



WILDEBEESTS

TANZANIA

Signature Wildlife Safari

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

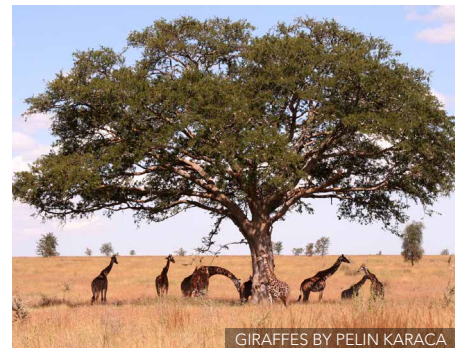
Tanzania calls to mind vast landscapes dotted with herds of wildlife, lions lounging blissfully on sun-drenched rocks, and mighty elephants trundling through tall grasses. This 14-day safari makes vision a reality in Tanzania's most celebrated parks for spectacular wildlife viewing. Set out in Arusha, Tarangire, and Manyara for daily game drives in open-top safari vehicles—plus stretch your legs on a walking safari in Empakaai Crater, a hidden gem. Culminate the experience with four days on the Serengeti to witness the worldfamous Great Migration. Return each day to memorable accommodations nestled amid idyllic African beauty, from the rim of Ngorongoro Crater to luxury tented camps perfectly positioned to access migration paths.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

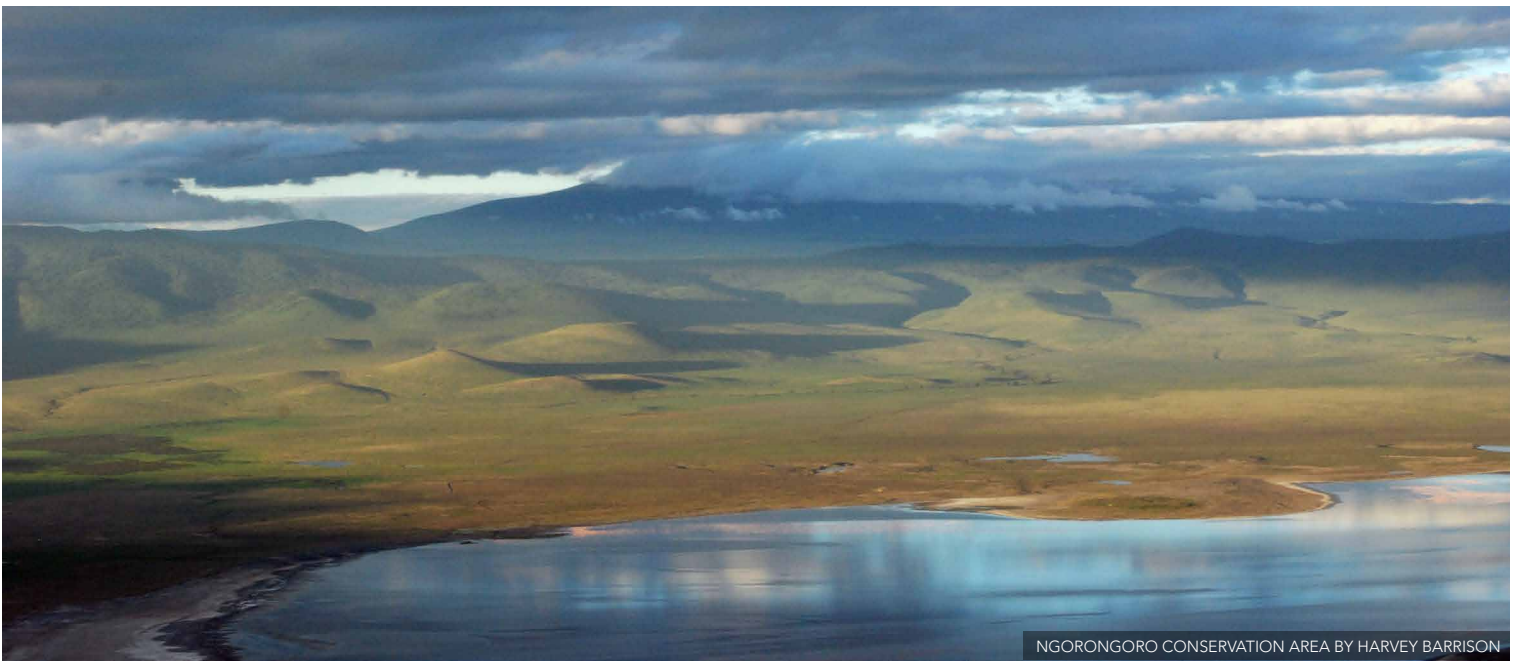
- Witness the legendary Great Migration on game drives along the Serengeti and the Seronera and Mara Rivers.
- Take in views of Mt. Kilimanjaro at Arusha National Park as you seek out giraffes, flamingos, and colobus monkeys.
- Explore Tarangire National Park, known for its large herds of up to 300 elephants.
- Spend the day in Manyara National Park to spot bird life as well as famed tree-climbing lions.
- Hike into the sunken caldera of Empakaai Crater for a walking safari and picnic lunch.
- Embark on daily game drives and bushwalks for the chance to observe Africa's "Big Five" up close.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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



GIRAFFES BY PELIN KARACA



NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA BY HARVEY BARRISON

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

DAY 1 - DEPARTURE

Depart the U.S. on your international flight to Arusha, Tanzania.

DAY 2 - ARUSHA

Upon arrival to Kilimanjaro International Airport, after clearing customs and immigration and collecting your luggage, you will be met by your guide and driver, who will assist you with securing your Tanzania visa. Transfer to the Arusha Serena Lodge with an orientation en route. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at this beautiful property. *Overnight at Arusha Serena Lodge.*

DAY 3 - ARUSHA

After breakfast, travel to nearby Arusha National Park, famous for its stunning scenery that includes several beautiful lakes and Mount Meru, the fifth highest mountain in Africa. For wildlife, this park offers a very different combination of species compared to the other parks in Tanzania's northern safari circuit. The park's diverse habitats range from open grasslands to montane rainforest and alpine moorland. Species not often encountered elsewhere include blue monkey, black-and-white colobus monkey, Kirk's dik-dik, and a host of forest birds including brightly colored turacos and noisy hornbills. Start the morning with a game drive, and after lunch, join a park ranger for a hike to a series of waterfalls in the foothills of Mount Meru. Dinner is at the lodge. *Overnight at Arusha Serena Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 4 - TARANGIRE

After breakfast, depart for Tarangire National Park. Often

overlooked, this park is Tanzania's most underrated wilderness, with a healthy population of elephants and large, beautiful baobabs. Other mammals reliably spotted here include wildebeest, zebra, eland, hartebeest, gazelle, buffalo, giraffe, hippo, and lion. Dry-country antelopes such as the rare fringe-eared oryx and gerenuk are also possible. Birding is excellent year-round with over 500 species recorded in the park – a few highlights include Pygmy Falcon, Double-banded Courser, Yellow-collared Lovebird, Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Red-and-yellow and D'Arnaud's Barbets, and the Tanzanian-endemic Ashy Starling. Spend most of the day exploring the park with a boxed lunch en route. Once in camp, enjoy some free time or take an optional late afternoon game drive. Dinner in camp. *Overnight at Ang'ata Camp, Tarangire. (BLD)*

DAY 5 - TARANGIRE

Today, spend a full day exploring more of Tarangire National Park. After breakfast, join a park ranger for a two-hour, guided nature walk to look for birds, small



LION IN SERENGETI BY SARAH TZ

wildlife, and big game. After lunch, go out on an afternoon game drive. Dinner in camp. *Overnight at Ang'ata Camp, Tarangire. (BLD)*

DAY 6 - LAKE MANYARA

After breakfast and an optional early morning game drive in Tarangire, continue to Lake Manyara National Park. Relatively small, this park has a diverse mix of habitats, including groundwater forest, acacia woodland, grassy floodplains, and the lake itself. Elephants are abundant, but the park is famous for its unusual tree-climbing lions. Other mammals to look for include olive baboon, blue monkey, bushbuck, and klipspringer. For birds, the lake's main attraction is the staggering number of Greater and Lesser Flamingos (dependent upon water levels), some of the largest concentrations in the East African Rift Valley. Other waterbirds—pelicans, spoonbills, ducks, herons, storks, kingfishers and shorebirds—are also common. The park is home to over 550 species of birds; a few to look for in the various forests include Purple-crested Turaco, Silvery-cheeked and Von der Decken's Hornbill, Crowned and Martial Eagles, Blue-naped Mousebird, Fischer's Lovebird, and White-rumped Shrike. Dinner at the lodge. *Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena. (BLD)*

DAY 7 - NGORONGORO CRATER

After an early breakfast, journey to Ngorongoro Crater. The Ngorongoro Conservation Area, encompassing 3,200 square miles, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that protects the sixth-largest unbroken caldera and one of the most spectacular congregations of wildlife anywhere on the planet—it's not unusual to see the Big Five in one day. In the crater, even the shy and endangered black rhino ventures into the open, and there is a reasonable chance of spotting more than a few. Elephants are common, some with massive tusks. All the big cats are possible, and the numbers of spotted hyena are extraordinary. Spend all day in the preserve with a picnic lunch en route. Dinner at the lodge. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 8 - NGORONGORO CRATER

This morning, hike to Empakai Crater and take in the breathtaking scenery of a collapsed volcano—now a deep alkaline lake with lush forests lining the caldera. On a clear day, the crater rim offers views of Ol Doinyo Lengai, Tanzania's most recently active volcano. The trail descends into the caldera, passing through beautiful woodland with fantastic birdwatching. Look for Schalow's Turaco, Bar-tailed Trogon, the near-endemic Mbulu White-eye, the

gorgeous Golden-winged Sunbird, and flamingos along the lakeshore. Once at the lake, enjoy a picnic lunch and then make your way back up the forested slopes. Back at the lodge, a dip in the pool might be a welcome way to relax after the hike. Dinner at the lodge. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 9 - CENTRAL SERENGETI

After breakfast, depart for the Serengeti, Tanzania's oldest park and one of Africa's most famous. Every year, over 2.5 million wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle migrate from the Serengeti to the Maasai Mara Reserve in Kenya—one of the largest gatherings of wildlife on the planet. With endless rolling grasslands sprinkled with flat-topped acacias and animals everywhere, the Serengeti fits the quintessential and awe-inspiring notions of Africa. Once in the park, the game drive begins, and with so many grazers around, your chances of observing lions and other cats from close range is excellent—the Serengeti is well-known for its impressive numbers of predators. Once in camp, enjoy a fantastic sunset and have dinner. *Overnight at Central Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 10 - CENTRAL SERENGETI

Today, continue your explorations of the central part of the Serengeti with morning and afternoon game drives near the Seronera River, an important source of water that attracts wildlife far and wide. This is a

good location for hippos, massive crocodiles, elephants, giraffes, and various cats. Over 400 bird species also occur in the area, with highlights including the Kori Bustard and its smaller cousins the White-bellied and Black-bellied Bustards, bold-patterned Blacksmith Plovers, Marabou Storks, and several vultures that are growing scarce in other parts of Africa. *Overnight at Central Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 11 - SERENGETI

Today, venture off the beaten path in search of one of the world's greatest natural spectacles, the endless stream of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelles migrating to and from the Serengeti. Drive to an area where part of the herd stages at this time of the year in the northern Serengeti, looking for various wildlife en route. Settle into camp and have dinner. *Overnight at Tented Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 12 - SERENGETI

Today, spend the entire day looking for and watching the wildebeest migration. Depending on the progress of the migration and river conditions, it may be possible to witness the dangerous crossing of the Mara River.



ELEPHANTS IN TARANGIRE BY HARVEY BARRISON

The river's deep water and hungry crocodiles make it a formidable obstacle, and the banks can get crowded as wildebeest pause and seem reluctant to plunge in, but instincts drive them forward and a frenzied scene straight out of a National Geographic magazine unfolds as the animals swim and scramble to get to the other side—nature at its rawest. *Overnight at Tented Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 13 - DEPARTURE

After breakfast, depart on a flight back to Arusha. Upon arrival, transfer to Mount Meru Hotel with time to relax, enjoy a meal and prepare for your international flights home. Evening transfer to the Kilimanjaro International Airport. *Day room at Mount Meru Hotel. (B)*

DAY 14 - ARRIVAL

Welcome home on flights back to the U.S.

LAND PRICING

\$6,275 (15 participants + 1 leader)

\$6,325 (10 participants + 1 leader)

Price includes accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, flights within Tanzania, 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 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.

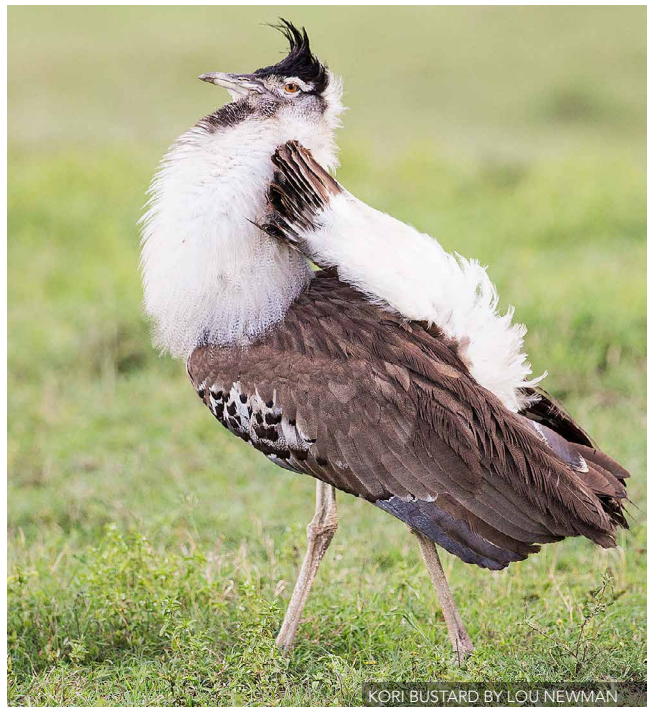
Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

THE FINE PRINT

A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to secure your reservation. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Non-refundable final payment is due at 95 days prior to departure.



ZEBRA AT TARANGIRE BY HENRIK PALM



KORI BUSTARD BY LOU NEWMAN

