BEST OF TANZANIA
A MIGRATION SAFARI
FEBRUARY 16 – 27, 2023

$4,950 per person plus international airfare
Single Room Supplement - $2,250
SAFARI OVERVIEW:

- Expert naturalist guides accompany you throughout your safari
- Tanzania – unrivalled wildlife and habitat diversity
- Exploration of the best known and most distinguished parks and reserves in East Africa
- Opportunity to observe the Great Wildebeest Migration
- Accommodations include luxury lodges and tented camps, carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and comfort
- Custom, comfortable 4x4 Land Cruisers ensure window seating and roof-hatch access, guaranteeing exceptional wildlife viewing experiences
- Cultural interaction with the Maasai
- Full day exploring the Ngorongoro Crater with deluxe picnic lunch
- Olduvai Gorge lecture and museum
- Farewell Serengeti bush dinner
Safari Itinerary:

**Day 1 – February 16 - Depart USA**

**Day 2 – February 17 - Arrive Kilimanjaro Airport – Tanzania via Amsterdam / Arusha**
Connect in Amsterdam with your flight to Kilimanjaro Airport, arriving late evening. You will be met on arrival by Safari Legacy and transferred to the *Gran Melia Arusha Hotel* for overnight. (Meals aloft)

**Day 3 & 4 - February 18 & 19 - Tarangire National Park**
This morning following breakfast and a safari briefing, travel to Tarangire National Park where you will enjoy game drives each day. Tarangire is known for a wonderful diversity of wildlife amidst the magnificent baobab trees that dot this beautiful landscape. Tarangire is also known for its large herds of elephants and is home to more than 2,500 individuals, and more than 260 bird species. Overnight at *Tarangire Kuro Treetops*, a luxury tented lodge located on top of an escarpment with sweeping views across the perennial Tarangire River and valley below. (B,L,D)

**Day 5 - February 20 - Tarangire / Maasai Village visit / Mto Wa Mbu Cultural Village Visit / Ngorongoro Highlands**
This morning we enjoy a morning game drive as we depart Tarangire National Park en route to a local Maasai village. After our visit with the Maasai, we drive to the local village of Mto Wa Mbu, where we will explore and enjoy a traditional African lunch. This afternoon we will travel to the Ngorongoro Highlands, where we overnight at the *Ngorongoro Oldeani Mt. Lodge*, situated on a picturesque hill with spectacular views of the Oldeani Mountain and the Ngorongoro Crater Rim. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 - February 21 - Ngorongoro Crater**
After breakfast, we make our descent into the Ngorongoro Crater, the Earth’s largest unbroken caldera. A veritable “Garden of Eden,” the Crater is reputed to contain the highest density of carnivores, which includes the cheetah, leopard, and lion. This is the only place in East Africa where one can observe a natural population of black rhino and big tuskers. Enjoy a full day exploring the crater with a deluxe picnic lunch. Overnight at *Ngorongoro Oldeani Mt. Lodge*. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 & 8 - February 22 & 23 - Olduvai Gorge / Central Serengeti National Park (Seronera Valley)**
Today we navigate around the crater’s rim, descending to Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important prehistoric archaeological sites on Earth. It was here in the 1950s that Louis and Mary Leakey first uncovered the fossilized teeth and skull of one of our earliest ancestors. After an interpretive presentation, we continue to Tanzania’s most renowned national park, the Serengeti. Home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth, the migratory herds of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle roam widely in search of green grass and water. Enjoy morning and afternoon drives each day. We spend the next two nights at the *Four Seasons Serengeti Safari Lodge*, overlooking the acacia dotted plains of the Serengeti. (B,L,D)
An optional Hot Air Balloon Safari with a champagne breakfast is available during your stay in the central Serengeti. This balloon safari will be in lieu of a morning game drive. Advance reservation is highly recommended to ensure space availability.

**Day 9 & 10 - February 24 & 25 - Western Serengeti National Park (Grumeti)**
Traveling west beyond the Seronera Valley, we enter the Western Corridor and Grumeti River region of the park. Known for its Nile crocodiles, the Grumeti is located in a lovely rolling hill and acacia woodland habitat. We enjoy morning and afternoon game drives each day, which will provide an opportunity to explore this great park which provides a year-round habitat for many of the Serengeti’s bird and mammal species. We overnight two nights at Kirawira Tented Camp overlooking the Western Serengeti. Enjoy a farewell bush dinner under the star-studded sky on our last night in Africa. (B,L,D)

**Day 11 - February 26 - Fly Serengeti / Arusha / Cultural Heritage Center & Museum / Depart**
After our morning game drive, we transfer to the Grumeti airstrip for our scenic flight back to Arusha. On arrival we have lunch and finish our shopping for woodcarvings, art or tanzanite at the Cultural Heritage Centre and Museum. We enjoy dayrooms at the Lake Duluti Lodge until our transfer to the airport this evening. (B,L; light snack)

**Day 12 – February 27 - Arrive U.S.**
Connect in Amsterdam and arrive in the U.S.
Included on safari:

- Meet and greet on arrival at the airport by Safari Legacy staff
- Welcome safari briefing
- All transfers if arriving and departing in the evening; separate, private transfers are subject to additional costs
- Safari accommodations in luxury lodges and tented camps
- Full day exploring the Ngorongoro Crater
- All meals and farewell Serengeti bush dinner (B – breakfast; L – lunch; D – dinner)
- House wine, beer, soft drinks, juices, and bottled water are included with meals at Tarangire Kuro Treetops, Oldeani Mt. Lodge, and Four Seasons Serengeti Safari Lodge.
- All game drives, activities, and village/cultural visits as stated in the itinerary
- Olduvai Gorge visit & lecture
- All taxes, service charges & park fees
- Transportation in Safari Legacy’s comfortable 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers - maximum of 6 guests per vehicle
- Expert Safari Legacy naturalist safari guides (1 per vehicle)
- Complimentary 1 litre bottled water while on game drives; coffee and tea with meals
- Scheduled internal flight from Serengeti to Arusha
- Temporary membership in Flying Doctors Service / air ambulance within Tanzania
- Safari Legacy will arrange all Covid Testing as needed in country – cost is the responsibility of the traveller

Not Included:

- International air
- Travel insurance
- Tanzania Entry Visa which is obtained online prior to departure
- Tips to your Safari Legacy safari guides, camp crew & lodge staff
- Items of personal nature such as laundry, souvenirs, alcoholic beverages/soft drinks/bottled water (unless specified above) with meals
- The cost of any applicable medical tests (such as COVID-19) or vaccinations required
- Telecommunication charges
- Optional Serengeti Hot Air Balloon Safari with Champagne breakfast in lieu of a morning game drive while in the central Serengeti - $520 per person
What to Expect on Safari in Tanzania

On safari in Tanzania you can expect excellent accommodations - Hotel/lodge and deluxe, safari style camping; great food with many choices; some picnic lunches; light walking; a few long drives up to six hours at times which can be on some uneven, bumpy roads, which will always include wildlife viewing when moving from one park to the next; some dust; morning and afternoon game drives each day; and cool mornings and evenings with warm days. One must be able to climb (step on and down) in and out of a safari 4x4 vehicle and in and out of a small aircraft. One should be in good physical condition, remain flexible, be of good humor, and have a spirit of adventure and curiosity to enjoy this safari to its fullest.

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RWANDA

MOUNTAIN GORILLA TREKKING SAFARI

OPTIONAL PRE – TOUR EXTENSION

FEBRUARY 13 – 17, 2023

$3,870 per person in double accommodations

Single Room Supplement - $560
Gorilla trekking is often described as “life changing” and with good reason. With only an estimated 880 Gorillas left in the world, to see these gentle creatures so close and in their natural habitat is a truly unique experience.

Gorillas make their homes in and amongst the bamboo-covered slopes of the Virunga Mountains in the Volcanoes National Park in northern Rwanda. Accompanied by your expert trackers and guides, you will have an opportunity to spend an hour with one of the fully habituated families of mountain gorillas. You will forever be changed.

**ITINERARY:**

**DAY 1 - FEBRUARY 13 - DEPART US**

**DAY 2 - FEBRUARY 14 - KIGALI, RWANDA**
Arrive Kigali Airport via Amsterdam. Met on arrival by Safari Legacy and transferred to the [Kigali Serena Hotel](#) for overnight.

**DAY 3 - FEBRUARY 15 - KIGALI / MOUNTAIN GORILLA VIEW LODGE**
Morning sightseeing excursion of Kigali town, including a visit to the Genocide Museum. Lunch at Safari Bite restaurant followed by afternoon drive to Kinigi, arriving late afternoon for check in followed by dinner and overnight [Mountain Gorilla View Lodge](#). (B,L,D)

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is an eco-lodge located in Kinigi in northern Rwanda and on the edge of the Volcanoes National Park, close to where you will begin your gorilla trek. The lodge is situated on the foothills of the Mount Karisimbi, one of the volcanic mountains that make up the Virunga Massif, and is about a ten minutes’ drive to the main entrance of the Volcanoes National Park. This eco-lodge is very basic but provides all your necessary amenities. Mountain Gorilla View Lodge supports the surrounding rural community by purchasing farm-fresh produce that is served in the lodge’s restaurant.

**DAY 4 - FEBRUARY 16 - VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK / GORILLA TREK / KIGALI**
After an early breakfast we meet our guide and tracker at the park headquarters and begin our gorilla trek. Mountain gorilla trekking in Volcano National Park is one of the most exciting experiences on Earth! After an hour of observation with these great primates, return to the lodge for lunch. Afternoon drive back to Kigali. Overnight [Kigali Serena Hotel](#). (B,L,D)
DAY 5 - FEBRUARY 17 - KIGALI, RWANDA / KILIMANJARO AIRPORT, TANZANIA / ARUSHA
This morning transfer to the Kigali Airport for your Rwanda Air flight #440 departing at 10:10 am and arriving in Tanzania at 1:05 pm. Upon your arrival in Tanzania, clear customs and you will claim your luggage. Safari Legacy will meet you outside of baggage claim. Drive to Arusha and the Lake Duluti Lodge. Afternoon is free. Overnight Gran Melia Arusha Hotel. (B,L,D)

Included on your Pre-Rwanda Extension:
- All pre-departure information to prepare you for your safari
- Internal airfare from Kigali to Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania
- All Transfers
- All Park Fees
- (1) Gorilla Trekking Permit
- Transportation in 4x4 custom Toyota Land Cruisers
- All Accommodations and activities per itinerary
- All Meals

Not Included:
- Passport and visa fees
- Travel Insurance
- Items of personal nature such as laundry, phone and internet fees, souvenirs, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages
- Tips to your driver and Gorilla Trekking guide, porters and waiters
- Vaccinations or Covid Testing costs if applicable

Gorilla Trekking – What to Expect:
To protect gorillas from viruses and disease, no children under 15 or adults with illnesses are allowed to trek. Gorilla trekking is one of the most incredible wildlife experiences one will ever encounter. **One must be in good physical health/condition to trek gorillas.** In order to prepare you for your trek we suggest you are able to walk 1-2 miles up and down hills easily. Gorilla trekking is usually at an altitude of 7,500 feet. Trekking can take anywhere from 1 hour to 3 hours or so. The terrain can be uneven, up and down hills, muddy, wet, and very slippery. Water is provided at all times during your trek. There are porters available to carry your camera and other equipment. Your day will begin around 7:30 am. Once your gorilla group is found you will have 1 hour with the gorillas. This is a very special experience you will never forget. There is an option to hire a stretcher for an additional cost and be carried to see the gorillas! The cost is approximately $200 for this service.
ZANZIBAR

“THE SPICE ISLAND”

OPTIONAL POST EXTENSION

FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 1, 2023

$1,640 per person in double accommodations

Single Room Supplement $355
ITINERARY:

DAY 1 - FEBRUARY 26 - SERENGETI / FLY VIA ARUSHA TO ZANZIBAR
Enjoy a brief game drive en-route to the Serengeti Grumeti airstrip for our scenic flight to Zanzibar via Arusha. On arrival in Zanzibar you will be met by a Safari Legacy representative and transfer to the Zanzibar Serena Hotel arriving in time for a late lunch. The Zanzibar Serena is in a stunning location, offering a tranquil haven amidst the bustle of the city, which is just a short walk away. Antique clocks, crystal chandeliers, Persian rugs, and brass-studded doors enhance the hotel’s gracious tropical colonial décor.

Idyllically situated on the sea-front of ancient Stone Town of Zanzibar, and flanked by an exotic mix of sultan’s palaces, Portuguese forts, ancient dhow harbors, and bright bazaars, the Zanzibar Serena Hotel is a haven of tranquility and opulence amongst the bustle of one of Africa’s most ancient and most enchanting towns. A member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World, it has been styled to represent the epitome of Swahili style, ethnic elegance, and Arabic opulence, setting it apart as one of the finest hotels in Zanzibar. This afternoon is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Zanzibar Serena Hotel – standard room. (B,L,D)

DAY 2 - FEBRUARY 27 - STONE TOWN WALKING TOUR & JOZANI FOREST
Our day begins with breakfast and a spectacular view over the Indian Ocean. This morning we enjoy a walking tour of Stone Town, which exists today much as it did in the days when the “Isle of Spices” was a great trading center known worldwide for spices and timber. As we move away from the market, the winding streets grow serene and mysterious with whitewashed houses, ornately carved wooden doors and balconies studded with brass. We visit the Zanzibar Museum and the Old Fort. After lunch (on your own) we travel across the island through quaint villages and lush vegetation to the enchanting Jozani Forest. Here we have wonderful opportunities to see the red colobus monkey, endemic to Zanzibar and also known as Kirk’s red colobus after Sir John Kirk, the British Resident of Zanzibar who first brought the red colobus to the attention of zoological science. Overnight at Zanzibar Serena Hotel. (B,D)

DAY 3 - FEBRUARY 28 - FLY ZANZIBAR / DAR ES SALAAM – EVENING DEPARTURE
This morning is free to explore Stone Town on your own or take an optional Spice tour which can be arranged with your guide directly in Zanzibar, if time allows based on your departing flight. Enjoy dayrooms at the Zanzibar Serena Hotel until your transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to Dar es Salaam. Connect with your evening international flight to the US. (B,L)

DAY 4 - MARCH 1 - AMSTERDAM / USA
What’s Included:

- Scheduled flight Serengeti to Zanzibar via Arusha
- Scheduled flight from Zanzibar to Dar Es Salaam
- All airport transfers
- Stone Town Walking Tour
- Jozani Forest Tour
- Accommodations at the Zanzibar Serena Hotel
- Meals as per the itinerary (B - breakfast; L - lunch; D - dinner)

Not Included:

- Lunch in Stone Town on Day 2
- Optional Spice Tour on last day if time permits, to be arranged directly with your guide in Zanzibar (cost is $55 pp)
- Vaccinations or Covid testing costs if applicable