



AT TANGANYIKA TREKKERS we strive to make your safari not just another holiday, but a life changing experience. An essential part of the safari, are the camps/lodges you will use for your accommodation. During your safari your camp/Lodge becomes your "home" after a long day of sightseeing. Tanganyika Trekkers Tented Camps offer you settings where you can relax, unwind, have refreshing drinks freshly squeezed by our waiters, or sit in front of your tent and enjoy an African sunset with a sun downer. Your home away from home becomes a comfortable base from which you start and retire from your daily excursions. With the Serena Safari itinerary we combine Classic Safari camps with luxury lodges. This is our flagship tour conducted by our most senior guides and accommodations are at the best lodges and camps.

SERENA LODGES AND CAMPS

Serena properties abound with a stunning variety of contrasting landscapes and scenery. In these safari lodges one can enjoy total comfort, style and a wide range of world class accommodation options complemented by aromatherapy services such as beauty treatments and massage. The Serena group owns and manages 15 hotels in East Africa and Asia. As Serena is part of a hotel chain one

can expect a more uniform product from one hotel to another and a more extensive range of services. All the Serena Lodges have a swimming pool, except Ngorongoro Safari Lodge.

A representative of Tanganyika Trekkers will meet you upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport. You will then be transferred to a lodge nestled between the slopes of Mount Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro for a light dinner and overnight accommodation.

Day 1

Your safari begins as you drive out of Arusha and head west towards Tarangire National Park through Masailand. As we approach the eastern boundary of Tarangire National Park we veer southward into the Lolikisale Game Controlled Area where our luxury camp is located.

After a Pan-African lunch your guide will take you to some of the Ndorobo hideouts. Ndorobo is a tribe of hunter gatherers who live in dug out trees and subsist on very basic foods. After visiting this



fascinating tribe, you proceed with a game drive to a lookout hill. At the peak of this hill, you will be served with sundowners and chilled wine later returning to our exclusive luxury camp where your first night will be spent.

These camps are exclusive luxury camps with ensuite bathrooms, hot showers, your own personal staff, chef and other fine amenities. Lolikisale Tanganyika Trekkers Luxury Camp is nestled on boundary hill overlooking a huge grass plain. With an open fire place, one can relax and enjoy the sights and sounds that surround you.





Day 2

Your professional guide will escort you on a full day game drive in Tarangire National Park. A picnic lunch will be enjoyed in Tarangire.

As the day comes to a close, we will head back to Lolkisale Luxury Camp.

Day 3

We will depart from Lolkisale after breakfast and head toward Lake Manyara National Park. We will spend the entire day exploring the beauty of this magnificent park and will enjoy a prepared lunch at one of the picnic sites.

As evening approaches we will proceed to Lake Manyara Serena Lodge which stands on the rift valley overlooking Lake Manyara National park. The Lodge has 54 guest rooms all with a view of the escarpment.

Day 4

You will enjoy a morning game drive, generally be conducted along the lake shore. As temperatures start to increase, we will proceed to the northern part of the park where the hippo pool is located. Most animals will be found in that area drinking water and staying cool.

We will then enjoy a lunch prepared at the lodge and will spend the afternoon relaxing alongside the infinity swimming pool or indulge in aromatherapy treatments.

Day 5

We will depart from this lodge in the morning and ascend the steep ridge of the Rift Valley to Ngorongoro. This transfer generally takes no more than 4 hours and the drive is mainly on a blacktop road. It is only at the last hour where we will be on a dirt road as we enter the conservation area. Upon arrival, guests will enjoy refreshments and lunch at the lodge.

This magnificent Ngorongoro Serena Lodge boasts 75 rooms all with a view of the crater is perched on the Crater rim and is built from natural granite stone which blends in with the environment. It is lit with wall lanterns, and decorated with iron spears giving it a magical ethnic ambience. Guests will be able to spend the afternoon unwinding at the lodge.

Day 6

At around 8 am we will drive into the crater using the Seneto descent into the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area. The crater creates a beautiful and unique area, which teams with wildlife and ancient volcanoes. The routes we will use in the crater will depend on the



animal movement. We try and drive around the major swamps and springs which are Gorigor and Mandusi swamps and Ngoitokitok spring. Apart from the array of wildlife, you will also visit the ruins of a German Colonial Farmhouse, which was built in the early 1900's.

Lunch will be enjoyed within the crater and as evening approaches we will ascend the crater rim using the Leraï ascent road returning to the lodge.

Day 7

After a Continental or Classic English breakfast we leave the highlands of the Rift Valley and descend onto the endless plains of the Serengeti via Olduvai. The drive to Olduvai should only take two hours. Upon arrival you will visit the Olduvai Museum, which is accompanied by a detailed explanation of the sights you will view in order to achieve a better understanding of this site. Lunch will be enjoyed here followed by a 2 hour drive into the Serengeti.

You will be staying at the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge which is located on the hillside in the middle of the Serengeti National park and is based on the Maasai Manayata Boma (set up). The huts are built of stone and thatch roofing, accompanied with a panoramic view of the endless Serengeti plains.

Days 8-9

Within this enormity of space we will explore various areas throughout the Serengeti National Park. Braying zebras, lions lazing along the waters edge or thousands of wildebeest passing through the vast plains creates an eye to eye encounter of untamed nature.

We will be starting our game drives at different times depending on animal movement. If one desires a sunrise game drive we will leave the lodge at 6 am, which drives will normally start at 8 am, returning to

the lodge around noon to enjoy fine cuisine and refreshing drinks.

Afternoon drives will begin around three when the temperatures are cooler. Some days will be spent exploring the Serengeti for the entire day where we will enjoy packed lunches at one of the many picnic sites returning to the lodge in the evening. The drives will mainly focus on the "Kopjes", which offer the best opportunity of sighting game.

You will also have the opportunity to visit the Moru Kopjes where the Masai, prior to leaving the Serengeti, used to conduct tribal ceremonies. Here you will observe Masai rock paints and the Ngong rocks.

The game drives are aimed at showing you the diversity of flora and fauna found within the Serengeti.

The accommodations in the Serengeti will depend on the time of year you wish to travel. Due to the animal movement we normally have clients staying at Serengeti Serena or Mbuji Mawe from January through to September as this is where most of the game is situated. From September onwards clients will stay at Kirawira as most of the animal movement is in the western corridor of the Serengeti.



Day 10

After breakfast, your Professional Guide will accompany you on the charter flight back to Arusha. Once in Arusha, you will be given the opportunity to visit Cultural Heritage where one can enjoy freshly squeezed juices while shopping for antiques, Tanzanite, authentic masks or hand-made sculptures.

A 3 day trip to Zanzibar Island is a great way to conclude this memorable week.