

# *Tanzanian Safari and The island of Zanzibar*

*(Approximate dates: November 17 - December 1<sup>st</sup> 2012)*

*Day 1 - D (3 star rating)*

*On arrival into Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be met by the driver guide, who will transfer you to Impala Hotel, Arusha for your dinner and overnight stay.*

*Day 2 - B, L, D (4 star rating)*

*As if in a land before time, Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge is built into the rim of a dormant and collapsed volcano (known as a caldera), the plant- and ivy-covered native stone blending masterfully with its surroundings.*

*Most of the 75 rooms has a private terrace with uninterrupted views of the 102-square-mile crater floor that is now a rich wildlife habitat. The lodge is a striking interpretation of how prehistoric man lived, hiding in caves that allowed him to see his prey, but remain unseen. The earliest evidence of early man is found nearby at Olduvai Gorge, a site of great interest to visitors to the region. Today the entire area is part of a vast conservation territory, home to the Masai tribe and their prized cattle, as well as an extraordinary variety of big game and wildlife - lion, hippos, rhino, buffalo, wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and hartebeest.*

*Due to the prevailing cool climate in the region, the lounge and dining room are set indoors overlooking the Ngorongoro Crater through large picture glass panels. All areas are complimented by log fires (the lodge is at 6,000 feet) which greatly enhance the atmosphere especially in the evenings. The unique design of the Lodge continues in the restaurant and bar with magnificent examples of prehistoric cave paintings found in the nearby Olduvai Gorge.*

*The full-service lounge has an outdoor balcony and a fixed telescope for guests' use. Fresh fruit juices, soft drinks, tea and coffee, cocktails, wines, spirits and liqueurs are available to guests throughout the day. It is a cozy place enhanced with comfortable easy chairs to relax in after a long safari or before and after meals.*

*Ngorongoro Crater, 12 miles (19 kilometers) wide, is the world's largest intact caldera. At 5,600 feet (1,700 meters) elevation, the crater floor is primarily grassland, with patches of spring-fed marshes, freshwater ponds, a salt lake, and small forests. Harboring 20,000 large animals, it is a virtual Noah's Ark (without giraffes). Buffaloes, wildebeests, zebras, gazelles, and harebeests graze the grassland, while elephants roam the wooded areas, and hippos gather in marshes and ponds. Lions, spotted hyenas, and golden and black-backed jackals are easy to find, and servals and cheetahs are sighted rarely. Resident ostriches, crowned*

cranes, and kori bustards are joined seasonally by migrant flocks of white and Abdim's storks.

Indeed, there is a blaze of euphoria that seems to accompany game-viewing trips into the bush. But these safaris are only the beginning of the special offerings that guests are invited to experience at Ngorongoro Serena.

Today the Ngorongoro Crater and surrounding landscape are part of a vast conservation area inhabited by the Masai tribe. Guests of the Lodge have the unique opportunity of being able to visit a local Masai village. This is a half-day trip accompanied by an English-speaking Masai guide.

You shall be met by the driver guide and you shall head off towards Ngorongoro in the morning, to arrive at the lodge in time for lunch.

After lunch, you shall relax for the rest of the day.

You will stay at the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge.



#### Day 3 - B, L, D

After breakfast, you shall be met by the driver guide at the reception of the hotel, who will take you for a full day game drive of the crater, before returning back to the lodge for dinner

Dinner and overnight at Ngorongoro Serena

#### Day 4 - B, L, D

After breakfast, you shall be met by the driver guide, who will drive you through the lush region of the Northern Tanzania Parks towards the vast plains of Serengeti.

You shall arrive in time for lunch at Serengeti Serena Lodge.

Almost nowhere else in Africa can the visitor expect to see more big game than in the terrain immediately surrounding Serengeti Serena Lodge. In the center of the plain, set high on hill overlooking the sweeping grasslands that are the habitat of countless zebra, gazelle, wildebeest, and numerous other species, the Lodge enjoys an incomparable location.

*The Serengeti Plain is the main stage for the great wildebeest migrations, an awesome spectacle involving millions of these beasts. Big game feed in full view of the lodge itself. The lodge design is simple but stylish, subtle but stunning.*

*Inspired by a traditional African village, separate rondavel "huts" house the luxury guest rooms. The uniquely crafted bedroom units maximize the use of local materials in order to blend with their surroundings. The grass capping of the roofs comes from locally occurring (but outside of the Serengeti Park) savannah grass. The buildings' stone facings utilized the stone shale that was found on the site and is common throughout the Serengeti area.*

*The architecture and design of Serengeti Serena Lodge makes maximum use of locally available, naturally occurring, materials and indigenous designs. Towards the restaurant, dining and bar area, you are let through open corridors with rich African carvings and high roofs.*

*The lodge's cuisine is focused on its use of fresh food that is sumptuously prepared and cooked in front of the guests. The full-service lounge and bar serves fresh fruit juices, soft drinks, tea and coffee, cocktails, wines, spirits and liqueurs*

*Yellow fever trees and palm thickets line the Seronera River and its hippo pools. This is a superb area for seeing predators such as lions, leopards, and cheetahs, along with giraffes, topis, bohor reedbucks, defassa waterbucks, buffalos and impalas. The kopjes host hyraxes, dwarf mongooses, and red-headed agamas. The open grassland is home to large groups of Thomson's and Grant's gazelles, spotted hyenas, jackals, and such birds as the double-banded courser, yellow-throated sand grouse, red-capped lark, Fischer's sparrow-lark, and capped wheatear.*

*More than a million wildebeest, accompanied by hundreds of thousands of other herbivores, descend upon the short-grass plains of the southeastern Serengeti at the start of the rainy season around December. After calving in January and February, they scatter over the southern and central plains. By May the rain ends, the grass has been reduced to stubble, and the animals begin their long march to dry-season grazing grounds near the permanent waters of the Serengeti's northern woodlands and Kenya's Masai Mara. Reaching these destinations by July or so, they remain until July, when they head back to the southeastern Serengeti.*

*After a short rest after lunch, you shall have a game drive in the early evening, before returning back to the lodge for dinner.*

*Overnight at Serengeti Serena Lodge*



*Day 5 - B, L, D*

*After breakfast, you shall be met by the driver guide, who shall take you for your early morning game drive, in time to return back to the lodge for lunch.*

*You shall have a chance to rest at the lodge until 1500hrs, in time for your evening game drive.*

*You shall return back to the lodge for your dinner and overnight at Serengeti Serena.*

*Day 6 - B, L, D*

*After breakfast, you shall depart for Lake Manyara National Park, the home of the tree climbing lions.*

*You shall arrive in time for lunch at L. Manyara Serena Lodge*

*The setting is extraordinary. Lake Manyara Serena Lodge is located at the edge of the Mto Wa Mbu escarpment, overlooking the Great Rift Valley and the stunning Manyara soda lake. For those who wish to observe big game the area has long been known for its tree-climbing lions, while ornithologists from around the world come to observe the masses of pink flamingos and great birds of prey around the lake. In flight or at the lake's edge, these birds habituate in clear view of the lodge's public spaces and guest rooms. The area's abundant birdlife inspired the design of Lake Manyara Serena Lodge - swooping curves are complemented by soft, geometric patterns; striking murals depict bird migration patterns. The circular shape of the buildings is a tribute to indigenous architectural traditions.*

*The unique architecture of the Lodge continues in the restaurant and bar with colorful moldings and complimenting light fixtures that hang from intricately detailed African ceilings. The bar and restaurant offer guests both indoor and outdoor seating at each meal. Sumptuous menus, buffets and barbecues are served to guests alongside authentic African dishes.*

*The full-service lounge and bar serves fresh fruit juices, soft drinks, tea and coffee, cocktails, wines, spirits and liqueurs. With their graceful domed ceilings, curved walls and colorful murals, these are the ideal venue to relax after safari or before and after meals. Both areas offer terrace seating with breathtaking views over Lake Manyara*

*Lake Manyara National Park is an ornithological paradise with an abundance of birdlife. Verreaux's eagles, vultures, storks, swifts and swallows wing by lodgings atop the spectacular cliffs overlooking the lake. Lake Manyara, at 3,150 feet, is at times replete with flamingos, pelicans, storks and cormorants. The hippo pool, where guests may get out of their vehicles, is located on a freshwater stream that enters the lake at its northern tip.*

*The parks springs and a dense groundwater forest of giant figs and mahogany shelter blue monkeys, baboons, bush bucks, common water bucks, elephants, and silvery-cheeked horn bills. Acacia woodland and open grassland are frequented by buffalo, wildebeests, impalas, giraffes, zebras, lions, and gray-backed fiscal-shrikes. Streams attract pythons, Nile monitor lizards and mountain wagtails.*

*After lunch and a short rest, you shall have a game drive in the early evening, before returning back to the lodge for dinner.*

*Overnight at L. Manyara Serena Lodge.*



*Day 7 - B, L, D (4 star rating)*

*After breakfast, you shall depart for Arusha, where you shall arrive in time for lunch.*

*After lunch you shall be transferred to the Airport for your flight to Zanzibar.*

*You shall be met by the driver guide at the Airport and driven to Breezes, set on the East Coast of Zanzibar.*

*Breezes Beach Club is situated on a peaceful, pristine beach on the East coast of the island of Zanzibar, an ideal escape for romantics and those needing to recharge their batteries and be pampered by our friendly staff.*

*As a family owned and run hotel, Breezes is continually evolving in its efforts to make this one of the finest resorts in the world. It offers a selection of al fresco restaurants and bars, a health club, marine activities, massage and cultural entertainment, scuba diving and extensive sporting activities...all this without compromising the relaxed yet elegant atmosphere which has become synonymous with the name Breezes.*

*The rooms, set in Plantation Villas strategically placed in the tropical gardens, are tastefully decorated in Zanzibari style with ivory tones, cotton throws, teak wood finishes and local carvings. Each room has a large balcony, perfect for more private sunbathing and from where to enjoy a sundowner as the sunlight fades into the tropical night.*

*Breezes Beach Club's renowned chefs have created a fusion of Zanzibari and international cuisine, fusing the just caught with the freshly picked and featuring some of the best seafood, tropical fruits, and spices that the island has to offer*

*You shall have dinner and stay in a Deluxe room at Breezes.*



*Day 8 - B, D*

*Divers to meet at the Rising Sun Dive Centre at 0830 to get kitted up and ready for departure*

*Dinner and Overnight in a Deluxe room at Breezes*

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*Day 12 - B, D*

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*Dinner and Overnight in a Deluxe at Breezes*

*Day 13 - B, D*

*All day at your leisure or take in a shopping trip to Stone Town with Kristen departure will be at 830am... expect to return around 530pm!*

*Dinner and Overnight in a Deluxe room at Breezes*

*Day 14 - B*

*Soon after breakfast and a leisurely morning, you shall be transferred to the Airport*

*SUBTOTAL COST PER PERSON, = \$3,750.00 per person*

*Cost includes:-*

- *Meet and greet service*
- *All transfers*
- *Transport in specially prepared safari vehicles and fully equipped with safari gear, coolers, safari literature with services of a driver/guide.*
- *Game drives as specified in the itinerary*
- *Park entrance fees*
- *Flight from Arusha to Zanzibar*
- *Accommodation and meals as specified in the itinerary*
- *Personal assistance throughout the tour*

*Not included are:-*

- *Personal expenses such as tips, laundry, drinks etc.*
- *Visas and visa fees U.S. Citizens are \$100.00 (to be paid individually at immigration upon arrival)*
- *Optional excursions*
- *International flights and flight taxes*
- *Travel Insurance*

*Others estimated costs:*

- *International (coach class) flights will run approx. \$1,900.00 per person*
- *10 dives with the Rising Sun Dive Centre \$700.00 per person or the 6 dive package for \$450.00 per person (excluding equipment rental)*
- *One-way flight from Zanzibar to Dar approx. \$85.00 per person (upon departure to catch the international flight on the mainland)*
- *Excess bags (51-70 pounds) on Delta are \$150.00 per bag each way (as per their website) there may also be fees for flights within Tanzania.*

*Note: Prices are subject to change without notice based on flight changes, exchange rates, taxes fees etc.*