



MAASAI MAN

# TANZANIA



## *Tanzania Up Close: Culture, Safari and the Great Migration*

14 days | Choose your dates

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**T**his comprehensive adventure visits Tanzania's most famous parks for unforgettable wildlife viewing, but also celebrates Africa's humanity with authentic cultural encounters in Maasai, Kikuyu, and Hadzabe Bushmen communities. The culmination will be the legendary Serengeti, where you will see the vast migrating herds and many predators who follow them. Our camps are positioned right where the seasonal migrations are most prolific. You'll also witness the near-perfect balance of predator and prey in the stunning Ngorongoro Crater. Of special note is the fact that your game viewing takes place on foot as well as safari vehicles, a rare approach that provides the most up-close and thrilling safari experience ever.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow the Serengeti herds during the legendary Great Migration, the world's largest terrestrial mammal movement.
- Celebrate African culture as you explore local communities, have lunch in a village home, browse the markets and visit a local school.
- Seek out the Big Five in Ngorongoro Crater, a natural amphitheater with one of the earth's richest concentrations of wildlife.
- Walk trails on Mt. Meru in search of buffalo, colobus monkeys, and warthogs.
- Learn clues to the origins of mankind at Olduvai Gorge, where Louis & Mary Leakey discovered important fossil remains.
- Embark on a walking safari in the Serengeti, a completely new safari experience to that of standard game drives.
- Stand in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro at Arusha National Park.



## ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

### DAY 1 - USA

Depart United States for flight to Tanzania.

### DAY 2 - ARUSHA

Upon arrival to Kilimanjaro International Airport, our Holbrook representative will meet you outside of the airport and transfer you to the hotel. This is an arrival day and no meals are included. *Overnight at Lake Duluti Lodge.*

### DAY 3 - ARUSHA

After breakfast depart for Arusha National Park. Introduction to a variety of animals in a section of the park known as "Little Serengeti," with a site lecture on Mt. Meru and the history of Arusha National Park. Depart from the ranger post for a walk in the foothills of Mt. Meru, Africa's fourth highest mountain. Walk with an armed ranger through Buffalo Swamp to a lookout point with views of the park and Kilimanjaro in the distance. Continue to a waterfall, and open grasslands dotted with giraffes, warthogs, antelopes, and many bird species. Continue through a wooded area in search of Colobus Monkeys before returning to the ranger post. We will have boxed lunch at the national park. Return to our lodge in the late afternoon. *Overnight at Lake Duluti Lodge. (BLD)*

### DAY 4 - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Before breakfast, we'll walk on lodge grounds. After breakfast, begin the transfer to Tarangire. Before we get well on our way, we'll make a stop at the Arusha Kilombero local market and experience the local lifestyle. Transfer to our lodge in Tarangire. We'll check

in and get settled into our rooms, followed by a couple of hours of free time. Before dinner, we'll enjoy an informative presentation about elephants and Tarangire National Park. *Overnight at Tarangire Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)*

### DAY 5 - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast an armed park ranger will meet us at our lodge and escort us on a nature walk through Tarangire National Park. We will return to our lodge in time for lunch. Free time to rest and enjoy lodge amenities. Mid-afternoon, we will board our safari vehicles for a game drive in Tarangire National Park. Transfer back to the lodge. *Overnight at Tarangire Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)*

### DAY 6 - LAKE EYASI

Before breakfast, visit a local Maasai village to observe as members of the community go about their morning rituals. Transfer back to the lodge for breakfast. Next,



we'll transfer to Lake Eyasi with an en route stop at Mto wa Mbu. During our walk through the village, we'll be able to observe the way of life in this rural community. We will enjoy lunch prepared by a local family with an explanation of the different culinary delights and how they are made. After lunch continue transfer to Lake Eyasi. We expect to arrive at our accommodations mid-afternoon. Check in and get settled into our tents. As the day comes to a close, we'll visit a bushman community to learn how they relax at the end of the day. Return to the camp. *Overnight at Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge. (BLD)*

## DAY 7 - NGORONGORO

Early this morning visit with local Hadzabe bushmen. A local expert will serve as an interpreter while we interact with members of the community to learn about their culture and witness their daily rituals, including building a fire and preparing arrows for hunting game. After our early morning activities, we will return to the camp for a brunch. After check out we'll begin our transfer to the Ngorongoro area. Once we arrive at the lodge we'll check in and settle into our rooms, followed by free time to rest and relax. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge. (BLD)*

## DAY 8 - CENTRAL SERENGETI

After leaving our lodge we will begin our descent into the Ngorongoro Crater in preparation for a full morning game drive among one of the most unique concentrations of wildlife on earth. Vast grasslands cover most of the crater floor and provide ample grazing for resident zebras, gazelles, wildebeest, elephants, warthogs and rhinos. With such a large number of prey species contained within the crater, it is not surprising that Ngorongoro is also home to a dense population of lions. As the morning comes to a close we will drive out of the crater and begin our transfer to the Serengeti. We will enjoy a picnic style lunch en route. As we continue our transfer to Serengeti, enjoy wildlife viewing along the way. Arrive for stay at semi-permanent camp at Central Serengeti. *Overnight at semi-permanent camp. (BLD)*

## DAY 9 - CENTRAL SERENGETI

Early in the morning, we'll board our vehicles early this morning in order to begin our first game drive of the day in Serengeti. Our game drive experience will include breakfast out in the field. We will return to the camp late in the morning and have lunch at the camp.

Enjoy some free time to rest and relax at the camp before heading out for our mid-afternoon game drive. Before dinner, we will gather around the campfire and have a discussion with our group leader about the Great Migration. *Overnight at semi-permanent camp. (BLD)*

## DAY 10 - CENTRAL SERENGETI

From our camp, we'll embark on a walking safari in the Serengeti, accompanied by our group leader and an armed ranger. Bush walks offer a completely new safari experience to that of standard game drives. Being outside on foot makes it possible to be at eye level with wildlife and more in tune with our surroundings. Our heightened senses make us more sensitive to the smells, sounds, textures and colors of our environment. Small details such as hoof prints, animal dung, vegetation,

and insects that are more easily overlooked during a game drive will reveal tantalizing bits of information that help us to better understand this complex habitat. After lunch, we will have free time to rest and relax at the camp. Mid-afternoon we'll board our safari vehicles and enjoy a game drive in the plains. *Overnight at semi-permanent camp. (BLD)*

## DAY 11 - KARATU

After breakfast we will depart from Serengeti and start our transfer to Karatu. En route we will stop at Olduvai Gorge. After escorting us through the museum, the museum curator will accompany us on a walk to the Leaky camp. In

the early 1930s, archaeologists Louis & Mary Leakey began excavating at Olduvai Gorge in the hopes of finding clues to the origin of mankind. Their discovery of primitive tools and, later, fossilized hominid remains (*Australopithecus boisei* and *Homo habilis*) helped lay the foundation for present-day theories on human evolution. After a picnic lunch, we will continue to Karatu. Upon arrival to our lodge, we will have a short exploratory walk around the lodge's farm/coffee plantation. *Overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge. (BLD)*

## DAY 12 - KARATU

After leaving the lodge early this morning we will drive to a local school to learn what a typical school day in Tanzania is like as we interact with teachers and students and sit in on classes. We will have lunch at the local school. After the classes are done for the day, we will join a couple of schoolchildren on their walk home to a nearby village. During our journey we will learn from the children what it takes for them to get to and from school every day. As we reach the village, we will



ZEBRA AT TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK BY HENRIK PALM



have the opportunity to see how the kids live and meet some members of the community. We will walk back to the school and board our vehicles for our return to the lodge. At the lodge there will be free time to enjoy the swimming pool and relax before our farewell dinner. It is not mandatory to bring anything to donate to the school and/or the children. However, anyone wishing to do so might consider bringing a few basic school supplies such as pencils and erasers, pens, colored markers, etc. to donate during the visit. *Overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge. (BLD)*

### DAY 13 - ARUSHA/FAREWELL

After a leisurely morning, we will transfer to Arusha. Before arriving at our hotel, we will pay a visit to a local home to enjoy a family-hosted lunch. Transfer to our hotel for day room accommodations. You will be able to rest, finish packing luggage, or freshen up before catching your night flight to the U.S. Before leaving for the airport, enjoy a light snack at the hotel, then check out at 6 p.m. Transfer to the Kilimanjaro International Airport and check in for overnight flight to the U.S. *Overnight at Lake Duluti Lodge Dayroom. (BLD)*

### DAY 14 - USA

Arrive United States.

## PRICING RANGE

**\$5,600** (10 participants + 1 leader)

Price includes accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, private transportation unless otherwise noted in itinerary, non-alcoholic beverages with meals, local guides in each region for duration of program, and carbon offset.

International airfare, gratuities, or items of a personal nature are not included.

## THE FINE PRINT

A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due to secure your reservation. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure. Non-refundable final payment is due at 95 days prior to departure. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit [travelinsured.com](http://travelinsured.com). Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849.

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