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Safari Itinerary

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Tour name:	Tanzania, Kenya and Rwanda honeymoon
Travel dates:	02 – 14 April 2013

Itinerary Outline

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Day	Date	Accommodation	Meals	Location
1	02 April 2013	Arusha Coffee Lodge	BB	Arusha
2	03 April 2013	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge	FB	Lake Manyara
3	04 April 2013	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
4	05 April 2013	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
5	06 April 2013	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
6	07 April 2013	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
7	08 April 2013	Tarangire Sopa Lodge	FB	Tarangire National Park
8	09 April 2013	Governors' Camp	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
9	10 April 2013	Governors' Camp	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
10	11 April 2013	The Boma Hotel	B	Nairobi
11	12 April 2013	Mountain Gorilla View Lodge	FB	Volcanoes National Park
12	13 April 2013	Mountain Gorilla View Lodge	FB	Volcanoes National Park
13	14 April 2013	Day of departure	B	

BB = Bed and Breakfast

HB = Breakfast and dinner

FB = Breakfast , lunch and dinner

FI = Breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks

Cost includes:

- Meet and greet services and airport transfers
- Seat in shared vehicle safari in Tanzania (maximum 7 travellers)
- Guaranteed window seat
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide
- Game drives and crater tour
- Shared game drives in the Masai Mara
- Private vehicle and guide in Rwanda
- 1 x gorilla trekking permit per person @ US\$750
- Flights: Arusha – Nairobi – Masai Mara; Nairobi – Kigali
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

Cost Excludes:

- International flights (except Nairobi – Kigali) and 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: 02 Apr 2013

Arusha

On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport on Qatar Airways flight **QR544** at **15h20** 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: 03 Apr 2013

Arusha – Lake Manyara National Park

B/L/D

This morning you will be spent at leisure before you are collected and taken into Arusha for 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: 04 Apr 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><u>Serengeti Sopa Lodge</u></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: 05 Apr 2013 Serengeti National Park B/L/D

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


<p><u>Serengeti National Park</u></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: 06 Apr 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><u>Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge</u></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: 07 Apr 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: 08 Apr 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: 09 Apr 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 Arusha Airport for your **Regional Air** flight departing at **13h00** and landing in Nairobi at **14h50**. You will then connect onto the **Air Kenya** flight departing at **15h00** and landing in the Masai Mara 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>Governors' Camp</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. 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.</p>
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Day 09: 10 Apr 2013

Masai Mara

B/L/D

You will have a full day today to enjoy game drives inside the Masai Mara.

<p>Masai Mara Game Reserve</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: 11 Apr 2013

Day of departure

B/L

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

	<p>The Boma Hotel</p> <p>The Boma Nairobi consists of 148 luxury deluxe guest rooms, in different room categories; 120 Superior Rooms, 20 Deluxe Rooms, 6 Business Suites, 1 Executive Suite and 1 Presidential Suite. An Executive Lounge is available for guests staying in Deluxe Rooms and Suites.</p> <p>All rooms and suites come with luxury amenities including complimentary high-speed internet access, multimedia plug and play port, LED television, Direct Dial Up Telephone. All rooms have access to 24 hour rooms service.</p>
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Day 11: 12 Apr 2013

Nairobi – Volcanoes National Park

B/L/D

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and driven to Jomo Kenyatta International in time for your **Rwandair** flight **WB401** departing at **09h15** and arriving in Kigali at **09h30** (there is a 1 hour difference between Kenya and Rwanda).



You will be met on arrival at the airport by your private guide and taken on a city tour, including a visit to the Genocide Memorial, before driving to the Volcanoes National Park to spend the next **2 nights** at **Mountain Gorilla View Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

The Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is the new mid-range lodge in the area and is perfectly situated for gorilla tracking in Rwanda. The 30 individual cottages have been built on 4 acres of land on the slopes of Mt Sabinyo. The stone and thatch cottages each have en-suite facilities, a small lounge with a fire place and a private veranda. The cottages are of a good size and are well positioned to give them privacy from each other. There is a separate restaurant and bar area.



Mountain Gorilla View Lodge provides good value for money at the same time as great views and easy access to Parc National des Volcans.

Day 12: 13 Apr 2013 Volcanoes National Park (Gorilla Trekking) B/L/D

Today will be your exciting gorilla trek, as you wake with an early start, and join your group venturing into the Virunga Mountains. You will be led by experienced guides and rangers, as they take you into the lush rainforest in search of these beautiful animals.

Gorilla treks can involve walking time of anywhere between 30 minutes and 8 hours, although we will arrange for you to try and visit the nearest gorilla family to limit your walking time.

Once with the gorillas, 1 hour will be spent watching them, and experiencing the group move around you, before your guide will give you the signal to start heading back down the mountain for a well-earned dinner.

Volcanoes National Park

"In the heart of Central Africa, so high up that you shiver more than you sweat, are great, old volcanoes towering up almost 15,000 feet, and nearly covered with rich, green rainforest - the Virungas".

That description of the location, given by the primatologist Dian Fossey, explains what to look forward to when planning a visit to the Volcanoes National Park.

Situated in the far northwest of Rwanda, the Volcanoes National Park protects the steep slopes of this magnificent mountain range - home of the rare mountain gorilla - and the rich mosaic of montane ecosystems, which embrace evergreen and bamboo forest, open grassland, swamp and heath.



Day 13: 14 Apr 2013 Departure Day B

This morning you will be driven back to Kigali and dropped off at the airport in time for your Qatar Airways flight **QR537** departing at **15h00**.

End of Services

Thank you very much for confirming your travel plans through African Ubuntu Safaris. We know you will have an amazing time, and look forward to hearing about it when you return!

Kind regards

Cuan McLaren



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- **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 advises 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.**

Passenger Information

- **Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.**
- **All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them for internal flights.**
- **Passengers arriving in Tanzania may be asked to produce a yellow fever vaccination certificate**