



AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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Safari Itinerary

Traveller:	Charmaine and David
Tour name:	15 Day Northern Tanzania, Selous and Zanzibar Honeymoon
Travel dates:	28 August 2012 – 11 September 2012
Group size:	Max 7

Itinerary Outline

[Click on the blue links in the table below for further information](#)

Day	Date	Accommodation	Meals	Location
1	28 August 2012	Southern Sun Dar es Salaam	BB	Dar es Salaam
2	29 August 2012	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge	FB	Lake Manyara
3	30 August 2012	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
4	31 August 2012	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
5	01 September 2012	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
6	02 September 2012	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
7	03 September 2012	Tarangire Sopa Lodge	FB	Tarangire National Park
8	04 September 2012	Selous Riverside Camp	FB	Selous Game Reserve
9	05 September 2012	Selous Riverside Camp	FB	Selous Game Reserve
10	06 September 2012	Selous Riverside Camp	FB	Selous Game Reserve
11	07 September 2012	The Z Hotel	BB	Zanzibar
12	08 September 2012	The Z Hotel	BB	Zanzibar
13	09 September 2012	The Z Hotel	BB	Zanzibar
14	10 September 2012	The Z Hotel	BB	Zanzibar
15	11 September 2012	Day of departure	B	

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 4x4 vehicle with photo roof (maximum 7 clients per vehicle)
- Guaranteed window seat
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide
- Game drives and crater tour
- Walking safaris, boat cruises (water level dependant) and game drives at Selous Riverside Camp
- Private sunset dhow cruise from Z Hotel (US\$90 to be paid direct to Mrembo Tours)
- Flights: Dar es Salaam – Arusha; Arusha – Selous; Selous – Zanzibar
- 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: 28 Aug 2012

Dar es Salaam

On arrival at Dar es Salaam International Airport on flight **LX292** at **20h05** you will be met after passing through immigrations and transferred to the **Southern Sun Dar es Salaam**, to spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

Welcome to Tanzania!

Southern Sun Dar es Salaam

Located in the heart of Tanzania's business capital is Southern Sun Dar es Salaam. The Hotel is in the commercial centre of the city, and it borders the Botanical Gardens and diplomatic offices.

The central location of the hotel makes it a perfect choice for international business travellers, NGO's and diplomats. The hotel ambience and décor would meet the approval of the founder of Dar es Salaam, the Sultan of Zanzibar, who established the city in 1882. Following in this tradition, all guests to Southern Sun Dar es Salaam are welcomed and treated like royalty.



Day 02: 29 Aug 2012

Arusha – Lake Manyara National Park

B/L/D

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred back to the airport in time for your flight **PW762** to Arusha, departing at **09h40** and arriving at **11h00**, where you will be met and transferred to the Serena Mountain Village for lunch.

This afternoon you will meet your group, and head off on safari, driving west out of Arusha. 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. Perched on the very edge of the cliffs, with views over the lake, is the pool bar and observation point.

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: 30 Aug 2012 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 Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

	<p>Serengeti Sopa Lodge</p> <p>Serengeti Sopa Lodge is nestled in the acacia woodland on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the south-western Serengeti National Park.</p> <p>Accommodation is provided in 69 standard rooms, all with 2 queen size beds, carpeted, and furnished with local fabrics and pictures. On entering the room there is a lounge with a mini bar. A veranda with 2 comfortable chairs and coffee table faces the vast Serengeti plains. The rooms have en-suite bathrooms and hairdryers.</p>
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Day 04: 31 Aug 2012 Serengeti National Park B/L/D

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


<p>Serengeti National Park</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. While best known for the enormous herds of the wildebeest migration, there is far more to the Serengeti than this, and the national park can be enjoyed even when you are not in the vicinity of this spectacle.</p>	
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Day 05: 01 Sep 2012 Serengeti – Ngorongoro Crater B/L/D

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains.

After a picnic lunch you will visit a Maasai village before continuing to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

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

<p>Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge</p> <p>Situated on the eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, the 90 double bedrooms of Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge each accommodate two queen sized beds and a separate dressing area.</p> <p>Each room has a glass fronted veranda, where a private view of the Crater may be enjoyed. The lodge also has 6 single rooms with queen sized beds and glass sliding doors.</p>	
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Day 06: 02 Sep 2012

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: 03 Sep 2012

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: 04 Sep 2012

Tarangire – Selous Game Reserve

B/L/D

This morning you will leave Tarangire behind and drive back to Arusha where you will be taken to the Arusha Airport in time for your flight to the Selous Game Reserve, departing at **12h15** and arriving at **15h15**.

You will be met on arrival at the airstrip and driven to **Selous Riverside Camp** where you will spend the next **3 nights** on a **full board basis**.



Selous Riverside Camp

Hidden amongst dense forest and on the banks of the Rufiji River, Selous Riverside Safari Camp provides the most breathtaking view as dawn arises and a whole new adventure is about to begin.

Overlooking the Rufiji River, Selous Riverside Safari Camp consists of ten of the largest and most luxurious tented chalets in Tanzania. The spacious tents have been carefully placed to provide privacy and blend into the nature's surrounding, overlooking the Rufiji River and its hippos and crocodiles.

Day 09 & 10: 05 & 06 Sep 2012

Selous Game Reserve

B/L/D

These 2 full days will be spent on game viewing activities inside the Selous. You will have your choice of 2 activities each day, with the options being walking safaris, game drives or boat cruises (water level dependant).

Selous Game Reserve

Visiting the less-touristed southern circuit of Tanzania offers you a very different experience to the northern parks of the country, and the Selous Game Reserve is an exciting and activity laden destination.

Being about an hour flight from Dar es Salaam, or a 5 hour flight from Arusha, the Selous is far removed from the main Tanzanian parks, and for this reason is a great place to wander away from the tourist track and enjoy a Tanzanian safari with a difference.



Day 11: 07 Sep 2012

Selous – Zanzibar

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This morning you will be taken back to the airstrip in time for your flight to Zanzibar, departing at **09h45** and arriving at **10h50**, where you will be met on arrival and transferred to the northern tip of the island, where you will spend the next **4 nights** at **The Z Hotel** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

The Z Hotel

This chic, boutique hotel situated in a secluded plot on the corner of an idyllic beach in Nungwi, is located on the northern tip of Zanzibar.

It blends elegant, contemporary design with traditional Zanzibari features to create a unique cool and relaxing environment.

Set in a lush, tropical garden with direct access to the white powder beaches and warm waters of the Indian Ocean, the Z hotel has been finished to a high specification by an international team of architects and interior designers.






Day 12 - 14: 08 - 10 Sep 2012

Zanzibar

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These 3 full days will be spent relaxing on Zanzibar or taking part in some of the numerous excursions and activities which can be arranged through your hotel. Included during your stay on 08 September is a private sunset dhow cruise (payment of US\$90 needs to be made direct to Mrembo Tours at the Z Hotel).

	<p><u>Zanzibar</u></p> <p>The Zanzibar Archipelago has lured travellers to its pristine, white beaches for centuries, and continues to be the drawcard for sun-seeking, beach-loving tourists from all over the world.</p> <p>The main island of Zanzibar (correctly named Unguja), has a plethora of accommodation options, ranging from rustic beach bungalows to large and glitzy resorts, and can offer something to everyone's taste. Sandy beaches run the length of the coast, shaded by green palm trees, and caressed by turquoise waters.</p>
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Day 15: 11 Sep 2012

Dar es Salaam – Johannesburg

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Today you will be collected from your resort and transferred back to Zanzibar Airport in time for your flight **T6 922** to Johannesburg, departing at **13h10**.

End of Services

Thank you very much for choosing to book your holiday through African Ubuntu Safaris. We know you will have an amazing honeymoon!

Kind regards

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- **All cancellations must be advised of in writing**
- **Cancellation penalties:**
 - **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 advises that every traveller purchases comprehensive travel insurance.**

Passenger Information

- **Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.**
- **Luggage limit on the internal flights in Tanzania is strictly 15 kgs per person**
- **Passengers arriving in Tanzania may be asked to produce a yellow fever vaccination certificate**