



LION IN SERENGETI BY SARAH TZ

# TANZANIA

## Investigating Biodiversity & Human Civilization

9 DAYS | Choose your dates

### About this trip

Experience the best of Tanzania's anthropology, geology, and biology including opportunities to observe abundant wildlife such as elephants, lions, zebras, and endangered black rhinos in the wild. Journey through the captivating landscapes of Serengeti National Park, Lake Manyara National Park, and Ngorongoro Crater. Discover the culture and traditions of the Iraqw and Maasai tribes during cultural immersion experiences in local villages, and trace human history at Olduvai Gorge, where the discovery of ancestral fossils from several million years ago revolutionized our ideas about human origins. Experience Tanzania's exceptional wildlife and fascinating cultures during this exciting 9-day safari.

### Your students will...

- Observe Africa's famed Big Five and other wildlife during game drives in Tanzania's most famous national parks, including the Serengeti.
- Descend into Ngorongoro Crater, the Earth's largest unbroken caldera and home to the endangered black rhino.
- Visit Olduvai Gorge, where Louis and Mary Leakey discovered archaeological evidence of some of our earliest human ancestors.
- Experience daily life and traditions of Maasai and Iraqw tribes and participate in a service project.



MASAI PEOPLE BY FRANK RICHMOND

### Educational Connections



Interdisciplinary  
Studies



Service  
Learning



Natural  
History



Environmental  
Studies

### What's included?

- Bilingual local guide
- Driver
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Private transportation
- Meals
- Beverages with meals
- Carbon offsetting

# Itinerary

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

## DAY 1 - EN ROUTE

Depart for the overnight flight to Tanzania.

## DAY 2 - ARUSHA

Upon arrival at the airport, you'll be met and escorted to the hotel in Arusha. Arusha is the gateway to the northern national parks of Tanzania such as Tarangire, Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater, and the famous Serengeti. The lodge is situated in the village of Movarian. Dinner will be included if the group is arriving earlier than 6 pm. *Overnight at Masailand Safari Lodge. (D)*

## DAY 3 - KARATU

This morning, transfer to Lake Manyara National Park, stopping en route at a look-out point to view the spectacular scenery and discuss the Great Rift Valley. Upon arrival, take an afternoon game drive. This park is famous for its tree-climbing lion population and is named after the long lake that is fed by water from the escarpment of the Rift Valley. Other highlights include impressively tusked elephants, giraffes, buffalo, zebras, and banded mongoose, in addition to over 400 species of birds. *Overnight at Country Lodge. (BLD)*

## DAY 4 - SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, depart for Serengeti National Park, stopping en route at Olduvai Gorge. Nicknamed the "Cradle of Mankind," this famous anthropological site is located on a steep-sided ravine, approximately 30 miles long and 295 feet deep. During an informative on-site lecture, discover the accomplishments of Drs. Louis and Mary Leakey, archaeologists who excavated key hominid fossils that provided significant understanding of the course of human evolution. Exposed deposits show fossils and remains of objects dating as far back as 15,000 to 2 million years ago. In the afternoon, take a game drive in the rolling grasslands of the Serengeti and then arrive at your camp, located on the slopes of Rongai Hills. Osupuko Camp overlooks the Seronera Valley, which is home to most of the cats found in Serengeti as well as other notable wildlife including giraffes, zebras, gazelles, warthogs, baboons, monkeys, and more. *Overnight at Osupuko Serengeti Camp. (BLD)*

## DAY 5 - SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Spend the day adventuring on a safari and immerse yourself in the daily life of the fauna inhabiting Serengeti National Park. The park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the location of the world-famous annual migration of over 1 million wildebeests, zebras, and Thomson's gazelles. The Serengeti stretches over 5,500 square miles and is divided into two distinct geographical zones: the vast grasslands of the south and the woodlands of the north and west. Other wild game at the park includes buffalo, elephants, and giraffes. A boxed lunch will be provided during the safari. This evening, spend time by the campfire and star gazing. *Overnight at Osupuko Serengeti Camp. (BLD)*

## DAY 6 - NGORONGORO

Set off for an early morning game drive at Serengeti. Return to camp for a late breakfast and afterwards travel to the Ngorongoro Crater. Arrive at the lodge, which sits at a prime spot near the edge of the crater. Wildlife Lodge works very closely with local communities, and most of the staff are either Maasai or Iraqw. Supplies are all sourced from the local communities, including the fresh vegetables and fruits used for meals. *Overnight at Wildlife Lodge. (BLD)*

## DAY 7 - MANYARA

Enjoy a day full of spectacular scenery and game viewing in what has been described as the eighth wonder of the world: Ngorongoro Crater. As you descend down the crater rim, watch as the flora opens to grassy plains throughout the crater floor. Two and a half million years ago, Ngorongoro was an active volcano as large as Kilimanjaro, but violent eruptions reduced it to a caldera. An abundance of

animals, including large herds of wildebeests, zebras, lions, elephants, rhinos, and hippos reside in the 433-square-mile caldera. Ngorongoro Crater is also an area of critical importance in the conservation of the endangered black rhino. Later transfer to Manyara Camp for dinner and overnight. *Overnight at Manyara Wildlife Camp. (BLD)*

## DAY 8 - ARUSHA

After breakfast, visit Esilalei, a Maasai village along the shores of Lake Manyara. Upon arrival, receive an introduction to the community and learn about the Maasai culture and way of life. Activities here include visiting the nursery and primary school, visiting traditional huts, goat herding, jewelry bead work, birdwatching during a short walking safari, and a cultural exchange with a village. You'll also be able to participate in a community service project. After lunch, work with school children doing art/songs/games at Losirwa Primary School. After your day of Maasai cultural immersion, depart for Arusha. Freshen up in a day room before an early dinner around 5 pm, then transfer to Kilimanjaro for your flight home. *Day room at SG Resort. (BLD)*

## DAY 9 - ARRIVE HOME

Arrive home following your overnight flight.

## Program pricing

**\$3,795** (10 participants + 1 leader / 20 participants + 2 leaders)

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

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

Valid for travel in 2021.

## Travel protection

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more. Refer to the Plan Document for more details.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

## The fine print

*Rates are based on triple and quadruple occupancy for participants; complimentary leader accommodations may be single or double occupancy based on availability. International airfare is included for complimentary leaders. Holiday surcharges may apply. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due upon booking. 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. Cancellations received less than 95 days prior to departure are non-refundable.*



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