



## AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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### Safari Itinerary

Travellers:	Alan, John, Peter and Diana
Tour name:	Private Tanzania and Zanzibar Safari
Travel dates:	08 – 19 January 2013
Group size:	4

### Itinerary Outline

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Location</u>
01	08 January 2012	<a href="#">Arusha Coffee Lodge</a>	BB	Arusha
02	09 January 2012	<a href="#">Lake Manyara Serena Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Lake Manyara</a>
03	10 January 2012	<a href="#">Serengeti Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Serengeti National Park</a>
04	11 January 2012	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
05	12 January 2012	<a href="#">Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Ngorongoro Crater</a>
06	13 January 2012	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
07	14 January 2012	<a href="#">Tarangire Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Tarangire National Park</a>
08	15 January 2012	Zanzibar Serena Inn	BB	<a href="#">Stone Town</a>
09	16 January 2012	<a href="#">Z Hotel</a>	BB	Zanzibar Coast
10	17 January 2012	Z Hotel	BB	Zanzibar Coast
11	18 January 2012	Z Hotel	BB	Zanzibar Coast
12	19 January 2012	Day of departure		

BB = Bed and breakfast

FB = Breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### Cost includes:

- Meet and greet services
- All airport transfers
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide
- Exclusive 4x4 vehicle
- All game drives and a Crater tour
- Hot-air balloon flight for Alan, John and Diana
- Flights: Dar es Salaam – Kilimanjaro; Arusha – Zanzibar; Zanzibar – Dar es Salaam
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

#### Cost Excludes:

- International flights
- 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 and travel insurance



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01: 08 January 2013

### Arrival into Arusha

On arrival at Dar es Salaam Airport today on flight **EK725** at **15h15** you will be met after passing through immigrations and assisted with the check-in for your Precision Air flight **PW432** to Kilimanjaro International Airport, departing at **18h00** and landing at **19h20**. Upon landing 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: 09 January 2013

### Arusha – Lake Manyara National Park

### B/L/D

You will have the morning free to recover from your flights before enjoying lunch at the lodge.

This afternoon you will 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 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: 10 January 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><b>Serengeti Sopa Lodge</b></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.</p>
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**Day 04: 11 January 2013      Serengeti National Park      B/L/D**

This morning, Alan, John and Diana will be collected early and driven to the launch point for their hot-air balloon flight. Upon landing, they will enjoy a champagne breakfast before joining up with Peter to continue on the day's game drives.

<p><b>Serengeti National Park</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: 12 January 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.

After 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><b>Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge</b></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: 13 January 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: 14 January 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: 15 January 2013**

**Tarangire – Stone Town**

**B/L/D**

This morning you will leave Tarangire behind and drive back to Arusha where you will catch your flight to Zanzibar, departing at **15h30** and landing at **16h40**. On arrival you will be met and transferred into Stone Town where you will spend **1 night** at the **Zanzibar Serena Inn** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

You will have the evening free to explore the town and try out some of the local cuisine.

**Zanzibar Serena Inn**

Idyllically situated on the sea-front of ancient Stone Town, and flanked by an exotic mix of sultan's palaces, Portuguese forts, ancient dhow harbours, and bright bazaars, the Zanzibar Serena Inn is a haven of tranquillity and opulence amongst the bustle of one of Africa's most ancient and most enchanting towns.

A member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the inn has been styled to represent the epitome of Swahili style, ethnic elegance and Arabic opulence.



**Day 09: 16 January 2013**

**Stone Town – Zanzibar Coast**

**B**

This morning you will have some more time to explore Stone Town before being transferred across to the north coast of the island to spend **3 nights** at **The Z Hotel** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.



**Zanzibar**

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.

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.

**Day 10 & 11: 17 & 18 January 2013**

**Zanzibar Coast**

**B**

These 2 full days will be spent at leisure, enjoying some of the numerous activities available on the island, or just relaxing on the beach or at the pool with a cocktail.

**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: 19 January 2013**

**Day of departure**

**B**

Today you will be transferred back to Zanzibar Airport in time for your flight to Dar es Salaam, departing at **12h05** and arriving at **12h35**, where you will connect with your international departure flight, **EK726** departing at **16h45**.

**End of Services**



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Thanks very much for confirming your booking through African Ubuntu Safaris. We know you will have an amazing time, and we are on hand to assist during your travels.

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Kind regards

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- **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.**
- **Baggage on internal flights is strictly limited to 15kgs per person (including hand luggage). Any excess baggage will be charged by the airline at check-in.**
- **Passengers arriving in Tanzania may be asked to present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate.**