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Tanzania Safari

during the Great Migration



TANZANIA SAFARI DURING THE GREAT MIGRATION

Compelled by curiosity, adventure, and a yearning for discovery, intellectuals and the wild at heart have been coming to Tanzania since the dawn of travel. Join us on these grassy plains as we follow the path of the Great Migration, an annual spectacle where more than a million wildebeest follow the rains in search of “greener pastures.” Zebras, gazelles, and other grazers join the pilgrimage, while tree-climbing lions, cheetahs, and hungry Nile crocodiles lie in wait.

Witness every thundering stampede, every tail swish, and every split-second pounce on a 12-day safari itinerary that includes visits to three of Tanzania’s best game parks—Tarangire, Lake Manyara, and Serengeti—and the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ngorongoro Crater, known for its high concentration of wildlife. The Big Five—the African savanna elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, lion, and black rhinoceros—coexist here with proud red-robed Maasai pastoralists who herd cattle as their ancestors did.

When not on safari, visit a coffee plantation in Arusha, a Maasai village near Lake Manyara, a primary school on the edge of the Rift Valley, and Olduvai Gorge—a precious paleontological site often referred to as the “Cradle of Mankind.”



Wildebeest, zebras, and African lions on the plains of the Serengeti



Dear Alumni and Friends,

"I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up that I was not happy," wrote Ernest Hemingway in *True at First Light*. In 1933, the Nobel Prize winner and his wife Pauline set up camp along the banks of Lake Manyara. Hemingway's three-month safari inspired some of his most celebrated works, including *The Green Hills of Africa*.

It's been nearly a century since Hemingway camped beneath the fig trees, yet the natural splendor remains. Experience the invigorating wonder for yourself on this nine-night, journey-of-a-lifetime to Tanzania. Behold the phenomenon of the Great Migration by land—the most comprehensive way to experience one of Earth's most incredible natural spectacles. Over two million wildebeest, 500,000 zebra, Cape buffalo, and herds of Thomson's gazelle instinctively migrate annually across the plains of the Serengeti.

Visit three of Tanzania's finest game parks—Serengeti, Lake Manyara, and Tarangire. Begin your days with early morning game drives, when nocturnal animals conclude their foraging, and the grazers of the plains begin. Experience afternoon game drives as daylight turns to dusk and the remarkable glow of the setting sun illuminates the African wilderness. Descend in a four-wheel drive land cruiser into the impressive 19-kilometre-wide Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage-designated Conservation Area.

Stay in the award-winning SERENA LODGES, ideally located for optimal wildlife observation and game drives. Unforgettable encounters with Africa's signature wildlife are complemented with the exceptional aerial perspective of the land in a private charter flight.

Reserve now while early booking savings and space are still available on this extraordinary Tanzania journey.

Sincerely,

Dawn Warren
University of Saskatchewan Alumni Travel Program



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**To secure your spot, call Gohagan & Company at 800-922-3088
or visit gohagantravel.com/reserve**



HOT-AIR BALLOON OPTION

Excursion Date: January 30, 2024

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime, bird's eye view of the Serengeti's magnificent plains and wildlife during an optional early morning hot air balloon flight. Take in an unmatched panorama as far as the eye can see as you glide over vast terrain. On landing, enjoy an English breakfast served with sparkling white wine.

Price per person: \$655 USD

Space is limited. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

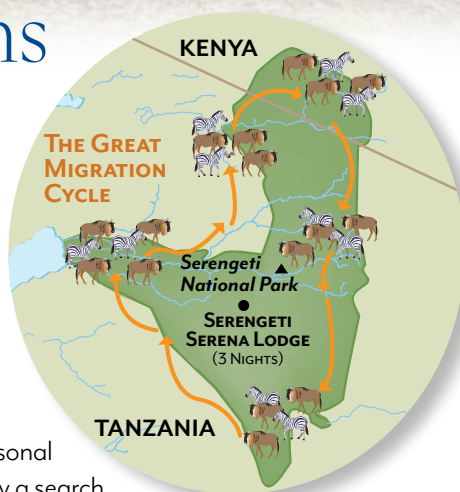




Ancient Rhythms of the Serengeti

Home to the Big Five, the “endless plains” of the Serengeti and its abundant diversity of natural habitats set the scene for a seasonal migration unlike any other in the world. A spectacular profusion of wildlife harmoniously coexists with semi-nomadic Maasai herdsman and warriors who have roamed its trackless grasslands for centuries.

The key to the vitality of the Serengeti lies in the seasonal migrations of wildlife in a rhythmic cycle triggered by a search for water. By November of each year, the Serengeti’s savannas have been replenished by heavy rains with succulent grasses, herbs, and shrub foliage. Splinter herds of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and other grazing animals begin yet another southerly 1,000-kilometre-long journey from the Maasai Mara to the Serengeti, returning for the January through March calving season—the optimal time to view a phenomenon regarded as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your guest room or tent and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).





12-DAY/9-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1

Depart your home city.

Arusha, Tanzania

Day 2

Transfer to Arusha, a lush town nestled at the foot of Mount Meru that is known as the gateway to Tanzania's best national game parks. Check into the ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL.

Arusha/Serengeti National Park

Day 3

Fly aboard a privately chartered aircraft for jaw-dropping vistas en route to Serengeti National Park. Upon arrival, you will embark on a safari drive to enjoy game viewing before checking in to the SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,R,D)

Serengeti National Park

Day 4-5

Opt for a breathtaking morning balloon safari at sunrise. Relish the incredible bird's eye view,

then toast your determination during a champagne breakfast. Experience a soul-stirring spectacle of nature as you track herds of wildebeest, gazelle, topi, Cape buffalo, and zebra during morning and afternoon safaris today. (2B,2L,2D)

Serengeti National Park/ Olduvai Gorge/ Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Day 6

Participate in a fascinating history session at the Olduvai Gorge, the most famous archaeological site in East Africa. Stop into the Olduvai Museum en route to the NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D)

Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Day 7

A magnificent natural amphitheatre is yours to

enjoy today as we descend 1,500 metres to the floor of Ngorongoro Crater in four-wheel drive vehicles. A picnic lunch inside the crater punctuates this thrilling full day of game tracking. Later, survey the crater and abundant wildlife from your lodge's viewing terrace, right on the crater's rim. (B,L,D)

Ngorongoro Conservation Area/ Lake Manyara National Park

Day 8

A short drive takes you to Kibaoni Primary School on the edge of the Rift Valley. Enjoy a close-up look at Tanzania's educational system and school children hard at work in the classrooms. After lunch, soak up the scenery as you transfer to the LAKE MANYARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE. Later this afternoon, you will embark on a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. (B,L,D)

Cape buffalo



Maasai giraffes





Black rhino



Cheetahs and their cubs



Kibaoni Primary School

Lake Manyara/Maramboi Day 9

Begin your day with a scenic drive to a traditional Maasai Village to meet Maasai warriors and herdsman. Later this afternoon, you will check in to MARAMBOI TENTED LODGE, where luxurious safari tents provide comfort beneath the palm trees. After lunch at the MARAMBOI TENTED LODGE, meet with your guide for a

walking safari to the banks of Lake Manyara.(B,L,D)

Tarangire National Park Day 10

Rise with the African sun for a game drive after breakfast. Enjoy lunch in the TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE before heading out for an afternoon photo safari. Be on the lookout for large herds of elephants gathering under the massive Baobab Trees and migratory wildebeest, zebra,

buffalo, gazelle, and eland antelope across the land.
(B,L,R,D)

Maramboi/Arusha/ Return to home city Day 11

Check out of the lodge and enjoy breakfast amid its natural beauty. Take a scenic drive to the Arusha Coffee Plantation for an aromatic garden lunch. Surrounded by evergreen coffee bushes, the historic coffee lodge is a fascinating feast for the senses. Back at the ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, relax with day-room accommodations before transferring to the airport for your return flight this evening.
(B,L)

Home City Day 12

Arrive in your home city.

Hippopotamus and flamingos in Ngorongoro Crater





SERENA HOTELS AND SAFARI LODGES

- ◆ Deluxe safari hotels and lodges on this itinerary include the ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE, NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE, and LAKE MANYARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE.
- ◆ Ideally located in the heart of game reserves and lush mountain villages, these properties immerse you in the largest concentration of wildlife and offer a unique local experience with tasteful, modern facilities.
- ◆ Award-winning, deluxe accommodations with a trusted reputation for more than 40 years.
- ◆ Designed to promote sustainability and complement the African landscape while minimizing its ecological footprint.
- ◆ Devoted to supporting local community artisans by offering their unique handicrafts for sale in gift shops.



MARAMBOI TENTED LODGE

- ◆ Classic comfort in the African bush.
- ◆ Tents built on raised wood platforms featuring en-suite bathrooms.
- ◆ Ideally located near Tarangire National Park, home to elephants, lions, and 550 bird species.
- ◆ Private terrace with breathtaking views of Lake Manyara and the Great Rift Valley.
- ◆ Excellent stargazing opportunities abound throughout the property.
- ◆ Watch for zebras, giraffes, warthogs, and gazelles from the terrace and pool.



WINGS OVER TANZANIA

Board an exclusively chartered flight and experience Africa's vast horizons and phenomenal fauna from an awe-inspiring vantage point. Enjoy comfort and convenience as you fly directly to the Serengeti National Park from Arusha, allowing for a swift and seamless transfer. Witness Tanzania's natural beauty as you fly above the acacia trees, survey the region, and take in the lush greens of the hills and valleys of the land.

2024 DEPARTURE DATE

January 27 to February 7 (Tour Begins: January 28)

LAND RATES

In U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy excluding taxes

**Early Booking
Rate through
August 24, 2023**

*Rate after
August 24, 2023*

Includes Accommodations

\$7,465

\$8,295

Singles are available upon request for an additional \$1,100.

Included airfare from the Arusha to Serengeti.

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