

# ***The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth***

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***June 20 – 30, 2010***

***The Tanzania Family Safari provides a wonderful opportunity to get your family into the wilds safely and comfortably. With knowledgeable guides at the helm, you can explore far and wide in the unspoiled wilderness of Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Conservation Area, and the Serengeti. Take this occasion to share an adventure with your family, see exciting new places, meet new friends, and learn about new cultures. There is something for all ages, whether you are learning some Swahili, sharing stories with newfound friends or searching the trees for leopards.***

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***“Everyone who goes on safari expects to see beautiful animals and sights and this trip was no exception (we saw everything one wants to see including lions hunting, rhinos grazing, leopards wandering from tree to tree, etc, etc, etc). But what made this trip extraordinary was the community involvement.”***

***~ Dan Lieberman***

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## **Sunday, June 20: Depart U.S.**

Depart the U.S. on NW/KLM Airlines overnight flight to Amsterdam, or independently.

## **Monday, June 21: Amsterdam / Arusha, Tanzania**

In Amsterdam, connect with your flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport, arriving late in the evening. Your guide greets you upon arrival and takes you to your lodge, located outside of Arusha. You will enjoy the lush gardens and friendly welcome on your first evening in Tanzania. The adventure really begins in the morning!

*Overnight: Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge (Meals aloft, snack)*

## **Tuesday, June 22: Arusha National Park**

After a hearty breakfast and a safari briefing, depart for Arusha National Park for your first taste of wildlife viewing. Here you can stretch your legs after your long journey on a walk to a waterfall on the slopes of Mount Meru. Enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking the Momella Lakes. Return to the lodge late this afternoon for a rest before dinner.

*Overnight: Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge (All meals included)*

## **Wednesday, June 23: Tarangire National Park**

Depart Arusha this morning. From the buzzing city of Arusha to the wilds of Tarangire National Park, the journey is already an exciting one. Renowned for its huge elephant populations, the park is also the ideal setting for searching out lion, hyena, and other predators. Who will be the first to spy a leopard in the gnarled boughs of an acacia tree, tired from last night's hunt and sporting a suspiciously rounded belly? Your permanent tented lodge has the most central location in the whole park, and it's not uncommon to spot wildlife right on the grounds. In fact, the pool has often attracted elephants looking for a quick, cool drink!

*Overnight: Tarangire Safari Lodge (All meals included)*

## **Thursday, June 24: Ngorongoro Highlands**

Depart this morning for the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, stopping en route at Ayablabe school, where kids will meet their pen pals and see where their Tanzanian peers go to school. Arrive at Gibb's Farm, a gorgeous working organic farm, for a late lunch. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the farm, take various nature and cultural walks, games, biking: it's all at your disposal. For adults and young adults, there are also spa treatments (additional fees apply), should you wish to indulge yourselves. Relax with tea, a game of Boa, or a coffee-roasting demonstration on the veranda later this afternoon, and enjoy the sound of more than 200 species of birds documented on the farm.

*Overnight: Gibb's Farm (All meals included)*

## **Friday, June 25: Ngorongoro Highlands**

Spend the whole day exploring the remarkable crater floor, which lies an astounding 2,000 feet below your camp on the crater rim. Look for massive bull elephants roaming the plains, hippos wallowing in their shallow pools, awkward ostrich running across the savannah and much, much more. Tonight, cozy by the campfire to ward off the cooler air and relish in the lovely surroundings.

*Overnight: Gibb's Farm (All meals included)*

## **Saturday, June 26: Olduvai Gorge & Serengeti National Park**

From the green hills and high elevations of Ngorongoro Crater, head west to the vast open plains of the Serengeti. Halfway there, stop at Olduvai Gorge. Anyone fascinated by archeology will appreciate the small museum, which displays the incredible finds of Louis and Mary Leakey. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the park gates, then continue on to your campsite, watching for wildlife along the way.

*Overnight: Serengeti Wildlife Camp at Robanda (All meals included)*

## **Sunday & Monday, June 27 & 28: Serengeti National Park**

For the next two days, experience the incredible world of the Serengeti - 6,000 square miles of endless plains, rock outcroppings, brilliant blue skies, and breathtaking sunsets. Each day, game drives open up new landscapes and opportunities to see leopard, lion, cheetah, zebra, gazelle, impala, antelope, giraffe, warthog, ostrich, and more than 500 species of birds. An infinite number of dramas play themselves out on these grassy plains: predators stalk prey; animals eat, scavenge, and graze; mothers nurture their young; birds hover and soar overhead; young animals frolic as older animals keep a watchful eye on these vulnerable little ones.

*Overnights: Serengeti Wildlife Camp at Robanda (All meals included)*

## **Tuesday, June 29: Serengeti / Arusha / Depart**

Enjoy the view from above as your plane takes off for Arusha. It is a rare privilege to find a place as peaceful and unspoiled as this, where you can spend meaningful, uninterrupted family time. Have lunch with your companions and relax the rest of the afternoon before your evening flight to Amsterdam.

*Day Room: KIA Lodge (All meals included)*

## **Wednesday, June 30: Amsterdam / U.S.**

Connect in Amsterdam and arrive in the U.S. or independently.

*Flight: (Meals aloft)*

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## **Our Tanzania Safari Includes:**

- Tanzanian-born professional safari guides throughout the trip.
- Comfortable wildlife viewing in specially equipped four-wheel-drive Land Rover Defenders with popped top roofs and camera charging sockets. Each traveler is guaranteed a window seat.
- Meals and bottled water as listed in the itinerary, accommodations based on double occupancy, and park fees.
- Services at our Wildlife Camps.
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and mentor.
- Daily safari briefing to help you prepare for each day's wildlife viewing.
- Internal flights from the Serengeti to Arusha.
- Beer, wine, spirits and soda included at welcome and farewell dinners.
- Village/cultural visits and bush lunch
- Airport transfers for group
- Travel insurance

## **Rates Do Not Include:**

International airfare from U.S. to Tanzania; airport departure tax; variable fuel surcharge; passport and visa fees; meals not specified in the itinerary; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, laundry, telephone and fax calls, and excess baggage charges.

## ***Why Tanzania?***

Tanzania is, quite simply, the ultimate safari destination. With its record of thoughtful planning, having set aside fully one-third of its land for the purpose of conservation, it's no wonder the country boasts the highest concentration of wildlife in the world, including the largest populations of big cats and untamed herds of hoofed animals.

### **A Safe, Peaceful Country**

Tanzania is one of the most peaceful and stable countries on the African continent and is widely referred to as "The Switzerland of Africa," playing host to the United Nations, peacefully sustaining more than 120 different ethnic groups, and managing to stay free of the political upheaval that has plagued so many other African countries.

### **Warmhearted people**

With a rich cultural tapestry comprising more than 120 distinct ethnic groups, including Maasai, Hadza, Chagga and Mbulu, Tanzania learned long ago that there is greater strength in tolerance and unity than in divisiveness. As a result, you'll find the people of Tanzania to be among the most generous and welcoming you'll ever meet. Collectively, these unique cultures are the heart and soul of this extraordinary corner of the world.



## ***Why Thomson Safaris?***

- Every Thomson trip is guaranteed to be led by a Senior Naturalist Guide with a bare minimum of 10 years experience (most have much more).
- Thomson guides are Tanzanian by birth and understand the cultural, logistical and practical customs like no outsider could.
- Hand in hand with job satisfaction is a job well done. Thomson guides feel invested in making sure you have the best possible trip.
- 28 years of experience allows us to think on our feet and make quick judgment calls that always have your best interests in mind; you never have to worry about a thing.

## ***Our Standard of Sustainable Luxury***

There is no doubt that travel to remote and pristine locations like Tanzania is a great luxury. We've made it our business to ensure that this luxury does not come at too high a price. Always eco-friendly, committed to the community and dedicated to the preservation of Tanzania's treasures, we make sure your accommodations reflect this ethos of sustainable luxury.

- We minimize our impact – from large-scale initiatives like utilizing solar energy whenever possible, to tiny details like using bio-degradable soaps.
- We adhere to "leave no trace" ethics.
- We make sure that we are welcome in the community as fair and reliable friends, employers and colleagues.
- We vary camp sites in order to allow the flora to recover from our gentle use of the land.
- We always use local labor, local produce, and local craftspeople because we value the authenticity of your experience and want the community to benefit from your stay.



**Registration Form**

Registration is limited, and participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All deposits will be processed automatically: your registration is secured when you have received written confirmation. We highly recommend that you register early.

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) for Tanzania for Families

**CTY Registrant** (please print names exactly as they appear on passport):

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First Name Last Name

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Student ID Age/Grade/Date of Birth

**Other Registrants:**

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Home Phone Office Phone E-mail

Non-refundable deposit (due immediately): # of registrants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$500 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of payment:**

\_\_\_ Check/Money Order Payable to JHU/CTY (There is a \$50 fee on all returned checks.)

\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard We only take Visa and MasterCard.

Card Account Number / / / Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Card Holder \_\_\_\_\_

Auth. Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit registration only ONCE via fax OR mail to prevent duplicate charges.

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