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WHOLE HEARTEDLY - KARIBU TANZANIA



Karibu means “welcome” in Swahili. And there is no better place to enjoy an enriching cultural and wildlife experience than Tanzania. The magical names flow off the tongue – Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro Crater, Olduvai Gorge, Selous, the Serengeti, and exotic Zanzibar.

Tanzania covers 937,062 square kilometres, making it the largest country in Eastern Africa. Just south of the equator, it borders Kenya and Uganda in the north; the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Burundi in the west; and Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique in the south, and is therefore a splendid centre from which to explore Eastern, Central and Southern Africa.

Lying just south of the equator, Tanzania’s climate remains pleasant throughout the year, with the hottest period between November and February, and the coolest from May to August. There are two rainfall systems in Tanzania. In the southern, western and central areas rains fall between December and April, while in the northern and north-eastern coastal region, there are two rainy seasons – during November and December (short rains known as “mvuli”) and between March and May (long rains or “masika”).

ITINERARY

DAY 1

You will be met on arrival and transferred from Kilimanjaro Airport to Arusha

Accommodation will be at Rivertrees Country Inn in a Standard Room on a Bed and Breakfast basis for 1 night.



Rivertrees Country Inn lies in the foothills of Mount Meru, in view of Mount Kilimanjaro. This peaceful country estate combines old-world ambience, African country elegance, excellent farm cuisine, personal service, and genuine warmth from your hosts.

The inn offers tranquillity enhanced with contemporary convenience, ideal for rejuvenation following stressful overseas travel or deep relaxation after a long safari or a strenuous climb up Mount Kilimanjaro or Mount Meru.

There are 18 individually styled garden rooms. Each of the garden rooms are nestled under a blanket of trees, overlooking the expansive gardens of Rivertrees. Each room is unique in its decor, filled with high quality antique furniture and intricate floor coverings. Amenities include self-contained bathrooms with shower or bathtub, mosquito netting, hot water, water bottles, complimentary WiFi in public areas, a laptop available for guest use, laundry services, and private dining upon request.

Fresh country meals are served in the restaurant, the gardens, the pub, and near the river or in the beautifully restored farmhouse with its warm ochre colours and cherished family antiques.



Rivertrees Country Inn includes the following:

Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis, VAT, and tourism levy. *Gratuities at your own discretion*

DAY 2

During your private tailor-made safari, you will be accommodated in or near the parks as described below. The days will be spent giving you the best game-viewing experience possible in each park, with either morning and afternoon game drives or full day excursions. If you are opting to do a "drive-in" safari, the drives between parks may be broken with cultural visits to local villages or historical hotspots and further game-viewing, guaranteeing that your transfers are far from boring. Your itinerary is fairly flexible from day to day and options may be discussed with your guide before setting off for the day.

Lodge Safari Vehicle includes the following:

Private, spacious 4x4 safari vehicle with large windows, game-viewing hatches, either fridge or cool-box for drinks, and inverter for charging batteries. All your fuel, vehicle entry fees, and game drives. Our guides are professionally trained and look forward to sharing their beautiful country with you.

Gratuities at your own discretion.

This morning we depart Arusha and drive to Tarangire National Park. Enjoy a full days game drive inside Tarangire National Park with a picnic lunch.



Close to Arusha, 118 kilometres away, **Tarangire National Park** gets its name from the river that threads its way through the length of the reserve. It is famous for its dense wildlife population which is most spectacular between June and September, the dry period. During this time, thousands of animals – elephant, buffalo, giraffe, eland, wildebeest, kudu, hartebeest and the rarely seen oryx – migrate from the dry Masai steppe to the Tarangire River looking for water. Lion, leopard and other predators follow the herds. Tarangire has the largest population of elephant of any park in the northern circuit and is also home to 550 varieties of bird.

Accommodation will be at Tarangire River Camp in a Tent on a Full Board basis for 1 night.



If you are looking for an authentic safari experience under traditional canvas, showcasing spectacular spacious views and enriching culture, **Tarangire River Camp**, where there is always a warm welcome and a wonderful atmosphere, is the perfect choice.

Tarangire River Camp is set within 25 000 hectares of concession area. Included on the land is a branch of the Tarangire River itself, which the camp overlooks. The property is in a great location for game viewing since it is only 3.5 kilometres from the main entrance to Tarangire National Park.



Traditional grass thatching adorns the roof of the main lodge structure, which is set off the ground on an elevated deck. The breezy lounge boasts ample seating in a relaxing open-air environment. The dining area, where culturally inspiring meals are served, consists of simple safari style seating and the elevated position allows for excellent views over the riverbank below.



Both the dining and lounge areas are married into a proper bonfire area and game viewing deck that also overlook the same stunning views. A smaller, secondary game viewing deck rises above the ceiling and offers a high, intimate perch above it all. The lodge's small, informal gift shop offers the families of the nearby Maasai villages a chance to sell some of their handmade wares.

Accommodation consists of spacious tents built on wooden platforms with a thatched roof, all of which are en-suite and tastefully furnished with all the comforts you will need whilst on safari.



Each tent's generously proportioned private veranda open out onto stunning views of Mount Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro in the distant horizon and several of the tents also offer views of the river, which morphs to a dramatic sand bed in the dry season.

Tarangire River Camp includes the following:

Accommodation on a full board basis, Village Conservation fees, Wildlife Management Area fees, and tourism levy.
Gratuities at your own discretion

DAY 3

This morning we depart Tarangire and drive to Isoitok - Lake Manyara where you may enjoy a unique morning Traditional Medicine Walk with the Masai



Take a leisurely ramble on the soft slopes behind the camp. Learn about the different root and plant extracts still being used by the Maasai on a daily basis. Timing can be adjusted to fitness levels and ages within the group. Ranges from 30mins to 1.5 hour.

Lunch at camp

After lunch we depart to the Ngorongoro Highlands



The Ngorongoro Crater, at 2,286 metres above sea level, is the largest unbroken caldera in the world. Surrounded by very steep walls rising 610 metres from the crater floor, this natural amphitheatre measures 19.2 kilometres in diameter and 304²km in area. It is home to up to 30,000 animals, almost half of which are wildebeest and zebra. Buffalo, elephant, hippo, hyena, jackal, lion, ostrich, serval, warthog, bushbuck, eland, hartebeest, reedbuck, waterbuck and huge herds of both Thomson's and Grant's gazelle are easily seen on the crater floor.



Thanks to anti-poaching patrols, the crater is now one of the few places in East Africa where visitors can be certain of seeing black rhino, with the number now approaching 25. Leopard may occasionally be seen in the trees of the forest surrounding the crater, while cheetah are also present. Countless flamingo form a pink blanket over the soda lakes, while more than 100 species of birds not found in the Serengeti have been spotted. The crater, having been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, lies within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which covers more than 8,300²km.

Accommodation will be at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge in a Standard Room on a Full Board basis for 2 nights.



Facing the always magnificent sunsets to the west, and located on the highest point on Ngorongoro Crater's entire rim, **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge** stands well over half a kilometre above the crater floor and offers unparalleled views across the enormous caldera.



Themed around traditionally circular African houses with conical roofs, and decorated with examples of Africa's rich tapestry of artistic traditions by way of rich woodcarvings and sculptures, the lodge harmonises perfectly with its dramatic surroundings. But the drama does not just stop with the great outdoors; it also flows through the split level interiors of the main building which all offer unsurpassed generosity of space while somehow managing to combine an almost magically welcoming ambience of both warmth and cosiness.



Brightly coloured flowers of many species of shrubs border the paved walkways which lead away from both sides of the swimming pool to the guest rooms which are built of the same design. When you step through your door you will probably hold your breath while you stare over the bed and through the window walling of the lower level, enclosed solarium at the view of the crater beyond.

And the luxury doesn't stop there. Because of its altitude, the lodge can be chilly at night so each room has central heating, hot water bottles are placed in every bed during the evening turndown service and the luxuriously appointed bathrooms have extremely spacious showers under which you can reminisce about the wonders of this awesome, almost magically mystical place called Ngorongoro.

All rooms are equipped with amenities to ensure maximum comfort during your stay here. Among these are wake up calls and complimentary tea and coffee, all of which help to kick start an early morning game drive.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge includes the following:

Accommodation on a full board basis, and tourism levy. *Gratuities at your discretion.*

DAY 4

Crater Visit

Today, after breakfast, head down into the Ngorongoro Caldera below and spend the rest of the day enjoying game viewing in one of the most spectacular places on earth! Photographic opportunities are abundant, and one often sees four of the Big Five in a short time. Have a picnic lunch at the floor of the crater at a pleasant lakeside location where you can stretch your legs and soak up the magnificent scenery.



DAY 5

This morning we depart Ngorongoro and make our way to the Serengeti. You have the opportunity of visiting Olduvai Gorge and a Masai village en route



The **Olduvai Gorge**, located within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, is a short drive off the main road between Ngorongoro and the Serengeti. The name "Olduvai" derives from "Oldupai", which is the Masai word for the type of wild sisal which grows in the gorge.

It was here that, in 1959, Dr Louis Leakey and his wife Mary discovered the skull of first *Zinjanthropus Boisei*, or "nutcracker man", and then, a year later, the remains of *Homo Habilis* or "handy man", regarded as mankind's first step on the ladder of human evolution. Many more fossils have been discovered here, including those of prehistoric elephants, giant-horned sheep and enormous ostriches.

There is a small museum and an observation platform overlooking the gorge, where visitors can listen to an informative talk from the resident guide.



You also have the opportunity to visit a great Masai Village in the area where you will meet these amazing people, learn about them, and see their homes - and take as many pictures as you like.

Please note: The Masai Village visit is an additional per vehicle cost which is split between the group and paid directly to the village.



The **Serengeti National Park** is arguably the best known wildlife sanctuary in the world. Serengeti means "endless plains" in the Masai language and, within its boundaries, are more than three million large mammals.

About 35 species of plains animals may be seen here, including the so-called "big seven" – buffalo, elephant, lion, leopard, rhino, cheetah and African Wild Dog. The black rhino population of the Serengeti has developed well in recent years thanks to constant surveillance. Other animals frequently seen in the Serengeti include baboon, caracal, civet, bat-eared fox, genet, giraffe, hippo, honey badger, hyrax, mongoose, ostrich, serval, both Grant's and Thomson's gazelle, vervet monkey and some 20 types of antelope including hartebeest, impala, kudu, reedbuck, roan, topi, waterbuck and the much smaller dik dik, duiker, klipspringer and oribi.

There is, of course, also a profusion of birdlife. Over 500 species including bustards, cranes, eagles, herons, owls, storks, vultures and the bizarre, long-legged secretary birds.



Accommodation will be at Lemala Luxury Camp Ewanjan in a Tent on a Full Board (Including Drinks) basis for 2 nights.



Lemala Luxury Camp Ewanjan is a deluxe seasonal camp with seven beautiful tents set along the game-rich Seronera Valley in a spectacular location on the western slopes of Makoma Hill, in the Central Serengeti. The camp offers staggering views of the Serengeti migration, grasslands and sunsets. Major game viewing areas of central, southern or western Serengeti are easily accessible and, at the end of the day, guests can return to the privacy and solitude of the camp to enjoy great service, food and ambience.

The tents are some of the most spacious and comfortable seasonal tents in Tanzania. Each tent is fitted with two queen-size or one king-size leather beds, warm duvets, flush toilet, large safari shower, running water, wooden cabinets and flooring, 24-hour solar lighting, outside lounge, games tables and more.

The mess tent offers separate living and dining areas with a central bar and is beautifully decorated with leather sofas, chandeliers, side cabinets, rugs and chests. In the evening, guests gather around the campfire for sundowners before dining under chandeliers, hosted by the camp manager.

Lemala Luxury Camp Ewanjan is perhaps the finest seasonal camp in Serengeti, in a truly spectacular location.



Lemala Luxury Camp Ewanjan includes the following:

Accommodation on a full board basis, selected house wines and spirits, local beers, soft drinks, juices and water, tourism levy, and laundry. *Gratuities at your own discretion*

DAY 7

You will fly from Seronera to Arusha and transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport for your departure flight.

Please find below your quotation for the above. Please note that all rates are based on per person sharing in USD.

Number of Persons

march, april, may, nov	
2 pax	\$4830
4 pax	\$3960
6 pax	\$3670
jan, feb, june	
2 pax	\$5850
4 pax	\$4835
6 pax	\$4495
jul, aug, sept, oct	
2 pax	\$5910
4 pax	\$4895
6 pax	\$4550

Single Supplement 560.00

Includes

All airport/strip transfers, all accommodation and meals as indicated, private safari vehicle with professional driver/guide, park & camp fees, Masai Medicine Walk & Lunch, unlimited game drives. Ngorongoro Crater visit, flight: Serengeti to Arusha

Excludes

Optional excursions: eg: Olduvai Gorge visit USD35 pp, Masai Village visit USD50 / vehicle, balloon safari, all items of a personal nature, international flights, tips & gratuities, any item or service not indicated as included above

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Please note that this quote is valid for the dates of travel specified. Due to the seasonality of prices in many lodges, which can be as much as 70 % cheaper in low / green season, this must be noted. We are happy to re-quote should you wish to travel in low/ green or shoulder season.** Standard discounts have been applied but should any further discounts or specials become available during your booking process, they will be applied to your benefit.
- Prices are subject to change without prior notification due to circumstances beyond our control, namely fuel surcharges, supplier increases, government taxes, exchange rate fluctuations, etc. The full booking value will be subject to rate of exchange fluctuations until full payment has been made.
- All flight costs, where applicable, are based on the lowest fare class and are subject to availability at time of booking, and can only be guaranteed once paid for.
- Airport taxes can only be confirmed at time of booking due to exchange rate fluctuations and may change the costs accordingly.
- All costs are valid for the itinerary travel dates. Costs may vary with date changes.
- Should any details change, we reserve the right to recalculate the tour price accordingly.

I trust the above information provided is in order and I look forward to being of further assistance to you and your clients. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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