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Hunts Photography: Tanzania Great Migration Photo Safari September 26 - October 5, 2021

Thomson Safaris is proud to partner with Hunt's Photo & Video on this timeless Tanzanian adventure. This immersive safari speaks to the animal lover's soul: an exciting photographic adventure that takes you straight into the heart of Tanzania's best wildlife viewing areas; Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater and both the Central and Northern Serengeti. Venture into the plains every morning for full days of spectacular wildlife viewing, and unwind in luxurious, eco-friendly camps located in the middle of the wild. Each night, settle in to comfortable, downy bedding and drift asleep to the nighttime sounds of safari.

On this all luxury-camping trip, you'll have front row access to the best wildlife viewing Tanzania has to offer.

This safari was scheduled to coincide with the annual wildebeest migration, which, at this time of year, is normally found along the Mara River in Tanzania's northern Serengeti.

YOUR ITINERARY

9/26/2021
Sunday



Arrival into Arusha

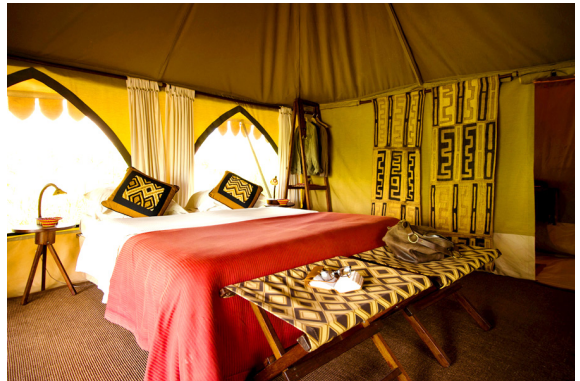
Arrive this evening into Arusha where you will be warmly welcomed.

✦ **Transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport With Your Group**

Thomson will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your comfortable lodge.
Complimentary with Delta/KLM arrival tonight.

Accommodations: Rivertrees Country Inn

9/27/2021
Monday



Arusha to Tarangire National Park

With Arusha as your starting point, head to Tarangire National Park, where diverse wildlife viewing awaits. Once outside the city, you soon cross the Maasai Steppe into the wide open acacia-covered plains. The route moves past settlements and districts that are predominantly inhabited by Maasai. Arrive at the park in less than two hours. Often overlooked, Tarangire astonishes many with its massive herds of elephants, distinctive winding riverine landscapes, and swampy floodplains.

✦ **Safari Briefing**

Your head guide will brief you on your itinerary and review the expectations for your safari, giving you a taste of what's to come. Please ask the guide questions at this time and as they come up during the safari.

✦ **Visit to Tarangire National Park**

Make a visit to the baobab-covered Tarangire National Park, which has a diversity of wildlife and its own distinct charm. Besides its own migration of wildebeest, zebra, elephant, gazelle, and antelope, Tarangire attracts over 550 species of birds and some rarer mammals, such as the fringe-eared oryx and the African wild dog.

✳ **Bush Lunch**

You will have a bush lunch in Tarangire today, taking in more sights and sounds of the wild while you do so.

✳ **Afternoon Wildlife Viewing in Tarangire National Park**

This afternoon, explore the banks of the Tarangire River, where large families of elephant often gather. You'll also spend time exploring the baobab-studded plains and the miombo woodlands, where you'll surely find baboon and vervet monkey.

✳ **First Night in the Bush**

Once you return from wildlife viewing, settle in to enjoy your first night in the bush! Watch the day fade away as the sky unveils itself. Listen for what animals you can hear, and get to know your guide over your first meal!

✳ **Photo Tech Tent Available Until 9pm**

Your group will have exclusive access to a photo tent while staying at Thomson Camps. Chairs, tables, lighting and a generator are provided in this tent so you can clean and recharge equipment and download photos. Please note that the generator will be turned off promptly at 9pm each night in order to preserve the pristine ambiance of the wilderness at night.

Accommodations: Tarangire Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

9/28/2021
Tuesday



Tarangire National Park

Spend a day in Tarangire National Park, exploring its rugged landscapes by vehicle. Bisecting the park, the Tarangire River serves as a major water source for the wildlife of northern Tanzania, and its banks and waterholes attract large concentrations of elephants and zebra, among other species. Safari drives in Tarangire weave back and forth over the river and around its banks and shores, where it is also possible to see lion, leopard, giraffe, gerenuk, reedbuck, and even the rare fringe-eared oryx. Tarangire is also known for its large number of baobab trees which can live to be over 1,000 years old.

✳ **Continue Exploring Tarangire**

Explore more of the park, taking in the diverse wildlife as well as the baobab-studded landscape. Guinea fowl scurry alongside your vehicle and leopard sometimes lurk in the grasses near the road. You never know what's around the next corner.

✳ **Lunch at Your Nyumba**

You will have lunch at your Nyumba in Tarangire today.

✳ **Another Afternoon of Wildlife Viewing**

Explore the park during the afternoon, as temperatures cool off and the big cats wake from their midday naps.

✦ **Unwind at Your Nyumba**

Relax, put your feet up and let the camp crew take care of all your needs. Watch the sky turn from fiery orange to velvety indigo as the sun sets over camp, and raise a glass to another beautiful day in Tanzania.

Accommodations: Tarangire Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

9/29/2021
Wednesday



Tarangire National Park to Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Take a journey from Tarangire to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. You'll drive across the Great Rift Valley escarpment and wind your way through the Ngorongoro Highlands. The conservation area is a wildlife and cultural preserve that covers 3,200 square miles, of which a mere 102 square miles represent Ngorongoro Crater. Only Maasai are permitted to live within the area's boundaries, and they are seen throughout the highlands and conservation area wearing bright red and royal blue cloths and tending to their herds of goats and cattle. The crater floor, however, is reserved only for wildlife. At some ten miles in diameter, the crater is the world's largest intact caldera, and it abounds with one of the highest concentrations of diverse animals imaginable.

✦ **Morning Wildlife Viewing as You Depart Tarangire**

Enjoy one last morning of wildlife viewing in Tarangire as you make your way out of the park.

✦ **Lunch at Gibb's Farm**

Savor lunch at Gibb's Farm, where nearly every ingredient comes fresh from the estate's organic farm. With delicacies to suit every palate, this is sure to be a memorable meal.

✦ **Walking at Gibb's Farm**

Take a leisurely stroll on your own through the gardens at Gibb's Farm to stretch your legs. Enjoy the quiet atmosphere, the abundance of beautiful plantings and the views out into the surrounding highlands.

✦ **Make Your Way to the Crater Rim**

As you begin your ascent to the rim of the crater, you'll see your surroundings start to change. Notice the vegetation thicken with vines and moss along the red dirt paths. Look hard and you might see some primates hanging out in the trees!

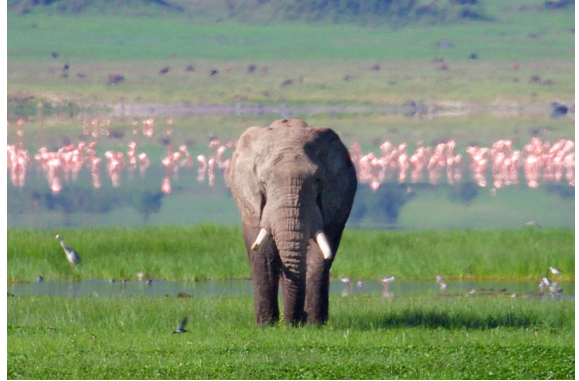
✦ **Evening at Your Nyumba**

Enjoy the eco-friendly comforts at your Nyumba this evening. Set on the crater rim, the campsite offers stunning views of the highlands surrounding Ngorongoro. After dinner, enjoy a warm fire as well as the company of your guide and fellow travelers as you gaze up at the stars.

Accommodations: Ngorongoro Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

9/30/2021
Thursday



Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Spend a day in Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a habitat rich in culture and teeming with wildlife. Sometimes there are more than 30,000 animals in and around the crater, including black rhino, cheetah, lion, hyena, eland, and numerous antelope. On the floor of the crater, the alkaline Lake Magadi serves as an important water source, also attracting flamingo flocks during the dry season. Nearby, the small Leraï Forest, with its yellow fever acacia trees, provides shade and shelter for wildlife. You will often see baboons, vervet monkeys, and even elephants in its thicket. Thorny bush, grasslands, hippo pools and a second small lake are also found on the floor. You'll soon see why Ngorongoro is considered to be among the world's great wonders.

✦ Full Day of Wildlife Viewing in Ngorongoro Crater

Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, where you are likely to find an abundance of wildlife. Over a full day of wildlife viewing, you might even see rhinoceros. The diversity of species often inspires awe.

✦ Picnic Lunch on the Crater Floor

To maximize your wildlife viewing time on the crater floor, enjoy your picnic lunch near a hippo pool.

✦ Seek Out the Big Five

If you haven't spotted them already, spend the rest of the day trying to check the Big Five off your list! Lion, Cape Buffalo, Black Rhino, Leopard, and Elephant all live in the Crater - so you might see them all before you leave!

✦ Special Tanzanian Dinner

Enjoy a traditional Tanzanian dinner this evening. Rich with spices and fresh local vegetables, this is a chance to sample the best of local cuisine. (Please note that this does not include game meat.)

Accommodations: Ngorongoro Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

10/1/2021
Friday



Ngorongoro Conservation Area to Serengeti National Park

Depart the cool, grassy Ngorongoro Conservation Area and later arrive on the great Serengeti plains for a different but just as spectacular wildlife viewing experience. You will pass one of the world's greatest prehistoric archeological sites, called Olduvai Gorge, and then continue your way over the scrublands. The wooded knolls around Naabi Hill Gate mark the Serengeti's official entrance, which then drops into the park's signature wide-open plains. Like no other, this stretch embodies the meaning of the word "Serengeti," which derives from the Maasai "Siringet" and has been artistically translated as "the land that flows on forever". Serengeti National Park covers 6,000 square miles of pristine land and offers not only expansive vistas but the largest migration of mammals on earth, including 1.5 million wildebeest.

✳ **Enjoy Breakfast at Camp**

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy a hearty breakfast at camp before heading out for today's adventure!

✳ **Depart Ngorongoro Crater Rim**

Take a last look around your camp on the Crater Rim before heading off of the Ngorongoro Crater. See if your guide can make a viewpoint pit stop for last photo ops!

✳ **Visit Olduvai Gorge**

Make a short stop at Olduvai Gorge, a deep ravine and site of fossilized remains of animals and hominids that date as far back as two million years. A brief lecture and small museum tour are included.

✳ **Boxed Lunch en Route**

✳ **Wildlife Viewing En Route to Your Nyumba**

Enjoy the journey to your next Nyumba camp, as there will be plenty to see along the way. Perhaps you will come across a chase between predator and prey; maybe you will spot a wake of vultures; or maybe you will be lucky enough to find a leopard relaxing high in the limbs of an acacia tree.

✳ **Relax at Your Nyumba**

Once you return from wildlife viewing, take time to sit by the fire and relax. Exchange stories of the day, write in your journals or simply enjoy the fresh evening breeze.

✳ **Watch the Sun Set Over the Serengeti Plains**

As the sun sinks below the horizon, soak in the colorful sky as you reflect on the day's adventures.

Accommodations: Central Serengeti Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner



Serengeti National Park

As a national park, the Serengeti has been off-limits for non-tourism permanent human settlements since 1951. A number of traditional cultures, however, continue to live near its borders and throughout the greater Serengeti ecosystem. The well-known, semi-nomadic Maasai have roamed across these plains for centuries. The Ikoma tribe continues to reside west of the Serengeti. Among the smallest of Tanzania's 120 tribes, the Ikoma have pride in their culture and traditions and are known for their hunting prowess, drumming and dance, and storytelling. Farther north, the Kuria people live primarily as cattle herders and subsistence farmers. Kuria traditional music, with its giant lyres and African string instruments, has become renowned throughout East Africa.

✳ **Optional Serengeti Balloon Excursion**

Those with advance reservations will have the opportunity to balloon across the plains during one of your mornings in the Serengeti. A pre-dawn wake-up call leaves you time to drive to the balloon launch site in order to catch the most dramatic light. Then take to the skies just as the sun rises. Glide over the plains and acacia treetops, taking in spectacular views of the Seronera River Valley and the surrounding plains. After your descent, enjoy a magnificent champagne breakfast right in the midst of the Serengeti wilderness.

✳ **Morning Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti**

There is nothing as marvelous as traversing the plains of the Serengeti just after dawn and through the morning hours. Look for herds of wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, impala, eland, topi, and more out on the savanna.

✳ **Lunch at Your Camp**

What better way to enjoy a view of the Serengeti plains than over a satisfying, relaxing lunch at camp.

✳ **Optional Visit to Robanda Village**

You have the option to visit the nearby village of Robanda, which is home to the Ikoma people, who are renowned for their drumming and storytelling. Depending on timing and weather, you may be able to walk there directly from camp. Among other possibilities, you may visit the village's markets, a small clinic, or a school.

✳ **Rest at Your Camp**

After being on the go for several days, it's always a delight to rest and recuperate at your camp.

✳ **After-Dinner Campfire**

Head to the campfire to swap the best adventures and photos from your day with your fellow travelers.

Accommodations: Central Serengeti Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

10/3/2021
Sunday



Serengeti National Park

What is the story behind the Big Five? It actually has nothing to do with the size of the animals. In the 1800s, colonial trophy hunters named buffalo, rhino, elephant, lion, and leopard as the most difficult animals to hunt on foot. Thus, they were named the Big Five. Years later, tourism companies adopted the term and the list became the so-called five must-see animals while on safari. While it is possible to spot all the listed animals on your trip, leopard and rhino sometimes prove difficult to track down as they are both solitary, reclusive species. Ultimately, however, wildlife viewing in the Serengeti will be nothing short of amazing.

✦ Full Day of Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti

Go on a wildlife viewing drive in the Serengeti for a full day. Your expert guide will point out wildlife that few others could hope to spot, whether a leopard well-concealed in the trees or a lion deep in the savanna grasses.

✦ Bush Lunch

Enjoy a bush lunch in the Serengeti.

✦ Continue Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti

Spend more time seeking out wildlife and exploring the Serengeti's rich landscapes. The so-called Big Five and the Great Migration are the most well-known of the Serengeti's offerings, but there is much more to see. Thousands of equally fascinating dramas of a smaller scale play themselves out on these endless plains.

✦ Stargazing

Don't forget to look up! You won't need a telescope to see the bright constellations in Tanzania's pristine night sky.

Accommodations: Northern Serengeti Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

10/4/2021
Monday



Serengeti National Park

Most of us know about the “Great Migration” from nature programs that capture some of the most thrilling moments on film. Often misunderstood, the migration is a perpetual, year-round process involving over one million wildebeest and 200,000 zebra who roam the plains quietly, in search of food and water. While some antelope and hyena may follow the herds, other animals remain in their territories or have separate migratory patterns. The migration’s most dramatic moments often occur when large numbers of wildebeest and zebra make river crossings, during which they must elude predators in a desperate fight for survival. There is no telling exactly when these highly dramatic movements will occur, but all safari-goers are sure to see plenty of wildebeest and zebra while in Tanzania.

✳ Spend the Day Seeking Out the Great Migration

Embark on a full-day excursion into the Serengeti plains. Your expert guide will seek out the unique and diverse flora and fauna of the Serengeti, including the iconic herds of wildebeest and zebra as they migrate across Tanzania.

✳ Picnic Lunch

Enjoy your lunch outdoors in a scenic spot.

✳ Continue Your Exploration of the Serengeti

Explore the pristine landscapes of the Serengeti with your guide's uncanny wildlife spotting instincts leading the way. Expansive plains, rolling hills, dramatic granite outcrops and riverine valleys are home to an endless variety of fascinating creatures, from the lowly dung beetle to the impressive elephant.

✳ Last Night in Tanzania

Enjoy your last night in Tanzania - get your last views of the gorgeous sunset, gaze up at the stars, and raise your glass to a memorable trip.

Accommodations: Northern Serengeti Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

10/5/2021
Tuesday



Depart

Enjoy your last views of the Serengeti before flying to Arusha, where you will catch your departing flight.

- ✳ **Wildlife Viewing Before Departing the Serengeti**

Take in your last glimpses of wildlife in the Serengeti on your way to the airstrip.

- ✳ **Flight from the Northern Serengeti to Arusha**

- ✳ **Extra Baggage Allowance on Internal Flight(s)**

You will have an additional baggage allowance on your internal flight. The total weight of your bags cannot exceed 50 pounds.

- ✳ **Stop at Cultural Heritage Center**

A shopping mainstay in Arusha, the Cultural Heritage Center attracts many travelers each year with its abundance of wooden carvings, artifacts, apparel, and crafts. The center also has Tanzanite and other gemstones for sale. While the center caters mostly to tourists, they also have wonderful cultural displays and a separate wing that displays some of the finest African art in Tanzania.

- ✳ **Farewell Lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge**

Enjoy a special farewell lunch in Arusha as you prepare for your departure. Visit the adjoining Shanga workshop where physically challenged artisans create remarkable jewelry, learn glass-blowing, and sell their work. This extraordinary project was created in order to mentor and empower those who are often marginalized in Tanzanian society. You will be surprised and inspired by the quality and beauty of their creations.

- ✳ **Day Room in Arusha**

Enjoy a day room in Arusha, resting up and readying yourself for your departure.

- ✳ **Farewell Snack**

Enjoy a nutritious snack, including a variety of nuts, fruit, vegetables and other treats to enjoy now or on your flight home.

- ✳ **Transfer as a Group to Kilimanjaro Airport**

Complimentary with Delta/KLM departure this evening.

Accommodations: Day Room at Rivertrees Country Inn

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

For international flights purchased through Thomson Safaris, please check the carrier's website for baggage restrictions including any possible fees.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Rivertrees Country Inn

Set beside the rushing waters of the Usa River on the outskirts of Arusha, Rivertrees Country Inn has colonial charm and simple but elegant style with modern-day amenities and fantastic cuisine. Besides its delightful farmhouse guestrooms, the inn also has two spacious luxury cottages and a lovely, open-air, thatched-roof kitchen and dining area, with décor reminiscent of its country heritage as a former German colonial farm and coffee estate.

You can enjoy easy walks through the inn's gorgeous gardens and along the river, which is lined by yellow acacias and giant fig trees, both abundant in vibrant birdlife. The inn has a pool, internet services, and a small gift shop. Rivertrees supports its nearby community, including groups for women and vulnerable children. The inn will make for a fine storybook beginning or ending to your adventure.

Tarangire Nyumba

Thomson's Tarangire Nyumba is set in a scenic, private location close to the Tarangire River and with easy access to seasonal and resident wildlife. Here, you will experience exceptional service from the friendly staff, eat gourmet meals prepared from fresh, local ingredients and enjoy the privilege of sharing the landscape with the wildlife.

Solar lighting, proper beds with fine linens and private, en suite bathrooms with safari shower and self-contained, pump-flush toilet make your spacious tented accommodations a welcoming retreat after a day on safari. (~3,500ft elevation)

Ngorongoro Nyumba

This Nyumba is located at the rim of Ngorongoro Crater where it is poised for optimal access not only to the nearby cultural treasures, but also to the crater floor where you will experience exceptional wildlife viewing. The air here has a heavenly fresh scent, though the high elevation (about 7,200 feet) makes for potentially chilly nights; it will be important to bring warm clothes, per your packing list.

The exceptional camp crew will make sure you have everything you need to stay comfortable, for example, making sure hot showers are available in your en suite bathroom, preparing delicious four-course meals and offering you drinks or snacks around the roaring camp fire. (~6,700ft elevation)

Central Serengeti Nyumba

Thomson's signature Serengeti Nyumba is the perfect balance of luxury, comfort and wilderness. These tents were exclusively designed for Thomson Safaris and cannot be found anywhere else. In the spacious, walk-in tents, you will find all the comforts you need out in the bush: artfully crafted furnishings, cozy bedding with fine linens, solar-powered, eco-friendly lighting, and an en suite bathroom with shower and self-contained pump-flush toilet. We've taken special care to think of all the details that will make you comfortable during your stay without being excessive or leaving a heavy footprint on the landscape.

Oversized, fine-mesh windows allow the breezes to circulate while keeping insects out. At the front of your tent, enjoy a private seating area with a stunning view of the vast Serengeti plains. Meals are taken in a custom-designed dining tent and are made with fresh, local produce by skilled chefs. Freshly baked breads, homemade soups, salads, a variety of healthful, delicious entrees and, of course, decadent desserts highlight the daily menus.

Our favorite cozy spot is the campfire, from where you can marvel at the billions of stars visible in the quiet, clear, pollution-free night sky. (~5,000ft elevation)

Northern Serengeti Nyumba

Thomson's exclusive Serengeti Nyumba in Kogakuria offers a rare glimpse at the un-explored northern Serengeti. Few tourists have had the privilege to explore this secluded and wildlife-rich region, and Thomson remains among the few operators to be able to show it to you.

As always, you will experience exceptional service from the friendly staff, eat gourmet meals prepared from fresh, local ingredients and enjoy the privilege of sharing the landscape with the wildlife. Large herds of resident wildlife including hartebeest, topi and Grant's gazelle are found here in addition to impressive numbers of lion, wildebeest and zebra.

The rustic luxury of your camp provides you with all the essentials including solar lighting, private en suite bathroom with water-saving safari shower and self contained, pump-flush toilets, proper beds with fine linens and more. As these accommodations are mobile and environmentally friendly, you will not find air conditioning, fixed plumbing or electricity in your spacious tent. Always comfortable, but never obtrusive or excessive, these camps are the perfect way to experience Tanzania in elegance and style. (~6,000ft elevation)

TRIP DETAILS

Pricing

Hunts Photography: Tanzania Great Migration Photo Safari

- \$8,990 Per adult, based on double occupancy
- \$1,000 Single supplement (if applicable)
- \$400 Tanzania-Imposed Tax, Per person

Optional Hot Air Balloon Excursion, Per Person

- \$599 Must be reserved in advance, minimum age 7, minimum height 4 feet

Please contact mailto:andrew@thomsonsafaris.com at your earliest convenience to hold or confirm availability.

Included On Safari

- Accommodations Based on Double Occupancy
- Meals as Noted in Itinerary, Inclusive of Restaurant Staff Tips
- All Park Fees
- Complete Preparation Materials Including Helpful Tips, Packing List, Trip Expectations, Tipping Guidelines, Etc.
- Access to a Personal Safari Trip Manager by Phone or Email, Five Days a Week
- Full Color Safari Journal
- Safari Briefings Throughout Your Trip
- Services of Professional Safari Guides and Drivers
- Services of Nyumba Camp Staff Including Chef and Waitstaff
- Land Transportation in a Customized, 4-Wheel Drive Safari Vehicle
- Unlimited Mileage in Safari Vehicles
- Guaranteed Window Seating in Safari Vehicles
- Scenic Internal Flight(s) as Noted in Itinerary
- Guided Walks with a Naturalist, when Available
- Village, School, and Cultural Visits as Noted in Itinerary
- Complimentary Bottled Drinking Water in Your Vehicle Throughout Your Safari
- Keep Fit Kit at Each Nyumba Camp
- Special Tanzanian Dinner at Ngorongoro Crater
- Airport Transfers for Delta/KLM Flights on Scheduled Arrival and Departure Days
- Baggage Handling
- Farewell Lunch

Not Included On Safari

- *International Flight and Related Fees (Fuel, Baggage, Seat Assignments, etc.)
- *Fees for Passport, Visa, or Immunizations
- *Meals and Expenses en Route to Tanzania
- *Cost of Hospitalization or Evacuation
- *Beer, Wine, Spirits, and Soda
- *Laundry, Phone, Internet, and Items of a Personal Nature
- *Tips for Guides, Drivers, and Camp Staff

Please note: Thomson Safaris (TS) will attempt to adhere to this itinerary as much as possible. Any unforeseeable changes in fees, such as fuel surcharges, increased park fees or other fees that are out of TS control, will be the responsibility of the guest. Some conditions (political, climatic, environmental, cultural, or wildlife migrations) may also necessitate changes in the itinerary. TS reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participant.