



## AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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### Confirmed Itinerary

Traveller:	Annie
Tour name:	10 Day Tanzania Lodge and Masai Mara Tented Camp Safari
Travel dates:	30 August 2013 – 09 September 2013
Group size:	Max 7

### Itinerary Outline

Day	Date	Accommodation	Meals	Location
1	30 August 2013	<a href="#">Serena Mountain Village</a>	BB	Arusha
2	31 August 2013	<a href="#">Lake Manyara Serena Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Lake Manyara</a>
3	01 September 2013	<a href="#">Serengeti Serena Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Serengeti National Park</a>
4	02 September 2013	Serengeti Serena Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
5	03 September 2013	<a href="#">Ngorongoro Serena Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Ngorongoro Crater</a>
6	04 September 2013	Ngorongoro Serena Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
7	05 September 2013	<a href="#">Tarangire Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Tarangire National Park</a>
8	06 September 2013	<a href="#">Governors' Camp</a>	FB	<a href="#">Masai Mara Game Reserve</a>
9	07 September 2013	Governors' Camp	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
10	08 September 2013	<a href="#">Sarova Panafric Hotel</a>	B/L	Nairobi
11	09 September 2013	Day of departure	B/L	

BB = Bed and Breakfast

HB = Breakfast and dinner

FB = Breakfast, lunch and dinner

#### Cost includes:

- Meet and greet services and airport transfers
- Seat in shared vehicle safari in Tanzania
- Depart by 4x4 vehicle with photo roof in Tanzania (maximum 7 clients per vehicle)
- Guaranteed window seat
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide
- Game drives and crater tour
- Flights: Kilimanjaro – Nairobi – Masai Mara – Nairobi
- Shared camp game drives at Governor's Camp
- Full day Nairobi city tour and "Out of Africa" experience
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

#### Cost Excludes:

- International flights
- Visas
- Airport tax (usually included in the tickets)
- Driver guide or local escort gratuities
- Drinks and dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel and baggage insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- Medical, evacuation or travel insurance



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01: 30 Aug 2013 Arrive in Arusha

You will arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport today on flight **KQ 6726** arriving at **19h00**, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to the **Serena Mountain Village**, to spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

Welcome to Tanzania!

#### Serena Mountain Village

Nestled at the foot of the wooded slopes of Mount Meru, the Serena Mountain Village stands amid coffee plantations on the shores of tranquil Lake Duluti. Designed to echo the traditional style of the colonial coffee farm, which originally stood on this site, Mountain Village offers a range of cottage-styled rooms set amid extensive landscaped grounds.

The hotel features a stone-built reception with adjoining lounge, library, restaurant, boutique and business centre.



### Day 02: 31 Aug 2013 Arusha – Lake Manyara National Park B/L/D

You will have the morning at leisure and your safari briefing, followed by lunch.

This afternoon you will join your seat in vehicle safari and you depart Arusha passing through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations.

At the town of Makuyuni you turn North West and continue the journey up through a scenic escarpment that brings you to your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant Lake Manyara.

You will spend **1 night** at **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



#### Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge stands high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over Lake Manyara, and offers a blend of tranquillity, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness.

Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this Lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond the reception are the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies the pool.

#### Lake Manyara National Park

Being a relatively small park, and with Lake Manyara taking up the majority of the area, Lake Manyara National Park can be covered easily on half-day game drives, but these drives are usually very rewarding despite their brevity.

The scenery and birdlife are Lake Manyara's major attractions, with the lake being perfectly located to offer spectacular views along the Great Rift Valley.






**Day 03: 01 Sep 2013**                      **Lake Manyara – Serengeti National Park**                      **B/L/D**

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch.


Leaving Lake Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you'll hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Serengeti Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

	<p><b><u>Serengeti Serena Lodge</u></b></p> <p>Located adjacent to the famous Serengeti National Park Western Corridor and Grumeti River, set high on the saddle of a tree-clad ridge, commanding panoramic views, the lodge has been designed to blend into the landscape.</p> <p>A series of two storey domed thatched 'rondavels' provide guest accommodation. Each stone built rondavel has its own private balcony, private entrance, spacious bedroom, natural stone bathroom and intricately carved furniture.</p>
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**Day 04: 02 Sep 2013**                      **Serengeti National Park**                      **B/L/D**


Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives across the Serengeti plains.

<p><b><u>Serengeti National Park</u></b></p> <p>The word "Siringit" means "endless plains", and this is understandably from where the Serengeti National Park takes its name. The iconic, endless, golden plains of Africa are nowhere more evident than within this national park, as they stretch off into eternity, dotted throughout with thousands of animals.</p> <p>Located in the north-west corner of Tanzania, alongside Lake Victoria, the Serengeti has earned its place as one of the world's most famous wildlife areas.</p>	
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**Day 05: 03 Sep 2013**                      **Serengeti – Ngorongoro Crater**                      **B/L/D**

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains with a picnic lunch en-route.

You will continue to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater where you will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

<p><b><u>Ngorongoro Serena Lodge</u></b></p> <p>Regularly voted one of the best hotels in the world, the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater.</p> <p>The lodge takes inspiration from the so-called 'Cradle of Mankind', the prehistoric site of Olduvai Gorge, which lies close by. Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged with indigenous vines.</p>	
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**Day 06: 04 Sep 2013**

**Ngorongoro Crater**

**B/L/D**

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera.

Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. Lunch is served near a small lake filled with hippos. You then continue game viewing before returning to the crater's rim and your lodge.

**Ngorongoro Crater**

A unique and fascinating game viewing destinations in Africa, the Ngorongoro Crater is a must-see on any Tanzania safari.

Being the world's largest intact caldera, and the result of a collapsed volcano thousands of years ago, the 260 square kilometres of crater floor hosts up to 25 000 animals at all times of year. This makes it one of the most dense wildlife areas in Africa, and allows for many memorable sightings.



**Day 07: 05 Sep 2013**

**Ngorongoro – Tarangire National Park**

**B/L/D**

Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast you will head south-east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire beyond. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the main Arusha – Dodoma road and into the park. From here to the lodge, you'll enjoy a game drive en-route.

After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

You will spend **1 night** at **Tarangire Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



**Tarangire Sopa Lodge**

Tarangire Sopa Lodge provides 75 spacious rooms furnished with a mini bar and 2 queen size beds including mosquito nets. 4 of these rooms are suitable for the physically challenged.

The Lodge lies hidden among the kopjes and surrounded by ancient baobab trees. Tarangire is the home of one of the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa, and showcases other game including the elusive leopard. Over 400 bird species can be spotted here as well.

**Tarangire National Park**

In the past, Tarangire National Park was often overlooked by visitors to Tanzania, however it is now holding its own as one of the best dry season parks in the region.

During the dry months of July through to October, an enormous amount of wildlife is drawn inside Tarangire to access the water from the Tarangire River and the Silale Swamps, allowing for very rewarding game viewing experiences.

The park is home to some of the largest elephant herds of East Africa, and the scenery is particularly popular for the wide open, Serengeti-like plains, decorated with enormous and commanding Baobab trees.





**Day 08: 06 Sep 2013**

**Tarangire – Masai Mara**

**B/L/D**

This morning you will leave Tarangire behind and drive back to Arusha where you will be taken to Kilimanjaro International for your flight via Nairobi to the Masai Mara. The flight departs Kilimanjaro at **13h50** to arrive in Nairobi at **14h45**, off which you will connect onto the flight to the Masai Mara departing at **15h00** and arriving at **16h00**.

On arrival at the airstrip you will be met and driven to **Governors' Camp** where you will spend the next **2 nights** on a **full board basis**.



**Governors' Camp**

Governors' Camp nestles in a forest along the winding banks of the Mara River, its waters teeming with bird-life, hippo and crocodile, in the heart of Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve.

Some of the 37 luxury tents line the riverbank and, tucked into the forest, they enjoy uninterrupted views over the Mara River. Others have views across the sweeping plains of the Masai Mara.

The entire camp is under canvas with each tent having an en-suite bathroom with hot and cold running water, flushing toilets and a private veranda. Gas and paraffin lamps are used for lighting.

**Day 09: 07 Sep 2013**

**Masai Mara**

**B/L/D**

Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives inside the Masai Mara.

**Masai Mara Game Reserve**

It is no surprise that the Masai Mara ranks up near the top of most famous game reserves in the world.

The land of the Mara is consistently covered with herds of antelope, interspersed with prides of lions, journeys of giraffe, dazzles of zebra, and almost every other collective animal noun you can think of.



**Day 10: 08 Sep 2013**

**Masai Mara - Nairobi**

**B/L**

Following a morning activity, and lunch, you will be driven back to the airstrip in time for your flight to Nairobi, departing at **16h15** and landing at **17h15**, where you will be met on arrival at Wilson Airport, and transferred to the **Sarova Panafric Hotel** where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.



**Sarova Panafric Hotel**

Idyllically located 5 minutes' drive from the CBD and 18 Kms from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, amidst beautifully landscaped gardens in a quiet suburb of Nairobi, Sarova Panafric offers 164 rooms in a range of standard, superior, club and suites- all recently refurbished and decorated in a contemporary vibrant African style.

Guest rooms at Sarova Panafric offer a comfortable stay with all first class hotel facilities and services. The décor and ambiance of the rooms are inspired by African art and culture.

**Day 11: 09 Sep 2013**

**Day of departure**

**B/L**

This morning you will be collected for your full Nairobi city tour. The morning will be spent in the city centre visiting markets, historical buildings and museums, before enjoying lunch at the Carnivore Restaurant.



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The afternoon will be spent on the “Out of Africa” experience, as you travel to the Ngong Hills and visit Karen Blixen’s farmhouse and Giraffe Centre.

Following this you will be transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International in time to check in to your departure flight **KQ 764** leaving at **20h40**.

### **End of Services**

Thanks very much for confirming your travels with African Ubuntu Safaris. We know you will have a fantastic time, and look forward to hearing about it when you return!

Kind regards

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### **Cancellation terms and conditions:**

- All cancellations must be advised of in writing
- Cancellation penalties:
  - For cancellations made more than 60 days prior to start date: 30% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full deposit)
  - For cancellations made between 45 and 60 days prior to departure date: 50% cancellation penalty will apply
  - For cancellation made less than 45 days prior to departure date: 100% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost)

### **Insurance:**

- African Ubuntu Safaris strongly insists that every traveller purchases comprehensive travel insurance. As the deposit is non-refundable, and cancellation penalties apply, insurance must be taken out which can cover you in the event of you needing to cancel your travel plans. African Ubuntu Safaris will not be liable for any costs resulting from any traveller’s failure to purchase travel insurance.

### **Passenger and Travel Information**

- Travellers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- All travellers must have Identification Card / Passport with them for internal flights.
- Luggage restrictions are in place when travelling in Africa, especially concerning light aircraft flights. In general, in Southern Africa the weight limit is 20 kgs per person, and in East Africa the limit is 15 kgs per person. This includes hand luggage. It is possible to pay for extra weight allowance.
- A yellow fever vaccination is compulsory for a number of African countries. Please consult a travel doctor for up to date information.
- Travellers must have a passport which is valid for more than 6 months after the end date of the itinerary.
- Travellers’ passports must have a minimum 2 blank pages per country to be visited