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KENYA & TANZANIA: THE GREAT MIGRATION

Safari Snapshot

Date	Destination	#/Nights	Accommodations	Country
Day 1	TRAVEL DAY – TO AFRICA			
Days 2	Nairobi	1	Nairobi Serena Hotel	Kenya
Days 3 & 4	Amboseli National Park	2	Amboseli Serena Lodge	Kenya
Days 5 & 6	Maasai Mara National Park	2	Siana Springs Camp	Kenya
Days 7 & 8	Tarangire National Park	2	Maramboi Tented Camp	Tanzania
Days 9 & 10	Ngorongoro Center	2	Ngorongoro Farm House	Tanzania
Days 11 & 12	Serengeti National Park	2	Serengeti Mobile Camp	Tanzania
Day 13	TRAVEL DAY – TO USA			



KEY

B – Breakfast | L – Lunch | D – Dinner

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1 DEPART USA

Your safari begins today as you board your international flight to Africa.

DAY 2 NAIROBI

Welcome to Africa! As you arrive in Nairobi, Kenya, you will be met and transferred to the Nairobi Serena Hotel for your one-night stay.

Considered the finest hotel in Nairobi, Serena Hotel offers a peaceful oasis in the midst of the bustle of one of Africa's most dynamic cities. The hotel overlooks Nairobi's Central Park and is only a five-minute walk from the Central Business District. The inspiration for the pan-African décor throughout the hotel is from Ethiopia, the Maghreb, and West and East Africa. Modern and luxurious amenities complete your stay as you enjoy the view from your room of Central Park or acacia groves and lush gardens. The Mandhari Restaurant and Maisha Health Club are the best of their kind in the country.

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (B)

DAYS 3 & 4 AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

This morning you will be met and transferred by road to Amboseli Serena Lodge for your two-night stay in Amboseli National Park.

Set against the glorious backdrop of Africa's highest peak, Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli Serena Lodge sits in a secluded grove of acacia trees overlooking the savannah plains. Each room at the lodge has hand painted wall frescos and opens directly to the grounds. Accommodations consist of double beds with a private en-suite bathroom, hot & cold running water, and electricity.

Amboseli National Park is the best place in Africa to see free-ranging elephants. Emerald green swamps fed by snowmelt from Mt. Kilimanjaro draw large elephant, buffalo, hippo, and plains game populations. Leopard and rhino can also be seen, rounding out the "Big Five" must-see game on an African safari.

Activities: Daily game drives, Maasai dance performances, Maasai village visits

Overnight: Amboseli Serena Lodge (B, L, D & tea/coffee)

DAYS 5 & 6
MAASAI MARA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, you will be transferred by road back to Nairobi, arriving in time for lunch at the famous Carnivore Restaurant. You will then be transferred to Wilson Airport for your flight to the Maasai Mara. Upon arrival at the Siana Airstrip, you will be met and transferred to Siana Springs Camp for your two-night stay.

Set on the southern side of the Maasai Mara, not far from the Tanzanian border and the famous Serengeti, Siana Springs Camp offers 38 spacious tents. The tents are situated in three secluded ‘wings’: the Bamboo Wing, surrounded by bamboo groves and flowering ornamental trees near the main camp; the Palm Wing, overlooking a series of springs, lily-clad ponds and lush indigenous forest; and the Acacia Wing, which occupies open acacia woodland on the camp boundary. The tents boast the very latest in modern camping, with large single or double beds, personal closets, and en-suite bathrooms with flush toilets and steaming hot showers. There is also a spacious bar and comfortable lounge area, a conference tent with modern business facilities, and a boutique selling local handicrafts and safari essentials. In the middle of the forest, a beautiful swimming pool offers a soothing respite from the heat of the day.

Built on the Siana Conservancy belonging to the local Purko Maasai, the tented camp takes its name from the conservancy. Siana in Maa means ‘plentiful’ and Siana Springs has the largest number of water springs in the Mara ecosystem.

The Maasai Mara is one of the greatest wilderness areas in the world, is home to mega-herbivores and big cats of Africa, and hosts the Great Migration of the wildebeest, Thomson’s gazella, and zebra from July to October. No visit to Africa is complete without a visit to the Mara. Rare wildlife like the bushbuck, tree hyrax and colobus monkey reside in Maasai Mara and can be seen at Siana Springs. All members of the Big Five, giraffe, and various antelope can also be found in the National Reserve. In addition, over 450 species of birdlife have been identified and rare Roan antelope and nocturnal bat-eared fox roam here.

Activities: Daily game drives

Optional Activity: Hot Air Balloon Safari (additional cost) that includes champagne brunch and game drive on the way back to the camp.

Overnight: Siana Springs Camp (B, L, D & tea/coffee)

DAYS 7 & 8
TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you will fly back to Nairobi to connect with your flight to Arusha, Tanzania. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by car to Maramboi Tented Camp for your two-night stay in Tarangire National Park.

Maramboi Tented Camp is situated in a beautiful and exotic location on the shores of Manyara Lake, providing a unique opportunity to experience and explore the Tarangire and Manyara ecosystems. The Camp has 20 spacious tents fixed upon generous, ample wooden decks and each tent is simply furnished with en-suite facilities and private verandas. Maramboi Tented Camp offers stunning views of the Manyara National Park, Rift Valley, Ngorongoro highlands, Mt. Kilimanjaro and on clear days even Oldonyo Lengai, a mountain sacred to the Maasai.

Tarangire National Park lies to the south of the large open grass plains of southern Maasailand and is the best-kept secret on the northern safari circuit. With nine distinct vegetation zones ranging from grassland to woodland, from deep gully vegetation to scattered rocky hilltops, the park offers a diverse geological landscape as well as diverse wildlife, including an extraordinary concentration of bird life. From June through September, the park is a dry season refuge for many migratory animals (elephants, wildebeest, zebra, gazelles, eland and buffalo), that spend many months of the year outside the park on traditional grazing corridors linking Tarangire with other protected areas. Elephants can be seen in herds of up to 600 at a time, along with masses of eland, hartebeest, and oryx who migrate from the dry Maasai steppe to the gleaming Tarangire River in search of water during the dry season. Predators never go hungry here.

Activities: Daily game drives, guided walking safaris, cultural interaction with Maasai and Datoga tribes and birdwatching

Overnight: Maramboi Tented Camp (B, L, D)

DAYS 9 & 10 **NGORONGORO CRATER**

After breakfast, enjoy a morning game drive through the scenic countryside of Lake Manyara National Park. You will pass through villages and have the chance to visit schools and markets along the way. In the afternoon, you will arrive at Ngorongoro Farm House for your two-night stay.

Ngorongoro Farm House is a small and exclusive lodge facing the Oldeani Volcano at the foot of Ngorongoro Crater. The farmhouse offers 40 huge cottages, built in the old colonial farm style and rustically decorated with local materials. The farmhouse is situated on a 15-acre coffee plantation and working farm. With the gateway to the Ngorongoro Crater just 5 kilometers away, the farm is a perfect hideaway for travelers wishing to escape the crowds. Meals are excellent made with fresh fruit and vegetables from the 6-acre organic garden.

Often described as the ‘Eighth’ Wonder of the World, the Ngorongoro Crater is a natural amphitheatre created about 2 million years ago when the cone of a volcano collapsed into itself, leaving a 100 square mile caldron-like cavity. This caldera, protected by a circular unbroken 2,000-foot high rim, is a natural sanctuary for over 25,000 animals, including the black rhino. It is also a conservation area inhabited by the Maasai tribe. On your game drives, you will descend the steep crater wall spending time on the grass plains that teem with animals. In the lake on the crater floor reside plenty of hippos that remain partially submerged during the

day and graze on grass at night. Although the area sustains a huge variety of species, not all live down in the crater. Some are better adapted to roaming the extensive conservation area surrounding the caldera, which you will explore as well.

Activities: Daily game drives, guided hikes and bush walks, village visits

Overnight: Ngorongoro Farm House (B, L, D)

DAYS 11 & 12 **SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

This morning, you head to Serengeti National Park, stopping along the way to take in the breathtaking scenery and visit small villages. Your drive will take you through Olduvai Gorge, not far from Ngorongoro Crater. You will make a short stop for a guided tour of the famous archeological site where the remains of *Homo Erectus* were discovered, bringing crucial understanding to the study of human evolution. After a delicious picnic lunch and an afternoon game drive through the Serengeti, you will arrive at Simiyu Mobile Camp for your two-night stay.

This Hemingway-style full-service tented safari follows the movement of the wildlife and has four different locations during the year, allowing guests to be located close to the Migration. Large canvas tents with wooden beds, private showers and flush toilets are set up before your arrival to Simiyu Mobile Camp. When you arrive, you are greeted with juice and, depending on the weather, hot or icy cool towels to wipe away dust. Cool beers await you at the dining tent or campfire. Excellent hors d'oeuvres are served before dinner and hot showers are ready about five minutes after you inform the tent steward.

Derived from the Maasai word 'siringet' meaning endless plains, the Serengeti is one of the world's last great wildlife refuges. Serengeti National Park is Tanzania's largest and best-known national park, with a massive concentration of migratory animals that move around the park according to the availability of food. The Serengeti ecosystem extends beyond the National Park to include several other conservation areas and reserves, including the Maasai Mara. It is through these extensive protected areas that a million or more wildebeest and hundreds of thousands of zebra and impala, complete their great circulatory migration. For excellent year round game viewing, the Seronera valley in the centre of the park has abundant grazing and considerable numbers of animals including giraffes, warthogs, reedbucks and many other species that sustain resident leopards and large prides of lions. Some of the Serengeti's largest buffalo herds are to be found in the pristine woodlands to the north and elephants abound in this area too. In the south is saline Lake Ndutu, which attracts throngs of flamingoes and in the west, the Grumeti River contains some of the largest Nile crocodiles you will ever see. The Serengeti holds the greatest and most diverse concentration of wildlife remaining in Africa today.

Activities: Daily game drives

Overnight: Serengeti Mobile Camp (B, L, D & local beverages)

**DAY 13
DEPART**

After breakfast, you will fly to Arusha and connect to your international flights to the United States.

Kenya & Tanzania: Great Migration Safari Cost – 2010
From: \$5,555 per person based on double occupancy

A Magical Journey Awaits!