



Departure dates: 2017

Safari: in private and with English-speaking guide and driver.

Itinerary:9 days.Accommodation:Deluxe.



## Day 1 - Kilimanjaro Airport - Arusha Airport.

You will meet our professional safari guide and driver arrival to Kilimanjaro International Airport. Transfer to your hotel or lodge for overnight. The next morning, you will be briefed on your safari by our representative. This is a good opportunity for any questions or concerns to be brought up.

Your <u>safety</u> and comfort is mostly important for **Aika Tours & Safaris**. As our number-one priority and in the unlikely event of serious illness or injury, we include in all our tours the "Flying Doctors" Insurance Policy. This emergency evacuation insurance covers the cost of the evacuation flight to a Nairobi hospital. However, this insurance policy <u>DOES NOT</u> cover the cost of any medical treatment you may need or receive. We highly recommend all our travelers to buy full coverage international travel insurance before traveling.

As for your <u>health</u>, please inform us at the time of the booking if you will be needed special food or if you have any allergies.

# Arusha Coffee Lodge



#### Your stay:

Your first night in Arusha will offer a half-board stay at the Arusha Coffee Lodge, "an aromatic and sensory experience". The Arusha Coffee Lodge is an oasis in the vibrant northern town of Arusha. Overpowered by the solemn presence of Mount Meru, this lodge will meet all your expectations in quality, service and location. Located in a coffee state, offers relaxation and a first encounter with Tanzanian hospitality before beginning our journey. Half-board package includes accommodation, dinner and 'a la carte' breakfast. There is no better way to start Exploring Tanzania than spending your first night in this fantastic lodge.

# Cooling off.



## Day 2 - Arusha City - Tarangire National Park.

We will begin our day enjoying the calmness of the lodge and the flora in its magnificent garden. We will meet our English-speaking guide around 9:30 am and soon, we will be on our way to Tarangire National Park, the first stop in our African adventure. There is a lot to be seen before we reach our destination though. From our safari vehicle 4×4, we will have our first encounter with the beautiful vast landscape, splashed with Maasai huts. While relaxing in the car, we can observe the daily routines, walking long distances or herding their cattle. Our guide will proceed with the entrance at the gate and then, we will be taken to our lodge to settle in Tarangire Sopa Lodge. It will be time then to enjoy a hot lunch in the pleasant dining room of this excellent lodge, after which, we will dive directly into our first game drive. Our safari guide will direct us while searching the great and famous colony of elephants living there. With no doubt, we will be awed by the image of the baobab trees decorating this spectacular park. This afternoon will be used to fully explore every corner of the park, looking for lions, leopards, giraffes, impalas, buffalos and many more. With the sunset, we will drive back to the lodge for a hot shower and a rest.



#### Your stay:

You will be introduced tonight to the famous Sopa Lodge. In Tarangire, the **Tarangire Sopa Lodge** is famous for discretion, attention and good food. The service provided is impeccable and we are convinced that you will enjoy your stay here. Your **Full-board** package includes all meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## Day 3 - Tarangire National Park full day.

Our first morning safari will take place soon after breakfast. Tarangire is well-known for large numbers of elephants, but also around 550 species of birds, migratory wildebeests, zebras, buffalos, impalas, gazelles, hartebeests, elands and much more that we will try to find for you. Tarangire rives and lagoons offer a constant source of water for wild animals, which gives us the opportunity to observe then when drinking and with luck, hunting where the game is secure. The swamps and its emerald green reaching to where your eyes can will definitely move you. At noon, we will drive back to the lodge for hot lunch. It will be up to us to decide between an afternoon game drive and relax and rest at the lodge.

# Fighting.



#### Your stay:

This will be your second night at the **Tarangire Sopa Lodge**. By now, you will have made yourself like at home in this lodge. Ample spaces and intimate corners where to relax or a delicious breakfast in the garden will be the delight here. Your **Full-board** package includes all meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

#### Day 4 - Tarangire National Park - Lake Manyara National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

We will drive to the Lake Manyara National Park after breakfast at the lodge that we are now leaving behind. Here, we will engage ourselves in the search for sneaky but famous tree-climbing lion. This park is also famous for the large troops of baboons, but also many elephants, zebras and many more wild animals. At noon we will leave the park and head to the massive Ngorongoro crater. We will have our hot lunch at the delightful Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, followed by a free evening of leisure. This will be an experience like no other.

#### Your stay:

You will be introduced to the Serena Lodges today by staying today at the **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge**. The service given to all guests is with no doubt one of the most important things to highlight in this classic and well regarded lodge in Eastern Africa. The food and the relaxed atmosphere will welcome you after a long day in game drive. The views will make you daydream. Your **Full-board** package includes all meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



# Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge



#### Day 5 - Ngorongoro Crater.

After an excellent and plentiful breakfast and the sun rays ready to come along, we will descend 600m into this magnificent crater for a half-day game drive. The Ngorongoro Crater is one of the most densely crowded African wildlife areas in the world and is home to an estimated 30,000 animals including some of Tanzania's last remaining *black rhino*. However, its water supply secures life for other animals, such as herds of wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, warthog, hippo, and giant African elephants. The Ngorongoro Crater is also home to many predators such as jackals, leopards, lions, the terrible hyenas, and the fast cheetahs. As usual, we will drive back to the lodge for lunch and an evening of leisure relaxing under the unforgettable African stars.

## Your stay:

This will be your second night at the **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge** and we are convinced that the rock-build rooms have called your attention, as well as the many opportunities to observe the life outside in the crater. Not too many other lodges can offer this privilege location to their guests. Your **Full-board** package includes all meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## Day 6 - Ngorongoro - Serengeti National Park.

We will be heading towards the grandiose Serengeti National Park after a pleasant breakfast. Leaving the highlands behind, we will descend into the heart of our lovely Africa – the Serengeti National Park. This is the place where your eyes will not reach the end of the plains, this is the land of the wildest animals on heart, this is the land where to photograph the most sticking and unforgettable sunsets. We will visit the area known as the Seronera and the Seronera River, a source of water that keeps animals coming all day long. We will be there waiting for them. At noon, we will drive to our lodge in order to enjoy a hot lunch. Afterwards, we will go back to the bush to enjoy an evening game drive until the sunset hours around the Seronera Valley.

#### Your stay:

You will continue to stay with the 'Serena Family' while you enjoy the lodge facilities and the always surprising food. Tonight will be the night you will stay at the **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge** and its peculiar guest-rooms. 'The Maasai village-inspired lodge' and its 'hut-like' rooms will be one of the highlights in our tour in Northern Tanzania. The excellent service in this lodge is characteristic and renowned among tour-operators and it is never to let guests down. Your **Full-board** package includes all meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



## Day 7 - Serengeti and the endless plain.

Serengeti National Park is as large in dimensions as it is in variety and quantity of its fauna. 'Endless' is the best word to describe this wonder. It is here where the Great Migration takes place, savvy, no time to lose. It is here where zebras lead thousands of wildebeest across the crocodile infested waters of the Mara River in order to do what their instincts tell them to do: to migrate. There, crocodiles have been waiting idle, not moving a bit. And they will cross regardless of the many that will perish because nature is nature and it must continue forward. Serengeti is the place where to drive straight forward and never see the end of the road. This can only be comparable to the experience that you will have here.

# Sunset in Serengeti.



#### Your stay:

This will be your second night at the magnificent **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge**. As your trip advances and you are more aware of the surroundings, you will be able to enjoy the many different aspects of Africa, the colors, the food, the aroma and the service provided by a customer-oriented staff, examples of all to be found at this lodge. Your **Full-board** package includes all meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## Day 8 - Serengeti, the endless plain with the option of a wonderful safari from the sky.

Today will offer and opportunity like no other. You can fly! You can choose to do a safari from the sky in a hot air balloon and see the amazing Serengeti National Park from above. Can you see the zebras running wild? You can watch them and photograph them from the air...those wonderful and majestic giraffes. We can arrange the time and make it work with our tour.

Our tour will offer an after breakfast game drive along the Sogore River Circuit and going back to Seronera river. We will have the opportunity to see many wild animals in Serengeti, such as cheetahs, ostriches, Thomson gazelles and with luck, lions and leopards. We will go back to the lodge for lunch and go back to the bush for an afternoon game drive.

## Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge



## Your stay:

This will be your last night at the **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge** and the last night for you to enjoy the sunset in the savannah. You will take with you the sounds of the wilderness at night, when the animals are moving in the dark and we are at the lodge, surrounded by garden lights that sooths the spirit. You know that by now, you have decided that you will come back to Tanzania. We are happy to hear. Your **Full-board** package includes all meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



#### Day 9 - Serengeti National Park - Arusha/Kilimanjaro Airport - Return.

We will enjoy our breakfast in this fantastic lodge and will pack in order to leave at the agreed upon time. We will continue our safari on the way to the Serengeti Airstrip, as we will be flying back to the City of Arusha in order to connect with our international flight. This flight will take around 2 hours.

<u>Please note</u>: luggage restriction is applicable to this flight: Standard Y Class - 15kg per person, Premium XL Class - 30kg per person for both carry-on and checked luggage. Your checked luggage needs to be soft-sided - no wheels / no spine, a duffel bag is recommended. A small purse/backpack is recommended as a carry-on, to keep your essentials handy (camera, passport, hat, medication, etc.).

Once back in Arusha, we will be driven to the **Arusha Coffee Lodge** for a hot lunch. We will be transferring to Kilimanjaro Airport for our flight back home. Our safari tour guide will be thanking you for your stay and wishing you a safe flight back home.

End of our services.

#### **Terms & Conditions**

A deposit is due immediately on booking (30% of program price, minimum \$350). The balance is due 90 days prior to departure. Cancellations of confirmed bookings 90 days or more prior to departure will receive full refund minus a \$350 (per person) administrative fee and any non-refundable paid fees (e.g. non-refundable airfare or hotel deposits). 60-89 days will be subject to loss of 30% of program price. 30-59 days will be subject to loss of 50% of program price. 29 days or less will be subject to loss of 100% of program price. Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless noted on the itinerary. Cost increases in currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges or hotel/lodge tariff increases between quote date and start date are payable by the client and it will be communicated to the traveler as soon as it is acknowledged by the company. Availability cannot be guaranteed until booked. We will exercise best efforts to book hotels per the itinerary, however, in busy seasons and with client bookings made within 90 days of tour date we may be forced to offer substitutes. Payment of the program price constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out at <a href="http://www.safariaika.com/">http://www.safariaika.com/</a>.

## Quotation inclusive of during the safari:

Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport / Arusha / Kilimanjaro Airport. 4×4 safari vehicle: Land Rover or Land Cruiser. English-speaking guide driver during the safari. Park fees to all mentioned parks. Unlimited bottled mineral water during the safari. Meals as specified in the itinerary. Nature book. Coffee/tea during the safari (in the car and with lunch). Electric fridge in the car to keep drinks cool. Plugs for charging cameras and phones in the car. Hot lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge on the last day. Flight from Serengeti to Arusha. The medical insurance Flying Doctors during the safari includes only the transportation in helicopter from the emergency site to a Nairobi hospital. It <u>does</u> <u>not</u> include hospital expenses or any other expense derived from the emergency. Laundry is offered only by those hotels as specified on the itinerary.

## Quotation exclusive of during the safari:

Any service not specified as Inclusive of. International Flight origin / Tanzania / origin. Any type of visa (50-100\$ per person). Any type of drinks in hotels except where specified. Tips and other personal extras. Supplements for Christmas, Easter, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Hot Air Balloon in Serengeti \$600 per person. Telephone calls, safari shop purchase, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature, champagne, cognac, fine wines, premium brand spirits and cigars. International travel insurance with full coverage.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Due to circumstances alien to the company Aika Tours & Safaris, this itinerary is provisional and some days could be changed/altered on the ground if the circumstances force or require. If the case of an unforeseen price increase in parks or / and lodging during 2016 / 2017, Aika Tours & Safaris reserves the right to request the differential amount on this quotation and the difference price per person. This quote is not valid in case it suffers any change in the description of the trip, which will require the draft of a new quotation. The accommodation proposed will be confirmed at the time of booking. If this is not available, it will be replaced by other with similar characteristics. If the change incurs in a variation in the price either upward or downward, the customer will be duly informed.