

Tuesday

September 4, 2012

- ~ Met By Representative Upon Arrival at OR Kilimanjaro
- ~ Road Transfer to Serena Mountain Village

Serena Mountain Village

Arusha, Tanzania

Standard Room - 1 Night



INCLUDES: Breakfast

Nestled at the foot of the wooded slopes of Mount Meru, this unique hotel stands amid coffee plantations on the shores of tranquil Lake Duluti. Designed to echo the traditional style of the colonial coffee farm that once stood on this site, Mountain Village offers a range of tastefully presented cottage-styled rooms set amid extensive landscaped grounds. Standing at the gateway to the famous Tanzanian 'Northern Safari Circuit', the hotel offers a broad range of attractions including walking, mountain biking, canoeing on the lake, and trips to the nearby Arusha and Mount Meru national parks. The hotel features a stone-built reception with adjoining lounge, library, restaurant, boutique and business center. Imposing in stature and spacious in concept, the design of the new building echoes the hotel's original incarnation as a working coffee farm dating back to colonial times.

Wednesday

September 5, 2012

(B,L,D)

- ~ Road Transfer to Tarangire National Park
- ~ Check in and Enjoy Lunch at Tarangire Sopa Lodge
- ~ Afternoon Game Drive

Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire, Tanzania

Standard Room - 2 Nights



INCLUDES: All Meals Excluding Drinks

Hidden among the "kopjes" (rocky hills) and surrounded by ancient baobab trees, Tarangire Sopa Lodge sits within its namesake national park, home to the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa. Other species can be found here including the elusive leopard, cheetah, lion, hyena and over 400 bird species. Constant water availability contributes to the area's lush greenery, a wonderful contrast to the burnt ground.

75 spacious rooms feature private lounges, ceiling fans, and sliding glass doors opening on to a balcony and great views of the landscape beyond.

Thursday

September 6, 2012

(B,L,D)

- ~ Morning Game Drive
- ~ Lunch at the Lodge
- ~ Afternoon Game Drive

Friday

September 7, 2012

(B,L,D)

- ~ Depart Tarangire National Park En Route to Lake Manyara
- ~ Enjoy a Game Drive Along the Way
- ~ Check into Lake Manyara Serena Lodge and Enjoy Lunch
- ~ Afternoon Game Drive

Lake Manyara Serena

Lake Manyara, Tanzania

Standard Room - 2 Nights



INCLUDES: All Meals Excluding Drinks

Standing high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over the glittering alkaline waters of its namesake, Lake Manyara Serena Lodge offers a unique blend of tranquillity, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness. Guests enjoy access to a range of high-adventure sports includes mountain biking, canoeing and forest walks while other available activities include cultural 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 and accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond reception, lies the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies a refreshing pool. Perched on the very edge of the cliffs, the pool bar and observation point provides stunning views out over the lake. Rooms lie within a series of two story rondavels dotted around the grounds, all with views over the lake. 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 intricacy of bird migratory patterns.

Saturday

September 8, 2012

(B,L,D)

- ~ Morning Game Drive
- ~ Lunch at the Lodge
- ~ Afternoon at Leisure

Sunday

September 9, 2012

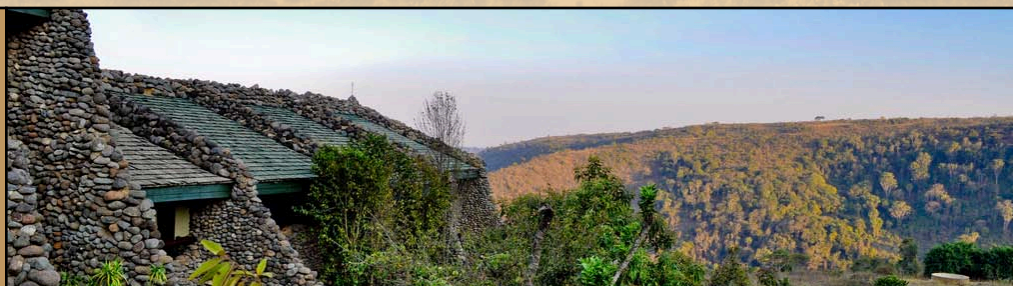
(B,L,D)

- ~ Morning Drive to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area
- ~ Check into the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge
- ~ Enjoy Lunch
- ~ Afternoon Game Drive

Ngorongoro Serena

Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania

Standard Room - 2 Nights



INCLUDES: All Meals Excluding Drinks

Regularly voted one of the best hotels in the world, this unique lodge 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 almost 2,000 feet below. Known as 'the eighth wonder of the world' this UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of Africa's best-known wildlife arenas, offering a unique biosphere that has remained virtually unchanged since the dawn of time. Deep within the Crater, enclosed by towering walls, some 25,000 large mammals wander the plains, lakes and forests of 'the land that time forgot', dominated by enormous bull elephants, rhinos and lions. Hugging the contours of the jagged Crater rim, the lodge takes its inspiration from the so-called 'Cradle of Mankind', the prehistoric site of Olduvai Gorge situated close by. Linked by arched stone passages and timbered decks, its walls are decorated with stylized prehistoric cave paintings and lit by flaring torches. At the stone heart of the lodge burns a glowing fire, which is kept constantly alight. Decorated with cave paintings, the rooms are strung around the Crater rim, each with its own rock- enclosed balcony, and all enjoy completely uninterrupted views of the volcanic amphitheater far below.

Monday

September 10, 2012

(B,L,D)

- ~ Full Day Crater Tour / Game Drive with Picnic Lunch

Your descent into this natural wonder brings you face to face with the largest concentration of animals in all of Africa, including a high density of lions and thousands of colorful flamingos. The Ngorongoro Crater was formed around 2 million years ago after a giant volcano collapsed, creating what's called a caldera, the world's largest in fact. Its exceptional geographical position forms a spectacular "bowl" of about 100 square miles with sides up to 2,000 feet deep, and approximately 20,000 to 30,000 wild animals at any given time.

The crater floor consists of a number of ecological environments including grassland, swamps, forests and Lake Makat, a central soda lake filled by the Munge River. All of these various habitats attract various wildlife to drink, wallow, graze, hide or climb. Although animals are free to move in and out of this contained environment, the rich volcanic soil, lush forests and spring source lakes on the crater floor combine to attract grazers and predators throughout the year.

Tuesday

September 11, 2012

(B,L,D)

- ~ Depart Ngorongoro Serena Towards Serengeti National Park
- ~ Stop at Olduvai Gorge En Route
- ~ Check into Serengeti Bushtops
- ~ Lunch
- ~ Afternoon Game Drive

Visit Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important prehistoric sites in the world. When German entomologist Wilhelm Kattwinkel fell off a rocky ledge, he accidentally discovered a steep sided ravine with stratified layers displaying over 2,000,000 years of history in its sediments. In the early 1930s, legendary archaeologists Louis and Mary Leakey began excavation work here, work that has continued into the 21st century.

Serengeti Bushtops

Serengeti, Tanzania

Standard Room - 3 Nights



INCLUDES: All Meals, Local Beer, Soft Drinks, & House Wines

Serengeti Bushtops combines a wonderful location with luxury accommodation, superb food and drink, and first class service to create the ultimate experience. Millions of animals and birds thrive within the Serengeti National Park's vast savanna and hilly woodlands, with plentiful plains game as well as lion, leopard, cheetah, buffalo, elephant, hippo, giraffe, and many other lesser known yet fascinating species.

Each of 12 luxury tents faces the sun and boasts two open sides, granting guests an extraordinary panoramic view of nature's living masterpiece. Bedecked with beautiful wooden flooring, all tents boast en-suite shower area, large private terrace, a hot tub, writing desk, 24 hour butler service, 24 hour power, and a dining table. In the main area, an elegant dining tent houses fine a la carte dining as well as the obligatory striking views across the Serengeti landscape. The lodge's "Wine Wall" houses an international collection of wines in ideal cellar conditions.

Wednesday

September 12, 2012

(B,L,D)

- ~ Morning & Afternoon Game Drives on the Serengeti Plains

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September 13, 2012

(B,L,D)

- ~ Morning & Afternoon Game Drives on the Serengeti Plains

Friday

September 14, 2012

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- ~ Morning Game Drive En Route to Seronera Airstrip
- ~ Scheduled Flight to Arusha (Depart **11:00 AM** / Arrive **12:15 PM**)
- ~ Met on Arrival and Transferred to Serena Mountain Hotel for Lunch
- ~ Day Rooms Reserved Until Your Evening Transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport

End of Arrangements