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Embark on the safari adventure of a lifetime, combining the thrill of gorilla trekking in Rwanda with an extraordinary wildlife journey across Tanzania's most iconic landscapes.

Begin your journey in Rwanda, exploring Kigali's cultural and historical landmarks, including the Genocide Memorial, before venturing to Volcanoes National Park for an unforgettable gorilla trekking experience. Hike through misty bamboo forests to observe these majestic primates in their natural habitat.

Fly to Arusha, Tanzania, to begin your safari adventure. Drive to Tarangire National Park, where vast elephant herds roam among iconic baobab trees, and experience the thrill of a night game drive in search of elusive nocturnal wildlife.

Continue through the Ngorongoro Highlands, stopping to meet the Maasai in their village before descending into the Ngorongoro Crater, a volcanic caldera teeming with big tusker elephants, black rhinos, and an astonishing density of wildlife.

Journey to the legendary Serengeti, with a stop at Olduvai Gorge, a site of profound archaeological significance in human evolution. Spend three nights in the endless plains, tracking migratory herds of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle, along with the predators that follow them. Elevate your experience with an optional hot air balloon safari, drifting over the savanna at sunrise, followed by a champagne breakfast.

Throughout your adventure, stay in hand-selected lodges and camps offering stunning views and premier access to wildlife. Each evening, unwind with a sundowner as the African sky transforms, and let the sounds of the wilderness immerse you in this unforgettable safari.



ITINERARY SUMMARY

- Arrivals in Kigali, 1 night
- Volcanoes National Park, 1 night
- Kigali, 1 night
- Fly to Arusha, 1 night
- Tarangire National Park, 2 nights;
- Ngorongoro Crater, 2 nights
- Central Serengeti 2 nights
- Serengeti Migration Camp, 2 nights
- Arusha, Day Room, Departure

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the thrill of gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park, where you'll encounter mountain gorillas in their natural habitat.
- Discover the wildlife-rich landscapes of Tarangire National Park, home to vast elephant herds, towering baobab trees, and diverse species.
- Explore the breathtaking Ngorongoro Crater on a full-day game drive in the world's largest intact volcanic caldera.
- Witness the Great Migration in the Serengeti, following massive wildebeest herds and the dramatic Mara River crossings.
- Soar over the Serengeti on an optional hot air balloon safari, taking in a spectacular sunrise and panoramic views of the endless plains.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026 DEPART USA

Independent departures to Rwanda.

DAY 2: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 ARRIVALS IN KIGALI, RWANDA

Upon arrival in Kigali, clear customs and proceed outside baggage claim, where you will be met and transferred to the Kigali Serena Hotel. *(No meals)*

DAY 3: MONDAY, AUGUST 10

KIGALI / VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

This morning, embark on an in-depth visit of Kigali, including the Genocide Memorial Museum. After lunch, depart to Kinigi, arriving in the late afternoon. *Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (BLD)*

DAY 4: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 GORILLA TREK / KIGALI

Set out in the early morning for an unforgettable gorilla trekking experience in Volcanoes National Park. After a thrilling encounter with a gorilla family, return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, drive back to Kigali. *Kigali Serena Hotel (BLD)*

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

FLY TO KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA / ARUSHA

Fly from Kigali to Tanzania. Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, clear customs and claim your luggage. Meet your safari guides outside baggage claim and transfer to Arusha Coffee Lodge. Visit Shanga Shanga, a social enterprise supporting people with disabilities. *Arusha Coffee Lodge (BLD)*

DAYS 6 & 7: THURSDAY & FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 & 14

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Depart to Tarangire National Park, a stunning landscape of rolling savannas and ancient baobab trees. Named for the Tarangire River, which serves as a year-round water source, the park is home to large elephant herds, diverse wildlife, and over 300 bird species. Spend your days on game drives, searching for predators, grazing herbivores, and a variety of birdlife. In the evening, embark on a night game drive, offering a rare opportunity to spot nocturnal wildlife such as leopards, civets, genets, and bush babies. Overnight at Tarangire Treetops, a luxury lodge set high in the trees, offering spectacular views of the surrounding wilderness. *Tarangire Treetops (BLD)*

DAY 8: SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

This morning, we depart Tarangire National Park and travel toward the Ngorongoro Crater, ascending the scenic Great Rift Valley escarpment. Along the way, stop for a visit to a traditional Maasai boma (village). Continue to Plantation Lodge. *Plantation Lodge (BLD)*

DAY 9 SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast, we make our descent into the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest inactive and intact caldera on Earth. A veritable “Garden of Eden,” the crater is reputed to contain the highest density of wildlife in Africa. This is the only place in East Africa



where one can observe a natural population of black rhino, as well as buffalo, lion and big tusker elephants. Enjoy a full day exploring the crater with a deluxe picnic lunch. *Plantation Lodge (BLD)*

DAYS 10 & 11: MONDAY & TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 & 18

CENTRAL SERENGETI

This morning, drive from the Ngorongoro Highlands to the Central Serengeti, with stops along the way. Your first destination is Olduvai Gorge, where you'll enjoy a presentation on the region's rich anthropological history and its significance in human evolution. As you continue into Serengeti National Park, the landscape opens into vast golden plains, home to an astonishing variety of wildlife.

The journey itself is part of the safari experience—keep an eye out for giraffes, zebras, elephants, and even predators along the way. Upon arrival, enjoy an afternoon game drive, delving deeper into the Serengeti's predator-rich ecosystem.

On Day 11, explore the Serengeti further on morning and afternoon game drives. You also have the option to take a hot air balloon safari at sunrise for a breathtaking aerial view of the plains. *Pioneer Tented Camp (BLD)*

DAYS 12 & 13: WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 & 20

NORTHWESTERN SERENGETI

Travel to the remote northwestern Serengeti, where the Great Migration reaches the Mara River, one of the most dramatic natural spectacles in Africa. In mid-August, vast herds of wildebeests, zebras, and gazelles gather at the river's edge, nervously preparing to cross while crocodiles lurk in the waters and lions and other predators wait nearby.

Over the next two days, track the migration along the riverbanks, watching for thrilling river crossings and the high-stakes drama that unfolds. In addition to the migration, this region is home to resident wildlife, including elephants, hippos, giraffes, and a variety of birdlife. *Serengeti Migration Camp (BLD)*



DAY 14: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
FLY TO ARUSHA / DEPARTURE

This morning, make the return 1.5- to 2-hour drive from Serengeti Migration Camp to the airstrip, with opportunities to spot elephants, giraffes, and big cats along the way. Upon arrival at the Serengeti airstrip, board your scenic flight back to Arusha, taking in breathtaking aerial views of the Serengeti's vast plains.

Upon landing, transfer to Arusha Coffee Lodge, where you'll enjoy lunch and have access to a comfortable dayroom to relax and refresh before your journey home.

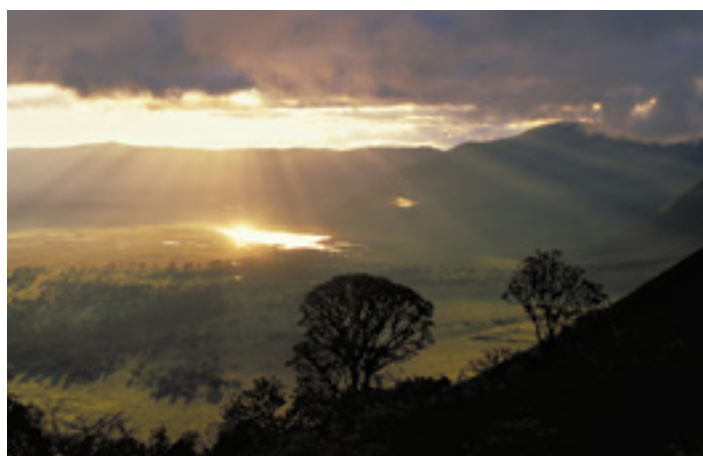
Optional Serval Wildlife Tour

Enjoy a unique, hands-on wildlife experience at Serval Wildlife, a conservation center near Arusha. This guided visit offers close encounters with rescued and rehabilitated animals, including servals, giraffes, and other native species. Learn about conservation efforts while feeding and interacting with select animals in a responsible setting. Ideal for families and wildlife enthusiasts, this half-day tour provides an intimate and educational experience before or after a safari.

Later in the evening, transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your international departure. (BL)

DAY 15: SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 ARRIVE USA

Arrive home with incredible memories of your East African adventure!



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

Gorilla trekking involves hiking for four to eight hours up and down steep, slippery jungle terrain at altitudes of up to 9,000 feet. Depart accommodations early in the morning and return to the lodge around 1:30 p.m. for lunch before continuing to Kigali for an overnight stay.

Primate encounters are limited to one hour, and park authorities may deny permits to travelers showing obvious signs of illness.

GORILLA TREKKING – WHAT TO EXPECT

To protect gorillas from disease, children under 15 and visibly ill adults are not permitted to trek. Participants must be in good physical health. Prepare by practicing hiking up and down hills and building stamina for one to two miles over hilly terrain.

Gorilla trekking takes place at approximately 7,500 feet and can last from one to eight hours. The terrain is challenging, with steep, muddy slopes and dense vegetation. Once gorillas are located, visitors are allowed a maximum of one hour with them to minimize stress and habituation.

After the encounter, trekkers return to the park headquarters and their lodge. If unable to complete the trek, participants may return to the base with a porter or wait with a porter until the group returns. Water is provided, and porters can assist with carrying equipment. A porter and stretcher service is available at an additional cost for those needing assistance to reach the gorillas.

ELEVATION

- Kigali: 5,142 feet
- Trekking in Volcanoes National Park: Approximately 8,202 to 9,000 feet

WHAT TO EXPECT ON SAFARI IN TANZANIA

A safari in Tanzania offers excellent accommodations, including hotels, lodges, and deluxe tented camps. Dining features a variety of delicious local and international cuisine, typically served buffet-style, with ample choices to accommodate dietary preferences. Some meals may be picnic lunches.

Travel between national parks can involve drives of up to six hours, often incorporating wildlife viewing along the way. Roads range from paved highways to unpaved, uneven, bumpy, and dusty terrain. Temperatures vary—early mornings and evenings can be cool, while midday is warm or hot.

To participate in a safari, you must be able to step up into a 4x4 vehicle and climb steps to board small aircraft. Good physical condition is recommended for travel to remote locations. A flexible mindset and a spirit of adventure will enhance your experience.

TRIP PRICE

\$17,222 per person in a double room

\$20,082 per person in a single room

\$15,695 per person in a triple room

Deposit: \$3,575 per person (non-refundable)
Registration and Deposit online, with payment by credit card.
(No manual registration option.)

Final Payment due by check April 10, 2026.
(If paid by credit card, the final balance due incurs an additional 4.5% credit card fee which is automatically added to the online price.)



To Register:

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INCLUDED:

- ✓ Travel in a custom safari Land Cruiser equipped with a pop-up roof for optimal game viewing, two pairs of binoculars, and photography bean bags per vehicle
- ✓ Professional safari guides throughout (requested Emmanuel Senkoro and Godson)
- ✓ One-way airfare KIGALI-JRO
- ✓ One-way scenic flight SER-ARU
- ✓ Accommodation in hotels, lodges, and tented camps as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ One gorilla trekking permit per person
- ✓ Kigali tour & Belgian and Genocide Memorial visit
- ✓ Park entrance fees, concession fees, and crater service charge
- ✓ Olduvai visit, Shanga visit, Maasai village
- ✓ Meals as indicated in the itinerary: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner
- ✓ 1.5L bottled water while on game drives
- ✓ Night game drive in Tarangire, sundowners in Serengeti
- ✓ One safari map of Tanzania per group
- ✓ Emergency air evacuation in East Africa – Rwanda and Tanzania

NOT INCLUDED:

- International round-trip airfare and baggage fees
- Regional flight excess baggage fees
- Passport fees, Rwanda & Tanzanian visas, vaccines
- Meals, transport, and lodging outside the stated itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages and bottled drinks unless all-inclusive
- Personal items
- Travel insurance
- Tips and gratuities for hotels, safari camps, drivers, and local guides
- Hot air balloon safari \$600 per person
- Serval Wildlife Tour – Arusha \$200 per person including private transportation

Cancellation Fee Schedule

Registration to 120 days before departure: Deposit

- 119 - 70 days before departure: 50% of total fees owed
- 69 - 0 days before departure: no refund



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