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TANZANIA SAFARI April 29 - May 12, 2022 15 Days - 14 Nights

Situated on the eastern coast of Africa along the Indian Ocean, Tanzania has the largest concentration and diversity of animals in Africa. Nearly 30% of the country is within a national park! More than 1,100 species of birds, 650 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 454 species of mammals can be found in this biologically diverse country. We will focus our efforts in the Northern part of the country in Serengeti, Arusha and Tarangire National Parks and the Ngorongoro Crater. Seeing elephants, buffalo, rhino, hippo, crocodile, birds and more will be our objective as we fully immerse ourselves in a Tanzanian safari.

This trip will not only be about wildlife, we will have opportunities to see and experience culture. There will be a visit to an Iraqw village, Maasai village and the Nainokanoka School.



DAY 1-2 - TRAVEL TO KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Our first day and a half will be spent traveling including an overnight flight through Europe. We will have a layover in Europe before heading south to Kilimanjaro International Airport near Arusha, Tanzania. (Meals on your own, though international flights do offer meals.)



DAY 3 - GAME DRIVE AT ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK

Our first day on the ground in Tanzania will have us at Arusha National Park which is home to Mt Meru standing at 4,565m; the second tallest mountain in Tanzania and fifth tallest on the continent. Though considered a smaller park, Arusha includes the Ngurdoto Crater and Momella Lakes and is a great place to see Colobus monkeys, elephants, giraffes, buffalo and flamingos. Overnight accommodations will be at African Tulip Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 - TENGERU VILLAGE VISIT AND GAME DRIVE TO TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Our first cultural immersion will be visiting a Tengeru Village where the people will help us learn about Meru culture. On our way to Tarangire National Park, we will have our first game drive. Overnight accommodations will be at Tarangire Sopa Lodge on the east side of the Tarangire River. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Tarangire National Park

Our first full game drive at Tarangire National Park will have us seeing impressive baobab trees in addition to searching for big cats and other carnivores. Overnight accommodations will be at Tarangire Sopa Lodge. (B,L,D)



DAY 6 - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK AND IRAQW VILLAGE VISIT

Our second game drive at the Tarangire National Park will continue to explore the area for big mammals and other wildlife. We will also visit an Iraqw village for a Mto wa Mbu Cultural Tour near Lake Manyara National Park. Overnight accommodations will be at the Retreat at Ngorongoro. (B,L,D)



DAY 7 - LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

Though 60% of Lake Manyara National Park is the lake itself, the surrounding forests are teaming with wildlife including big mammals like impala, lions, hippos, elephants and giraffe. Overnight accommodations will be at the Retreat at Ngorongoro. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 - DRIVE TO NDUTU AREA (NGORONGORO)

This is the area famous for the Great Migration and all six big cat species. The area, sometimes called the "cradle of mankind", is considered part of the Serengeti ecosystem though is not part of the Serengeti National Park. Our day will include a game drive even though it is just a stop-over point en-route to

our destination tomorrow, Serengeti National Park. Overnight accommodations will be at Ndutu Safari Lodge. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 - DRIVE TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK AND OLDUVAI GORGE

After breakfast we will be on the road and entering the Ngorongoro Conservation Area where we will stop at the Olduvai Gorge situated at the edge of the Great Rift Valley. The site is considered the most important paleo-anthropologic site in the world with evidence of early human species found there dating back 1.9 million years. Our drive will continue through the Maswa Game Reserve to reach our destination within the Serengeti National Park. Overnight accommodations will be at Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge. (B,L,D)





DAY 10 - SERENGETI GAME DRIVE

The Serengeti is called the "land of endless plains" by the Masaai and it covers over 14,000 square kilometers. We will take a game drive here that you will not soon forget. The park is famous for not only the great migration but an abundance of resident wildlife. Get your camera ready to capture some amazing wildlife shots. Overnight accommodations will be at Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 - DRIVE TO NGORONGORO AND VISIT NAINOKANOKA SCHOOL

After breakfast we head back southeast

out of Serengeti National Park into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Our destination is the eastern edge of the famous Ngorongoro Crater where will have a unique opportunity to visit the Nainokanoka School and community. Overnight accommodations will be at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 -NGORONGORO CRATER

The Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact crater and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a pristine wilderness area that includes swamps, lakes, rivers, woods and mountains but also permits the subsistence farming of the Masaai. It is home to all "Big Five" African species and is the largest population of predators on the continent. Keep your camera ready to capture shots of Cape buffalo, leopard, African elephant, lion and rhinoceros! Overnight accommodations will be at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge. (B,L,D)



Day 13 -Masaai Village and return to Arusha Town

Before we leave the area, we will visit a Masaai

village to learn how this famously nomadic people have come to live in harmony with Africa's wildlife. We will continue out of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and around Lake Manyara to



reach the Arusha for the night. Overnight accommodations will be at African Tulip Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 14-15 - TRAVEL FROM KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO HOME

After a relaxing morning at the African Tulip Hotel with breakfast and lunch included, we will be on our way home with a layover in Europe before heading back to the U.S. (Meals on your own though international flights do offer meals.) (B,L on first travel day only)

(May 2020 Rescheduled trip)

PRICING: \$4,900 per person (based on double occupancy) (\$500 single supplement)

PAYMENT: Please contact Travis Williams to discuss a payment schedule.

CANCELLATIONS: Inquire about refunds with the trip leaders.

INCLUDED: 12 nights lodging (2 additional nights of travel); all meals in Tanzania; all transportation within Tanzania; bilingual, professional naturalist guide; entrance to museums, parks and attractions as a group; taxes; gratuities for full time guides and drivers; and all gratuities for porters, maids and all staff of the locations visited. Some hotels have free Wi-Fi for guests.

NOT INCLUDED: Flight to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport; alcoholic beverages; and personal items during the trip. (Air travel for the group will be coordinated through *Travel Leaders* in Jenison with planned flights from Chicago O'Hare International Airport or Detroit Metro Airport.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact your physician and/or county health department to inquiry about necessary travel vaccinations.

Please contact trip leaders Travis Williams travis@outdoordiscovery.org or Jamie Krupka jamie@outdoordiscovery.org to learn more or to sign-up.



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