

Wilderness Osunyai
11 Days of beautiful Tanzania
[June to November]

From walking or canoeing in Arusha National Park
Spend a few days in Tarangire National Park
Where herds of 3,000 elephants have been recorded
Enjoy walking and night time game drives from Osunyai
On to animal rich Ngorongoro Crater
And ever thriving Serengeti National Park

Enjoy your Safari Ernest Hemingway style!



Erik Hoffer – March 2006



Day 1::

After your arrival in Kilimanjaro airport, you will be met by your vehicle and your personal driver-guide who will be holding a Journey To Africa sign board. After exchanging Jambos (hellos) transfer to your lodge for a good nights sleep.

Kigongoni Lodge

Day 2::

Today is spent exploring the little known Arusha National Park, which was described by Sir Julian Huxley as a 'gem amongst parks'. The park consists of 3 spectacular features, which are the Momela Lakes, the Meru Crater and the Ngurdoto Crater. It is famous for its 400 species of birdlife, the black and white colobus monkey and its large population of buffaloes, leopard and flamingos.



:: 2 activity options ::

~ Walking Safari. The walk can last from 1 hour to 3 hours. You will be guided by an armed ranger. Your walk will take you through the park amid the stares of the elegant giraffe towards water falls and time permitting, towards the fig tree on the slopes of Mt. Meru. The walk is not too strenuous but some fitness is needed.

~ Canoeing on Lake Momella. You and a partner or a guide can calmly canoe on Lake Momella. If lucky, you will see animals along the ride or just enjoy the lovely scenery of Arusha National Park. Some fitness is needed.

Night 1 and 2::

Kigongoni Lodge

Just outside of Arusha, Kigongoni Lodge with spacious guest cottages is surrounded by coffee farms. From the lodge, you can enjoy the views of Mt. Meru as well as Mt. Kilimanjaro. Staying at Kigongoni, you are supporting Sibusiso Foundation which teaches mentally disabled children in Tanzania to help themselves.



Day 3 and 4 and 5::

The water holes, swamps and rivers are full after the wet season and the animals are forced to migrate into the park for a drink. Animal congregation is common around the water sources especially during the dry season. Tarangire National Park has the largest concentration of elephants. If lucky, you can see groups of 300 or more elephants in one day. Tarangire is rich in the 'upside down' Baobab tree. They got this name because it top looks like roots.



Osunyai Wilderness Camp within the Lokisale Conservation Project, borders Tarangire National Park to the South. The Camp is set on a small hill offering stunning views of the Simanjiro plains and is exclusive and remote. Sit back and enjoy the wonderful views from your tent.

:: Activities ::

Night time activities, Leisure Hike with the Maasai tribe and Game Hikes are available from Alamana Wilderness Camp in Ngaroi.

For Game Hikes, please do let us know in advance. We bring in our professional Specialist Walking Guides who will walk with you in search of wildlife – a thrill and wild experience.



Night 3 and 4 and 5::

Osunyai Wilderness Camp

Osunyai is a closely guarded secret. Sharing many of Tarangire's watersheds, Osunyai plays host to the migratory herds of Wildebeest, Zebra and Elephant intent on searching out excavated water holes, as they travel towards the fresh waters of the Tarangire River. Osunyai is part of the Masai Steppe, an important migratory destination for the herds of plains game seen along the Tarangire River during the dry season.



The accommodation tents are set around a small kopje looking out across vast grasslands and acacia woodland towards the magnificent mountains of Kilimanjaro and Meru far in the distance. The tents are large and airy with full width windows and en-suite bathrooms, king sized double or two extra long single beds, hanging wardrobe, luggage racks and interior light tables. Exquisite scatter cushions and African textiles complete the furnishings. Each of the tents varies slightly in its fabrics and style with features such as traditional bush showers to an open air bath under African night sky! A separate dining area, alfresco much of the time, creates a tranquil culinary scene for dining under the stars. The lounge tent, with its carpets from Afghanistan and Russia, fabrics from Southern Africa and tastes of Zanzibar has a view that equals any in East Africa.



Osunyai is a paradise for anyone wishing to experience the excitement of a traditional safari under canvas.

Day 6::

Your morning wake-up call will be a freshly brewed Tanzanian coffee delivered to your tented room. After breakfast, enjoy an early morning game drive. There is a good chance you will see large herds of elephant or a leopard snoozing on the tree.

Optional Stops::

~ Rift Valley Children's Village – an orphanage started by India Howell. Journey To Africa is a donor to this worthy cause.
 ~ Primary or Secondary School – visit with a local school in this region. Your stop will involve a meet and greet with the children as well as the teachers. If you have any items for donations, please give it to the teacher for even distribution or get help from the teacher. We encourage school donations.



In the evening, head to Ngorongoro Region and spend your evening relaxing, watching the sunset in the horizon.

Day 7::

Ngorongoro Crater for 6 hours

Start your day as early as possible in Ngorongoro Crater. Ngorongoro Mountain was higher than Mt. Kilimanjaro about 3 million year ago. Today, with its peak collapsed and eroded, Ngorongoro is now an extensive highland area with the famous Ngorongoro Crater as its main attraction. Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest animal concentration in a 10 miles wide radius and 2,000 ft high wall. Ngorongoro Crater, one of the world's natural wonder is commonly referred to "Africa's Garden of Eden".



The Crater has about five ecosystems within its walls housing nearly 25,000 animals. From the shy leopard and bull elephant in the Lerai forest, the greater and lesser flamingo feeding from the alkaline Lake Magadi, zebras, wildebeest, lions in the short grass plains to the hippos jostling in the swamps. Ngorongoro Crater's mini-ecosystems provide a year round haven for wildlife.

:: Afternoon ::

In the afternoon, enjoy a Ngorongoro Circle Walk from Ngorongoro Serena. You will be escorted by a Maasai guide who will take you on a walk along the rim of Ngorongoro or the surrounding areas. He will introduce to the wildlife as well as vegetation around the region. Feel free to ask him more about the unique Maasai tribe as well.

Night 6 and 7::

Plantation Lodge

Plantation Lodge is set on a working coffee and arable farm just outside Karatu, a short drive from Lake Manyara and less than an hour from Ngorongoro Crater. This small lodge with only 16 rooms has the comfortable and intimate feel of a well run bush home.



The elegant rooms are well thought out with large beds, and it is immediately obvious that the place has been designed and decorated by someone with a great eye for detail.



Day 8::

Serengeti National Park is one of the most important wildlife sanctuary remaining on earth. Over 3 million large animals coexist in the Serengeti making it one of the most fascinating parks in the world.

Optional stops along the way to Serengeti National Park:

- Spend time with the colorful **Maasai people**. The Maasai tribe were originally pastoralist but today some groups reside close to wildlife in the vast Ngorongoro region and Southern Kenya. The tribe elders will give you a glimpse of their homes and their unique lifestyle.
- **Oldupai Gorge** has historical significance as this is where Louis and Mary Leakey's discovered many fossils believed to be the first man. The guide will take you down to where the skull was excavated.

On arrival to your Private Luxury Camp, you will be welcomed with a glass of chilled Champagne served by waiters wearing the Traditional 'Kanzu' before being shown to your tents.



Day 9 and 10::

Three full days will be spent exploring the nearby areas of the Serengeti ecosystem, following conditions and the movement of game. The Serengeti is where thousands of wildebeest, gazelle, topi, buffalo and zebra draw predators such as lions, cheetahs, leopards, making it the world's most exciting wildlife environment.



**Night 5 and 6 and 7:
Private Luxury Camping**

You are in private campsite in Serengeti – this means there are not going to be the mass crowd that you would find in public campsite.

You will be in walk-in tents with wooden beds with linens, private portable showers and toilets, wash basin. Your tent will have Safari chair outside to enjoy the evenings. The lighting is with kerosene lamps. Towels, mirrors, hangers etc are also part of the tents.

Dinner will be in an open tent. Your cook will cater to all your meals.

Your mornings will be filled with bird calls - no need for any wake up call. After your Safari, you will spend your evenings enjoying the beautiful African sunset by the campfire while you are enjoying your drink of choice.



Day 11::

Relax and enjoy a cup of coffee at the lodge or venture out get some more animal viewing. Take in the last moments of of your Safari. Your last day we hope will have satisfied all your expectation and more of a Tanzanian Safari. Bid farewell to your guide in the afternoon before you head back to Arusha.

Drive to the nearest airstrip in order to board your flight to Arusha, where lunch will be arranged at Olerai or your lodge. Continue to Arusha Hotel where a day use room will be at your disposal. In the late afternoon, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport for your International departure flight home.

..... **End of Safari**



11-day Wilderness Osunyai Safari

:: For 2 people: from \$ 7,680 per person by credit card

:: For 4 people: from \$ 6,380 per person by credit card

:: 2% discount on the rates if paid by check or wire transfer

:: Prices for 2008

:: You will have a private vehicle with your own driver-guide from pick-up in Arusha's Kilimanjaro Airport to drop-off at Kilimanjaro Airport.



You will have our well maintained 4x4 Land Cruisers have viewing hatches for optimum game viewing. The vehicle is equipped with two-way radios as well as cell phones that keep track of your well being every step of the way. Your Tanzanian guide will offer a wealth of safari experience, amazing you with his observation skills, knowledge of flora and fauna and enthusiasm in spotting animals hidden behind the grasses of the African Savannah.

Included in your Safari:

- Pick up from Kilimanjaro International Airport when arriving with KLM
- Welcome and Briefing in Arusha
- Accommodations as per itinerary with all meals included
- All the Northern Tanzanian National Parks plus Ngorongoro Conservation fees and vehicle levy
- Bottled water when driving in the parks
- All drinks (except champagne, cellar wines, premium brand spirits) at Private Luxury Camping and Alamana Wilderness Camp
- Laundry at Private Luxury Camping and Osunyai Wilderness Camp
- Tanzanian Driver /Guide for Safari
- Vehicle – 4x4 Land Cruiser with radio frequency and cell phones
- Evacuation Insurance
- * Special Activities -
 - Canoeing or walking Safari in Arusha National Park, Maasai Village and Oldupai Gorge
 - Night game drives and Leisure Hikes at Osunyai
 - Drop-off at Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home



Flights Included::

Airfare from Serengeti to Arusha Airstrip

(Your pre-departure package on the receipt of your deposit of 30% of the Safari will contain all the necessary documents that will prepare you for your Safari.)

Not included in the Price:

Specialist Walking Guide

Safari activities not mentioned, visas, International Flights [we recommend making arrangements through Journey to Africa], local Airport taxes and security fees, phone, tips to driver-guides, porter, bartender, etc., Travel Insurance and purchase of personal items and souvenirs.



Journey To Africa Safaris:

Do we help with International Flights?

Yes, if you need help with International Flights, send us your names as they appear on your passport. With correct dates, we can hold the seat for 3-5 days before they have to be booked by credit card or wire transfer. Without correct dates, the quotes will be an estimate quote with no guarantees of seat reservation.

What you get from Journey To Africa before your Safari?

Once we have your deposit and all the lodges are confirmed, you will get a package from us with all the necessary information you will need to prepare. From visa forms and which embassy to use, to how much money to take, amount of memory you should take for your camera, clothing, etc. We will also give you Insurance link to Travel Guard – we highly recommend taking insurance on your Safari. We will need a medical information form and emergency contact number from you as well as signed Terms and Conditions form.

About 2 weeks from your Safari, we will provide you with emergency numbers for your contacts in Tanzania and Kenya as well as contact number in the Houston office which you can give family members. Additional information provided will be weather and flight changes if any.

When on Safari with Journey To Africa?

You will be taken care of from arrival into Arusha's Kilimanjaro International Airport or Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to drop off in the airports above or Dar-Es-Salaam International Airport should you spend your last few days in Zanzibar Island. Depending on your Safari, you will be with a private guide the whole way or have part of your Safari shared if you choose to do so with other Safari goers when you overnight in remote regions and lodges like Northern Serengeti's Sayari Camp or Suyan Loliondo Camp. Kenya Safaris also have the shared or private option.

Our guides! Our pride!

Our guides are the most important element of your Safari. Each of our English speaking guides have been leading Safaris for over 10+ years, trained in guide schools for wildlife, flora, fauna, geology, vegetation, etc. with continuing courses provided during low season. Our guides will give you 100% of themselves on your Safari. They are your new friend for your days on Safari. We are nothing without our guides and we acknowledge that.



When on Safari, you will spend a lot of time with your guide who will share their knowledge about the animals, birds and plants of Tanzania and Kenya but also share stories about its people, culture and more. This is a great way of learning about a different lifestyle and hopefully you will come back having made a friend on Safari. Our guides are what bring past clients back on Safari again with Journey To Africa.

Accommodation and Food

About 80% of the lodges we recommend have been tested by us. We go back every year back to Kenya and Tanzania and enjoying spending a night or two at some of the best lodges in Tanzania and Kenya. We have also stayed in 'the other' lodges and would not want you to stay there. We want you to enjoy your overnight just as much as you enjoy the wildlife. A good night sleep with good food and wine and great service by the warm staff will make your Safari an enjoyable experience. We offer a range of lodges for you to choose from. From the smaller tented camps and lodges, our private camps in Ngaroi to [Private Luxury Camping](#) in Serengeti National Park.

Wildlife Viewing

Though we do our best to book the lodges in the right location for the time the year, the animals especially the Wildebeest and Zebra migratory animals do tend to have a mind of its own. Not to worry, there is always something to do or see when on Safari. You just have to be better with your binoculars.

Game Walking Safari

During game walks in Arusha National Park, Tarangire National Park or wider Serengeti National Park in areas like Sanjan, Loliondo or Ngaroi, you will be escorted by a trained guide carrying an armed weapon. Though our intent is to enjoy the animals from a distance, at times, we can at times get quite close to the animals. Following instructions give to you before you walk is imperative. Being very quiet improves everybody's chances of observing the animals in their territory as well as assuring safety. Walking for children under the ages of 10 years old is not allowed. Walking is done at one's own risk. Journey To Africa is not to be held responsible for incidents involving the behavior of wildlife.



Open Vehicles

When on Safari in Kenya with the lodges in Masai Mara, open vehicles are very common. Private Safaris can be with closed vehicles or open vehicles. In Tanzania, you can be restricted to closed vehicles when on Safari inside the National Parks. Plus you do not want to be transferring from Ngorongoro to Serengeti in open vehicles with all the dust.

But, when you are in our private areas like Ngaroi Concession Area or Osunyai Concession Area, Suyan Loliondo Piaya or Soit Sambu or North Serengeti's Sayari Camp Mara River, open vehicles are allowed. The open vehicles are completely open, providing a panoramic view of the African bush.

Night-time Game drives.

Our night game drives allow you to see a variety of game. With a hand-held spotlight, you and your driver plus a spotter will go around the area in search of activities by following tracks or going by day time activity. Your vehicle will have a red and blue themed Maasai blanket to keep you warm from the cool night under the African sky.

Night game drives can be done from our private Ngaroi or Osunyai areas as well as Suyan Loliondo. Other lodges that offer night game drives include Kikoti Tented Lodge and Tarangire Treetops.

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