Tanzania Safari

During the Great Migration

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Join us on a custom-designed, nine-night journey of a lifetime into the majestic natural wonder that is Tanzania. Behold the timeless phenomenon of the extraordinary Great Migration by land and air—the best and most comprehensive way to experience one of Earth’s most incredible natural spectacles. Here, cycles of rain and renewal dictate the foraging patterns of over one million wildebeest, 500,000 zebra as well as vast herds of Thomson’s gazelle and Cape buffalo that instinctively gather and migrate in pursuit of food and water, and preyed upon by magnificent carnivores—lion, cheetah, and leopard.

Descend into the 12-mile-wide Ngorongoro Crater, a unique conservation area enclosed by impressive 2,000-foot-high walls of a prehistoric caldera and a remarkable sanctuary for incredible wildlife, such as the black rhinoceros, eland, gazelle, and lion. Discover more about the ancestry of the human race at Oldupai Gorge, one of the most important paleoanthropological sites in the world. Visit a typical Maasai village with exuberant Tanzanians dressed in colorful traditional clothing, and observe firsthand Tanzania’s educational system during a stop at Kibaoni Primary School.

Experience a unique flight-seeing opportunity by chartered private aircraft, an amazing perspective from which to view the African landscape. Spend three nights in the heart of Serengeti National Park and two nights in Ngorongoro Conservation Area in the award-winning Serena Lodges, ideally located for optimal wildlife observation. An expert safari guide will accompany you on game drives and share insight into Tanzania’s ecosystem as you follow the habitual patterns of the Big Five. Begin your day at first light with an early morning game drive, when nocturnal animals conclude their foraging and the grazers of the plains begin theirs. Depart on a second game drive as the African sun gives way to dusk, and experience the remarkable glow of the setting sun as it illuminates the African wilderness.

During the trip, enjoy in-depth lectures and discussions with Yale study leaders Jeffrey Powell and Gisella Caccone. Their passion and expertise will enhance your journey, giving you additional insight into key ecological issues of the region.

Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime safari! The program has sold out in previous years so we encourage you to visit www.yaleedtravel.org/tanzania18 to register now. For questions and additional information, please contact Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu.

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Yale Study Leader

Professor and former Director of Undergraduate Studies in Biology and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB), Director of Graduate Studies in EEB, and chair of the Program in Organismal Biology, Jeffrey R. Powell has been on the Yale faculty since 1972. He has taught courses in General Biology, Evolution, and Genetics to undergraduates, graduates, and medical students. He specializes in experimental population genetics, molecular evolution, and speciation, and he trained at The Rockefeller University and the University of California, Davis. Professor Powell has been a popular leader on Yale travel programs. A previous trip to the Galápagos stimulated a joint research project between Yale and the Charles Darwin Research Station.

Professor Powell’s wife, Gisella Caccone, who received a Ph.D. from Yale and is presently a Senior Research Scientist and Director of the YIBS-Center for Genetic Analysis of Biodiversiy, will also accompany the group. Her research spans from conservation genetics of Galápagos giant tortoises to vector and parasite control of tsetse flies and the sleeping sickness parasites in East Africa, with ongoing programs in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

On this program, Professor Powell will focus on the history of impact of mosquito-borne diseases and present-day novel efforts to prevent their spread. Dr. Caccone will talk about her ongoing work on disease vectors in East Africa and on the use of genetic tools to help in the conservation and management of endangered species.

Upcoming Trips

Book Corner

Wildlife of East Africa by Martin B. Withers
A compact, take-along guide to 475 common species of birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, trees and flowers of East Africa. Features full-color photographs with detailed descriptions of each species. With a map covering parks and reserves of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, and an introductory chapter with Safari information.

Green Hills of Africa by Ernest Hemingway
Hemingway paints the true story of his ramblings on safari in this classic, exquisitely written tale of hunting around Lake Manyara, which includes some of the best writing on the land itself and original pencil drawings. Originally published in 1935.
WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, January 30 (tentative)
Join the group at 4PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Powell in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S.
Monday, February 12
Depart for Tanzania.

ARUSHA, TANZANIA
Tuesday, February 13
Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport near the city of Arusha, nestled at the foot of Mount Meru and the gateway to Tanzania’s renowned national game parks. Transfer to the Lake Duluti Serena Hotel, built in the distinct, traditional style of a colonial coffee plantation amid verdant, landscaped coffee fields with picturesque views of nearby Lake Duluti.

ARUSHA/TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK
Wednesday, February 14
Check out of the lodge and have lunch at the Arusha Coffee Plantation. Enjoy a scenic drive to Tarangire National Park and the distinctive Maramboi Tented Camp.
Join your fellow participants this evening for a Welcome Reception at the lodge. (B/L/R/D)

TARANGIRE
Thursday, February 15
Rise with the early African sunlight for a game drive to experience the park at dawn and see the vast array of wildlife along the banks of the Tarangire River.
During the afternoon game drive, keep an eye out for lion and cheetah, Tanzania’s most powerful predators. (B/L/D)

TARANGIRE/LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK
Friday, February 16
On an early morning game drive, try to spot the kori bustard and the stocking-thighed ostrich.

Continue to Lake Manyara National Park. On arrival, check into the Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge before embarking on an afternoon game drive through Lake Manyara National Park in search of hippopotamus and flamingo. Look for Lake Manyara’s most famous inhabitant, the lion, who likes to climb up and lie languidly over the branches of the acacia tree. (B/L/D)

NGORONGORO
Sunday, February 18
The Ngorongoro Crater was born from the collapse of a massive volcano over two million years ago and is a 12-mile-wide crater which shelters incredible wildlife year round. The game reflects the diversity of habitats found on the crater floor: savannas, forests, marshlands, salt pans, and a freshwater lake. With abundant grass and water supply, the crater supports herds of grazing animals that, in turn, attract lion, leopard, and cheetah.
Watch for the numerous species of birds that find a home in the crater, including ostrich, crowned crane, flamingo, and other waders.
Later, survey the crater and its abundant wildlife from your lodge’s viewing terrace, right on the crater’s rim. (B/L/D)

Lake Manyara/Ngorongoro Crater
Saturday, February 17
Check out of the lodge and experience a cultural exchange in a typical Maasai village with exuberant Tanzanians dressed in colorful traditional vestments.
Observe Tanzania’s educational system firsthand during a stop at Kibaoni Primary School, the first public primary school in Tanzania with a library. Meet the headmistress and see the school’s classrooms. Enjoy a scenic drive to the edge of the Great Rift Valley.
Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ngorongoro Conservation Area and check into the Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, perched on the rim of the magnificent crater, where each guest room offers stunning views of the natural surroundings and wildlife. (B/L/D)

Board a four-wheel-drive land cruiser and descend 2,000 feet to the floor of Ngorongoro Crater, a remarkable sanctuary for hundreds of mammal and bird species.

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East Africa and the wellspring
of our DNA. Here, in 1960,
Dr. Louis Leakey and his family
made the important discovery
of a 1.8-million-year-old
Homo habilis. In 1959, his wife,
Mary Leakey, unearthed the skull
of Zinjanthropus, an early hominin
that proved invaluable to the study
of human ancestry.

Enjoy a game drive en route to
check into the
Serengeti Serena
Safari Lodge, located within the
park’s boundaries and selected for
its proximity to the park’s largest
year-round concentration of wildlife.
(B/L/D)

SERENGETI

Tuesday and Wednesday,
February 20 and 21
One of the most spectacular
experiences in nature is to be
surrounded by great herds of
wildebeest, gazelle, topi, zebra, and
Cape buffalo—only a fraction of
more than two million animals
inhabiting a mere 5,400 square miles
of savannas and woodlands.

During morning and afternoon
game drives look for grazing
animals and large cats.

Experience prolific, world-class
bird-watching possibilities with
more than 500 species in the
expansive marshland, which attracts
thousands of waterbirds.

Enjoy an aerial perspective of the
Serengeti’s plains during an optional
evning and afternoon
hot-air balloon flight,
weather conditions permitting.
(2B/2L/2.D)

SERENGETI/ARUSHA

Thursday, February 22
Take a final morning game drive.
This afternoon enjoy a scenic,
privately chartered flight over
the sweeping African plains
en route to Arusha. Continue to the
Lake Duluti Serena Hotel,
where day rooms have been reserved.
After time at leisure and dinner on
your own, transfer to the airport for
your return flight to the U.S. (B/L)

U.S.

Friday, February 23
Your return flight arrives today.

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D
= Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.

What is Included:
• Program of lectures and discussions
  with Jeffery Powell and Gisella Caccone.
• Accommodations on twin sharing
  basis as per the itinerary.
• All entrance fees as per the itinerary.
• Services of Travel Director during
  the tour as per the itinerary.
• Welcome Reception.
• For a better touring experience,
gratuities to safari drivers/guides on
included excursions and transfers.
• Privately chartered scenic flight from
  Serengeti National Park to Arusha.
• Transfers and luggage handling
  abroad for participants whose
  arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with
  scheduled group transfer(s).
• Taxes on included services.
• Complimentary bottled water
  provided in individual lodge rooms
  and safari vehicles.
• Complimentary Wi-Fi aboard
  safari vehicles.
• Emergency medical evacuation
  services through UHC
  Global Assistance.

What is Not Included:
• Expenses of a personal nature
  like laundry, telephone/fax calls,
  Internet, alcoholic beverages,
  camera/video camera fee at
  monuments, medical expenses,
  airport departure tax, etc.
• Any insurance other than
  specified above.
• Any meals or beverages that are not
  specified in the above inclusions.
• International airfares.
• Expenses caused by factors
  beyond our control like rail and air
  plane delays, roadblocks, vehicle
  malfunctions, political disturbances,
  taxes, lost luggage, etc.
• Any other services not mentioned in
  the inclusions.
WINGS OVER TANZANIA
During your safari, experience an extraordinary way to see the untamed wonders and wildlife of Africa’s incomparable landscapes—by air. Our exclusively chartered flight from Serengeti National Park to Arusha is the most scenic and comfortable way to transfer between your farthest destinations, eliminating a long drive over a dusty, bumpy route. Aboard a private aircraft, watch the impressive landscape of Tanzania unfold before you from high above the plains—an aerial perspective unmatched by any other. On ascent and descent, watch for wild animals—stately giraffe, prides of lion, and herds of elephant—from this awe-inspiring vantage point.

BALLOON SAFARI OPTION
Enjoy a phenomenal aerial perspective during a spectacular early morning hot-air balloon flight as you float over the expansive Serengeti. Take in your captivating surroundings with a bird’s-eye view of its magnificent wide plains and wildlife, followed by an English breakfast served with sparkling white wine. Space is limited. Weather permitting.

The Optional Excursion is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Program Cost
The base cost of this program is:
$8,935 per person
(based on double occupancy)
Taxes are included.

Single Supplement:
$1,000 (limited availability)

Note: Itinerary subject to change.
Some excursions in this program involve a significant amount of walking.

MARAMBOI LODGE TENTED CAMP
Spend two nights at the Maramboi Lodge Tented Camp, ideally located just outside of Tarangire National Park on the shores of Lake Manyara. Enjoy spectacular views across the Great Rift Valley from the comfort of your private, raised-deck tented accommodations, evenings by a roaring outdoor fire, and time to unwind in the lodge's open-air lounge.

SERENA HOTELS AND SAFARI LODGES
This program has been specially designed to feature Serena Hotels and Safari Lodges that have provided award-winning, deluxe accommodations for over 40 years. Ideally located in the heart of game reserves and lush mountain villages, these lodges immerse you in the largest concentration of wildlife and offer a unique local experience with tasteful, modern facilities.
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Date

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