

# A Walker's World

## TANZANIA - 10 Days Serengeti Safari

This itinerary gives a range of habitats including the Masai Mara and Serengeti where The Great Migration takes place in August and September every year. Stay at four individually styled authentic African camps

On the vast open plains of the Serengeti and deep into the rolling hills of the Masai Mara the largest animal herds on the planet move in a never-ending natural pattern in response to an undeniable imperative - the need to find fresh, nourishing grazing.



This exceptional natural phenomenon is the Great Migration. The thundering hooves of the herds and the enormous clouds of fine red dust they leave in their wake have become an icon of East African safaris.

Massed herds of almost two million animals attract large numbers of predators. There are dramatic river crossings, where massed herds plunge into the swirling waters of the Mara or Grumeti Rivers namely the great Mara River. Witness great numbers of wildebeest calves being born within the space of a few weeks. It is truly the finest spectacle of an East African safari.

This safari in Northern Tanzania encompasses all the sights and experiences the area has to offer. Meet the Masai as companions and guides on walks in an area of stunning natural beauty.

This is a mixture of luxury lodges and under canvas comfort. Tents are spacious and insect-proof, the largest and best accommodation tents in use for mobile camping safaris. They have a large front verandah and rear ensuite bathroom that has shower, toilet, table and hand basin. There are two full sized beds with 6" mattresses, a luggage rack, canvas safari chairs and table. A camp crew do laundry and prepare delicious meals. Camps are strategically situated in exclusive locations close to seasonal game migrations in the National Parks and in private concessions. These are based on small groups. There is more driving than on a fly-in type safari.

## Full Itinerary -

### Day 1 ARUSHA

On arrival at Kilimanjaro or Arusha Airport you'll be personally met and transferred to the Arusha Hotel in the heart of Tanzania's safari centre where you'll spend the night. Activities, including swimming, shopping, or visiting the Tanzanite Experience museum are available for those who arrive early.

### Day 2 TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Drive in comfort to Tarangire National Park and your luxurious tented camp set in picture perfect acacia woodland and grassland inside the park. After a relaxing lunch, we'll head off for game viewing in the national park, famous for its giant baobab trees, large herds of elephants, plains game and predators. Tarangire also boasts a large variety of spectacular bird life including endemic species.

Dinner and overnight at the Kirurumu Tarangire Lodge in a tented cottage with ensuite bathroom. There are only 10 cottages and all have wonderful views of the flood plain and park



### Day 3 TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast you'll embark on a full day's game drive with picnic lunch, ranging far and wide. Among many aspects of animal behaviour, your Guide will point out the fascinating way elephants have of communicating with subtle interactions.

Overnight at the Kirurumu Tarangire Lodge

## LAKE MANYARA

Lake Manyara is described as the "Green Hills of Africa". Underground springs that filter down from the Ngorongoro Highlands keep this park green throughout the year. Mahogany, sausage and croton trees are alive with blue monkeys and vervets. It is an ideal location for bushbuck, waterbuck, baboons, aardvark, civet, pangolin, leopard and elephant as it has an abundance of tree and plant life. It is also a sanctuary for buffalo, hippo, giraffe, impala, zebra and the famous tree-climbing lions. Birdlife is also prolific and include huge flocks of flamingos. The dry season is from June to September.

### Day 4 LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

Drive to Lake Manyara National Park, passing through the cool shade of the groundwater forest before reaching the lake shore. The Park is best known for its tree climbing lions, but you are more likely to encounter elephants, buffalo, primates and astounding bird life. After a picnic lunch you continue game-viewing. Return as the sun sets behind the distant highlands and climb the Great Rift Valley escarpment to Kirurumu Manyara Lodge for a relaxing dinner and overnight.

Overlooking the valley and Lake Manyara, this lodge has 27 tented rooms, all with ensembles.



## The Ngorongoro Crater

The Ngorongoro Crater in Northern Tanzania, once a gigantic volcano, is the largest intact caldera in the world. Some maintain that before it erupted, it would have been higher than Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Today, long since having collapsed and eroded, it is an extensive highland area with the famous 600 m deep Ngorongoro Crater as its focal point. Nearly three million years old, the ancient caldera shelters one of the most beautiful wildlife havens on earth. On the crater floor, grasslands blend into swamps, lakes, rivers, woodland and mountains. 25,000 large mammals reside in the crater. Elephants are mainly bulls, females stay outside the rim with their young due to the densest predator population in Africa.

Endangered black rhino are protected within its rim, giant tusked elephants wander the forests, black-maned lions stalk the grasslands, and flamingos crowd the soda lakes. An estimated 25,000 large mammals are resident in this bowl of plenty, including a population of approximately 6,000 resident wildebeest, 16 highly endangered black rhino and around 70 lions. Cheetah move in and out of the Crater, while leopard are most often encountered in the spectacular Lerai Forest.

## Day 5 NGORONGORO CRATER

An early morning ethno-botanical walk including a visit to the local Iraqw tribe. After breakfast, depart for Ngorongoro Conservation Area, ascending to the rim on the descent road of the Crater some 2,000 feet below. Tour the Lerai Forest with its yellow-barked acacias, searching for giant-tusked elephant, rare black rhino and black-maned lion. Ascend the crater rim at dusk through verdant montane forest for dinner and overnight at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge. This small intimate camp has seven tastefully furnished tents equipped with comfortable beds, ensuite loo and shower room.



## Day 6 NGORONGORO – WALKING WITH MAASAI

Morning game-drives in the Ngorongoro Crater, followed by lunch back at Ngorongoro Serena. In the afternoon you head out to the rolling hills of the Ngorongoro Highlands to meet a Maasai chief, who guides you around the nearby bomas and on an afternoons walk in the surrounding area. In the late afternoon, head back to Ngorongoro Serena Lodge for dinner and overnight.

## Serengeti National Park

Famed for its vast tree-less grasslands and excellent wildlife sightings, the endless open plains of Tanzania's magnificent Serengeti National Park boast 35 species of plains-dwelling game and prolific birdlife. The annual movement of wildebeest and other herbivores across East Africa's Serengeti-Mara ecosystem is one of the greatest spectacles in the natural world. Over two million animals participate in this great migration, with some 200 000 zebra ahead of 500 000 Thomson's gazelle behind the main players – one and a half million wildebeest.

The wildebeest spend the wet season on the south eastern Tanzanian plains and the Serengeti's dry season on the plains of Kenya's Masai Mara. During January and February (the short dry season), the wildebeest cows drop their young in a synchronized birthing that sees some 3-400,000 calves born within 3 – 4 weeks. This provides a feast for predators and attracts hundreds of hyenas and dozens of lions. Watching the birthing is incredible. A wildebeest born only 5 minutes is capable of running with the herd – survival of the species! Our Serengeti Safari will take advantage of sightings of the Great Migration where possible bringing guests as close as possible to all the action.

### Day 7 NGORONGORO – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

In the morning you depart for the Serengeti via Olduvai Gorge to visit the interesting museum at this world-famous archaeological site containing fossils of our early two million year-old human ancestors. Continue on a game-drive through the vast Serengeti National Park to the luxurious Kirurumu Serengeti Camp for lunch. In the afternoon, head out for game drives before returning to camp for dinner and overnight. Small bush camp with seven luxury tents with ensuite loo and shower room.

### Days 8, 9 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Full day game drives in the Serengeti, home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on earth. Non-migratory species include large prides of lions, solitary leopards, cheetah and graceful impala. The landscape is characterised by vast stretches of open plains, punctuated by kopjes, rock formations that have survived from the Pre-Cambrian period, and open woodlands. After a sumptuous dinner, relax by the campfire, under a canopy of stars. Overnight at the Kirurumu Serengeti Camp.



### Day 10 SERENGETI - ARUSHA

After breakfast, transfer to Seronera airstrip to connect with your return flight to Arusha. Upon arrival, there will be time for some shopping/browsing and a day room will be available before being transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport for the return international flight.



**2018 Departure Dates: PRICES IN US\$**

| Dates From | Dates To   | \$ Per Person | \$ + Single |
|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 02-Jan-18  | 11-Jan-18  | 5,495         | 395         |
| 16-Jan-18  | 25-Jan-18  | 5,495         | 395         |
| 30-Jan-18  | 08-Feb-18  | 5,495         | 395         |
| 14-Feb-18  | 23-Feb-18  | 5,495         | 395         |
| 27-Feb-18  | 08-Mar-18  | 5,225         | 320         |
| 13-Mar-18  | 22-Mar-18  | 5,225         | 320         |
| 27-Mar-18  | 05-Apr-18  | 4,985         | 150         |
| 10-Apr-18  | 19-Apr-18  | 4,860         | 85          |
| 24-Apr-18  | 03-May-18  | 4,860         | 150         |
| 08-May-18  | 17-May-18  | 4,860         | 150         |
| 23-May-18  | 01-Jun-18  | 4,860         | 150         |
| 05-Jun-18  | 14-Jun-18  | 5,350         | 395         |
| 19-Jun-18  | 28-Jun-18  | 5,350         | 395         |
| 03-Jul-18  | 12-Jul-18  | 5,350         | 395         |
| 17-Jul-18  | 26-Jul-18  | 5,350         | 395         |
| 31-Jul-18  | 09-Aug-18  | 5,350         | 395         |
| 14-Aug-18  | 23-Aug-18  | 5,350         | 395         |
| 28-Aug-18  | 06-Sept-18 | 5,350         | 395         |
| 11-Sept-18 | 20-Sept-18 | 5,350         | 395         |
| 25-Sept-18 | 04-Oct-18  | 5,350         | 395         |
| 09-Oct-18  | 18-Oct-18  | 5,350         | 395         |
| 23-Oct-18  | 01-Nov-18  | 5,350         | 395         |

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| 06-Nov-18 | 15-Nov-18 | 5,265 | 215 |
| 20-Nov-18 | 29-Nov-18 | 5,265 | 215 |
| 04-Dec-18 | 13-Dec-18 | 5,265 | 215 |
| 18-Dec-18 | 27-Dec-18 | 5,680 | 395 |

**Minimum 2, maximum 8 passengers per trip.**

**COST INCLUSIONS:**

- \* All game viewing activities
- \* All meals (except breakfast only in Arusha) refreshments (bottled water and soft drinks) during game drives and activities
- \* Flight Serengeti/Arusha
- \* National Park & Concession Fees:
  - o Masai Mara National Reserve
  - o Lake Manyara National Park
  - o Ngorongoro Conservation Area
  - o Serengeti National Park

**NOT INCLUDED**

- \* Refreshments
- \* Laundry
- \* Tips and gratuities

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