



Lions by Anita Ritenour



TANZANIA

SIGNATURE WILDLIFE SAFARI

with Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

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Lying on the east coast of Africa, Tanzania is home to vast wilderness landscapes populated with an exceptionally rich array of wildlife. Join Cincinnati Zoo on this 13-day expedition to witness the phenomenal migration on daily drives through the captivating scenery of Arusha, Tarangire, and Serengeti National Parks, including the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater, often called the 8th Wonder of the World with its impressive variety of wildlife. From mighty lions, shaggy wildebeests, and towering giraffes, this safari-style trip offers travelers the opportunity to witness some of nature's most awe-inspiring events in a true Tanzania experience.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Scan the open grasslands in Arusha National Park for giraffes, warthogs, antelopes, and a variety of bird species.
- View wildebeests, elephants, zebras, gazelles, elands, gerenuks, lions, and leopards from underneath baobab trees in Tarangire National Park.
- Stroll through Mto Wa Mbu village in the Arusha region for the opportunity to observe Tanzanian community life.
- Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, where you may spot the "Big Five" including the impressive black-maned lion or the highly endangered black rhino.
- Observe the beautiful plains of Serengeti National Park, where the Seronera River attracts a high concentration of wildlife.

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

OCTOBER 8 - EN ROUTE

Depart US on a flight to Tanzania.

OCTOBER 9 - ARUSHA

Upon arrival to Kilimanjaro International Airport, a Holbrook representative will meet you outside of the airport and transfer you to the hotel. This is an arrival day and no meals are included. Attend a program orientation this evening. *Overnight at Lake Duluti Lodge.*

OCTOBER 10 - ARUSHA

After breakfast, depart for Arusha National Park. Receive an introduction to a variety of animals in a section of the park known as "Little Serengeti," and learn about Mount Meru and the history of Arusha National Park. Depart from the ranger post for a walk through the foothills of Mount Meru in the company of an armed ranger, passing through Buffalo Swamp to a lookout point with views of the park and Mount Kilimanjaro in the distance. Continue to a scenic waterfall, followed by open grasslands dotted with giraffes, warthogs, antelopes, and a variety of bird species, including flamingos. Hike through a wooded area in search of colobus monkeys before returning to the ranger post. Enjoy a boxed lunch in the park during the exploration; later this afternoon, return to the lodge for time at leisure. Dinner is at the lodge. *Overnight at Lake Duluti Lodge. (BLD)*

OCTOBER 11 - TARANGIRE NP

After checking out of the hotel and loading the safari vehicles, begin the drive to Tarangire National Park, located less than two hours' drive southwest of Arusha and often overlooked due to its proximity to the more famous Serengeti National Park. But despite its "forgotten" status, Tarangire is second only to the Serengeti in terms of concentration of wildlife in Tanzania, offering a spectacular safari experience often with less visitor traffic. Wildlife will travel long distances to arrive at Tarangire River, which snakes through the park, as it's the area's only permanent river. With protected lands covering 1,096-square miles, the park is home to a large variety of game such as wildebeests, elephants, zebras, gazelles, elands, gerenuks, lions, and leopards. Extensive grasslands dotted with the occasional acacia or baobab tree provide the optimum conditions for viewing wild animals. Spend the day exploring the park, from Silalei Swamp to Little Serengeti and the Tarangire

River bed, to view the resident and migratory wildlife. Wildlife viewing drive and lunch in the park.

Overnight at Tarangire Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)

OCTOBER 12 - TARANGIRE NP

Continue exploring Tarangire National Park with a full day of wildlife viewing drives. Tarangire is also home to a high density of iconic ancient baobab trees, and over 550 bird species. *Overnight at Tarangire Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)*

OCTOBER 13 - NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast at the lodge, have a morning safari drive in Tarangire before heading to Ngorongoro. En route, stop at Mto Wa Mbu Village for a walk and a local lunch. Later drive to Ngorongoro for your overnight stay. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Lodge. (BLD)*

OCTOBER 14 - NGORONGORO CRATER

Today, descend into the Ngorongoro Crater for a safari drive among one of the most unique concentrations of wildlife on earth. Defined by its sunken caldera spanning 100 square miles, Ngorongoro is a World Heritage Site and often called the 8th Wonder of the World. Animals are found throughout the year due to the permanent availability of grass and water. Ngorongoro contains an impressive variety of wildlife including black-maned lion, the highly endangered black rhino, herds of wildebeest, zebra, elephant, and hippo. Enjoy a picnic lunch within the crater. Drive back to the lodge in the late afternoon. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Lodge. (BLD)*

OCTOBER 15 - SERENGETI NP

This morning, begin your transfer to Serengeti National Park - Tanzania's most renowned National Park. Home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth, the migratory herds of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle roam widely in search of green grass and water. Once you cross through the gate of the park, your guide/driver will follow the best path that leads to your camp, with the knowledge of where the wildlife can be found en route. Upon arrival at the camp, you will have the remainder of the late afternoon to enjoy the sunset and dinner at your camp. *Overnight at Suenos de Africa Tented Camp. (BLD)*

OCTOBER 16 - SERENGETI NP

This morning, embark on a safari drive in the renowned Serengeti National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where over a million wildebeest famously migrate every year. Other wildlife includes zebra, gazelle, buffalo, elephant, and giraffe, along with predators like lion, cheetah, and leopard.

The Seronera River provides an important water source, and thus, attracts a high concentration of wildlife. Afterward, have a break and relax at the camp before heading out for our mid-afternoon drive. Before dinner, gather around the campfire and have a discussion with your guide about the Great Migration and the species that participate. *Overnight at Suenos de Africa Tented Camp. (BLD)*

OCTOBER 17 - SERENGETI NP

Today you will move to a different area of the Serengeti to be closer to the migrating herds at their location at this time of the year. Enjoy wildlife viewing en route. Check-in at the camp and have dinner. *Overnight at Heritage Migratory Tented Camp. (BLD)*

OCTOBER 18 - SERENGETI NP

Enjoy a morning wildlife viewing drive. After lunch, enjoy free time to rest at the camp. In the mid-afternoon, embark on a second drive. *Overnight at Heritage Migratory Tented Camp. (BLD)*

OCTOBER 19 - ARUSHA/DEPARTURE

This morning, you will be transferred to the local airstrip for your flight to Arusha, arriving at noon. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for time to relax, enjoy a meal, and prepare for your International flights home. Transfer to the Kilimanjaro International Airport in the evening. *Day room at Mount Meru Hotel. (BL)*

OCTOBER 20 - US

Arrive home.



African bush elephants by Harvey Barrison

LAND PRICING

\$8,295 (minimum 10 participants)

Cost includes meals, accommodations, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, in-country transportation, full-time guide for duration of the program, tips for meals and porters, and departure tax.

Does not include international airfare estimated at \$1,800 from Cincinnati, gratuities for guides/drivers, or items of a personal nature. Other departure cities available.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance for medical emergencies while traveling and to protect your investment. Please note the purchase of Cancel for Any Reason Coverage or to exclude pre-existing conditions with Trip Cancellation coverage may require policy purchase within 10-14 days of your initial deposit, depending upon the provider.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the trip add \$1,245 per person. A \$500 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable (minus a \$100 cancellation fee) until July 5, 2024, at which time non-refundable final payment is due.



Zebra in Tarangire National Park by Anja Pietsch



Mt. Kilimanjaro by Roman Boed



Hippos by Todd Gustafson



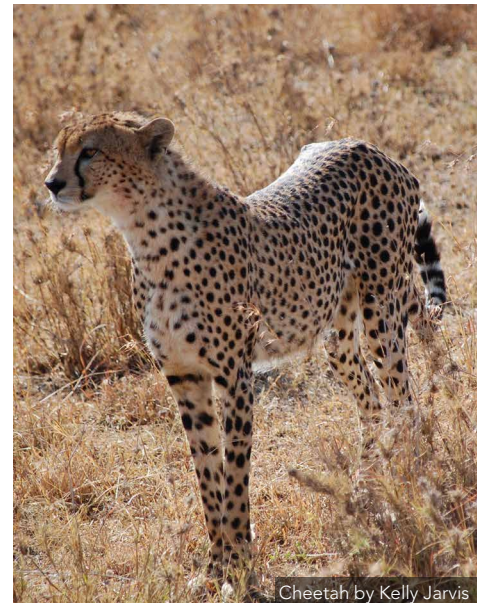
Ngorongoro Crater by William Warby



Giraffes by Todd Gustafson



Wildebeest by Kelly Jarvis



Cheetah by Kelly Jarvis

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