

Green Footprint Adventures Tanzania

Safari itinerary for Ole Miss Alumni – June 2008

Wed 04 June – arrival – Rivertrees Lodge

Having arrived in Arusha, you will be picked up from the airport and taken to Rivertrees Lodge, where you stay in the River Cottages. You will have a light dinner when you arrive. Spend the evening relaxing in preparation for your trip.

Rivertrees Lodge is one of the best lodges in Arusha – great food, a nice swimming pool and absolutely beautiful gardens. The décor of the lodge is very stylish and the atmosphere exudes a real safari feel, especially when you are sitting in front of the log fire in the lounge enjoying an evening drink.

Thu 05 June – Arusha National Park – canoeing – Rivertrees Lodge

In the morning your guides will take you to Arusha National Park. You will go for a game drive, and you also have the opportunity to go for a canoeing trip on Small Momella Lake. It is an incredible experience to glide over the water in the midst of a national park.



Get close to buffaloes and giraffes grazing on the shore, and get to see hippos from a distance. On a clear day the view of both Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro can be stunning. Having enjoyed the scenery and the wildlife, you return to Rivertrees Lodge for the night.

Fri 06 June – Mto wa Mbu – night drive Manyara National Park – Kirurumu Tented Lodge

In the morning you drive to Manyara – only two to three hours on the road and you're there. You start off with a walk around the village of Mto wa Mbu. This walk is an excellent introduction into daily life in a typical Tanzanian village. Afterwards you will enjoy a flavorful local lunch prepared for you by a lady from the village.

After lunch your guide will take you to Kirurumu Tented Lodge. Enjoy a drink and the view from the bar - simply kick back and relax for a few hours. Later on, as it gets dark, your guide will take you for a bush dinner inside Manyara Park - lanterns in the trees, the night sky above you – nothing can beat a night out having a meal under the stars.



After dinner you go on a night game drive. Enjoy the sounds and nocturnal animals - grazing hippos grazing on shore like cattle, bush babies, perhaps porcupines, or a leopard, if you are very lucky. You will spend the night at Kirurumu Tented Lodge.

Kirurumu Tented Lodge is a comfortable, permanent camp set high on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, with a great view of Lake Manyara. There are twenty rooms, with fully ensuite bathrooms, and a nice bar with sun-deck. It definitely has an authentic feel to it - we think that wherever possible, visitors to Tanzania should have the chance to sleep under canvas.

Sat 07 June - Manyara National Park – Plantation Lodge

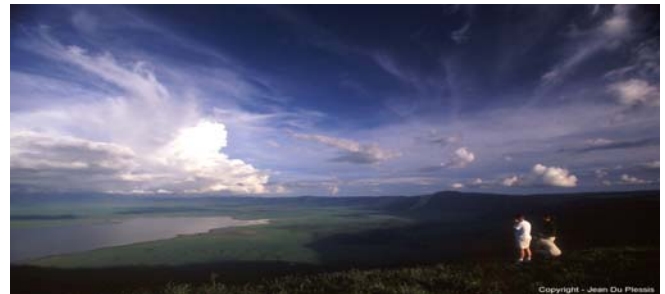


It would be a shame to miss out on Manyara National Park in the day light, so today you will go for a morning game drive. The park is incredible for birds, as well as elephants and other wildlife. The pink of the flamingos on Lake Manyara and the towering wall of the Great Rift Valley escarpment create a beautiful backdrop. Around lunchtime your guide will take you to the Plantation Lodge for a very good lunch and a relaxing afternoon.

Plantation Lodge is a tranquil small lodge, set in the midst of coffee fields just outside the Ngorongoro Crater. It is a real gem - definitely one of the best lodges in the northern safari circuit! The rooms are all individually decorated, set amongst lush gardens with a nice pool. Good food, excellent hospitality with a very personal touch and a very relaxing ambience – Plantation Lodge is one of the best places for an afternoon at ease.

Sun 08 June - Ngorongoro Crater – game drive – crater rim hike – Plantation Lodge

Today, the Ngorongoro Crater awaits you! This imploded volcano is the world’s largest unflooded complete caldera - the floor lies some 2,000 feet below the rim - not only a stunning landscape, but also brimming with wildlife. After spending the morning game driving on the crater floor, you will spend the afternoon hiking on the crater rim – the view from above is absolutely stunning! You will spend a second night at the Plantation Lodge.



Mon 09 until Wed 11 June – central Serengeti – Olakira Camp – optional balloon flight



As the highlight of your trip, you venture into the Central part of Serengeti National Park where you will stay at the high end luxury Olakira Camp for three nights. The camp is located in a beautiful site away from the crowds – a private bush experience and a really incredible way to experience this famous national park. You will go out on game drives during the day, and on Tuesday 10 June, you have the option of going for a balloon flight early in the morning (please see information below for additional cost for the balloon flight).

Olakira Camp is a safari style bush camp with no more than half a dozen tents. Imagine freshly baked bread in the middle of nowhere, bush luxury in the style of the early explorers, and an excellent team of friendly staff who will make sure you are as comfortable as possible. The tents are tastefully furnished and the atmosphere of this camp is incomparable. Africa at it's best.



Thu 12 June – return to Arusha – Kia Lodge - departure

In the morning you will fly from the Serengeti all the way back to Arusha. You will be picked up from the airport and taken to Kia Lodge for lunch. After lunch you can relax in your room or by the poolside. After an early dinner you will be taken back to Kilimanjaro airport in time for your international flight departure, and this is where your safari ends.

Kia Lodge is conveniently located very close to Kilimanjaro International Airport, making it an ideal place for a few hours of relaxation before your departure. The lodge has a nice pool and pleasant rooms as well as a great bar near the pool – on clear days, the view of Mount Kilimanjaro can be stunning!



Zanzibar extension 4 days

Thu 12 June – flight to Zanzibar – Stone Town – Hurumzi 236

In the morning you will fly from the Serengeti all the way to Zanzibar, with a short stopover in Arusha. You will be picked up from the airport and taken to Stone Town where you are going to spend one night. You will have dinner on the famous roof top terrace of the restaurant.

Hurumzi 236 is a beautiful Zanzibar style hotel located in the heart of Stone Town. The rooms are opulent - stained-glass windows, wooden lattice-work, marbled bathtubs and oriental rugs recall the days of the Sultans.

Fri 13 until Mon 15 June - Zanzibar – beach – Matemwe Bungalows

Today you will be picked up from Stone Town at 12 and taken to Matemwe Bungalows where you will arrive for lunch and spend four nights. It is really nice to be able to relax on the beach and wash off the dust of your safari with a swim in the Indian Ocean.



Matemwe Bungalows is a small beach lodge in a great location and has a laid back feel, ideal for those who want to spend a few days relaxing after their safari. All the rooms have ensuite bathrooms, verandas on the waters edge, a great view of the Indian Ocean and large beds made from beautiful coconut palm wood. The food is great, the service is great and you won't be disappointed with this great beach finale at the end of your trip. One of the best, if not the best hotel on Zanzibar.

Tue 16 June - departure

Today a driver will take you back to the airport in the afternoon and you will fly to Dar es Salaam around 5 pm to connect with your international departure flight. This is where your safari ends.

