



A Natural Wonder Like No Other

Compelled by curiosity, adventure and a yearning for discovery, intellectuals and the wild at heart have been coming to Tanzania since the dawn of travel. Join us on these grassy plains as we follow the path of the Great Migration, an annual spectacle where more than a million wildebeest follow the rains in search of "greener pastures." Zebras, gazelles and other grazers make the pilgrimage, while tree-climbing lions, cheetahs and hungry Nile crocodiles lie in wait.

Witness every thundering stampede, every tail swish and every split-second pounce on a 12-day safari itinerary that includes visits to three of Tanzania's best game parks — Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti — and the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ngorongoro Crater, known for its high concentration of wildlife. The Big Five — the African savanna elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, lion and black rhinoceros — coexist here with proud red-robed Maasai pastoralists who herd cattle as their ancestors did.

When not on safari, visit a coffee plantation in Arusha, a primary school on the edge of the Rift Valley, the historic Gibb's Farm on the outer slopes of the Ngorongoro Crater and the incomparabe Olduvai Gorge — a precious paleontological site often referred to as the "Cradle of Mankind."

Front cover: Leopard in a tree in Tanzania

Wildebeest, zebras and African lions on the plains of the Serengeti





Dear Texas Ex:

"I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up that I was not happy," wrote Ernest Hemingway in *True at First Light*. In 1933, the Nobel Prize winner and his wife Pauline set up camp along the banks of Lake Manyara. Hemingway's three-month safari inspired some of his most celebrated works, including *The Green Hills of Africa*.

It's been nearly a century since Hemingway camped beneath the fig trees, yet the natural splendor remains. Experience the invigorating wonder for yourself on this nine-night, journey-of-a-lifetime to Tanzania. Behold the phenomenon of the Great Migration by land — the most comprehensive way to experience one of Earth's most incredible natural spectacles. Over two million wildebeest, 500,000 zebra, Cape buffalo and herds of Thomson's gazelle instinctively migrate annually across the plains of the Serengeti.

Visit three of Tanzania's finest game parks — Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti. Begin your days with early morning game drives, when nocturnal animals conclude their foraging and the grazers of the plains begin. Experience afternoon game drives as daylight turns to dusk and the remarkable glow of the setting sun illuminates the African wilderness. Descend in a four-wheel drive land cruiser into the impressive 12-mile-wide Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage-designated Conservation Area.

Stay in award-winning accommodations, ideally located for optimal wildlife observation and game drives. Unforgettable encounters with Africa's signature wildlife are complemented with the exceptional aerial perspective of the land in a private charter flight.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

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Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team, Margaret, Janice, and Leslie

Contact the Flying Longhorns office to secure your spot: 1-800-594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org



Excursion Date: January 28, 2025

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime, bird's eye view of the Serengeti's magnificent plains and wildlife during an optional early morning hot air balloon flight. Take in an unmatched panorama as far as the eye can see as you glide over vast terrain. On landing, enjoy an English breakfast served with sparkling white wine.

Price per person: \$625

Space is limited. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.





Ancient Rhythms of the Serengeti THE GREAT MIGRATION

Home to the Big Five, the "endless plains" of the Serengeti and its abundant diversity of natural habitats set the scene for a seasonal migration unlike any other in the world. A spectacular profusion of wildlife harmoniously coexists with semi-nomadic Maasai herdsmen and warriors who have roamed its trackless grasslands for centuries. The key to the vitality of the Serengeti lies in the seasonal migrations of wildlife in a rhythmicycle triggered by a search for water. By November o

lies in the seasonal migrations of wildlife in a rhythmic cycle triggered by a search for water. By November of each year, the Serengeti's savannas have been replenished by heavy rains with succulent grasses, herbs and shrub foliage. Splinter herds of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and other grazing animals begin yet another 620-mile-long journey from the Maasai Mara to the Serengeti, returning for the January through March calving season — the optimal time to view a phenomenon regarded as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ♦ Hospitality desk at the hotel.

 Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.

KENYA

Serengeti 🛕 National Park

TANZANIA

Serengeti Serena Lodge

(3 Nights)

- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).





2025 | 12-DAY/11-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City Day 1 | January 20

Depart your home city.

Arusha, Tanzania Day 2 | January 21

Transfer to Arusha, a lush town on the shore of Lake Duluti that is known as the gateway to Tanzania's best national game parks. Check into the

Arusha Serena Hotel & Spa.

Arusha/ Maramboi for Tarangire **Day 3 | January 22**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before traveling to the Arusha Coffee Plantation for an aromatic garden lunch. Surrounded by evergreen coffee bushes, the historic coffee lodge is a fascinating feast for the senses. This afternoon, a scenic drive takes you to *Maramboi Tented Lodge*,

where luxurious safari tents provide comfort beneath the palm trees. (B,L,R,D)

Tarangire National Park **Day 4** | **January 23**

Rise with the African sun for a game drive after breakfast. Enjoy lunch in the *Tarangire Safari Lodge* before heading out for an afternoon photo safari. Be on the lookout for large herds of elephants gathering under the massive Baobab Trees and migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, gazelle and eland antelope across the land. (B,L,D)

Maramboi/Lake Manyara Day 5 | January 24

Meet your guide for an early morning walking safari to Lake Manyara, followed by breakfast at Maramboi. A scenic drive will take you to Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge, where you will have lunch and check in to your room, followed by an afternoon game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. (B.L.D)

Lake Manyara National Park/Ngorongoro Conservation Area **Day 6 | January 25**

A short drive takes you to Kibaoni Primary School on the edge of the Rift Valley. Enjoy a close-up look at Tanzania's educational system and school children hard at work in the classrooms. From there, travel to historic Gibb's Farm, when you will enjoy lunch before transferring to the **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge**. Check in to this resort and revel in the stunning views. (B,L,D)

Ngorongoro Conservation Area **Day 7 | January 26**

A magnificent natural amphitheater is yours to enjoy today as we descend 5,000 feet to the floor of Ngorongoro Crater in four-wheel drive vehicles. A picnic lunch inside the crater











punctuates this thrilling full day of game tracking. Later, survey the crater and abundant wildlife from your lodge's viewing terrace, right on the crater's rim. (B,L,D)

Ngorongoro Conservation Area/Olduvai Gorge/ Serengeti National Park

Day 8 | January 27

Participate in a fascinating history session at the Olduvai Gorge, the most famous archaeological site in East Africa. Enjoy game viewing and a picnic lunch in route to the **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge**. (B,L,D)

Serengeti National Park Day 9 - 10 | January 28 - 29

Opt for a breathtaking morning balloon safari at sunrise. Relish the incredible bird's eye view, then toast your determination during a champagne breakfast. Experience a soul-stirring spectacle of nature as you track herds of wildebeest, gazelle, topi, Cape buffalo and zebra during morning and afternoon safaris today. (2B,2L,R,2D)

Serengeti National Park/ Arusha/Return to home city

Day 11 | January 30

On your last early morning game drive, breathe in the splendor of the Serengeti. A short scenic flight aboard a privately chartered aircraft reveals jaw-dropping vistas en route to Arusha. Back at the *Arusha Serena Hotel*, relax with day-room accommodations and a late lunch before transferring to the airport for your return flight this evening. (B,L)

Home City Day 12 | January 31

Arrive in your home city.





Serena Hotels and Safari Lodges

Nestled in the heart of game reserves and lush mountain villages, Serena Hotels and Safari Lodges properties offer a unique local experience with tasteful, modern facilities. Designed to promote sustainability and complement the African landscape while minimizing its ecological footprint, these award-winning properties offer first-class accommodations. Properties on this itinerary include the Arusha Serena Hotel & Spa, Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge, Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge and Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge.





Maramboi Tented Lodge

Offering classic comfort in the African bush near Tarangire National Park, the classic safari-style tents at *Maramboi Tented Lodge* are built on raised wood platforms — each featuring an en-suite bathroom and a private terrace with breathtaking views of Lake Manyara and the Great Rift Valley. Enjoy spectacular stargazing opportunities throughout this first class property and watch for zebras, giraffes, warthogs and gazelles from the terrace and pool.





Standard Rate

Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*

\$8.595

\$7,595

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