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## TANZANIA DISCOVERY SAFARI

### *Safari Snapshot*

Date	Destination	#/Nights	Accommodations
Day 1	TRAVEL DAY – TO AFRICA		
Days 2	Arusha	1	Olasiti Lodge
Days 3 & 4	Tarangire National Park	2	Maramboi Tented Camp
Days 5 & 6	Ngorongoro Center	2	Ngorongoro Farm House
Days 7 & 8	Serengeti National Park	2	Serengeti Sopa Lodge
Day 9	TRAVEL DAY – TO USA		



### KEY

**B – Breakfast | L – Lunch | D – Dinner**

## *Detailed Itinerary*

### **DAY 1 DEPART USA**

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Your safari begins today as you board your international flight to Africa.

### **DAY 2 ARUSHA**

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Welcome to Africa! As you arrive in Arusha, Tanzania, you will be met and transferred to the Olasiti Lodge for your one-night stay.

Olasiti Lodge is a garden oasis situated only 7 kilometers from the central Arusha business district and provides the perfect haven for visitors seeking a more tranquil venue with en-suite accommodation. The lodge has sixteen beautifully spacious bedrooms all facing Mt. Meru, a restaurant, and a large main building with views overlooking the pool area. Internet café and curio shop facilities are also provided.

*Overnight: Olasiti Lodge (B)*

### **DAYS 3 & 4 TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK**

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This morning, your guide will meet you in the lobby of Olasiti Lodge for your scenic drive to Tarangire National Park where you will spend two nights at Maramboi Tented Camp.

Maramboi Tented Camp is situated in a beautiful and exotic location on the shores of Manyara Lake, providing a unique opportunity to experience and explore the Tarangire and Manyara ecosystems. The Camp has 20 spacious tents fixed upon generous, ample wooden decks and each tent is simply furnished with en-suite facilities and private verandas. Maramboi Tented Camp offers stunning views of the Manyara National Park, Rift Valley, Ngorongoro highlands, Mt. Kilimanjaro and on clear days even Oldonyo Lengai, a mountain sacred to the Maasai.

Tarangire National Park lies to the south of the large open grass plains of southern Maasailand and is the best-kept secret on the northern safari circuit. With nine distinct vegetation zones ranging from grassland to woodland, from deep gully vegetation to scattered rocky hilltops, the park offers a diverse geological landscape as well as diverse wildlife, including an extraordinary concentration of bird life. From June through September, the park is a dry season refuge for many migratory animals (elephants, wildebeest, zebra, gazelles, eland and buffalo), that spend many months of the year outside the park on traditional grazing corridors linking Tarangire with other protected areas. Elephants can be seen in herds of up to 600 at a time, along with masses of eland, hartebeest, and oryx who migrate from the dry Maasai steppe to the gleaming Tarangire River in search of water during the dry season. Predators never go hungry here.

**Activities:** Daily game drives, guided walking safaris, cultural interaction with Maasai and Datoga tribes and birdwatching

*Overnight: Maramboi Tented Camp (B, L, D)*

### **DAYS 5 & 6**

#### **NGORONGORO CRATER**

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After breakfast, enjoy a morning game drive through the scenic countryside of Lake Manyara National Park. You will pass through villages and have the chance to visit schools and markets along the way. In the afternoon, you will arrive at Ngorongoro Farm House for your two-night stay.

Ngorongoro Farm House is a small and exclusive lodge facing the Oldeani Volcano at the foot of Ngorongoro Crater. The farmhouse offers 40 huge cottages, built in the old colonial farm style and rustically decorated with local materials. The farmhouse is situated on a 15-acre coffee plantation and working farm. With the gateway to the Ngorongoro Crater just 5 kilometers away, the farm is a perfect hideaway for travelers wishing to escape the crowds. Meals are excellent made with fresh fruit and vegetables from the 6-acre organic garden.

Often described as the ‘Eighth’ Wonder of the World, the Ngorongoro Crater is a natural amphitheatre created about 2 million years ago when the cone of a volcano collapsed into itself, leaving a 100 square mile caldron-like cavity. This caldera, protected by a circular unbroken 2,000-foot high rim, is a natural sanctuary for over 25,000 animals, including the black rhino. It is also a conservation area inhabited by the Maasai tribe. On your game drives, you will descend the steep crater wall spending time on the grass plains that teem with animals. In the lake on the crater floor reside plenty of hippos that remain partially submerged during the day and graze on grass at night. Although the area sustains a huge variety of species, not all live down in the crater. Some are better adapted to roaming the extensive conservation area surrounding the caldera, which you will explore as well.

**Activities:** Daily game drives, guided hikes and bush walks, village visits

*Overnight: Ngorongoro Farm House (B, L, D)*

### **DAYS 7 & 8**

#### **SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

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This morning, you head to Serengeti National Park, stopping along the way to take in the breathtaking scenery and visit small villages. Your drive will take you through Olduvai Gorge, not far from Ngorongoro Crater. You will make a short stop for a guided tour of the famous archeological site where the remains of *Homo Erectus* were discovered, bringing crucial understanding to the study of human evolution. After a delicious picnic lunch and an afternoon game drive through the Serengeti, you will arrive at Simiyu Mobile Camp for your two-night stay.

Serengeti Sopa Lodge is nestled in the Nyarboro Hills, the acacia woodland on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the southwestern Serengeti National Park. The lodge has spacious rooms with en-suite bathrooms, private lounge and balcony. Each room boasts two queen size beds, local fabrics, and an amazing view of the beauty of the Serengeti. In between game viewing activities, relax in the tranquility of the pool overlooking the plains.

Derived from the Maasai word 'siringet' meaning endless plains, the Serengeti is one of the world's last great wildlife refuges. Serengeti National Park is Tanzania's largest and best-known national park, with a massive concentration of migratory animals that move around the park according to the availability of food. The Serengeti ecosystem extends beyond the National Park to include several other conservation areas and reserves, including the Maasai-Mara. It is through these extensive protected areas that a million or more wildebeest and hundreds of thousands of zebra and impala, complete their great circulatory migration. For excellent year round game viewing, the Seronera valley in the centre of the park has abundant grazing and considerable numbers of animals including giraffes, warthogs, reedbucks and many other species that sustain resident leopards and large prides of lions. Some of the Serengeti's largest buffalo herds are to be found in the pristine woodlands to the north and elephants abound in this area too. In the south is saline Lake Ndutu, which attracts throngs of flamingoes and in the west, the Grumeti River contains some of the largest Nile crocodiles you will ever see. The Serengeti holds the greatest and most diverse concentration of wildlife remaining in Africa today.

**Activities:** Daily game drives

**Overnight: Serengeti Sopa Lodge (B, L, D)**

## **DAY 9 DEPART**

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After breakfast, you will drive to Kilimanjaro Airport in Arusha for your international flight to the United States. Since your international flight will most likely be in the evening, day use rooms are available for you to freshen up and rest in before your flight.

***Tanzania Discovery Safari Cost – 2010***

***From: \$2,860***

**A Magical Journey Awaits!**