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Tanzania Safari Splendors

**Featuring the Ngorongoro Crater, a Maasai Village and the Serengeti.
Stay in 5-star Luxury Resort Accommodations, Including a Safari Camp with
Memory Foam Mattresses! Maximum of 8 Travelers!**

February 10-19, 2018

Of all the tours that Dea and Declan have led throughout the years, the one which people ask about the most is our Tanzanian Safari Splendors. We had a wonderful experience, with exceptional guides, luxurious accommodations, and sights that still seem magical years later. We saw all of the animals people wish to see in Africa, from lions, cheetahs and leopards to rhinos and elephants, zebras and giraffes. And since we go during the migration, we see thousands of wildebeests and even some Cape buffalo as well. We even saw cheetah and lion cubs! One of our travelers who went with us in 2014 said that it still is the most magical place she has been, and she has traveled all over the world! This tour is the ultimate select tour, as the jeeps can hold up to 6 travelers, we only take a maximum of 8 travelers (4 per vehicle, plus Dea or Declan). So if you are interested, do not hesitate, sign up today! (And for those wondering, yes, the photos of animals in this itinerary are from our 2014 safari!)

Saturday, Feb 10, 2018 – On our way!

Meet Dea and Declan at the St. Louis Airport. We will be with you the entire trip, so you can travel with peace of mind. We've a long way to travel, but we'll be in Africa tomorrow!

Sunday, Feb 11, 2018 – Arriving in Tanzania!

Upon arrival in Kilimanjaro International Airport in Arusha, Tanzania, we will be met by a local representative and transferred to our hotel, **The Rivertrees Country Inn**. Nestled between Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru in natural gardens along the Usa River, Rivertrees is simply a magical place to stay. Amenities include self-contained bathrooms with shower or bathtub, mosquito netting, hot water, bottled water, complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas, a laptop available for guest use, laundry services, and private dining upon request.



Monday, Feb 12, 2018 – Lake Manyara National Park and Ngorongoro Highlands!

After breakfast we ride to **Lake Manyara National Park** with a private driver-guide in our 4x4 safari vehicle with roof hatches. One of Tanzania's smallest and most diverse national parks, Lake Manyara is known for its flamingos that migrate to the shores of this alkaline lake, as well as tree-climbing lions, hippos, elephants and more. We'll do our first game drive today and enjoy a picnic lunch before continue to the **Ngorongoro Highlands**. A wild and majestic landscape awaits us as we arrive in the highlands for dinner and overnight at the Plantation Lodge. **(B,L,D)**



Like a green oasis, **Plantation Lodge** rests on the soft, red-brown hills amidst the vastness and silence of East Africa. The individually furnished rooms and suites melting harmoniously into the flowering garden offer comfort and relaxation. The lodge's 16 rooms are generously distributed throughout the flowering garden. Such colorful birds as Fischer's lovebirds or the yellow-bellied sunbird are regular visitors to Plantation Lodge.

Tuesday, Feb 13, 2018 – Ngorongoro Crater Game Viewing!

After breakfast, drive to the **Ngorongoro Crater**. Once a large volcano that later collapsed, the Ngorongoro Crater is now the largest intact caldera in the world. This 100-square-mile caldera is home to more than 25,000 large mammals like lions, leopards, elephants, zebras, wildebeest and the rare black rhino. (No giraffes here – the caldera walls are too steep for them to climb down!) We descend 2,000 feet to the bottom of the crater for game viewing on the crater floor with a picnic lunch. We return to the **Ngorongoro Highlands** for dinner and overnight at the Plantation Lodge. **(B,L,D)**



Wednesday, Feb 14, 2018 – Valentine’s Day in the Endless Plains of the Serengeti!

After breakfast, we depart for **the Serengeti**, or “Endless Plains” in the Maasai language. Along the way we will visit a **Maasai Village** and **Olduvai Gorge** en route with a picnic lunch. **Olduvai Gorge** is known for the fantastic archaeological discoveries made by Louis and Mary Leakey, including the skull of a humanoid, which is believed to be 1.75 million years old and was famously referred to as Lucy. We arrive at our home on the Serengeti, the **Lake Masek Tented Camp**, in time for an afternoon game drive. **Serengeti National Park** is a giant ecosystem that is home to millions of animals including lions, cheetah, leopards, buffalo, elephants, zebras, impalas, hyenas, wildebeest, hippos, crocodiles and more. We then return to camp for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**



Serengeti Ndotu Kati Kati Tented Camp is situated in the south of Serengeti National Park with fantastic beautiful views to the African Savannah. It locates itself in the best spot to enjoy the migration from December to April. The camp enables guests to experience an authentic African safari and at the same time offers the perfect balance between comfort, intimacy and splendid isolation. The camp is ecofriendly running on solar lighting. The camp consists of 10 spacious fully furnished tents with en suite facilities, including a separate en suite bathroom and bucket shower. (Note: You don’t actually fill up the bucket – the tent steward fills up a reservoir that sits outside the tent with water, which is fed to the shower inside your tent.) The camp completes its facilities with a mess tent where meals are served and a lounge tent.



Thursday, Feb 15, 2018 – A Full Day in the Serengeti!

After breakfast, we have a full day of game drives in the **Southern Serengeti Plains** and **Ndotu area**. Don’t forget your camera! We will return to the camp for dinner. **(B,L,D)**



Friday, Feb 16, 2018 – Another Full Day in the Serengeti!



Just like yesterday, we have another full day of game drives in the **Southern Serengeti Plains** and **Ndotu area**. Don’t forget your camera and back up batteries! We return to the camp for dinner. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, Feb 17, 2018 – Back to the Ngorongoro Highlands

After breakfast, drive back through the **Ngorongoro Highlands** towards the town of **Karatu**. Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or visit **Mto wa Mbu village**, including sites such as a tannery, local shops, rice field, banana farm, church and school. Tonight, enjoy your farewell dinner at the **Lake Manyara Escarpment Lodge**. **(B,L,D)**



Nestled into the edge of the escarpment which towers over the lake, **Lake Manyara Escarpment Luxury Lodge** invites in the incredible beauty of the African bush. The Lodge boasts 16 excellently appointed and private chalets. Each chalet has its own private deck from which you can view the lake below you and watch wildlife as it drifts through the lodge grounds. Abundant bird life fills the trees and bushes which grow right up to your deck. Expanses of windows and doors mean that you have nature right around you as you sit in the comfort and luxury of the superbly appointed bar lounge. A spreading deck surrounding the main lodge affords you breath-taking

views of the lake and the gorge upon which the lodge perches – watch pelicans sweep the skies as you take sundowners (A **Sundowner**, in colloquial British English, is an alcoholic **drink** taken after completing the day's work, usually at sundown.), see the sun set and listen to the sounds of Africa nestle up to you as night settles in. You can take a cycle tour from the lodge to the nearby village of Mto wa Mbu where you can indulge your need to shop for local curios and artefacts and immerse yourself in the diverse cultures of people inhabiting this pretty little village. Evenings at Escarpment Lodge will afford you an exhilarating glimpse into local life when you dine in the outdoor Boma adjacent to the main lodge and are entertained by cultural Maasai dancing and singing provided for you by the villagers living near our lodge.

Sunday, Feb 18, 2018 – Coffee Plantation Tour and the Start of Our Journey Home

After breakfast, depart for Arusha (approx. 2 hours). Upon arrival in Arusha, enjoy a coffee tour and lunch at Shanga River House. Transfer to KIA Lodge for your dayroom. Relax and refresh before taking the complimentary shuttle to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flights home **(B,L)**



KIA lodge is situated on a secluded hill in the heart of beautiful savannah scenery just minutes from Kilimanjaro International Airport. Rest easy in spacious African style thatched brick cottages privately set in beautiful, lush tropical & savannah gardens. The Lodge has an on-site restaurant, bar with views of Mount Kilimanjaro, hilltop swimming pool and outstanding panoramic views of Mt Meru, Blue Mountains and the Maasai Plains.

Monday, Feb 19, 2018 – Return to Saint Louis

After an amazing adventure in Tanzania, we return home. Thank you for traveling with us!

This is a 5-Sneaker Tour, which we have defined as “Periods of strenuous pace, rough terrain conditions.”

Please see our *Passport To Fun!* for more details on the sneaker activity levels.

Tour includes:

- ✓ Round trip airfare from St Louis to Tanzania
- ✓ Tanzanian Visa
- ✓ All accommodations as indicated (Substitutions may have to be made if our reservations are not made in time.)
- ✓ All 20 meals while touring Africa, with bottles of water for drinking
- ✓ The Ultimate Small Group Tour – no more than 8 travelers!
- ✓ Ngorongoro Crater and Highlands, Lake Masek and Lake Manyara National Park Game Viewing
- ✓ Two and a half days in the Serengeti Plains National Park and Ndutu Game Viewing
- ✓ Coffee Plantation Tour, Maasai Village Visit and Olduvai Gorge Viewing and Museum
- ✓ Excellent drivers and guides
- ✓ Hosted by Dea and Declan of Are We There Yet?
- ✓ Private vehicles at all camps/lodges, with no more than 6 guests per vehicle to guarantee window seating
- ✓ All National Park fees (Some companies don't include these!)
- ✓ \$25 donation to one of three worthy African charities
- ✓ All other Activities and Transfers as indicated
- ✓ Baggage Handling
- ✓ Professional Tour Directors Dea Hoover and Declan Rutan
- ✓ All gratuities including step-on guides, included servers at meals, staff at the lodges, drivers and guides

Tour Price:

\$9,472 per person, double

Save 3% on this tour!

Experience the Amazing Wildlife of Africa for just \$8,999 pp dbl occ

Call for Single Availability

Eligibility & Mobility

To fully enjoy your African Safari, you should be in good physical and mental health. If you have any physical or mental limitations, please advise us of your situation when making your reservation. Travelers who require assistance must be accompanied by an able companion who will provide all necessary assistance. To be fair to all travelers, we reserve the right to decline or remove anyone whose health or behavior impacts the safety, welfare or enjoyment of the group. Please be aware that there are times when a good deal of walking is involved in our tours, especially when traveling to Africa. In addition, the roads in the countryside of Tanzania are dirt and often are washed-out, causing the jeeps to ride unevenly and roughly. Those who have difficulty walking or sitting for long periods of time should consult with their doctors before deciding to travel. Due to the nature of this tour, we are unable to accommodate travelers using mobility devices. You may wish to schedule a visit to the doctor to update your immunizations and receive a prescription for anti-malarial medication.

Make your reservation with a \$1,500 deposit per person. Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed.

Please send a check, or call with a credit card along with your name, address, phone number, and all roommates' names if you are sharing a room and any dietary or walking restrictions.

Please insure that you have a valid passport for the flight. You will not be allowed to fly without the proper documents, and travel protection will not cover any expenses due to not having valid travel documents.

Your passport must be good through August 20, 2018 in order to arrive into Tanzania.

We encourage all travelers to purchase travel protection and pay with initial deposit.

Please remember that certain benefits are time sensitive. Plans help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances and help protect your trip and your investment. We offer several 3rd party insurance plans that we believe are the best available in the industry.

Balance on base tour price is due November 10, 2017, and per state insurance regulations we are unable to provide any refunds after that time. If you purchase travel protection and need to cancel after June 10, 2018, you must file a claim with the insurance company. As we utilize a 3rd party insurance company, they are responsible for processing the claim, which typically takes 6-8 weeks. Restrictions on coverage apply, and we encourage you to read over the policy as well as call them directly with any questions prior to buying coverage, regardless of which insurance company you select.