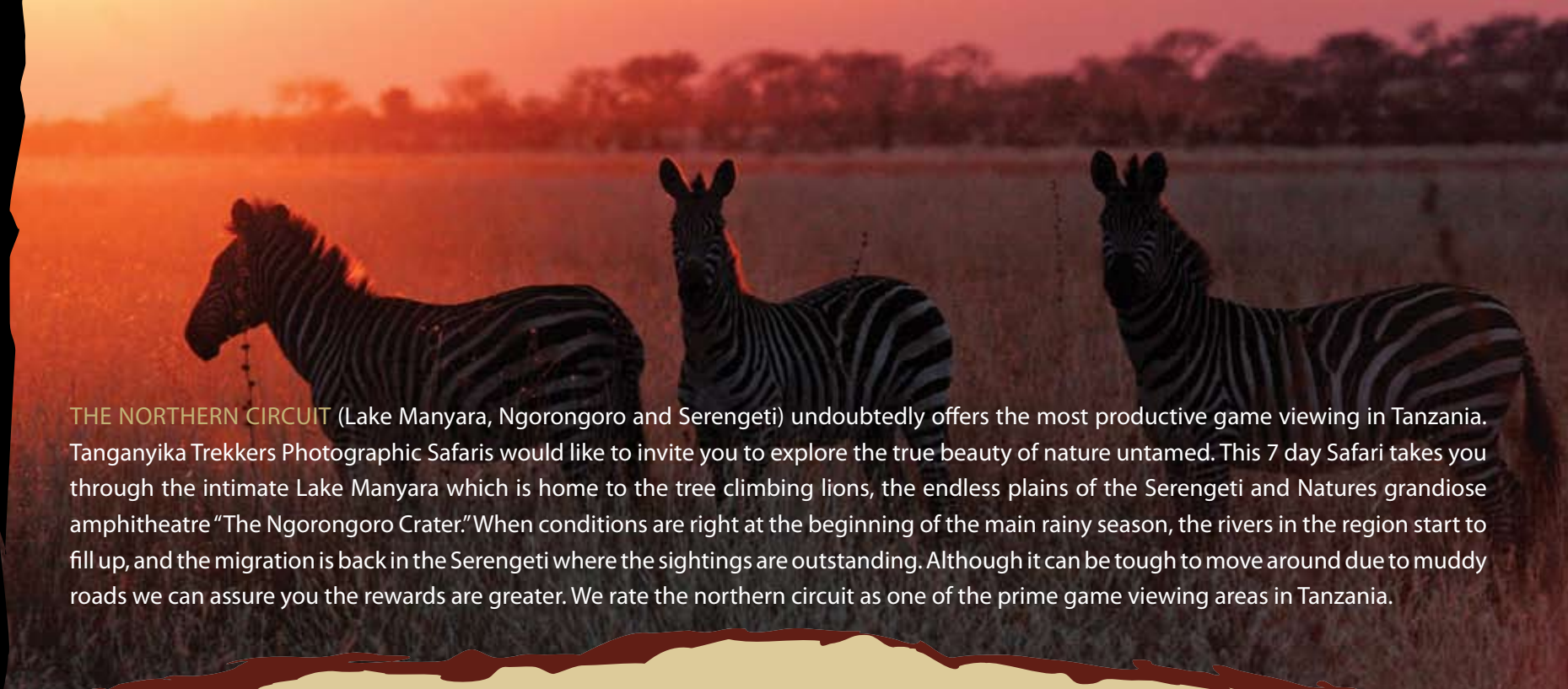


7 DAY SERENA SAFARI ITINERARY

Destinations: Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti



THE NORTHERN CIRCUIT (Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti) undoubtedly offers the most productive game viewing in Tanzania. Tanganyika Trekkers Photographic Safaris would like to invite you to explore the true beauty of nature untamed. This 7 day Safari takes you through the intimate Lake Manyara which is home to the tree climbing lions, the endless plains of the Serengeti and Nature's grandiose amphitheatre "The Ngorongoro Crater." When conditions are right at the beginning of the main rainy season, the rivers in the region start to fill up, and the migration is back in the Serengeti where the sightings are outstanding. Although it can be tough to move around due to muddy roads we can assure you the rewards are greater. We rate the northern circuit as one of the prime game viewing areas in Tanzania.

SERENA LODGES AND CAMPS

Serena properties are adorned with a stunning variety of contrasting landscapes and scenery. In these safari lodges, you will enjoy total comfort, style and a wide range of world class accommodations on 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 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 dinner and overnight accommodation.

Day 1

At sunrise, after breakfast, we depart for Lake Manyara National Park. The drive will take us along the plains of Kilimanjaro, out of Arusha, along the Masai plains toward Lake Manyara. Lake Manyara National Park was once the famous hunting grounds for Ernest Hemmingway. In his book, Green Hills of Africa, he gives an in-depth description of this magnificent na-



tional 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. Guests can relax alongside the infinity swimming pool or indulge in aromatherapy treatments.



Day 2

After breakfast, we will 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 we will be on a dirt road as we enter the conservation area. The crater creates a beautiful and unique area, which teems with wildlife and ancient volcanoes. We will drive into the crater using the Seneto descent and explore the different attractions. 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 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 Leraiascent road. We will spend the night at the Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge. This magnificent 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.

Day 3

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.

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 Mbuzi Mawe from January through 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.

Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge is located on the hillside in the middle of the Serengeti National Park and is based on the Maasai Manyata Boma (set up). The huts are built of stone and thatch roofing, accompanied with a panoramic view of the endless Serengeti plains.

Mbuzi Mawe Serengeti Luxury Tented Lodge is nestled in the rolling hills of north Serengeti and offers breathtaking views of the lobo area and the Togoro plain. This lodge hosts 20 luxury tents with a main lounge overlooking the Orangi river.

Kirawira Serengeti Camp with 25 luxury tents and personal valet service, which is the epitome of a true colonial style luxury camp. Located in the western corridor of Serengeti, Kirawira stands high on a bluff and boasts a wide arrangement of the finest amenities. The canvas tents are on raised platforms with private terraces, Mahogany bathrooms, Marble washstands and Rosewood décor. This is regarded as one of the most luxurious of the Serena safari venue's capturing the true essence of safari chic.

Days 4-6

Within this enormity of space we will explore various areas within 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



them 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 paintings and the Ngong rocks.

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

Day 7

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.

