

ACACIA HOLIDAYS

Tanzania & Kenya Migration Safari
with Victoria Falls

Allied Travel
July - August 2023



ITINERARY

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

DES MOINES > KILIMANJARO

NAIROBI > LIVINGSTONE

VICTORIA FALLS > DES MOINES

DAY 1

ARRIVAL-ARUSHA

27 JUL

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be met by an Acacia Holidays representative who will transfer you and your luggage to the nearby Lake Duluti Serena. Arusha is a vibrant and bustling town as it is the gateway to Tanzania's national parks and game reserves. Tomorrow, you set out on safari. Nestled in the foothills of Mt Meru, your villa is set among the evergreen coffee fields of this former coffee plantation. Designed to echo the style of the colonial coffee farm that once stood on the site, your accommodations consist of tastefully styled rooms set amid extensively landscaped grounds.

The nation of Tanzania conjures excitement and adventure. Its landscape is stunning and its beauty unmatched. Natural resources abound: Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain; Lake Tanganyika, Africa's deepest lake; and Lake Victoria, the world's second largest lake and the source of the Nile. Tanzania's riches also include game parks of international fame: Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti, Lake Manyara, plus the less-frequented Selous and Ruaha where wildlife roams in teeming numbers. Nearly one quarter of Tanzania's 938,000 km² has been reserved for national parks and reserves.



OVERNIGHT: LAKE DULUTI SERENA



MEALS: UNDER OWN ARRANGMENTS

DAY 2**LAKE MANYARA - NGORONGORO****28 JUL**

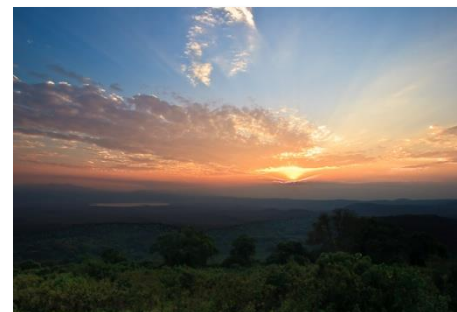
This morning, you wake to your first Tanzanian sunrise. After breakfast, we drive to Lake Manyara National Park, arriving in time for *picnic lunch*. After lunch, we set out for an afternoon game drive and hope to see the park's famous tree-climbing lions. A wealth of bird life and large game roam the park and its lake, with the cliffs of the Great Rift Valley forming a stunning backdrop to it all. Afterward we continue to Ol Deani Mountain Lodge, overlooking its namesake mountain. Rooms are set among gardens and feature spacious bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms with a luxurious second shower outdoors overlooking the landscape.

Ngorongoro Crater was an active volcano some eight million years ago whose cone collapsed, leaving a deep crater. It is the largest unbroken caldera in the world, the second largest extinct crater, and today shelters arguably the most beautiful wildlife haven left on earth with a spectacular concentration of animals and stunning views. This is undoubtedly the best place in Tanzania to see black rhinos as well as prides of lions with magnificent black-maned males. Elephant, leopard, buffalo, cheetah, zebra, warthog, a dozen antelope species, and nearly one hundred species of birds not found even in the Serengeti also live within its walls. The crater rim is wooded with mountain forest vegetation and is abloom in acres of pink, blue, and white lupines, candle white lilies, and blue hyacinth. The short grasses on the crater's floor make game easy to spot and photograph.

**OVERNIGHT: OL DEANI MOUNTAIN LODGE****MEALS: B/L/D**

DAY 3**NGORONGORO CRATER****29 JUL**

After breakfast, the driver guides your vehicle nearly 2,000 feet down into Ngorongoro Crater for a full day of exploration. In addition to viewing larger game, we will drive across the dense forest on the rim to the soda lake to view the outstanding bird life. Today, we enjoy a picnic lunch in the crater itself and ascend back to the lodge for a *sundowner*, dinner and relaxation. An essential part of traditional safari life, the concept of having drinks whilst watching the sun go down dates to the time of the great safaris of the 1920's, all of which featured the serving of elegant 'bush' cocktails against the unforgettable backdrop of the African sunset.

**OVERNIGHT: OL DEANI MOUNTAIN LODGE****MEALS: B/L/D**

DAY 4**SERENGETI****30 JUL**

After another early morning breakfast overlooking the crater, you'll depart deeper into the bush for the Serengeti National Park where the spectacle of predator versus prey dominates Tanzania's greatest and oldest park. Enjoy your Lunch in at Naabi Gate while your guides check you in with the park rangers, whilst listening the multitude of bird songs and soaking in the beauty of the landscape. You'll arrive at your luxury tented camp just before dusk, pleasantly tired but brimming with excitement about your experiences during the day. Drop your gear, shower, and re-join the group for a delicious candlelit dinner in the main tent.

Get ready for an afternoon to remember as you set out in the company of an experienced tracker-guide to explore the expanses of the Serengeti. The park is world renowned for its healthy populations of resident wildlife species, in particular the African Big Five: buffaloes, elephants, rhinoceroses, leopards and lions. Although sightings are considered a rarity, a small group of black rhinoceros also lives within the park grounds. Heavy concentrations of wildebeest, topi, gazelle, waterbuck, and Coke's hartebeest ensure that local carnivores including cheetah, hyenas and African wild dog are present. The park is also home to more than 500 species of birds, including ostriches, crowned cranes, marabou storks and secretary birds; some of the most sought-after and photogenic birds on the planet. The Western Corridor area offers unique animal sighting opportunities during the Migration, from May to July, and the possibility to admire the landscape. The latter includes rivers, valleys, hills and alluvial plains. These sceneries are definitely different from the ones found in the Southern Serengeti plains.

**OVERNIGHT: KIRAWIRA SERENA CAMP****MEALS: B/L/D**

DAY 5**SERENGETI****31 JUL**

This morning, you set out after an early breakfast amongst the splendor of an African sunrise for a full day of game viewing. Negotiating the roads and tracks away from the camp, you are transported into a world of timeless natural wonder; one where the sights, sounds, and pageantry of life continue on just as they have for thousands of years. As the day progresses, your driver's deep knowledge of the land becomes apparent as he leads you to one spot of outstanding beauty after the next, allowing you to observe the wildlife quietly and at your leisure. As the animals take refuge from the hot mid-day sun, you find a secluded spot to stop and enjoy a picnic lunch before pressing on. You arrive back at the camp at dusk, pleasantly tired after an exhilarating day. After a well-deserved hot shower, you head to the camp for dinner. Take your after-dinner drink on your verandah if you wish, watching the wildlife grazing nearby. The atmosphere is remarkably peaceful as night falls, leaving you with dreams of this diverse and wonderful country.

**OVERNIGHT: KIRAWIRA SERENA CAMP****MEALS: B/L/D**

DAY 6**MAASAI MARA****01 AUG**

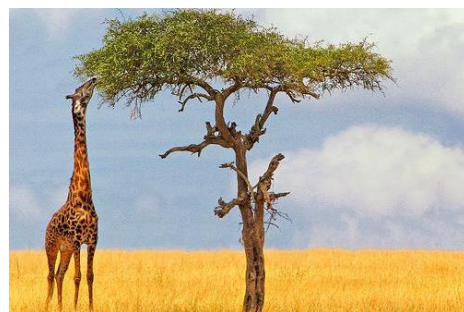
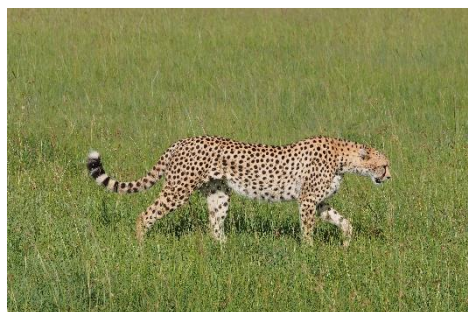
After an early breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to the border town of Isebania where we make our way into Kenya and the Masai Mara. Your driver will assist you with customs and immigration formalities. After a picnic lunch, you re-join your vehicle and continue to Basecamp Masai Mara. After dinner, unwind on your private veranda as you observe the action in the river below. Situated along the Talek river in a tropical forest, you share camp with the birds and monkeys in the trees outside. The Masai Mara National Reserve is just across the river, home to the highest density of wildlife in the world, the Big 5, and the 7th wonder of the world- The Wildebeest Migration. You will cross a suspension bridge from camp into the adjacent reserve where your Land Cruisers are waiting to take you on safari.

**OVERNIGHT: BASECAMP MASAI MARA****MEALS: B/L/D**

DAYS 7 & 8**MAASAI MARA****02 & 03 AUG**

Two full days of game drives, cultural interaction, and conservation activities in the Maasai Mara. Basecamp offers wonderful opportunities to interact with the local Maasai, learn about reforestation efforts, and several other programs designed to enrich both your visit and the lives of local resident.

The Maasai Mara Game Reserve is widely considered to be one of Africa's greatest reserves, where the Maasai community co-exists in harmony with the local fauna. The co-existence of man and wildlife makes this one of the world's most unique wilderness regions. The Mara is home to a breathtaking array of life. The vast grasslands are teeming with herds of zebra, giraffe, gazelle, and topi. The acacia forests abound with monkeys and bird life. Elephants and buffalo wallow in the wide Musiara Swamp while the Mara and Talek rivers brim with hippos and crocodiles. From July through October, the Mara plays host to one of the greatest spectacles on the planet as millions of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and topi head north from Tanzania into Kenya. Those fortunate enough to witness The Great Migration are treated to spectacular viewing and photographic opportunities.

**OVERNIGHT: BASECAMP MASAI MARA****MEALS: B/L/D**

DAY 9**LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK****04 AUG**

After an early breakfast, we drive to Lake Nakuru National Park arriving in time for lunch at the beautiful Lake Elementeita Serena. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in the park, returning to the camp for dinner and overnight. Among its wide variety of wildlife, Lake Nakuru is especially famous for its vast flocks of flamingoes. In some months, these birds are so abundant that they seem to form a pink band along the lakeshore. Other notable inhabitants of the park include giraffe, buffalo, waterbuck, lion, and rhinoceros.

**OVERNIGHT: LAKE ELEMENTEITA SERENA****MEALS: B/L/D**

DAYS 10 & 11**OL PEJETA****05 & 06 AUG**

Day 10: After breakfast this morning, we drive to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, a private game sanctuary situated on the Laikipia Plains near Mount Kenya, arriving in time for lunch at the Sweetwaters Tented Camp. Built on the grounds of a colonial-era farm inside the conservancy itself, Sweetwaters is the perfect base for exploring Ol Pejeta. After settling into your accommodations, set out into the bush for your game-viewing drive. Later this afternoon, you will tour Sweetwater's Chimpanzee Sanctuary, the only facility of its kind in Kenya. Upon your return to camp, you can relax on your private verandah overlooking the camp's water hole, take a dip in the pool, or catalog the day's haul of wildlife photographs. After dinner, relax by the fire or retire to the wonderful ambiance of your tent. Your tents are in the camp's upscale Moran Wing located at ground-level next to the watering-hole.

Day 11: A full day of game drives and activities in Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

**OVERNIGHT: SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP****MEALS: B/L/D**

After breakfast, we depart for Nairobi via Kiambu for a coffee tour and lunch at the Fairview Coffee Estate. After the tour, we return to Nairobi where you will be transferred to Carnivore Restaurant for a farewell meal. Guests returning to Des Moines will depart for Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for their flights home. Guests continuing to Victoria Falls will overnight at The Norfolk Hotel.

The Carnivore Restaurant is renowned for its variety of exotic meats and famous “dawa” cocktails. A uniquely Kenyan take on the Brazilian churrascaria, an enormous variety of meat is roasted on huge metal spears over a hot coal fire and carved at your table onto piping hot plates. Fresh salads, unusual side dishes, and assorted sauces accompany beef, pork, lamb, goat, sausages, chicken, ostrich, and occasionally crocodile.

Since opening its doors in 1904, The Norfolk Hotel has welcomed a steady stream of dignitaries and safari-goers. A true Kenyan landmark, it is an oasis of calm, refined luxury in the heart of bustling Nairobi. Dinner tonight is under own arrangements at the Norfolk Hotel.

GUESTS RETURNING TO DES MOINES WILL DEPART THIS EVENING FROM NAIROBI

GUESTS CONTINUING TO VICTORIA FALLS WILL OVERNIGHT AT THE NORFOLK HOTEL



OVERNIGHT: THE NORFOLK HOTEL

MEALS: B/L

DAY 13**VICTORIA FALLS****08 AUG**

Early this morning, you are transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in time for your flight to Livingstone, Zambia. You will purchase your dual Zimbabwe-Zambia Kaza Univisa upon arrival and your guide will meet you once you have left the secure portion of the airport. The short drive through Livingstone will bring you to the Zimbabwe border, across the historic rail bridge, and onwards into Zimbabwe and Ilala Lodge, adjacent to the national park. Check in, freshen up and, take your lunch at the hotel or nearby restaurants. You will depart for a walking tour of the falls early this afternoon before embarking on a sunset river cruise on the Zambezi in the early evening.

Victoria Falls rests on the banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls and its popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travelers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the vast Victoria Falls. About two thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay.

**OVERNIGHT: ILALA LODGE****MEALS: UNDER OWN ACCOUNT**

DAY 14**ZAMBEZI WALKING & DRIVING SAFARI****09 AUG**

Today's activity is a special full-day walking and driving safari along the Zambezi River in Zambezi National Park. Enter the upper Zambezi National Park and start with a two and a half hour walking safari, following game trails in search of the many species of animals and birds that inhabit this stunning area of the Zambezi River. Walking safaris will depend on what you see on the ground in the morning/afternoon either following and tracking game of interest or walking from designated area to area depending on the time of the year. Lunch will be served on the banks of the Zambezi River. The afternoon will consist of driving through to Chamabonda Vlei stopping at any sightings that may be of interest. Chamabonda Vlei has lookout points as well as waterholes where a variety of game can be observed coming down to drink. Bird life in the Chamabonda Vlei is well renowned and a must for all birders. Afternoon refreshments and sundowners in the bush will be served.

**OVERNIGHT: ILALA LODGE****MEALS: B/L**

DAY 15

DEPARTURE & FAREWELL

10 AUG

Your final day in Africa! Depending on your flight schedule, you may have an extra half-day for shopping or activities.

***** END OF ACACIA HOLIDAYS ARRANGEMENTS *****

MEALS: B

OPTIONAL BALLOON SAFARI

The Balloon Safari is a popular excursion and can be added to a safari that includes a night at any of the camps/lodges in the *Mara* or *Serengeti*. Meeting your pilot early this morning, you will receive a briefing and watch as the balloon is inflated. You lift-off at dawn, rising with the sun and gently float in whichever direction the winds of the morning take you. Below are the majestic plains of the African savannah, teeming with life. At times, your balloon will be piloted at treetop level, offering unique perspectives of the wildlife and many great photo opportunities. Other times, the pilot will ascend to nearly 1,000 feet, offering a breath-taking perspective of the Mara, allowing you to appreciate its profound size. On landing, enjoy a delicious champagne breakfast served in the bush under an acacia tree. Total flight time from lift-off until touch-down is approximately one to two hours, depending on the morning's winds.



S U M M A R Y

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ITINERARY: Safari: Arusha | Lake Manyara | Ngorongoro | Serengeti | Maasai Mara | Lake Elementeita | Ol Pejeta | Nairobi

Post-Safari: Nairobi | Victoria Falls

DURATION: Safari: 12 Days | 11 Nights

Post-Safari: 3 Days | 3 Nights

LAND ONLY (USD)	TANZANIA & KENYA MIGRATION SAFARI	VICTORIA FALLS POST-SAFARI
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Per Person Sharing	\$11,760	\$1,970
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Single Room Supplement	\$2,460	\$480
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Optional Supplements: Balloon Safari: \$550 pp in Maasai Mara | \$600 pp in Serengeti

Deposits: 25% non-refundable to confirm reservation | 25% non-refundable due January 21 | 50% final due April 21
Estimated Airfare: DSM/JRO/NBO/DSM: \$2,350 | DSM/JRO/NBO/LVI/VFA/DSM: \$3,260

Tanzania & Kenya Migration Safari - Costs Include:

- All airport and activity transfers
- Exclusive use of English-speaking guides
- Exclusive use of 4x4 Land Cruisers
- Bottled mineral water during game drives / overland travel
- Full board accommodation while on safari
- Overnight accommodation and breakfast in Arusha
- Ngorongoro Crater Sundowners
- Lake Manyara Picnic Lunch
- Serengeti Bush Dinner
- Ol Pejeta School Visit
- All park entrance fees
- Game drives as specified in the itinerary
- All Kenyan & Tanzanian government taxes & service charges
- Flying Doctors evacuation service

Victoria Falls – Cost Include

- All airport and activity transfers
- Overnight accommodation in Nairobi (Day 12)
- All park entrance fees – see exception
- Overnight accommodation and breakfast in Victoria Falls
- Walking Tour of Victoria Falls
- Zambezi River Sunset Cruise
- Full-Day Zambezi National Park Walking & Driving Safari
- Picnic lunch on Zambezi River
- Bush sundowners
- All government taxes & service charges

Tanzania & Kenya Migration Safari - Costs Exclude

- **International flights to Arusha (JRO) / From Nairobi (NBO)**
- All items of a personal nature
- Laundry
- Bottled water & alcoholic beverages while in camp
- Tips and gratuities
- Telephone calls
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Add-ons and supplements (balloon safari)
- All other items not mentioned in inclusions

Victoria Falls – Costs Exclude

- **International flights to/from Victoria Falls (VFA)**
- All items of a personal nature
- Laundry
- Bottled water & alcoholic beverages at hotel
- Tips and gratuities
- Telephone calls
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Add-ons and supplements (Livingstone Island Tour)
- All other items not mentioned in inclusions
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary



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