TANZANIA MIGRATION SAFARI

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JANUARY 23 – FEBRUARY 3, 2020
TANZANIA IS THE ULTIMATE SAFARI DESTINATION.

Tanzania has been called the best safari country in Africa. Host to the world’s largest population of lions, legendary sites like the Serengeti, Olduvai Gorge and Ngorongoro Crater, and a year-round migration of over 1.5 million wildebeest and zebras, it’s a premier destination for adventurous travelers across the globe.

This journey provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see it all in accommodations that are luxurious, authentic and incredibly close to the wildlife.
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Louis DiVincenti is the assistant zoo director for animal care and conservation at Seneca Park Zoo in Rochester, New York. After graduating from Louisiana State University’s School of Veterinary Medicine in 2010, he moved to Rochester to complete a comparative medicine residency at the University of Rochester and Seneca Park Zoo. He completed his master’s degree in translational research from the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry in 2014 and was appointed to the faculty as the chief of large animal medicine and research. Louis was board-certified by the American College of Animal Welfare in 2015.

Louis has special interests in animal welfare and wildlife conservation, especially focusing on mitigating human-animal conflict in high conservation value areas including East Africa, Madagascar, and Borneo.

University of Rochester’s group leader participation cannot be guaranteed and is contingent on a minimum of paying travelers.
YOUR ITINERARY

JANUARY 23-24:
EN ROUTE FROM U.S. / ARRIVE ARUSHA
Karibu! Upon arrival your guide will escort you to your lodge.
Overnight: Rivertrees Country Inn

JANUARY 25-26:
EASTERN SERENGETI PRIVATE RESERVE
Enjoy 10,000 acres of pristine wilderness where wildlife numbers have nearly tripled in just a few years. Meet and interact with the people of the Maasai tribe while learning about their pastoralist way of life.
Overnight: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

JANUARY 27-29:
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
Spend three spectacular days exploring the Serengeti’s abundant wildlife during the peak of calving season. At night, marvel at spectacular star-filled skies.
Overnight: Southern Serengeti Nyumba

JANUARY 30:
OLDUVAI GORGE / NGORONGORO CRATER
Enjoy a morning of wildlife viewing followed by a stop at one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. Settle into your camp perched high above Ngorongoro Crater for the evening.
Overnight: Ngorongoro Nyumba

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 1:
NGORONGORO CRATER & HIGHLANDS
Explore Earth’s largest intact volcanic caldera, visit game-changing health clinic in Karatu and finish with luxury accommodations, gourmet cuisine at the award-winning Gibb’s Farm.
Overnight: Gibb’s Farm

FEBRUARY 2-3:
NGORONGORO HIGHLANDS / ARUSHA / DEPART
Transfer back to Arusha and enjoy a farewell lunch with your new friends. Fly overnight and arrive home the following day.
Day Room at Mount Meru Hotel

OPTIONAL BALLOON SAFARI
At sunrise, you have the option to take a hot air balloon over the breathtaking Serengeti savannah. After landing, enjoy a festive toast and a full English breakfast in the bush before rejoining the group on a wildlife-viewing drive. Space is limited and advance reservations are required.

*Height and weight restrictions apply.
WHAT’S INCLUDED

Tanzanian-born, English-speaking professional guides with a minimum of 10 years’ experience

On-safari accommodations in deluxe, walk-in tents (with en suite baths) and overnight stays in luxury lodges

All meals, unlimited snacks and bottled water in vehicles

Airport transfers for guests who arrive/depart on scheduled trip dates

Daily safari briefings to help you prepare for each activity

Related fees for all scheduled sight-seeing, park, and cultural excursions

Guaranteed window seats in a custom-made, 4-wheel drive safari vehicles

Scenic flight to the Serengeti

Complete pre-departure information and access to a personal safari consultant
Nyumba means *home* in Swahili, and these comfortable, eco-friendly accommodations will feel like one. Each spacious tent offers cozy bedding, solar lighting, and an en suite bathroom with pump-flush toilet.

**Eastern Serengeti Nyumba**
Exclusive camp set on a private nature refuge.

**Southern Serengeti Nyumba**
Strategically situated to maximize wildlife viewing.

**Ngorongoro Nyumba**
Perched on the eastern edge of the Crater’s rim just a short drive from the crater floor.

**Gibb’s Farm**
Fresh food, fresh air, and fresh perspectives abound. This award-winning eco-lodge’s cottages, set amidst the working farm’s lush gardens, are the ultimate in sustainable luxury.

**Rivertrees Country Inn**
Nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru, the Inn blends simple elegance and modern convenience.

**Mount Meru Hotel**
Recently renovated from top to bottom with reliable modern conveniences, Mt. Meru Hotel is an ideal place to end your safari.
Please reserve ______ space(s). A $1,000 per person non-refundable deposit is required.
Final payment is due 90 days before departure, payable by check, wire transfer, or money order.

#1 First and last name (as it appears on passport)  Date of birth  Class Year

#2 First and last name (as it appears on passport)  Date of birth  Class Year

Address

City  State  Zip

Phone (primary phone)  Phone (cell phone)

E-mail 1  E-mail 2

I/we would like more information on booking flights. My preferred departure airport is:

I/we will arrange our own airfare to and from Tanzania.

I/we request  □ Economy  □ Business Class

$700 non-refundable deposit per person

TRIP PRICE
$6,990 adult
Plus $380 Tanzania Value Added Tax

Price is based on double occupancy and does not include international flights

RETURN TO: Thomson Safaris, 14 Mount Auburn St. Watertown, MA 02472
OR
REGISTER BY PHONE: Call Thomson Safaris at 800-235-0289 or 617-923-0426 and ask for Andrew Doherty.
Why Tanzania?

Visiting Tanzania will feel like stepping into your wildest dream. You'll stalk with lions, roam with elephants, strut with flamingos, feel dwarfed by a 2,000-foot-deep crater, and sleep under the stars. You’ll discover unbridled beauty at World Heritage Sites, practice tracking skills in remote wild lands, and experience peacefulness and connection to the Earth like never before.

You'll feel safe and comfortable every step of your journey. Tanzania is one of the most peaceful and stable countries on the African continent, predominantly free from the political upheaval that has plagued so many other African countries; it’s often referred to as “Africa's Switzerland.” With a rich cultural tapestry comprising more than 120 distinct ethnic groups, Tanzania learned long ago that there is greater strength in tolerance and unity than in divisiveness.

Having set aside one-third of its land for the purpose of conservation, it is no wonder Tanzania boasts the highest concentrations of wildlife in the world. Protected since 1921, the Serengeti is almost as large as the US state of Connecticut, and features landscapes ranging from grassland plains and savanna to riverine forests and woodlands as well as the largest migration of mammals on earth, including 1.5 million wildebeest.

But the Serengeti is only one of Tanzania’s wonders. Snow-crowned Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest peak, looms over the northern border. The Ngorongoro Crater, an intact volcanic caldera formed millions of years ago, houses a self-contained ecosystem that is home to the highest concentration of wildlife on the planet. You can also visit Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys unearthed archeological discoveries that changed our understanding of human evolution.

Warmth, generosity, and wonder are truly the heart and soul of this remarkable corner of the world.

What to Expect

There is virtually no bad time to visit Tanzania. Rains in November and April motivate the perpetual movement of animals in search of water (also known as The Great Migration). The climate is typically dry, sunny, and warm. In northern Tanzania, expect temperatures with daytime highs in the 80s and lows in the 50s in the evenings and early mornings. Temperatures will be cooler at higher elevations.

Activity Level

This tour involves exposure to the outdoors, full days of touring, and some walking, often along uneven terrain. This is not an overly active safari, but you should be in good physical condition in order to enjoy it
to the fullest. Drives inside and between the national parks occur on bumpy roads and can last up to 6 or even 7 hours. Since your comfort is a priority, these drives are minimized with wildlife viewing and/or cultural stops along the way. On certain days, you will bring a boxed lunch with you for the ride and enjoy the meal in the open air.

Sustainable Travel
Recently named to Travel + Leisure’s 2017 World’s Best List in the category of Top Safari Outfitters, Thomson Safaris was selected as the tour operator for this trip because of their extensive expertise in northern Tanzania and award-winning reputation in the adventure travel business. Working exclusively in Tanzania for over 36 years, they are leaders in ethical, sustainable, and responsible tourism. Below are some of the many ways Thomson Safaris continues to give back.

• The Tanzania operations—which are also owned by Rick Thomson and Judi Wineland, providing a seamless experience for travelers—hire locally and provide excellent benefits, job security, and training.

• Environmental conscientiousness is a priority: mobile camps utilize solar lighting and water-conserving technologies, Thomson’s U.S. headquarters has 110 solar panels, providing 1/3 of its power, and the Tanzania office maintains an organic garden.

• To minimize the impact on Tanzanian landscapes and wildlife, Thomson Safaris insists on adherence to Leave No Trace ethics at all its camps and on its Mt. Kilimanjaro treks.

• Owners Rick Thomson and Judi Wineland have helped to set up sustainable local businesses, support local schools and women’s empowerment initiatives, and fund a 10,000-acre conservation project east of the Serengeti through their many partner philanthropy organizations.

• Thomson Safaris also works with the organization Green Living Project in an effort to educate individuals and communities on diverse sustainable practices around the world.

• In 1996, a group of Thomson guests were touched by Tanzania’s limited educational resources and, along with Thomson owner, Judi Wineland, founded the nonprofit organization Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FoTZC). The heart of its mission is to partner with Tanzanian communities on sustainable development projects. In addition to funding, building, and donating much-needed supplies to local schools, FoTZC provides funding for healthcare, clean water and women’s empowerment initiatives.
Experienced Guides

Thomson Safaris was one of the first safari operators in Tanzania to insist on local, Tanzanian guides. All your guides have a minimum of 10 years’ experience in the field. More than just leaders, spotters, and wildlife experts, they are true ambassadors for Tanzania. In addition to superior wildlife spotting skills, your team of guides offers local insight that can’t be found in guidebooks. They can’t wait to share their country's treasures with you!

Transportation while on safari

You’ve gone halfway around the world to be on safari; you don’t want to waste a single minute stuck in the mud or unable to cross the river. Luckily, you’ll be traveling in specially customized vehicles. These reliable, rugged vehicles are tough enough for river crossings, wild terrain, dirt roads, and anything that comes your way!

Benefits of your Customized Safari Vehicle:

• While the vehicle is built to accommodate 8 passengers, an average of 5-6 guests per vehicle means room to move and guaranteed window seats for everyone
• Better views because the seats have been lowered
• Protection from the sun due to the pop-up roof
• The ability to stand up and get 360° views when the roof is "popped up"
• Easy battery recharging via multiple US-style outlets in each vehicle
• Worry-free river crossings with a custom snorkel that keeps the engine going
• Complimentary snacks and bottled water are provided throughout the safari
• No mileage restrictions – you’ll go wherever the wildlife is

Accommodations

Accommodations have been chosen for their unique African feel, stunning settings, and ideal proximity to attractions. All lodges are comfortable and have electricity and private bathrooms. Your camps, which were custom-designed by Thomson, are called Nyumbas (Swahili for “home”). They are eco-friendly mobile camps set on private sites which allow direct access to wildlife. The large walk-in tents come with real beds dressed in deluxe linens. En suite bathrooms include water basins, showers, and self-contained, pump-flush toilets. Due to ecological and conservation issues, none of the camps have fixed plumbing, and they utilize the abundant sunshine to provide solar-powered LED lighting. The camp chef prepares fresh gourmet meals from local ingredients, and restricted diets are easily accommodated with advance notice.
Accommodations for your trip include:

**Rivertrees Country Inn (1 night at the start plus day use room at the end of trip)**
Nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru, in view of Mount Kilimanjaro, this peaceful country estate combines simple elegance and modern convenience. Wake up in your farmhouse-style room to the sound of the rushing Usa River, and enjoy a hearty breakfast in an open-air, thatched-roof dining area.

**Eastern Serengeti Nyumba (2 nights)**
Wake to exceptional views of the Serengeti’s remote savannah. After a day of adventure, you’ll appreciate the comforts of the camp. Enjoy a hearty dinner prepared fresh from local ingredients, and discuss the day’s discoveries with your fellow travelers and the attentive staff.

**Southern Serengeti Nyumba (3 nights)**
This semi-permanent, seasonal camp has been strategically plotted on the southern edge of Seronera Valley with views out across the short grass plains. With spacious tents, cozy bedding, and en suite bathrooms, you’ll have to take a look outside to remember that you’re deep in the bush. Best of all, with eco-friendly features such as solar lighting, you’re not harming the landscape.

**Ngorongoro Nyumba (1 night)**
The Ngorongoro camp is set on the eastern edge of the Ngorongoro Crater’s rim and offers the best possible access in and out of the crater. In the morning, you have the eastern floor of the crater almost completely to yourself. In the evening, head to the campfire before dinner, then enjoy a traditional Tanzanian meal -- a specialty of the camp chefs here.

**Gibb’s Farm (2 nights)**
Fresh food, fresh air, and fresh perspectives abound at Gibb’s Farm. At the end of full days of exploration, relax in your eco-friendly cottage, set amidst the farm’s lush gardens. Gibb’s Farm offers a variety of activities, adventures and opportunities to rejuvenate, from guided walks around the extensive grounds of this working coffee estate, to bike tours through the hills of the Ngorongoro highlands, to Maasai-inspired spa treatments Whether you wish to relax and recharge, explore the diverse natural surroundings, or learn more about the local culture and traditions, you have a variety of experiences to choose from.
Included on Your Safari

- Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- All National Park fees
- Meals as noted in itinerary, inclusive of restaurant staff tips
- Beer, wine, spirits, and soda at welcome and farewell dinners
- Complete preparation materials including helpful tips, packing list, trip expectations, tipping guidelines, etc.
- Access to a personal safari consultant by phone or email, five days a week
- Full-color, 120-page Safari Journal
- Safari briefings throughout the trip
- Services of guides, drivers, Nyumba staff including chef and wait staff
- Land transportation in customized, 4-wheel drive safari vehicles with unlimited mileage
- Guaranteed window seating in vehicles
- Village, school, and cultural visits as noted in itinerary
- Scenic internal flight as noted in itinerary
- Complimentary bottled drinking water and snacks throughout your safari
- Airport transfers for Delta/KLM flights on scheduled arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling

Not Included

- International round-trip flight to Tanzania
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and camp staff (approximately $325-$425 per traveler)
- Airline-imposed fuel surcharges, upgraded seat assignment and excess baggage fees
- Meals and expenses en route to Tanzania
- Fees for passport, visa, or immunizations
- Trip cancellation/delay/baggage loss insurance
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Beer, wine, spirits, and soft drinks, laundry, phone, internet, and items of a personal nature
How to Book
To reserve a spot, call Thomson Safaris at 800-235-0289 or 617-923-0426 to pay the $1,000 per person by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover. Or, send the registration form (above) and a check, payable to Thomson Safaris, to:

Thomson Safaris
14 Mount Auburn St.
Watertown, MA 02472.

We cannot confirm reservations without a deposit. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and is payable by check, wire transfer or bank check. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

Airfare
International airfare is not included. Thomson Safaris can make Business Class flight arrangements for you on Delta/KLM Airlines. For travelers interested in coach seats, you can book your own airfare directly with Delta/KLM. You are welcome to contact Thomson Safaris with any questions on flights.

Insurance
It is highly recommended that you consider purchasing trip insurance which offers comprehensive coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation, illness or accident as well as damage or loss of luggage. Information will be promptly sent to you following registration and payment of deposit.

Shares
Single accommodations are limited, subject to availability, and cannot be guaranteed. Should you wish to share a room, we will attempt to find a roommate for you at your request. If we are unable to provide a roommate by the final invoice date, the single accommodation fee will be assessed.

Cancellation and Refunds
Notification of cancellation must be received in writing to Thomson Safaris (either by mail or e-mail). At the time we receive your cancellation, the following per person cancellation penalties apply:

- Up to 91 days before departure: $1000 Deposit
- 90-61 days before departure: 50% of the package price
- 60-46 days before departure: 65% of the package price
- 45 days or less before departure: 100% of the package price
Terms and Conditions

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