



Tanzania

February 18 – March 4, 2017

See the heart of Africa, from baobab forests to Ngorongoro Crater to the Serengeti plains, teeming with wildlife of every description. Stay in some of Tanzania's finest and most beautiful lodges. When camping, we will be in private luxury tents with comfortable beds, en suite showers and toilets, our own dining tent, cooks and camp staff.

This is a trip planned for photographers and their special needs. Our driver/guides are outstanding at finding game and reading the light. We will each have a seat for our equipment, the ability to photograph from both sides of the vehicle, early morning and late afternoon game drives and power to charge our batteries and computers every evening.

For the non-photographer, you will have the most magnificent game viewing in the world.

Someone once said, "If you can visit only two continents, visit Africa twice." I agree with that. I have traveled to Africa thirty one times and always look forward to the next trip with wonder and anticipation. You will see why few people visit Africa only once.

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Minor changes may be made to the itinerary. Terms and conditions and cancellation policies are set by SAS Safari Company. They will provide all in-country accommodations, driver/guides and camp staff.



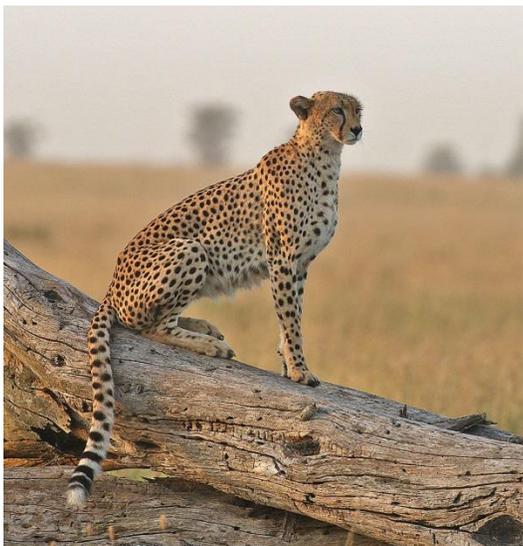
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This safari is timed to coincide with the wildebeest migration, the largest animal migration on earth with 2-3 million animals. During a three week period in mid to late February, all of the wildebeest calves are born and the predators are gathered for the feast.

We will be met at the airport by our wonderful driver/guides who will drive, spot, inform and entertain us until they drop us off at the airport 15 days later. They know the birds and animals, the history, the customs, the culture, the geography and all the back roads and special places in Tanzania.

Clothing is casual everywhere we go, laundry service is free in our tented camp and available in the lodges so packing is easy. A fleece top is enough for cool mornings and evenings and a wide brimmed hat will protect you from the equatorial sun. A packing list and worlds of other information will be sent to each participant.



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Day 1 – Saturday, February 18 – Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (near Arusha) in the evening. We will be met at the airport and taken to the Lake Duluti Serena Lodge to stay in charming chalets overlooking Lake Duluti and Mount Meru.

Day 2 – Sunday, February 19 – After breakfast, drive to Tarangire with its huge baobab trees and acacia dotted hills. At this time of year Tarangire is excellent for elephant with over 3000 resident animals. Our luxury tents with showers and toilets will be set up in a public campground in the park. After lunch in camp, we will take an afternoon game drive.

Day 3 – Monday, February 20 – Either a full day game drive with a picnic lunch or morning and afternoon drives. Birds are plentiful in Tarangire with over 550 species.

Day 4 – Tuesday, February 21 – another day to explore Tarangire with game drives morning and afternoon.

Day 5 – Wednesday, February 22 – Morning game drive in Tarangire with a boxed lunch, then we drive to the

Ngorongoro Crater Serena Lodge where we will spend two nights. Each room has a veranda with a view of the crater. Entertainment before dinner.

Day 6 – Thursday, February 23 – Early start for an all day game drive in the crater with a boxed lunch. This amazing caldera is 100 square miles containing 30,000 animals.

Day 7 – Friday, February 24 – We will drive to the Serengeti National Park, stopping at a Maasai Village if the group is interested. Our private luxury tents will be set up in a secluded area of Naabi Hill in the southern Serengeti. If the rains are on schedule, wildebeest and zebra will have gathered for new growth on the short grass plains, calving and congregating for the world's largest animal migration. We will spend five nights at Naabi Hill.

Day 8, 9, 10, 11 – Saturday through Tuesday, February 25 through 28 – Our Naabi Hill location gives us freedom to go in any direction depending on the movement of the animals. Some days we will have an all day game drive with a boxed lunch, other days we will have morning and afternoon game drives with lunch and a break in camp.

Day 12 – Wednesday, March 1 – We will be staying just outside of the Serengeti Park at Ndutu Lodge in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area for two nights. This charming small lodge has genets that visit the dining room for after dinner treats.

Day 13 – Thursday, March 2 – We will have morning and afternoon game drives in the Ndutu area with lunch at the lodge. Lovebirds gather at a pool near the open air dining room. If the aloes are in bloom, sunbirds will be there.

Day 14 – Friday, March 3 – Morning game drive on the way to Karatu, arriving at Gibb's Farm for lunch and overnight. This is a lovely boutique retreat on a working tea and flower plantation. The afternoon is for relaxing.



Day 15 – Saturday, March 4 – After breakfast, drive back to Arusha for some shopping, lunch, a day room at the Lake Duluti Serena Lodge for repacking, dinner and transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport for our evening flight home.

Cost of the trip – \$7950

Included in the price is all transportation within Tanzania, English speaking driver/guides, park fees, all meals and accommodations, bottled water on game drives and in camp, laundry and baggage handling while in camp and *all tips for waiters in lodges, the tented camp staff and our driver/guides.*

The price does not include international flights or alcohol. While staying in lodges, you will be paying for baggage handling (usually \$1 per bag), drinks and laundry. In the tented camp you will only be paying for drinks, delivered around the campfire after our afternoon game drive ☺.

A deposit of \$500 to reserve your space is required. The deposit is forfeited if no cancellation is received 90 days ahead of the tour. Payment of 50% of the balance is due 100 days before departure and the balance is due 50 days before the trip. I recommend travel insurance.

After you have signed up, I will send a booklet with information about flights, visas, electric adapters, etc.