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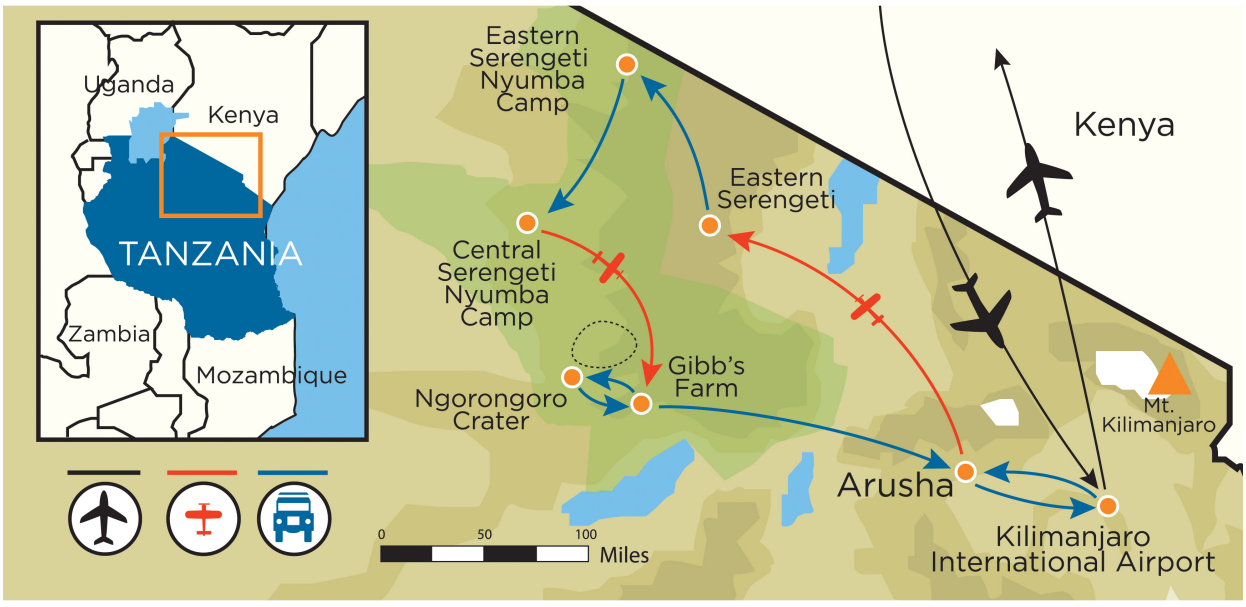
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience wildlife viewing drives in Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater to spot Africa's Big Five, colorful birdlife, and dozens of species of African animals
- Get to know talented naturalist wildlife guides and learn about wildlife conservation in Tanzania
- Spend time with Maasai women, learning about what their lives are like in a polygamous society
- Stay in comfortable safari camps falling asleep to wildlife calls, then enjoy classic farm-to-table cuisine at Gibb's Farm

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

Day 1	arrive in Tanzania
Day 2	fly to a private nature refuge, visit a Maasai boma
Day 3	hike among wildlife, hear stories from a Maasai storyteller
Day 4	cultural exchange with Maasai women, night wildlife drive
Day 5	wildlife viewing in the Serengeti
Day 6	spend a full day in the Serengeti
Day 7	optional dawn hot air balloon ride, continue wildlife viewing
Day 8	fly to the Great Rift Valley, relax at Gibb's Farm
Day 9	full day in Ngorongoro Crater, farewell dinner
Day 10	visit a local arts center, depart Tanzania

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: $6,790
Optional Single Accommodations: $850
Internal Air: $675

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DAY 1
Thursday
5/20/21

Arrival into Arusha

Exploring Tanzania with AdventureWomen is the perfect choice for a first-time safari, where you'll get to stay in custom-designed glamping tents, travel with expert naturalist guides, immerse yourself in local culture, and best of all, see more African wildlife than you could have imagined!

During your adventure you'll get to know your Tanzanian guides, experts in wildlife spotting and behavior, and the driver of your customized, four-wheel-drive Land Rover Defender, complete with a pop-top roof for wildlife viewing and a window seat for each of you. You are also accompanied by an AdventureWomen Ambassador, committed to helping make your experience a fun and personally rewarding adventure, and cheering you on as you reach beyond your comfort zone to take on new challenges in your own unique way!

Arrival Information	Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). One group transfer is provided for the Delta/KLM arrival today. Private transfers for other arrivals are available for an additional fee.
Pick-up and Transfer	You will be picked up at Kilimanjaro Airport and transferred to your comfortable lodge.
Light Snack	Enjoy a light snack at the lodge before turning in for the night. Your adventure starts early tomorrow!

Accommodations
Mount Meru Game Lodge
Meals Included
snack

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DAY 2
Friday
5/21/21

Arusha to Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem

Begin your Tanzania safari adventure with a scenic flight to the Eastern Serengeti ecosystem, where you'll enjoy an exciting stay in an airy and beautiful tent, or nyumba, perfectly placed to allow better views of passing zebras, elands, giraffes, and exotic birds. The rustic comforts of your nyumba and full-service camp offer the quintessential bush safari experience.

Flight to the Eastern Serengeti	Have breakfast with your group before driving to the small Arusha Airport. Take a short scenic flight from Arusha to the eastern Serengeti ecosystem.
Meet Your Guide	Your guide will welcome your group at the remote airstrip. He will accompany you throughout your safari, offering cultural insights, wildlife spotting expertise and in-depth knowledge of wildlife behavior.
Introduction to the Nature Refuge	Enjoy a brief tour and history of the 10,000+ acre refuge as you make your way to camp. Enjoy wildlife viewing along the way, one of the tangible results of conservation efforts in the area. Giraffe, eland, dik dik, ostrich, leopard, and even wild dog can be seen in this unique wildlife haven.
Maasai Boma Visit	Immerse yourself in the semi-nomadic culture of the Maasai by visiting a boma, which is a settlement of circular mud-and-dung Maasai homes. Learn more about their extraordinary culture as you tour the boma and take in the scenes of village life.
Welcome Dinner	Enjoy a welcome dinner and the full Tanzanian hospitality that comes with it!

Accommodations
Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

Meals Included
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DAY 3
Saturday
5/22/21

Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem

As you get to know this special place, you will probably come across a half-mile long creekbed lined by whistling thorn trees and umbrella acacias. The trickling seasonal stream is a humble, yet incredibly important part of this ecosystem and represents the spirit of symbiosis that makes this place so unique. During your stay at the refuge, you will have many opportunities to explore the wilderness and the culture of the Maasai.

Morning Hike

Enjoy a light breakfast before heading out on a morning hike. The terrain will be fairly mild, but make sure that you've got comfortable shoes with good traction. Being out on the plains on foot at this time of day is magical.

Visit a Community Development Project

Visit a school, teachers' housing, or medical dispensary to learn how tourism can impact the community in positive ways through collaboration and understanding.

Afternoon Wildlife Viewing

Enjoy wildlife viewing this afternoon in the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem. Be on the lookout for rarer species, such as the bat-eared fox and the smaller animals that are sometimes overlooked, such as the mongoose, hyrax, dik dik, and klipspringer.

Maasai Storyteller

Maasai elder Nekaaki Kioki is a feisty grandmother and fantastic storyteller. She knows hundreds of Maasai folktales and tells them in a truly dramatic fashion. Travelers usually gather around the campfire to listen to her tell folktales, which are translated into English.

Accommodations
Eastern Serengeti Nyumba
Meals Included
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DAY 4
Sunday
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Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem

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Enjipai Women's Group Visit

The Enjipai Women's Group was formed by a small group of Maasai women with a great entrepreneurial spirit. Now numbering over 100 members, the collaborative already has several successful microfinance initiatives underway. This is a precious opportunity to learn about their very different lives: raising kids in the remote villages, being one of multiple wives, their traditional, gender-defined domestic roles, and becoming entrepreneurs.

Cultural Exchange

Sit down this afternoon with a small group of local Maasai women and a translator to have a conversation about a particular topic (to be determined prior to your trip). No men will be present during this conversation, so you will have a chance to share details of your life as well as to ask questions of the local women. This is a unique opportunity to connect with the Maasai on a deeper level.

Night Wildlife Viewing Drive

Hop in the vehicles after dark for a night drive in the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem. Night drives offer thrills and possible sightings of nocturnal creatures, such as spring hares, aardvarks, and porcupines. More than anything, the night drive offers an adventure few travelers in Tanzania have the chance to experience.

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Meals Included
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DAY 5
Monday
5/24/21

Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem to the Serengeti

Head west with your AdventureWomen friends 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 roads might be a bit rough, but the reward is well worth it as the Serengeti unfolds before you.

Wildlife Viewing en Route

Enjoy the journey to your next Nyumba camp, as there will be plenty to see along the way. Perhaps you will come across a chase between predator and prey; maybe you will spot a wake of vultures; or maybe you will be lucky enough to find a leopard relaxing high in the limbs of an acacia tree.

Boxed Lunch

Enjoy a boxed lunch along the way to maximize your time with the wildlife.

Afternoon Wildlife Viewing

Spend an afternoon wildlife viewing in the Serengeti. 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.

Enjoy Your Nyumba

Enjoy your Nyumba, whether you get in a workout with a Keep Fit Kit, learn a traditional Tanzanian game from your guide, write in your journal, or simply put up your feet and relax with a drink by the campfire.

Accommodations
Central Serengeti Nyumba
Meals Included
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DAY 6
Tuesday
5/25/21

Serengeti National Park

The most social of the big cats, lions live in groups called prides, comprised mostly of females and cubs and only one or two adult males. Typically prides have 6-12 lions but can sometimes have more than 30 members. 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, 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.

Explore the Serengeti

There is nothing as marvelous as traversing the plains of the Serengeti just after dawn and through the morning hours. Look for herds of wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, impala, eland, topi, and more out on the savannah.

Explore the pristine landscapes of the Serengeti with your 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.

Relax at Your Nyumba

Enjoy your Nyumba, Swahili for "home", this evening.

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DAY 7
Wednesday
5/26/21

Serengeti National Park

Most of us know about the "Great Migration" from nature programs that capture some of the most thrilling 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 in search of food and water. 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.

Optional Serengeti Balloon Excursion

Those with advance reservations will have the opportunity to balloon across the plains during one of your mornings in the Serengeti. A pre-dawn wake-up call leaves you time to drive to the balloon launch site in order to catch the most dramatic light. Take to the skies just as the sun rises. Glide over the plains and acacia treetops, taking in spectacular views of the Seronera River Valley and the surrounding plains. After your descent, enjoy a magnificent champagne breakfast right in the midst of the Serengeti wilderness.

Explore Camp with Your Guide

For those who opt not to take the balloon excursion, there is much to discover within arm's reach of camp; learn how to identify animal footprints and bird calls with your guide.

Continue Wildlife Viewing

Enjoy a picnic lunch in a scenic spot. This afternoon, spend more time seeking out wildlife and exploring 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.

Accommodations
Central Serengeti Nyumba
Meals Included
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DAY 8
Thursday
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Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Highlands

Bid farewell to the flat grass plains of the Serengeti; your next stop is the Ngorongoro Highlands. Known for its red soil and lush landscapes, the Highlands sprawl over hills and valleys. Everywhere you look will unveil a new view, a new beauty, and a new adventure.

Fly to the Ngorongoro Highlands	Take a scenic flight from the Serengeti to the Ngorongoro Highlands.
Lunch at Gibb's Farm	Savor lunch at Gibb's Farm, where nearly every ingredient comes fresh from the estate's organic farm. With delicacies to suit every palate, this is sure to be a memorable meal.
Gibb's Farm Optional Afternoon Activities	You may choose to spend the afternoon relaxing on the veranda with tea or taking advantage of innumerable optional activities: a farm or garden tour, bird watching, coffee roasting, and more.
Walking at Gibb's Farm	Take a leisurely stroll on your own through the gardens at Gibb's Farm to stretch your legs. Enjoy the quiet atmosphere, the abundance of beautiful plantings and the views out into the surrounding highlands.

Accommodations
Gibb's Farm

Meals Included
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DAY 9
Friday
5/28/21

Ngorongoro Highlands

Established in the late 1950s, Ngorongoro Conservation Area balances wildlife preservation alongside human settlements. Resident wildlife populations in the crater and seasonal migratory populations around the Serengeti make this an integral part of Tanzania's ecology.

Visit Ngorongoro Crater	Visit the Ngorongoro Crater, where you are likely to find an abundance of wildlife. With luck, you might even see rhinoceros and big cats, such as lion and cheetah. The diversity of species often inspires awe, from baboons and elephants in the Lerai Forest to wildebeest and mountain reedbuck over the crater's grassy floor.
Picnic Lunch	To maximize your wildlife viewing time on the crater floor, enjoy your picnic lunch near a hippo pool.
Gibb's Farm Tembo Fire	This evening, 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.
Farewell Dinner	Enjoy your farewell dinner in Tanzania, giving you time to reflect on the many sights, adventures, and experiences that you will remember for years and years to come.

Accommodations
Gibb's Farm

Meals Included
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DAY 10
Saturday
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Depart Tanzania

Depart the highlands for Arusha, where, after a day of leisurely activities, you will catch your departing flight. As you bid farewell to Tanzania, think of all the fabulous stories and photos of your adventure, which you will share with friends and family when you arrive home and for years to come.

Cultural Heritage Center	A shopping mainstay in Arusha, the Cultural Heritage Center attracts many travelers each year with its abundance of wooden carvings, artifacts, apparel, and crafts. The center also has Tanzanite and other gemstones for sale.
Lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge	Enjoy a special farewell lunch in Arusha. Visit the adjoining Shanga workshop where physically challenged artisans create remarkable jewelry, learn glassblowing, and sell their work.
Day Room	Enjoy a day room in Arusha, resting up and readying yourself for your departure.
Farewell Snack	Enjoy a nutritious snack, including a variety of nuts, fruit, vegetables and other treats to enjoy now or on your flight home.
Transfer to the Airport	Say goodbye to your new AdventureWomen friends as you transfer to the airport for your flights home.
Departure Information	Depart from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) this evening. One group transfer is included for the Delta/KLM flight this evening. Private transfers for other departures are available for an additional fee.

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

Accommodations
Mount Meru Hotel

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch, snack

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Accommodation Details

Mount Meru Game Lodge

This former private residence is a unique property located on the outskirts of Arusha; it has been a refuge for injured or orphaned animals for over 15 years. Homey, comfortable cottages are placed throughout the garden, while in the main building, an elegant lounge and dining area offer a quiet place to relax and share safari stories. At one end of the picturesque garden, there is a semi-enclosed park-like setting where marabou stork, zebra, gazelle, warthog and even elephant recover from injuries obtained in the wild. Depending on their condition, every effort is made to reintroduce them to the wild.

Amenities: Soap, shampoo; electricity; Wifi

Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

Your Nyumba offers exquisite, environmentally responsible comforts and personalized care. En-suite bathrooms have water-saving safari showers and self-contained, pump-flush toilets. Enjoy a refreshing beverage at your private verandah as you look out to the acacia-covered plains where giraffe, wildebeest, and gazelle sometimes graze. This is Tanzania at its boundless magical best.

Amenities: En-suite bath with pump-flush camp toilets and safari showers; soap, shampoo, conditioner

Central Serengeti Nyumba

Your nyumba is a spacious, walk-in tent, where you will find all the comforts you need out in the bush: artfully crafted furnishings, cozy bedding with fine linens, solar-powered, eco-friendly lighting, and an en suite bathroom with shower and self-contained pump-flush toilet.

Amenities: En-suite bath with pump-flush camp toilets and safari showers; soap, shampoo, conditioner

Gibb's Farm

Travel + Leisure's Best Safari Lodge in Africa – Gibb's Farm is a getaway for the senses hidden in the rolling hills of the Ngorongoro Highlands. Enjoy an afternoon at the spa, an evening on your private veranda, a dinner decked with fresh farm-to-table delicacies and rich South African wines as this world class lodge caters to your every indulgence. The country's longest-standing farm and coffee plantation, Gibb's Farm delivers its peaceful comforts with authentic East African flair.

Amenities: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer; electricity; Wifi

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Accommodation Details

Mount Meru Hotel

An Arusha mainstay near the busy downtown area, the Mount Meru Hotel sits on a 15-acre garden and provides comfortable, modern accommodations. Amenities include cable TV in all rooms, internet access, currency exchange facilities, concierge, massage services, babysitting on request, playground for children, outdoor swimming pool, sun bed, a volleyball court, and a nearby golf course. The Themi Grill serves both international and African cuisine.

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Included:

- Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- All meals as listed in the itinerary
- All park fees
- Services of professional safari guides and drivers
- Services of Nyumba camp staff including chef and waitstaff
- Land transportation in a customized safari vehicle
- Guaranteed window seating in safari vehicles
- Unlimited mileage in safari vehicles
- Flights within Tanzania as indicated in the itinerary (priced
- Activities as indicated in the itinerary
- Drinking water available in large jugs to refill personal bottles
- Airport transfers for Delta/KLM flights on scheduled
- Baggage handling

Not Included:

- International airfare to and from Tanzania
- Optional activities
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and camp staff