

HE MAASAI JEWEL: TREKKING IN MAASAI LAND...

.....walking through the volcano in Ngorongoro and until Lake Natron.

"This walking safari in the northern part of Tanzania involves a feeling of freedom mixed with a unique experience we will get while walking across forest, the savannah and a rocky landscape. We will be able to observe as we advance the daily routine of the Maasai people. We can also encounter animals while living first-hand the highlands of Ngorongoro Crater. This privilege route has no waste whatsoever."

Departure dates: all year 2017.

Safari: private and with English-speaking driver.

Itinerary: 10 days.

Accommodation: mixed: camping and lodge.



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** o **Planet Lodge**.

The charming Karama Lodge.



Day 4 Bulati – Empakai Crater.

After breakfast, we will ascend a hill from where we will have the last panoramic view of the grassy plains now at our feet. The road continues through a thick area that will lead us to the Oldonyo Lengai, a still active volcano. There is no waste in this trekking and we may see the volcano and its greatness, as well as the impressive Empakai Crater before reaching camp to spend the night. If we wish, we may explore the crater following the path that descends into the Lake Empakai and inside the crater. This is a soda lake and an important source of food for flamingos all year round. When our visit is over, we will return to the camp in order to spend the night. If we are lucky, we may hear the flamingos communicating with each other while they return to their nests in the neighboring lakes, Manyara and Natron. Full-board in camping.

Day 2 Arusha - Olmoti Crater - Nainokanoka.

Breakfast in the hotel in the morning and with picnic lunch, on our way towards the Ngorongoro Highlands. We will cross the villages of Mto wa Mbu and the Rift Valley, offering wonderful views of the Lake Manyara. We will have now the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in front of us. Our way takes us along the great crater and to the Maasai village of Nainokanoka. While the team sets camp, we can roam around the Olmoti Crater in the afternoon. There is also chance to visit a cascade long the way. Dinner will be served at the camp, at an altitude of 2.650 m. Full-board in camping.

Day 3 Nainokanoka - Bulati.

Early in the morning, a Maasai guide will arrive with some donkeys. After breakfast and once the donkeys have been loaded with all the luggage, we begin our trekking across volcanic land, crossing Maasai villages and watching traditional Maasai herders. Next to them, we may see animals thompson, grant gazelles, zebras and wildebeest. We hope to be able to see hungry jackals looking for food while eagles watch from the sky. After 16 Kms. we will reach the camp not too far from a Maasai village called Bulati. Full-board in camping.

Vigilant, always so quiet.





Day 5 Empakai Crater - Acacia Camp.

We will continue our trekking after breakfast and towards the village of Nayoibi. We leave behind places we have already visited, having become now unforgettable views. After lunch in Nayobi, we will continue towards the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, reaching a dry and hot environment. We will spend the night in an acacia forest. Full-board in camping.

Day 6 Acacia Camp - Lake Natron.

We have reached the last stage in our trip and we are now descending. We will pay attention to the magnificent view that will seal that image on our pictures and also, our memory. We can view the Oldonyo Lengai Mountain and the Rift Valley from different angles. The ash produced in the 2007 eruption is still present, creating a deep and significant contrast. We continue to descend in the Rift Valley, dry and hot. Near lunchtime, we will reach the meeting point, taking our 4WD car and moving to the Lake Natron area. Full-board in **camping**.

Day 7 Lake Natron – Serengeti National Park Northern Area, Lobo.

We will be on our feet very early and if this is a school day and if we wish, we may visit a public school in the town of Ngarasero. We will then move to the Serengeti National Park, which we will access through the northern gate. Once in the park and on the way to the lodge, we will be able to enjoy a fantastic safari. Full-board in Lobo Wildlife Lodge.

Hard to see... but still possible.



Day 8 Serengeti National Park Northern Area, from Lobo Area to 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. If you feel bold, we can organize a balloon safari (optional). Full-board in Serengeti Acacia Tented Camp or Serengeti Mbugani Camp.

Day 9 Serengeti National Park Central Area – Ngorongoro Crater – Karatu.

We will be on our way early in the morning 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. Picnic lunch in the crater and then we will continue our safari until late afternoon. We will then move to the camp located on the Rift Valley. Full-board in Eileen's Tree Inn or Country Lodge.



Magnificent zebras, the guides.



Day 10 Karatu – Lake Manyara National Park – Kilimanjaro Airport – Return.

We will have breakfast at the lodge and will be soon on our way to the Lake Manyara National Park, where we will be able to enjoy all afternoon while seeking the climbing lions that live there. We can also see here larges troops of baboons, elephants, zebras and many more animals. This is also a great place to see large troops of baboons, elephants, zebras and many more animals. This is with no doubt, the park to observe birds such as pelicans, or the majestic flamingos, that attracted by the lake's waters, show of their plumage while fishing, producing a pink optic effect that can be seen from far. Picnic lunch in the park, after which we will be on our way to Kilimanjaro Airport in order to take our flight back home.

End of our services.

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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 trekking and bed and breakfast in the city of Arusha. Unlimited bottled water during the safari. Donkeys to transport all luggage during the trekking. Cook, chairs, and tents for the trekking. Armed ranger for the trekking. Coffee/tea during the safari (in the car and with lunch). Fauna and flora book. Fridge to keep drinks cool. Electric sockets to charge cameras and cell phones. 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.

Ask for a free quotation.

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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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