

Serengeti sunset by Kevin Stockmann

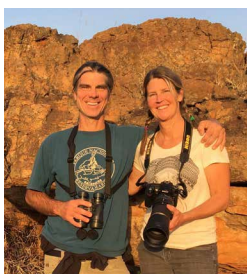


## SERENGETI SAFARI

WILDLIFE & WALKING with MARIN NATURE ADVENTURES

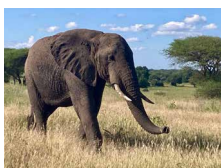
June 14 – 25, 2027

### ABOUT YOUR NATURALIST LEADERS



Sharon & Kevin offer bespoke Walking & Natural History tours, combining wildlife encounters, amazing scenery and easy walking. Sharing the wonders of nature with new and old friends, they create a lively group travel culture that promotes learning and health. They've designed and led extraordinary tours in South Africa, Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Baja and throughout the mountains of California. At home in Northern California, Sharon is the hiking

instructor for College of Marin and the lower school science teacher at Marin Country Day School. Kevin is a marine biologist, working for NOAA Fisheries, with a thousand sea days observing fisheries, whales and seabirds. This will be their third visit to Africa and second African Safari tour in partnership with Holbrook Travel. [www.MarinNature.com](http://www.MarinNature.com)



Photos by Sharon Barnett & Kevin Stockmann

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Serengeti National Park** – six days and nights in Africa's most spectacular wildlife area

**Ngorongoro Crater** – Descend into the world's largest intact volcanic crater, full of animals

**Arusha National Park** – the "little Serengeti" with views of Mount Kilimanjaro

**Lake Manyara National Park** – famous for tree-climbing lions and baboons

**Olduvai Gorge** – a cradle of mankind in the Great Rift Valley

Cultural visits – a **local primary school** and **Maasai village home**

Optional, easy, **guided walks** offered most days

Fun traveling with Sharon, Kevin and **expert local guides** from Carnivores Safaris

**Birdwatching**, great food, fresh air, new friendships, new perspectives

Luxury accommodation for eleven nights, including:

- Arusha – [Serena Hotel](#)
- Lake Manyara – [Suricata Boma Lodge](#)
- Ngorongoro Crater Rim – [Ngorongoro Safari Lodge](#)
- Eastern Serengeti – [Sametu Camp](#)
- Central Serengeti – [Land of Nature Camp](#)
- Western Serengeti – [Kirawira Camp](#)

*Are you ready for the Serengeti? This trip of a lifetime features six full days and nights within Tanzania's oldest and most important national park. Our late June tour occurs after the season of long rain has ended and wildlife viewing conditions are optimal. We will cross the Serengeti slowly from east to west in safari vehicles, then return by small airplane to Arusha town. Unlike typical Tanzanian safari tours, we've built in optional guided walking opportunities most days. Or use this time for rest and relaxation – you decide. Together, we'll learn about Tanzanian culture from our expert local guides as we visit a local primary school and a Maasai village home. Sharon & Kevin will be at your service to help you enjoy each day and expand your views of Africa.*

## ITINERARY

(BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)

### JUNE 14 - ARUSHA

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be greeted and transferred to our comfortable hotel. Most flights arrive in the evening. No organized activities or meals are planned for this day. *Overnight at Arusha Serena Hotel.*

### JUNE 15 - ARUSHA

Our professional local safari guide-drivers will provide a warm welcome and introductory orientation before we set off exploring. Our first full day in Africa will be a combination of wildlife-viewing drive and walking safari. Arusha National Park is nearby and provides excellent chances to see flamingos, giraffes, zebras, antelopes, and monkeys. An armed park ranger will accompany our safari walk, with views of Mount Kilimanjaro (19,340'). *Overnight at Arusha Serena Hotel. (BLD)*

### JUNE 16 - LAKE MANYARA

Load up in the comfy Toyota Land Cruisers. We begin our overland, west-northwest journey toward Serengeti. We'll enjoy an exciting wildlife-viewing drive in the famous Lake Manyara National Park. We should have numerous encounters with wildlife, including baboons, buffaloes and tree-climbing lions. Lake Manyara is a birding hotspot home to gray-crowned cranes, hornbills, sunbirds, rollers and barbets. Our park visit will include a picnic lunch and a traverse across Tanzania's only canopy walkway. *Overnight at Suricata Boma Lodge. (BLD)*

### JUNE 17 - NGORONGORO

With a slower pace today, we delve into the rich culture of Tanzania. We'll meet Maasai villagers at their homes to learn about their traditional lifestyle and observe students in the classroom at Lucas Mhina Primary School. Proceeds from international tourism helped fund the creation of this school. In the afternoon, we enter Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area and get our first glimpse of Africa's most spectacular caldera. Upon arrival at our lodge, there will be an optional 90-minute rim walk. Or choose to relax in your room with a view of the crater. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge. (BLD)*

### JUNE 18 - NGORONGORO

We start early today with the thrilling descent into Ngorongoro Crater. The largest, intact volcanic caldera on Earth is brimming with wildlife. This promises to be one of those days you will remember clearly for the remainder of your life. We'll spend the full day driving in the crater with good chances to see hyenas, black rhinoceros, wildebeests and ostriches, oxpeckers and Marabou stork. You'll have a picnic lunch, to make the most of your day, not returning to your lodge until late afternoon. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge. (BLD)*

### JUNE 19 - EASTERN SERENGETI

Between the Ngorongoro and Serengeti, we'll visit the Olduvai Gorge overlook for a brief outdoor lecture about the work of Louis and Mary Leakey and the many discoveries here that helped elucidate the long history of extinct human species. Then we enter the scintillating Serengeti. The great migration of wildebeests, zebras and gazelles occurs in a clockwise direction across the Serengeti and parts of Kenya. Following the migratory herbivores are the charismatic carnivores: lions, cheetahs, hyenas and scavenging vultures. Our afternoon wildlife-viewing drive will curve around scenic kopjes, ancient rock islands in a sea of grass. *Overnight at Serengeti Sametu Camp. (BLD)*

### JUNE 20 - CENTRAL SERENGETI

Serengeti, "the endless plains," is Tanzania's oldest national park and a World Heritage Site. Today our guide-drivers will transport us slowly across the plains. The scenery is breathtaking, the wildlife abundant. Patrolling the Seronera River Valley we could encounter elephants, leopards, lovebirds and bustards. Gather around the campfire tonight, as Kevin & Sharon will talk about the ecology of the Serengeti and we'll have a mid-trip species list review. *Overnight at Land of Nature Camp. (BLD)*

### JUNE 21 - CENTRAL SERENGETI

Rise before the sun for a memorable visit to the hippopotamus pools. After breakfast we'll enjoy some relaxation time in our luxury safari tents, or around camp before an optional midday walk and afternoon wildlife-viewing drive. We'll enjoy an afternoon wildlife-viewing drive with sundowner beverages on the endless plain and toast our health, good fortune, and the preservation of wild Africa. *Overnight at Land of Nature Camp. (BLD)*

### JUNE 22 - CENTRAL SERENGETI

Additional wildlife-viewing drives and birdwatching today will be planned around animals and landscapes that we haven't yet encountered. For travelers desiring to splurge for a hot air balloon experience, this can be arranged at additional cost and with advance confirmation. The balloon tour includes approximately 50-70 minutes of flight time, followed by a Champagne bush breakfast. Easy afternoon today to catch our breath before moving tomorrow. *Overnight at Land of Nature Camp. (BLD)*

### JUNE 23 - WESTERN SERENGETI

The scenery changes today as we shift to the more vegetated riverine corridors. With all likelihood, thousands of wildebeests, zebras and gazelles will cover the savannah. We'll have an option to stretch our legs with a short walk after arrival at our third and final Serengeti camp. *Overnight at Kirawira Serena Camp. (BLD)*

### JUNE 24 - WESTERN SERENGETI

Today's wildlife-viewing drives will focus on the Grumeti River crossings, where Nile crocodiles lie in ambush. For folks interested in more walking, there will be an evening walking option from camp. *Overnight at Kirawira Serena Camp. (BLD)*

### JUNE 25 - ARUSHA-DEPARTURE

This morning, we bid farewell to Serengeti with a scenic flight across northern Tanzania. Upon our return to Arusha, we'll have a day room at a comfortable hotel with a fitness center. Decompress at the property or, time-allowing, take a guided city walk. An early dinner at the hotel will be provided before transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport. Extensions to visit other parts of Tanzania can be easily arranged, if desired. Otherwise, it's out of Africa and safe travels home. *Day room at Four Points Sheraton. (BD)*

## LAND COST

### \$11,500 per person

Includes all activities, accommodations (11 nights, plus day room on final afternoon) and activities as indicated in the itinerary, all transportation in Tanzania including a flight from Grumeti airstrip to Arusha, expert local guide-drivers, bottled water. Includes all tips except for your guide-drivers. Includes transfers to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport. Does not include international airfare.

## THE FINE PRINT

*Cost is based on a minimum of 7 participants. Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the tour add \$1,500. A \$500 per person non-refundable deposit is required to hold your space on the tour. Full payment is due by February 14, 2027. Cancellations after this date are non-refundable. Travel insurance is suggested.*

## FOR MORE INFO OR TO ENROLL

Visit [holbrook.travel/tanzania27mna](http://holbrook.travel/tanzania27mna)

or contact Sharon Barnett at

Sharon@MarinNature.com or (415) 948-3086.

Please contact Sharon or Kevin prior to enrolling.