14-DAY ‘AFRICAN JOURNEYS’ SAFARI TO KENYA AND TANZANIA

Flying safari to Amboseli
Private safari to Tarangire/Ngorongoro/Serengeti

Program highlights:-
- You visit four different ecosystems offering diverse wildlife viewing and scenery.
- Start with a flying safari to Amboseli in Kenya where you will enjoy shared game drives.
- Continue to Tanzania for a PRIVATE driving safari from park to park in Tanzania in a 4-wheel drive vehicle.
- Finish in the Serengeti – best time to go on this program is Nov-Mar and June-Oct.
- You will be staying in permanent tented camps, lodges and a mobile camp in Kenya and Tanzania, each with their own personality and atmosphere.

Amboseli with views of Mt. Kilimanjaro
**Safari Vehicle in Tanzania** - Your 4x4 vehicles (Land Rovers or Land Cruisers) have specially constructed roof hatches that make photography easy. Our clients comment all the time that these are a most comfortable ride, they are always some of the newest vehicles on the road and that the addition of the cooler for drinks is most welcome. Vehicles feature 6 seats per vehicle – everyone enjoys a window seat.

**Naturalist Guides in Tanzania** - Our carefully selected group of naturalist guides bring an excellent knowledge of the areas you will visit and have built up an excellent camaraderie with our clients over the years. As you spend several days with the same guide, you maximize seeing and doing “everything” and come away at the end of a trip with “a friend for life”. The naturalist guides that may lead your trip include Ephata Loitashu, Emmanuel Mkenda, Hillary Mandia, Jadim Luangila, Jabshir Rashid and Daniel Nyamoga.

**SEASONAL TENTING IN TANZANIA**
Seasonal Mobile tenting is where unspoiled Africa exists, where the special privilege of absorbing the awesome, majestic grandeur of the African landscapes and its wildlife is still possible. From the moment you are met by your host/guide he will make you feel that you are on a real wildlife experience. The philosophy is to help you experience the bush in addition to viewing wildlife in one of Africa's top wildlife reserves. The seasonal camp may move about three to four times a year.
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DAY 01     USA/EUROPE
Depart this evening on an overnight flight to Europe.

DAY 02     EUROPE/NAIROBI
Connect with your flight to Nairobi, Kenya. You will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Nairobi, Kenya’s capital is situated at an altitude of about 6,000 feet (1,830m) and means “place of cool waters” in the Maasai language.

The Nairobi Serena Hotel is centrally located in bustling Nairobi but offers a calm oasis within its lush gardens. The luxury hotel has 184 air-conditioned rooms with en suite facilities, mini bars and hair dryers. In addition to a beautiful pool area, the hotel offers a full service spa and several exciting dining options.
Accommodation: Nairobi Serena Hotel (B) – Standard Room

DAY 03     NAIROBI/AMBOSELI
This morning you will transfer to the airport for your scheduled charter flight to Amboseli. On arrival you will be met and driven to camp. Enjoy an afternoon game activity.

*PLEASE NOTE* There is a luggage limit of 33lbs (15 kg) per person on the flight so please pre-pack your luggage accordingly in a soft-sided bag. Scheduled Charter flights times are estimates and may include multiple stops.

Amboseli is one of the most popular parks in East Africa. With magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro in the background you may have an opportunity to photograph an elephant with the mountain as a backdrop. Elephants are often found in the lower forest and swamp areas and hippos in the pools, with a prolific bird life found in the surrounding swamp. Lion and cheetah are often seen on the salt flats and giraffe may be seen walking past doum palms.
Tortilis Camp is a luxury permanent tented camp that has stunning view towards Mount Kilimanjaro. On a clear morning you can view the mountain from your bed! There are 17 thatched tents set on wooden platforms, a dining/lounge area serving north Italian traditional recipes, and a swimming pool. Activities include game viewing in the park on open-sided safari Land Rovers; walk with a trained Maasai guide, sip sundowners on top of Kitirua hill as the sun sets coloring the snows of Kilimanjaro pink, bush breakfasts out on the plains or a visit to one of the Maasai manyattas (villages) to meet the Maasai women, watch the Morans (young warriors) dance and experience their age-old existence. Accommodation: Tortilis Camp (Full Board) – Shared game drives

**DAY 04+05 AMBOSELI**
Enjoy two days of game viewing activities. Accommodation: Tortilis Camp (Full Board) – Shared game drives

**DAY 06 AMBOSELI/ARUSHA/TARANGIRE-LAKE MANYARA ECO-SYSTEM**
This morning you will be transferred to the Tanzania-Kenya border at Namanga where you will clear customs and change vehicles before proceeding to Arusha for lunch.

Following lunch depart with your private guide and vehicle and continue to your tented camp situated within the Tarangire-Lake Manyara eco-system.
The Tarangire-Lake Manyara eco-system is a region of dense bush as well as high grasses and old baobab trees. The land is hilly and dominated by the valley of the Tarangire River, which attracts migratory animals during the dry months between July-September. Game viewing during this time frame is quite exciting as the animals come to the river to drink. The eco-system has a localized migration that is followed by most game (except lion which don’t tend to abandon their territory).

The animals disperse during April and May when there is reliable rainfall and rich vegetation. In June, the eland and oryx begin to return, followed by the elephant towards the end of the month. Zebra and wildebeest come together through July. By mid-August the animals are congregating around their last reliable water source, the Tarangire River. The calving season falls in the months of January-March taking advantage of the fresh grass during the rainy season.

**Maramboi Tented Camp** is located on the shores of Lake Manyara and in the migratory corridor between Tarangire and Lake Manyara ecosystem. Twenty spacious tents are positioned on wooden decks, each with en suite facilities, 24 hours electric lighting and private veranda. Optional activities include guided bush walks, a visit to Lake Manyara’s shore and bird watching (over 300 birds).

**Accommodation:** Maramboi Tented Camp (Full Board)

**DAY 07 TARANGIRE**
Enjoy a full-day game drive with a picnic lunch in Tarangire National Park.

Tarangire is the third largest national park in Tanzania. Majestic baobab trees are an interesting feature of the park, dwarfing all but the elephants feeding beneath them. During the dry season from June to November, animals concentrate along Tarangire River, which provides the only permanent water supply. The area supports a great diversity of wildlife, including giraffe, buffalo, lesser kudu, eland, oryx and zebra. Lion, leopard and cheetahs are also present. Up to 6,000 elephants inhabit Tarangire in the dry season.

**Accommodation:** Maramboi Tented Camp (Full Board)

**DAY 08 TARANGIRE/LAKE MANYARA - NGORONGORO**
Depart this morning for a game drive in Lake Manyara.
Lake Manyara National Park is most famed for its tree-climbing lions that may be seen (if you are very lucky) sleeping amongst the branches of acacia trees. The park is situated in the Great Rift Valley where hippos abound along with the excellent bird life as well as elephant and baboon.

This afternoon drive through Mto wa Mbu village and continue on to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which was a pioneer experiment in reconciling the interests of wildlife animals and indigenous forests with the needs of the local Maasai tribe.

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**Kitela Lodge** is located in the Ngorongoro Conservation area and overlooks a coffee plantation. The lodge features 20 en suite rooms in thatched cottages with floor to ceiling windows and private patios. Enjoy the heated pool and spa offering a variety of treatments. Guided walks are available to guests to visit the vegetable and animal farm.
Accommodation: Kitela Lodge (Full Board)

**OR**

**Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge** is located five minutes from the entrance to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The lodge features 20 luxurious cottage-style suites, each with four-poster bed, a two-way fireplace and a large viewing terrace. Facilities include a pool, boutique, drugstore, library, spa and lounge bar and restaurant. The restaurant sources the majority of meat, fruit and dairy from their own vegetable garden and the local communities in the surrounding area. Game drives, nature walks and excursions to the local coffee farms are available.
Accommodations: Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge (Full Board)
DAY 09  NGORONGORO
This morning depart to the Crater Rim and descend for a day of game viewing on the crater floor. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the crater floor.

Ngorongoro Crater is the largest unflooded, intact caldera in the world. Known as the eighth wonder of the world, its vastness and beauty are truly overwhelming. Ngorongoro Crater itself is but a small portion of the 3,200-square-mile Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a World Heritage site that is characterized by a highland plateau with volcanic mountains as well as several craters, extensive savannah and forests. Altitudes range from 4,430 to 11,800 feet.

Ngorongoro Crater is about 12 miles wide and its rim rises 1,200-1,600 feet off of its expansive 102-square-mile floor. The steep descent into the crater along winding roads takes 25-35 minutes from the crater rim. The crater floor is predominantly grasslands (making game easy to spot) with two swamps fed by streams, and the Lerai Forest. The walls of the crater are lightly forested.

Ngorongoro contains possibly the largest permanent concentration of wildlife in Africa, with an estimated average of 30,000 large mammals. In addition, this is one of the best reserves in Africa in which to see black rhino. Large concentrations of wildlife make Ngorongoro Crater their permanent home. Game viewing is good year-round. Because there is a permanent source of fresh water, there's no reason for much of the wildlife to migrate as they must do in the Serengeti.
Accommodation: Kitela Lodge or Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge (Full Board)

DAY 10  NGORONGORO/SERENGETI
Your journey to Serengeti includes a visit to Oldupai Gorge, the famous archaeological site where the Leakey's discovered the remains of Australopithecus, Homo Habilis and Homo Erectus. Visit a Maasai village enroute to the Serengeti.
Serengeti is derived from the Maasai language and appropriately means "endless plain." The park's 5,700 square miles makes it larger than the state of Connecticut. Altitude varies from 3,120 to 6,070 feet. As you enter the park gate you will take a game drive through the open plains.

Nearly 500 species of birds and 35 species of large plains animals can be found in the Serengeti. The park may contain as many as 1.5 million wildebeest, 500,000 zebra, 300,000 Grant's gazelle, 250,000 Thomson's gazelle, 120,000 impala, 70,000 topi, 20,000 buffalo, 9,000 eland, 8,000 giraffe, 1,000 lion and 800 elephant. The huge herds of plains game such as wildebeest, zebra and antelope dominate the park while the attendant predators such as lion and cheetah are to be found amongst the many kopjes scattered across the plain. Leopard can often be found draped in the trees along the Seronera River.

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The **Kati Kati Explorer Camp** is located in the central Serengeti year-round and is the ideal base for exploring the open plains. You will have full camp service with your home comforts. The tents are large, with en suite bathrooms, insect proof windows, comfortable single beds with fresh linens and duvets, private verandas. You will be brought your morning coffee before your morning game drives. Washbasins are placed outside the tents and filled with hot water to freshen up before you begin another day of adventure. Hurricane lamps are used for lighting.

A day of game viewing usually consists of morning and afternoon game drives. On your return to the camp after a morning game drive you may have an excellent late breakfast or gourmet picnic lunch when you then may relax on the veranda of your luxurious tent. Afternoon tea and a further game drive is followed by iced cold drinks and a delicious dinner. All your meals are excellent and are taken in a separate dining tent. Accommodation: Kati Kati Explorer Camp (Full Board)
OR
The **Serengeti Shared Explorer Camp** makes use of a traditional mobile tented camp on a shared-use basis, periodically moving location within the Serengeti according to Migration game movements and weather conditions. Although the camp will NOT move during your actual stay, the chances of being within reach of the wildebeest migration, which is one of the principle goals of any visit to the Serengeti, are greatly enhanced by this mobility. Approx locations: Dec to Mar the camp is situated in the southern plains. June-mid July it is located in central Serengeti and Aug-Nov in the northern Lobo region.

The camp features ten luxury tents each with en suite bathroom with flush toilet, dual basin and shower, solar powered lighting, and a spacious verandah with chairs to relax and enjoy the view. The focus of the camp is a large dining tent with a shaded 'sitting out' area, bar and small reference library of African books with a variety of games. In the evening gather with other guests around the campfire to enjoy a pre-dinner drink and share the day’s adventures.

As a guest at the Serengeti Shared Explorer Camp you will meet up and mingle with each other during the evening over pre-dinner drinks and candlelit dinners, but during the day you will set off on your own, with your own private guide and vehicle. By having your own vehicle and guide you can ensure you can do what you want when you want to do it - be that following the wildebeest, sitting by a waterhole or just waiting too get that perfect photograph.

Accommodation: Serengeti Shared Explorer Camp (Full Board)

**DAY 11+12  SERENGETI**
Enjoy days of game-viewing on game drives in the park. Your days are very flexible where you can take a packed breakfast and leave at sunrise and return to camp for lunch. Or you can depart after breakfast and go for the whole day with a picnic lunch.
Accommodation: Kati Kati Explorer Camp or Serengeti Shared Explorer Camp (Full Board)
DAY 13

**SERENGETI/ARUSHA/KILIMANJARO/EUROPE**

This morning game drive to the airstrip for your scheduled charter flight to Arusha. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel where a dayroom has been reserved. This evening transfer to Kilimanjaro for your departing international flight.

Dayroom: Mt. Meru Hotel (L)

DAY 14

**EUROPE/USA**

Arrival in Europe. Onward flight home.

**WELCOME HOME!**

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**INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE:** (subject to change until ticketed)

*Please note the following sample airfares. Lower promotional airfares are offered throughout the year so please take a moment to contact our “in house” air department for even better pricing options!*

**ECONOMY AIR:** From $1,799.00 per person (low season)

**BUSINESS AIR:** From $6,299.00 per person (low season)

New York/Nairobi - Kilimanjaro/New York (via Europe) - Please call for add-ons from your departure city.
LAND COSTS INCLUDE:
- All accommodations
- All meals and game activities (Full Board) on safari
- Meals as stated – Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D)
- Airport, road and charter flight transfers
- Park fees and guiding fees
- Flying doctor service
- Bottled water on game drives
- Local drinks (house wine, beer and spirits) and laundry at Tortilis
- Shared game drives at Tortilis
- Private guide and vehicle in Tanzania

NOT INCLUDED:
- Tips to staff and driver/guides
- Other drinks + laundry
- Kenya departure taxes
- Kenya and Tanzania visas
- International scheduled airfares
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Optional balloon safari ($525.00 per person)

DEPARTURES: Daily – MINIMUM 2 PERSONS

NOTES
1. Holiday supplements will apply for Easter and December 24-26, 31 + Jan 01 - $50.00. Please inquire with your Safari Consultant for details.
2. Single Supplement is based on a minimum of two people traveling.

TOURCODE: KT14African Journeys

Trip Reports:

We had an absolutely incredible trip that was beyond my imagination. Having McKenda as a guide was incredible. He is so knowledgeable. On a drive through the Tarangire, he spotted a leopard in a tree. How he spotted the leopard, I have no idea, but there it was. McKenda explained so much to us about the animals, the terrain, the country.

This trip certainly is among our top 3 trips ever (ranking right there with China and Morocco).

Many, many thanks for all the meticulous planning, guidance, lists, etc. etc. All made for a simply spectacular trip.

Alisa Wilson

Kitela Lodge - Wow! We had just grown accustomed to the bucket shower, two flushes a night, and elephants outside our tent and here we were in the plush accommodations of Kitela Lodge. It was the perfect stop in the middle of the tented camps. Simply divine.
We appreciate all you and the African Adventure Company did to facilitate such a wonderful trip. We are most grateful. And we will be sure to make referrals whenever opportunities present themselves.

Best,

**Kathy and Marc Patoff**

Hello Kyle -

First - I will certainly recommend The Africa Adventure Company to others. We had a wonderful trip!

Our safari guide Jabshir was as good as they come - simply outstanding in every way. He made the trip a wonderful experience and he was a true joy to be with. (And he had to put up with hours of endless jokes!!) We cannot recommend him highly enough, and that comes from previous experience on another safari.

Our accommodations were fine and we really enjoyed the Serengeti Shared Explorer Camp.

I was so pleased to experience the good will that the people of Tanzania had for Americans. I really didn't know what to expect. They are a wonderful, welcoming country. This is something that many of our own countrymen don't realize or appreciate. With all of the crazy things happening in the world, Tanzania was a tranquil, beautiful and joyful country to visit.

Well done.

Best wishes,

**David Brickley**

Hello Elena,

Well......it has taken me a bit to find time to write you back about our trip, but what a trip it was!!

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Africa, and can't thank you enough for the amazing organization. We were very impressed always having a guide to help us right from our touchdown in Nairobi until our departure two weeks later. Being in unfamiliar surroundings, it was so nice to have someone always there to show us the way.

We have some amazing pictures, a few of which I am sending separately from my ipad, to remember our spectacular vacation.

Thought I’d give you some feedback about the different places we stayed:

1. Tortillis – Accommodations were amazing, very clean, people very friendly, location was fabulous with the watering hole right out back (we enjoyed watching the animals coming for a drink, as we had our own drinks in the lounge haha).
2. Maramboi Tented Camp – We loved the location of the camp amongst the animals, and especially the pool area with happy hour each day. Loved sitting watching the animals while sitting by the pool having drinks and appetizers before dinner. Food was quite delicious.
3. Neptune Exploreans – Now this was spectacular!! From the greeting from the owners/staff when we arrived, to the beautiful cottages we stayed in, to the fun loving staff, to the fabulous room service with appetizers and drinks delivered right to our balcony, to the jaw dropping views at the pool, we thoroughly enjoyed our stay at Neptune. Wish we could have stayed longer! This is probably the nicest resort we have ever stayed in! Food was excellent also.

Just wanted you to know we had an amazing time! A trip we will never forget! Thanks again for all of your help in the planning process, and the execution! It went seamlessly!

All the best

**Brian & Catherine Self**