



Tanzania Wildlife and Culture Safari for Women

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I am pleased to present an extraordinary journey to East Africa where “off the beaten path” meets a wealth of culture, wildlife, and diverse peoples, eager to share their land and history with you. This exclusive, 10-day safari was thoughtfully crafted to explore the best of Tanzania while treading lightly through spectacular ecosystems.

Specially arranged meetings with local representatives will provide the cultural and intellectual insights that you have come to expect from Travel by Tatten. You will leave Tanzania with a better understanding of the challenges and accomplishments of life in a developing nation. And of course you’ll experience spectacular wildlife-viewing making memories that will last a lifetime.

I love this program and look forward to sharing it with you!

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads 'Linda'.

Detailed Itinerary

18 October 2014 **Depart from home**

19 October 2014 **Arrival into Arusha**

Upon arrival into Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), we will be warmly welcomed by Thomson Safaris staff, who will transfer us to our comfortable lodge.

Accommodations: Rivertrees Country Inn



20 October 2014 **Arusha to Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem**

Fly from Arusha to the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem on a brief but scenic flight. As we journey from the airstrip to camp, our guides will give us a brief history of the 12,000-acre refuge. 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, dubbed "Giraffic Park" by one enthusiastic guest. This afternoon, stretch your legs on a brief but scenic walk (a luxury not available in the national parks).

Accommodations: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

21 October 2014 **Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem**

Enjoy a light breakfast before heading out on a morning walk. Being out on the plains on foot at this time of day is magical; the sun creeping above the horizon bathing the plains in a soft morning light. Later, we'll visit a school in a nearby Maasai village, where we'll learn more about the role of education in Maasai culture. This afternoon, meet Maasai elder Nekaaki Kioki, a feisty grandmother and fantastic storyteller. She knows hundreds of Maasai folktales and tells them in a truly dramatic fashion. After dinner, you may opt to take to the plains for a night drive. Because night drives are not permitted inside the national parks, few travelers in Tanzania have the chance to participate in such a unique experience.

Accommodations: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

22 October 2014 Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem to Serengeti National Park

On our way out of the Eastern Serengeti, we'll meet members of the Enjipai Women's Group, formed by a small group of Maasai women with a great entrepreneurial spirit. As we journey into the heart of Serengeti National Park, we'll be able to spot loads of wildlife. The big cats often spend these hours lying drowsily on the granite outcroppings of rock (also known as *kopjes*) that dot the plains, or up in a tree, while antelope, zebra, giraffe and other animals continue to graze.

Accommodations: Northern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

23 October 2014 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 quietly, in search of food and water. While some antelope and hyena may follow the herds, other animals remain in their territories or have separate migratory patterns. The migration's most dramatic moments often occur when large numbers of wildebeest and zebra make river crossings, during which they must elude predators in a desperate fight for survival. There is no telling exactly when these highly dramatic movements will occur, but we are sure to see plenty of wildebeest and zebra.

Accommodations: Northern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

24 October 2014 Serengeti National Park

The Serengeti, Tanzania's second-largest national park, covers nearly 6,000 square miles of grassland plains, savannah, kopjes, hills, woodlands, and riverine forests. Multiple river systems in the region serve as critical water sources, making them excellent sites for wildlife viewing and we'll spend the entire day exploring. Look for lion sunning themselves on the islands of rock rising above the waving grasses. Marvel at the graceful giraffes, plucking leaves from the tops of the acacia trees. Hyena, zebra, topi, hartebeest, ostrich, and jackal: the full diversity of wildlife and habitats in the Serengeti is nearly endless.



Accommodations: Central Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

25 October 2014 Serengeti National Park

Those with advance reservations will have the opportunity to view the Serengeti from a truly unique vantage-point: floating high above in a hot-air balloon. You'll head to the launch site before daybreak, beginning your ascent just as the sun starts to rise over the stunning plains below. After a breathtakingly beautiful flight, you'll be greeted with champagne and a full English breakfast. 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. For the remainder of the day, we'll spend more time seeking out wildlife and exploring the Serengeti's rich landscapes.

Accommodations: Central Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

26 October 2014 Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Highlands

As we follow the meandering path out of Serengeti National Park, take in the gorgeous scenery and wildlife before moving on to the next part of your adventure. Make a short stop at Oldupai Gorge, a deep ravine and the site where fossilized remains of animals and hominids that date as far back as two million years were discovered. A brief lecture and small museum tour are included. After settling in at Gibb's Farm, you may choose to spend the afternoon relaxing on the verandah with tea, or take advantage of innumerable optional activities, including bike tours of the highlands, guided walking tours of the coffee estate's extensive grounds, or Maasai-inspired spa treatments.

Accommodations: Gibb's Farm (BLD)

27 October 2014 Ngorongoro Crater

Early this morning, we'll depart for Ngorongoro Crater, a self-contained ecosystem teeming with wildlife. Often called "Africa's Eden," this caldera is one of the few places on earth where it is possible to see all of the Big Five in just one day. And that's just the beginning: baboons and warthog in the Leraï Forest, hundreds of brilliantly pink flamingo around Lake Magadi, and clusters of wildebeest and zebra call this ecological wonder home. To maximize our wildlife viewing time, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch near a hippo pool. This evening before our farewell dinner, 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—were 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.

Accommodations: Gibb's Farm (BLD)

28 October 2014 Arusha/Depart

Rise early to take in the delightful chorus of songbirds from your verandah. Heading back to Arusha, we will make a brief stop at the Cultural Heritage Center which offers an abundance of wooden carvings, artifacts, apparel, and crafts. While the center caters mostly to tourists, they also have a separate wing that displays some of the finest African art in Tanzania. During a special farewell lunch at River House, we will have time to say goodbye and visit the heartwarming Shanga workshop. This socially conscious business creates new jobs and a sense of purpose for disabled local people who had few, if any, employment opportunities elsewhere. After, we will transfer to a day room so you can freshen up and enjoy a light snack before our evening flights home.

Accommodations: Day Room at Mount Meru Hotel (BL Snack)

29 October 2014 Arrive home

Pre- and Post-Safari Extensions

No extensions are offered in conjunction with this trip. However, the experts at Thomson Safaris are happy to arrange customized extensions upon request.

Please note: Thomson Safaris (TS) will attempt to adhere to this itinerary as much as possible. Any unforeseeable changes in fees, such as fuel surcharges, increased park fees or other fees that are out of TS control will be the responsibility of the guest. Some conditions (political, climatic, environmental, cultural, or wildlife migrations) may also necessitate changes in the itinerary. TS 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 participant.

On Safari in Tanzania

What to Expect

Our itinerary is specially designed to maximize cultural and wildlife-viewing experiences as well as your comfort. There is virtually no bad time to visit Tanzania. Rains in late November and April motivate the perpetual movement of animals in search of water (also known as The Great Migration). The climate is typically dry, sunny, and warm. Expect temperatures with daytime highs in the 80's and lows in the 50's in the evenings and early mornings. Temperatures will be cooler at higher elevations, such as in the Ngorongoro Highlands.

Activity Level

This tour involves exposure to the outdoors and full days of touring. While not an overly active safari, guests should be in good physical condition in order to enjoy it to the fullest. Early morning is the best time for wildlife-viewing and drives may last up to five hours on bumpy, dusty, and occasionally muddy roads. Since your comfort is a priority, these drives are minimized with wildlife viewing and/or cultural stops along the way. Keep Fit Kits are available at every camp for anyone interested in additional exercise.

Sustainable Travel

Recently named one of Travel + Leisure's 2013 World's Best in the category of Top Safari Outfitters, I selected Thomson Safaris to be the tour operator for this trip because of their extensive expertise in northern Tanzania and award-winning reputation in the adventure travel business. Working exclusively in Tanzania for over 33 years, they are leaders in ethical, sustainable, and responsible tourism.

Experienced Guides

Thomson Safaris was one of the first safari operators in Tanzania to insist on local, Tanzanian guides. All Thomson guides have a minimum of 10 years' experience in the field. More than just leaders and wildlife experts, they are true ambassadors for Tanzania. In addition to superior wildlife spotting skills, Thomson's guides offer local insight that can't be found in guidebooks and they are eager to share their country's treasures with you!

Transportation

You've gone halfway around the world to be on safari; you don't want to waste a single minute stuck in the mud or unable to cross the river. For that reason, Thomson Safaris uses specially customized Land Rover Defenders in northern Tanzania. These reliable, rugged vehicles are tough enough for river crossings, wild terrain, dirt roads, and anything that comes our way!

Benefits of the Thomson Safaris' Customized Land Rover:

- While the vehicle is built to accommodate 8 passengers, the limit is considerably less so that guests are guaranteed a window seat and have plenty of room to move around
- Better views because the seats have been lowered and 360° views when the roof is "popped up"
- Protection from the sun due to the pop-up roof
- Easy battery recharging via multiple US-style outlets in each vehicle
- Worry-free river crossings with a custom snorkel that keeps the engine going
- Complimentary snacks and bottled water, throughout the safari
- **No mileage restrictions** – we'll go wherever the wildlife is

Accommodations on Safari



Accommodations have been chosen for their unique African feel, stunning settings, and ideal proximity to attractions. All lodges are comfortable, have electricity and private bathrooms.

The camps, which were designed exclusively by Thomson, are called Nyumbas (Swahili for “home”). They are eco-friendly mobile camps set on private sites which allow direct access to wildlife. The large walk-in tents come with real beds dressed in deluxe linens. En suite bathrooms include water basins, showers, and self-contained, pump-flush toilets. Due to ecological and conservation issues, none of the camps have

fixed plumbing, and they utilize the abundant sunshine to provide solar-powered LED lighting. The camp chef prepares fresh gourmet meals from local ingredients, and restricted diets are easily accommodated with advance notice.

Accommodations for our trip include:

Rivertrees Country Inn, 1 night

Nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru, in view of Mount Kilimanjaro, this peaceful country estate combines simple elegance and modern convenience.

Thomson Eastern Serengeti Nyumba (2 nights)

Wake to exceptional views of the Serengeti’s remote savannah. After a day of adventure, you’ll appreciate the comforts of this private retreat.

Thomson Serengeti Nyumbas (4 nights at 2 different camps)

These semi-permanent, seasonal camps are strategically plotted across the Serengeti according to wildlife migration patterns. Each location offers comfort in the heart of the wilderness. With spacious tents, cozy bedding, and en suite bathrooms, you’ll have to take a look outside to remember that you’re deep in the bush. Best of all, with eco-friendly features like solar lighting, you’re not harming the landscape.

Gibb's Farm, 2 nights

Award-winning, eco-friendly Gibb’s Farm offers a variety of activities, adventures and opportunities to rejuvenate, from guided walks around the extensive grounds of this working coffee estate, to bike tours through the hills of the Ngorongoro highlands, to Maasai-inspired spa treatments.

Mount Meru Hotel, Day Use

The Mount Meru Hotel was recently renovated top to bottom, and the finished product offers reliable modern conveniences, a variety of dining options, a beautiful pool, and a central location. It is one of the best places to end our safari.

Price

\$5,990 per person

\$500 single accommodations

\$490 balloon safari in the Serengeti (optional)

*Price is based on double occupancy and do not include international airfare.

Included on Safari

- Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- Meals as noted in itinerary, inclusive of restaurant staff tips
- All National Park fees, village, school, and cultural visits as noted in itinerary
- Access to a personal safari consultant by phone or email who will provide preparation materials including helpful tips, packing list, trip expectations, tipping guidelines, etc.
- Daily safari briefings throughout the trip
- Services of Thomson Safaris guides, drivers, Nyumba staff including chef and wait staff
- Guaranteed window seating in vehicles in customized, 4-wheel drive Land Rover Defenders with unlimited mileage
- Scenic internal flight as noted in itinerary
- Complimentary bottled drinking water and snacks throughout your safari
- Group airport transfers on scheduled arrival and departure days
- Beer, wine, spirits and soda at welcome and farewell dinners

Not Included on Tanzania Safari

International round-trip flight to Tanzania; Gratuities for guides, drivers, and camp staff (approximately \$200-\$300US per traveler); Airline-imposed fuel surcharges, upgraded seat assignment and excess checked baggage fees; Meals and expenses en route to Tanzania; Fees for passport, visa, or immunizations; Cost of hospitalization or evacuation; Beer, wine, spirits, and soft drinks, laundry, phone, internet, and items of a personal nature.

Optional Hot Air Balloon Flight

Take in sweeping views of the African plains from a hot air balloon during your stay in the Serengeti. Launch at sunrise and, depending on wind conditions, float over the Seronera River Valley for 30 minutes to an hour. Upon descending, celebrate with a champagne toast, and enjoy a full English breakfast right on the savannah. You may see wildlife, but the most incredible part of the experience is the unforgettable bird's eye perspective as you skim over the tops of acacia trees and observe the pristine landscape from above.

\$490 per person

Advance reservations required; height and weight restrictions may apply

For Questions and How to Book

For questions on this or other Travel by Tatten departures, call Linda Tatten at the number(s) below or visit www.travelbytatten.com

If you are ready to book, call or complete the form below and submit by mail or email. A non-refundable deposit of \$700/person secures your space on safari and can be paid by credit card, or check, payable to Thomson Safaris. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be in the form of a check, bank check, or wire transfer.

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Airfare

International airfare is not included. Thomson Safaris is happy to make flight arrangements for you on Delta/KLM Airlines, or provide advice for you to coordinate your own. We will be using Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) as our arrival and departure airport in Tanzania.

Insurance

It is highly recommended that you consider purchasing trip insurance which offers comprehensive coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation, illness or accident as well as damage or loss of luggage. Information will be promptly sent to you following registration and payment of deposit.

Shares

Single accommodations are limited and cannot be guaranteed. Should you wish to share a room, we will attempt to find a roommate for you. If we are unable to provide a roommate by final invoice date, the single supplement fee will be assessed.

Cancellation and Refunds

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing to Thomson Safaris (either by mail or e-mail). At the time we receive your cancellation, the following per person cancellation penalties apply:

Up to 91 days before departure:	Deposit(s)
90-61 days before departure:	50% of the package price
60-46 days before departure:	65% of the package price
45 days or less before departure:	100% of the package price

Terms and Conditions

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Please reserve _____ space(s) for safari. \$700/person non-refundable deposit. Total deposit amount _____.

Charge my: [] Accept my check made payable to Thomson Safaris or [] Visa [] MasterCard [] American Express [] Discover

Card # 3 digit security code/ 7 digits for AMEX

Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on card

#1 First and last name Gender Date of birth

#2 First and last name Gender Date of birth

Address

City State Zip

Phone (H) (W)

E-mail

[] I would like more information on booking flights through Thomson Safaris in [] Business [] Economy My preferred gateway is _____.

[] Double room, rooming with (if other than #2 above)_____.

[] I would like a roommate. If one is not available, I will pay the additional supplement.

[] Single room \$500 supplement

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