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HE GREAT COMBO: NORTH AND SOUTH TANZANIA.

“This combo allows us to maximize our trip to Tanzania, keeping all the different and beautiful memories with us for a long time to come, from all four corners in the map. We will drive in the north and will enter the south on a small plane from the amazing Serengeti in the north and right into the Ruaha National Park in the south. Here is where we will be able to enjoy a walking safari. This is a fun activity and a fantastic way of experiencing the best Tanzania has to offer you all in one single trip.”

Departure dates:

all year 2017.

Safari:

private and with English-speaking driver.

Itinerary:

12 days.

Accommodation:

authentic African accommodation combined lodges and tented camps in the middle of the savannah.



Day 1 Kilimanjaro Airport – Arusha.

You will be received by our representative at the Kilimanjaro Airport and transferred to the hotel, after which you will be informed of the itinerary. Bed and breakfast in **Karama Lodge** or **Planet Lodge**.

Lake Masek Tented Camp



Day 2 Arusha – Ngorongoro Crater – Ndutu Plains.

The tour guide will pick us up from the hotel and brief us about our next steps and our safari. Once accomplished, we will take out 4WD vehicle and head towards the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. We will reach the gate after approximately 3 hours, where the guide will arrange our permits at the gate so that we can continue with our safari. When the process is done, we will enter the park through a thick forest where we may spot elephants, buffalos, monkeys and leopards among others. Once the forest area is behind us, we will continue towards one of the wonders of the world, the Ngorongoro Crater. There, we will begin our search for the endangered Black Rhino, living among 25,000 other mammals. We will reach then the Munge River, where we can spot lions with the darkest mane. Our lunch will be a picnic in the crater, which we will leave behind in order to reach the famous Ndutu Plain. This is where the Great Migration begins in the months between December and April. Nevertheless, this is an area you must visit regardless the time you travel as it is the ideal place for spotting hard-to-see felines. We will spend the night at a nice tented camp of amazing views since it is located across Masek Lake and Ndutu. Animals tend to come here to drink. Full-board in **Lake Masek Tented Camp** or **Lake Ndutu Luxury Tented Lodge**.

Day 3 Ndutu Plains – Serengeti National Park.

We will leave for a game drive in the morning soon after breakfast. Our objective is finding as many animals as possible in the Ndutu Plains. This is a place where we can approach animals closely, observing them and taking as many pictures as we wish. We will soon after leave this area and drive towards the great northern park in Tanzania, the Serengeti, where we will arrive around midday. We will then begin a safari about this endless land as we move towards the central area. We will enjoy the game drive and may see animals such as lions, leopards, cheetahs, giraffes, warthog, wildebeest, zebras and many more. We will drive to our tented camp at sunset. Full-board in **Serengeti Acacia Tented Camp** or **Serengeti Mbugani Camp**.

Happy and stress-free lions.



Day 4 Serengeti National Park Central Area, full day.

We can use this day to explore deeply what the park can offer us, with the objective of finding the Great Five: buffalo, elephant, lion, rhino and leopard. Our afternoon can be a time for indulging ourselves with an unforgettable sunset in the Savannah. Picnic lunch with coffee/tea so that we can use time efficiently. Full-board in **Serengeti Acacia Tented Camp** or **Serengeti Mbugani Camp**.

Not-included activity for today: an amazing balloon safari.



Day 5 Serengeti National Park – Arusha.

Today, early in the morning and after breakfast, we will do another game drive in the Seronera Valley, where we can observe the animals wake up, and luckily, hunting. We will leave Serengeti behind and drive towards Arusha, crossing the Ngorongoro Conservation Area at the same time. Here, we can stop and visit a Maasai village in order to get to know them, their traditions, habits and daily routine. Upon arrival in Arusha, we will be free in the afternoon and if time allows, we can stroll about town and visit the local market. Bed and breakfast in **Karama Lodge** or **Planet Lodge**.

Day 6 Arusha – Ruaha National Park.

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the Arusha Airport for our flight to southern Tanzania. We will land at the Ruaha National Park airstrip, where our tour guide will be waiting for us. With our 4WD vehicle, we will again begin the search for those animals not to be easily seen up north. We will drive to our tented camp in the late afternoon in order to spend the night. Full-board in **Mdonya Old River Camp** or **Ruaha Hilltop Lodge**.

Day 7 Ruaha National Park full day.

In the morning and with the first rays of sun, we will enjoy the view of the savannah, while having breakfast in the camp dining area. Shortly after, we will go out to begin the truly wild African experience, for which a game drive in Ruaha National Park is essential. This is the least known and visited parks in Tanzania, but is with no doubt one of the most spectacular in Africa. Ruaha travels within and along the Great Rift Valley giving life to an endless number of animals while on an African canvas with no competition. Ruaha is special because here we can see animals such as the kudu (small and big), the roan and also the sable, all of them being a delicatessen product for predators eager while hunting. This park gives away as well, one of the most ample variety of birds. Full-board in **Mdonya Old River Camp** or **Ruaha Hilltop Lodge**.

Fighting.



Day 8 Ruaha National Park – Morogoro.

Early in the morning and with our picnic lunch, we will drive towards the Morogoro area. We may continue to enjoy the views of the Rift Valley while we drive decorated by the authenticity of the villages we can see along. Our hotel offers views of the Uluguru Mountains. Full-board in **Nashera Hotel** or **Tan-Swiss Hotel**.

Day 9 Morogoro – Selous Natural Reserve.

The African sun rays will wake us up early. After breakfast and with our picnic lunch, we will be on our way to the Selous Natural Reserve, located in a 6-hour drive. As usual, we have the chance to relax in the car and observe the country in a different way, perceiving the smell, the new color shades, the people, while the landscape changes on our way, almost virgin in the distance, of new tone for us, of which with no doubt, we will fall in love with. We will begin our first safari upon arrival and will enjoy the animals and the landscape until late afternoon. Full-board in **Lake Manze Camp** or **Selous Sunset Lodge**.

Day 10 Selous Natural Reserve full day with walking safari.

It's going to be an exciting day today since we will walk about the reserve. We have never felt this piece of wild land so close to us before, but fear not! Our tour guide and an armed ranger will come along so that we are protected and do not miss anything around us. Both professionals are here to illustrate us on all around us, fauna and flora. We will go back to the camp for a hot meal and a bit of rest. We will go out to the wild in the afternoon in order to seek the famous and sneaky Wild Dog. We can also look for lions, elephants, leopards and many more. When the sunset is near, we will go back to the camp for a hot shower. Full-board in **Lake Manze Camp** or **Selous Sunset Lodge**.



Day 11 Selous Natural Reserve full day and boat safari.

Early in the morning and after breakfast, we will begin the search for animals, which are more active in the morning and if lucky, we may observe them hunting, Wild Dogs chasing their prey. At midday, we will return to the camp for lunch and will be back in the bush in the afternoon. Today is going to add a new wonderful experience to our repertoire, unforgettable indeed, a safari on boat in the Rufiji River. We will have the chance to observe the aquatic life first hand, animals such as hippos, Nile crocodiles, animals that can weigh up to and over a 1000 kg. We will return to the camp late afternoon for a shower and a rest. Full-board in **Lake Manze Camp** or **Selous Sunset Lodge**.

Day 12 Selous Natural Reserve – Dar es Salaam Airport – Return.

Breakfast and soon on the road towards the Dar es Salaam International Airport to get our flight back home.

End of our services.

Right in the middle of the action!



INCLUSIVE OF IN THE SAFARI

Transfers Kilimanjaro Airport / Arusha / Airport. 4WD type vehicle Land Rover or Land Cruiser. English-speaking driver. Professional English-speaking guide throughout the safari. Entrance fees to mentioned national parks. Full-board during the whole safari and bed and breakfast in the city of Arusha. Unlimited bottled water during the safari. Flight from Arusha to Ruaha. Walking safari and safari on boat in Selous. Fauna and flora book. Visit to Maasai village in Ngorongoro. Flying Doctors Insurance during the safari only covers transportation by helicopter from the emergency to a Nairobi hospital. It does not cover hospital expenses or any other expense caused by the emergency.

EXCLUSIVE OF IN THE SAFARI

Any service not specified as Inclusive of. International flight origin / Tanzania /origin. Any type of visa (\$ 50 per person). Beverages of any kind in the hotels except where indicated. Tips and personal expenses. Travel insurance, travel expenses in case of emergency, medical or personal toiletry bag. Supplements for holidays of Easter, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year.

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Ask for a free quotation.