

## **TANZANIA SAFARI, ON THE WILD SIDE**

12 DAYS DEPARTING 29TH JULY 2012

### DETAILED ITINERARY

“Haraka haraka haina baraka - Great haste has no blessing.” This popular Swahili phrase should be your guiding principle whilst on holiday in Tanzania.

Tanzania will capture your imagination. From the plains of the famous game enriched Serengeti to the unique environment of the Ngorongoro Crater, a magnificent extinct volcano teeming with wildlife, to the foot of Mt Kilimanjaro and onto the contrast of the salt pans of Lake Manyara, this journey takes you through the best parts of Tanzania in pursuit of the most amazing wildlife viewing possibilities in Africa.

Every day will be filled with entertainment and adventure in this extraordinary country.



### **DAY 1 - 29TH JULY** **ARUSHA**

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport and where you will be met on arrival and taken to your hotel in Arusha.

Located in the northern highlands of Tanzania, beneath the twin peaks of Mt. Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro, Arusha is the safari capital of the country. From its two-lane streets, the dramatic crater of Mt. Meru stands over the town like a majestic sentinel, its crater strewn with thick clouds, its slopes dark with verdant forest. Arusha's ideal location near the major national parks and its highland setting make it a peaceful idyll of relaxation before the start of an exciting journey.

Meals: Welcome Dinner

Accommodation: Impala Hotel

## **DAY 2 - 30TH JULY**

### **ARUSHA - MANYARA**

After breakfast you will be picked up from your Hotel in Arusha at 0830hrs and drive to Lake Manyara National Park for your first game drive. The compact game-viewing circuit through Manyara offers a virtual microcosm of the Tanzanian safari experience. The park is home to Lion, Hippo, Elephant, Zebra, Buffalo, Giraffe, Baboon, Blue and Vervet monkey, Warthog and more...About 350 species of birds have been recorded. Evening drive to your camp for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Accommodation: Manyara Wildlife Lodge

## **DAY 3 - 31ST JULY**

### **MANYARA - SERENGETI**

After breakfast you will be picked up from your hotel at 0830hrs and drive from Manyara to Serengeti National Park for full game viewing. Your skilled driver knows the Serengeti and where to locate even the most elusive of animals. Morning and afternoon daily wildlife viewing and game drives affords you the opportunity to track and photograph the 'Big Five'. Your accommodation is nestled in the acacia woodland on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the south-western Serengeti National Park, one of the most famous parks in the world, and host to the largest and most spectacular annual migration of the wildebeest.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Accommodation: Sopa Lodge Serengeti



## **DAY 4 - 1ST AUGUST**

### **SERENGETI**

Rise early for a morning game drive as a new day dawns in the Serengeti, witnessing first-hand vivid vignettes representative of Africa's circle of life. Your safari guide will share fascinating insights into the poignant everyday rituals of the wildlife residing within the African bush.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Accommodation: Sopa Lodge Serengeti



## **DAY 5 - 2ND AUGUST**

### **SERENGETI - NGORONGORO**

After breakfast and with your packed lunch you will drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. You may optionally elect to pass by Olduvai Gorge (a historical site where early man lived), as well as passing by the Maasai boma to witness real African life tradition and culture.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Accommodation: Sopa Lodge Ngorongoro

## **DAY 6 - 3RD AUGUST**

### **NGORONGORO CRATER**

Experience the true spirit of Africa, the Africa of bygone days, when you explore wildlife-rich Ngorongoro Crater, long regarded as Africa's "Garden of Eden." Within the walls of the crater lie short grasslands, swamps, forests and a freshwater lake, inspiring continual migration of animals in and out of the crater. From the comfort of your four-wheel drive vehicle, you'll have an opportunity to spot the Big Five – buffalo, elephant, leopard, the black maned lion and the rare black rhinoceros – as well as hyenas, baboons, and flamingos. Enjoy a delightful picnic lunch in the heart of this ancient volcanic crater; it is sure to be a memorable highlight of your safari. Late after noon drive back to Arusha town for dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Accommodation: Impala Hotel



## **DAY 7 - 4TH AUGUST**

### **ARUSHA TO LUSHOTO**

From Arusha drive to Lushoto (private transportation), check in to your accommodation. This afternoon you can choose to walk to Irete View Point ( 4-5 hours). A famous view point about 1500 m above sea level from where you overlook the village of Mazinde almost 1000 m below, the vast Maasai plains beyond. On the walk back, visit Irete farm, a cheese factory and enjoy their delicious food of whole meal bread, cheese, juice, seasonal fruits jam and quark.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Accommodation: Lushoto Executive Lodge

## DAY 8 - 5TH AUGUST

### UBIRI WOMENS GROUP LUSHOTO TO MARANGU

After breakfast visit the Ubiri womens group. When you see them, they look like other ordinary women, but the minute you taste any of their products, you will instantly realise that there is more than just meets the eye. UBIRI Women Group are local entrepreneurs from Lushoto who have decided to bring the area's produce such as fruits and other agricultural products into full utilisation.

Their story started way back in July 1996 when the United Nations Industrial Development Organisations visited the area to train and empower women in the hope of raising their living standards. Though struggling with a small amount of capital for 5 years, they never ceased to process fruits to make jam, pickles and wines.

In 2002, their prayers were answered; the office of Social Development in Lushoto District facilitated them with a Sh500, 000 loan to expand their business. This was the time they maximised their creativity. They bought big pots, stoves, basins and empty bottles in order to sell their products in high quantity and quality.

"From that time we started to enjoy the fruits of our hard work. We produced quality products and the market was quite welcoming. We started with the local market and later went out of the region". After a while, UBIRI managed to pay back the loan and used the profit for expansion.

You will spend time learning more about these amazing women and what they do first hand. In the afternoon you will drive Moshi Town for dinner and over night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Marangu Hotel



## **DAY 9 - 6TH AUGUST**

### **MARANGU**

After break fast you will be transferred to the foot of Kilimanjaro where the beautiful towns of Marangu and Mamba lies. Marangu is a large village which backs up against the lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, about an hour drive north of Moshi. The park gate here is the trail head and foot for the main Marangu Route, the primary route to climb Mt Kilimanjaro.

Here you will spend time with the local people who have planned various walking tours for you through valleys and waterfalls depicting mountain village life. Enjoy the panoramic scenes and natural beauty of Kilimanjaro.

- Chance to pass historical sights from clan wars and ancient legends including large hiding caves used during the Chagga - Maasai wars
- Visit to local blacksmiths who continue using ancestral methods to prepare Maasai spears and tools
- Opportunity to experience Chagga culture with a visit to a traditional Chagga house, after your tour you will drive back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Marangu Hotel



## **DAY 10 - 7TH AUGUST**

### **MARANGU TO ARUSHA**

Today you transfer back to Arusha town for dinner and over night at Impala hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Impala Hotel

## **DAY 11 - 8TH AUGUST**

### **ARUSHA - REST AND RELAX**

Today is your day to relax (optional tour of Elikidinga Village - walking tour visiting the local Maasai and Waarusha on the slopes of Mt Mara. Visits to the local school, dispensary, Maasai women group, traditional Maasai healer, crops fields, etc.

Return to lodge/hotel in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Impala Hotel



## DAY 12 - 9TH AUGUST

### DEPARTURE DAY

Pick up from your hotel and drive to Kilimanjaro International airport to catch your flight back home after a most memorable experience in Tanzania.

Meals: Breakfast



### INCLUDED WITH THIS TRIP

- Access to country specific pre-departure information;
- English speaking driver/guide
- Game drives
- Park entrance fees
- comfortable vehicles
- Fuel plus other activities as detailed in itinerary
- Operation of the above itinerary, with the following inclusions...

### ACCOMMODATION

11 nights as detailed in itinerary.

### MEALS

As detailed in the itinerary

### TRANSPORT

minibus/4WD vehicle, walking



### NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS TRIP

- International airfares and taxes
- Visa fees - each member of the group must carry a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond the duration of your trip) and have obtained the appropriate visas
- Tips, personal telephone charges.
- Travel Insurance (compulsory) - You will need to provide the policy number prior to departure
- Items of a personal nature; postage, drinks and souvenirs
- Entrance and activity fees during free time which are not detailed on the itinerary
- Additional optional activities
- Other meals not mentioned on the itinerary
- Medical Advice - Please refer to your GP or local travel clinic for up to date travel health advice for the area(s) you are visiting.



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