

# Connecticut Audubon Society EcoTravel

## 2013

**Tanzania's  
National  
Parks  
plus  
Ngorongoro  
Crater  
- Optional Zanzibar Extension**

## YOUR TOUR LEADER

**Scott Tucker**, the creator of the documentary television series “Scott Tucker’s Expedition New England,” has inspired many of us, with his humor, compassion and enthusiasm, to protect and preserve our planet’s resources.

As a documentary photographer coming out of college in 1993, it was painful for Scott to learn that no one was looking to hire for this trade. After eight struggling years creating sculpture and still images, Scott bought a video camera to document the birth of Ava’s, his wife, and his first child, Daphne. He was hooked to video! Scott found video to be an explosion of color, sound, and motion all mixed in one.

Scott’s training with amphibians and reptiles has come primarily by serving as an officer of the Connecticut Herpetologists League, private field study, and presentations to many thousands of children and their families across Connecticut at nature centers and schools. Now, a *documentary film maker*, his first two short’s captured the eye of judges in film festivals located in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Canada. Currently in the production of his 85<sup>th</sup> episode of “Scott Tucker’s Expedition New England” television series, he intertwines everyday family life with his ten year old daughter, Daphne, and five year old son, Race, into every wildlife encounter imaginable. From the breeding activities of Citronella Ants in the back yard, to snorkeling with freshwater fish in a local river, it’s unlike anything you’ll see on mainstream television. Presently Scott and Daphne make regular appearances on WTNH television to raise awareness of local wildlife and the challenges it faces. Additionally, Scott has gained vast environmental experience by serving on the Haddam Conservation Commission, helping to craft a conservation plan and program for landowners to protect development rights.



Scott attended Syracuse University and the University of New Haven in the 1980’s and graduated with a degree in Studio Art-Photography from Southern Connecticut State University in 1993. He holds SDI Advanced Scuba Certification. Scott is President & Founder of Expedition Earth Productions Inc. and is responsible for filming, editing, writing, and hosting of the TV series *Expedition New England*. Scott works full time for Empire Paving, Inc., North Haven, CT where he is a project manager. He lives in Madison, CT with Ava, his wife and Daphne and Race, their children.

Scott will be an outstanding leader for this tour. His energy and enthusiasm are equaled by few.



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## Tanzania Safari with Scott Tucker

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### Special features of our Safari

#### **The Best of Tanzania**

This is Africa as you've always imagined it to be: the magic of a Serengeti sunset, the teeming wildlife of Ngorongoro Crater, the elephants, hippos, and some of the most wonderful bird life you will ever see. A safari to Tanzania is a special adventure into the premier game-viewing country of Africa. Tanzania's great game parks and reserves are unsurpassed anywhere in the world. We'll see all of the major plains animals, zebras, giraffes, impalas, gazelles, and other herbivores. There will be baboons and monkeys, herds of elephant and buffalo.

#### **Safari Transport**

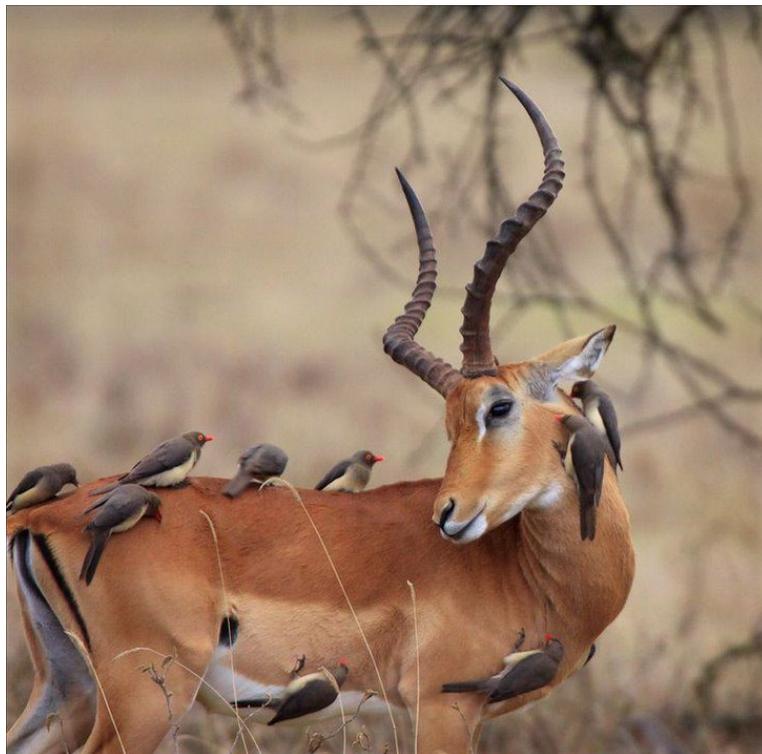
Travel will be by Land Rovers and LandCruisers with no more than five passengers per vehicle. This will guarantee everyone a window seat *and* roof-hatch space.

#### **Pre-departure Information**

Extensive background readings and travel information will be supplied when you enroll. A passport and visa are required, as well as some medical recommendations.

#### **Accommodations and Food**

Most of the safari accommodations will be modern, deluxe lodges that are in harmony with their environment and are constructed of local materials. Food at all locations is well prepared and delicious.



## Highlights of the Tour

Hippos and Baobabs at Lake Manyara  
350 species of birds at the Tarangire National Park  
Two days at Ngorongoro Crater  
Visit to Olduvai Gorge-The Cradle of Mankind  
Three days of in-depth game viewing at Serengeti National Park  
Outstanding private guides for the full trip  
Excellent lodges and tented camping, limited to 14 participants  
Milan Bull will be your expert guide from Connecticut Audubon Society

## Safari Itinerary

### NOTE:

**MANY TRAVELERS DEPART EARLY FOR EXTRA TIME IN AMSTERDAM OR TANZANIA.**

### **DAY 1/2 - JFK/Boston - Amsterdam - Arusha**

Our safari begins this evening as we board our KLM flight to Amsterdam. We arrive in the morning and have a short layover before connecting with our KLM flight to Arusha, Tanzania. Upon arrival we will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel. Overnight at the NGURDOTO MOUNTAIN LODGE. (meals on the plane - dinner at the hotel)

### **DAY 3 - Arusha National Park**

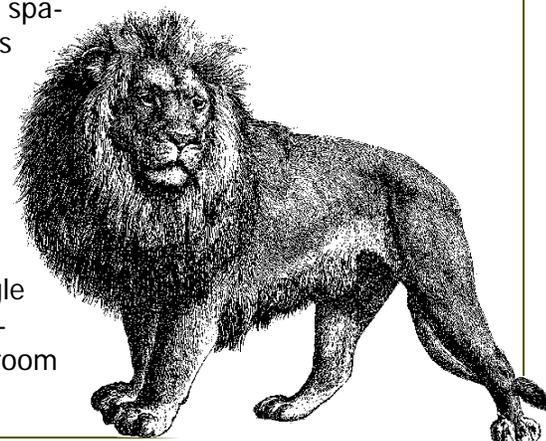
This morning your guide will meet you at the hotel and drive to Arusha National Park, located on Mount Meru, the fourth-largest mountain in Africa. This lovely park will provide you with special opportunities that you should not miss and won't get elsewhere—a visit to a beautiful mountain forest with its own unique species of plants and wildlife; and weather permitting, a view of snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Within the park is Ngurdoto Crater, a thickly wooded volcanic caldera. There are a series of lookouts ringing the crater, from which we may see black rhino, buffalo, elephants, and monkeys. Driving along the rim of the crater, we may get to see Colobus and Sykes monkeys, which are distinct mountain forest species. Overnight at NGURDOTO MOUNTAIN LODGE. (b, l, d)

### **DAY 4 - Tarangire National Park**

After breakfast we will head to Tarangire National Park, the quintessence of Old Africa. The intriguing atmosphere seems prehistoric with ancient baobab trees, scrub bush and strangely horned antelopes and tall giraffe. There is not only excellent wildlife, but also over 300 bird species! Our camp is highly personalized and set in a classic style.

Our luxury twin tents combine the authentic safari atmosphere of 'nights under canvas', with more modern comforts of electric light and en suite bathrooms with hot water. Forget whatever association camping brings to mind, this is something quite different. Our tents are spacious, sturdy and comfortable - more like a room with canvas walls than tents of our childhood. Built on a solid base; with a thatched roof, screened windows and en suite stone-walled bathroom, our tents provide all the space and comforts you need.

In front of each tent is a small veranda where you can sit, relax, admire the view, and watch the wildlife. The large canvas doors unzip to reveal the bedroom, where you find two comfortable single beds and a writing table and chair. The bathroom includes a solar-heated shower with ample hot water, flush toilet, and a dressing room with a washbasin.



All meals are served under the vaulted ceiling of the open-aired dining room, providing great views of the landscape below. The cuisine is international, using fresh local ingredients and a hint of African spices. Bottled water is included. Beer, wine, spirits and soft drinks are available at an extra cost. Overnight at TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE. (b, l, d)

#### **DAY 5 - Tarangire National Park**

Travel through this outstanding national park! With more than 1,000 square miles, it is the third largest in Tanzania. The Great Rift Valley is known for the herds of animals that migrate towards the Tarangire River. The landscape is interspersed with huge baobab trees, each of which provides a home for birds, monkeys, baboon, and other wildlife. There are over 350 species of birds, including orange-bellied and brown parrots. We will have excellent game viewing here for elephants, lions, leopards, giraffe and herds of wildebeest and zebra. Overnight at TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE. (b, l, d)

#### **DAY 6 - Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater**

After an early breakfast we will drive to the village of Karatu to visit the Tanzania Cultural Tourism Program (fee/donation not included). Their objective is to compile a record of the lifestyle, traditions,, history and culture of the Iraqw people and to involve and benefit local people in cultural tourism, thereby disseminating information and knowledge of the ancient traditions to the world. Your visit will help support this project and it will be a very nice opportunity to learn more about the various tribes and cultures in the vast Tarangire Conservation Area. We will then move on to our lodge for dinner. The lodge is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost, eastern rim of the crater in the volcanic highlands of northern Tanzania. This lodge is the only tourist development on the eastern rim and thus offers guests unique and spectacular views down to the crater floor and of the sunsets over the western horizon. NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE. (b, l, d)

#### **DAY 7 - Ngorongoro Crater**

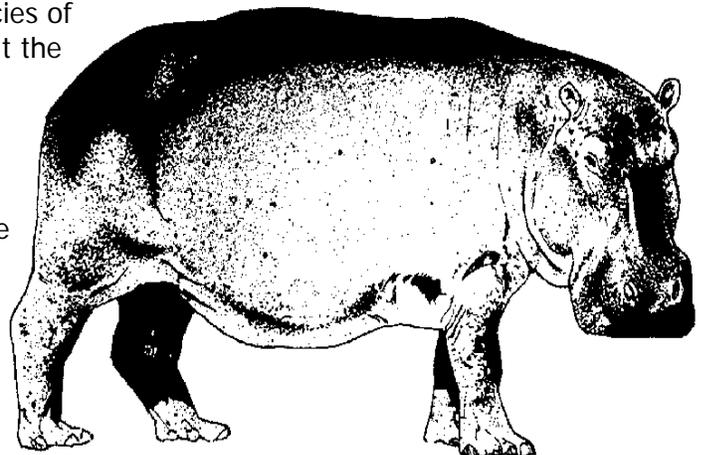
A picnic lunch will be provided as we make our way into Ngorongoro Crater. This 102-square-mile crater is the world's largest unflooded, unbroken caldera, and is regarded as one of Africa's best game-viewing areas. We descend in our vehicles from the rim, at about 7,600-foot elevation, to the floor of the crater, some 2,000 feet below. There are thousands of wildebeest, still many black rhino, cheetah, gazelle, giraffe, and arguably the highest density of lions of any place in Africa. Flamingos inhabit an alkaline lake in the center of the crater, and other bird life is abundant. We'll have the afternoon in the crater, and then ascend to the rim for the night. NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE. (b, l, d)

#### **DAY 8/9 - Serengeti National Park**

Our destination today is the Serengeti, justly one of the most famous wildlife areas in the world. The park's 5,700 square miles are part of the 9,600-square-mile Mara-Serengeti ecosystem, home to incredible herds of wildebeest and other grazing animals. This vast area consists of treeless central plains, savannah dotted with acacias and granite outcroppings called kopjes, and riverine bush and forest in the north. Wildlife abounds here. There are an estimated 1.5 million wildebeest, 200,000 zebra, 18,000 eland, 500,000 Thomson's gazelle, and 50,000 Grant's gazelle. Prides of black-maned lions, cheetahs, and other predators are plentiful. More than 400 species of birds have been recorded in the park. We overnight at the SERONERA WILDLIFE LODGE. (b, l, d)

#### **DAY 10 - Olduvai Gorge**

After an early breakfast we will enjoy a game drive in Serengeti National Park and visit Olduvai Gorge where Mary and Richard Leakey worked on their ground breaking discoveries. Plan to visit the small museum. Overnight is at the TLOMA LODGE. (b, l, d)



## **DAY 11 - LAKE MANYARA - Arusha**

After an early breakfast we will drive to Manyara where we may see flocks of flamingos, red-billed quelea, pelicans, cormorants, blacksmith plover and kingfisher, proceeding on to our lodge for dinner and an overnight at the TLOMA LODGE. (b, l, d)

## **DAY 12 - Arusha/Amsterdam/Home or Extension (see last page)**

After breakfast enjoy a relaxed morning by the pool or reading a book. Check-out of the hotel before heading to lunch. (b, l on the 12th day)

Depart Tloma Lodge in time for a relaxed trip back to Arusha and transport to the airport for evening departure flights. We leave for Amsterdam this evening and have a short layover before connecting with the KLM flight back to the USA. (meals on plane)

## **DAY 13 - Arrival Home or Extension**

### **The Parks**

#### **ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK**

The closest national park to Arusha town – northern Tanzania’s safari capital – Arusha National Park is a multi-faceted jewel, often overlooked by safari-goers, despite offering the opportunity to explore a beguiling diversity of habitats within a few hours. The entrance gate leads into shadowy montane forest inhabited by inquisitive blue monkeys and colorful turacos and trogons – the only place on the northern safari circuit where the acrobatic black-and-white colobus monkey is easily seen. In the midst of the forest stands the spectacular Ngurdoto Crater, whose steep, rocky cliffs enclose a wide marshy floor dotted with herds of buffalo and warthog. Further north, rolling grassy hills enclose the tranquil beauty of the Momela Lakes, each one a different hue of green or blue. Their shallows sometimes tinged pink with thousands of flamingos, the lakes support a rich selection of resident and migrant waterfowl, and shaggy waterbucks display their large lyre-shaped horns on the watery fringes. Giraffes glide across the grassy hills, between grazing zebra herds, while pairs of wide-eyed dik-dik dart into scrubby bush like overgrown hares on spindly legs. Although elephants are uncommon in Arusha National Park, and lions absent altogether, leopards and spotted hyenas may be seen slinking around in the early morning and late afternoon. It is also at dusk and dawn that the veil of cloud on the eastern horizon is most likely to clear, revealing the majestic snow-capped peaks of Kilimanjaro, only 30 miles distant. But it is Kilimanjaro’s unassuming cousin, Mount Meru - the fifth highest in Africa at 14,990 feet – that dominates the park’s horizon. Its peaks and eastern foothills protected within the national park, Meru offers unparalleled views of its famous neighbor, while also forming a rewarding hiking destination in its own right. Passing first through wooded savannah where buffalos and giraffes are frequently encountered, the ascent of Meru leads into forests aflame with red-hot pokers and dripping with Spanish moss, before reaching high open heath spiked with giant lobelias. Everlasting flowers cling to the alpine desert, as delicately-hoofed klipspringers mark the hike’s progress. Astride the craggy summit, Kilimanjaro stands unveiled, blushing in the sunrise.

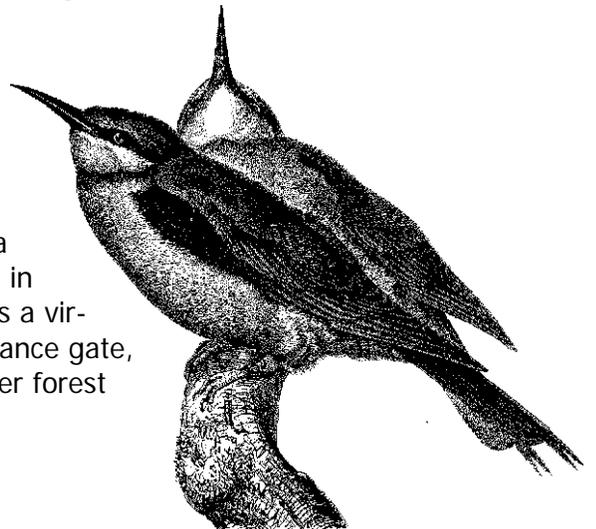
#### **About Arusha National Park**

Size: 53 sq miles.

Location: Northern Tanzania, northeast of Arusha town.

#### **LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK**

Stretching for 50km along the base of the rusty-gold 600-meter high Rift Valley escarpment, Lake Manyara is a scenic gem, with a setting extolled by Ernest Hemingway as “the loveliest I had seen in Africa”. The compact game-viewing circuit through Manyara offers a virtual microcosm of the Tanzanian safari experience. From the entrance gate, the road winds through an expanse of lush jungle-like groundwater forest



where hundred-strong baboon troops lounge nonchalantly along the roadside, blue monkeys scamper nimbly between the ancient mahogany trees, dainty bushbuck tread warily through the shadows, and outsized forest hornbills honk cacophonously in the high canopy. Contrasting with the intimacy of the forest is the grassy floodplain and its expansive views eastward, across the alkaline lake, to the jagged blue volcanic peaks that rise from the endless Maasai Steppes. Large buffalo, wildebeest and zebra herds congregate on these grassy plains, as do giraffes – some so dark in coloration that they appear to be black from a distance. Inland of the floodplain, a narrow belt of acacia woodland is the favoured haunt of Manyara's legendary tree-climbing lions and impressively tusked elephants. Squadrons of banded mongoose dart between the acacias, while the diminutive Kirk's dik-dik forages in their shade. Pairs of klipspringer are often seen silhouetted on the rocks above a field of searing hot springs that steams and bubbles adjacent to the lakeshore in the far south of the park. Manyara provides the perfect introduction to Tanzania's birdlife. More than 400 species have been recorded, and even a first-time visitor to Africa might reasonably expect to observe 100 of these in one day. Highlights include thousands of pink-hued flamingos on their perpetual migration, as well as other large waterbirds such as pelicans, cormorants and storks.

### **About Lake Manyara National Park**

Size: 127 sq miles, of which up to 77 sq miles is lake when water levels are high. Location: In northern Tanzania. The entrance gate lies 1.5 hours (80 miles) west of Arusha along a newly surfaced road, close to the ethnically diverse market town of Mto wa Mbu.

### **NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA**

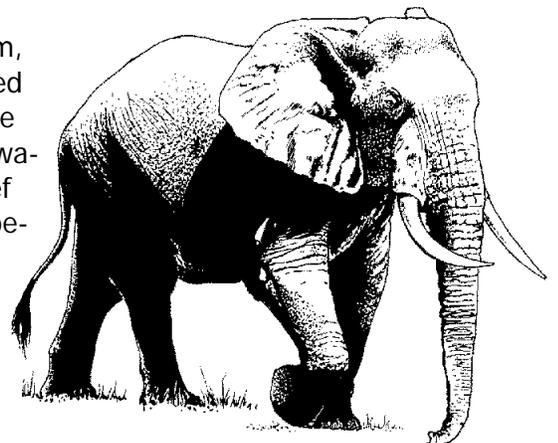
The park is located between the Serengeti and Lake Manyara. It is home to the famous volcanic Ngorongoro crater which is the largest unbroken caldera in the world. The crater (610 meters deep and 260 km squared) is a microcosm of East African scenery and game and is usually visited on the way back from the Serengeti to Arusha. Scenic grandeur and stunning views are the hallmark of this wonder of the world. All the lodges are built high on the crater rim and afford amazing views over and into the crater - the perfect setting for a well deserved sundowner. Archeologists will be interested in Olduvai Gorge which is in the Conservation Area and where it is possible to see the famous discoveries of remains of early Man by Mary and Louis Leakey. However most of the activity is within the crater which is popular for bird watching, photography, walking safaris, and game viewing from a vehicle (4 wheel drive). There are 25,000 larger animals within the crater itself, mostly zebra and wildebeest. However, this is undoubtedly the best place to see black rhino in Tanzania as well as prides of lion that include the magnificent black-maned males. There are lots of colorful flamingoes and a variety of other water birds around the soda lake on the crater floor. More than a 100 species of birds not found in the Serengeti have been found in the crater. Other game: leopard, cheetah, hyena, elephants, warthog, impala, buffalo, hartebeest, eland and lots of other members of the antelope family and smaller mammals of sorts.

### **About Ngorongoro Conservation Area**

Size: 156 square miles. Location: 108 miles west of Arusha.

### **SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

A million wildebeest... each one driven by the same ancient rhythm, fulfilling its instinctive role in the inescapable cycle of life: a frenzied three-week bout of territorial conquests and mating; survival of the fittest as 25 mile long columns plunge through crocodile-infested waters on the annual exodus north; replenishing the species in a brief population explosion that produces more than 8,000 calves daily before the 600 mile pilgrimage begins again. Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park, the Serengeti is famed for its annual migration, when some six million hooves pound the open plains, as more than 200,000 zebra and 300,000 Thomson's gazelle join the wildebeest's trek for fresh grazing. Yet even when the migra-



tion is quiet, the Serengeti offers arguably the most scintillating game-viewing in Africa: great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and thousands upon thousands of eland, topi, kongoni, impala and Grant's gazelle. The spectacle of predator versus prey dominates Tanzania's greatest park. Golden-maned lion prides feast on the abundance of plain grazers. Solitary leopards haunt the acacia trees lining the Seronera River, while a high density of cheetahs prowls the southeastern plains. Almost uniquely, all three African jackal species occur here, alongside the spotted hyena and a host of more elusive small predators, ranging from the insectivorous aardwolf to the beautiful serval cat. But there is more to Serengeti than large mammals. Gaudy agama lizards and rock hyraxes scuffle around the surfaces of the park's isolated granite koppies. A full 100 varieties of dung beetle have been recorded, as have 500-plus bird species, ranging from the outsized ostrich and bizarre secretarybird of the open grassland, to the black eagles that soar effortlessly above the Lobo Hills. As enduring as the game-viewing is the liberating sense of space that characterises the Serengeti Plains, stretching across sunburnt savannah to a shimmering golden horizon at the end of the earth. Yet, after the rains, this golden expanse of grass is transformed into an endless green carpet flecked with wildflowers. And there are also wooded hills and towering termite mounds, rivers lined with fig trees and acacia woodland stained orange by dust. Popular the Serengeti might be, but it remains so vast that you may be the only human audience when a pride of lions masterminds a siege, focussed unswervingly on its next meal.

### **About Serengeti**

Size: 5,700 sq miles. Location: 208 miles from Arusha, stretching north to Kenya and bordering Lake Victoria to the west.

### **TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK**

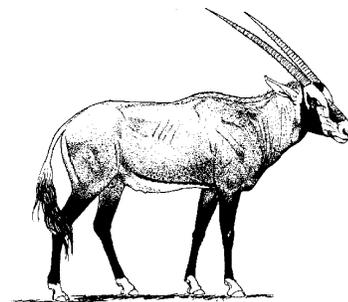
Day after day of cloudless skies. The fierce sun sucks the moisture from the landscape, baking the earth a dusty red, the withered grass as brittle as straw. The Tarangire River has shrivelled to a shadow of its wet season self. But it is choked with wildlife. Thirsty nomads have wandered hundreds of parched kilometres knowing that here, always, there is water. Herds of up to 300 elephants scratch the dry river bed for underground streams, while migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest and eland crowd the shrinking lagoons. It's the greatest concentration of wildlife outside the Serengeti ecosystem - a smorgasbord for predators - and the one place in Tanzania where dry-country antelope such as the stately fringe-eared oryx and peculiar long-necked gerenuk are regularly observed. During the rainy season, the seasonal visitors scatter over a 12,500 sq miles range until they exhaust the green plains and the river calls once more. But Tarangire's mobs of elephant are easily encountered, wet or dry. The swamps, tinged green year round, are the focus for 550 bird varieties, the most breeding species in one habitat anywhere in the world. On drier ground you find the Kori bustard, the heaviest flying bird; the stocking-thighed ostrich, the world's largest bird; and small parties of ground hornbills blustering like turkeys. More ardent bird-lovers might keep an eye open for screeching flocks of the dazzlingly colourful yellow-collared lovebird, and the somewhat drabber rufous-tailed weaver and ashy starling - all endemic to the dry savannah of north-central Tanzania. Disused termite mounds are often frequented by colonies of the endearing dwarf mongoose, and pairs of red-and-yellow barbet, which draw attention to themselves by their loud, clockwork-like duetting. Tarangire's pythons climb trees, as do its lions and leopards, lounging in the branches where the fruit of the sausage tree disguises the twitch of a tail.

### **About Tarangire National Park**

Size: 1,005 sq miles. Location: 75 miles southwest of Arusha.

### **Accommodations**

Nestled between Mt Meru and Mt Kilimanjaro, **Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge** is located within a lush coffee plantation, 140 acres, with natural streams flowing through the property, from Mt Meru. The lush vegetation and the magnificent views of the snow capped Mt Kilimanjaro and the looming Mt. Meru, right in front of the lodge, is an absolutely awesome sight. This lodge is ideally located between Arusha and Kilimanjaro International Airport, 27 km either way. All rooms have spacious en suite bathrooms, telephones and most of them have Jacuzzis. All the rooms have mini bars, satellite TVs, tea/coffee making facilities,

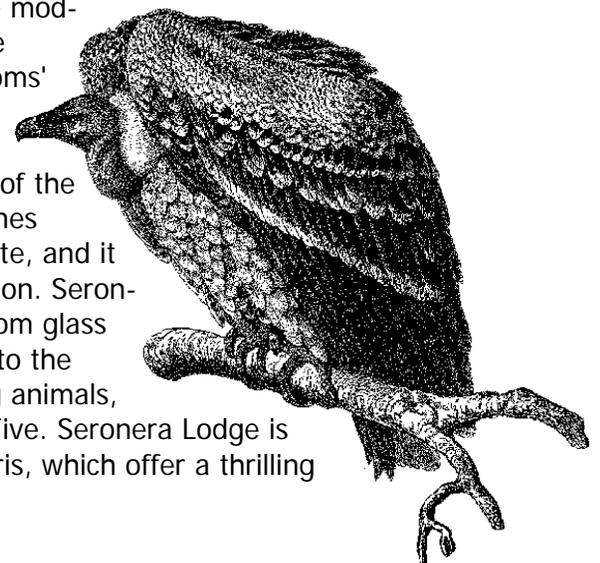


safety deposit lockers. Some rooms can comfortably accommodate disabled guests and are close to the reception and public areas. On arrival, the guests will be inspired by the grandiose architecture blending in with the lush vegetation of the surrounding area, tastefully furnished reception areas, heart warming welcome smiles to meet you and inimitable warm Tanzanian hospitality. Water gushing under the floor boards, coming down from Mt Meru, gives them a very unique charm.

Built on top of a high bluff with a breathtaking panorama, **Tarangire Safari Lodge** is superbly located in Tarangire National Park, providing one of the best views in Africa. Carving out the landscape below the lodge is the Tarangire River, a favorite watering place, which attracts impressive numbers and variety of game. The scene unfolds before you while lounging on the outdoor patio, allowing you to appreciate Tarangire's diverse wildlife without ever leaving the lodge. At the heart of the lodge are the impressively high thatched roofs of the lounge and dining room. The open-sided design allows an uninterrupted view of the landscape and wildlife below and captures the cooling breeze while you dine on our delicious home cooked safari cuisine. The lounge area has oversized armchairs made from old Zanzibari *dhow* boats, which make a perfect place to relax in the evenings. Those wanting something a bit more active can take a dip in the pool, a bird walk around the lodge grounds or hunt for souvenirs in the Baobab boutique. Luxury twin tents combine the authentic safari atmosphere of 'nights under canvas,' with more modern comforts of electric light and en-suite bathrooms with hot water. Bungalows provide the space and convenience of solid walls yet blend into their surroundings by using local stone and echoing the traditional round Maasai huts.

**Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge** is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost, eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, in the volcanic highlands of northern Tanzania. The Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge is, and will remain as, the only tourist development on the eastern rim of the crater and thus offers our guests unique and spectacular views down to the crater floor and of the sunsets over the western horizon. Another major advantage of this site that guests can enjoy is that crater tours begin within five minutes of leaving the lodge. With an altitude of 7,800 feet, the lodge experiences cool and even cold weather, especially during the winter months of June and July when temperatures can get as low as 50F. However, guests enjoy some sunshine during most of the year and must take care when sunbathing due to the altitude. Rain can normally be expected between November and May. The evenings and early mornings can be cool and sometimes cold so sweaters and light jackets are recommended, bearing in mind that the temperatures down in the crater itself are always a lot warmer than those on the rim. Also to be considered is the fact that all suites are centrally heated and that the bar and dining room feature large log fires in the evenings when the ambience might encourage guests to wear something a little special. Opened in 1992, each room offers central heating, a private lounge with a mini bar, a bedroom with two queen size beds and ample room for a third, an en-suite bathroom with a hair dryer, and a private solarium which offers stunning views either down into the crater floor below or of the setting sun over the western horizon.

**Seronera Wildlife Lodge** has 75 spacious guestrooms, all of them affording stunning views over the Serengeti plains. Elegantly decorated in authentic African style, the modern rooms offer King-size beds and are fully equipped with en-suite bathrooms, central heating and a host of luxury amenities. The rooms' air vents also have mosquito nets placed over them. Seronera is one of the most important spots of Serengeti National Park, where you can witness an actual kill in the flesh. This area is in the heart of the Serengeti, where all game drives, balloon safaris, and catching planes take place. Seronera Wildlife Lodge is located on the migratory route, and it provides front-seat viewing of this extraordinary natural phenomenon. Seronera Wildlife Lodge is artfully constructed around a rocky outcrop from glass and wood elements, perfectly blending into its surroundings. Next to the lodge, several waterholes attract, day and night, the most amazing animals, providing a unique opportunity for a close encounter with the Big Five. Seronera Lodge is only 5 minutes from the departing point of the hot air balloon safaris, which offer a thrilling bird's-eye wildlife perspective of the vast plains of The Serengeti.



**Tloma Lodge** is an exclusive petite 34-cottage lodge situated within the Ngorongoro Highlands Area. The excellent location of Tloma Lodge on the raised shoulder of a valley, offers breathtaking views over a coffee-plantation and onto the Eastern wall of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater. The garden is particularly attractive full of flowering plants and bushes. Guests can enjoy a swim in the heated outdoor pool. All rooms have large beds, a private veranda, and en-suite bathrooms with showers.

## General Information

**SAFARI LAND COST: \$5,085. WITH MEMBER DISCOUNT \$4,735.**

The above cost is based upon 8 or more paying participants traveling together. If there are fewer, a surcharge will apply.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$475.** Single rooms may be available, but are not guaranteed.

**ESTIMATED AIRFARE: \$1,370 from JFK, including taxes.** Add-on airfares are available from any city serviced by Northwest Airlines. You will be routed from your chosen city to Amsterdam via the best connection. In Amsterdam you will meet the other participants.

These rates are estimated at the time of publication and may change in the next several months. All passengers will be notified as soon additional information is received.

### THE SAFARI INCLUDES:

- **Land Transportation** All ground transportation with the group in Tanzania. A driver-guide will escort you. Deviation from the set itinerary could incur additional costs (i.e., transfers, accommodations etc.).
- **Accommodations and Meals** All hotel and lodge accommodations based upon two people sharing a room. Single rooms may be available at a supplementary cost, but are not guaranteed. Meals as indicated in the detailed itinerary (b=breakfast, l=lunch, d=dinner). Note: while on safari some of the lunches will be picnic style and bottled water is included.

**Miscellaneous Fees and Tips** All meal tips, service charges, hotel taxes, and park entrance fees are included.

**Pre-departure Information** You'll receive information on all aspects of the safari, plus readings on the history, culture, and ecology of East Africa.

### THE SAFARI PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Passport and visa fees; international airfare, air tax and foreign airport taxes; excess baggage charges; personal, travel and baggage insurance; Tanzania Cultural Tourism Program fee/donation; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service; beverages (coffee and tea are usually provided with meals); film and processing; porter's tips. Any activities not specified in the tour itinerary, or those activities listed as optional; meals not listed in itinerary or while in Amsterdam. Upon the completion of your safari, a gratuity to your driver-guide is customary.

### FITNESS & HEALTH

The trip is not strenuous, and anyone who is reasonably fit and in good health should be able to participate. You will, however, have long international flights and will be spending many hours in a vehicle on game drives. Land travel will sometimes be over very bumpy and dusty roads. The maximum alti-





## **INSURANCE**

*Each participant must be covered by medical insurance that is valid overseas.*

We strongly urge you to evaluate your risk and to take out insurance on your trip. It is vital for you to realize that if you experience a delay or find it necessary to cancel or cut short your trip for any reason, you will lose part or the entire sum you've invested in it (see the section "Deposits, Cancellations and Refunds" in the trip brochure).

Travel insurance helps to minimize the risk of monetary losses you would incur in the event of a delay of your departure due to weather, airline strike, missed connection, etc., your inability to travel for reasons such as illness, injury, unforeseen financial complications and other personal circumstances, or if you were required to cut your trip short for medical or any other reasons.

There are restrictions and limitations on any insurance program. For this reason, please read carefully the pamphlet provided to you by Connecticut Audubon Society, which outlines their program of trip cancellation, baggage, and medical insurance. Trained agents are available to answer your questions, so don't hesitate to call the toll free number in their brochure. It is to your advantage to apply for insurance at the earliest possible time, so don't delay in making a decision.

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## **Connecticut Audubon Society EcoTravel**

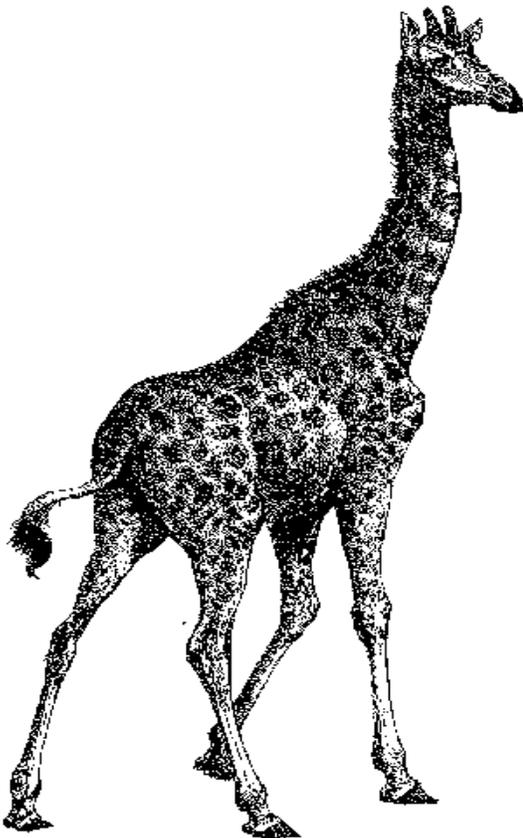
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## Optional Balloon Safari

**The Serengeti balloon safari is probably the most beautiful balloon flight in the world and the ultimate Safari Experience.**

At 5:00 am, your balloon pilots will collect you from your central Serengeti lodge or camp, and transfer you by Landrover to the launch site near Maasai Kopjes. Here you will meet your pilot, receive a briefing and watch the inflation of your balloon.

At dawn we take off, rising as the sun rises and float in whichever direction the winds of the morning take us. Your pilot can precisely control the altitude of your balloon: sometimes flying at treetop height, sometimes lower, offering a unique perspective and great photographic opportunities of the wildlife below.

At other times he will ascend to 1,000' or more to see the enormity and wonderful panorama of the Serengeti. From time to time the pilot must put more heat into the balloon with the powerful whisper burners. In between these burns, there is silence apart from the natural sounds below.

### **OUT OF AFRICA BREAKFAST**

Imagine sitting at a table under the shade of a classic umbrella tree on the Serengeti Plains. The table is laid with bone china and king's silver cutlery.

The flight is for about one hour depending on conditions, and eventually you must land. You celebrate in the traditional manner with champagne (well, an excellent sparkling wine) before sitting down to a full English breakfast.

9:30 am Arrive at Seronera ready to continue your day's activities.

Fresh tropical fruits, warm freshly baked bread and English traditional breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, mushroom, tomato are all served by stewards in customary Swahili dress.

**Fee: \$525**



# Zanzibar Extension

## 2013

### DAY 12 -

#### ARUSHA/ZANZIBAR

After breakfast, transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for flight to Zanzibar. Transfer to **Mapenzi Beach Resort** for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 13 -

#### ZANZIBAR

Free at **Mapenzi Beach Resort**.

### DAY 14 -

#### ZANZIBAR

Free at **Mapenzi Beach Resort**. You may opt for one of the Excursions on this day.

### DAY 15 -

#### ZANZIBAR

Free at **Mapenzi Beach Resort**.

### DAY 16/17 -

#### ZANZIBAR/HOME

Transfer to the airport for International flight back home (via Arusha and/or Dar Es Salaam for flight back home).

**Extension Fee: \$1,675** based on double occupancy and a minimum of six participants. A small group supplement is available. Single Supplement: \$260. Includes in-country flights, superior sea facing room, transfers, snacks, soft drinks, fruit juices, beer, house wines, selected spirits, mineral water and all meals.

**Mapenzi Beach Resort** is situated on the East Coast of Zanzibar about 45 kilometers from the airport. The resort blends in perfectly with the surrounding tropical landscape of beach and gardens, covering an area of two hectares. The resort consists of 60 spacious, comfortable rooms, of which 30 have air-conditioning, and are all situated on the ground floor. Each room with private bathroom is furnished in the typical East African style and has its own veranda, hair-dryer, mosquito net, safety deposit box, telephone and ceiling fan. Sea view or seafront rooms with air-conditioning are available on request at an additional supplement.

The main restaurant serves appetizing international cuisine with an Italian touch, where breakfast and lunch are buffet style whilst dinner is either a set menu or buffet. Recreational activities such as tennis (hard court with night light), "bocce," mountain-biking, table tennis, beach volley, archery, snorkeling, professional deep-sea fishing, windsurfing, canoeing and diving. For those who just want to "take it easy" there are billiards, darts, cards, games, videos and a small library. The hotel also offers day and evening entertainment, as well as the assistance of friendly Italian, English and French speaking staff. All sports are inclusive apart from marine activities (diving, snorkeling and fishing) as well as the use of the mountain bikes.

