

Wings over Tanzania

Tanzanian safari during the Great Migration

Arusha · Tarangire · Lake Manyara · Ngorongoro Crater · Serengeti

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Intro

Travel with Case Western Reserve University alumni, family and friends on this custom-designed journey of a lifetime into the majestic natural wonder that is Tanzania. Behold the timeless phenomenon of the extraordinary Great Migration by land and air - the best and most comprehensive way to experience one of Earth's most incredible natural spectacles. Here, cycles of rain and renewal dictate the foraging patterns of over one million wildebeest, 500,000 zebra and vast herds of Thomson's gazelle and Cape buffalo that instinctively gather and migrate in pursuit of food and water while preyed upon by lion, cheetah and leopard.

Trip Leader: **Patricia Princehouse**

Patricia Princehouse teaches Evolutionary Biology, and the History & Philosophy of Science at Case Western Reserve University. She earned her PhD at Harvard University, working with Stephen Jay Gould. Princehouse's historical and philosophical work concerns concepts and controversies in macroevolutionary theory, and more broadly, how scientific thinking differs from other forms of knowledge production. Her dissertation reperiodized the history of evolutionary thought since Darwin, and clarified the actors and characteristics of the hitherto unrecognized German Synthesis and its impact on late twentieth-century models of evolution and extinction.





Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 Depart US

Day 2 Arusha, Tanzania

Arrive in Arusha, a city nestled at the foot of Mount Meru, gateway to Tanzania's renowned national game parks. Transfer to the deluxe Lake Duluti Serna Hotel, built in the distinct traditional style of a colonial coffee plantation amid verdant, landscaped coffee fields with picturesque views of nearby Lake Duluti.

Day 3 Arusha/Serengeti National Park

Enjoy a scenic, privately chartered flight over the sweeping African plains en route to the legendary UNESCO World heritage-designated Serengeti National Park. Check into the deluxe Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, located within the park and selected for its proximity to the park's largest year-round concentration of wildlife. On your afternoon game drive, see the diverse and abundant fauna of this vast ecosystem, such as Thomson's gazelle, giraffe, cheetah and leopard.

Day 4 & 5 Serengeti National Park

One of the most spectacular moments you can experience in nature is to be surrounded by great herds of wildebeest, gazelle, topi, zebra and Cape buffalo, only a fraction of more than 2 million animals inhabiting a mere 5400 square miles of savannas and woodlands. Explore the trackless grasslands that support this abundance of grazing animals during morning and afternoon game safaris.

Look for granite Kopjes (outcrops) dotting the plains, which are favored by large cats, especially lion and leopard. Experience prolific, world-class bird-watching possibilities with more than 500 species in the expansive marshland which attracts thousands of water birds. Enjoy a phenomenal aerial perspective of the Serengeti's plains during an early morning hot air balloon flight, weather conditions permitting



Day 6 Serengeti/Oldupai Gorge/Ngorongoro Crater

Following breakfast, check out of the lodge and visit Oldupai Gorge, the most famous archeological location in East Africa and the wellspring of our DNA. Formally known as Olduvai, this was the mispronunciation of the Maasai word "Oldupai" for the type of wild sisal that grows around the gorge. Here, in 1960, Dr. Louis Leakey and his family and the important discovery of a 1.8 million-year-old Homo habilis. In 1959, his wife Mary Leakey, unearthed the skull of Zinjanthropus, an early hominin that proved invaluable to the study of human ancestry. Enjoy a discussion on Oldupai Gorge, known as the "cradle of mankind", given by a local expert.

After lunch, continue on a game drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage site and check into the deluxe Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, perched on the rim of the magnificent crater, where each guest room offers stunning views of the natural surroundings and wildlife.

This afternoon, experience a cultural exchange in a typical Maasai village with Tanzanians dressed in colorful traditional vestments. These people have held fast to their ancestral ways, centered on cattle, which provide sustenance, clothing and shape their cultural values.

Day 7 Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, board a four-wheel-drive land cruiser and descend 2000 feet to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, a remarkable sanctuary for hundreds of mammal and bird species, for a morning of game tracking. Born from the collapse of a massive volcano over two million years ago, the 12-mile-wide crater shelters

an immense year-round concentration of incredible wildlife, lively with personality and unique behavior. The profusion of game reflects the diversity of habitats found on the crater floor: savannas, forests, marshlands, salt pans and a freshwater lake. With abundant grass and a permanent water supply, the crater supports herds of grazing animals that, in turn, attract lion, leopard and cheetah.



Observe parades of zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, Cape buffalo and bull elephant; watch for the critically endangered black rhinoceros; and look for hippopotamus seeking refuge from the midday sun in the Ngoitokitok Springs. Also, watch for the numerous species of birds that find a home in the crater, including ostrich, crowned crane, flamingo and other waders. Together, the distinct flora and fauna of the crater make this a truly

unique ecosystem. Later, survey the crater and its abundant wildlife from your lodge's viewing terrace, right on the crater's rim.

Day 8 Ngorongoro Crater/Lake Manyara National Park

After breakfast, check out of the lodge and enjoy a scenic drive to the edge of the Great Rift Valley, arguably the most significant physical detail of the Earth that is visible from outer space. Observe Tanzania's educational system first hand during a stop at 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 headmistress and see the school's classrooms.

Continue to Lake Manyara National Park. On arrival, check into the deluxe Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge before embarking on an afternoon game drive.

Day 9 Lake Manyara/Tarangire National Park

After daybreak, drive through Lake Manyara National Park in search of hippopotamus and brilliantly hued flamingo found in the pools along the lake's shoreline. Watch for troops of baboons and blue monkeys scampering along the tree branches, and scan the grassy floodplain in search of Cape buffalo, wildebeest, tusked elephant and giraffe. Look for Lake Manyara's most famous inhabitant, the lion who likes to climb up and lie languidly over the branches of the acacia tree.

Enjoy a scenic drive to Tarangire National Park and the distinctive Tarangire Safari Lodge tented camp. This afternoon, enjoy a game drive and sightings of the vast array of wildlife along the banks of the Tarangire River. Try to spot the kori bustard, the largest flying bird native to Africa, and the stocking-thighed ostrich.

Day 10 Tarangire National Park

Rise with the early African sunlight for a game drive to experience the park at dawn. Upon returning to the lodge, you can watch the herds of elephant gather near the drying riverbed in search of underground streams while migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle and eland crowd the banks. During your afternoon game drive, keep an eye out for lion and cheetah - Tanzania's most powerful predators - in their natural habitat.



Day 11 Tarangire/Arusha

After breakfast, enjoy a scenic flight across the vast African plains in your privately chartered aircraft to Arusha. Have lunch at the Arusha Coffee Plantation lodge upon arrival. Continue to the deluxe Lake Duluti Serena Hotel where day rooms have been reserved. Enjoy time at leisure, and after dinner on your own, transfer to the airport for your evening return flight to the US.

Day 12 Arrive U.S.

Cost & Inclusions

\$8,295* (early booking rate through June 26, 2017)

\$8,795* (regular price after June 26, 2017)

*double occupancy

singles are available on request for an additional \$1,000

Included Features

In Arusha

- One night, upon arrival, and one day room (final day) in the Lake Duluti Serena Hotel with breakfast on Day 3
- Welcome safari briefing and introduction
- Privately chartered scenic flight from Arusha to the beautiful landscape of Serengeti National Park

In Serengeti National Park

- Three nights in the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, designed to blend naturally into the African landscape; three breakfasts, three lunches and three dinners; morning and afternoon game drives in this UNESCO World Heritage site
- Welcome reception
- Game drive en route from Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater, including a picnic lunch and a visit to Oldupai Gorge, the "cradle of Mankind"

In Ngorongoro Conservation Area

- Two nights in the impressive Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge
- Two breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners
- Visit a traditional Maasai village and experience daily life and culture
- Extensive excursion into the UNESCO World Heritage site Ngorongoro Crater aboard a four-wheel drive land cruiser with a picnic lunch
- Scenic drive from Ngorongoro to the Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

In Lake Manyara National Park

- One night in the dramatic Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge
- One breakfast, one lunch and one dinner
- Morning and afternoon game drives
- Visit Kibaoni School to meet with its headmistress
- Scenic drive from Lake Manyara to Tarangire National Park

In Tarangire National Park

- Two nights in the distinctive Tarangire Safari Lodge tented camp
- Two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners
- One morning and two afternoon game drives
- Privately chartered scenic flight from Tarangire to Arusha followed by lunch at the Arusha Coffee Plantation Lodge

Enhanced Travel Services Provided to All Participants

- Transfers and luggage handling for participants whose arrival and departure times coincide with the scheduled group transfers

- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- Gratuities for safari drivers/guides/pilots for included excursions and transfers
- Complimentary bottled water provided in individual lodge rooms and on all safari vehicles
- Hot air balloon flight option available at additional cost, weather permitting

Accommodations

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 the 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.