
SPLENDORS OF TANZANIA

A COX & KINGS PRIVATE SAFARI JOURNEY

EXPLORING THE WILDLIFE, CULTURE AND NATURAL HISTORY OF TANZANIA

Arusha ♦ Tarangire ♦ Lake Manyara ♦ Ngorongoro Crater ♦ Serengeti

TOUR DETAILS

11 Days / 10 Nights

START / END

Kilimanjaro / Kilimanjaro

2009 PRICES

Dry Season (Jan – Mar, Jun 16 – Oct 31 & Dec 16-31)

Superior Camps: US \$ 8,815 per person double occupancy
US \$ 915 single supplement

Deluxe Camps: US \$16,765 per person double occupancy
US \$ 815 single supplement

Shoulder Season (Nov 1 – Dec 15)

Superior Camps: US \$ 8,215 per person double occupancy
US \$ 835 single supplement

Deluxe Camps: N/A

Green Season (Apr – May)

Superior Camps: US \$ 6,815 per person double occupancy
US \$ 495 single supplement

Deluxe Camps: N/A

Optional Hot Air Ballooning: \$415 (subject to change)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

All accommodation as per the itinerary based on breakfast daily

Full board dining daily and all activities included by private vehicle while on safari

All internal flights and road transfers within Tanzania

Services of a private English-speaking, naturalist guide for all sightseeing and game viewing throughout

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

International Airfare from the United States

Visa fees

Travel insurance

Airport taxes and excess baggage fees

Gratuities

Personal expenses such as beverages, laundry and telecommunication charges

Tanzania is home to an abundance of animals and a myriad of fascinating cultures living in the most gorgeous wilderness on Earth. This safari will take you through the land of the Maasai onto the famed plains of the Serengeti, into the indescribable Ngorongoro Crater and on to the Tarangire Park with its vast herds of elephants. We have chosen lodges for their luxury, remote locations and access to the best wildlife in the least traversed areas. Witnessing the annual zebra and wildebeest migration, which passes through the Serengeti, is the ultimate wildlife experience. However, annual rainfall dictates the actual pattern and dates of the migration.

Day One Arrive Kilimanjaro and on to Arusha

Arrive this afternoon at the Kilimanjaro International Airport, where you are met by a Cox & Kings representative and transferred by road the 30 minutes to Arusha and your hotel. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Mountain Village or Arusha Coffee Lodge**

Superior Property - Mountain Village, secreted in the depths of a tree-shaded coffee plantation, wreathed in multi-colored tresses of tumbling bougainvillea, cooled by mountain streams and strung like a necklace around the shores of an idyllic wooded lake, **Mountain Village** offers a haven of calm and serenity just outside the hustle and bustle of Arusha, Tanzania's premier 'Safari Town'. Set in the flowered gardens of a coffee planter's farm house and surrounded by rolling groves of wax-green coffee bushes, Mountain Village offers wide timbered decks with panoramic views over Lake Duluti, and a selection of ethnically-styled 'Rondavel' village-cluster rooms, each one neatly thatched with 'Makuti' stems, lavishly embellished with 'Makonde' carvings and comfortably furnished in traditional safari style.

Deluxe Property - Arusha Coffee Lodge is the first truly five-star hotel in Arusha and offers sweeping views over the coffee estate and Mount Meru. Inspired by a traditional working coffee plantation, they have created an amazing interactive guest experience, with accommodation to the highest levels of comfort. All the private chalets feature multi-level living areas, with huge balconies and stunning fireplaces. Each chalet has its own private coffee grinder and in-room percolator, to get the true aroma of the coffee estate!! Dinner is served at Redd's African Grill House, which is situated alongside Arusha Coffee Lodge. Inspired by the original African Grill House, the menu features an amazing array of both traditional Tanzanian cuisine and other African specialities. Most of the ingredients are freshly supplied from our neighbouring farm, and there is also a special al-la-carte menu for the not so adventurous.

Day Two To Tarangire National Park and Kikoti

After breakfast depart by road for Tarangire National Park in a private custom-built safari vehicle driven by your personal safari driver / guide. A packed lunch, sodas and water are provided. After a full day's leisurely game-drive in the park, transfer to Kikoti Camp for a relaxing evening. Enjoy dinner at the camp. **Kikoti Camp or Oliver's Camp**

Tarangire National Park is known for its elephant population and gigantic Baobab Trees. The park is also a bird watchers paradise. During the dry season there are vast amounts of animals that migrate from the dry Masai steppe to the Tarangire River. At

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about 1,000 sq. miles, Tarangire is far from being the biggest of the Tanzanian parks, but its unrivalled landscape of open plains, dotted with thousands of baobabs, is unforgettable. About 75 miles south of Arusha on the Dodoma road, Tarangire rivals the Serengeti for the size of the game herds that congregate here at peak season (June to November). This is when many of the animals crowd around the only source of permanent water in the park, the Tarangire River. This is also the best place in Tanzania to see large herds of elephant. But be warned, the going can be rough and some of the tracks are impassable in the rainy season. Tarangire is another park known for its tree-climbing lions, and for its very big herds of buffalo. This is one of Africa's little-known gems and should be on the itinerary of all lovers of wilderness and solitude. The game numbers are staggering: 30,000 zebra, 25,000 wildebeest, 5,000 buffalo, 3,000 elephant, 2,500 Maasai giraffe and over 1,000 fringe-eared oryx (gemsbok). Predators include lion, cheetah and leopard, and birders will want to look out for the endemic ashy starling, rufous-tailed weaver and yellow lovebird.

Superior Camp – Kikoti Camp is a private sanctuary of some 10,000 acres right in the middle of this migration route bordering the National Park. Kikoti is unique in being able to observe both the dry season migration towards the Tarangire's waters, and then the reversal, as this eco-systems wildlife turns around and disperse out over 20,000 sq kms of surrounding Maasailand as the opportunity of light sporadic rains fall in November- January. **Kikoti Camp** is named after a nearby, mile long stretch of Kopjes. These ancient boulders command views of epic proportions. To the north, the Rift Valley Escarpment and Ngorongoro Highlands rise above Lake Manyara, to the east are the Simanjiro Plains, calving grounds to the wildebeest herds. To the north and east Mountains Kilimanjaro and Meru are seen on clear days. Immediately to the west Tarangire National Park - the Tarangire eco-system and the pastoralist Maasai on whose land we operate being the focus. The camp design has been kept as discrete as possible, the 8 luxury mobile tents have been sited amongst the natural features of this landscape. Large twin bedded tents are individually sited and furnished with wooden beds, coffee tables, chairs, camp style wardrobes, wash basins and an en-suite camp toilet & bucket shower. Delicious meals are prepared and are served in the large dining tents as and when clients individual schedule demands and cold drinks are always available.

Deluxe Camp – Oliver's Camp, near the little visited eastern region of Tarangire National Park, offers rustic luxury, excellent game viewing and exceptional birdlife. The camp, lying in the heart of this amazing ecosystem has just five tents set well apart from each other, and is ideal for those who appreciate privacy as well as unique safari opportunities. The great stone fireplace, near the library and dining tents, has wonderful views and is a convivial focal point for mulling over the day's adventures. Long or short walking safaris, off-road expeditions in open vehicles and fly camping are all possible in this beautiful wilderness.

Day Three Tarangire National Park
Embark on game viewing and activities in Tarangire National Park. **Kikoti Camp or Oliver's Camp**

Day Four To Lake Manyara
After breakfast depart by road for Lake Manyara. **Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge or Lake Manyara Tree Lodge**

Although **Lake Manyara National Park** covers an area of only 318sq km, its terrain is so diverse that its mammal and bird lists are some of the most impressive in Tanzania. The Park includes not only a substantial portion of the lake and its shores but also large areas of ground-water forest with giant fig and mahogany trees alternating with acacia woodland and open swamplands. The Park is bordered to the west by the dramatic western escarpment of the Rift Valley and to the east by the Lake which spreads out in a shimmering heat haze backed by a narrow band of forest and the sheer red and brown cliffs of the escarpment. The name is derived from the Maasai word for the Euphorbia tirucalli bush which the tribesmen plant as a living stockade to keep their

cattle from straying. As to wildlife, the park offers abundant sightings of; monkey, jackal, mongoose, hyena, hyrax, zebra, hippo, warthog, buffalo, Masai giraffe, duiker, waterbuck and impala. Significant numbers of elephant are also resident in the Park whilst sightings of black rhino and leopard are not uncommon. Manyara is also especially noted for its wealth of bird life, being visited by many thousands of sugar-pink Lesser Flamingos, significant numbers of Greater Flamingos and a host of other woodland, plains and water birds.

Superior Camp - Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge, standing high on the bluff of a dramatic ochre and terracotta streaked cliff above the flamingo-frosted expanse of Lake Manyara's gleaming alkaline waters, the lodge commands panoramic views across the volcano-studded floor of the Great Rift Valley. Designed to reflect the brilliance of Lake Manyara's unique birdlife, the Lodge draws on an inspirational architectural motif that melds swooping avian curves with the gentle concentric patterns of traditional Maasai 'Bomas' (encampments) whilst the vibrantly colored frescoes lining the walls are designed to depict the colorful intricacy of bird migratory patterns. The ambiance of the Lodge is a fusion of lakeside tranquility, towering volcanic splendor and adventure-packed sporting activity.

Deluxe Camp - Lake Manyara Tree Lodge is situated in the exclusive southern area of Lake Manyara National Park, approximately a kilometer from the lakeshore. Most of the safari operators conduct game viewing in the northern areas of the park, thus you will be assured of undisturbed, private game viewing. There are only ten luxury tree house lodges, made from timber and thatched roofs, overlooking the forested boma. The rooms are romantic, spacious and private, all equipped with modern conveniences such as an outdoor shower, and full en suite bathrooms. Cuisine offered at the Lodge is unpretentious, wholesome and delicious. For a more intimate dining experience, staff will pack a picnic lunch and sundowners for you to enjoy around the lakeshore.

Day Five Lake Manyara
Embark on game viewing and activities in and around Lake Manyara and in the National Park. **Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge or Lake Manyara Tree Lodge**

Day Six To the Ngorongoro Crater
Today you will be driven through the rich and fertile farming highland of Northern Tanzania into the Ngorongoro Conservancy Area and on to your stunning lodge. **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge or Ngorongoro Crater Lodge**

Ngorongoro was once a gigantic volcano, perhaps taller than Kilimanjaro. Today – its peak long since collapsed and eroded – it is now an extensive highland area with the famous Ngorongoro Crater as its focal point. This natural amphitheater covers an area 260 sq.km and has approximately 25,000 larger mammals almost half Zebra and Wildebeest. The wildlife within the Crater is one of the world's wonders. The Crater has been declared a World Heritage Site.

Superior Camp – Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge is perched on the jagged rim of the crater, wreathed in morning mist, camouflaged in river-stone and cloaked in indigenous creepers. The lodge is a triumph of ecological and architectural fusion. Sensitive constructed so as to take nothing from its environment whilst affording endless vistas over the heat-shimmering reaches of the crater below, the clustered boulder-built buildings of the Lodge hug the crater rim, linked by rope-lashed timber walkways that skirt the buttressed roots of ancient, liana-hung trees. The interior, radiating out from the primeval log fire glowing at the heart of the Lodge, blends the concentrated hush of a game-viewing hide with the ochre, rust and charcoal images of a prehistoric cavern. Lit by flaming wall-lanterns, clad in gigantic volcanic boulders and decorated by the iron spears, bright-beaded robes and intricately carved artifacts of the Maasai, the Lodge is a unique blend of luxury, timeless volcanic splendor and ethnic style. As for the views, from lilac-streaked sunrise, to indigo star-

studded night, the immeasurably ancient Ngorongoro Crater delivers a theatre of vistas, most unchanged since the dawn of time.

Deluxe Camp - Ngorongoro Crater Lodge stands high on the southwestern rim of Ngorongoro Crater. With commanding views of the Crater, the lodge offers you three adjacent camps with 30 suites perched on stilts on the crater rim. Resembling a magical Masai village, the lodge is set in classic crescents. Each stone and thatch suite has spectacular views of the crater from large glass windows in the bathroom, lounge, and bedroom, which makes it renowned for superb game viewing. The North and South camps have 12 suites each, while the intimate Tree Camp has six suites. All luxury suites have en suite bathrooms with chandelier-lit bathtubs and showers, and a personal butler who tends to all your requirements. The three exclusive camps operate independently, each with a central living area and viewing deck overlooking the crater. African cuisine is served in the outdoor dining area near a log fire, or in the dining room. The Lodge has numerous activities including croquet, board games and also game drives & bird watching in the crater and Masai cultural visits.

Day Seven Ngorongoro Crater

Today embark on a full day game drive in the Crater with a packed lunch en route. **Ngorongoro Serena or Ngorongoro Crater Lodge**

Day Eight To the Serengeti National Park

Continue on to the world famous Serengeti National Park and your safari lodge or camp enjoying a game drive en route. **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge or Grumeti River Camp**

The Serengeti National Park is the natural game park of legends and dreams. The Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, East Africa has no fences and the actual range stretches way past the borders, into Kenya's Masai Mara, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the Maswa Game Reserve in the south-west, the Grumeti and Ikorongo Controlled Areas in the west and the Western Corridor, stretching almost to the shores of Lake Victoria. You could easily reduce the Serengeti park to a series of numbers: over 1 million wildebeest, 200,000 zebra, 1,500 lions, 1,000 elephants, 280,000 Thompson's gazelles, 25,000 buffalo, 500 species of birds, 72,000 topi, 32,000 Grant's gazelle, 8,500 giraffe, 10,000 eland. Simply put, at the right time of year, a Serengeti safari is East Africa's most spectacular wildlife experience. Anyone who has ever been there at the height of the great migration will never forget it: day and night, it is an endless cacophony of grunting wildebeest, barking zebra, and the squeals of baby wildebeest being born and being hunted down by the ever-present predators. It is one of the most photographed, and most exciting, wildlife spectacles on earth.

However, the Serengeti annual migration is a fickle thing and totally dependent on rainfall (and hence grass growth) patterns and impossible to predict. In a perfect world, the wildebeest, zebra and gazelle start migrating west and north in search of sweeter grazing from May through to July, moving from Seronera through the Western Corridor, then outside the park to the Grumeti, arriving in the Masai Mara in Kenya by late July through to early September. By October/November they are drifting back to Seronera, and spend the long rainy season in the Serengeti grasslands.

Superior Camp - The Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge is the ultimate fusion of traditional African architecture and world-class style, set high on the saddle of tree-clad ridge commanding panoramic views over the endlessly rolling reaches and volcanic reefs of the Serengeti. Drawing its inspiration from the circular 'Rondavel' dwellings and winding paths of a traditional Maasai village, the Lodge features thickly-thatched, stone-built rooms, spaciouly set amongst groves of indigenous trees that are cooled by sparkling streams and papyrus-fringed ponds. The circular bar, its roof supported by massive carved figures of warriors, maidens and elders, looks out over the sky-blue, 'vanishing horizon' swimming pool towards the miles of lion-gold savannah that lie below, wherein is enacted the thunderous theatre of the

million-strong wildebeest migration. As for views, from lilac-streaked sunrise, to diamond-domed night, the sensational Serengeti delivers a series of timeless volcanic vistas that are second to none.

Deluxe Camp - Grumeti River Camp lies in the untouched seclusion of a remote, idyllic valley in the western corridor of the Serengeti National Park, 50km east of Lake Victoria. Flanked by two hillsides, this blissful camp nestles beneath tall river line trees on the banks of an oxbow tributary of the Grumeti River. It is one of the wildest and most remote camps in Africa's greatest wildlife sanctuary, the Serengeti. The whimsical sweep of flamboyant tents under thatch and the vibrancy of kente cloth and local sculptured furnishings bring alive the excitement and romance of Africa. Each of the 10 spacious twin-bedded tents, complete with en-suite bathrooms, lies along the banks of the river and hippo pools. Dinner is a starlit banquet where stories are shared of the day's game sightings.

Days Nine & Ten Serengeti National Park

Early morning and afternoon game drives reveal the many species of animals and birds native to the region. Search for Africa's 'Big Five' - Leopard, Lion, Elephant, Buffalo and Rhino. Your experienced driver takes you to the best spots for sighting game, and affords you ample time to look, take pictures, and to absorb the intimacy of the wild. **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge or Grumeti River Camp**

Day Eleven Depart Tanzania

After a final game drive this morning depart on your flight to Arusha, where you will be transferred by road to the Kilimanjaro International Airport to connect with your homeward bound international flight.

End of Tour Arrangements



Private tours depart daily subject to availability. Please call for details.

When to go: Tanzania is a year-round destination. However, there are two distinct rainy seasons, from mid-April to the end of May and from the end of October to early December. Rain is normally in short, sharp downpours with clear skies between. January to March it is hot and dry, June to October is warm and dry, with colder evenings. Game viewing is good throughout the year, although the migration leaves the Serengeti for the Masai Mara at the end of March / beginning of April arriving in Kenya in late June / early July. The return migration leaves Kenya in October and arrives in the Serengeti in December. The yearly rainfall dictates the exact pattern of the annual migration.

Recommended add-on Private Safari Journeys:

Secrets of Southern Tanzania - 7 Days / 6 Nights
Singita's Private Collection - 10 Days / 9 Nights



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