



MAASAI MAN

TANZANIA

Tanzania Up Close: Culture, Safari and the Great Migration

14 DAYS | Choose your dates | Best season to travel: **MAY - OCT**

This comprehensive adventure visits Tanzania's most famous parks for unforgettable wildlife viewing, and also celebrates Africa's diverse indigenous groups with cultural encounters in Maasai and Hadzabe 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 Great Migration, the world's largest terrestrial mammal movement.
- Celebrate African culture as you explore local communities, browse markets and visit a local school.
- Seek out the Big Five in Ngorongoro Crater, a natural amphitheater with a rich concentration 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 important fossil remains were discovered.
- Embark on a walking safari in the Serengeti.
- Stand in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro at Arusha National Park.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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



OLDUVAI GORGE



GIRAFFES BY PELIN KARACA

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. Check into the Lake Duluti Lodge, situated on a 30-acre active coffee farm along the outskirts of Arusha. The African-style chalets are ideally positioned facing the coffee farm and each has a private deck with an amazing view of the ancient indigenous trees found in large numbers on the farm. Please note: 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. Upon arrival, receive an 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. Have boxed lunch at the national park. Return to your lodge in the late afternoon. *Overnight at Lake Duluti Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 4 - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Early this morning, take a walk on the lodge grounds. After breakfast, check out and visit a local market to view a variety of colorful handicrafts and experience life in Arusha. Next,

visit Shanga Beads, a local project that was founded in 2007 and is made up of a group of more than 70 people with a wide range of disabilities creating a variety of products including weaving, glass blowing, beading, paper making and metal work, using recycled materials wherever possible. Their philosophy is that kindness is a language that blind people see and deaf people hear. Learn about the birth of the project, visit the workshops and also the gift shop to witness the amazing artistry of this heartwarming project. Continue to Sangaiwe Tented Lodge's "boma," enjoy a refreshing welcome drink and refreshing towel before walking up the hill to reception to check in to beautiful tented rooms set on wooden platforms with a solid attached bathroom, and both indoor and outdoor seating and decks with stunning views of Lake Burunge and the Rift Valley escarpment beyond. The buildings were built to minimize disruption of the environment and to maximize usage of solar energy. The hotel is situated less than half a mile from the entrance to Tarangire National Park. Have some time to relax and enjoy the wildlife. Before dinner attend a presentation on the elephants and Tarangire National Park.. *Overnight at Sangaiwe Tented Lodge. (BLD)*



NGORONGORO CRATER BY WILLIAM WARBY

DAY 5 - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast an armed park ranger will meet you at our lodge and escort you on a nature walk through Tarangire National Park. Return to the lodge in time for lunch. Free time to rest and enjoy lodge amenities. Mid-afternoon, board your safari vehicles for a game drive in Tarangire National Park. Transfer back to the lodge. *Overnight at Sangaiwe Tented 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, transfer to Lake Eyasi with a stop en route at Mto wa Mbu. During your walk through the village, you'll be able to observe the way of life in this rural community. 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, with mid-afternoon arrival to your accommodations. Check in and get settled into our tents. As the day comes to a close, 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 you 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 your early morning activities, return to the camp for a brunch. After check-out, begin the transfer to the Ngorongoro area. Once you arrive at the lodge, check in and settle into your room, followed by free time to rest and relax. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 8 - CENTRAL OR SOUTHERN SERENGETI

After leaving your lodge, begin the 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, drive out of the crater and begin your transfer to the Serengeti, enjoying a picnic-style lunch en route. As you continue your transfer to Serengeti, enjoy wildlife viewing along the way. If program is between December and March, you will be staying at a mobile tented camp at Southern Serengeti. The rest of the year, you will be at a semi-permanent camp at Central Serengeti. *Overnight at semi-permanent or mobile tented camp. (BLD)*

DAY 9 - CENTRAL OR SOUTHERN SERENGETI

Early in the morning, board vehicles in order to begin the first game drive of the day in Serengeti. The game drive experience will include breakfast out in the field. 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, gather around the campfire and have a discussion with the group leader about the Great Migration. *Overnight at semi-permanent or mobile tented camp. (BLD)*

DAY 10 - CENTRAL OR SOUTHERN SERENGETI

From your camp, embark on a walking safari in the Serengeti, accompanied by your 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 your surroundings. Observe the smells, sounds, textures and colors of the 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 you to better understand this complex habitat. After lunch, have free time to rest and relax at the camp. Mid-afternoon, board safari vehicles and enjoy a game drive in the plains. *Overnight at semi-permanent or mobile tented camp. (BLD)*



ZEBRA AT TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK BY HENRIK PALM

DAY 11 - KARATU

After breakfast depart from Serengeti and start the transfer to Karatu. En route, stop at Olduvai Gorge. After

escorting you through the museum, the museum curator will accompany you on a walk to the Leaky camp. In the early 1930s, archaeologists Louis and 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, continue to Karatu. Upon arrival to the lodge, you will have a short exploratory walk around the lodge's farm/coffee plantation. *Overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 12 - KARATU

Set out early this morning and drive to a local school to learn what a typical school day in Tanzania is like. Interact with teachers and students, sit in on classes, and have lunch at the school. After the classes are done for the day, join a couple of schoolchildren on their walk home to a nearby village. Learn from the children what it takes for them to get to and from school every day. As you reach the village, you will have the opportunity to see how the kids live and meet some members of the community. Walk back to the school and board vehicles for your return to the lodge. At



IMPALA SPARRING BY KELLY JARVIS

the lodge there will be free time to enjoy the swimming pool and relax before a farewell dinner. (Please note: 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, transfer to Arusha. Before arriving at your hotel, pay a visit to a local home to enjoy a family-hosted lunch. Transfer to your 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 pm. Transfer to the Kilimanjaro International Airport and check in for overnight flight to the U.S. *Day room at Lake Duluti Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 14 - USA

Arrive United States.

LAND PRICING

\$5,850 (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, and items of a personal nature are not included.

Valid for travel in 2020.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants traveling in 2018 or beyond. 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

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.



LION CUB BY PELIN KARACA