



MAASAI MAN

TANZANIA

Tanzania Up Close: Culture, Conservation, and Wildlife

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

This comprehensive adventure brings you into Tanzania's most famous parks for unforgettable wildlife viewing and also celebrates Africa's diverse indigenous groups with authentic cultural encounters in local communities. The safari experience comes to life in the legendary Serengeti, where you'll see vast migrating herds from game vehicles and on foot. You'll also witness Tanzania's magnificent wildlife – including the Big Five – in stunning Ngorongoro Crater as well as Arusha and Tarangire National Parks. Enriching the journey are abundant opportunities to engage with local citizens and learn about their ways of life, from the nomadic Hadzabe hunter-gatherers to the residents of Mto Wa Mbu village, where you'll eat lunch with a local family at their home.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Go on game drives and a walking safari in the Serengeti, Tanzania's most renowned national park and home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth.
- Celebrate African culture as you explore local communities, browse markets, have a traditional meal in a family home, 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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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



AFRICAN ELEPHANTS



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 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," as well as nearby Mt. Meru, Africa's fourth highest mountain, and the history of Arusha National Park. Depart from the ranger post for a walk in the foothills of Mt. Meru accompanied by an armed ranger. Pass through Buffalo Swamp and arrive at a lookout point with views of the park and impressive Mt. Kilimanjaro in the distance. Continue to a waterfall, then open grasslands dotted with giraffes, warthogs, antelopes, and many bird species. Set out into 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 observe daily 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 disabled artisans who create a variety of products through 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 stop in the gift shop to support this vital project. Continue to Osupuko Lodge, where you'll check in and have some time to relax and enjoy the wildlife. Before dinner attend a presentation on Tarangire National Park and its high density elephant population. *Overnight at Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 5 - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast an armed park ranger will meet you at the lodge for an escorted nature walk through Tarangire National Park. Return to the lodge in time for lunch. Enjoy free time to rest and enjoy lodge amenities. In the mid-afternoon, board the safari vehicles for a game drive in Tarangire National Park, then transfer back to the lodge. *Overnight at Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 6 - LAKE EYASI

Before breakfast, visit a local Maasai village to observe the community as its members go about their morning rituals.



Transfer back to the lodge for breakfast and check-out. Then begin the journey 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. Arrive at Lake Eyasi in the mid-afternoon, check in, and get settled. 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. Return to the camp for a brunch. After check-out, begin the transfer to the Ngorongoro area. On arrival 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 breakfast, descend into Ngorongoro Crater 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 the transfer to the Serengeti, with wildlife viewing and a picnic-style lunch en route. 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, begin the first game drive of the day in the world-renowned Serengeti. Tanzania's first national park, Serengeti has a high concentration of wildlife, including the Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, black rhino, and buffalo), cheetah, wildebeest, zebras, giraffes, gazelle, monkeys, and over 500 bird species. This morning's game drive will include breakfast out in the field. Return to camp late in the morning and have lunch. Enjoy some free time to rest and relax before setting out for the mid-afternoon game drive. Before dinner, gather around the campfire and have a discussion with your

guide about the Great Migration in Tanzania. *Overnight at semi-permanent or mobile tented camp. (BLD)*

DAY 10 - CENTRAL OR SOUTHERN SERENGETI

From the camp, embark on a walking safari in the Serengeti, accompanied by your guide 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 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 to learn about archaeologists Louis and Mary Leakey and their excavation of this area during the 1950s, as they searched for clues to the origin of mankind. After escorting you through the museum, the museum curator will accompany you on a walk to the Leakey camp. The Leakey team's discovery of primitive tools and, later, fossilized hominid remains (*Australopithecus boisei* and *Homo habilis*) at this site helped lay the foundation for present-day theories on human evolution. After a picnic lunch, continue to Karatu. Upon arrival to the lodge, embark on 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 return to the lodge. At 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 donations to the school and/or the children. However, anyone who wishes to do so might consider bringing a few basic school supplies such as pencils, erasers, pens, colored markers, etc. to donate during the visit. *Overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge. (BLD)*



CHEETAH BY KELLY JARVIS

DAY 13 - ARUSHA/FAREWELL

After a leisurely morning, transfer to Arusha. Before arriving at the hotel, pay a visit to a local home to enjoy a family-hosted lunch. Transfer to the hotel for day room accommodations, where you'll be able to rest, finish packing luggage, or freshen up before catching your night flight to the U.S. Enjoy a light snack at the hotel, then check out at 6:00 pm. Transfer to the Kilimanjaro International Airport and check in for overnight flight to the U.S. *Day room at Mt. Meru 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 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 is due to secure your reservation. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Non-refundable final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure.



This program includes optional carbon offsetting with ClimateSafe. Learn more at holbrooktravel.com/climatesafe



ACTIVITY LEVEL **3** MODERATE

WHAT TO EXPECT

This journey celebrates Tanzania's natural and tribal heritage, visiting six locations over 14 days. During your 3-night Serengeti experience you'll stay at our comfortable mobile camps, which are moved seasonally to best observe migrating herds and attendant predators. Daily game viewing takes place aboard 4x4 safari vehicles with wide windows and pop-up roofs. Expect to be out for 3–5 hours at a time, typically starting early in the morning, with a midday break, followed by another late-afternoon outing. There are several game walks where armed rangers lead you on foot—a rare feature. You'll walk along relatively flat but occasionally rocky paths for 1–3 hours. Other activities include village visits. Elevations range from 3,232–7,500 feet. Daytime temperatures vary based on location and season, but are generally warm (55°–82°F). It is always colder in the evenings and early mornings; plan to dress in layers. July to October is the coolest, driest and dustiest season. Our longest overland transfer is 4 hours.