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**ARUSHA, EASTERN SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM, SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK & NGORONGORO**

GRAB YOUR GEAR AND GET READY FOR THE ULTIMATE SAFARI ADVENTURE

SURROUNDED BY WILDLIFE AND INCREDIBLE VIEWS IN

NORTHERN TANZANIA'S SERENGETI

THE BIG FIVE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS (BUT AT A SAFE DISTANCE)

ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF AFRICA

THE GREAT MIGRATION, BABY WILDEBEEST & SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

GIRAFFIC PARK & BIRDLIFE CHORUS

LION'S ROARS ECHOED UP TO FIVE MILES AWAY

WAITING FOR ACTUAL ZEBRA CROSSINGS

ENDLESS PLAINS, SAVANNAHS AND MASSIVE CRATERS

PRIVATE PLANES & DECKED-OUT JEEPS

EXPERT GUIDES & ANIMAL WHISPERERS

COFFEE RIGHT FROM THE SOURCE AT THE FARM & CHAI ON YOUR VERY OWN VERANDAH

THE ANCESTRAL LAND OF THE MAASAI: ENABOISHU WARRIOR DANCES & FIRESIDE FOLKLORE

IS THAT A LEOPARD TAKING A NAP IN THE ACACIA TREE?

STARGAZING FROM YOUR PRIVATE TENT

WE WILL ORGANIZE ALL THE DETAILS.

ALL WE NEED IS YOU (AND YOUR BEST SAFARI OUTFIT).

## I. OUR SOIRÉES

The goal of these small and elegant confections is to capture the energy of a perfect dinner party—great food, fine wine, excellent conversation, beautiful company—and extend it for an entire trip. The group must be curious, intelligent, and fun. That's you. The hosts need to be witty, charming, and full of great stories. That's us. The location should hum with art, culture, history, stunning sights and culinary delights. This time it's Tanzania – its national parks and awesome wildlife – starting in Arusha, through the Serengeti, and ending at the breathtaking Ngorongoro crater with optional add-ons for adventure seekers while on safari and a luxurious extension to Zanzibar for a hit of beach and history.

## II. OVERVIEW

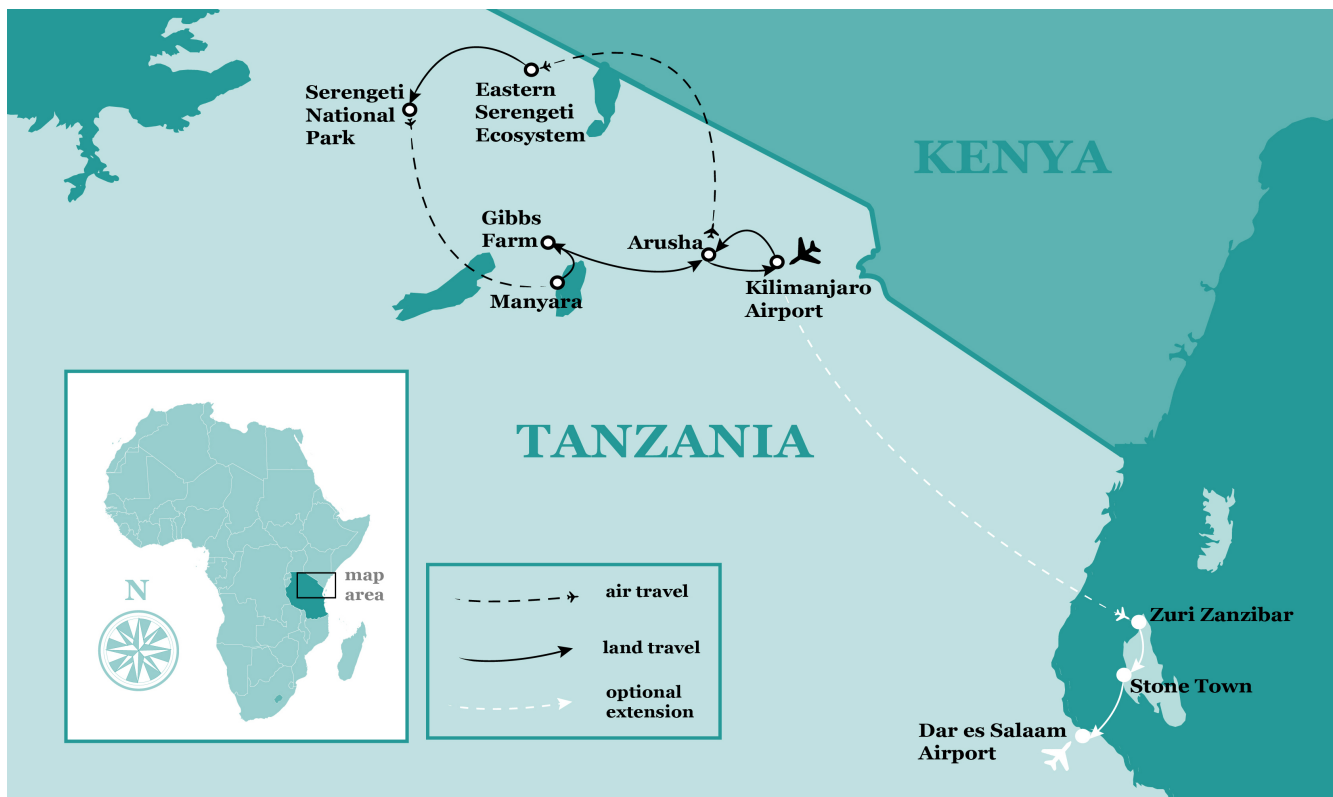
During our soirée, we will visit northern Tanzania's most wildlife-rich and culturally fascinating places, providing both impressive safari viewing and a glimpse into the people and history of this extraordinary country. Our trip will be in partnership with Thomson Safaris, who have been organizing the dreamiest and wildest trips around Africa since 1981, with a focus on eco-tourism, building community and protecting the environment via conservation initiatives. Your accommodations put you in the heart of the wilderness as you stay in Nyumba camps, two nights at the esteemed Arusha Coffee Lodge and three nights at the award-winning Gibbs Farm (voted best safari lodge in Africa by *Travel & Leisure* for two years running). Your hosts Dana Conley and Professor Adam Tooze will be there to regale you with great stories and insightful history throughout – with formal talks and not-so-formal fireside chats. This is safari at its best, and we can't wait to embark on this journey across the savannah with you.

### III. ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1: Depart U.S.
- Day 2: Arrival; R&R; Welcome reception
- Day 3: Day in Arusha; Free time at the Arusha Coffee Lodge
- Day 4: Travel to Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem; Guided bush walks with grazing mammals; Maasai boma visit; Night infra-red drive to see nocturnal animals
- Day 5: Safari in Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem; Giraffic park; Enjipai Women's Group visit; Maasai storytelling
- Day 6: Travel to Serengeti National Park; Safari
- Day 7: Safari in Serengeti National Park; The Big Cats
- Day 8: Serengeti National Park's Great Migration
- Day 9: Travel to Ngorongoro Highlands; Wildlife viewing; Day at Gibb's farm
- Day 10: Ngorongoro Highlands Safari & wildlife viewing
- Day 11: Ngorongoro crater; Tembo fire at Gibb's Farm
- Day 12: Day in Arusha; Departure home

## IV. HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Discover what makes the Serengeti one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa with over 70 large mammals and 500 different kinds of birds.
- ❖ Witness the frenzy of The Great Migration during which over 1 million wildebeest, 200,000 zebra and 450,000 gazelle cross the plains of the Serengeti, as well as the largest mass birthing on the planet during The Great Migration and meet thousands of baby wildebeest, zebra and gazelle. Possibly the cutest thing you've ever seen?
- ❖ Get up close and personal with The Big Five: lions, leopards, buffalos, elephants and rhinoceroses as you've never seen them before.
- ❖ Travel in style enjoying private flights and decked out-jeeps with breathtaking views. Sleep in luxury at the best lodges in northern Tanzania and get a taste for ecological "glamping" in national parks.
- ❖ Taste the freshest coffee straight from the source at the oldest working farm and coffee plantation in the area.
- ❖ Get a unique glimpse into the life of Maasai in the savannah, as this semi-nomadic tribe continues to live in traditional *boma* (*houses*) and herd cattle as they have for hundreds of years.
- ❖ Combine days full of adventure with lazy afternoons sipping tea on the verandah. Take in the views of opulent gardens or giraffes grazing nearby. There's always something striking a stone's throw away.
- ❖ Venture out at dawn to catch the big cats in action before they hit the snooze button for the day and join your host Dana for rise-and-shine fitness.
- ❖ Enjoy evening walks in the wooded savannah accompanied by your trusty guides.
- ❖ Leave your telescope at home and pack your star maps – the Serengeti offers stargazing at its best. Without any nearby light pollution and with the most ethereal peace and quiet, you'll locate constellations, stars and galaxies to your heart's content.



## V. ITINERARY

### Day 1 – Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

#### *Safe travels to Tanzania!*

Depart on overnight flights from the USA to Tanzania, Kilimanjaro Airport.

### Day 2 – Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

#### *Unpack your khakis!*

Welcome to Tanzania! We will meet you this evening at Kilimanjaro Airport and drive to the lovely Arusha Coffee Lodge, where you'll get a chance to rest and relax after a long trip. Enjoy a light meal at the lodge, but most importantly catch up some much-deserved sleep and get ready for the adventures ahead!

ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE (Light meal)



## Day 3 – Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

### *Exploring Arusha & Indulging at the Lodge.*

Wake up in Arusha! Take in your surroundings...an ancient and now dormant volcano, Mount Meru stands as a striking backdrop beside downtown Arusha. Dense villages and farms cover Meru's verdant foothills, whose volcanic soil provides fertile grounds for scores of banana trees, coffee fields, flower plantations, vegetable gardens, and other farms. At 14,977 feet, Meru is Tanzania's second tallest mountain next to Kilimanjaro and the fifth tallest in all of Africa. It takes its name from the Meru tribe that has long lived on its slopes. It is sometimes endearingly called "Kilimanjaro's little cousin."

Today is an R&R day and yours to fill as you choose: relax at the lodge (take a dip in the pool and enjoy the gorgeous verandahs with views of the lush surroundings) or inquire about the many activities the Arusha Coffee Lodge can organize for you. Some may want to explore the city – we will be going to visit the Shanga workshop, an art center that empowers people with disabilities. Local people with a diverse range of special needs are employed at the workshop. This socially conscious business creates new jobs and a sense of purpose for local people who had few, if any, employment opportunities elsewhere. As disabled employees learn new skills, they are able to become active members of the community and to make contributions to their families' wellbeing. As more people learn about both the art and the mission of Shanga, the demand grows for their hand-made wares. In turn, Shanga can hire new staff members from the local community, ever-expanding their mission.

In the late afternoon, we will meet up at the Coffee Lodge for a talk by Adam on the history of Tanzania, chat about our safari ahead and then tuck into a delicious dinner.

ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE (Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D))

## Day 4 – Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

### *From Arusha to the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem: Guided bush walks, Giraffes & Maasai culture*

Grab your hats and cameras as we begin our safari today. We will depart Arusha for the Serengeti after a luxurious breakfast at the Coffee Lodge. Northern Tanzania is a relatively small area, so it only takes a brief scenic flight to bring you to a whole new world of striking natural beauty. Take in the breathtaking views of Lake Natron and the Maasai "mountain of god", Ol Doinyo Lengai, which is an active volcano, as we fly above the savannah. Our guides will come to welcome us upon arrival at the airstrip at the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem, and quickly become our trusted advisors and travel companions (and probably new best friends). These trusted locals have been working with Thomson for decades and will accompany us throughout every minute of our safari adventures. They will serve as a tremendous source of knowledge offering cultural insights, wildlife spotting expertise and in-depth understanding of wildlife behavior.

Keep your ears open and your eyes peeled as our head guide will brief us on our day-by-day itinerary, safety measures and get you excited for what's ahead. Our guides will start by giving us a brief tour and history of the stunning 10,000-acre refuge as we make our way to the camp. We're guaranteed wildlife viewing along the way, thanks to important conservation efforts in the area. Giraffe, eland, dik dik, ostrich, leopard and even wild dog can be spotted in this unique wildlife haven, affectionately dubbed "Giraffic Park" with its bachelor herd of 100+ giraffes. Fire off questions as they come to you and you won't be disappointed!

Upon arrival to our local Nyumba, or eco-friendly glamping tent, a delicious lunch will be served, and we will have a few hours to relax at our new home for the next two nights. This afternoon, we will discover the extraordinary semi-nomadic culture of the Maasai by visiting a boma: a traditional settlement of circular mud-and-dung Maasai homes. Many Maasai still roam the plains of



northern Tanzania with their herds of cattle, maintaining their traditions while adapting to new ways of life.

Afterwards, we will have the chance to stretch our legs on a brief but scenic walk in the nature refuge, a wonderfully peaceful sanctuary. There's really no better way to experience it than on foot. Fear not: a local wildlife scout will accompany us and our guide on this walk, pointing out nearby wildlife. Dinner is served at your nyumba, followed by a good night's sleep under the stars.

EASTERN SERENGETI NYUMBA (B, L, D)

## **Day 5 – Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Discovering the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem: Wildlife viewing and Maasai culture.***

After a lovely early-morning breakfast, our day starts out with a light hike. Being out on the plains on foot at this time of day is magical.

We will spend some time at the Enjipai Women's Group, formed by a small group of Maasai women with a great entrepreneurial spirit. They paired their skills as artisans and homemakers with their desire to help their own families, as well as the community in general. Now numbering over 100 members, the collaborative already has several successful projects underway. A recently donated maize grinding machine provides a much-needed service to women who previously had to walk great distances to have their grains milled. The women of the collaborative sell their intricately beaded crafts to visitors. While each member makes an individual profit, a portion of all sales also goes into a community fund which was established for education and healthcare initiatives.

Our group will wander back to our campsite for a hearty home-cooked lunch set against an amazing backdrop of wildlife, acacia trees and endless plains. After a much-needed catnap, we will strap our hiking boots back on for a walk in the wooded savannah of the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem accompanied by a ranger.

We will gather around the campfire for some incredible folktales after dinner this evening. Maasai elder Nekaaki Kioki is a feisty grandmother and fantastic

storyteller who will regale us with her impressive rhetoric. She knows hundreds of Maasai folktales and tells them in a truly dramatic fashion. The fun doesn't stop here: a group of local Maasai warriors visit the camp tonight and perform a traditional rhythmical dance. The group chose to name themselves for the word "unity" in the Maa language, bridging the modern world with the traditional lifestyles of the Maasai. The intrepid in our group may even join in! The evening continues with a nightcap as friends old and new gab around the fireplace before turning in for some deep and sound sleep.

EASTERN SERENGETI NYUMBA (B, L, D)

## **Day 6 – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

### ***Entering Serengeti National Park: The Big Five and The Great Migration.***

This morning, we will pack our bags and head west toward the Serengeti on a rugged road that cuts through a landscape riddled with craggy hills and thickly wooded gullies. Maasai bomas appear seemingly out of nowhere. The rough road to Klein's Gate takes you along the Grumeti River, which serves as one of the Serengeti's two main water sources as it flows from one end of the park to the other before emptying into Lake Victoria. At the gate to the park, we will enter the Serengeti along its northeast border. The Maasai Mara Game Reserve and Kenyan border are less than 15 miles to the north. From there, we will traverse over the Serengeti's acacia-covered northern corridor with incredible wildlife viewing along the way, naturally. On our way, we will visit a school, teachers' housing, or medical dispensary to learn how tourism can impact the community in positive ways and help the local fabric thrive.

We will stop and nibble on a light boxed lunch en-route before gearing up for our afternoon wildlife viewing in the Serengeti. It's a sight to be seen: the big cats often spend these hours lying drowsily about the plains and up in the trees while many antelope and other animals continue to graze.

Our journey to the next Nyumba camp will offer plenty of wildlife sighting along the way. Perhaps we will come across a chase between predator and prey;

maybe we will spot a wake of vultures; maybe we will be lucky enough to find a leopard dozing off high in the limbs of an acacia tree.

SERENGETI NYUMBA (B, Boxed Lunch, D)

## **Day 7 – Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### ***Safari in Serengeti National Park & The Big Cats.***

We will set our alarms extra early this morning, as there is nothing better than traversing the plains of the Serengeti just after dawn. Look for herds of wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, impala, eland, topi, and more out on the savannah. Our group will head back to our Nyumba camp for a satisfying lunch overlooking the Serengeti plains. During the afternoon, we will continue to explore the pristine landscapes of the Serengeti with our guide's uncanny wildlife spotting instincts leading the way. Expansive plains, rolling hills, dramatic granite outcrops and riverine valleys are home to an endless variety of fascinating creatures, from the lowly dung beetle to the impressive elephant.

Of course, this includes the most social of the big cats: the mighty lions. Lions live in groups called prides, comprised mostly of females and cubs and only 1-2 adult males. Typically, prides have 6-12 lions, but can sometimes have more than 30 members! As superior hunters, lionesses inherit the same territories as their mothers while young males roam until they drive out old males from other prides to take over leadership. As lionesses hunt in groups and often at night, during the day you are more likely to see prides as they languidly stretch out in the brush, underneath an acacia tree, or in the shade of a large rock formation. These are the prototypical male lions of your childhood (think Lion King), as males who reside around savannahs and plains develop large dark manes as they grow older. The lion's roar, a familiar sound in the Serengeti at night, can be heard from over five miles away. It might even lull you to sleep after a few nights in the savannah.

We will enjoy dinner at camp and a fireside chat before turning in.

SERENGETI NYUMBA (B, L, D)

## Day 8 – Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### *Serengeti National Park's Great Migration.*

Most of us know about the “Great Migration” from nature programs that capture some of the most thrilling (and stressful – will the innocent gazelle get away?) moments on film. Often misunderstood, the migration is a perpetual, year-round process involving over one million wildebeest and 200,000 zebra who roam the plains quietly, in search of food and water. While some antelope and hyena may follow the herds, other animals remain in their territories or have separate migratory patterns. The migration's most dramatic moments often occur when large numbers of wildebeest and zebra make river crossings, during which they must elude predators in a desperate fight for survival. There is no telling exactly when these highly dramatic movements will occur, but all safari-goers are sure to see plenty of wildebeest and zebra while in Tanzania. This is the time of year for birthing and we are very lucky to witness the biggest mass birthing on the planet when thousands of mama wildebeest, zebra and gazelle give birth to cubs during February and March. It's the cutest, fuzziest time of the year!

Today, we will embark on a full-day excursion into the Serengeti plains. Our ever-trusted expert guide will seek out the unique and diverse flora and fauna of the Serengeti, including the iconic herds of wildebeest and zebra as they migrate across Tanzania. We will have lunch with a view at noon: a picnic al fresco in the savannah. We will continue our wildlife exploring this afternoon as we roam through the Serengeti's rich landscapes. The so-called Big Five and The Great Migration are the most well-known of the Serengeti's offerings, but there is much more to see. Thousands of equally fascinating dramas of a smaller scale play themselves out on these endless plains. It's been a long day of sights and thrills so take time to sit by the fire and relax tonight.

SERENGETI NYUMBA (B, Boxed Lunch, D)

## Day 9 – Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

### *Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Highlands.*

Another private charter awaits! After one last morning exploring, we will depart the Serengeti from Seronera and fly over the desert-like plains, scrubland and the amazing Ngorongoro Conservation Area to land in Manyara. This is true Maasai country, as the pastoralists have become master survivalists in what are often harsh and arid conditions. We will land near the Ngorongoro Highlands and drive up steep, winding roads, where we will be rewarded with expansive vistas of the lake and surrounding plains. At the top of the escarpment lie the lush Ngorongoro Highlands, where the region's rich volcanic soil makes for some of the most fertile land in Tanzania. Finally, we will arrive at bucolic Gibb's Farm, our home for the next three nights. For over 80 years, Gibb's Farm has been an important part of the history of the Ngorongoro Highlands. What began in the 1920s as a German Colonial coffee plantation became the residence of a British World War II veteran, James Gibb, in 1948. (Adam can't wait to tell you about the German Colonial period through WWII). James Gibb married in Tanzania and lived on the property with his wife, Margaret, an avid gardener who planted numerous vegetable and flower gardens on the property. As a productive farm, Gibb's began to attract more tourists after the establishment of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in the 1960s. The estate soon became among the first guesthouses in northern Tanzania when they constructed guest cottages near the farm in 1972. Over 35 years later, Gibb's has been passed on to new investors, who had themselves been longtime users of the lodge.

Still a working coffee estate and farm, Gibb's resonates with the perfect harmony of nature and culture, luxury and sustainability, magnificent accommodation and historic preservation. For this, it has been awarded *Travel + Leisure's* Best Safari Lodge in Africa two years in a row!

This afternoon, stretch your legs with a tour of the gardens and enjoy the quiet atmosphere, the abundance of beautiful flora and the views out into the surrounding highlands. You may choose to spend your time relaxing on the verandah with tea, or opt for a farm or garden tour, bird watching, coffee roasting, and more.

GIBB'S FARM (B, Boxed Lunch, D)

## Day 10 – Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

### *Exploring the Ngorongoro Highlands*

We will rise early once again to take in the delightful chorus of songbirds from your verandah: the twee-wee trill of the yellow-throated long claw, the bell-like boo-boo of the tropical boubou, and the soft warble of the scarlet-chested sunbird. You'll be served coffee and tea on your verandah as you listen to nature's morning symphony.

After breakfast we will take a guided tour of Gibb's garden, a sloping 10 acres of vegetables and fruit gardens, growing everything from artichoke to zucchini and providing most of the ingredients for the delicious organic meals we will share at the farm. Our guide will teach us about the sustainable practices at Gibb's as we take a tour through a pig and dairy farm where we will have the chance to try our hand at milking a cow. We will end by taking a leisurely stroll through the famed coffee bean fields that gave the farm its start over 80 years ago.

Our delectable farm-to-table lunch will be a meal you won't soon forget. The afternoon is for you to enjoy on the farm. Gibb's Farm sponsors East African artists, from botanical illustrators to Makonde carvers, who live at the farm and develop their work. In fact, it is their sculptures, paintings, and artwork that adorn the many luxury cottages and facilities at Gibb's. Meet with one of the artists and learn more about his or her work, inspiration and techniques. Enjoy a relaxing denouement to the day: with a view of the coffee farms and forests that surround Gibb's Farm, take in the accompanying aromas and sounds as you have afternoon tea on the verandah and unwind.

GIBB'S FARM (B, L, D)



## Day 11 – Friday, March 6<sup>st</sup>

### *Ngorongoro Highlands, The Big Five & Tembo Fires.*

Established in the late 1950s, Ngorongoro Conservation Area balances wildlife preservation alongside human settlements. The area covers about 3,200 square miles from the shore of Lake Eyasi to the south, the edge of the Great Rift Valley to the east, the border of the Loliondo Game Controlled Area to the North as well as the boundaries of Serengeti National Park to the west. Resident wildlife populations in the crater and seasonal migratory populations around the Serengeti make this an integral part of Tanzania's ecology. Lastly, the many Maasai settlements make it a cultural epicenter within northern Tanzania.

It's another day of astonishing views and abundant wildlife as we visit Ngorongoro Crater. We will be sure to keep our fingers crossed in the hopes of seeing rhinoceros (only 60 black rhinos left in Tanzania) and big cats, such as lions and cheetahs. The diversity of species is awe-inspiring, where we will see everything from baboons and elephants in the Lerai Forest to wildebeest and mountain reedbuck over the crater's grassy floor. Lunch will be served in the bush on the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater to replenish before the adventures ahead with more wildlife viewing, enjoying the biodiversity of Ngorongoro.

This evening, we will relax at the Tembo Fire, an open-air sitting area nestled at the foot of the organic gardens. The tradition of the nightly campfire began as a purely practical measure to ensure that elephants - or "tembo" in Swahili - are not tempted to feast in the organic gardens at night. It soon became a popular place to sit and relax at the end of the day. Now, with a comfortable seating area and full bar, the Tembo Fire makes a wonderful place for conversation, storytelling or stargazing.

It's time to say farewell, as we enjoy our last dinner as a group before heading back to Arusha and our respective homes. From wildebeest to savannahs to bomas to the brightest stars, it's been quite the trip through northern Tanzania.

GIBB'S FARM (B, L, D)

## Day 12 – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

### *Farewell!*

After 10 nights exploring on safari, we will depart the highlands of Ngorongoro for Arusha, where, after a day of leisurely activities, you will catch your flight home – or extend for a few days of beach life in Zanzibar! It's always hard to bid farewell, but your pictures and stories will keep Tanzania in our hearts and minds for years to come.

The day will start with another scrumptious breakfast at Gibb's Farm with local fruits, homemade yogurts and fresh cheeses, as well as made-to-order classics like omelets or pancakes. Once in Arusha, we will stop by the Cultural Heritage Center, a shopping mainstay in the city, attracting travelers from near and far due to its abundance of wooden carvings, artifacts, apparel, and crafts. With some of the finest African art in Tanzania, this a good place to get those last souvenirs.

We will go full circle and enjoy a special lunch back at the Arusha Coffee Lodge where we first started our journey. A day room will be provided in Arusha at the Rivertrees Country Inn, located near the airport, for resting up and readying yourself for your departure. We will send you off with some culinary treats for your trip and offer complimentary service to the Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight this evening.

DAY ROOM AT RIVERTREES COUNTRY INN (B, L, Snack)

## VI. ACCOMMODATIONS:

We have personally selected the best hotels and traditional Nyumbas for our soirée in the most picturesque locations. Our selected hotels range from boutique luxury resorts to upscale eco-friendly signature bush camps in the heart of the Serengeti.

### **Arusha Coffee Lodge, Arusha (2 nights)**

Arusha Coffee Lodge offers the most elegant accommodations in town. Only a short way from bustling downtown Arusha, the individual bungalows are set amidst a coffee plantation and manicured garden. The amenities here are top notch: the pool, a wonderful restaurant and the unique decor make this the perfect way to start your Tanzanian adventure in style. Rooms feature en-suite bathrooms, coffee-makers and minibars with a European design.

[Click here to visit the Arusha Coffee Lodge.](#)

### **Eastern Serengeti Nyumba, Serengeti (2 nights)**

Sitting on a slope of Moruga Hill, our Eastern Serengeti Nyumba overlooks a sweeping valley of wooded savannah, wide-open plains, and a remote wilderness like no other in Tanzania. With its signature style, the campsite provides the perfect place to explore the Eastern Serengeti's rolling hills and woodlands by foot or by vehicle and engage in authentic local Maasai cultural programs.

After days full of adventures, the Nyumba offers exquisite, environmentally responsible comforts and personalized care for a discerning clientele. En-suite bathrooms have water-saving safari showers and self-contained, pump-flush toilets.

Kitted with private verandahs, enjoy a refreshing with breathtaking views as you look out to the acacia-covered plains where giraffe, wildebeest, and gazelle come to graze. This is Tanzania at its boundless, wildest, magical best.

[Click here to visit your Nyumba.](#)

### **Serengeti Nyumba, (3 nights)**

The Serengeti Nyumba will afford you an ideal way to camp comfortably in the wilderness while immersing yourself in one of Tanzania's most spectacular ecosystems. The spacious walk-in tents feature traditional hand-crafted furnishings, cushy beds and fine linens as well as en-suite bathroom facilities (including a gravity-fed shower and self-contained flush toilet). Oversized, fine-mesh windows allow the breezes to circulate while keeping any bugs out. At the front of your tent, enjoy a private verandah with a stunning view of the vast Serengeti plains.

Meals are served nearby in your dining tent and are prepared by skilled chefs using the finest local products. Hot baked breads, fresh salads, homemade soups, delicious entrees and scrumptious desserts are for you to enjoy. In case you thought it couldn't get any better: each morning hot drinks will be brought right to your room to start your day on the right foot. During the evening, you will love relaxing by the fire with a cool beverage while star-gazing and regaling your friends with stories of the day's adventures.

[Click here to visit your Nyumba.](#)

### **Gibb's Farm, Ngorongoro Highlands (3 nights)**

Awarded Travel + Leisure's Best Safari Lodge in Africa two years in a row, Gibb's Farm is a dreamy getaway tucked into the rolling hills of the Ngorongoro Highlands. You're at Gibb's Farm to indulge - enjoy an afternoon at the spa, an evening on your private verandah, a dinner brimming with fresh farm-to-table delicacies and rich South African wines. The country's longest-standing farm

and coffee plantation, Gibb's Farm with its stunning gardens is a world-class lodge with authentic East African flair.

[Click here to visit Gibb's Farm.](#)

### **Rivertrees Country Inn (Day rest)**

Set beside the rushing waters of the Usa River on the outskirts of Arusha, Rivertrees Country Inn blends Colonial charm and simple yet elegant style: the décor reminiscent of its country heritage as a former German Colonial farm and coffee estate. Modern-day amenities such as a pool and internet as well as fantastic cuisine make the Rivertrees Country Inn the whole package.

[Click here to visit Rivertrees Country Inn.](#)

## VII. YOUR HOSTS

We will be accompanied by excellent local guides throughout our trip, personally vetted by your Tour Director, **Dana Conley**.

Dana fell in love with international travel during college while studying art and politics at the Stanford-in-Florence program. She majored in International Relations and has traveled to over 50 countries in search of authentic adventures, beautiful meals, and life-changing moments to share with her private and organizational clients. Via Conley & Silvers LLC, her goal is to provide guests with the highest level of customer service while creating unique and magical itineraries and events. Before co-founding Conley & Silvers with long-time Stanford mate Alison Silvers, Dana's career spanned from being a researcher at the Pentagon and International security think tanks to art appraisal and directing a gallery. When Dana is not tour managing or on a reconnaissance mission, she divides her time between Europe and New York City where cheese consumption, museum going and walking puppy Ruby reign as her favorite pastimes.

We will be joined by historian **Professor Adam Tooze**, one of the world's leading historians. He is also good fun, a tireless conversationalist, and an experienced travel study leader. Adam studied at Cambridge and London School of Economics where he was also a professor; he also taught at Yale University, and he is now teaching at Columbia University, where he is Director of the European Institute. As Tanzania was a Germany colony, and Adam's passion is German history, he looks forward to helping us place the sites we are visiting into historical, political, and cultural context.



## VIII. WHAT TO EXPECT

To experience all of our planned activities and participate in wildlife viewing, you'll need to be happy with riding in the safari vehicle up to 8 hours on some days. Everyone will have a window seat, and we will take lots of breaks along the way, however, safari does mean a lot of jeep time. There will be easy walking, but it may be in the bush, so you need to bring good non-slip hiking boots. We will discuss daily the upcoming walking difficulty and time in the car in advance, so you can make your decisions and organize your days accordingly. On days where we are not transferring lodges, you'll have the option to stay back and enjoy the facilities. Of course, we have kept you all in mind when designing this trip, so we've handpicked beautiful walks that we feel most everyone can enjoy.

Due to the nature of this travel and small charter flights, luggage allowance is strictly limited per person to: (1) 33 lbs. soft duffel bag + (1) small purse or backpack. Laundry service is not included but is available, and a full load can be washed and pressed same day for between \$30 and \$40 USD.

While we hope that you love the itinerary outlined above, this is not the finalized itinerary and we reserve the right to mix things up, change accommodations and swap things in to maximize the good times.

## IX. THE NITTY GRITTY

To enhance personal attention and limit costs, we need a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 18 attendees. We have limited space for single passengers. If you can vouch for your friends and think they would enjoy our company and style, we'd love to have them join. No sticks in the mud allowed. Ages 18 and up only, so we don't have to censor any dinner conversations.

### Included:

- ❖ 10 nights in luxury and eco-friendly accommodations
- ❖ All meals
- ❖ 1 x formal afternoon tea on the verandah
- ❖ Guaranteed Window Seating in Safari Vehicles
- ❖ Local wine, beer, and soft drinks at seated lunch and dinner (alcohol not provided with picnic / box lunches)
- ❖ Bottled drinking water on Safari
- ❖ Multiple fireside chats led by Adam Tooze
- ❖ Safari journal and briefing throughout the trip
- ❖ All group entry, park fees, guide fees and tickets
- ❖ \$200 per Person Nature Refuge Conservation Fee
- ❖ All gratuities
- ❖ Expert English-speaking resident tour director and expert local guides
- ❖ Airport meet and greet with private transfers on set arrival and departure days
- ❖ Scenic private charter flights & private coaches
- ❖ All luggage handling and portage
- ❖ Unlimited mileage in Safari vehicles
- ❖ Keep Fit Kit at Each Nyumba Camp
- ❖ Movie and book lists to get you excited
- ❖ 24/7 concierge services by Conley & Silvers
- ❖ \$400 per person Tanzania-imposed tax

*\*\*To help you make the most of time on your own, we will happily help you arrange special activities, such as: private tours, hot air balloon rides and more.*

### **Not Included:**

- ❖ Airfare to and from the United States.
- ❖ Travel, medical, or evacuation insurance. We strongly recommend you purchase any insurance policies for your specific needs within two weeks of your deposit.
- ❖ Laundry service is not included but is available, and a full load can be washed and pressed same day for between \$30 and \$40 USD.
- ❖ Internet is not guaranteed, and a large part of this trip is going to be “off the grid”. There may be intermittent WiFi and internet at permanent lodges (you may even get service on your cellphone), but there is strictly no WiFi in the bush.
- ❖ Meals and beverages other than those specified as included.
- ❖ Personal charges such as telephone calls, and mini-bar blowouts.

## **X. NOTES FOR ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

For a complimentary arrival transfer, we will accommodate any arrivals on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. You will want your flight to arrive at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This most likely means that if you are flying from the USA, you will depart on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>—however double check your flights. Conley & Silvers will provide you with ideal flight itineraries for this trip.

For a complimentary departure transfer, flights should be scheduled out of Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will accommodate any flight time on this day for providing private or semi-private transfers.

## XI. COSTS

As things can change, Dana Conley will be running through the trip in February/March 2019 for a quality control trip and to make sure the itinerary and choices are exactly what we wish to share for our 2020 safari. We will finalize the itinerary with any tweaks in March and publish the finalized price. The price below is our best estimate and should be within four hundred dollars one way or the other of our final price in March. All prices are for paying via bank transfer or via check. If you would like to pay via credit card, let us know and we will add a transaction fee of 3% to your invoice.

Estimated Price, including the \$400 per person Tanzania-imposed tax.

Double Occupancy  
\$11,290 per person

Single Occupancy  
\$14,190 per person

## XII. RSVP & DEPOSIT

We would be thrilled if you'd like to join us! First come, first serve for booking, so even if you have already told us that you wish to join us, we still need for you to respond now that you are "in". Let us know if you are "in" by booking online at <http://www.conleyandsilvers.com/tanzania-soiree>. The password is 'safari'

Once we have confirmed your reservation, we will send you an invoice with instructions for remitting your deposit. The initial deposit of \$1500 per person will be due within 30 days of your RSVP. **The deposit will be fully refundable until April 30, 2019.** The final deposit with the remaining balance due will be due by October 21st, 2019. **As all payments are non-refundable after April 30, 2019,** we strongly recommend getting trip insurance within two weeks of paying your deposit. Once we receive your deposit, we will send you a trip insurance quote from our partners at AIG/Travel Guard so you have a place to start with comparisons.



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