



Hunts Photo and Video: Tanzania Wildlife Safari January 27 - February 5, 2020

Thomson Safaris is proud to partner with Hunt's Photo & Video on this timeless Tanzanian adventure. Your beautifully-balanced photography itinerary visits northern Tanzania's most wildlife-rich and culturally fascinating places, providing both impressive wildlife viewing and a glimpse into the people and history of this extraordinary country. Your accommodations put you in the heart of the wilderness as you stay seven nights in various Thomson Nyumba camps as well as three nights in deluxe permanent lodges, including the award-winning Gibbs Farm.

This itinerary truly has something for everyone, but especially for photo enthusiasts looking to capture a wide range of quality images.

YOUR ITINERARY

1/27/20 Monday





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

1/28/20 Tuesday





Arusha to Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem

Northern Tanzania is a relatively small area, so it only takes a brief scenic flight to bring you to a whole new world of cultural interest and natural beauty. Take in breathtaking views of Lake Natron and the Maasai "mountain of god", Ol Doinyo Lengai, which is an active volcano.

- Flight from Arusha to the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem
- 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.
- Meet Your Guide at the Airstrip

You will be welcomed upon arrival at the airstrip. Your guide will accompany you throughout your safari, offering cultural insights, wildlife spotting expertise and in-depth knowledge of wildlife behavior.

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.

Introduction to the Nature Refuge

Your guide will give you a brief tour and history of the 10,000-acre refuge as you make your way to camp. Enjoy wildlife viewing along the way, one of the tangible results of conservation efforts in the area. Giraffe, eland, dik dik, ostrich, leopard and even wild dog can be seen in this unique wildlife haven, dubbed "Giraffic Park" by one enthusiastic guest.

Lunch at Your Nyumba

You can relax at your Nyumba and enjoy a tasty lunch.

Maasai Boma Visit

Immerse yourself in the semi-nomadic culture of the Maasai by visiting a boma, which is a settlement of circular mud-and-dung Maasai homes. Many Maasai still roam the plains of northern Tanzania with their herds of cattle, maintaining their traditions while adapting to new ways of life. Learn more about their extraordinary culture as you tour the boma and take in the scenes of village life.

Late Afternoon Walk

Stretch your legs on a brief but scenic walk this afternoon. As one recent guest put it, the nature refuge is "a magical place of peace and beauty," and there's no better way to experience it than on foot. A local wildlife scout will accompany you and your guide on this walk, pointing out nearby wildlife.

Accommodations: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

1/29/20 Wednesday





Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem

As you get to know this special place, you will probably come across a half-mile long creekbed lined by whistling thorn trees and umbrella acacias. The trickling seasonal stream is a humble, yet incredibly important part of this ecosystem and represents the spirit of symbiosis that makes this place so unique. Thomson Safaris works alongside the Maasai to conserve a vast pristine wilderness of wooded savannah and open grassland covering 12,600 acres within the Serengeti ecosystem. Habitats are being restored. Wildlife is being given greater refuge. Communities are becoming empowered through education, involvement, and direct benefits from tourism. It is becoming a place of happiness and harmony between wildlife preservation and community-based tourism that will one day be a model for similar efforts. During your stay at the refuge, you will have many opportunities to explore the wilderness and the culture of the Maasai.

Morning Hike in the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem

Head out on a light hike this morning. The terrain will be fairly mild, but make sure that you have comfortable shoes with good traction. Being out on the plains on foot at this time of day is magical.

Enjipai Women's Group Visit

The Enjipai Women's Group was formed by a small group of Maasai women with a great entrepreneurial spirit. They paired their skills as artisans and homemakers with their desire to help their own families, as well as the community in general. Now numbering over 100 members, the collaborative already has several successful projects under way. A maize grinding machine, donated by Thomson Safaris and one of our past guests, is now providing a much-needed service to women who previously had to walk great distances to have their grains milled. The women of the collaborative are also enjoying brisk sales of their intricately beaded crafts to visitors. While each member makes an individual profit, a portion of all sales also goes into a community fund which was established for education and healthcare initiatives.

Lunch at Your Camp

Sit down to a delicious home-cooked lunch with amazing views.

Afternoon Wildlife Viewing in the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem

Enjoy wildlife viewing this afternoon in the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem. Be on the lookout for rarer species, such as the bat-eared fox and the smaller animals that are sometimes overlooked, such as the mongoose, hyrax, dik dik, and klipspringer.

Maasai Storyteller

Maasai elder Nekaaki Kioki is a feisty grandmother and fantastic storyteller. She knows hundreds of Maasai folktales and tells them in a truly dramatic fashion. Travelers usually gather around the campfire to listen to her tell folktales, which are translated into English.

Optional Night Wildlife Drive

You'll have the option to take to the plains and wilds after dark for a night drive in the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem. Night drives offer thrills and possible sightings of nocturnal creatures, such as spring hares, aardvarks, and porcupines. More than anything, the night drive offers an adventure few travelers in Tanzania have the chance to experience.

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: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

1/30/20 Thursday





Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem to Serengeti National Park

Head west toward the Serengeti on a rugged road that cuts through a landscape riddled with craggy hills and thickly wooded gullies. Maasai bomas appear seemingly out of nowhere. The rough road to Klein's Gate takes you along the Grumeti River, which serves as one of the Serengeti's two main water sources as it flows from one end of the park to the other before emptying into Lake Victoria. At the gate, you enter the Serengeti along its northeast border; the Maasai Mara Game Reserve and Kenyan border are less than 15 miles to the north. From there, traverse over the Serengeti's acacia-covered northern corridor with wildlife viewing along the way.

Visit to a FoTZC Project

Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FoTZC) is Thomson's sister non-profit organization that has worked on many successful projects in this area. Visit a school, teachers' housing, or a medical dispensary that were all requested by the community and built by FoTZC. Learn a little bit about sustainability, how these projects are selected, and how they impact the community.

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.

Enjoy Your Nyumba

Enjoy your Nyumba, whether you get in a workout with a Keep Fit Kit, learn a traditional Tanzanian game from your guide, write in your journal, or simply put up your feet and relax.

Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

1/31/20 Friday





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.

Continue Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti

Spend more time seeking out wildlife and exploring the Serengeti's rich landscapes. The socalled 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.

Bush Lunch

Enjoy a bush lunch in the Serengeti.

More Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti

More wildlife viewing awaits out on the plains, so enjoy the journey. You're sure to see something wonderful.

Relax at Your Camp

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.

Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

2/1/20 Saturday





Serengeti National Park

The most social of the big cats, lions live in groups called prides, comprised mostly of females and cubs and only 1-2 adult males. Typically prides have 6-12 lions, but can sometimes have more than 30 members. Superior hunters, lionesses inherit the same territories as their mothers while young males roam until they drive out old males from other prides to take over leadership. As lionesses hunt in groups and often at night, you are more likely to see prides as they languidly stretch out in the brush, underneath an acacia tree, or in the shade of a large rock formation. Particularly in the Serengeti, males who reside around savannahs and plains develop large dark manes as they grow older. The lion's roar, a familiar sound in the Serengeti at night, can be heard from over five miles away.

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.

- Another Morning of Wildlife Viewing in the Serengeti Spend another morning exploring the rich ecosystem of the Serengeti.
- Lunch at Your Nyumba
 What better way to enjoy a view of the Serengeti plains than over a satisfying, relaxing lunch at camp.
- Optional Afternoon at Your Nyumba

Forgo scheduled activities and remain at your Nyumba this afternoon. You may wish to write in your journal, do some reading, or get some exercise using one of the camp's Keep Fit Kits.

Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

2/2/20 Sunday





Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Drive from the Serengeti to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. You will pass one of the greatest prehistoric sites in Olduvai Gorge, where archeologists have been making thrilling fossil discoveries for nearly a century. After cutting across the desert-like bush country, you will arrive at a range of hills that lead to Ngorongoro. You will pass Maasai herding their cattle alongside the road. The Maasai are allowed to live in boma settlements throughout the conservation area. The famed Ngorongoro Crater has one of the greatest concentrations of wildlife in the world.

Wildlife Viewing as You Depart the Serengeti

As you follow the meandering path out of Serengeti National Park, take in the gorgeous scenery and wildlife viewing before moving on to the next part of your adventure.

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

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.)

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, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

2/3/20 Monday





Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Just imagine. Some 2.5 million years ago, Ngorongoro towered as a volcano as awesome as Mount Kilimanjaro. Massive eruptions and layer upon layer of hardened lava eventually led to the volcanic cone collapsing in on itself to form what is called a caldera. Many millennia later, we humans mistakenly started refering to it as a "crater", and the name stuck! Ngorongoro Crater is also known as the "Eighth Wonder of the World" and "Africa's Garden of Eden." After all, the crater has some 30,000 animals in an area 10 miles in diameter, and it is possible, with some luck, to see all of the Big 5 — African buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion, and rhino — all within the conservation area.

Visit to the Floor of Ngorongoro Crater

Visit the Ngorongoro Crater, where you are likely to find an abundance of wildlife. With luck, you might even see rhinoceros and big cats, such as lion and cheetah. The diversity of species often inspires awe, from baboons and elephants in the Lerai Forest to wildebeest and mountain reedbuck over the crater's grassy floor.

Picnic Lunch on the Crater Floor

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

Gibb's Farm Tembo Fire

This evening, relax at the Tembo Fire, an open-air sitting area nestled at the foot of the organic gardens. The tradition of the nightly campfire began as a purely practical measure to ensure that elephants - or "tembo" in Swahili - are not tempted to feast in the organic gardens at night. It soon became a popular place to sit and relax at the end of the day. Now, with a comfortable seating area and full bar, the Tembo Fire makes a wonderful place for conversation, storytelling or star-gazing.

Accommodations: Ngorongoro Nyumba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

2/4/20 Tuesday





Ngorongoro Conservation Area to Ngorongoro Highlands

Make a short drive from the Conservation Area to the Ngorongoro Highlands. As you travel down a winding road, you are rewarded with expansive vistas of the surrounding plains. At the top of the escarpment lie the lush Ngorongoro Highlands where the region's rich volcanic soil makes for some of the most fertile land in Tanzania.

Gibb's Farm Activities

Gibb's offers a variety of activities that appeal to travelers of all ages, including: traditional English tea, Maasai spa treatments, guided walks, and bike rides (additional fees). You could also go birding, visit the Sanaa Art Studio, or watch a coffee roasting demo, among other options.

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.

Optional Visit to a Local Historian and Storyteller

Rest at the lodge or visit the home of a charismatic local historian, storyteller, and proud member of the Iraqw people. He will impress you with his encyclopedic knowledge of Tanzanian cultures, and his wife will show you the ancestral beading and skirts of the Iraqw. Step into a mound-like traditional Iraqw home, which was built beside his own modern biogaspowered house to preserve his heritage, or you can even try your hand at throwing a traditional Iraqw spear.

Optional Spa Services

Immerse yourself in the healing and relaxing services of the African Living Spa, including massages and treatments as developed by a third generation traditional Maasai healer (additional fee).

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Accommodations: Gibb's Farm - Cottage Room **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

2/5/20 Wednesday





Departure

Depart the highlands for Arusha, where, after a day of leisurely activities, you will catch your departing flight. As you bid farewell to Tanzania, think of all the fabulous stories and photos of your adventure, which you will share with friends and family when you arrive home and for years to come.

Gibb's Breakfast

Breakfast at Gibb's is a great way to start the day. Enjoy local fruits, homemade yogurts and fresh cheeses, and made-to-order breakfast classics like omelettes or pancakes. Everything is made with the freshest ingredients.

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.

Visit the Shanga Workshop

Enjoy a visit to the Shanga workshop, an art center that empowers people with disabilities. Local people with a diverse range of special needs are employed at the workshop. This socially conscious business creates new jobs and a sense of purpose for local people who had few, if any, employment opportunities elsewhere. As disabled employees learn new skills, they are able to become active members of the community and to make contributions to their families' wellbeing. This fosters a sense of pride both personally and professionally for local people. Then, as more people learn about both the art and the mission of Shanga, the demand grows for their hand-made wares. In turn, Shanga can hire new staff members from the local community, ever-expanding their mission.

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 to Kilimanjaro International Airport

Complimentary with Delta/KLM departure this evening.

Accommodations: Day Room at The Arusha Hotel

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.

Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

Sitting on a slope of Moruga Hill, your Eastern Serengeti Nyumba overlooks a sweeping valley of wooded savannah, wide-open plains, and a remote wilderness like no other in Tanzania. With its signature style, the campsite provides the perfect place from which you can explore the Eastern Serengeti's rolling hills and woodlands by foot or by vehicle and engage in authentic Maasai cultural programs.

After your adventures, the Nyumba offers exquisite, environmentally responsible comforts and personalized care. En-suite bathrooms have water-saving safari showers and self-contained, pump-flush toilets.

Enjoy a refreshing beverage at your private verandah as you look out to the acacia-covered plains where giraffe, wildebeest, and gazelle sometimes graze. This is Tanzania at its boundless magical best.

Southern Serengeti Nyumba

This seasonal Serengeti Nyumba is set strategically in a private location in the heart of the park, allowing you easy access to both the southern and central plains. Here, you will experience exceptional service from the friendly staff, eat gourmet meals prepared from fresh, local ingredients and appreciate the prime location.

Awake to the sound of the African dove, fill your lungs with fresh, untainted air and feel immersed in the landscape of acacias, far-off plains and endless blue sky.

The rustic luxury of your camp provides you with all the essentials including solar lighting, private ensuite bathroom with safari shower and self-contained, pump-flush toilet, 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.

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.

Gibb's Farm

Travel + Leisure's Best Safari Lodge in Africa – Gibb's Farm is a getaway for the senses hidden in the rolling hills of the Ngorongoro Highlands. Enjoy an afternoon at the spa, an evening on your private verandah, a dinner decked with fresh farm-to-table delicacies and rich South African wines as this world-class lodge caters to your every indulgence. The country's longest-standing farm and coffee plantation, Gibb's Farm delivers its peaceful comforts with authentic East African flair.

The Arusha Hotel

Enjoy a stay at one of the oldest hotels in East Africa – The Arusha Hotel was first established in 1894. Just outside the hotel is the Clock Tower roundabout, famously known as the "Center of East Africa" due to its location halfway between Cairo and Cape Town. Offering modern amenities including free Wi-Fi, 24-hour gym, air conditioning, and outdoor swimming pool, The Arusha Hotel is a stylish and comfortable refuge amongst the bustling streets of Arusha.

TRIP DETAILS

Pricing

	Hunts Photo and Video: Tanzania Wildlife Safari
\$9,390	Per adult, based on double occupancy
\$1,200	Single supplement (if applicable)
\$350	Tanzania-Imposed Tax, Per person
\$599	Optional Hot Air Balloon Excursion, Per Person 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
- •Village, School, and Cultural Visits as Noted in Itinerary
- •Guaranteed Window Seating in Safari Vehicles
- Scenic Internal Flight(s) as Noted in Itinerary
- •Guided Walks with a Naturalist, when Available
- •Complimentary Bottled Drinking Water in Your Vehicle Throughout Your Safari
- Keep Fit Kit at Each Nyumba Camp
- •\$200 per Person Nature Refuge Conservation Fee
- 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.)
- *Meals and Expenses en Route to Tanzania
- *Fees for Passport, Visa, or Immunizations
- *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.