

**It's time for you to have a lifetime experience in AFRICA
East Africa Wildlife Photo Safari in Tanzania—January 2010**

This is the trip for you! It has been customized to afford you the chance of a lifetime, during the annual Wildebeest Migration, to spend significant time observing, learning, and photographing in Africa. Here are the highlights:

- Can you imagine the THRILL of watching animals with Mt. Kilimanjaro in the background?
- Have you always dreamed of seeing the Big Five?
- Has a previous trip to Africa changed your life and you've forever wanted to return?
- What is it like to see the Maasai warriors jumping and singing?
- Are you someone who's always wanted to understand how people live their traditional lifestyle in today's modern world?
- Do the words "Serengeti", "Ngorongoro Crater" and "game drive" call to you?
- This trip offers you SEVEN nights in a luxury tent, allowing you to experience Africa up-close and personal.
- Concerned about driving long distances? This trip has a return flight from the Serengeti to Arusha.
- Can you imagine seeing hundreds of wildebeest on the move?

- 14 days/13 nights in Africa
- 2 nights in the Serengeti, in a tented camp
- 2 more nights in the Serengeti near the migration
- 2 nights overlooking Ngorongoro Crater
- 2 nights in Tarangire, in a tented camp
- 1 night Lake Manyara in a tented camp
- 2 nights in Mountain Village, near Mt. Kilimanjaro

- 2 nights at Lake Eyasi in a tented camp
- Early morning hunting with traditional bushmen
- Village/school in-depth cultural visits
- An internal flight in Africa
- Visit to Olduvai (Oldupai) Gorge
- Meals, transfers, admissions
- Day room prior to departure

The dates are January 20-February 2, 2010

If six or more travelers, this trip will be escorted by Kathy Moroney, an experienced escort and traveler to Africa.

Discounted Africa land price per person, double occupancy: **\$5,343 (based on 6 persons)**

NOTE: price reduced by \$500 per person! Deposit required by June 25

To reserve your space, complete an application form and submit it with your deposit.

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Day-by-Day Itinerary

Note: the Tanzania lodges/camps and national park prices are expected to be adjusted in the summer so this price is a tentative, best-guess price. However this itinerary is basically complete for planning purposes. The dates are accurate; we have confirmed space for 10 persons, double occupancy and one single occupant.

Come with us to East Africa and see the major conservation areas of the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Arusha National Parks. The Serengeti in Tanzania will be experiencing the spectacular phenomenon of the annual wildebeest migration, which you will experience firsthand. Your authentic African Safari affords you the opportunity to see all the major African animals in the premier game viewing areas. Herds of elephants, lions, wildebeest, zebras, buffalo, giraffes, impalas and some of the most unusual and beautiful birds of the world await you.

Day 1- Tues (Jan 19) – Depart USA

We will assist you in making your own air arrangements to Tanzania. You may wish to overnight in Europe on the way over or do a pre-trip to Zanzibar. Dinner on the plane.

Day 2- Wed (Jan 20) – Arrive Europe/Arusha

Arrive in Europe, probably Amsterdam. If not spending a few nights, continue on to Arusha to Kilimanjaro Airport. You'll be met by the safari company and transferred to your first stop at **Mountain Village**. Mountain Village Lodge is situated only 15kms from Arusha downtown. The 46 rooms in Rondavel are set in lush gardens overlooking Lake Duluti. All rooms are en-suite (shower or bath) and have a private verandah. The main public area is in an Old Colonial House, which has been tastefully adapted. The Fountain Restaurant serves organically home-grown fresh products and from the terrace one can have wonderful panoramic views of Mt Kilimanjaro, Lake Duluti and Mt Meru. Recreational activities include guided bird watching walk around the Lake Duluti, horse riding or relaxing in the beautiful gardens. Dinner on your own.

Day 3- Thurs (Jan 21) – Arusha (B, L, D)

The morning is yours to explore as you please to get over jetlag. Optional activities include massage, go for a walk, or take out a canoe on the lake. We'll leave about 9:30 am with a picnic lunch for a full day game drive to Arusha National Park. Overnight **Mountain Village**.

Day 4- Fri (Jan 22) – Tarangire (B, L, D)

After breakfast, leave your large suitcases behind as we leave on safari. Only 30 pounds luggage, including hand luggage, is allowed on your return flight at the end of the safari. A soft-sided suitcase is required for the safari. Drive to Tarangire. Arrive in time for lunch. Check into **Tarangire Safari Lodge** for two nights. Afternoon game drive. This national park is home to thousands of elephants. This park is symbolized by the Baobab tree, growing in open acacia woodland. Tarangire is an ornithologist's paradise, rich in birds of prey and an incredible diversity of avifauna.

Day 5- Sat (Jan 23) – Tarangire (B, L, D)

The day is spent on game drives. Overnight **Tarangire Safari Lodge**.

Day 6- Sun (Jan 24) – Lake Manyara (B, L, D)

After an early breakfast, depart to Mto Wa Mbu Village. Arrive in time for an excursion of the local village and lunch. You then continue to Manyara with a game drive of the park. This beautiful park is at the base of the Great Rift Valley escarpment and is comprised of forest, woodland, grasslands, and swamps. Arrive late afternoon at **Kirurumu Tented Camp**. The 20 tents are raised on a wooden platform. They have all en-suite bathrooms with shower and hand basin, and are stylishly furnished with a private verandah overlooking Lake Manyara. Public areas consist of an open-side restaurant where delicious own-grown product meals are served. The bar/lounge with its large terrace is overlooking the pool and the Rift Valley.

Day 7- Mon (Jan 25) - Lake Eyasi (B, L, D)

After breakfast drive to Lake Eyasi. Here we go back in time to an area where local bushmen still reside. Your home for two nights is **Kisima Ngeda**. The camp is situated in a beautiful natural palm and acacia lakeshore forest with a colossal rock as a backdrop and a natural spring nearby. The spring, which is similar to the groundwater springs of Lake Manyara, produces over four million liters of water a day which eventually feed into the lake. Across the lake which

stretches away in front of the camp the Alipi escarpment wall rises two thousand feet up into the Endulen area of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The camp consists of seven guest sleeping tents built on permanent platforms and a large dining tent. All these are thatched with traditional palm fronds and the ensuite bathroom section is built with natural palm stems, giving it a rustic appearance. There is hot and cold running water supplied by a spring and heated through environmentally friendly "kuni boilers" that burn dry palm fronds that have fallen from the trees. Toilets are flush type and there is a proper septic system in place. Furniture and bedding are comfortable and in keeping with traditional safari style. Lighting is supplied by inverter and generator and is of the energy saving type. From all tents there is a beautiful view of the lake. After lunch we'll visit a local tribe. Living in the region are the waDatoga, a pastoralist tribe similar to the Maasai. It is an interesting experience to visit a traditional Datoga blacksmith.

Day 8- Tues (Jan 26) – Lake Eyasi (B, L, D)

Enjoy an early morning hunting experience with the Hadzape bushmen. The little known waHadzabe are the last remnants of a tribe of hunter-gatherers that were pushed out of the Ngorongoro Conservation area hundreds of years ago by incoming pastoralist groups. Moving slowly down the foothills of Oldeani and along the lakeshore, this group of people is one of the last of its kind in East Africa. Small in stature and speaking with the ancient click dialect they survive by their ability to blend into and subsist through their surroundings. Found within a short distance of the camp a visit with them is easily arranged and a morning spent walking, hunting and gathering is a haunting and memorable experience. The morning hunt is included as part of your safari. The rest of the day is at leisure, to walk on the shores of the lake, rest or read. Overnight **Kisima Ngeda**.

Day 9 - Wed (Jan 27) – Ngorongoro Crater (two nights at Ngorongoro) (B, L, D)

Today we see a different side of Tanzania—that of its coffee farms. We will drive to Gibb's Farm. It is situated at the heart of Africa's Great Rift Valley, near the village of Karatu between Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater. Originally the home of the current owners, Margaret Gibb and Per Kullander, Gibb's Farm has evolved into a charming lodge that has retained the atmosphere of a working farm and the mystique of an era. The main facilities consist of a sitting room, dining room and shop situated in the old farmhouse, while accommodation is in 15 twin room cottages set among the garden. The food is delicious simple fare, produced with vegetables from the farm, fresh and cooked with care. We will visit the coffee farm and have lunch. Before ending up at the **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge**, we'll visit the Tioma School. The Serena Lodge is located on the Western rim of Ngorongoro Crater. The Lodge is constructed of local stone and is molded into the contours of its site. Its interior décor recalls the theme of Ngorongoro's prehistoric past, with original uses of stone, metal and wall paintings. Each large room has en-suite bathroom and some of them have private terraces with views of the crater floor. The public area offers restaurant, bar and a cozy lounge. The crater covers over 102 square miles (250 square kilometers) of land.

Day 10- Thurs (Jan 28) – Ngorongoro Crater (B, L, D)

Sunrise breakfast at the lodge. Today you will descend 2000 feet to the floor of the crater for a **crater** tour with a picnic lunch (due to congestion we may only be allowed a maximum of six hours in the crater). Explore the forest areas that are inhabited by monkey and elephant; the lake area where you may see the flamingos; and the open savannah where the lions hunt for food. There are 25,000 larger animals within the crater itself, mostly Zebra and wildebeest. However, this is undoubtedly the best place to see black rhino in Tanzania as well as prides of lion that include the magnificent black-maned males. There are lots of colorful flamingoes and a variety of other water birds around the soda lake on the crater floor. More than a 100 species of bird not found in the Serengeti have been found in the crater. Other game include leopard, cheetah, hyena, elephants, warthog, impala, buffalo, hartebeest, eland and lots of other members of the antelope family and smaller mammals of sorts. An optional \$15 walk is available in the afternoon at 4 pm. Overnight at **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge**.

Day 11- Fri (Jan 29) – Southern Serengeti (B, L, D)

Breakfast at your lodge. After breakfast drive to Olduvai (Oldupai) Gorge, site of Louis and Mary Leakey's renowned archaeological discoveries. Their findings include some of man's earliest known ancestral remains. We will also visit a Maasai village, arriving at **Ndutu Safari Lodge** for lunch. Although near to the Serengeti, we are actually in the Ngorongoro conservation area, allowing for more flexibility in the game drives. Ndutu Safari Lodge overlooks Lake Ndutu in attractive acacia woodland and is at the very center of the famous wildebeest migration this time of year. The comfortable stone and thatch cottages are all en-suite. Each room is simply designed using local material and has a private verandah overlooking Lake Ndutu. Public main area consists of Lounge/Bar and dining area where delicious home

cooking is served. Recreational activities include game drive and walking around the camp for bird watching. Overnight at **Ndutu Safari Lodge**.

Day 12- Sat (Jan 30) – Southern Serengeti (B, L, D)

Your day will go by fast, as you are overwhelmed and amazed by all the animals. Morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight **Ndutu Safari Lodge**.

Day 13- Sun (Jan 31) - Northern Serengeti (B, L, D)

Breakfast at your camp. Depart after breakfast on a game to the north part of the park to Mbuze Mawe. A private encampment of 16 superbly luxurious tents guarded by sentinel towers of 3 million year old granite, the camp radiates out from a central lounge. A place of light and air, the lounge's terrace is a massive ledge of natural stone, its views stretch to eternity and its décor blends the gnarled timbers of ancient dhows with champagne suede, claret chenille and amber weaves. Afternoon game drive after lunch. Overnight at **Mbuze Mawe**.

Day 14- Mon (Feb 1) – Northern Serengeti (B, L, D)

Optional morning balloon ride (\$475) is available. For the rest you'll get a morning game drive. Return to Mbuze Mawe for your last night in the bush. Overnight at **Mbuze Mawe**.

Day 15- Tues (Feb 2) – Northern Serengeti/Arusha/Depart (B, L)

Breakfast at your camp. Transfer to the airstrip for your 11 am scheduled flight to Arusha, arriving at 12:15 pm. Transfer back to the Mountain Village for lunch, a shower and chance to repack. Collect your traveling clothes and suitcases that were left on January 22. Depart at 5 pm to Killimanjaro Airport for your home-bound departure flight. Say goodbye to your new friends and promise to return soon. Check-in for your overnight flight to Europe.

Day 16- Wed (Feb 3) – Europe to US

If you've made arrangements to spend time in Europe, we'll say goodbye as we deplane. Otherwise catch your flight back to your home and re-live your memories of a lifetime.

This trip is scheduled at the peak safari time in the Serengeti. In order to guarantee the rooms, a deposit of \$1000 per person is required with the application by June 25. Full payment is due by August 1, 2009.

Trip Cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended and must be purchased within 10 days of applying for the safari in order to have pre-existing conditions, financial insolvency and terrorism covered.

At a minimum, \$75,000 coverage for medical evacuation insurance is mandatory for each participant.

PRICE

- Estimated safari tour cost is \$5,343 per person (based on 6 persons; to be adjusted based on actual number of participants). This is for payment by check. If using a credit card, price is 4% more (\$5,557).
- The costs for the international air and Europe/Zanzibar stopovers are NOT included in these prices.
- The Africa safari single supplement is \$1,000 (additional cost for having a room by yourself).
- Not included in the price will be a visa (estimate \$100 per person), trip interruption/cancellation/medical/medical evacuation insurance or just the evacuation insurance, tips (estimate \$400 per person), beverages and souvenirs.
- Distinctive Destinations has a California Seller of Travel number and participates in the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. If you are a California resident your payments are protected against our default or fraud. You can read about this law at <http://ag.ca.gov/travel/index.htm>

- Based on payment by check:
 - 2 passengers: \$6235 per person
 - 4 passengers: \$5685 per person
 - 6 passengers: \$5343 per person
- Based on payment by credit card:
 - 2 passengers: \$6485 per person
 - 4 passengers: \$5913 per person
 - 6 passengers: \$5557 per person

Package Highlights and Inclusions

- Meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Transfers as mentioned in the above itinerary
- Game drives as per above itinerary
- Services of a professional English-speaking guide/driver
- Accommodation in standard rooms on meal plan indicated in the above itinerary with ensuite bathrooms and sharing two per room
- Transport on exclusive basis in a safari vehicle
- Guaranteed window seat in 6-person safari stretch-cruiser fitted with a pop-up roof for best game viewing
- Taxes on airline flight Tanzania
- Park entrance and conservation fees

Not included:

- Europe/Zanzibar stopover costs
- International flights
- Other personal expenses such as telephone calls, laundry and beverages, bottled water
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Tips to your drivers/guides, lodge /camp staff for luggage handling, hotel/lodge chambermaids and restaurant staff, tips for special activity guides, tips for camp/lodge personnel
- Park entrance fees while staying at Ndutu outside of Serengeti if you choose to enter the Serengeti
- Tanzania visa charges
- Trip cancellation/medical evacuation Insurance
- Any deviations from the above itinerary
- Any items not in the inclusion list above
- Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice.

Information on the costs of trip interruption/cancellation, medical coverage and medical evacuation insurance are found in a separate document. These costs depend on your age.

Separate cost information will also be provided for only medical and medical evacuation coverage. (Note: This would NOT include any trip cancellation/interruption coverage, nor medical coverage for any pre-existing conditions, supplier default, nor terrorism coverage.)

After receipt of your application and full payment you'll be provided background material to prepare for this trip.

Lodging and other descriptions can be found at the following websites:

Mountain Village Lodge

<http://www.serenahotels.com/tanzania/mountainvillage/home.asp>

Tarangire Safari Lodge

<http://www.tarangiresafarilodge.com/tents.htm>

Kirurumu Tented Camp

<http://www.kirurumu.com/camps%20and%20lodges/kirurumu%20tented%20lodge.htm>

Kisima Ngeda

<http://www.kisimangeda.com/>

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

<http://www.serenahotels.com/tanzania/ngorongoro/home.asp>

Ndutu Safari Lodge
<http://www.ndutu.com/>

Mbuze Mawe
<http://www.serenahotels.com/tanzania/mbuzi/home.asp>

Night	Location	Tented	Lodge
1	Mountain Village		X
2	Mountain Village		X
3	Tarangire Safari Lodge	X	
4	Tarangire Safari Lodge	X	
5	Kirurumu Tented Camp	X	
6	Kisima Ngeda	X	
7	Kisima Ngeda	X	
8	Ngorongoro Serena		X
9	Ngorongoro Serena		X
10	Ndutu Serengeti		X
11	Ndutu Serengeti		X
12	Mbuze Mawe	X	
13	Mbuze Mawe	X	
	Day room Mountain Village		
		7 nights	6 nights

We escorted a group in January, 2009 on a similar itinerary. References are available upon request.

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