



TANZANIA AFRICA: WILDLIFE WITH SAFARI & THE GREAT MIGRATION

with COLLEGE OF DUPAGE | led by Biology Field Studies Instructor Kathleen Luczynski

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Embark on an adventure to witness the iconic landscapes and wildlife of amazing Tanzania! Famous for its "Big Five" game of lion, leopard, rhino, African elephant, and Cape buffalo, Tanzania is home to a rich diversity of species. Visit some of the country's most renowned national parks, including Tarangire and Serengeti, to take in spectacular vistas and experience up-close encounters with the resident wildlife. You'll also stay in comfortable, strategically located mobile tented camps along the migration route, to maximize your safari experience.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Arusha National Park for a chance to see flamingos, colobus monkeys and views of Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru.
- Visit Tarangire National Park, famous for its population of elephants and iconic baobab trees.
- Descend into the sunken caldera of Ngorongoro Crater, home to the densest population of predators in Africa.
- Learn clues to the origins of mankind at Olduvai Gorge, where important fossil remains were discovered.
- Take game drives 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, and visit a local school.

Participants must be able to walk over uneven terrain for 1 mile, enter/exit and ride in safari jeeps. Instructions & assistance will be provided for activities.

Course: BIOLO 1205

Registration opens: Sept. 2, 2022

Passport required. Visa required.





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BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

THUR. SEPTEMBER 14 (DAY 1) - DEPART U.S.
Depart Chicago on the flight to Arusha.

FRI. SEPTEMBER 15 (DAY 2) - ARUSHA

Upon arrival to Kilimanjaro International Airport, a 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. Check into Mount Meru Game Lodge, situated in the foothills of one of the continent's highest peaks, Mount Meru. The hotel lies on 15 acres of lush landscape; as the topographic centerpiece of the Arusha National Park, the property is surrounded by breathtaking vistas, rich with a diverse array of wildlife. Attend a program orientation this evening. *Overnight at Mount Meru Game Lodge.*

SAT. SEPTEMBER 16 (DAY 3) - ARUSHA

After breakfast, visit Arusha National Park. Receive an introduction to a variety of animals in a section of the park known as "Little Serengeti," and learn about Mount Meru and the history of the national park. Depart from the ranger post for a walk through the foothills of Mount Meru—one of the continent's highest peaks—in the company of an armed ranger, passing through Buffalo Swamp to a lookout point with views of the park and Mount Kilimanjaro in the distance. Continue to a scenic waterfall, followed by open grasslands dotted with giraffes, warthogs, antelopes, and a variety of bird species, including flamingos. Continue through a wooded area in search of colobus monkeys before returning to the ranger post. Enjoy a boxed lunch in the park during the exploration; later this afternoon return to the lodge for time at leisure. *Overnight at Mount Meru Game Lodge. (BLD)*

SUN. SEPTEMBER 17 (DAY 4) - TARANGIRE

Take a pre-breakfast walk on the lodge grounds. After breakfast and check-out, visit a local market to view a variety of colorful

handicrafts and get a taste of daily life in Arusha. Then visit Shanga Beads, a local project founded in 2007 and made up of a group of more than 70 people with a range of disabilities who create handicrafts by weaving, glass blowing, beading, papermaking 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 inception of the project, tour the workshops, and visit the gift shop to witness the amazing artistry of this heartwarming project. Continue to Tarangire Osupuko Lodge, which overlooks the famous Tarangire National Park and is crossed by the wildlife-attracting Tarangire River. The lodge features eight en suite bungalows that are designed to bring the park's beauty indoors. The refined Maasai huts have large windows for viewing grazing wildlife. A restaurant, lounge, well-stocked bar, pool, library, array of games and spectacular game-viewing verandas are all available from the comfort of the lodge. Have some time to relax and enjoy the wildlife. Before dinner, attend a presentation on the elephants and Tarangire National Park. *Overnight at Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)*

MON. SEPTEMBER 18 (DAY 5) - TARANGIRE

The morning begins with a game drive in Tarangire National Park. The Tarangire River snakes through the park, and as it's



the area's only permanent river, wildlife travel long distances to reach it. The 1,096 square miles of protected lands are home to a large variety of game, such as wildebeests, elephants, zebras, gazelles, elands, gerenuks, lions and leopards. Extensive grasslands, dotted with the occasional acacia or baobab tree, provide the optimum conditions for viewing wild animals. Bird enthusiasts will have the opportunity to see more than 500 avian species, including Yellow-collared Lovebirds, Rufous-tailed Weavers, Ashy Starlings, Stocking-thighed Ostriches, and Kori Bustards. After lunch at the lodge, you will have time to relax or take a guided nature walk. Later in the day, take another game drive in the park. *Overnight at Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)*

TUES. SEPTEMBER 19 (DAY 6) - NGORONGORO VIA OLDUVAI GORGE

After an early breakfast, depart for a local Maasai village. Observe as members of the community go about their morning rituals. Next, transfer to 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 to the lodge. Check in and settle into your rooms, followed by free time to rest and relax. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge. (BLD)*

WED. SEPTEMBER 20 (DAY 7) - SERENGETI

Early this morning, 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. Enjoy a picnic-style breakfast in the crater, then transfer to the Serengeti. *Overnight at Angata Central Camp. (BLD)*

THUR. SEPTEMBER 21 (DAY 8) - SERENGETI

Board vehicles early this morning to begin your first game drive of the day in Serengeti. The park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site; over a million wildebeest famously migrate here every year. Other wild game includes zebra, gazelle, buffalo, elephant, and giraffe, along with predators like lion, cheetah, and leopard. Your game drive experience will include breakfast out in the field. Return late in the morning and have lunch at the camp followed by some free time to rest and relax before heading out for a midafternoon game drive. Before dinner, gather around the campfire and have a discussion with your group leader about the Great Migration. *Overnight at Angata Central Camp. (BLD)*

FRI. SEPTEMBER 22 (DAY 9) - SERENGETI

Today we move to Northern Serengeti National Park near the Mara River, the best place for viewing the wildebeest Mara River crossing. Also look for crocodiles, big cats, and rhinos. *Overnight at Angata Migration Camp. (BLD)*

SAT. SEPTEMBER 23 (DAY 10) - SERENGETI

Today enjoy morning and afternoon game drives, exploring the northern area of the Serengeti near the Mara River, which provides an important water source, and therefore attracts a great amount of wildlife. This area is the best place to spot hippos, crocodiles, carnivores, elephants, giraffes, and zebras. *Overnight at Angata Migration Camp. (BLD)*

SUN. SEPTEMBER 24 (DAY 11) - KARATU

After breakfast depart from Serengeti and travel to Karatu, stopping en route at Olduvai Gorge. After escorting you on a tour through the museum, the museum curator will

accompany the group on a walk to the Leakey camp. In the early 1930s, archaeologists Louis and Mary Leakey began excavating at Olduvai Gorge in hopes of finding clues to the origin of mankind. Their discovery of primitive tools and, later, fossilized hominid remains (*Australopithecus boisei*; *Homo habilis*) helped lay the foundation for present-day theories on human evolution. Afterward, transfer to the Acacia Farm Lodge and take a short exploratory walk around the lodge's farm/coffee plantation. *Overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge. (BLD)*

MON. SEPTEMBER 25 (DAY 12) - KARATU

Early this morning, visit a local school. Learn what a typical school day in Tanzania is like as you interact with teachers and students and sit in on classes. After lunch, enjoy some free time to enjoy the beauty of the lodge, swim, or explore the coffee

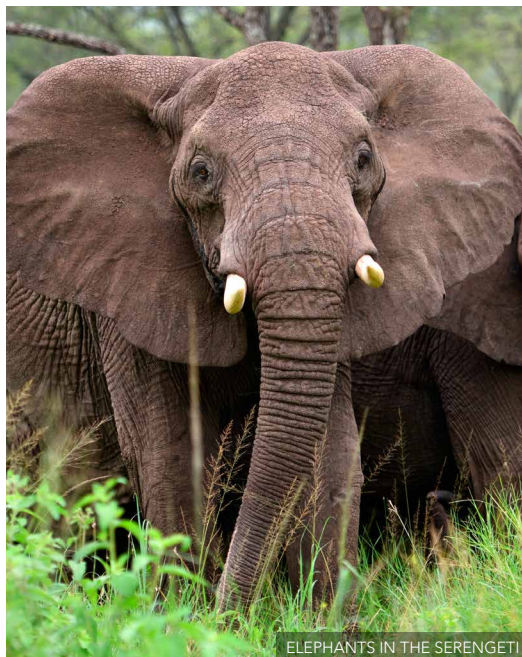
plantation before a farewell dinner. Note: It is not mandatory to bring anything to donate to the school and/or the children. However, anyone wishing to do so might consider bringing a few basic school supplies such as pencils and erasers, pens, colored markers, etc. to donate during the visit. *Overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge. (BLD)*

TUES. SEPTEMBER 26 (DAY 13) - FAREWELL!

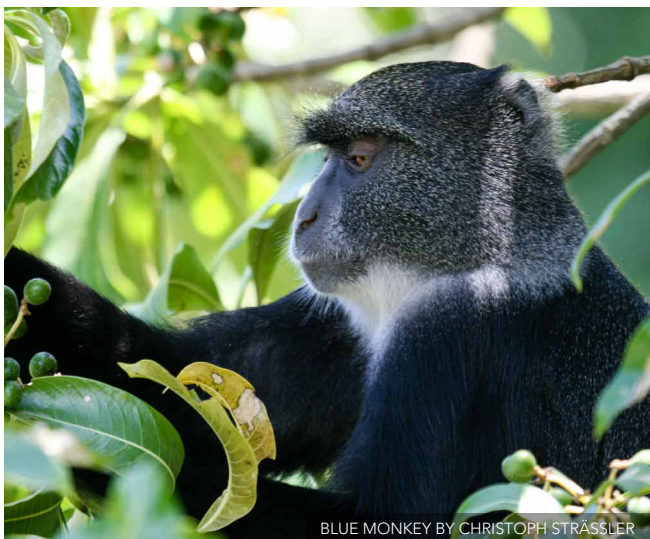
After a leisurely morning, return to Arusha. Before arriving at the hotel, pay a visit to a local home to enjoy a family-hosted lunch. A day room is available at Mount Meru Lodge until 6 pm and a light snack will be provided. This will give you time to rest, finish packing luggage, and freshen up before transferring to the airport for the overnight flight home. *Day room at Mount Meru Lodge. (BL)*

WED. SEPTEMBER 27 (DAY 14) - ARRIVE HOME

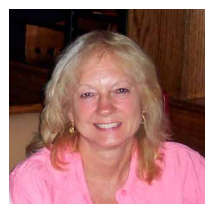
Arrive back in the U.S.



ELEPHANTS IN THE SERENGETI



ABOUT YOUR LEADER



Kathleen Luczynski has a passion for educational travel with a focus on tours that expose secrets in nature. Animal watching and an interest in plant natural histories led her to develop soft-adventure trip courses for the College of DuPage. In addition to field-based courses she has developed four teacher education courses for Benedictine University, tutors local high school students, and supports a non-profit organization called SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education). A high school biology teacher for 34 years, Kathleen has shared teaching strategies at various science teacher conventions and has helped write programs such as The Leopold Project, Project Aquatic, and a reading strategy book. She has received a number of awards and grants from her high school district in Downers Grove, IL and now creates travel journals for her College of DuPage course trips.

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