

14-DAY GROUP EXPLORER TENTED SAFARI TO TANZANIA

Group safari to Tarangire/Lake Eyasi/Ngorongoro/Serengeti

Land price @ \$5,275.00 per person

2018 Departure Dates

Jan 01	Jan 15	Feb 05	Feb 12	Feb 19	Mar 05
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Program highlights:

- This is our most affordable group safari departure.
- The accommodations include staying in a comfortable mobile tented camp, as well as a permanent tented camp and a small country hotel.
- You will drive from park to park where you will be able to enjoy the African scenery including the Great Rift Valley.
- Group size is maximum 10 people on a departure.



- The driver/guides will have excellent knowledge of the areas you will visit. The parks you will visit include Tarangire, Lake Eyasi, Ngorongoro and the Serengeti.

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 as the standard of guiding is very high. Their philosophy is to help you experience the bush in addition to viewing wildlife in some of Africa's top wildlife reserves.

You will have full camp service with your home comforts. The tents are large (10ft x 10ft x 8ft), with insect proof windows, comfortable single cot beds with fresh linens and duvets, private verandas. Each tent has en suite hot water bush shower and toilet tent. 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. You may wish to be flexible on your game drives and take a packed breakfast departing at sunrise and return for a late lunch. Or if you prefer have an early breakfast in camp and take a picnic lunch returning to camp for dinner.



Guides - may include Farunbo Nixon, Haji Mustafa, Eddie Chami, Samson Mweta and Ally Faraji Kileo.



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.



Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	USA – Europe – Kilimanjaro	Travel
02	– Europe – Kilimanjaro	Mt. Meru Hotel
03	Drive Arusha - Tarangire Afternoon game drive	Maramboi Tented Camp or Burunge Tented Camp
04	Tarangire	Maramboi or Burunge Tented Camp
05	Drive to Lake Eyasi Visit Mto wa Mbu Village	Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp
06	Full day with Hadzi Bushmen	Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp
07	Drive to Ngorongoro Crater	Ngorongoro Farm House or Tloma Lodge
08	Full Day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater	Ngorongoro Farm House or Tloma Lodge
09	Drive to Serengeti	Kati Kati Explorer Camp
10-12	3 days of game viewing - Serengeti	3 nights Kati Kati Explorer Camp
13	Drive Serengeti – Arusha Fly Kilimanjaro – Europe	Travel
14	Fly Europe – USA	Home

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DAY 01 (MON) USA/EUROPE

Depart this evening on your overnight flight.

DAY 02 (TUE) EUROPE/KILIMANJARO/ARUSHA

Morning arrival in Europe. Connect with your scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your lodge.

Located in the city of Arusha, Tanzania, the **Mount Meru Hotel** lies on nine acres of lush landscape, surrounded by some of Africa's most breath-taking vistas. The hotel offers 178 rooms with individual air-conditioning, mini bar, electronic safes, satellite television, free Wi-Fi, hair dryer and tea and coffee making facilities. The restaurant and lounge open out onto the terrace. There is a swimming pool to cool off in between touring. The adjacent carefully designed golf course is sure to attract bird lovers from all over. An array of birdies, eagles and even an albatross or two have been rumored to be in residence.

Accommodation: Mount Meru Hotel (B)



DAY 03 (WED) ARUSHA/TARANGIRE-LAKE MANYARA ECO-SYSTEM

After breakfast, depart by road with your group to 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) – *time permitting*.
Accommodation: Maramboi Tented Camp (Full Board)



OR

Lake Burunge Tented Camp, built on the shores of Lake Burunge, is located in the migratory corridor between Tarangire and Lake Manyara. The luxury camp features 20 en suite tents with flush toilets and hot/cold water showers and a spacious private verandah. The camp's main building includes a central lounge and bar dining area with a raised wooden deck. Optional activities include a bush walk or visit to Lake Burunge – *time permitting*.
Accommodation: Lake Burunge Tented Camp (Full Board)



DAY 04 (THU)

TARANGIRE-LAKE MANYARA ECO-SYSTEM

Enjoy a day of activities including a guided bush walk. You will also visit a local Maasai village.
Accommodation: Maramboi Tented Camp or Lake Burunge Tented Camp (Full Board)



DAY 05 (FRI)

TARANGIRE/LAKE EYASI

After breakfast drive across the floor of the Great Rift Valley to Mto wa Mbu where you can mingle in the markets.

After climbing the Rift Valley escarpment near Lake Manyara, you will reach Karatu where you take a rough road to Lake Eyasi. Lake Eyasi lies on the southern border of the Ngorongoro Conservation area and is Tanzania's largest soda lake.

This area is where the Wahadzabi hunter-gatherers live. Spend the days exploring on foot this dry and rugged landscape, which is still inhabited by this small group of bushmen. They live in bands, hunting with bows and arrows; gathering roots, tubers and wild fruits, similar to the way man lived 10,000 years ago. Another interesting tribe in this area is the Datoga (also called the Barabaig or Mang'ati). Initially, they were exercising a lot of rivalry over grazing land with the Maasai, but this is a thing of the past.

Kisima Ngeda Camp is located on the eastern shore of Lake Eyasi. The camp has seven permanent tents set in the shade of a grove of doum palms, with magnificent views across the soda lake to the 3,000 ft escarpment on the other side. To the north are the Ngorongoro Highlands. Scenically, this area is stunning. The tents, each of which is built under a thatched structure, are ingeniously made almost entirely of palm (thatch and poles) and with scrupulous attention to the use of ecologically sound materials. The camp is run by Chris and Nani Schmelling, who have been farming in the area for many years. Having grown up in the area, Chris knows many of the tribe well.

Accommodation: Kisima Ngeda Camp (Full Board)



DAY 06 (SAT)

LAKE EYASI

Hike and visit with the Hadzi Bushmen.

This is a very delicate interaction with these traditional hunter-gatherers. Your visit will coincide with their daily schedule. There is no way to predict if you may join the men on a bow and arrow hunt, gather wood or food with the women, or perhaps be an honored guest at a family celebration. There will also be a chance to walk with them in the bush and listen to your guide interpret their bush lore.

Accommodation: Kisima Ngeda Camp (Full Board)



DAY 07 (SUN)

LAKE EYASI/NGORONGORO

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.

This afternoon enjoy a walk on the coffee farm at Ngorongoro Farm.

Ngorongoro Farm House is a small and exclusive lodge facing the Oldeani Volcano, about a ten minute drive from the gate entrance to Ngorongoro Crater. There are 52 cottages built on the style of an old colonial farm offering an atmosphere from a bygone era. The main building, covered with a thatch roof, has a reception, bar, dining area, library and lounge with fireplace. There is also a swimming pool and internet access.

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Farm House (Full Board)



OR

Tloma Lodge offers 20 cottages located within the Ngorongoro Highlands area. Its brilliant positioning on the raised shoulder of a valley provides breathtaking views over a coffee-plantation and onto the eastern wall of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater. Ngorongoro Farm House, is only 15 minutes away.

Accommodation: Tloma Lodge (Full Board)



DAY 08 (MON)

NGORONGORO

This morning depart to the Crater Rim and descend with a packed picnic for a day of game viewing on the crater floor. Return to your lodge late in the day. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

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: Ngorongoro Farm House or Tloma Lodge (Full Board)



DAY 09 (TUE)

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.



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.

You will spend four nights based at your camp.

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.

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DAY 10 - 12 (WED - FRI) SERENGETI

Three days of game-viewing by vehicle.

Accommodation: Kati Kati Explorer Camp (Full Board)



DAY 13 (SAT) SERENGETI/ARUSHA-KILIMANJARO/EUROPE

This morning depart by vehicle and road transfer to Arusha. (There is an optional scheduled charter flight to Arusha which eliminates an 8 hour drive.)

You have the option of getting a dayroom in Arusha (optional upgrade).

This evening transfer to Kilimanjaro for your departing international flight.

DAY 14 (SUN) EUROPE/USA

Arrival in Europe. Onward flight home.

WELCOME HOME!

2018 TANZANIA GROUP SAFARI LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

AAC has included complimentary roundtrip airport transfers – a value of \$125.00 per person

Safari Arrangements	\$5,275.00 per person sharing
Single supplement	\$1,050.00
Optional Upgrades:	
Flight Serengeti/Arusha (Day 13)	\$ 250.00 per person
Dayroom in Arusha (Day 13)	\$ 110.00 per person sharing
Balloon Safari	\$ 550.00 per person
Upgrade to PRIVATE guide and vehicle	\$1175.00 per person – based on 2 people \$ 995.00 per person – based on 3 people \$ 775.00 per person – based on 4 people Based on 5-6 people – Complimentary

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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: Northwest/KLM from **\$1,899.00 per person** (low season)
BUSINESS AIR: from **\$6,299.00 per person** (low season)
New York/Kilimanjaro/New York (via Amsterdam) - Please call for add-ons from your departure city.

LAND ARRANGEMENT COSTS INCLUDE:

- Meals on safari including mineral water & soft drinks (Full Board)
- Accommodations (tents with en suite bathrooms)
- Breakfast (B) in Arusha
- Airport transfers (*compliments of AAC – a value of \$125 per person*)
- National Park entry fees
- Unlimited mileage in 4x4 safari vehicle
- Flying doctor service
- Cool box in vehicle with complimentary mineral water during game drives
- Activities such as a Maasai village visit in Tarangire, Mto wa Mbu cultural village visit and walking in the Ngorongoro highlands

NOT INCLUDED:

- Scheduled charter flight Serengeti/Arusha
- Tips to Tanzania guides and camp staff
- Tanzania visa
- Airport departure taxes
- Laundry and additional drinks
- International scheduled airfares
- Travel insurance
- Optional balloon safari (\$550.00 per person)

NOTES:

- 1) From July-October, there is the opportunity to stay at the **Kati Kati Mara Camp**, which is the ideal base to witness the migration. Based on availability, you would spend two nights in the central Serengeti and then move to the northern camp for the next two nights. Please request details.
- 2) The base program price of \$5,275.00 is based on flying directly into Kilimanjaro Airport, Tanzania at the beginning and end of the program. If flying into Nairobi, there are additional costs.
- 3) Occasionally alternative accommodations may be used in Tarangire and Lake Eyasi. Lake Burunge Tented Camp may be used in lieu of Maramboi Tented Camp. Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge may be used instead of Kisima Ngeda.
- 4) **Children ages 7-12 @ \$3,695.00 per child sharing with adult**



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Trip Reports:

This was a very exciting and memorial trip and rates as one of our most favorite places we have visited. The trip exceeded our expectations both from the standpoint of all the pre trip materials provided, the answers to all of our questions prior to leaving, the helpful guides as to what to bring and wear, and the summaries of each of the camp locations.

Our guide, Cosmas-Manangi, was excellent. He was attentive, professional, knowledgeable and all around a great team player working with the other guides so that every chance to see animals in actions was made possible. He was the first in line whenever a land rover got stuck in the mud and needed to be pulled out, or when a water truck broke down and blocked everyone from going forward, making sure that it was moved away so we could get through.

His ability to drive and spot wild life was amazing. We never returned to camp after a day's outing thinking that we had missed something. We were one of the lucky travelers that upon returning to our home, can brag that we were able to see all of the Big Five and so many other animals, besides the common, giraffes, baboons, zebras, wildebeest, impalas, various birds and lizards.

Each camp site (Maramboi, Kisima Ngeda, Kati Kati) had its own ambiance, and we enjoyed them all. The staff, the facilities, the food and the service was excellent. The last camp site was even more memorable because we could hear the lions and the hyenas walking around our tents, but still felt very safe.

The *African Safari Journal and Field Guide* you sent us was a real plus! Reviewing it before leaving on the trip gave us a good idea of what we would be seeing and then while on the Safari it was a good reference. Now that we are home we are using it again as a reference to properly identify and label our pictures. Our guide was so impressed with it, and since we had two copies, we left one with him.

All of your correspondence, contacts and follow-up material with us prior to leaving for the trip was a real plus. Everything went like clockwork. We would highly suggest that those traveling from the USA to Tanzania really plan a one day early arrival to help with the long flight and to see Arusha. For us it allowed Liz and me to meet friends of ours who are running a Massai School about 5 miles from the airport.

George Williams

