

## **Tanzania Wildlife & Cultural Safari – 9 Days**

### **Day 1 Depart From London**

This evening you will fly from London to Kilimanjara via Nairobi

### **Day 2 Arrive Kilimanjaro /Lake Manyara National Park**

On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, after finalising Immigration and Customs formalities, you will be met by a tour manager representative and transferred to your hotel where one can enjoy the spectacular views of the Mount Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro.

This afternoon after lunch we're off to **Lake Manyara** which lies at the foot of the escarpment of the eastern branch of the Great Rift Valley. This small park has a diverse ecosystem that supports a surprising array of animals. Our game run will bring us into East Africa's most concentrated elephant country. If we're lucky, we may even spot one of the park's famed tree-climbing lions, seeking cover in the shade of high acacia branches.

Dinner and overnight will be at Jambo Lodge.

### **Day 3 Serengeti National Park / Ol Dupai Gorge**

This morning we're off to the Serengeti. After breakfast, we enter the Stone Age and witness the origin of mankind at **Ol Dupai Gorge**. Under the direction of Louis and Mary Leakey, this area has yielded abundant fossil material dating back over two million years. It is "one of the wonders of the world".

We will take a game drive in the **Serengeti** with a picnic lunch box. During our game drives we're sure to sight a variety of plains games, ostrich, and giraffe. Hyenas and jackals wait patiently near feasting predators. Elephants trundle through the woodland and the cheetah is sighted more often than not. The Serengeti has some of the world's best bird watching, with more than 500 species identified. During his famous study of the Serengeti lion, George Schaller counted no less than 3,000. We'll also get the chance to travel the leopard circuit, where the chances of sighting this animal are greater here than anywhere else in Africa.

We will arrive at our lodge for dinner and overnight stay at Seronera Wildlife Lodge.

### **Day 4 Ngorongoro Conservation Area**

After breakfast we head to **Ngorongoro Crater**, where we stop for lunch at the lodge, which is set on the crater rim. Its steep, unbroken rim plunges 2,000 feet to a 102 square mile floor and provides a natural sanctuary to more than 30,000 animals and more than 350 species of birds.

After lunch, we visit the **Maasai Boma** for lectures relating to the Maasai. It will be interesting to see how they live, see their clothes, and watch some traditional dancing.

Dinner and overnight Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

### **Day 5 Ngorongoro Crater**

After breakfast, we'll descend 2,000 feet along a rocky track into the amazing **Ngorongoro Crater**. It's an idyllic day, replete with picnic lunch. There is good game viewing here all year round. Africa's highest concentration of lions may be viewed in the crater at astonishingly close range amid breathtaking landscapes. The rhinoceros population is easy to spot. We'll also have a chance to view buffalo, wildebeest, zebra, reedbuck, hippos and elephants.

We will have an overnight stay and dinner at Jambo Campsite.

### **Day 6 Lake Eyasi – Bush Man**

The Hadzabe live in the area of Lake Eyasi. They are among the greatest attractions in the Northern Circuit due to their primitive but exciting lifestyle. They wear animal skin, they hunt and eat monkeys and they have kept their traditions with minimal influence from the outside world. This day we drive to **Lake Eyasi** where by we visit the **Hadzabe tribe – Bush Men**, and walk with the Guide to the lake followed by a lecture, which will be presented by the guide from the Cultural organization. Lunch will be taken at the Campsite here.

Later we drive to the Jambo Campsite for dinner and overnight

### **Day 7 Machame – Cultural Tour**

After breakfast, we drive to Machame area, a mosaic of beautiful valleys, rivers, waterfalls, farms and the home base of the **Chagga people**. Here you can experience and witness the only agro-forestry "best practice", an intensive farming system of inter-cropping of mixed crops and traditional irrigation. Sieny catchment forest is known as a historical sacred place of natural forests, bridges and caves where local people worshipped during the traditional festivals era. We will explore the **big caves**, which used to accommodate about 200 Chagga's with their animals. Another prominent attraction is the natural bridge called "Daraja la Mungu." or "God's Bridge", crossing the Marire and Namwi rivers, which feed a waterfall.

We return to Protea Hotel for dinner and overnight

### **Day 8 Kilimanjaro/ Departure**

On our final day in Tanzania we get the chance to do some sightseeing around **Mt. Kilimanjaro area**. Mt. Kilimanjaro is truly one of the most impressive sights in Africa. It can be seen from various points in northern Tanzania, and even Kenya. Part of its spectacular appeal is that Kilimanjaro is not part of a mountain range—it's a 19,342-ft/5,895-m dormant volcano rising dramatically from a relatively flat plain—it's the world's highest freestanding mountain.

We will go for an early dinner then transfer to the airport for the return flight.

### **Day 9 Arrive UK**

Flight arrives back in London.

*Note: Lodges and hotels listed are subject to availability, similar standard accommodation may be substituted.*