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# TANZANIA WILDLIFE SAFARI

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Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti  
and the Great Migration



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on a transformative wildlife safari through the heart of East Africa, the backdrop to the year-round migration of grazing herbivores that traverse the Serengeti Plains. Exploration is rewarded with insight, and every experience provides memories that resonate over a lifetime.

With exceptional access to Tanzania's game parks during this epic 12-day journey, you'll witness spectacular wildlife, colorful local traditions and the endless sun-drenched savannas of Tanzania. Along the way, marvel at three of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa: the iconic silhouette of Mt. Kilimanjaro, its snow-capped peak standing majestically above the African landscape; the extraordinary Ngorongoro Crater, a vast volcanic caldera teeming with diverse wildlife within its natural enclosure; and the awe-inspiring Great Migration, where thousands of wildebeests and zebras thunder across the plains in one of nature's greatest spectacles.

Trekking with expert naturalist guides in 4x4 Land Cruisers through breathtaking terrain, it's possible to encounter the Big Five (lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos and buffaloes) plus cheetahs, wildebeests, zebras, primates, gazelles and countless species of birds.

As each day's adventures draw to a close, retreat to the lap of luxury in premium lodges and tented camps, each offering exceptional hospitality and superior amenities—ensuring your comfort after exhilarating days.

Space is limited to just 24 guests. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. To reserve, visit [osu.orbridge.com](http://osu.orbridge.com) or call (866) 639-0079.

All the best,

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*Alumni, their families and friends may travel on this tour.*

# Tanzania Wildlife Safari | Itinerary Highlights (subject to change)

*Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, however, spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Some activities are dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.*

## Day EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

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**Day 2** **ARRIVE IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA** After an evening arrival to Kilimanjaro International Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel.  
Overnight: Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa

**Days 3-4** **TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK** Following breakfast and a welcome briefing by your Orbridge Expedition Leader depart for Tarangire National Park for two full days of exploration. Tarangire National Park is known for its iconic baobab trees, sweeping savannas and abundant pachyderm population. This seasonal park has the second highest concentration of wildlife (after the Serengeti), including diverse habitats of dry open woodlands, thorny Acacia thickets, rolling hills, rocky outcrops and extensive swamps. Daily morning and afternoon game drives provide your introduction to Africa's natural beauty, power and wonder. Tarangire reportedly has the largest elephant concentration in the world during the dry season. Also a birder's paradise, the park hosts hundreds of bird species—the highest of any in Tanzania. Between game drives gather for a bush lunch inside the park with time to recount exciting animal sightings and share photographs before setting off again in the afternoon. In the evenings retreat to lodging inside the park.  
Overnight: Tarangire Sopa Lodge (B,L,D daily)

**Day 5** **NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA** Set out for a morning game drive. Then arrive at Gibb's Farm for a guided farm walk and lunch. This award-winning sanctuary specializes in organic cuisine using farm-fresh ingredients. Take advantage of hands-on experiences including harvesting vegetables, feeding pigs and collecting eggs. Continue to your stunning accommodations for the following two evenings.  
Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (B,L,D)

**Day 6** **NGORONGORO CRATER** Explore Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the seven natural wonders of Africa. The largest intact caldera in the world, this once giant volcano shelters an astonishing diversity of wildlife. During a full-day game drive, spot for the Big Five as well as an array of other species like wildebeest and flamingos. This area is also the best place in East Africa to spot the rare black rhino.  
Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (B,L,D)

**Days 7-8** **OLDUVAI GORGE | SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – SERONERA VALLEY** Glimpse into the origins of humanity at Olduvai Gorge. After an interpretive presentation continue to the Serengeti—Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park. Daily morning and afternoon game drives through awe-inspiring landscapes offer exhilarating opportunities to witness a plethora of grazing animals.  
Overnight: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge (B,L,D daily)

**Days 9-10** **WESTERN SERENGETI | GRUMETI** Enter the western corridor of the Serengeti, a more secluded and wild side of the park consisting of open savannas, woodlands and floodplains. Daily morning and afternoon game drives afford additional opportunities to observe, explore and learn about these reserves and their diversity of bird and mammal species. As your memorable journey nears its close gather together during a festive bush dinner to reflect upon this meaningful time spent among the many wonders of the Serengeti.  
Overnight: Kirawira Serena Camp (B,L,D daily)

**Day 11** **SERENGETI | FLIGHT TO ARUSHA | DEPART FOR U.S.** From Grumeti take the short, scenic flight back to Arusha. Relax in a day room at the hotel until your transfer to the airport this evening for flights home.  
Day Room: Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa (B,L)

**Day 12** **EN ROUTE | ARRIVE IN U.S.**

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



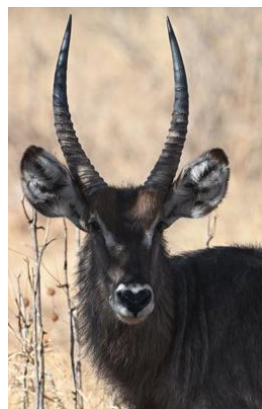
**Activity Level:** This safari tour requires an ability to walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, transport luggage a short distance, get in and out of a 4x4 Land Cruiser and physically tolerate vehicle motion on oftentimes bumpy Serengeti roads.

## Serengeti Sunrise Safari

While in Serengeti National Park (days 7-8), take a once-in-a-lifetime sunrise safari by hot air balloon.

During this optional excursion, ascend above the southern Serengeti at dawn for an exclusive, birds-eye view of wildlife roaming the expansive landscape. Afterward enjoy a champagne breakfast plus a game drive before rejoining the group.

*Excursions must be purchased from Orbridge Guest Services in advance to guarantee availability. Purchase is non-refundable inside 90 days from departure.*





## What's Included

- 9 nights deluxe accommodations carefully selected to maximize wildlife viewing and comfort
- Access to a day room on departure day
- 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners including a traditional Tanzanian barbecue and a special farewell Serengeti bush dinner
- Expert naturalist guides throughout including an Orbridge Expedition Leader
- Daily game drives in custom 4x4 Land Cruisers with roof hatch access and guaranteed window seating
- Coffee and tea with meals and filtered water on game drives
- Internal flight from the Serengeti to Arusha
- All main program gratuities
- All taxes, service charges and park fees
- Temporary membership in Flying Doctors Service
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing on suggested flights



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## Orbridge Standard of Excellence

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## Accommodations *(subject to change)*

### ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, RESORT & SPA

This country house-styled hotel is built on what used to be a coffee plantation. Relax in one of its 42 rooms in banana-stem thatched cottages, all with a private balcony or take in the tranquil surroundings outdoors.



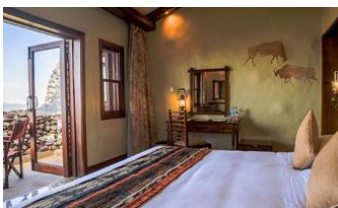
### TARANGIRE SOPA LODGE

Enjoy outstanding accommodations amidst a gorgeous landscape. Amenities include an outdoor pool, centrally located common room, bar and lounge and outdoor terrace.



### NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE

This luxury hotel sits on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. Each room features a panoramic, private balcony with unobstructed views of the volcanic expanse below



### SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE

Your sanctuary is a thatched circular rondavel in the manner of a traditional African village.



### KIRAWIRA SERENA CAMP

This property offers a luxurious safari experience with its swimming pool, excellent cuisine, Victorian era décor and typical colonial furniture.





## Optional Pre-Tour Rwanda

Search for the gorillas that traverse the Virunga Mountains for the heart-pounding thrill of observing these giants in their natural habitat.

**Day  
+1** EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

**Day  
+2** **ARRIVE IN KIGALI, RWANDA** Meet your host and transfer to the hotel for a restful evening.  
Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel

**Day  
+3** **KIGALI | KINIGI** Morning sightseeing today includes a tour of the Genocide Museum. Enjoy lunch in Kigali before the drive to the Mountain Gorilla View Lodge where you can rest and prepare for tomorrow morning's trek.  
Overnight: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (B,L,D)

**Day  
+4** **KINIGI | VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK | MORNING GORILLA TREK | KIGALI** After an early breakfast, set out for mountain gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park. Encountering these amazing animals up close is a life-changing experience. National park guides will lead you through the thick forest in search of one of the habituated gorilla families that traverse the Virunga Mountains. Upon finding the group, we will have one hour to observe and capture remarkable photographs.  
Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel (B,L,D)

**Day  
+5** **KIGALI | FLIGHT TO ARUSHA | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS** After breakfast take the group flight to Arusha to join fellow travelers to begin the main program. (B)

## What's Included

- 2 nights hotel accommodations in Kigali
- 1 night at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Excursion transportation, all park fees and one gorilla trek permit
- Temporary membership in the Flying Doctors Service
- Airport transfer for guests arriving on the suggested flight
- Internal airfare from Kigali to Arusha for the main program



**Activity Level:** Guests should be in very good physical condition with the ability to walk up and down hills in tropical forests on uneven, sometimes rocky, steep and/or slippery, terrain. The forest can be humid and paths may have heavy vegetation.

# Optional Post-Tour Zanzibar

Known as Spice Island and overflowing with influences from Africa, Arabia, India, and Europe, Zanzibar is a fascinating destination with a dramatic history, endless coastlines, and a magical atmosphere.

**Day 11** **FLIGHT FROM ARUSHA TO ZANZIBAR** After the main program flight from the Serengeti Grumeti airstrip to Arusha, board the quick flight to Zanzibar—the Spice Island.  
Overnight: Zanzibar Serena Hotel (L,D)

**Day 12** **ZANZIBAR | JOZANI CHWAKA BAY NATIONAL PARK** After breakfast set out on a walking tour of Zanzibar's old town, Stone Town—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and its market. Visit the House of Wonders, which displays exhibitions dedicated to Swahili culture, as well as the Palace Museum, highlighting its ties to Zanzibar's Omani history. At the Zanzibar Old Fort, discover the fortification's colorful history, from its development in 1698 to how the structure is still being occupied today. After lunch travel across the island through quaint villages and lush vegetation to enchanting Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park—the only national park in Zanzibar and home to the unique red colobus monkey. Enjoy time to explore the forest before returning to the hotel for dinner.  
Overnight: Zanzibar Serena Hotel (B,D)

**Day 13** **ZANZIBAR | OPTIONAL SPICE PLANTATION TOUR | DEPART FOR U.S.** The morning is at leisure. Depending on departing flight times, you may choose to join the optional spice tour excursion. *(Purchase in advance from our Orbridge Guest Services. Reserve early for best availability as space is limited.)* Relax in the day room at the hotel until taking the complimentary transfer to Abeid Amani Karume International Airport for flights home.  
Day Room: Zanzibar Serena Hotel (B,L)

**Day 14** **EN ROUTE | ARRIVE IN U.S.**

## What's Included

- Internal airfare from Arusha to Zanzibar
- 2 nights at Zanzibar Serena Hotel (or similar) plus a day room on departure day
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Guided panoramic city tour
- Admission to the House of Wonders, the Palace Museum and Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park
- All excursion transportation
- Airport transfer for guests departing at the suggested times





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Rwanda Pre-Tour: February 7-11, 2026

Zanzibar Post-Tour: February 20-23, 2026

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Single	\$10,999	\$10,495

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(includes Rwanda gorilla trek permit)		

Double	\$4,899	\$4,695
Single	\$6,099	\$5,895

Zanzibar Post-Tour	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$2,599	\$2,395
Single	\$3,199	\$2,995

Optional Tanzania Excursion	Rate Per Person
Balloon Safari	\$625

Optional Zanzibar Excursion	Rate Per Person
Spice Plantation Tour	\$79

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DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON: \$750 pre-tour • \$850 main tour • \$500 post-tour

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## What Guests Are Saying...

*Orbridge did a great job of setting the itinerary. The guides were very knowledgeable and they kept our transfers/baggage handling as pain free as possible. We were very pleased with the whole experience. Our primary expedition leader was excellent. He was organized, interactive, knowledgeable and fun to be with. We enjoyed interacting with all of our guides. They truly wanted us to have a great experience.*

~Diane H., Wilmette, IL

*We've never traveled with Orbridge before but we will absolutely book another trip—hopefully, sooner than later! It was a well organized trip—very professional—really happy with everything.*

~Karen B., Summerfield, NC

*The whole experience was exceptional. I would definitely look into other tours offered by Orbridge.*

~Andrea K., Sugarland, TX

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