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Safari to Lake Manyara/Serengeti/Ngorongoro

Kyle

Our African Adventure safari to Tanzania was an absolutely wonderful experience.

We were picked up right on time at Arusha airport and the representative from Ranger safaris whisked through immigration and customs with ease. Then we meet our guide, Rausul. I think that was the start of a most pleasant relationship

Lodgings at Serena Mountain Village were very good and the Ranger Safari man gave us a good intro and summary of our trip. We next travelled to Lake Manyara. Rausul proved to be a very competent guide, great sense of humor, and concerned always about our comfort and safety. We were especially impressed with his ability to mimic bird and animal calls. He also gave us a great deal of interesting information on each species of animal we saw. Rausul, of course, saw animals where we only saw bushes. My wife, who is a birder, added 30 birds to her life list courtesy of Rausul. The Lake Manyara Serena lodge was very good - nice room a, great view and good food.

We next travelled to Ngorogoro Crater where we had the experience of a lifetime. We saw a small pride of lions set up a kill on three Cape Buffaloes. We watched as the lions stealthfully surrounded the buffaloes, charge, and complete the kill on the smallest buffalo of the three. We enjoyed watching the lions have lunch as it was 1215 in the afternoon —a couple of males joined the feast but didn't participate in the kill. We found the room at Sopa lodge at Ngorogoro to be on the shab by and the heater didn't work, though hot water bottles were provided to warm our bed.

Travelled to Serengeti-pleasant flight. As a pilot myself, I was pleased to see the captain of our Twin Otter was a young Tanzanian woman. I'd say that Sayari Camp was the best place we stayed. From the caring managers, Joe and Barbara, gourmet meals, and excellent service. The Serengeti was the most wonderful environment I've seen in Africa (I had previously worked and travelled in Africa, albeit many years ago). I found the green grassy country side dotted with a few trees and wonderful rounded granite outcrops to be beautiful. The wildlife was great....

All in all, the trip was a wonderful-once-in a lifetime experience. And all arrangements in control of Africa Adventure Company were excellent

Jim and June Cappa, Oct-Nov 2010

Ngamba Island/Kibale/Queen Elizabeth Park/Bwindi Impenetrable Forest - Uganda Musanze – Volcanoes National Park - Rwanda

Alison,

AMAZING!!!!!! What a great trip. Will write you more details later but just wanted to thank you and your staff for putting together such a fantastic trip...

...Sula was a wonderful guide and we loved having him with us. He was delightful to have around. I always felt safe and secure with him and he did a wonderful job driving us, and navigating some of the



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worst roads I've ever been on. Lydia from Classic Africa was on top of everything. I was sorry we did not see her again on our way back. She was in touch with us via phone when we arrived back in Entebbe and her contact at the airport greeted us on arrival. We were so happy to have done one trek in Uganda and one in Rwanda - what a difference in experiences. Can't wait for you to see some of our photos.

Our favorite camp was Gorilla Forest Camp. Ian and his staff were fantastic... the trek in Rwanda was so different than Uganda trek in terms of difficulty.

All in all, we had so much fun. Can't wait to start planning next trip back - Namibia? Egypt? Botswana again?

Thanks again.

Betty Comerford, Dec 2010

Private Safari to Ndarakwai/Lake Manyara/Serengeti/Ngorongoro

Good morning Kyle,

Just a note to tell you our safari was everything I expected, dreamed of, and booked. You can be assured I am one happy customer. My family was delighted, repeatedly. The order of our itinerary worked beautifully, and the way our accommodations progressively upgraded was magic to my daughter in law .

We all agreed that our guide, Hillary Mandia was a MAJOR asset in the experience. You were so right about his bird ID ability, but there was so much more. The man is a treasure. My 11 year old grandson tried our patience, but never seemed to get to Hillary. I assure you the evaluations we filed with Ranger Safari were glowing in regards to Hillary in particular.

Our time at Ndarakwai Ranch was made all the more wonderful by the guide Thomas. To visit the Maasai village with an elder is so special. Thomas is a renaissance man in the truest sense. While I rode a horse and had an exciting surprise encounter with an elephant, the rest of the family did the walking tour with Thomas...

Thank you again for your fine work on this project.

Sincerely,

Suzi Cope, Dec 2010

Group Lodge safari to Lake Manyara/Ngorongoro

Group Mt Kilimanjaro Climb – Rongai Climb

Hello!

Well I am happy to finally have arrived back home in San Fran after the east coast delays... but well worth it for sure. I had an amazing two weeks in Tanzania thanks to African Adventure, Ranger Safaris, and African Walking Company. I will break down my reviews based on each!

1. Tanzania Safari

Wow... what a fantastic organization, top notch guides and customer service. You probably recall that my bag with all of my Kili climbing and other apparel never arrived in Kili contrary to all of the assistance and support I received from RS. Clemence, my guide, worked very hard in contact with their office relaying updates for me and gathering information... while also providing an amazing safari experience! His

knowledge of the area, animals, vegetation and history was amazing. I am sure his background in biology and teaching helps! He answered all of my questions whether it be about the safari, the country and the people. Having a private safari also allowed him to cater to my requests, times, and personality... we had a great time together, he is also so friendly and most of all FUN!!! Great sense of humor on top of everything. I could not have imagined a better guide and experience had it not been for Clemence. Operationally, he was always on time if not a bit early! Oh, and how could I forget... on my last day in route back to Arusha he made sure we stopped at a few stores to find where I can purchase missing apparel I needed for the Kili climb finally finding a small trekking shop to help! Of course it had limited options but a large men's clothing is better than nothing! And I was happy to leave it and donate it to the guides upon my completion.

2. Kili climb

Again, a great organization. The preparation team was very friendly, knowledgeable and well organized with our group. The guide team and staff were amazing on top of it. Our entire guide team consisting of Niman (Lead) and his three assistance guides supported us and me every step of the way, literally.

Everything was beyond my expectations from food, support to answering all of our many questions and just being pals along the way. I would specifically like to call out Robinson, the assistant guide, who supported me as I had to turn around at Gillman's Point just shy of Uhuru peak. I was very sick from the altitude and he was caring and supportive of me the entire descent (as well as during the ascent and entire week). You could tell that the entire team was hoping we would all make it however supportive and genuinely caring of each of the group. I think that genuine compassion sets AWC apart from the other organizations. In addition, Williams was helpful in finding the remaining apparel for me to rent that I was not able to find for purchase prior to my climb.

3. AAC - Overall organization of trip

Thank you!!! Lynne was great in assisting me to not only select the appropriate trip based on my interests, availability and budget but with me along the way answering my many questions. In addition, when Lynne was not available it was helpful that others were responding to my emails, specifically during my luggage fiasco. Luckily, the bag was still sitting in Nairobi when I returned through on my way home ... I was so impressed with all of the lodges... they were all sooo nice, so much more than I had expected, food was amazing (I was hoping to lose weight not gain it on this trip : -) !!!!) and all of the staff were so friendly and courteous.

I think that covers it!!! Thank you again for as amazing adventure. Traveling alone was a bit concerning but AAC made it the greatest holiday of my life!!!

Best,

Kara Teklinski, Dec 2010