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10 - Day Itinerary

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Highlights: : Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro

This journey takes you to the three most popular National Parks in Northern Tanzania and includes some very interesting and exciting cultural experiences. Experience the wonderful baobab groves in Tarangire National Park, sweeping views across the Ngorongoro Crater and the vast expanse of the Serengeti.

Day 1 – Arrive Kilimanjaro Airport - Drive to Arusha

On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport you are met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Arusha for the night.

Overnight: Silver: Rivertrees Country Inn | Gold: Arusha Coffee Lodge

Day 2 – Arusha

Today meet your Driver Guide who will be with you for most of your journey with your exclusive vehicle and set off to explore the town of Arusha.

First visit the Ilboru School for Children with Special Needs which is supported by AK Philanthropy (AKP). Children in Tanzania with hearing impairments or mental or physical disabilities are often left with limited opportunities to receive a formal education. A decade ago, AKP funded the construction of the first primary school in Arusha, Tanzania specifically designed to meet the requirements of children with special needs. The school has successfully grown and made a huge difference in the education of these children. Meet the teachers and the students during the visit, learn their stories and get actively involved by joining them for some activities.

From here you will drive to the Shanga Center on the outskirts of Arusha Town. Shanga is a successful social enterprise which employs people with disabilities to create unique, high-quality, handmade jewelry, glassware and homewares incorporating recycled materials.These products are sold in Tanzania and all over the world, with profits being reinvested back into developing opportunities to employ more people with disabilities.

Whilst you are here you get to make your own necklace or try your hand at glass blowing and take a new skill home with you.

In the afternoon, visit the African Wildlife Foundations K9 anti-poaching unit training center where you have the opportunity to watch, and help, them in one of their training sessions. These dogs are critical in the fight against poaching in East Africa – the poaching of rhinos and elephants has increased dramatically since 2007 taking many wildlife species to the brink of extinction. These trained dogs not only sniff out ivory and rhino horn, they are also trained to sniff out any form of game meat which has become a lucrative trade for poachers across the continent.
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Day 3 – Arusha to Tarangire

After an early breakfast drive to Tarangire National Park - famous for its large elephant herds and picturesque landscapes dotted with baobab trees. Tarangire is one of the least visited parks in northern Tanzania yet its dense population of wildlife from July to November is second only to the Serengeti.

You will arrive at camp in time for lunch before setting out on an afternoon game drive where you explore Tarangire's valleys and river beds looking for herds of impala, eland, kudu and buffalo that wander the park's vast swamps and river. The park is also a bird lover's paradise with over 550 bird species and flocks of migratory birds from January to March. Return to your lodge just before sunset to freshen up before dinner.

Overnight: Silver: Maramboi Tented Camp | Gold: Chem Chem

Day 4 – Tarangire

Today, set out into the park with a picnic lunch to maximize your time in this wonderful wilderness area. Centered on the Tarangire River, this park has expansive views with wide panoramas of wooded savannah stretching in every direction. The most outstanding feature is the Tarangire River, which is permanent and the only reliable dry-season source of water available to wildlife in this vast stretch of Tanzania's Rift Valley. The river attracts tremendous concentrations of animals and birds.

Make your way back to camp in the afternoon and choose to stretch your legs on a little bush walk should you wish. This is a fantastic way of learning about tracking animals, what plants are helpful, and which are harmful and seeing the myriad of small creatures which are so important to the ecosystem.

Overnight: Silver: Maramboi Tented Camp | Gold: Chem Chem

Day 5 – Mto wa Mbu Village

This morning you will start making your way up towards Ngorongoro Crater. On the way enjoy a stop in the village of Mto wa Mbu which you can explore by Tuk Tuk - these three wheeled vehicles are generally found in Asia but have become a common sight in the villages of Tanzania. Exploring the village by Tuk Tuk is a brilliant way of getting off the main road and receiving a proper introduction to village life in an un-orchestrated and authentic way. Stop to visit the rice paddies before winding down the small tracks between the banana plantations. Every so often your guide will stop and explain the variety of uses they have for the banana plant - from roofing their homes to brewing the

local beer (which you are invited to try during the trip). From here visit the local craftsmen and hear their story of how they came up from Mozambique during the civil war and watch as they carve some incredible pieces using nothing but a machete. Then there is time for a bit of shopping before the tour ends back at the main road where there is a little kitchen and a local meal has been prepared for you. The cuisine is simple but delicious and is a blend of all the local cultures that are found in the village.

After lunch, drive up to your property where you will check in and have the rest of the afternoon to relax.

Overnight: Silver: Sanctuary Ngorongoro Crater Camp | Gold: Entamanu

Day 6 – Full day in Ngorongoro

Your game drive today will be like no other as you visit one of the most dramatic safari destinations in Africa, the Ngorongoro Crater. Descend to the crater floor in search of the big 5 with the backdrop of the forest covered crater walls surrounding you, creating stunning canvas for all your wildlife photographs. Travel through the Lerai Forest looking for leopards and onto the plains where the wildebeest and zebra graze whilst cheetahs and lions lay and watch. Old elephants pass your vehicle whilst further afield rhino wander in search of grazing and hippos hide in the pools. A picnic lunch is provided so you can maximize your day in the crater.

This deep, volcanic crater and the largest unbroken caldera in the world; about 20 kilometres across, 600 meters deep and 300 sq kilometres in area, the Ngorongoro Crater is a breathtaking natural wonder. 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 Maasai herd their cattle and goats over green pastures living alongside the wildlife as they have for centuries.

Overnight: Silver: Sanctuary Ngorongoro Crater Camp | Gold: Entamanu

Day 7 – Ngorongoro to Serengeti

It is an early start today to catch your flight to the Serengeti National Park. From the air enjoy the magnificent views of the Great Rift Valley Escarpment and, if it is clear, the Ngorongoro Crater.

You will be met in the Serengeti by your second Driver Guide who will once again have your private vehicle waiting for you. Enjoy your first Serengeti game drive on the way to the camp for check in followed by lunch.

In the afternoon venture out into the Serengeti's game filled savannah for a game drive. Driving through the Serengeti in late afternoon light provides the perfect opportunity to capture some magical wildlife and landscape photographs. As the light fades return to your property for dinner.

Overnight: Silver: Kubu Kubu | Gold: Siringit Serengeti

Day 8 & 9 – Full days in the Serengeti

Over the next two days explore the vast plains of the Serengeti and all its wonders.

Every year, triggered by the rains, 1.3 million wildebeest, 200,000 zebras and 300,000 Thomson's gazelle gather to undertake the long trek to new grazing lands. The migration of the herbivores roughly defines the boundaries of Serengeti National Park, which is the central zone of the Serengeti ecosystem, an area that also takes in Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area to the east, the Grumeti to the west and the Maswa Game Reserve in the south.

The Serengeti is not only famous for the great Wildebeest Migration but also for the vast number of species that reside in the park year-round. The concentration of predators in the Serengeti is high with large prides of lions, numerous hyena clans and regular sightings of both cheetah and leopard. Elephant, buffalo, giraffe and antelope can be found feeding on the rich plains as well as some of the lesser known and hard to spot species such as aardwolf, mongoose, caracal, servals and hyrax.

Overnight: Silver: Kubu Kubu | Gold: Siringit Serengeti

Day 10 – Fly to Arusha - Depart

Today you bid farewell to Tanzania. You will fly back to Arusha where you will have a day room and a chance to freshen up before your evening flight back home with fond memories of your time in this amazing country.

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