topi, hartebeests and hippos.



Today, the word, "Serengeti," is recognized around the world. However, it was the passion of Dr. Bernhard Grzimek, the director of the Frankfurt Zoological Society in Germany, who brought the Serengeti to the attention of the world in 1959, when his film, "Serengeti Shall Not Die," was released. Winning an Oscar as "best documentary feature," the film and its accompanying book, raised awareness about the unique wildlife spectacle – the Serengeti Migration – and the diverse landscapes of this unique ecosystem.



The owners of Mara Under Canvas have taken a unique approach to providing accommodations that allow travelers to experience the best of the Serengeti migration. Its location in the northern Serengeti is changed each year so its guests will be as close to the migration as possible. Located near the Mara River, travelers staying at Mara Under Canvas are often uniquely privileged to see the spectacular river crossings when scores of wildebeests and zebras brave the crocodile-infest waters that block their path to better grazing. With only ten tents, Mara Under Canvas offers a level of comfort and service unmatched in the area. BLD



JULY 17-18 – ARUSHA, DEPARTURE AND RETURN TO THE USA

After your last breakfast in the bush, you bid farewell to the Serengeti and fly to Arusha on a scheduled light aircraft flight (flight included). You are met at the airport and driven to the Rivertrees Country Inn, where you'll have day rooms, so you may relax and prepare for your departure. After lunch, you'll visit one of the local markets for some last-minute shopping, if you wish. At the appropriate time, your team returns you to the airport. As your aircraft lifts off, you look out the window and bid farewell to this magical part of Africa (flight not included). BL

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner

Arrangements and times are subject to change, based on local conditions.

