



Tanzania & Kenya Safari

September 24 to October 12, 2010

Tour Leader: Garth Irvine

A tried and true itinerary with the best of East Africa! Visit the Ngorongoro Crater and Oldupai Gorge... enjoy the primate antics in Lake Manyara, see elephants galore in Tarangire National Park and at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Top it all off with 3 nights in the Maasai Mara National Reserve. This is classic Africa ... lovely accommodation, incredible landscapes and abundant wildlife!

September 24/25 to 26, 2010: In transit from Canada to Tanzania via London or Amsterdam.

Sept. 26 - Serena Mountain Village, Tanzania (2 nights): Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport (early morning arrival via London - afternoon check in/evening arrival via Amsterdam) where you will be met and transferred to Serena Mountain Village approximately a 45 minute drive from the airport. The rest of the day/evening at leisure to catch up on your jet lag.

Sept. 27: Your safari begins with a safari briefing over breakfast followed by a full day game drive in Arusha National Park with lunch along the way. Here you will see giraffe, a host of antelope and with lots of luck.... Black & White Colobus Monkeys. Enjoy the day returning to the lodge for dinner and overnight. B,L,D



Sept. 28 - Ngorongoro Crater Serena Lodge (2 nights):

Today we head west as we drive to the Ngorongoro

Conservation Area. You will see the landscape change as your climb in elevation, arriving at the lodge in time for lunch. The

Ngorongoro Crater Serena lodge

was built into the dormant volcano and with the plant and ivy covered native stone, it blends beautifully into its surroundings.

After lunch, continue west to visit the place believed where man was born, Oldupai Gorge followed by time in a traditional Maasai village. Ask many questions and take many pictures of these colorful and gentle people, they are eager to share their culture.



Sept. 29: After breakfast, we head down in the crater itself. The crater has a great diversity of ecosystems including a savanna and forest area. There is a constant source of water and food for the antelope and zebra so there is no need to migrate. This is also a prolific region to see prides of lion as well. Often there will be a breeding pair and you can watch the interactions between the handsome black-maned males and golden tawny females. If we are very lucky we will be privileged to see Black Rhino - we will surely be looking! Lunch will be picnic style while watching hippos spouting and snorting. Once back at the lodge, watch another incredible sunset from your lodge above the crater, then a delicious dinner and off to bed to get ready for the next days adventure. B,L,D



Sept. 30 - Lake Manyara Serena Lodge (1 night): Today we continue east to Lake Manyara area. Arrive at your luxurious lodge on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the Rift Valley in time for lunch. After lunch, you will game drive down into the park itself. This park has great elephant, giraffe, zebra, buffalo and a good population of lion as well - however - your quest today is primates! Here you can see huge troops of baboons all playing and foraging - lots of fun to watch. Sykes Monkeys are found here as well - keep watching! Return to the lodge for dinner and stargazing! B,L,D



October 1 and 2 - Roika Tented Lodge (2 nights): Today we continue to Tarangire National Park, with its amazing scenery dotted with the mighty Baobab Trees and many many elephants! Arriving in time for lunch, we spend 2 nights exploring this beautiful park.

Roika Tarangire Lodge is comprised of twenty-one luxurious tents spaciouly perched on a breath-taking site with spacious bathrooms where you can either enjoy a hot shower or relax in a bubble bath. The bedrooms are decorated in Maasai shukas and all woodwork is locally carved by a Maasai. Tents have tea and coffee facilities, wooden decks to sit, relax and absorb

all the sounds of the African bush. On site there is a unique Maasai Boma where you can enjoy locally made Tanzanian cuisine under a starlit sky, watching a roaring African bonfire. B,L,D



October 3 - Naura Springs Hotel, Arusha (1 night): Today you head back to Arusha arriving at the Naura Springs Hotel in time for lunch followed by a city tour. Enjoy all the colors and sights of this bustling city. Optional visit to the newly renovated Cultural Centre (if completed and open).



October 4 & 5 - Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Amboseli N.P, Kenya (2 nights): We depart north to the Kenya border with packed lunches. After the border crossing formalities, say goodbye to your Tanzanian guides and meet your Kenyan guides. Continue west toward Amboseli National Park. The next 2 days are spent exploring Amboseli, one of the smallest parks in Kenya but with the highest population of elephants. Some really great lion sightings have been made here too! B,L,D

October 6 - Stanley Hotel, Nairobi (2 nights): After breakfast, depart with a packed lunch and head north toward Nairobi stopping at the Kajiado Girls School to meet some special students. Arrive at the Stanley Hotel in the late afternoon with the rest of the day at leisure. B,L

October 7: Today we make a very special visit to Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage! The afternoon is at leisure for optional tours, a visit to the museum or get some shopping in at a local market. B

October 8, 9 & 10 - Mara Serena Lodge, Maasai Mara Reserve (3 nights): Off you are again heading west through the rift valley to the Maasai Mara National Reserve to witness the great wildebeest migration. Picnic lunch along the way to give you the time in the park to enjoy the wildlife you will encounter. The "Mara" is truly a wildlife lover's paradise with all the big cats - lion, leopard, cheetah and the species that they prey on. The next 3 days you will watch wildlife with either 2 game drives (early morning and late afternoon) or a full drive affording you the time to catch a river crossing. B,L,D

Optional Hot Air Balloon Safari - \$425.00USD Per Person. Book now as space is limited!

Oct. 11/12 - In Transit: After breakfast we depart by air back to Nairobi saying goodbye to the African bush and your wonderful Kenyan guides! You will have a day room in Nairobi where you can relax and get ready for your flight home. Early evening, transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to London Heathrow and on to North America or extend your safari by visiting the Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda or taking in some beach time, visit to more of the game parks in Kenya or climb Mt. Kilimanjaro – contact us for details!!

Kenya/Tanzania Getaway - \$7795CDN per person Land Only

Single Supplement - \$1295.00CDN

Getting there... Canada to Kilimanjaro/Nairobi to Canada Airfare - approximately \$2500CDN per person

LAND PACKAGE IS INCLUSIVE OF:

Predeparture package and unlimited information
Luxury accommodation as stated in itinerary
Air and ground transportation between lodges/hotels as stated in itinerary
Meals as stated in itinerary
All entrance fees as stated
Tours with a local English-speaking specialist guide
Donation to a wildlife conservation group on location.
Gratuities for lodge staff and portage
Tour leading services by Garth Irvine, Zoo Keeper

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

Items of a personal nature; cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance;
Entrance Visas (Kenya - \$32CDN, Tanzania - \$75CND) drinks; laundry; meals and activities not included in itinerary; gratuities for room cleaning staff (approx. \$2-5USD per room/night) any new Government taxes; Departure taxes

CLIMATE:

Kenya and Tanzania will hot and dry with a possibility of short thundershowers in the late afternoon. The showers don't last very long and are a thrill to experience!

****Please Note: We at Nature Encounters Tours & Travel work very hard to keep our pricing competitive for our guests, however, we do not have control over increases in game park fees or fuel surcharges. We will endeavor to inform our guests of increases as soon as we hear about them and add those increases, at our cost only, to our guest invoices.*

Safari Extensions Where would you like to go?

Zanzibar - The Spice Island (Based on 2 guests sharing) \$2095CDN per person

After your safari, fly to the ever intriguing island, Zanzibar, known for it's spice farming and plenty of history. Spend 2 nights at the Zanzibar Serena in Stone Town and join in on optional tours of the spice farming and slave trade areas. From there, you will be transferred to Breezes Beach Club for 3 nights on the most beautiful powder sand beach. This incredible place is complete with wonderful meals, incredibly romantic accommodation and plenty of time to relax. Breakfasts are included in Stone Town and breakfasts/dinners are included at Breezes Beach Club. Transfers are included. Not inclusive of return flights from Nairobi to Zanzibar, items of a personal nature, gratuities or drinks.

The Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda (Based on 2 guests sharing) \$4995CDN per person Single \$600

Book now to reserve your Gorilla Permits!

Oct. 11 - Start your safari with a flight to Kigali, Rwanda o/n Kigali Serena

Oct. 12 - A day to visit the Genocide memorial and see the culture then drive up to the home of the gorillas! O/N Mountain Gorilla View

Oct. 13/14 -Two days of gorilla visits!!! Gorilla trekking can be very strenuous as you can climb to very high elevations doing a bit of bush whacking to get there. All so worthwhile when you sit amongst these gentle giants! o/n Mt Gorilla View

Oct 15 - Travel back to Kigali to connect with your flight to Nairobi and then home... or?

Inclusive of air, B&B in Kigali, all meals while on trek. Not inclusive of items of a personal nature. Guided by local guide in Rwanda with less than 6 guests.

Mount Kilimanjaro Climb (Based on 2 guests sharing)

The More Difficult But Less Traveled Machame Route – 8 days \$2995CDN per person

The Easier Marangu Route – 7 days \$2595CDN per person

Day 1 - Transfer to your Moshi Hotel for repacking and rest before your Kili trek o/n

Days 2 on....Climb this fabulous mountain under the care of guides and porters.

Last night - Celebrate at the beautiful Mountain Village Serena Hotel.

Inclusive of all meals while on trek, B&B in Moshi, camping supplies such as tents etc. Not inclusive of return flight to Tanzania, items of a personal nature, gratuities, drinks, sleeping bags and climbing gear.

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About Your Tour Leader - Garth Irvine

Garth has been caring for endangered animals from around the world for over 22 years. He began his passion by earning a Bachelors Degree in Zoology and then moved on to become a dedicated Zookeeper in Calgary, Alberta Canada. Primarily responsible for the gorilla troop, he also cares for a variety of reptiles, birds, monkeys and even a spider! His contagious enthusiasm for wildlife, ecosystems and cultures has enabled him to lead trips to Africa and travel to South America, Asia, Europe, Antarctica and Northern Canada. He has also volunteered to train zookeepers in Guyana, South America in 2001 and enjoyed a year working as a Jackaroo on a sheep station in the Australian outback. Garth has a keen sense of humour and enjoys sharing his passion of nature with likeminded individuals. He often speaks about our natural world on television, radio and at functions. His enthusiasm was recognized as The Calgary Convention and Tourism Bureau awarded him the esteemed White Hat Award in 2000. He believes that the best way to foster an appreciation for other species is to gain an understanding of how plants and animals exist and interrelate with their natural environments. Being a keen supporter of eco-tourism programs, Garth promote concepts involving sharing our world with other cultures and species, both with the locals and with those traveling to amazing destinations.



About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! We have traveled the globe in search of destinations that will put you in touch with our passion – nature! Our experience, and that of our guides, is matched by a personalized service that keeps our clients returning to travel with us year after year. From the moment you inquire about a location to joining a small group departure – we are dedicated to ensuring your trip is memorable.

On safari, you can experience everything from watching a lioness care for her young in the hollow of an old tree to having a magnificent five-ton elephant display his enormous ears and mock charge your vehicle . . . or lay on a sandy beach that goes on for miles and miles while listening to the sound of the Indian Ocean. Your accommodation and meals, in either lodges or tented camps, range from truly comfortable to absolutely luxurious. Backpacking was never like this! Swimming pools, gardens and the fragrance of wild basil will surround you as your binoculars scout the magnificent scenery for cheetah, elephant, zebra, lilac breasted rollers, hyena, and tawny eagles to name a few. Your game activities can include driving in national parks watching for wildlife along the way, walking with an experienced guide looking for all the little things you may have missed by driving, and boating or canoeing – enjoying some of the most incredible rivers and lakes.

Ecotourism is an important part of the Nature Encounters Tours & Travel experience. Our clients are happy to contribute to a sustainable industry where the local people, as well as the wildlife, benefit from their visit. Be it the CAMPFIRE project in Zimbabwe, where the local fishing villages gain from having tourists visit and bring school supplies, or Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage in Kenya where our clients help provide financial assistance for anti-poaching efforts. Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd. support many schools – such as the Jacob Basson School in Khorixas, Namibia, the A.I.C. Girls' School in Kajiado, Kenya, and conservation groups that are near and dear to us: the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia, Jane Goodall Chimp Research in Gombe Stream and The Serengeti Lion Research Project to name a few. We do indeed walk the talk . . .

Our goal is to give our clients an experience they won't ever forget – from dancing with the Maasai in East Africa to enjoying watching the antics of a pair of polar bears enjoy a tussle in the snow to photographing and observing the many species that live in our great world.

Join us for the vacation of a lifetime!

