

TANZANIA

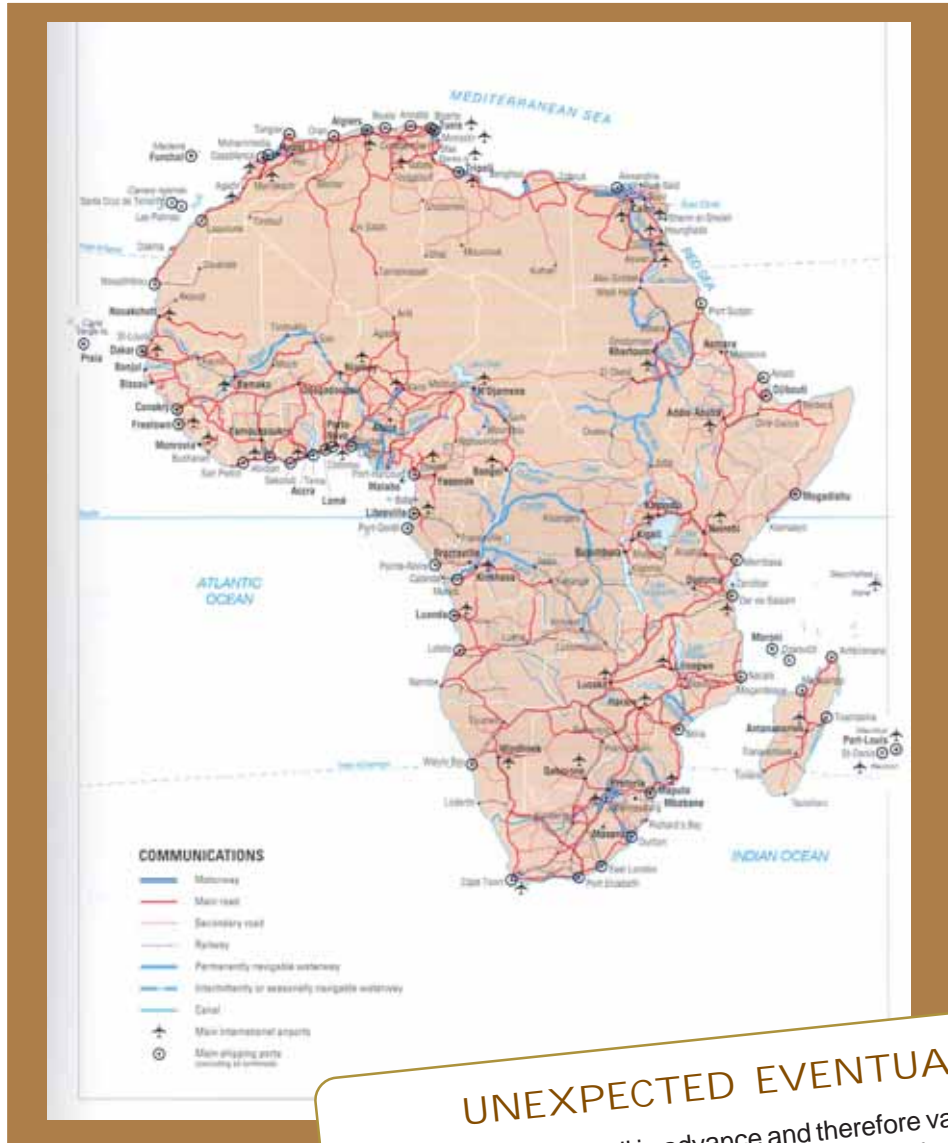


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“Nothing can really prepare you for Africa: it is too full of extremes and contrasts, too immense - a spectrum of creation so much wider and more vivid than anywhere else that it seems to require a new set of senses, or the rediscovery of lost ones.”

--Evelyn James, A Glimpse of Eden



UNEXPECTED EVENTUALITIES

Safaris are planned well in advance and therefore variations may occur. Sometimes it is necessary to make last minute changes for the good of the Safari due to road conditions, floods, bridges (or lack of them), drought, animal movement, local situations, elephants who have right of way, or any other unexpected eventuality. In other words, be prepared to go with the flow, as you are on Safari and not at a theme park.

ADVENTURE SEEKERS

Educational & Photographic Safaris

Please note that International Air Transportation from West Palm Beach to Kilimanjaro is not included in this proposal in order to provide passengers with the opportunity to use Frequent Flyer Miles or other Awards and/or to seek promotional airfares which are sometimes lower than our Contract rates. We are of course available to arrange this transportation, and provide ticketing for those who wish us to do so.

Day 1, Friday, February 4, 2011 west palm beach/Detroit/
Amsterdam - (suggested flight schedule)

Depart West Palm Beach on a Northwest Airlines flight via Detroit to Amsterdam. (meals aloft)

Day 2, Saturday, February 5 Amsterdam/Arusha

Arrive in Amsterdam Schiphol Airport where you will connect on your KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight to Kilimanjaro. On arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport you will be met and transferred to your lodge. Overnight at **Mountain Village Lodge**. (meals on board)

Day 3, Sunday, February 6 ndarakwai

After breakfast, drive from Arusha to Ndarakwai Camp. Arrive in time for lunch and settle in before you depart on your afternoon game drive. Return to the camp for dinner and overnight at **Ndarakwai Camp**. B/L/D

NDARAKWAI RANCH

Ndarakwai Ranch is over 11,000 acres in size and located west of Kilimanjaro. The privately owned ranch is an experiment in self-sustaining conservation preserving a variety of habitats that are home to over 65 mammal species, and 350 bird species. Ndarakwai is part of the Amboseli / Ngasurai Basin eco-system and helps to preserve important seasonal elephant routes. Many species are permanent residents, while others use Ndarakwai seasonally.

The camp is a permanent tented lodge on Ndarakwai Ranch. With views of both Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru, the camp is nestled in a lush forest of towering fig, and yellow-barked acacias that line the seasonal Ngare Nairobi River (North). Facilities include 12 spacious tents with thatched roofs, en suite bathrooms with safari-style showers, and a large separate dining area.

Mealtimes are flexible and can be arranged with your guide and the camp Manager. Picnic lunches, bush breakfasts, and a bush campfire & bar are easily arranged. In the evening you can gather around either of 2 indoor fireplaces, or an outdoor campfire for snacks and sundowners.

Day 4, Monday, February 7

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Breakfast and set off for a full day game activities with picnic lunches. Dinner and overnight at **Ndarakwai Camp**. B/L/D



Day 5, Tuesday, February 8

Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast depart on a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park before proceeding to the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Its enduring charm stems from its overwhelming physical beauty and the abundance of wildlife permanently resident on the Crater floor. Lunch at the camp and later descend for a game drive on the crater floor. Return to the camp for dinner and overnight at **Ngorongoro Lemala Camp**. B/L/D

LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

A Groundwater Forest in the Great Rift Valley

“To find elephants, we stopped and listened. Elephants are never silent, whether resting or feeding. A rumble from any member who is separated from the herd, a squeal from a calf shoved forcibly away from whatever his mother is eating, or some youngsters trumpeting in mock fury as their budding tusks clonk against each other; these sounds betray their direction.”

—Iain Douglas-Hamilton

The one main road through the Park goes through rapidly changing habitats, starting with a dense ground water forest formed by seepage from the escarpment wall. This is a good place to look for Sykes monkey, and olive baboon are always seen here. Also, the silvery cheeked hornbill, a spectacular bird whether perched or in flight. Further along is a stand of acacia trees, favored by giraffes. We often note how dark the pattern is on many of the giraffe in this Park. Date palms, wild mango trees (a favorite of buffalo), and yellow fever trees are readily identified as well as the manyara plant, from which the Park received its name. It is a Maasai word for a Euphorbia species used to grow livestock stockade fences.

The Park is one of the smallest in Tanzania and about 70% of it is water. The Lake was formed by water running down the escarpment wall, depositing into a depression. A portion of the Lake is alkaline and flamingo are found here. The Simba River forms the Hippo Pool. Amongst the many hippo are a variety of birds, including knob-billed duck, fish eagle, saddle billed stork, spoonbill, cormorant, hammerkop and pratincole. Frequently at Manyara we have sightings of the ground hornbill and the monitor lizard. One side of the park is the western escarpment of the Great Rift Valley. There is no escarpment wall on the east as there is in Kenya.

Day 6, Wednesday, February 9

Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast descend into the Crater for the morning. Return to the camp for lunch. In the afternoon depart for the local Masai Village. Dinner and overnight at **Ngorongoro Lemala Camp**. B/L/D



NGORONGORO CRATER

A Microcosm of Africa

“It is impossible to give a fair description of the size and beauty of the Crater, for there is nothing with which one can compare it. It is one of the Wonders of the World..”

– Prof. Bernhard Grzimek

A World Heritage Site, the Ngorongoro Crater is truly one of the wonders of the world. To be accurate it should be called a caldera, not a crater, as it is a volcano whose crust collapsed into itself. It is 10 miles by 12 miles in area and contains the Lerai Forest (yellow fever trees), swamps, Lake Magadi (alkaline), grasslands, small rivers and woodlands.

The Crater has an ecosystem all its own, with its own weather pattern. Often the rim is ringed with mist, yet the sun shines on the Crater floor. It's a great place for photographing cloud formations. Try shooting vertically with the Crater floor in the lower portion of the frame with the sky showing above the top of the rim.

The Crater supports up to 25,000 large mammals, most of whom live their entire lifetime in the Crater; only a few migrate. This is one of the few places in the world where one can still see free roaming black rhino. There are between 10 and 15 rhino still there, some with young. Only bull elephant inhabit the Crater and are quite spectacular. The females and young stay on top of the rim or the outer slopes. The Crater is known for its handsome black maned lions. The lion population has been studied for years. It is unique in that it remains fairly constant.

Birding in the Crater is good. Greater and lesser flamingo fly in to feed and are found on Lake Magadi along with black-headed heron, Egyptian geese, saddle-billed stork, ibis, yellow-billed stork and various species of duck. If the grass is short you often see the wing snapping cisticola and the territorial display of the Kori bustard. The crowned crane is another of the large birds here, as well as the ostrich.

Day 7, Thursday, February 10

Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, you will have a game drive in the Crater before driving to Olduvai Gorge and onto the Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world, unequalled for its natural beauty and the greatest concentration of plains game anywhere. Arrive in time for lunch and check in. Spend the early part of the afternoon exploring the camp and grounds. Depart for the afternoon game drive returning to the camp in time for dinner and overnight at **Lemala Serengeti - Ndutu Luxury Camp**. B/L/D

Days 8/9/10, Friday/Saturday/Sunday, February 11/12/13

Serengeti National Park

These days enjoy fantastic game drives in the most famous national park in the world. Lunch at the camp and then an afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at **Lemala Serengeti Ndutu Luxury Camp**. B/L/D



SERENGETI

Savannah, Woodlands, Rivers, Kopjes

“There are few who are not profoundly moved by a visit to the Serengeti. For some it is a crossroads in their lives, an emotional rebirth, a lightening of the spirit at the sight of so many animals, such space.”

– Jonathan Scott

The Serengeti may very well be the most famous National Park in the world. The name comes from the Maasai ‘Siringet’ meaning “an extended place”. Certainly the image of the Serengeti is open grass savannah as far as the eye can see. But other ecological features include acacia savannah, densely wooded sections, perennial and seasonal rivers, and dramatic kopje rocks.

Kopje is an Afrikaans word meaning small head. These smooth granite domes serve as an island of life in a sea of grass. They support distinct populations of animals that live in them or drink from their rock pools. Look for hyrax, mongoose, baboon, dik-dik, agama lizard and even lion.

On the plains one of the more dominant animal silhouettes is that of the topi antelope. It often stands on a mound and is unmistakable with its sloping profile. It has deep blue on its haunches, otherwise it is mostly reddish-brown with thick horns.

The Myth of the Migration

Don’t be misled by the Discovery Channel. Those who have seen the migration only on film are repeatedly fed the dramatic image of the wildebeest crashing into a river frantically swimming to the other side, with crocodiles lurking. Yes, this happens, but only twice a year. It’s like watching a professional baseball game that was a brilliant duel between both pitchers, and with two outs in the last of the ninth inning the batter hits a home run. That will be shown again and again on sportscasts, but the point of the game will be missed. So it is with the migration. The movement of the mass herds is triggered by the rains. When you truly see the migration, it’s a bunch of wildebeest and zebra standing in the rain eating fresh green grass. It’s not very dramatic, has no background music, but it is true unedited nature. T.A.B.

Day 11, Monday, February 14

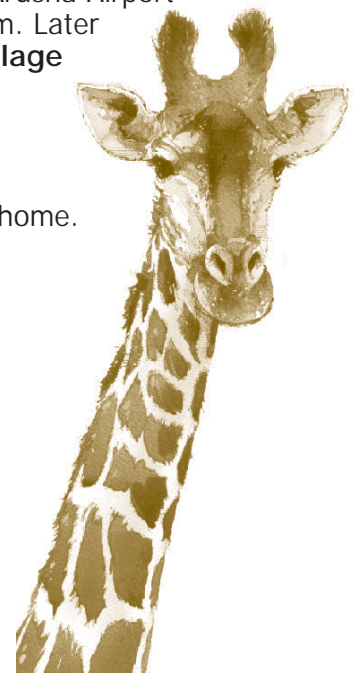
Serengeti National Park/Arusha/Amsterdam

Transfer to the airstrip for your charter flight to Arusha. On arrival at Arusha Airport you are met and transferred to Mountain Village for lunch and dayroom. Later transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport to catch your flight home. **Mountain Village Serena. B**

Day 12, Tuesday, February 15

Amsterdam / Detroit/West Palm Beach

Return to Amsterdam airport for your connecting flight to Detroit and home. (meals on board)



SAFARI TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS: Are assured on the acceptance by **Adventure Seekers, Inc** of a \$1500.00 non refundable deposit per person**

**Ref. Single willing to share. If roommate is not available, single supplement charges apply.*

INFORMATION: On receipt of deposit, you will receive complete information regarding passport, visa, health requirements, seating requests, suggested reading matter and clothing as well as informative literature.

TAXES and GRATUITIES: Hotel taxes as imposed by governments are included, as are entrance fees to places of interest, tipping for portage, and group meals per this itinerary, (while in Africa).

NOT INCLUDED: Costs of obtaining passports, visas, excess baggage charges, items of purely personal nature, such as drinks, laundry and telephone. Trip insurance is not included. Tipping for your driver/guides is **not** included, as well as any foreign departure taxes (if required).

BAGGAGE: Two pieces of luggage not to exceed 44 lbs. per person are permitted on international flights. While on safari, 33 pounds per person of soft-sided luggage, plus one carry-on bag and camera bag are allowed. Excess baggage fees apply and may be charged by the airlines, at airport check-in.

CANCELLATION:

Less than 12 -10 weeks 50% of tour price per person

Less than 10- 8 weeks 60% of tour price per person

Less than 6 weeks 100% of tour price per person

We highly recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance: Application forms will be mailed with your deposit acknowledgement letter.

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RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve space for me/us on your

"Tanzania Safari"

departing February 4, 2011 from Kilimanjaro. Enclosed is my/our non refundable deposit of \$_____ (\$1500 per person non refundable is required) made payable to *Adventure Seekers*. I understand that the total **land only** cost is \$6575 per person, double occupancy. Single Occupancy is an additional \$1695

- I require single occupancy for \$1695 add.
- Please quote business class airfare
- Please quote airfare from my home city: _____

Please send further information to the following address:

Name: _____

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(As it appears or will appear on your passport)

Address: _____

City: _____ St: ____ Zip: _____

Phone:(Home): _____ (Work): _____

Email address: _____

All participants must sign that they have read and accept the Safari Terms and Conditions.

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