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Confirmed Itinerary

Traveller:	Geoff
Tour name:	10 Day Tanzania Lodge and Masai Mara Tented Camp Safari
Travel dates:	27 July 2013 - 05 August 2013
Group size:	Max 7

Itinerary Outline

Day	Date	Accommodation	Meals	Location
1	27 July 2013	Arusha Coffee Lodge	BB	Arusha
2	28 July 2013	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge	FB	Lake Manyara
3	29 July 2013	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
4	30 July 2013	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
5	31 July 2013	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
6	01 August 2013	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
7	02 August 2013	Tarangire Sopa Lodge	FB	Tarangire National Park
8	03 August 2013	Governors' Camp	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
9	04 August 2013	Governors' Camp	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
10	05 August 2013	Day of departure	B	

BB = Bed and Breakfast

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
- Hot-air balloon flight in the Masai Mara
- Flights: Kilimanjaro – Nairobi – Masai Mara – Nairobi
- Shared camp game drives at Governor's Camp
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

Cost Excludes:

- International flights not specified
- Visas
- 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: 27 Jul 2013

Arusha

On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport at **19h35** on KLM flight **KL 0569**, you will be met by a driver and transferred to the **Arusha Coffee Lodge**, to spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

Welcome to Tanzania!

Arusha Coffee Lodge

Situated just 5 minutes from Arusha Airport, the Arusha Coffee Lodge is ideally placed to begin a safari in Tanzania, and offers stylish accommodation on the grounds of a coffee plantation.

Comprising of 30 Plantation Houses - including 12 Plantation Suites - all of which radiate out into the evergreen coffee fields - Arusha Coffee Lodge has been designed around the original landowner's home which dates back over one hundred years.



Day 02: 28 Jul 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. 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: 29 Jul 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 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: 30 Jul 2013 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: 31 Jul 2013 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: 01 Aug 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 destination 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: 02 Aug 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: 03 Aug 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**.

	<p><u>Governors' Camp</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Day 09: 04 Aug 2013

Masai Mara

B/L/D

Early this morning, you will be collected from camp and driven to the launch point for your hot-air balloon safari over the Mara plains. After drifting for about an hour you will land and enjoy a champagne breakfast in the wilderness, before heading back to Governor's Camp.

The rest of the day will be spent on shared game drives in the camp's open sided vehicles.

<p><u>Masai Mara Game Reserve</u></p> <p>It is no surprise that the Masai Mara ranks up near the top of most famous game reserves in the world.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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Day 10: 05 Aug 2013

Day of departure

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 Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. You will be boarding KLM flight **KL 0566 departing at 22h25**.

End of Services

Kind regards

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 - 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