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## TANZANIA MOBILE CAMPING WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS SAFARI

### *Safari Snapshot*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>#/Nights</b>	<b>Accommodations</b>
Day 1	TRAVEL DAY – TO AFRICA		
Days 2	Arusha	1	Olasiti Lodge
Days 3 & 4	Tarangire National Park	2	Maramboi Tented Camp OR similar
Days 5 & 6	Lake Eyasi	2	Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp OR similar
Days 7 & 8	Ngorongoro Crater	2	Ngorongoro Farm House OR similar
Days 9 – 12	Serengeti National Park	4	Serengeti Private Mobile Camp
Day 13	TRAVEL DAY – TO USA		

Note: Twice-monthly departures with minimum 2 passengers / maximum 10 passengers per departure



### KEY

**B – Breakfast | L – Lunch | D – Dinner**

## *Detailed Itinerary*

### **DAY 1 DEPART USA**

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

### **DAY 2 ARUSHA**

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Welcome to Africa! As you arrive in Arusha, Tanzania, you will be met and transferred to the Olasiti Lodge for your one-night stay.

Olasiti Lodge is a garden oasis situated only 7 kilometers from the central Arusha business district and provides the perfect haven for visitors seeking a more tranquil venue with en-suite accommodation. The lodge has sixteen beautifully spacious bedrooms all facing Mt. Meru, a restaurant, and a large main building with views overlooking the pool area. Internet café and curio shop facilities are also provided.

*Overnight: Olasiti Lodge (B)*

### **DAYS 3 & 4 TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK**

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This morning, your guide will meet you in the lobby of Olasiti Lodge for your scenic drive to Tarangire National Park where you will spend two nights at Maramboi Tented Camp or at a similar camp.

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 OR similar camp (B, L, D)*

## DAYS 5 & 6 LAKE EYASI

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After an early morning walk in Tarangire National Park, you will drive to Karatu on the outer slopes of the Ngorongoro Crater. After crossing the floor of the Great Rift Valley near Lake Manyara, you will make a short stop to mingle with villagers at local markets. You will get a feel for daily African life as you watch villagers shop and bargain for bolts of cloth, crafts, and local produce. Finally, visit a local school in the afternoon and drive up the escarpment to Lake Eyasi where you arrive at Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp (or similar) for your two-night stay.

Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp is situated directly on the shore of Lake Eyasi. Across this huge, seasonal soda lake that stretches away in front of camp, the Alipi escarpment wall rises two thousand feet up into the Endulen area of the Ngorongoro Conservation providing a stunning view. The camp lies amidst a beautiful natural palm and acacia forest with a colossal rock as a backdrop and a natural spring nearby. The camp itself consists of six tents built on permanent platforms, an open dining room and bar, as well as a platform hidden in the reeds next to the spring where one can have a romantic dinner under the stars or chill out in the heat of the day and bird watch. Each tent has an en-suite bathroom and plenty of hot and cold running water. Furniture and bedding is comfortable and in keeping with the rustic and understated look of the Camp.

Bushmen who live in nomadic groups, hunt with bow and arrow, and gather roots, tubers, and wild fruits inhabit this dry and rugged landscape. The Datoga, a tribe of semi-nomadic pastoralists who migrated into this area looking for good grazing land many decades ago, have thus far resisted neighbouring tribes' cultural infiltrations. Be prepared for an extraordinary cross-cultural experience.

**Activities:** Daily game drives, guided bush walks, hunting-gathering with Bushmen (Wahadzabe) hunters, Datoga village visit

*Overnight: Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp OR similar camp (B, L, D)*

## DAYS 7 & 8 NGORONGORO CRATER

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This morning you will depart for the Ngorongoro Crater. After a picnic lunch, 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 OR similar (B, L, D)*

### **DAYS 9 - 12** **SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

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This morning, you head to Serengeti National Park, stopping along the way to take in the breathtaking scenery. 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 Serengeti Private Mobile Camp for your four-night stay.

Your mobile-tented camp is tailored to the needs of individuals to ensure your privacy and comfort, while allowing the interaction with nature that only camping can indulge. The tents are ngong style designed for two people (size: 10 x 10 x 8 feet). Each tent consists of the following comforts: two bedcots in canvas with four-inch foam mattresses, fresh linens, blankets, towels, and two sinks. Lanterns and flashlights provide lighting during the night. The bucket shower and flush toilet are private and en-suite.

A dedicated safari crew is intent on making your overnight stay as memorable as possible. The camp's chef rustles up the finest in bush cuisine, serving up delectable full English breakfasts, fresh picnic lunches, and 3-course meals for dinner in the dining tent. The evening unwinds around the campfire, during which you might learn about Maasai culture from a local elder, discuss the arrangements for the following day with your guide, or simply soak up the nocturnal orchestra that pervades around the bush. Ultimately, the advantage of staying in a mobile camp is the mobility and freedom to go into remote areas of bush, away from the main tourist circuit. We carefully choose optimum sites for the mobile camps, locating game routes and migration corridors that will provide the perfect proximity to wildlife.

On game drives, your guide will always operate off the beaten track as far as possible. You may spend one day visiting a traditional Maasai Village and learning all about their culture and the next day following a pride of lion and enjoying the incredible bird life and flora, all of which make the Serengeti the most incredible park. Every day will be very different to the next!

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 Private Mobile Camp (B, L, D)*

**DAY 13  
DEPART**

Enjoy one last game drive in the Serengeti before heading back to Arusha by road (optional flight available; see pricing on next page). You will have a picnic lunch en-route to Kilimanjaro Airport, arriving in time for your international flight to the United States.

***Tanzania Mobile Camping Wildlife & Wilderness Safari Cost – 2010***

***From: \$4,690 per person sharing double occupancy***

<b>Departure Dates</b>	<b>Return Dates</b>
<b>(Tuesdays)</b>	<b>(Saturdays)</b>
6/1/2010	6/12/2010
6/15/2010	6/26/2010
7/6/2010	7/17/2010
7/20/2010	7/31/2010
8/3/2010	8/14/2010
8/17/2010	8/28/2010
9/7/2010	9/18/2010

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9/21/2010	10/2/2010
10/5/2010	10/16/2010
10/19/2010	10/30/2010
11/2/2010	11/13/2010
11/16/2010	11/27/2010
11/30/2010	12/11/2010
12/14/10	12/25/2010

**A Magical Journey Awaits!**