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# TANZANIA SAFARI

Arusha • Serengeti • Ngorongoro Crater Lake Manyara • Tarangire



March 18 to 29, 2020

# M<u>HC</u> ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

#### MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

Dear Alumnae and Friends:

Travel with us on this custom-designed, nine-night journey of a lifetime into the natural wonder that is Tanzania. Behold the timeless phenomenon of the Great Migration by land and air—the most comprehensive and best way to experience one of Earth's most incredible natural spectacles, when over one million wildebeest, 500,000 zebra and vast herds of Thomson's gazelle and Cape buffalo instinctively gather and migrate on the plains of the Serengeti, land that is also home to magnificent carnivores—the lion, cheetah and leopard.

Visit three of Tanzania's finest game parks—Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti including three nights in the heart of the Serengeti. Begin your days at first light with an early morning game drive, when nocturnal animals conclude their foraging and the grazers of the plains begin their day. Depart on a second game drive as daylight gives way to dusk and the remarkable glow of the setting sun illuminates the African wilderness. By way of a four-wheel drive land cruiser, descend into the impressive 12-mile-wide Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage-designated Conservation Area enclosed within the imposing 2000-foot-high walls of a prehistoric caldera. A remarkable sanctuary for wildlife, the crater is home to the black rhinoceros, eland, gazelle, lion and over 500 species of birds. Discover the "cradle of mankind" at Oldupai Gorge, one of the most important paleoanthropological sites in the world. Visit a typical Maasai village, where Maasai dressed in colorful traditional clothing are eager to share their culture, and observe firsthand Tanzania's educational system during a stop at the Kibaoni Primary School.

Join an expert safari guide on game drives who will offer insight into Tanzania's ecosystem as you follow the habitual patterns of the "Big Five"—African elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, lion and rhinoceros. In addition to the daily game drives, fly by chartered private aircraft, an exceptional perspective from which to view the sweeping African landscape; and stay in deluxe, award-winning Serena Lodges, each ideally located for optimal wildlife observation.

You don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime safari adventure! We encourage you to book now, as this popular program has sold very quickly in the past.

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# NATURE'S PAGEANT ON THE SERENGETI PLAINS A UNESCO World Heritage Site

Tanzania's Serengeti—the "endless plains" of the Maasai, whose herdsmen and warriors have roamed its trackless grasslands for centuries—inextricably links nature and culture, and forms the heart of a unique ecosystem that encompasses the neighboring

Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve. Within its 5400 square miles, the Serengeti's abundant diversity of natural habitats short- and tall-grass savannas, acacia woodlands, meandering rivers and rich wetlands—provide a sanctuary for the greatest variety and number of game animals on Earth.

The key to the vitality of the Serengeti lies in the seasonal migrations of its wildlife in a rhythmic cycle triggered by mvua ndefu (long rains) and mvua fupi (short rains). By November of each year, the Serengeti's savannas have been replenished with a fresh growth of succulent grasses, herbs and shrub foliage. Splinter herds of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and other grazing animals begin yet another southerly 250-mile-long trek from the Maasai Mara to the Serengeti, returning just in time for the January through March calving season, the prime time to view the herds in Tanzania. The cycle reverses in May, at the end of the mating season, as a new generation of these incredible herds trek north, repeating nature's pageant of migration and birth.

Cover photo: Watch for prides of the majestic African lion walking through tall grass. Photo this page: Herds of migrating wildebeest and zebra instinctively follow a brave leader across the river.







U.S. Day 1 Depart the U.S.

# Arusha, Tanzania Day 2

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport near the city of Arusha, nestled at the foot of Mount Meru and the gateway to Tanzania's renowned national game parks. Transfer to the deluxe ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, built amid verdant, landscaped coffee fields next to tranquil Lake Duluti.

# Arusha/Serengeti National Park Day 3

Enjoy breakfast in the ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL before your privately chartered, scenic flight passing over the sweeping African plains to Serengeti National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Check into the distinctive SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE located within the park's boundaries, with prime proximity to its largest year-round concentration of wildlife.

Join your traveling companions this evening for the Welcome Reception at the lodge.

## Serengeti National Park Day 4 and Day 5

Experience a sublime spectacle of nature surrounded by great herds of wildebeest,



Thomson's gazelles use their high speed—they can sprint up to 60 miles per hour—to outrun predators.

Grant's gazelle, topi, zebra and Cape buffalo, only a fraction of more than two million animals inhabiting a mere 5400 square miles of savannas and woodlands.

During morning and afternoon game safaris, traverse the trackless grasslands supporting the abundance of grazing animals and scan the plains for granite *kopjes* (outcrops) favored by large cats, especially lion and leopard. Enjoy prolific, world-class birdwatching possibilities with more than 500 species in the expansive marshland, attracting thousands of waterbirds.

An early morning hot-air balloon flight option, weather conditions permitting, offers an exceptional aerial perspective of the Serengeti's plains.

# Serengeti National Park/ Oldupai Gorge/ Ngorongoro Conservation Area Day 6

Enjoy game viewing opportunities en route to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ngorongoro Conservation Area. See the abundant fauna of this vast ecosystem including Thomson's gazelle, giraffe, cheetah and leopard.

Stop to visit Oldupai Gorge, the "cradle of mankind," one of the most important archaeological locations in East Africa and

Enjoy photo opportunities as you explore the grasslands of the Serengeti in the heart of the African wilderness.





Listen for elephants communicating human-like emotions; they are one of the most intelligent animals on Earth.

the wellspring of our DNA. Here, Louis and Mary Leakey's paleoanthropological work was made famous in 1959, when Mary unearthed the skull of Paranthropus boisei, an early hominin that proved invaluable to the study of human evolution. A year later, the Leakey family also discovered a 1.8-million-year-old Homo habilis. Meet the local curator for a discussion.

Check into the deluxe NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE, perched on the precipice of the magnificent crater,



The rare black rhinoceros shares a symbiotic relationship with the oxpecker.

where each guest room offers stunning views of the natural surroundings and wildlife.

#### Ngorongoro Conservation Area Day 7

After breakfast, board a four-wheel drive land cruiser and descend 2000 feet to the floor of Ngorongoro Crater, a remarkable sanctuary for hundreds of mammal and bird species. Born from the collapse of a massive volcano over two million years ago, the 12-mile-wide natural caldera shelters a perennial migration of incredible wildlife in diverse habitats: savannas, forests, marshlands, salt pans and a freshwater lake. With bountiful grass and a permanent water supply, the crater floor supports herds of grazing animals that, in turn, attract lion, leopard and cheetah.

Observe zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, Cape buffalo and elephant; watch for the critically endangered black rhinoceros; and look for hippopotamus seeking refuge from the midday sun in the Ngoitokitok Springs. Spot numerous species of birds that find a home in the crater, including ostrich, crowned crane, flamingo and other waders. After a morning of game tracking, stop for a picnic lunch amid the distinct flora and fauna of this rare and enthralling ecosystem.

Later, survey the crater and its ample wildlife from your lodge's viewing terrace, directly on the crater's rim.

# Ngorongoro Conservation Area/ Lake Manyara National Park Day 8

Take a scenic drive to the edge of the Great Rift Valley, a significant geographical detail visible from outer space.

Cape buffalo, one of Africa's "Big Five," thrive in most grassland habitats within 12 miles of a watering hole.





Look for majestic lions throughout your safari, a spectacular sight.

See Tanzania's educational system firsthand during a visit to the Kibaoni Primary School, the first public primary school in Tanzania with a library visitors to the country donated most of its book collection. Meet the principal and view the school's classrooms. Continue to Lake Manyara National Park and check into the deluxe LAKE MANYARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE.

Embark on an afternoon game drive in search of hippopotamus and brilliantly hued flamingo found in pools along the shoreline. Comb the landscape for troops of baboons and blue monkeys scampering along tree branches; Cape buffalo, wildebeest, elephant and giraffe meandering the grassy floodplain; and prides of lion basking in the sun.

# Lake Manyara National Park/ Tarangire National Park Day 9

After breakfast, visit a typical Maasai village to meet the local people dressed in colorful traditional vestments. Massai here have held fast to their ancestral ways centered around their cattle, providing them with sustenance and clothing and shaping their lifestyle. Continue to Tarangire National Park and check into the TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE.

See a vast array of wildlife on an afternoon game drive along the banks of

the Tarangire River, and try to spot the stocking-thighed ostrich and the kori bustard, the world's heaviest flying bird and found only in Africa.

#### Tarangire National Park Day 10

Rise with the African sun for a game drive following breakfast. Upon returning to the lodge, watch herds of elephant gather near a riverbed while migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle and eland wander nearby. Keep a keen eye out for lion and cheetah, Tanzania's most powerful predators, in their natural habitat on your afternoon drive.

#### Tarangire National Park/ Arusha Day 11

After a scenic drive from Tarangire to Arusha, enjoy lunch at the Arusha Coffee Plantation.

Continue to the ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL for day-room accommodations. This evening, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

U.S. Day 12 Arrive in the U.S.

# The Deluxe, Award-Winning Serena Hotels and Safari Lodges

This program has been specially designed to feature Serena Hotels and Safari Lodges that have provided award-winning, deluxe accommodations for over 40 years. Ideally located in the heart of game reserves and lush mountain villages, these lodges immerse you in the largest concentration of wildlife and offer a unique local experience with tasteful, modern facilities.



# **Included Features**

#### In Arusha

- One night (upon arrival) and one day room
- (final day) in the ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL. One breakfast.
- Welcome safari briefing and introduction.
- Privately chartered scenic flight from Arusha to the beautiful landscape of Serengeti National Park.

#### In Serengeti National Park

- Welcome Reception.
- Three nights in the SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE.
- Three breakfasts, three lunches and three dinners. Two morning and two afternoon game drives.

Game drive en route from Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Conservation Area, including a picnic lunch and a visit to Oldupai Gorge, the "cradle of mankind" with a talk by the local curator.

#### In Ngorongoro Conservation Area

- Two nights in the dramatic NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE.
- Two breakfasts and two dinners.
- Full-day game drive into the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ngorongoro Conservation Area aboard a four-wheel drive land cruiser, including a picnic lunch.

#### Scenic drive from Ngorongoro Conservation Area to Lake Manyara. En route, visit the Kibaoni Primary School to meet with the principal.

#### In Lake Manyara National Park

- One night in the LAKE MANYARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE.
- One breakfast, one lunch and one dinner.
- Afternoon game drive.

Scenic drive from Lake Manyara to Tarangire National Park, including a visit with traditional Maasai villagers to experience their daily life and culture.

#### In Tarangire National Park

- Two nights in the distinctive
- TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE.
- Two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners.
- One morning and two afternoon game drives.
- Scenic drive from Tarangire National Park to

# Arusha, with lunch at the Arusha Coffee Plantation.

- Enhanced Travel Services • Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.
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- Hot-air balloon flight option available at additional cost, weather permitting.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



Gaze at harems of zebra moving across the savanna in search of water during the Great Migration.

#### Wings Over Tanzania

During your safari, experience an extraordinary way to see the untamed wonders and wildlife of Africa's incomparable landscapes—by air. Our exclusively chartered flight from Arusha to Serengeti National Park is the most scenic and comfortable way to transfer between your farthest destinations, eliminating the longest drive over a dusty, bumpy route. Aboard a private aircraft, watch the impressive landscape of Tanzania unfold before you from high above the plains—an aerial perspective unmatched by any other. On ascent and descent, watch for towers of giraffe, prides of lion and

herds of elephant from this awe-inspiring vantage point.

# **Balloon Safari Option**

Enjoy a spectacular aerial perspective during an early morning hot-air balloon flight over the expansive Serengeti. Take in your surroundings with a captivating, bird's-eye view of the magnificent wide plains and wildlife, followed by an English breakfast served with sparkling white wine.

The Optional Excursion is available at additional cost. Space is limited. Weather permitting. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Amidst Tanzania's stunning plains, watch for giraffe stooping down to drink, a rare sight.



Experience amazing wildlife sightings across the Ngorongoro Crater, including the semiaquatic, herbivorous hippopotamus weighing more than 3000 pounds.

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Per person, based on double occupancy	\$8495	\$8995
Singles are available upon request for an additional \$1000.*		
Chartered air transfer (Arusha/Serengeti) is included. *Taxes are an additional \$640 per person and are subject to char	nge.	
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