

## 12 Day Classic Saffron Option F

### **Wednesday / Friday / Sunday      Arusha - Lake Manyara (approximately 2 hours)**

Afternoon join seat in vehicle safari and you depart Arusha and pass through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. At the town of Makuyuni you turn North West and continue the journey up through a scenic escarpment that brings you to your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant Lake Manyara.

**Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena on full board basis.**

### **Thursday / Saturday / Monday                      Lake Manyara - Serengeti**

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch. Leaving Lake Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you'll hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park.

**Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.**

### **Friday / Sunday / Tuesday                      Serengeti National Park**

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park.

**Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.**

### **Saturday / Monday / Wednesday                      Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Crater**

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains, stopping off at Olduvai Gorge en route. The Gorge acquired its name from the Sansevieria bush that grows profusely in the area, named Olduvai by the Maasai. The Gorge is about 50km long and in some places around 90m deep and is found between the Crater and the Serengeti. It was first discovered by a German entomologist named Professor Kattwinkel, who instigated an expedition just before the First World War. Later, the exploration was continued by Dr Louis Leakey and his wife, who in 1959 found humanoid remains of Zinjanthropus, later renamed Australopithecus Boisei, an early form of man. You will have time to walk through the simple small museum at the gorge, where you can view copy displays of some of the finds as well as pictures of what life was like for the gorge's earliest inhabitants. After a picnic lunch you continue to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

**Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.**

**Sunday / Tuesday / Thursday                      Ngorongoro Crater**

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you'll descend through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera and is also one of the World's seven natural wonders. Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. You return to the lodge for lunch followed by an afternoon excursion of a Masai Village and come back to the lodge in the late afternoon.

**Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.**

**Monday / Wednesday / Friday      Ngorongoro Crater - Tarangire National Park**

Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast and head south east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire beyond. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the main Arusha – Dodoma road and into the park. From here to the lodge, you'll enjoy a game drive en route to your lodge. After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

**Overnight at Tarangire Sopa Lodge on a half board basis.**

**Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday      Tarangire National Park - Arusha**

Depart after breakfast and head north east to Arusha arriving by Midday in time for lunch. . Following lunch in Arusha, you will be transferred to Arusha airport for the flight to Zanzibar dep 1445 hrs arr 1545 hrs (booked by Ranger Safaris). On arrival, transferred to your hotel in Stone Town

**Overnight at Tembo House Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.**

**Wednesday/Friday/Sunday**

This morning you are transferred to your Beach Hotel on the Coast of Zanzibar. You have the next 4 days at leisure. Constructed in typical Zanzibari style with flavours of Arab influence.

**3x Overnight at Mapenzi Beach Club on an All Inclusive basis in a Garden View Room**

**Saturday/Monday/Wednesday**

Spend the day at leisure before being transferred to Zanzibar airport for your onward arrangements.

### **Cost Includes**

- Meet and greet services
- Assistance at the airport
- Seat in vehicle safari
- Depart by 4x4 vehicle (maximum 7 clients per vehicle)
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide
- Guaranteed window seat
- Game drives and crater tour
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- Flight to Zanzibar from Arusha with taxes and fees
- One bottle of mineral water per person per day during game drives

### **Cost Excludes**

- International flights
- Visas
- Airport tax (pay direct)
- Driver guide or local escort gratuities
- Drinks (unless specified) and dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel and baggage insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

### **Additional remarks**

- We may have to reroute the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.
- Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.
- In order to qualify for the low season rates tour must start and finish within the specified dates. If any brochure safari starts in low season and ends in high season, we have to pro rata the cost accordingly.

### **Passenger Information**

- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them for internal flights.
- Baggage on internal flights is strictly limited to 15kgs per person (including hand luggage). Any excess baggage will be charged by the airline at check-in.

### **Concessions fees**

- This contract includes US\$ 75.00 per person concession fees in Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Tarangire National Park. It has been calculated on US\$ 15.00 per person per night within the boundaries of the park or conservation area .
- Lake Manyara Serena Lodge is located outside the park and not applicable for concession fees.
- These fees are still under negotiation with the park / conservation authorities and subject to change. Any increase or decrease will be advised by amended contract and payable by the agent / clients as the costs are beyond our control.