



ITINERARY FOR GREAT MIGRATION - TANZANIA & GORILLA TREKKING – RWANDA

JULY 11 – JULY 22, 2017

Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa and is known for its vast wilderness areas. The north east is mountainous and densely forested and the central region consists of a large plateau of plains and arable land. The country's coastline extends 800 kilometers/500 miles along the Indian Ocean. The major gateway to most safari parks is Arusha in the north east. Tanzania's highest point is Mount Kilimanjaro at 5900 meters/19,350 feet in height. Its official languages are Swahili and English. It is interesting to know that 40 % of the country is considered a protected area for conservation with 16 existing national parks. The vast majority of visitors to Tanzania of course come to experience the amazing wildlife here. Thousands of wild animals and tropical birds make Tanzania their home. With its wide plains, dense forests, majestic mountains and shimmering lakes, the visitor can be spoiled for choice in both animal and bird life viewing. Most safaris are undertaken in vehicles with around 8 passengers and an experienced game tracker/guide who is also the driver. There are several types of accommodation to choose from – lodges, tented camps and resorts. Tanzania has a large number of wildlife parks but the most popular and best known are the following.

Rwanda is a landlocked country situated on the eastern rim of the Albertine Rift which is on the western arm of the Great Rift Valley in Eastern Africa. Much of the country is attractively mountainous, the highest peak being 4500 metres/14,600 feet. It is known as "The Land of a Thousand Hills", an apt description as it consists of green undulating hills with gardens and tea plantations dotted around them. What is important is that it is home to one third of the world's remaining mountain gorillas, one third of Africa's bird species and several other species of primates. The capital is Kigali, an attractive city sprawling across four mountain ridges and the valleys between.

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DEPART CANADA NO LATER THAN JULY 9: Date of departure is dependent on the international flights purchased. Pre-tour extensions in your city of a connecting flight are available. Some possible pre-tour extensions are Amsterdam, Dubai, Frankfurt and Paris.

DAY 1: JULY, 11, 2017

ARRIVAL IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, group will be met and assisted by our local representative. You will then be transferred by private vehicles to your hotel. Check in for the one night and spend the rest of the day/evening at leisure to relax in Arushai. Meals on own tonight.

Overnight at Lake Duluti Serena Hotel

DAY 2: JULY, 12, 2017

ARUSHA – LAKE MANYARA

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After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to the Lake Manyara National Park, one of the Rift Valley's numerous alkaline lakes, which apart from its abundant bird life, is known for its tree-climbing lions. Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch and check in for one night. Afterwards, set out on your last afternoon game drive in the park until sunset. Return to lodge, dinner included.

Lake Manyara is a scenic gem with a setting extolled by Ernest Hemingway as "the loveliest I had seen in Africa". Its famous tree-climbing lions are another reason to pay a visit to this park. In addition to the lions,

the park is also home to the largest concentration of baboons anywhere in the world. Lake Manyara also has a great birdlife. More than 400 species have been recorded. These include thousands of pink-hued flamingos as well as other large water birds such as pelicans, cormorants and storks.

The lodge is standing high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over the glittering alkaline waters of Lake Manyara, Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge offers a unique blend of safari opportunities, peace and tranquility, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness. The unprecedented range of high-adventure sports, meanwhile, include mountain biking, canoeing and forest walks, while cultural choices include tours of the neighboring villages and dance displays by the local Iraqw and sukuma people. Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this highly unusual lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond reception, lies the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies the pool. Perched on the very edge of the cliffs, with stunning views of Lake Manyara National Park is the pool bar and observation point. Dotted around the grounds, all with views over the lake are a series of circular two-storey 'rondavels', which house the rooms. Designed to reflect the brilliance of Lake Manyara's unique birdlife, the architectural motif melds swooping avian curves with the gentle concentric patterns of traditional Maasai 'Bomas', while the vibrantly colored wall frescoes depict the colorful intricacy of bird migratory patterns

Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

DAY 3: JULY 13, 2017 LAKE MANYARA – NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA. B, L, D

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Its enduring charm stems from its overwhelming physical beauty and the abundance of wildlife permanently resident on the crater floor.

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is a park in the north west of Tanzania and is often called 'Africa's Eden' and the '8th Natural Wonder of the World'. It contains an old volcano that has collapsed and formed a crater and the steep sides of the crater have become a natural enclosure for a wide variety of wildlife. Lions are in the highest density in the world in the crater so there is an excellent chance of seeing them. There are herds of wildebeest, zebra, and a lot of buffalo and Grants' gazelles. This is also one of the best places in East Africa to see a black rhino. Hyenas are a common predator and cheetahs are frequently seen. Leopards are in the conservation area but rarely seen along with wild dogs. Just outside the crater's ridge, tall Maasai herd their cattle and goats over the green pastures through the highland slopes living alongside the wildlife as they have for centuries.

Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch and check in for the next two nights. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure, dinner included at the lodge.

Overnight at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

The lodge is regularly voted one of the best hotels in the world, this unique lodge in Tanzania clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater, the largest and most perfect volcanic crater on Earth. Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged with indigenous vines. Designed to blend completely into the landscape, it is entirely invisible from the floor of the Crater 600 metres below.

DAY 4: JULY, 14, 2017 NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA B, L, D

Breakfast at the lodge and then today group will enjoy a full day tour of the crater floor with lunch boxes. Return to lodge later in the afternoon. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure, dinner included at the lodge.

Overnight at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

DAY 05: JULY, 15, 2017 NGORONGORO – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK B, L, D

After breakfast, drive to the Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world, unequalled for its natural beauty and the greatest concentration of plains game anywhere. En route visit the Olduvai Gorge site of archeological findings, where traces of pre-historic man dating back to

3.5 million years ago have been discovered. Arrive in time for lunch at your lodge. Check in for the next three nights. Then set out on an afternoon game drive until sunset. Return to the camp for dinner.

Overnight at Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp

Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp is scenically located in a glade, known as 'the place of the klipspringer' (mbuzi mawe), and guarded by 3 million year-old granite towers. This luxury tented-camp in the Serengeti is unique. Cleverly located on one of the main annual migration corridors for over one million wildebeest, half a million zebras and gazelles, and their accompanying cast of predators it is also located at the very epicenter of one of the world's most famous national parks.

The sixteen large custom-made canvas tents are widely spaced throughout the rocky glades of our tented camp in the Serengeti. Reached by winding stone paths, each tent stands on a stone platform and has its own thatched roof. Opening off the spacious bedroom, is a tented bathroom, which features twin basins, shower and flushing WC. The main bedroom area features two queen-sized four-poster beds, each with all-encompassing mosquito nets. There is also a seating area with stylish lamps and easy chairs. On the spacious private terrace are both safari chairs and sun loungers.

Tent facilities include: Two queen-sized beds, Electric lighting and 24-hour hot water, Wi-Fi, Laundry, valet and shoeshine services, Mineral water and toiletries, Bathrobe and slippers, Snacks and drinks room service

DAY 06: JULY, 16, 2017 FULL DAY – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK B, L, D

Breakfast at the lodge and then today, spend the whole day in Serengeti with morning and afternoon game drives in search of wildlife. Return to the lodge. Meals included.

Overnight at Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp

Optional tour: Early morning balloon ride, champagne-style breakfast. (At extra cost – Approx. \$700 CAD/person)

DAY 07: JULY, 17, 2017 FULL DAY – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK B, L, D

Breakfast at the lodge and then today, spend the whole day in Serengeti with morning and afternoon game drives in search of wildlife. Return to the lodge. Meals included. Overnight at Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp

DAY 08: JULY, 18, 2017 SERENGETI – ARUSHA – DEPARTURE – KIGALI, RWANDA ARRIVAL B, L

After breakfast in the lodge, you will transfer to the local airstrip for your scheduled flight back to Arusha. Upon arrival met and transfer to The Arusha Hotel (Parachichi restaurant) for lunch, then transfer to the Kilimanjaro Airport for your onward flight to Kigali (Flight NOT Included – Flight should arrive same day)

On arrival at Kigali Airport, you will be met by our local representatives and will be transferred to your hotel for check in for one night. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

The hotel is ideally located on one of Kigali's most charming boulevards, the five-star Kigali Serena Hotel is built around a polished granite atrium, which showcases the very best of Rwandese cultural art. Relaxed yet elegant, the hotel features an Executive Lounge and Bar, which opens onto a wide sundeck overlooking the newly refurbished swimming pool. Also overlooking the pool, the popular Milima Restaurant offers a wide range of all-day buffet choices, while the relaxed Sokoni Café offers inside and outside poolside seating, regarded by many as Kigali's natural business hub and many delegates meet here. The hotel is in central Kigali Rwanda, just 10 kilometers from Kigali International Airport
Optional Tours available depending on arrival time

Overnight in Kigali at Serena Hotel

DAY 09: JULY, 19, 2017 KIGALI – VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK B, L, D

Breakfast at the hotel and then group will check out and be taken to visit the Genocide Memorial in Kigali this morning.

Afterwards continue to drive to Volcanoes National Park. Arrival at the lodge in time for lunch. Check in for the next three nights. Group will have an afternoon briefing and preparations for the trekking the following morning. Dinner included at the lodge

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is located in Musanze district northern Rwanda neighboring Volcanoes National Park. The lodge is located on the foothills of the Mount Sabinyo, volcanic mountains that make up the Virunga ranges. The lodge is about 15 minutes from the main entrance to Rwanda's Park National des Volcans. Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is an ecolodge with 30 spacious cottages. The cottages are made of stone and thatch. All cottage comes with a living area with a fireplace, en-suite facilities and a private veranda. The main lodge area has a restaurant serving home cooked food and a bar

Overnight at the Gorilla Mountain View Lodge

DAY 10: JULY, 20, 2017 VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK – GORILLA TREKKING B, L, D

This morning you will be collected and taken to the gorilla trekking base for your first trekking experience. An early morning transfer to trek into the forest, led by experienced trackers will bring you amongst a family of Mountain Gorillas. These massive primates are extremely rare. You will get within metres of the family, and be privileged to spend time amongst them.

The trekking may be fairly strenuous; up to six hours or longer is not uncommon, at relatively high altitude. Please refer to our information sheet. Mountain Gorillas are wild animals, as such sightings cannot be guaranteed, however the success rate is well over 90%.

Overnight at the Gorilla Mountain View Lodge

DAY 11: JULY, 21, 2017 VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK – OPTIONAL TOURS B, L, D

Breakfast at the lodge and then group will have the day at their leisure. There are many optional tours to add

All Meals included. Overnight at the Gorilla Mountain View Lodge

RWANDA OPTIONAL TOURS: (Extra Costs)

Second Gorilla Trek, Golden Monkeys Trek, Diane Fossey Trek, A Nature Walk, Cultural Village Visit to Iby'iwacyu Village (See

DAY 12: JULY, 22, 2017 VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK – KIGALI - DEPART B

Breakfast at the lodge and then check out and you will drive back to Kigali city and onwards to Kigali Airport for your return flight home.

Post-tour extensions are available. Suggestions: Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zanzibar or a city of a connecting flight on your return.

PRICE PER PERSON (CAD)

<u>DOUBLE OCCUPANCY</u>	\$ 9115.00
<u>SINGLE OCCUPANCY</u>	\$10,615.00

Included in noted prices:

- Hotel/ Lodge accommodation as per itinerary based on twin share
- All Internal Flights in Africa, including taxes and fees
- Transportation in Tanzania in 6 seater 4 X 4 vehicles
- Arrival Meet & Greet guide assistance, Departure guide assistance
- Sightseeing, admissions and park entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Gorilla Permit for 1 Gorilla Trek (Value (\$1000 CAD)
- Local taxes on accommodation and sightseeing tours
- Meals as indicated on itinerary (B-full breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)

Not included in noted prices:

- Optional Tours
 - Tanzania
 - Serengeti Balloon Ride with Champagne Breakfast Approx \$750 per person*
* Price will be advised when available
 - Rwanda
 - Second Gorilla Trek \$1000.00 per person
 - Golden Monkeys Trek \$175.00 per person
 - Diane Fossey Trek \$150.00 per person
 - Nature Walk \$85.00 per person
 - Cultural Village Visit to Iby'iwacyu Village \$110.00 per person
- 2 dinners
- Tips & Gratuities
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms (standard check-in time is 2pm and check out 10am)
- Cancellation and Travel Insurance.
- Visa/passport handling fees
- Personal items

Notes:

- Passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your scheduled return flight date. Passport require a minimum of 8 blank pages and possibly more depending on international flights booked
- Canadian & American passport holders require visas to enter Tanzania & Rwanda. Visas are not available for purchase until 90 days prior to arrival in each country
- Currency, taxes and pricing fluctuations. Should there be considerable currency fluctuations, we reserve the right to apply any necessary surcharges. In the event of any additional fuel surcharges by the Suppliers and/or Airlines, we reserve the right to add these to the costs of the land package and/or airfare. Any applicable increases will be advised prior to final payment. Prices are guaranteed once final payment has been made
- Yellow fever vaccination & malaria prescription is required. Health and medical requirements are subject to change. It is recommended to make an appointment with Travel Health Network to discuss your travel health requirements.

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