

TANZANIA CLASSIC SAFARI

DAY 1

ARRIVAL & WELCOME

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be greeted by an Acacia Holidays representative who will transfer you and your luggage to Serena Mountain Village near Arusha. Afterwards, relax and unwind after your long journey. Arusha is a vibrant and bustling town as it is the gateway to Tanzania's national parks and game reserves. Tomorrow, you set out on safari. Nestled in the foothills of Mt Meru, your accommodation is set among the evergreen coffee fields of this former coffee plantation. Designed to echo the style of the colonial coffee farm that once stood on the site, your accommodations consist of tastefully-styled rooms set amid extensively landscaped grounds.



OVERNIGHT: SERENA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE



MEALS-B

DAY 2

LAKE MANYARA

After breakfast, we drive to Lake Manyara National Park, viewing game en-route to our lodge and arriving in time for lunch. After getting settled in, set out for an afternoon game drive and hope to see the park's famous tree-climbing lions. A wealth of bird life and large game roam the park and its lake, with the cliffs of the Great Rift Valley forming a stunning backdrop to it all. The lodge is perched high above the lake with magnificent views from your room and the grounds. Dinner and overnight at Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge.

The beautiful **Lake Manyara** covers two thirds of this national park; the rest consists of steep mountainside, swamps, dense woodlands, open grassy areas and hot springs. One of the many alkaline lakes of the Great Rift Valley, it was formed three million years ago and is quite shallow – perfect for the 350 species of birds including pelicans, ibises, storks, Egyptian geese, and flamingoes. Baboons and black monkeys can be heard chattering in the woodlands near the park's entrance and a multitude of large game can be found traversing the low, grassy areas near the lake's shore.



OVERNIGHT: LAKE MANYARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE



MEALS-B/L/D

DAY 3

SERENGETI

After breakfast we depart with a game drive to Serengeti National Park arriving in time for lunch at Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp. Enjoy an afternoon game viewing drive returning to the camp for dinner and overnight.

The **Serengeti National Park**, at 5,700 mi², is larger than the state of Connecticut. Protected since the 1940s, the area was made a National Park in 1951 and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Fantastic in its natural beauty and unequalled in its scientific value, this vast expanse of land is home to more than four million different types of animals. Large herds of antelope of every description can be found here: Patterson's eland, klipspringer, dikdik, impala, zebra, gazelle, water buck, topi, kongoni, Cotton's oribi, grey bush duiker, roan antelope, buffalo, and wildebeest. Storks, flamingoes, vultures, fish eagles, and ostrich are among the nearly five hundred species of birds that also call the Serengeti home. Include cheetah, lion, leopard, giraffe, hippopotamus, and rhinoceros, and there are precious few animals that cannot be seen in this ecological wonderland. From open grass plains in the south, savannah and scattered acacia in the center, hilly wooded grasslands in the north, and black clay plains in the west, the landscape is as varied as the wildlife that lives upon it. The Serengeti's low vegetation means that game viewing is relatively easy. Small rivers, lakes, and swamps dot this magnificent landscape where animals roam in complete freedom. Vast herds of ungulates arrive from the Maasai Mara and begin to congregate in December, culminating in the calving of half a million wildebeest in early February. This southern portion of **The Great Migration** lasts from December until May, when the herds head out of the Serengeti and into the Mara once more.



OVERNIGHT: MBUZI MAWE SERENA CAMP



MEALS- B/L/D

DAY 4

SERENGETI

We set out after an early breakfast amongst the splendor of an African sunrise for a full day of game viewing. Negotiating the roads and tracks down from the lodge, you are transported into a world of timeless natural wonder; one where the sights, sounds, and pageantry of life continue on just as they have for thousands of years. As the day progresses, your driver's deep knowledge of the land becomes apparent as he leads you to one spot of outstanding beauty after the next, allowing you to observe the wildlife quietly and at your leisure. As the animals take refuge from the hot mid-day sun, we find a secluded spot to stop and enjoy a picnic lunch before pressing on. You arrive back at the camp at dusk, pleasantly tired after an exhilarating day. After a well-deserved hot shower, you head to the main camp for dinner.



OVERNIGHT : MBUZI MAWE SERENA CAMP



MEALS - B/L/D

DAY 5

OLDUVAI GORGE & NGORONGORO

After breakfast at Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp, we drive to Olduvai Gorge, the "cradle of mankind" where the Leakey family uncovered fossils of Homo Habilis that have been dated to over 1.75 million years old. After a picnic lunch, we continue on to Ngorongoro Conservation Area and its famous wildlife-filled crater. We arrive at the Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge in time for a dinner with a panoramic view of the crater.

Perched on the rim of the crater, this luxurious lodge is constructed in the rustic style and offers sweeping views from each of its rooms – each with its own private balcony.



OVERNIGHT : NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE

MEALS - B/L/D

DAY 6

NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast, the driver guides your vehicle nearly 2,000 feet down into Ngorongoro Crater for a full day of exploration. In addition to viewing larger game, we will drive across the dense forest on the rim to the soda lake to view the outstanding bird life. Today, we enjoy a picnic lunch in the crater itself and ascend back to the lodge for dinner and relaxation.

Ngorongoro Crater was an active volcano some eight million years ago whose cone collapsed, leaving a deep crater. It is the largest unbroken caldera in the world, the second largest extinct crater, and today shelters arguably the most beautiful wildlife haven left on earth with a spectacular concentration of animals and stunning views. This is undoubtedly the best place in Tanzania to see black rhinos as well as prides of lions with magnificent black-maned males. Elephant, leopard, buffalo, cheetah, zebra, warthog, a dozen antelope species, and nearly one hundred species of birds not found even in the Serengeti also live within its walls. The crater rim is wooded with mountain forest vegetation and is in bloom in acres of pink, blue, and white lupines, candle white lilies, and blue hyacinth. The short grasses on the crater's floor make game easy to spot and photograph.



OVERNIGHT : NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE

MEALS-B/L/D

DAY 7

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast this morning, we embark on the drive to Tarangire National Park, arriving in time for lunch at Tarangire Sopa Lodge. The lodge lies hidden among the kopjes, ancient baobab and grasses of Tarangire National Park. After an afternoon game drive, return to camp for dinner, relaxation and overnight.

Tarangire National Park is situated in the south of the large open grass plains of Masailand. The park takes its name from the Tarangire River, which runs through the park and provides year-round water for wildlife. As a result, Tarangire has a high concentration of wildlife in the dry season, second only to Ngorongoro Crater. Animals found in Tarangire include lion, leopard, elephant, oryx, gnu and greater and lesser kudu. Wildebeest, zebras, Thompson's gazelle, Grant's gazelle, buffalo, elephant, impala, and eland are also frequent visitors to the park. Tarangire is an ornithologist's paradise: over 300 species of birds can be found here including birds of prey and Eurasian migrants which are present from October until April. Principal biomes of the park are the grassland and flood plains, which consist of open grassland, acacia trees, thick woodlands beside tributaries, and orchard bush. The Baobab tree, dotted throughout the park growing in

open acacia woodland, is a symbol of this park.



OVERNIGHT: TARANGIRE SOPA LODGE

MEALS-B/L/D

DAY 8

ARUSHA & FAREWELL

We hit the road once again after breakfast for the final leg of our journey. Arrive in the afternoon and check in to your dayroom at the Arusha Coffee Lodge which has been reserved until 1800hr when you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your scheduled flight back home. Sadly, the adventure comes to an end but the memories are forever.

**** END OF ACACIA HOLIDAYS ARRANGEMENTS ****



DAYROOMS: ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE

ITINERARY: TANZANIA: Arusha | Lake Manyara | Serengeti | Ngorongoro | Tarangire | Arusha

DURATION: 8Days / 7 Nights

Optional Supplements: Balloon Safari: \$550 pp in the Serengeti

Costs Include

From the moment you arrive until your departure, we make sure you are free to relax and enjoy your safari!

- Exclusive use of an English-speaking chauffeur/guide
- Shared use of 4x4 Land Cruiser
- Full board accommodation while on safari
- Game drives as specified in the itinerary
- All Tanzanian government taxes & service charges
- Flying Doctors evacuation service

Costs Exclude

- **International flights to\From Arusha (JRO)**
- All items of a personal nature
- Laundry
- Tips and gratuities
- Telephone calls
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Add-ons and supplements (balloon safari)
- All other items not mentioned in inclusions

- Park, concession and crater fees
- Accommodation and meals as indicated
- Transfers and Transport with our English speaking driver guide

