Ultimate Family Safari
July 27 - August 5, 2016

Trip Summary:
Arrival/Departure airport(s): Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO)
This trip begins and ends in: Tanzania, Africa
Trip length: 10 days/9 nights (does not include flight time to and from Tanzania)
Spots available on trip: 10 - 20
Activity level: Suitable for all activity levels
Trip Dates: July 27 - August 5, 2016

National parks, landmarks, and trip highlights: Tarangire National Park, Lake Manyara National Park, Lake Eyasi and Datoga Tribe, Bushmen Tribe, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park, Cultural Heritage Center in Arusha, and HOP Kilimanjaro Kids Community.

Adult Price: $6,600 per person, based on double occupancy
Child Price: $5,800 per person, based on double occupancy
Trip Itinerary 10 days/9 nights

July 27:
- Arrive to Tanzania, Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- Transfer to Rivertrees Country Inn and enjoy a welcome reception
- Overnight: Rivertrees Country Inn
- Meals Included: welcome reception with food and drink

July 28:
- Breakfast at the lodge then drive past Arusha and across the Maasai Steppe to Tarangire National Park.
  Have a short game drive on the way to the lodge for lunch
- Afternoon games drive at Tarangire National Park, then proceed to camp for sundown
- Overnight: Balloon Camp Tarangire
- Meals Included: B/L/D

July 29:
- Optional morning hot-air balloon ride with a spectacular view of the Tarangire
- Enjoy spectacular views of the escarpment while doing the game drive
- Lunch at Lake Manyara Serena Lodge
- Afternoon at leisure
- Afternoon game drive Lake Manyara National Park
- Overnight: Lake Manyara Serena Lodge
- Meals Included: B/L/D

July 30:
- Breakfast at the lodge then drive to Lake Eyasi, arriving in time for lunch
- Afternoon visit to the Datoga village for a very interesting cultural experience
- Overnight: Kisima Ngeda, tented camp
- Meals Included: B/L/D

July 31:
- Early morning visit to the Hadzabe Tribe
- Breakfast at the lodge, then depart to visit the Hadzabe Tribe — arriving on time to find the Bushmen (hunters) bring back their kill from the hunt
- We will spend time with the tribe to learn about their culture and way of life from our special bushman guide who speaks their click language
- Lunch at a picnic site then an afternoon drive to Karatu town
- Overnight: Ngorongoro Farm House
- Meals Included: B/L/D

August 1:
- Breakfast at the lodge then descend into the crater floor of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area for an extensive tour of this natural zoo
- Packed lunch at a picnic site in the crater
- Afternoon game drive in the crater before ascending to the lodge
- Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge
- Meals Included: B/L/D
August 2:
• Early breakfast at the lodge, then depart to Serengeti National Park
• Lunch at a picnic site in the park
• Afternoon game drive en-route to the camp
• Stay at: Mbuzi Mawe Tented Camp
• Meals Included: B/L/D

August 3:
• Spend the day touring the vast endless plains of the Serengeti National Park, abundant with wildlife
• Game drive and meals times will be decided by guests and their safari guide, depending on what you have seen and would like to see/do
• Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
• Overnight: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
• Meals Included: B/L/D

August 4:
• Another day to explore new areas of the Serengeti, which boasts 5,700 square miles
• Return to the lodge for lunch and some free time before the afternoon game drive
• Dinner at Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
• Overnight: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
• Meals Included: B/L/D

August 5:
• Breakfast at the lodge, then transfer to Seronera airstrip for your flight to Arusha
• Visit the Cultural Heritage Center in Arusha
• Lunch at a local restaurant/hotel in Arusha
• Drive to HOP Kilimanjaro Kids Community in the afternoon for a site tour and spend time with the kids
• Then transfer to a day room at the KIA Lodge to rest or freshen up
• Transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for departure flight home
• Meals Included: B/L
Transportation

Guests will enjoy safari excursions and transportation in an 8-seat Land Cruiser 4x4 custom-made safari vehicle. All safari vehicles are equipped with a communication system manned by a professional English speaking driver/guide. The vehicles also include:

- Cooler / ice box
- Bottled water
- Guide books
- Binoculars

Additional Information — Culture and Tribes

Lake Eyasi
This 400 square mile, soda-water lake is nestled in the southwest corner of Ngorongoro Crater’s highlands. And is home to the Hadzabe bushmen, and Datoga and Mbulu tribes.

Datoga Tribe
The Datoga are linguistically and culturally classified as highland Nilotes. They are believed to have originated from Southern Sudan or western Ethiopia highlands, probably around 3,000 years ago. The Datoga can be identified by their prominent decoration of circular patterns around their eyes. These people are similar to the Maasai in culture. These formerly nomadic people have recently adopted agriculture.

Hadzabe Bushmen
This small tribe of hunter-gatherers is one of the last in Africa. They are one of the oldest lineages of humankind and speak a click language unrelated to any other language on earth. Most Hadzabe people have never seen a doctor or school, they are of the most primitive peoples left on the planet. A glimpse into their life will shed a new light on the bush country; a seemingly inhospitable area that provides everything they need for shelter, food, and medicine.
Tarangire National Park
This national park measures 1,600 squares miles and is Tanzania’s fifth largest park. The park is named after the Tarangire River that provides the only permanent water for wildlife in the area. The river is a lure for wildlife during the dry season when very big concentrations of elephant, buffalo, wildebeest and zebra flock along its banks. The Tarangire River runs up the center of the park while the gentle rolling hills interspersed with giant baobab trees, open acacia woodlands and seasonal swamps provide a spectacular and picturesque setting. Tarangire National Park is particularly well known for its large population of elephants. In addition to the migrating herbivores including elephant, buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, there are numerous resident animals that remain in the park year-round. Resident herbivores that you will likely encounter are banded mongoose, giraffe, bushbuck, rock hyrax, hartebeest, dik dik, impala, waterbuck, warthog and reedbuck.

Lake Manyara National Park
This park is a beautiful little park and is well known for its tree-climbing lions, elephants and large troops of baboons. The park is home to an amazing variety of birds and animals considering its small size. A short visit to this serene park will greatly diversify your safari experience as the lush green jungle habitat is of stark contrast to the other parks you will visit during your safari. Lake Manyara, the shallow alkaline water mass named after the park, covers two thirds of the park’s total area of 330 Kilometers square.

Ngorongoro Conservation Area
Area: 8,300 square kilometers/5,175 square miles

This area covers the world’s largest unbroken caldera, namely Ngorongoro crater and the Olduvai Gorge, where Dr. Louis Leaky discovered the origin of early man by unearthing jaws of the Zinjanthropus man. This protected area also includes huge expanses of highlands plains and volcanoes, scrub bush, and forests where the indigenous pastoralists – Maasai people are allowed to live within its boundaries.

The Ngorongoro Crater is a world heritage site and the world’s largest unbroken volcanic caldera which is often referred to as the 8th wonder of the world. The crater is 610 meters deep and 260km2. Breathtaking views of scenery and game can be witnessed from both the crater rim and within the crater floor.

It is estimated that over 25,000 larger mammals, mainly zebra and wildebeest, exist within the crater itself. Others include elephant, warthog, impala and buffalo. A rhino sighting is a rare possibility but Ngorongoro is your best chance in Tanzania to see the endangered black rhino. Flamingos and over 100 species of water birds are also found at the soda lake on the crater floor.
Serengeti National Park
This park is an immense park and with its unsurpassed concentrations of wildlife and its vast endless grasslands offers the finest game viewing anywhere in Africa. The Serengeti ecosystem is one of the oldest on earth and the annual wildlife migration, largest mass movement of land mammals on planet earth, is perhaps what makes it famous. Over a million wildebeest and zebras flow south from the northern hills to the southern plains for the short rains every October and November, and then go west and north after the long rains in April, May and June. Serengeti, characterized by the endless plains, acacia trees and punctuated by large stone kopjes presents an archetypal picture of a wild and remote Africa and supports an amazingly large number of wildlife. Animals present include lions, elephants, giraffes, gazelles, monkeys, eland, zebras, wildebeests, leopards, cheetahs, Serengeti’s essential features of climate, flora and fauna have barely changed in the past million years.

Included in the cost of the trip:
- Arrival and departure transfers and all transfers in Tanzania
- Chartered flight transfer from Seronera airstrip back to Arusha on August 5
- Transport to national parks, game drives, and park fees
- Tribe visits and transfers to the Kilimanjaro Kids Community
- WWTrek Western Lead Guide (Dean Cardinale)
- Local English-speaking, professional driver/guide
- Bottled water on safaris
- All accommodations and meals as noted on the daily itinerary

Not included in the cost of the trip:
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional add-ons: hot air balloon ride
- Alcoholic and/or bottled beverages
- Entrance fees to Olduvai & Massai Village
- International flight to Kilimanjaro Airport
- Passport and visa
- Traveler’s insurance
- Tips and gratuities for drivers, guides, and porters