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CLASSIC TANZANIA SAFARI - 12 Days (includes air travel days)

Day 01 - Depart U.S. for your European gateway to Tanzania.

Day 02 - Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in Arusha, Tanzania. Transfer to the Mountain Village Lodge.

Day 03 - Afternoon scheduled flight from Arusha into the great Serengeti - Swahili for endless plains. Enjoy a game drive en-route to your lodge. (BLD)

Day 04 - Optional sunrise balloon safari. Full day of game drives in this fantastic animal kingdom. At 5600 square miles the Serengeti is EIGHT times larger than the northern part of this eco-system in Kenya - the famous Masai Mara. Overnight at your lodge. (BLD)

Day 05 - Optional sunrise balloon safari. Another full day of game drives in wildlife paradise. Overnight at your lodge. (BLD)

Day 06 - After breakfast depart for the Eighth Natural Wonder of the World - Ngorongoro Crater (a caldera or collapsed volcano). You will make an en-route stop at the Olduvai Gorge - 'cradle of mankind'. There is a small museum here at Olduvai, seemingly in the middle of nowhere, that is surprisingly good. (BLD)

Day 07 - Entire day will be spent 2000 feet down on the floor of this fabulous crater which is teeming with wildlife. This is one of the best places to see black rhinos. The crater elephants also have some of the largest tusks in all of Africa. Picnic lunch at one of the hippo pools. Late afternoon return to your lodge for overnight. (BLD)

Day 08 - Morning departure for Lake Manyara. En-route stop for lunch and a visit of the Mto wa Mbu Village. Your hotel is located up on the escarpment overlooking the Rift Valley. Afternoon game drive in the National Park below. (BLD)

Day 09 - Morning departure for Tarangire National Park. En-route stop at a local farm - Plantation Lodge. Light hike to the local waterfall before lunch. Once inside Tarangire you'll game drive en-route to your lodge. (BLD)

Day 10 - Full day of game drives in Tarangire, home of the giant Baobab trees. Second night at your Tarangire lodge. (BLD)

Day 11 - Early morning drive back to Arusha arriving before lunch. There is a day room at the Mountain Village Lodge for you to organize yourself for the trip home. Late afternoon transfer to the Kilimanjaro International Airport to begin your safari - Swahili for 'journey' - home. (BL)

Day 12 - Connect in European or African gateway. Arrive in the U.S. and connect to your flight home.

Inclusive meals as indicated (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

TANZANIA NATIONAL PARKS AND RESERVES

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

The Serengeti is a place where the animals know they have inherited the earth. In this 5,790 sq. mile National Park, millions of animals, apparently having the world to themselves, re-enact creation every year. They live in total freedom on limitless plains scattered with rocky outcrops, patches of acacia bush, forest and occasional small rivers. The park contains more than 35 species of animals including 1.8 million Wildebeest and 500,000 Zebra (seasonal). Also, there are approximately 2,000 Lions as well as an extensive variety of bird life.

Both Wildebeest and Zebra are involved in one of the most spectacular of natural phenomenon, the annual Serengeti migration. They are followed by the predators and scavengers constantly on the watch for animals weakened by the long trek.

NGORONGORO CRATER

The eighth natural wonder of the world, Ngorongoro, was an active volcano some eight million years ago whose cone collapsed. This left a crater, or caldera, of 120 sq. miles, one of the world's largest. Unlike other African ecological systems, the crater habitat is permanently watered and thus able to support a year-round residential population of animals. Sheer physical beauty and the abundance of unusually docile game animals, as well as some notable birds, make up the magic of the Ngorongoro Crater.

LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

Lake Manyara is nestled under the wall of the Great Rift Valley. The park is made up of five distinct vegetation zones: ground water forests with towering mahogany and fig trees, extensive marshland reeds, plains of open grassland, parklands scattered with acacia trees, and the characteristic scrub land of the Rift Wall.

This park is famous for its numerous Cape Buffalo, Elephant, Leopard and, especially, tree climbing Lions. There are also over 350 species of birds. Both park hotels sit 1,000 feet up on the plateau allowing breathtaking views of Africa.

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

This park has a wildlife population which compares in density with that of the Serengeti and other prime national parks. A special feature of the park is the presence of the Greater Kudu. Tarangire is at its most spectacular between June and December when thousands of animals migrate into the park.

Classic Tanzania Safari*	Tour Cost (Per Person)	Single Room Supplement
Sopa Lodge Operates on request	\$3995	\$585
Serena Lodge Operates on request	\$4375	\$585
Rainy Season (Apr 01 - May 24)	Upon Request (Up to 30% Less)	
Late Season (Nov 01 - Dec 15)	Upon Request (Up to 15% Less)	

To ensure your space and operation, the Optional Balloon Safari excursion can be arranged through the Safari Express Company.

Optional tribal village visits must be arranged through your guide.