

TANZANIA

ON SAFARI & THE GREAT WILDLIFE MIGRATION

August 13-24, 2018

Famous for its abundant wildlife—particularly the "Big Five" game of lion, leopard, African elephant, rhino, and Cape buffalo — Tanzania is also rich in other species, including a large diversity of birds. Witness the annual movement of wildebeest and other grazing herbivores across the Serengeti Plains, one of the greatest spectacles in the world.

On this 12-day expedition, you'll experience many of the treasures that Tanzania has to offer. Interact with people of various Tanzanian cultural backgrounds during visits to local villages. Explore world-famous national parks and reserves such as Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Arusha National Park, and the famous Serengeti National Park.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Arusha National Park for a chance to see Flamingos, Colobus monkeys and splendid views of Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru.
- Visit Tarangire National Park, famous for its population of elephants.
- Descend into Ngorongoro Crater, home to its own ecosystem with a variety of wildlife including zebras, lions, wildebeest and the densest population of predators in Africa.
- Take game drives in the Serengeti, Tanzania's most renowned national park and home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth.
- Interact with Hadzabe Bushmen and learn about their traditional hunter-gatherer lifestyle.
- Potential to observe the "Big Five:" lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo and rhinos.

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

AUG 13- ARUSHA

Upon arrival in Arusha (via Mt. Kilimanjaro International Airport), after clearing customs and collecting your luggage, trasnfer to Mt. Meru Hotel. You'll have a "meet and greet" safari briefing later today or tomrrow morning before beginning your safari. Overnight at Mt. Meru Hotel.

AUG 14- ARUSHA

Following breakfast, depart for a game drive in Arusha National Park (to-go lunch provided). This is the best park to see Flamingos, Colobus monkeys and one of the only places to see great concentrations of giraffes, zebras and buffalos. Additionally, if weather permits, the park offers splendid views of Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Meru. After your day in the park, return to Mt. Meru Hotel for dinner and overnight. Overnight at Mt. Meru Hotel. (BLD)

AUG 15 - TARANGIRE

After breakfast, drive to the heart of Arusha to visit a local market and experience daily life in Arusha. After lunch in town, spend the afternoon traveling to and getting settled at your tented campsite, situated along the boundary of Tarangire National Park. The area supports a great diversity of wildlife, including giraffe, buffalo, lesser kudu, eland and zebra. Lion, leopard and cheetah are also present in the area. Up to 6,000 elephants inhabit Tarangire during dry season. Overnight at Sangaiwe Tented Camp. (BLD)

AUG 16 - TARANGIRE

Spend the day in Tarangire National Park on game drives. Break mid-day for a picnic lunch in the park and continue games in this afternoon. Overnight at Sangaiwe Tented Camp. (BLD)

AUG 17 - KARATU

After breakfast, visit a local Masai Village and spend time interacting with local Masai. After your time at the village, travel to Losirwa Primary School for a visit. Lunch on the way at Masai Galleria restaurant. This afternoon head to Bougainvillea Safari Lodge for dinner and overnight. Overnight at Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp. (BLD)

AUG 18 - KARATU

Depart early this morning for a visit with the local Hadzabe Bushmen. A bushman expert will serve as an interpreter while you interact with members of the community to learn about their culture and witness their daily rituals: fire building and preparing arrows for hunting game. The Hadzabe Bushmen live in the area around Lake Eyasi in Tanzania's eastern Rift Valley. Their unique language is composed of clicks, similar to the languages of the Khoisan peoples of South Africa. Despite pressures from the outside world, they have managed to keep to the simple, yet challenging, way of life of their ancestors. They are one of the few remaining hunter-gatherer societies left in Africa; living off what berries, roots, honey, and tubers they can forage and any game they are able to kill. Men hunt with bows and poisoned arrows, and the meat is shared with the whole community. With so few material possessions to worry about, the Hadzabe easily pick up and move their homes depending on the seasons and where food is more plentiful. During the dry season they dwell in simple huts, but once the heavy rains arrive they move into the shelter of local caves. After your visit return to the Lodge for a nice meal. This afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the amenities of the lodge. Overnight at Bougainvillea Safari Lodge. (BLD)

AUG 19 - KARATU

Head out early this morning, for descent into the Ngorongoro Crater. The crater is a World Heritage Site and often called the 8th Wonder of the World. It is a sunken caldera, 10 by 12 miles in diameter. Animals are found here throughout the year due to the permanent availability of grass

and water. Ngorongoro is one of the most spectacular game haunts in Africa, and contains an impressive variety of wildlife, including blackmaned lion, the highly endangered black rhino, herds of wildebeest, zebra, elephant and hippo. Enjoy a picnic breakfast inside the crater, and return to the lodge for lunch. This afternoon your guide will take you for a walk at the rim of the crater. Overnight at Bougainvillea Safari Lodge.

AUG 20 - SERENGETI

After breakfast depart for the Serengeti; Tanzania's most renowned national park. Home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth, the Serengeti hosts migratory herds of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle who roam widely in search of green grass and water. From the time you enter the park until you reach camp, the entire trip is a game drive. This evening, relax with a sun downer at Thorn Tree Camp. Overnight at Thorn Tree Camp. (BLD)

AUG 21 - SERENGETI

Venture on morning and afternoon game drives within the Serengeti National Park. Overnight at Thorn Tree Camp. (BLD)

AUG 22- SERENGETI

Today head North, further into the park and near Mara River; the best place to witness wildebeest Mara River crossing. Spend two nights here exploring the area. This is also an ideal location to spot crocodiles, cats, and rhinos. Overnight at Angata Migration Camp. (BLD)

AUG 23 - ARUSHA

Morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight at Angata Migration Camp. (BLD)

AUG 24 - FAREWELL!

After breakfast transfer to Lobo/Kogatende Airstrip for the flight to Arusha. Enjoy a hot lunch in Arusha at a local house and use of the day room at the Arusha before your flight home. Arusha Hotel- day room (BL)

PROGRAM PRICING

\$5,495 (based on 4-8 participants)

Cost includes airfare, accommodations, private vehicle transportation, full-time guides, activities and meals as stated in itinerary, internal flights, bottled water

Cost does not include international airfare, gratuities and items of a personal nature.



THE **fine print**

Cost is based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional cost \$940 per person. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to hold your space and are due no later than April 15, 2018. Final, nonrefundable payments are due May 10, 2018.

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