

ITINERARY FOR:

PHOENIX SKI CLUB

Arusha, Lake Manyara, Serengeti National Park,
Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire National Park
and Zanzibar

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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 Night at FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, THE ARUSHA HOTEL - Its lengthy and vivid history, abundant gardens, high quality rooms and services, and balanced elegance reflect its history, sophistication, and charm.
- 1 Night at LAKE MANYARA KILIMAMOJA LODGE - This luxury lodge is nestled on the rim of the Great African Rift Valley with stunning views over Lake Manyara, Mount Meru and on a clear day, Mount Kilimanjaro.
- 2 Nights at SERENGETI SOPA LODGE - Located on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the south-western Serengeti, the lodge lies within an area of outstanding natural beauty. An oasis of cool relaxation from the equatorial sun.
- 2 Nights at NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE - This all-suite lodge has magnificent views into the Ngorongoro Crater. Each suite has a solarium with comfortable rocking chairs, the perfect place to relax.
- 1 Night at TARANGIRE SOPA LODGE - Hidden among the kopjes, surrounded by ancient baobab trees, this low profile structure features spacious rooms and private verandas from which to view the stunning landscape.
- 3 nights at BLUEBAY BEACH RESORT & SPA - located on the east coast of the Zanzibar Island, in an area known as Kiwengwa. The Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa caters for the tastes and interests of both those who prefer whiling away on the beach and those who like their holidays filled with activity.
- 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 9 dinners
- Airport transfers via car and driver, including a 'Meet and Greet' service on arrival into Tanzania.
- Thrilling morning and afternoon game drives at Lake Manyara, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Tarangire Parks.

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Fri Jun 10

ARRIVE KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA ⇒ ARUSHA

Touch down late today at Kilimanjaro Airport. After Customs and Immigration formalities, you will be greeted by your “Great Safaris” representative and driven to your lovely accommodations outside Arusha.

Arusha is northern Tanzania's center of commerce and trade, and may well be one of East Africa's fastest growing cities. The city, 5,053 ft above sea level, is surrounded by fertile lands that nurture crops of coffee, maize, bananas and flowers. It is the central point in Africa between Cape Town and Cairo. Arusha has a vast number of curio shops brimming with handicrafts, carvings and gemstones.

ACCOMMODATIONS: FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, THE ARUSHA HOTEL

The Arusha Hotel has been Arusha's centerpiece since 1894. Home to those traveling between the Cape and Cairo.... and further afield in these modern times, its lengthy and vivid history stands as true today as it was over 100 years ago. A real focal point since the turn of the last century, The Arusha Hotel provides elegant, refined accommodation that cleverly balances all that is modern and classic.



The Arusha Hotel nestles in the most beautifully landscaped garden in the region. With rolling lawns, abundant trees, a large variety of exotic plants and stunning iridescent birdlife the gardens of The Arusha Hotel provide an oasis from the bustling town. Just after the rains the garden is alive with vibrantly colorful butterflies and budding flowers.

Inside the highest-quality rooms, services and cuisine all come in surroundings that reflect its history, sophistication and charm. (Breakfast)

Sat Jun 11
ARUSHA

After a relaxing breakfast, set off to Moshe for a picnic at the base of Mt Kilimanjaro. Stretch your legs on a leisurely walk among the foothills.

On the way back to your hotel, your brief tour of Arusha begins at the Mwenge Roundabout where your guide will explain the importance of the torch in Tanzania's history.



You continue to the Clock Tower (the mid point between Cape Town and Cairo), Carver's Village marketplace where you can observe ebony carvings being created, and Tanzanite Experience, a display showing the history of gem mining in Tanzania and a shop with various gemstones including Tanzanite which is only found in a small mine a few kilometers from Arusha.

ACCOMMODATIONS: FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, THE ARUSHA HOTEL
(Breakfast, Lunch)

Sun Jun 12
ARUSHA ⇒ LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and morning at the lodge. After lunch, your safari guide will greet you in the lodge lobby, assist with check-out, and then drive you across the floor of the Great Rift Valley to Lake Manyara. Enjoy your first glimpse of both urban and rural lifestyles during the 2 1/2 hour drive. The closer you get to Lake Manyara, the more numerous will be the wildlife sightings, and your guide will be happy to meander at a pace that allows for close-up photographs. Once you arrive at your lodge, the afternoon's activities will be at your leisure, taking in the beauty of the area.



As the sun starts setting over the African landscape, stop to stretch your legs and enjoy the serene atmosphere. When the evening's long shadows are cast the colors of the land soften and the sounds of the bush subtly change to reflect the emergence of nighttime predators and prey.



ACCOMMODATIONS: LAKE MANYARA KILIMAMOJA LODGE

Their one hundred suites are spacious and allow guests to relax and enjoy the African bush with uninterrupted views of the Manyara plains. Featuring a gym, spa, infinity pool, wireless Internet and cafe, fine dining restaurant, lounges, fire places, viewing decks, botanical/fresh vegetable gardens, cigar and billiards room, a well-stocked library and a fully-fledged conference room with related facilities.

The spectacular main house has all the luxuries including main lounge, grand hallway, dining room, spa, boutique, conference room, media (TV) room, outside fire place, rim flow pool, billiards room, internet café and children's' activity room.

The Lodge provides five food and beverage options including the Acacia Restaurant, Simba Lounge and Nyati Bar.

Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge is the ideal place in which to base your Northern Safari Experience. The Ngorongoro Crater, Oldeani, Lake Eyasi, Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Highlands is just a short drive from the lodge. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Mon Jun 13

LAKE MANYARA ⇒ SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After an early breakfast, you will be taken on a morning game drive around Lake Manyara National Park.

There are elephants, giraffe, buffalo and hippo a-plenty in this park, and as there are five different vegetation zones, there is a wonderful diversity of wildlife. Manyara also provides the perfect introduction to Tanzania's birdlife. More than 400 species have been recorded to date, which include pink-hued flamingos (by the thousands during migration), as well as other large water-birds such as pelicans, cormorants and storks.



But the 'secret' attraction of this area are the famed 'tree climbing lions'. If you are lucky (very lucky), you just might espy one resting nonchalantly on an Acacia tree branch!



Afterwards, you will be driven to the famed Serengeti National Park, arriving at your lodge in time for lunch.

This afternoon you will gather with fellow safari-goers over tea and coffee in preparation of this afternoon's game drive.

It was 1913 and great stretches of Africa were still unknown to the white man when Stewart Edward White, an American hunter, set out from Nairobi. Pushing south, he recorded: "We walked for miles over burnt out country... Then I saw the green trees of the river, walked two miles more and found myself in paradise."



He had found Serengeti. In the years since White's excursion under "the high noble arc of the cloudless African sky," Serengeti has come to symbolize paradise to many of us. The Masai, who had grazed their cattle on the vast grassy plains for millennia had always thought so. To them it was Siringitu - "the place where the land moves on forever."

Return to you camp this evening, as the sun sinks beyond the horizon and millions of stars become visible overhead. Relax and refresh before dinner and then a well-deserved night's rest.

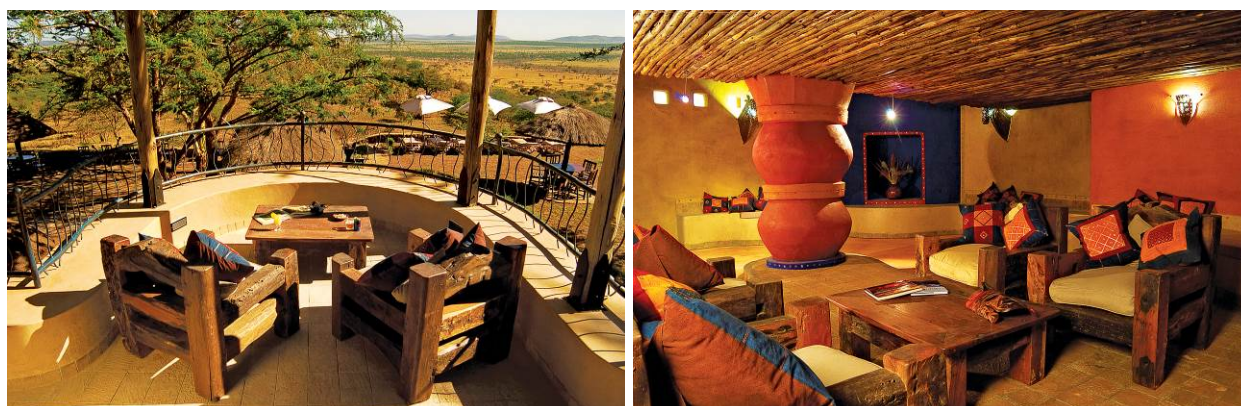
ACCOMMODATIONS: SERENGETI SOPA LODGE

Located on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the south-western Serengeti National Park. Home to many thousands of wild and rare animals, Serengeti Sopa Lodge lies within an area of outstanding natural beauty. An oasis of cool relaxation from the equatorial sun.



The lodge allows its guests to experience magnificent sights, and enjoy interaction with the land and animals that are difficult to find elsewhere. At the same time, you are enjoying the highest level of cuisine and hospitality.

Unlike most other safari lodges throughout East Africa, their main building does not have a traditionally African thatched roof. It has instead a flat roof which is often used for cocktails, sundowners, and private parties.



Step down from these lofty heights into the coolness of the reception lobby and the dining room, with its outdoor terrace and simply delicious, sumptuous meals that are 'to die for'.

Their fully en-suite guestrooms and suites have been designed, decorated and furnished with only your total comfort in mind. All rooms have two queen beds, and tastefully

furnished with local fabrics and pictures. Each room has a verandah with comfortable chairs, and also features glass windows facing the vast Serengeti plains which extend as far as the naked eye can see. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Tue Jun 14

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Morning and afternoon game drives in and over the vast plains of the Serengeti. It is the annual migration for which this area is most famous, and depending on time of year. The animals are mating, foaling, marching or munching!



Over a million wildebeest and about 200,000 zebras flow south from the northern hills to the southern plains for the short rains every October and November, and then swirl west and north after the long rains in April, May and June. So strong is the ancient instinct to move that no drought, gorge or crocodile infested river can hold them back.



The Serengeti ecosystem is one of the oldest on earth. The essential features of climate, vegetation and fauna have barely changed in the past million years. Early man himself made an appearance in Olduvai Gorge about two million years ago. Some patterns of life, death, adaptation and migration are as old as the hills themselves.

With rich memories of your stay in the Serengeti, you'll return to your lodge with plenty of photos to commemorate your experience in Africa's glorious bush.



ACCOMMODATIONS: SERENGETI SOPA LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Wed Jun 15

SERENGETI ⇒ NGORONGORO CRATER

Enjoy breakfast at the lodge, followed by your final game drive in the Serengeti.

Soon after, you will be driven to 'Africa's Eden' or the '8th Natural Wonder of the World,' - UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Ngorongoro Crater.



Within the crater rim, large herds of zebra and wildebeest graze nearby while sleeping lions laze in the sun. At dawn, the endangered black rhino returns to the thick cover of the crater forests after grazing on dew-laden grass in the morning mist. Just outside the crater's ridge, tall Masai herd their cattle and goats over green pastures through the highland slopes, living alongside the wildlife as they have for centuries.

Continue to your lodge on the Crater rim. You will have time to freshen up before enjoying a delicious dinner, followed by a well-deserved night's rest.

ACCOMMODATIONS: NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE



Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge opened in 1992 and is an all-suite lodge having 96 suites, most enjoying magnificent views into the Ngorongoro Crater. Each suite is fully carpeted and heated by oil fired central heating radiators in the winter months. The spacious bedrooms contain two queen sized beds with deep sprung mattresses to ensure a comfortable nights rest. The fully tiled bathrooms are equipped to a high standard with bath, shower, WC, bidet, wash hand basin, hair dryer and shaver socket. Each suite has a solarium with comfortable rocking chairs, the perfect place to relax. A small private lounge with writing desk provides extra privacy and mini bars are available on request.



The meals are served in the main restaurant and are prepared in international and local flavors by professionally trained chefs. After meals, guests can take time to relax in the lodge gardens overlooking the crater or in the main lounge with cup of tea or coffee. Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge is perched on the rim of the collapsed volcano, and its position on the Eastern rim allows the most spectacular and uninterrupted views of the sunset. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Thu Jun 16

NGORONGORO CRATER

A memorable day is in store, as you meet your guide after breakfast, and head off for a day's adventure on the floor of the extinct crater.

Ngorongoro Crater is often called 'Africa's Eden' and the '8th Natural Wonder of the World.' Within the crater rim, large herds of zebra and wildebeest graze nearby while sleeping lions laze in the sun. At dawn, the endangered black rhino returns to the thick cover of the crater forests after grazing on dew-laden grass in the morning mist. Just outside the crater's ridge, tall Masai herd their cattle and goats over green pastures through the highland slopes, living alongside the wildlife as they have for centuries.



The crater is said to have the densest concentration of wildlife in Africa, and the floor consists of a number of ecological environments that include grassland, swamps, forests and Lake Makat, a central soda lake filled by the Munge River. All these various habitats invite wildlife to drink, wallow, graze, hide or climb.



Although animals are free to move in and out of this contained environment, the rich volcanic soil, lush forests and spring source lakes on the crater floor tend to incline both grazers and predators to remain throughout the year.

Access to the crater floor is via a steep road the winds along the crater's sloping side, and as your vehicle descends the views grow ever more spectacular. A rich and rewarding day of wildlife viewing and photography is enhanced with a picnic lunch in a scenic area. At day's end, climb back out from the crater floor and on to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

ACCOMMODATIONS: NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Fri Jun 17

NGORONGORO ⇒ TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After a hearty breakfast, depart for a drive through the highlands district where you will view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations.



Your destination this today is Tarangire, the third largest national park in Tanzania. An unusually large population inhabits this sanctuary. Majestic baobab trees are a main feature of the park, dwarfing the animals that feed beneath them. During the dry season from June to November, animals concentrate along the Tarangire River, which provides the only permanent water supply in Maasai land. The area supports a great diversity of wildlife, including giraffe, buffalo, lesser kudu, eland, oryx and zebra. Lion, leopard and cheetah are also present. Up to 6,000 elephants inhabit Tarangire in the dry season.



Upon arrival, you will enjoy an afternoon wildlife drive in Tarangire National Park. After sunset, drive to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

ACCOMMODATIONS: TARANGIRE SOPA LODGE



Hidden among the kopjes, lies Tarangire Sopa Lodge, surrounded by ancient baobab trees. It is the home of the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa, and other game including the elusive leopard. Over 400 bird species can be spotted here as well. With water constantly available in the area, the greenery is lush providing a wonderful contrast to the burnt ground.

The Tarangire Sopa Lodge is built as a 'low profile' structure, nestled into a wooded hillside valley overlooking Tarangire Hill. It has wall-to-wall carpeting, a private lounge with a mini bar, a bedroom with two queen size beds, an en-suite bathroom with shaver sockets and a hair dryer, and a private verandah which offers stunning views over the baobab studded landscape. The unique swimming pool which is located at the edge of a rocky gorge has its own bar and snack kitchen and offers a refreshing interlude between game drives.



Built on different levels, the main public area building offers an extremely cool respite from the outdoor heat as soon as you step into the reception. With a perfumed towel and a chilled welcome drink in hand, one suddenly becomes aware of the sheer size of the lobby with its glistening marble floors, colorful hand-woven carpets, and an incredibly high roof. From here a short flight of steps takes you up a level and into the lounge and bar with floor to ceiling windows, an outdoor terrace where you can enjoy an evening sundowner and, later perhaps, a game of pool in the area behind the bar.
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Sat Jun 18

TARANGIRE ⇒ ARUSHA ➔ ZANZIBAR or Depart

Enjoy a delicious meal this morning as you bid 'farewell' to the African bush. You will be driven back to Arusha in time for lunch before being transferred to the airport for your flight to Zanzibar.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your seaside lodge. Arrive in time for a delicious dinner.

For those not continuing to Zanzibar, a dayroom has been arranged at Four Points Sheraton until you transfer to your evening homebound departing flight.

ACCOMMODATIONS: BLUE BAY RESORT & SPA (Garden Room)



The Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa is located on the east coast of the Zanzibar Island, in an area known as Kiwengwa. The Zanzibar Island lies 35 KM off the eastern coast of Africa and is one of the two main islands of an autonomous state within the larger republic of Tanzania.

The Resort is less than a leisurely hour's drive from the Airport - Abeid Karume Airport - on an all-weather tarmac road. The Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa caters for the tastes and interests of both those who prefer whiling away on the beach and those who like their holidays filled with activity. And while the resort provides a wide range of facilities, they make a point of gamely taking on client suggestions to accommodate any special preferences of guests.



All rooms at Bluebay are spacious, bright and beautifully decorated in Zanzibari style with hand-carved furniture. The 74 Superior Rooms occupy an elevated position in the grounds, overlooking the verdant gardens to the azure ocean beyond. All the rooms in this category are sea-facing.



The Makuti Restaurant enjoys magnificent views over the swimming pool to the ocean beyond and offers breakfast, lunch and themed evening meals with live entertainment, depending on the meal plan. If you prefer an exclusive dining experience, the beachfront Bahari Grill is famous on Zanzibar for its fresh seafood and Italian specialties - the perfect setting for a romantic meal. The Blue Marlin Restaurant offers beach barbecues and the Pool Bar boasts an enticing selection of wines and spirits (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Sun Jun 19 and Mon Jun 20
ZANZIBAR

You will have a total of 2 more nights in Zanzibar to explore the island and enjoy the resort facilities.



At the Bluebay Resort & Spa visitors are offered a dedicated Recreation & Water Sports Centre that caters to a variety of water sports and recreation activities except for Scuba diving - which is provided separately at the Dive Centre. Some of the facilities are provided at a nominal charge. Among the water sports and recreation equipment available are:

- Windsurfers
- Single and Double Kayaks
- Sail Boats
- Peddle Boats
- Hobie Cats
- Bongo Jumpe (Water trampoline)
- Body Boards

Instructors for water sports and recreation are available at the Centre. The Centre also provides sailing and fishing excursions for guests.



You may care to take an optional guided tour of Zanzibar's ancient city Stone Town. It provides living evidence of a rich cultural heritage, where Arab, Indian, Persian and European influences blend with local African tradition. Historic buildings with elaborately carved wooden doors shaded by balconies, loggias and verandas line the narrow winding streets and are inviting visitors to get lost into this fascinating and unique World Heritage Site.

While wandering through the old city of Stone Town listen closely to your guide's sagas and tales of Zanzibar's most popular inhabitants among them Princess Salme, Farrokh Bulsara and Bi Kidude and follow their footsteps of past.



The tour includes the visit to the Darajani Town Market, the former Slave Market, Forodhani Gardens with view to the House of Wonders, Sultan Palace, Old Fort and much more worth exploring.



ACCOMMODATIONS: BLUE BAY RESORT & SPA (Breakfast, Dinner)

Tue Jun 21

ZANZIBAR → DAR ES SALAAM → DEPARTURE

Transfer to Zanzibar airport for the afternoon departure flight to the mainland. Connect to your homebound international flight with memories and photos to cherish and share with your friends. (Breakfast)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Tanzania: *A visa is required for Tanzania. Obtain your e-visa in advance <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/>*

We recommend one blank visa page for each country visited. Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond intended period of stay.

A valid yellow fever certificate may be required for entry to Tanzania if travelers have visited/transited through a yellow fever endemic area previously. The vaccination must be administered at least 10 days prior to travel to Tanzania. For those who do not wish to have the vaccination, your physician can provide a waiver. However, malaria tablets are highly recommended. You may obtain these pills by prescription, from your regular physician.

Luggage restrictions for this safari are 44 pounds per person (including photographic equipment). Please pack in soft sided bags. This restriction is rigidly enforced for your safety, and due to space limitations.

Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed along to the clients.