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TANZANIA SAFARI

THE GREAT MIGRATION ~ December 3-16, 2017 (14 days)

with Carleton Professor Mark McKone

“There is such an exciting, edge-of-your-seat sense of wild adventure about safari in Africa. You just never know what to expect in the next valley or around the next kopje. Every day topped the previous one.” - Julie, Pennsylvania



Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to **join Carleton Professor of Biology Mark McKone on this classic Tanzania safari**, which includes two of East Africa's premier wildlife parks and reserves—**Serengeti National Park** and **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**, both of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

This is an **unforgettable opportunity to observe and photograph in their natural habitats an impressive array of wildlife**, such as elephant, black rhino, cheetah, giraffe, gazelle, and perhaps the largest concentration of lion on the African continent. Along the way, experience the beauty and diversity of the African terrain, with its great stretches of treeless plains, acacia-dotted savannas, riverine bush, and forests.

Also **visit Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute headquarters** to learn about and discuss conservation challenges and current projects; **a boma (village) of the semi-nomadic Maasai people**; and famous **Olduvai Gorge**, where archaeological and paleontological research (including discoveries by Mary and Louis Leakey) over the past century has turned up early human skeletal remains and stone tools that help shape our modern understanding of human evolution.

Other highlights include:

- The knowledge, insights, and good company of Prof. McKone as well as **expert safari driver-guides** who know where and when to position our vehicles for optimal wildlife sightings.
- Special **four-wheel-drive vehicles with large roof hatches**, accommodating no more than six travelers apiece, so you have room to move and stow gear, and personal attention from Prof. McKone (who will rotate among vehicles each day) and your expert driver-guides. (You will more fully appreciate this arrangement when you see other safari groups traveling with several more passengers per minivan!)
- An unhurried pace, with **four nights in the central Serengeti, and two nights each in the southern Serengeti and at Ngorongoro Crater**, allowing for more time viewing wildlife and requiring less time for traveling between sites.
- Eight nights' accommodations among three tented camps—a unique experience. This is Africa at its best, combining the amenities of a hotel with the adventure and intimacy of being under canvas. **Camping near the herds and away from the tourist lodges provides unforgettable memories.** As you sit around the campfire at night, sounds of the herds, lions, and hyenas often fill the night air.
- Unparalleled opportunities for wildlife observation and photography.



This safari is limited to a **maximum of 16 Carls and friends**, so I encourage you to contact the Alumni Adventures office at **(800) 811-7244** or carleton@studytours.org to reserve your space today.

Sincerely,



Sarah Ladner Maris '85
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

“[Our trip highlights were] Seeing the animals in their natural environment. The tented camps. Our guides - they were fun, efficient, and knowledgeable and made each day a pleasant experience.” - Donald, Wisconsin

Itinerary

[B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner]

Sunday & Monday, December 3 & 4, 2017: Home | Arusha, Tanzania

Depart home on flights to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). Upon arrival on December 4th, you will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel. *Overnight at The African Tulip for two nights.* (D)

Tuesday, December 5: Arusha

This morning we visit Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) headquarters and meet with officials to learn about and discuss conservation challenges and current research projects. After lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge, return to our hotel for the balance of the afternoon at leisure. Gather for dinner at our hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, December 6: Arusha | Ngorongoro Crater

Depart Arusha this morning and drive to Ngorongoro Crater which, at 102 square miles, is the world's largest unflooded, unbroken caldera. Along the way we will begin to see Maasai. These semi-nomadic pastoralists still follow their traditional ways, living in remarkable harmony with their environment and its wildlife. Young warriors carry spears and color their long hair with red ochre; the women wear elaborate and beautiful beadwork. We will see their herds and villages among the plains animals throughout much of our journey, and we will stop to visit a traditional Maasai *boma* (village). Continue on to our camp at the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, where we have lunch and settle into our well-appointed tents. Take an afternoon game drive, descending from the Crater rim (at about 7,600 feet in elevation) to its floor some 2,000 feet below. In the Crater are thousands of wildebeest, still many black rhino, cheetah, gazelle, and arguably the highest density of lions of any place in Africa. Flamingos inhabit an alkaline lake in the center, and other bird life is abundant. Return to camp in time for dinner. *Overnight at Lions Paw Camp for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Thursday, December 7: Ngorongoro Crater

Return to the Crater floor very early this morning for a game drive. Lunch will be back at our camp, only fifteen minutes away, so that we can enjoy a hot lunch and avoid the crowds in the Crater's public picnic areas. Our final game drive in the Crater will be this afternoon, and we will return to camp in time for dinner. (B,L,D)

“Tanzania was just as advertised: animals in an amazing setting.” - David, Minnesota

Friday to Monday, December 8 to 11: Ngorongoro Crater | Olduvai Gorge | Serengeti National Park – Central

On the morning of the 8th we set out for the Serengeti, driving around the rim of Ngorongoro Crater and stopping to visit Olduvai Gorge, world renowned for the discoveries of early hominids made by archaeologists Mary and Louis Leakey. We will have time to visit the small site museum and look into the gorge where the discoveries were made. After a picnic lunch and game drive, we arrive at our camp at the eastern edge of the central Serengeti in late afternoon.

Serengeti National Park is one of the most famous wildlife areas in the world. The Park's 5,700 square miles are part of the 9,600-square-mile Mara-Serengeti ecosystem, home to large herds of wildebeest and other grazing animals. This vast area consists of treeless southern plains, savanna dotted with acacias and granite outcroppings called kopjes, and riverine bush and forest in the north. The animal population here has actually been on the rise since rinderpest decimated herds at the turn of the 20th century. Their numbers have recently been estimated at 1.4 million wildebeest, 400,000 zebra, 18,000 eland, 400,000 Thomson's gazelle, 3,200 lions, 3,500 elephants, 375-400 cheetah and 50,000 Grant's gazelle. In particular, the central Serengeti is host to many prides of lions, including a few “super prides” of twenty or more lions. From December 9th to 11th we will explore, via morning and afternoon game drives, many areas of the central Serengeti, including the Seronera River Valley and the Moru, Maasai, Simba, Sametu, and Barafu kopjes. *Overnight at Sametu Camp for four nights.* (B,L,D daily)



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Tuesday & Wednesday, December 12 & 13: Serengeti National Park – Central and South

On the morning of the 12th we depart *Sametu Camp* for the southern Serengeti, for which we have a special permit. En route we drive through Gol Kopjes for some excellent wildlife viewing. Our camp in the southern Serengeti overlooks Lake Masek. On December 13th we will enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the southern plains, including Lakes Masek and Ndutu, Kusini Plains, and Hidden Valley. Some of these areas are in Serengeti National Park and some are in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, so we will have permits for both to allow for unimpeded wildlife viewing. *Overnight at Lake Masek Tented Lodge for two nights.* (B,L,D daily)

Thursday, December 14: Serengeti National Park – South | Karatu

Today we bid adieu to the Serengeti plains, with game drives in Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area en route to Karatu. Arrive at *The Retreat at Ngorongoro* in time for lunch. Overlooking the Ngorongoro forest, fifteen of *The Retreat's* thirty acres are beautiful gardens and forest, and its accommodations are lovely cottages. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, perhaps relaxing at the pool or on the deck of your cottage, or enjoying a spa treatment (at additional cost). You might wish to utilize its jogging trail, or visit the orchard and vegetable garden that provides most of the produce served to guests. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner. *Overnight at The Retreat at Ngorongoro.* (B,L,D)

Friday, December 15: Karatu | Arusha | Depart for Home

Check out in late morning, allowing for some additional time to enjoy *The Retreat's* amenities. After lunch we drive to Arusha, stopping along the way at the African Gallery for a shopping opportunity. Continue on to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in time for the suggested flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. (B,L)

Saturday, December 16: Flights Homeward

Arrive in Amsterdam this morning and connect with homeward flights.



Above: *Sametu Camp* lounge area.



Above: *Lions Paw Camp* tent.

Fitness, Health & What To Expect

- ◆ You should be in good physical condition to participate on this tour. That said, there are limited opportunities, if any, for daily exercise.
- ◆ There are no elevators in some lodges, so you should be prepared for stair access in some cases. The tented camps have spacious sleeping quarters, flush toilets, running water, and 24-hour electricity.
- ◆ There are long international flights and we will spend many hours in 4WD vehicles on game drives.
- ◆ Land travel, especially on game drives, will be over very bumpy roads. Participants with back issues should consult with their physician and consider traveling with appropriate back support.
- ◆ There may be considerable dust in the air during game drives. Participants with allergies or breathing issues are encouraged to travel with a dust mask or bandana to inhibit dust inhalation.
- ◆ The weather can be hot during the day, averaging 75-90 °F. Equatorial sun is very intense and we recommend using strong sunblock and drinking plenty of water.
- ◆ Toilet facilities may be primitive during game drives.
- ◆ The maximum altitude on this trip is just under 8,000 feet above sea level.

All participants are expected to be physically active, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. You will be required to submit a physician's form indicating that you are in adequate physical condition to participate on this program. Although as a trip participant you are a member of the AMREF Flying Doctors, which provides emergency medical evacuation to Nairobi for travelers, you should also be aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available during all or part of your trip. Each participant must be covered by medical insurance that is valid overseas.



Mark McKone is the Towsley Professor of Biology at Carleton. He received a PhD in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior at the University of Minnesota in 1985, followed by post-doctoral work at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand until he joined Carleton's Biology Department in 1987. Mark is an evolutionary ecologist, with particular interest in how the interaction between plants and insects influences their mutual adaptations. He also has worked extensively to plan and assess the outcome of the large prairie restorations in the Carleton Arboretum. Mark's regular courses at Carleton include Evolution and Population Ecology. For 20 years, he taught a Carleton course in Tropical Rainforest Ecology that included a trip to Costa Rica. More recently, he has been involved in the Carleton off-campus program to Australia and New Zealand. Mark has used the Serengeti ecosystem as a model for course lectures for many years, and is excited to return to Africa on this program. The Serengeti contains one of the largest concentrations of wildlife left on Earth, and offers ample opportunities to learn about ecology and evolution. He is particularly anticipating our visit to Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys made classic discoveries about our ancient human ancestors.



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| Double Occupancy (13 to 16 participants)..... | \$9,595 |
| Double Occupancy (10 to 12 participants)..... | \$10,095 |
| Single Supplement (limited availability) | \$1,545 |

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Leadership of Carleton Faculty Leader Mark McKone
- Expert driver/guides
- All group transportation in Tanzania
- Two to three 4-wheel-drive vehicles with no more than 6 participants each, depending on the final group size
- All hotel, lodge, and deluxe tented camp accommodations as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals as indicated in itinerary
- Bottled water and snacks during game drives
- Transfers from/to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in conjunction with suggested group flights (TBA)
- Tanzania visa fees
- Gratuities to driver/guides and camp and lodge staff
- All portorage fees and group meal tips, service charges, government VAT, hotel taxes, park entrance fees
- Membership in AMREF Flying Doctors

NOT INCLUDED: Any airfare; airfare tax and foreign airport taxes; any new taxes imposed by the government prior to your arrival; any costs associated with flight cancellations or delays; passport fees; excess baggage charges; personal and baggage insurance; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service; beverages except as noted above; any activities not specified in the tour itinerary.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Airfare from/to home is not included. A suggested flight schedule will be sent to you approximately five months prior to departure. Airport transfers are provided in conjunction with the suggested flights on the group arrival and departure dates. Once you have received your final payment invoice with suggested flight schedule, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact Alumni Adventures first. If you would like assistance with flight arrangements, please contact Cathy King at King Travel at 888-850-9254. **We are not liable for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.**

PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to EOS Passenger Account-CAA Tanz12/17. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure and must be by personal check only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published. Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions will be sent upon confirmation or upon request, and can be viewed online at go.carleton.edu/adventures.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. At the time we receive written notification, the following per person charges apply: 121 days or more before departure: \$200 cancellation fee; 91-120 days before departure: \$750 cancellation fee; 61-90 days before departure: cancellation fee equal to 50% of the total tour cost; 60 days or less before departure: no refund. **You are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance (an application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit).**

NOTE: Rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, government taxes, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you are unable to or choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Itinerary, leader, and prices are subject to change.