





EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES ARE LIFE'S GREATEST LUXURY.



#### A LETTER FROM THE BUSH

The wildlife, the nature and the people of Tanzania will change your life. They really changed ours.

Since 1981, Tanzania has made us feel as warmly welcomed and deeply connected as family. That's why we have always been committed to supporting the hopes, dreams and goals of our gracious hosts – the people of Tanzania – and giving back as much to this country as it has given us.

When Rick and I founded Thomson Safaris here in the US, we knew we had to go straight to the people who knew the country best – born and raised Tanzanians. By building a company on the ground, hiring locals and working alongside them, we've been able to channel our passion for Tanzania into strong community partnerships and unforgettable guest experiences.

Fundamentally, we believe that travel should be a force for good, and that simple idea has informed everything we do. From innovative, eco-friendly camps and our partnership with African Wildlife Foundation, to working with Focus on Tanzanian Communities to advance healthcare and education, we feel a responsibility to operate sustainably and conscientiously.

When you choose Thomson, you will benefit from the tenured guidance of one of Tanzania's most experienced operations. We are obsessively dedicated to providing travel experiences of quality and integrity with the highest standards of service. We devote ourselves entirely to our safari and Kilimanjaro ground operations and Gibb's Farm, which has twice been named Travel & Leisure's Best Safari Lodge in Africa.

We have earned commendations from travel publications, awards from conservation organizations and partnerships with world-renowned ethical foundations. Still, our greatest praise comes from guests, who call their trips life-changing. We couldn't agree more.

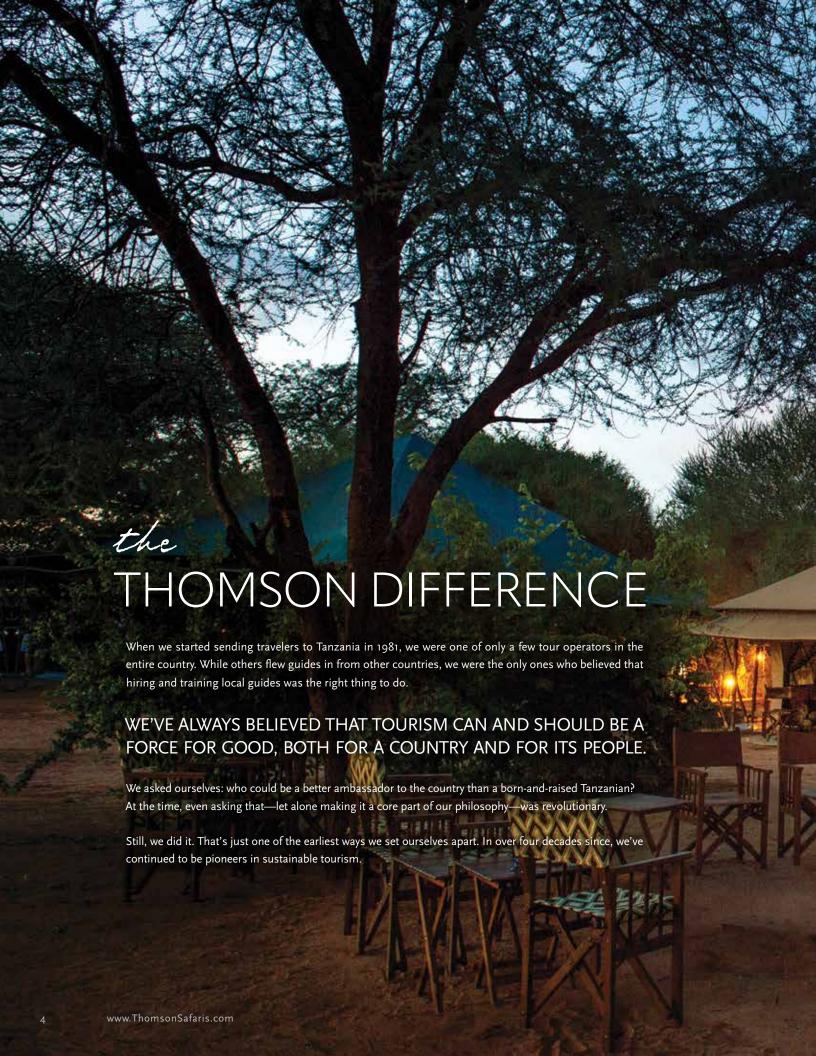
Come observe giraffe at the watering hole. Listen to a traditional Maasai folktale. Break bread with your guides. Tanzania will surprise your senses, fulfill your dreams and captivate your heart. We know you'll love the wildlife, the nature and the people as much as we do.

Judi Wineland & Rick Thomson, Co-Founders, Thomson Safaris



Rick Thomson and Judi Wineland prepare to set off from the Serengeti airstrip. Frequent visits to Tanzania help them ensure that operations are always running smoothly and are up to Thomson's high standards. 800.235.0289

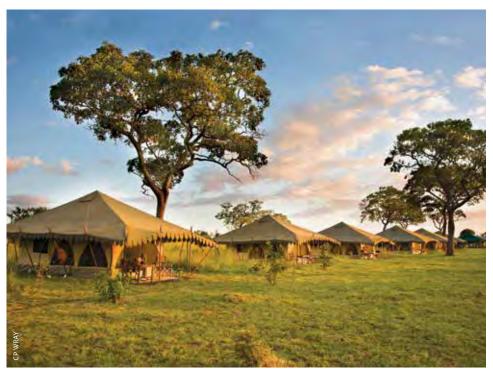
Thomson Safaris owners













#### STAYING FIT ON SAFARI

For those guests who like to stay active while traveling, we've got you covered. Optional jogging, walking, or biking is available on most safaris, and all Nyumba camps have Keep Fit Kits (stretch bands, fitness ball, and mats). Some camps even have yoga platforms! Whether you'd like to stretch your legs on a leisurely walk or go for a run with a Maasai warrior, we'll make it happen.



Nature hike at Eastern Serengeti Nyumba Camp.



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### THOMSON DIFFERENCE

- Camps are custom-designed for maximum comfort and situated in the heart of the wilderness
- Sustainable camps maximize comfort while protecting Tanzania's ecosystems with solar-powered LED lighting and less than one-third the water usage of an average hotel stay
- Camps are used seasonally, so you're always as close to the wildlife as possible
- Thomson owners Rick Thomson and Judi Wineland established a 10,000acre nature refuge in the Serengeti ecosystem to protect fragile landscapes and wildlife populations
- Our partner philanthropic organization, Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FoTZC), works directly with community leaders to help achieve goals they set for themselves

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Biking at Gibb's Farm is a great chance to enjoy the scenery and test your legs on some challenging hills.



Yoga platforms overlooking the Serengeti plains make your morning yoga routine anything *but* routine.



A morning run with a Maasai warrior will get your heart rate going and allow you to explore the land-scape in a whole new way.



YOU CAME TO SEE THE WILDLIFE, and from the comfort of your Thomson Nyumba, it's right outside your door. Wake up to a chorus of birdsong each morning. Sip a fresh cup of coffee on your verandah as giraffes browse in the distance and wildebeest ruminate on the plains. Or just lose yourself in the view: a peaceful panorama with some of the most stunning sunsets you can imagine.

These camps are the definition of harmony. It starts with a gracious welcome, continues with low-impact, eco-sensitive luxury and culminates in the breathtaking beauty of nature in all directions.

Awe-inspiring days of wildlife viewing turn into peaceful nights of stargazing with a glass of wine in hand. This is the way a safari should be.

## THE NYUMBA IS YOUR "HOME" ON SAFARI



- Camps are used for the best seasonal locations
- Comfortable beds with luxurious linens, handcrafted furniture and local art grace every room
- En suite bathrooms include eco-friendly toilets and water-conserving sinks
- Gravity-fed, hot showers are available at any time of day
- Solar-powered LED lighting provides an ambient glow
- Spacious, inviting lounge tents offer a place to socialize or relax
- Solar-powered charging stations are available for your devices
- A cash bar is stocked with wine, beer, soda and spirits

ROUGHING IT NEVER FELT THIS GOOD. We've created the perfect balance of rustic luxury that never feels out of step with the surroundings and always feels authentic. Hot showers, fresh linens, private verandahs and friendly service will make you feel comfortable. The peaceful, welcoming atmosphere of Tanzania will make you feel at home.

We were pleasantly surprised at how very glamorous camping could be. We enjoyed the local Maasai décor, the comfortable beds, and nicely-appointed bathrooms. The patio area was perfect for gazing out over the beauty of the landscape. The accommodations were truly exceptional.

– James and Linda Murray



## BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES AND ELUSIVE ANIMALS, the guides find them all – from lions to rhinos to hidden vistas you might otherwise miss.

And there's so much more to see! Topis, elands, warthogs, dik-diks, agama lizards, baboons, dung beetles – these less iconic species are just as fascinating as the Big Five. Tanzania is also a birder's paradise, with over 1,100 species including superb starlings, lilac-breasted rollers, hornbills and flamingos.

That's the beauty of traveling with someone with over a decade of experience as a guide and a lifetime of experience in Tanzania; showing you every detail is second nature.



IT DOESN'T STOP AT WILDLIFE. The guides are passionate representatives of the country. They'll share childhood memories, details about the land's history and stories about balancing careers in the wilds with modern life.

All this while somehow spotting animals no one else seems to see, as if only they know the secret language of the wildlife. In Tanzania, the trip would be amazing no matter what, but an exceptional guide brings the experience to life. They add character, depth and personality so you can appreciate Tanzania for so much more than just its animals. It's little wonder that so many guests bond with their guide and even get choked up upon departure!

Our guide was a professional in every sense of the word.

He made my trip so totally enjoyable, wonderful, informative, and fun! He has a strong, positive, fabulous energy, in sync with Tanzania!

- Victoria R. Boyt



GO WHEREVER WILDLIFE WANDERS. You'll spend some of the best hours of your adventure aboard the rugged safari vehicles that are customized to cross every kind of rough terrain. The wilderness is filled with unpaved paths and bumpy trails, so we send you off in the most dependable vehicles in the parks.

In the wildest weather, on the roughest road or around the most challenging terrain, your wildlife viewing won't be compromised, and you'll never hear your guide say, "We can't get there from here."



#### WHY I CHOSE LAND ROVERS WITH RICK THOMSON

Before co-founding Thomson Safaris, I spent 10 years modifying vehicles for trans-African expeditions. Nothing could have prepared me better for the challenge of finding a vehicle worthy of the Thomson Safaris logo.

My personal favorite has always been the Land Rover because its aluminum body doesn't rust, the four-wheel drive and diff lock is superior, and it's made of individual body panels, which makes it easy to customize and maintain.

We make dozens of changes to every vehicle including lengthened frames, specialized seats for comfort, engine snorkels for river crossings, shock absorbers, charging outlets, and popup roofs for 360° views and sun protection – to name a few.

Thomson's vehicle modifications make such a difference from a passenger's point of view—wow! Compared to any other safari vehicles out there, the visibility towards the horizon from any of the seats is unsurpassed.

– Eric Anderson



YOU COULD DRINK IN THESE VIEWS FOREVER. The rolling hills, the old-growth trees that frame the garden's edge, the lily-filled pond where grosbeak weavers build their nests, the vivid colors of a thousand sweet-smelling flowers – each new experience grabs your every sense.

With exquisite, personalized service, incredible food, elegant, home-style accommodations and a share of World's Best Awards to its name, Gibb's Farm sets the standard for luxury lodges.

But it's so much more than that. Through Gibb's Farm, Rick and Judi showcase all of Tanzania's charms—its culture, history, arts and vibrant natural wonders. That's what makes it truly one-of-a-kind.



Travel + Leisure has called it the *Best Safari Lodge in Africa* and fifth among the *Top 100 Hotels in the World.* Guests have called it a "sanctuary for the senses," and "a bit of heaven." To us, Gibb's represents our best qualities: sustainability, high quality, and respect for Tanzania's history and people.

Gibb's Farm is a luxury eco-lodge, working farm and coffee estate with origins going back to the late 1920s. Rick and Judi were once regular visitors, stopping by to enjoy the serene setting and the company of its owner Margaret Gibb.

When Margaret retired in the early 2000s, she wanted to pass the torch to someone who would deepen the farm's connection with the community and sustain its peaceful harmony with nature. Rick and Judi were her first pick.

The cottages have been refurbished to world-class standards, the flower gardens have grown bigger and more varied, but the roots of this beautiful Tanzanian hideaway have only grown deeper.







### OUR SISTER NONPROFIT

Responsible travel can bring tourism dollars to impoverished areas and incentivize groups and governments to preserve natural resources, which is good for the people, land and wildlife in Tanzania. Many of our guests are inspired to give back more directly, too. Thanks to their contributions, FoTZC has completed dozens of projects in the following key areas.

#### **CLEAN WATER**

A clean, accessible water source is at the core of every healthy community. Clean water reduces illness and opens opportunities for women and girls to go to school and to run businesses, particularly because they are no longer tasked with the time-consuming responsibility of retrieving water.

FoTZC boreholes provide water to several thousand people in Tanzania, reducing dehydration, waterborne illness and disease.

#### **HEALTH CARE**

Imagine walking 12 miles for health care. Now imagine making that journey as a pregnant mother or a sick or injured person. For people in the Sukenya area, that was the only option until FoTZC built a small health dispensary in the area. Due to its success, the Tanzanian government has asked FoTZC to help build a Health Center that will serve thousands of patients each year.

With FoTZC support, the Sukenya Medical Dispensary serves over 300 patients each month.

#### **EDUCATION**

Children in Tanzania have been at the center of FoTZC's mission since its very foundation, when a visit to a broken-down schoolroom sparked the idea for this non-profit. With water, health care and education, children have a foundation to learn and thrive.

FoTZC has led initiatives for over 23 schools, including building teachers' housing, dormitories, sanitary toilets and classrooms that expand opportunities for over 10,000 students each year.

#### **WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

Women in Tanzania wanted opportunities to run businesses and provide for their families independently. That's why FoTZC launched COCOBA, a microfinance program that helps women start small, environmentally friendly businesses.

Since 2015, COCOBA has helped over 350 women start businesses in beekeeping, leather tanning, beading and other sustainable, profitable markets.







# thomson's FOUNDERS' SAFARI

THEY'VE BEEN EXPLORING TANZANIA SINCE 1981. IN THE DECADES SINCE, THOMSON FOUNDERS RICK & JUDI HAVE PERFECTED THEIR IDEAL ITINERARY.

xclusive wildlife areas, authentic cultural experiences and luxurious flourishes abound on this spellbinding adventure.

An exclusive nature refuge will introduce you to the peace and beauty of your surroundings. Internal flights to remote safari areas maximize your time exploring and relaxing. Seasonal camps in the northern and southern Serengeti bring you as close to the Great Migration as possible.

The finishing touch: three nights at Gibb's Farm, an award-winning, luxury eco-lodge. Settle into this sanctuary for the senses and reflect on your lifechanging experience.

How do we know you'll love this safari? Because it's the itinerary Rick and Judi insist on using when they visit Tanzania – a timeless favorite.

11 days | Starting \$10,790

For all prices & departures: thomsonsafaris.com/dates
Call us to make this itinerary private & choose your own dates



#### DAY 1:

ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA Jambo! Your driver will meet you at the airport

Overnight: The Arusha Hotel

#### DAYS 2-3: EASTERN SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM

Fly to a private nature refuge exclusive to Thomson guests and meet your guide

Guided hikes provide a profound, and rare, experience with the land and wildlife

Visit a nearby Maasai community and a local school

Search for nocturnal wildlife on a night drive

Overnights: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

#### DAYS 4-7: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Set out to find the Big Five, big cats and more in Africa's most iconic park

Enjoy an optional hot-air balloon ride complete with champagne breakfast

Stay in seasonal camps at sites chosen to maximize sightings of the Great Migration of wildebeest

Overnights: Serengeti Nyumbas

#### DAYS 8-10: NGORONGORO CRATER & HIGHLANDS

Fly south and journey into Ngorongoro Crater – an immense caldera and home to the densest population of large mammals

Enjoy three nights at Gibb's Farm, indulging in optional spa services, delicious farm-to-table food and lavish accommodations

Take guided nature walks, farm tours or even a bike ride through the bucolic paradise

Marvel at the work of the local artists-in-residence

Overnights: Gibb's Farm

**DAY 11:** 

#### DEPART TANZANIA

Wake up to a farm-fresh breakfast

Enjoy souvenir shopping at a local artists' collective and lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge

Relax in your day room before your flight home

Day Room: The Arusha Hotel



# thomson's SIGNATURE SAFARI

EVERYTHING YOU LOVE ABOUT SAFARI BLENDED TOGETHER IN ONE SEAM-LESS, PERFECTLY TIMED EXPERIENCE

orld-class wildlife viewing, beautiful accommodations, genuine cultural interactions – this is our most popular offering for a reason. The adventure begins with tranquil exploration in a private nature refuge, complete with nature walks, night drives and personal exchanges with the people of Tanzania.

The journey continues in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, both considered some of the greatest wildlife viewing locations on the planet.

Your days in the bush are followed by a soft landing at Gibb's Farm, the luxurious eco-lodge and winner of Travel + Leisure's Best Safari Lodge in Africa.

We close with a trip through Tarangire, a haven for Africa's gentle giants and hideaway for extraordinary baobabs, a grand end to what will be an unforgettable adventure.

12 DAYS STARTING \$10,590

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#### **DAY 1:**

### ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA Step off the plane and into the capable care of your drive

the capable care of your driver, who will be waiting for you at the airport

Overnight: The Arusha Hotel

#### DAYS 2-3: EASTERN SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM

Fly to a private nature refuge, exclusive to Thomson guests, and meet your guide

Listen to a traditional Maasai storyteller share the legends of her people

Observe nocturnal wildlife on a night drive (an opportunity not available in parks)

Enjoy walks to view wildebeest, giraffe, zebra, gazelle and more

Overnights: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

#### days 4-6:

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK Spend three days searching for big cats and massive herds of grazers on the rolling plains

See the Great Migration of wildebeests and zebras from seasonally located camps

Overnights: Serengeti Nyumbas

#### DAYS 7-8: NGORONGORO CRATER

The crater floor hosts all the Big Five species: lion, leopard, elephant, black rhino and African buffalo Enjoy two nights under the forest canopy on the crater rim – this beautiful Nyumba camp provides early access to the crater floor

Overnights: Ngorongoro Nyumba

#### DAY Q:

#### NGORONGORO HIGHLANDS

Lush gardens, delicious food, brilliant accommodations and endless relaxation – welcome to Africa's Best Safari Lodge

Bask in the verdant beauty of Gibb's Farm with sundowner drinks around the "tembo fire"

Overnight: Gibb's Farm

#### **DAYS 10-11:**

#### TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK Explore the park known as an "elephant haven" due to its immense herds

Marvel at massive baobabs that often live for over 1,000 years

Birders should watch for the 500+ species spotted here

Overnights: Tarangire Nyumba

#### DAY 12:

#### DEPART TANZANIA

Enjoy exploring a local artists' collective in Arusha before departing

Day Room: The Arusha Hotel



## tanzania WILDLIFE SAFARI

# A RUGGED, ADVENTUROUS ITINERARY THAT KEEPS THE FOCUS ON THE WILD-LIFE FROM START TO FINISH

f you hear "safari" and think of one thing only the wildlife—then this trip was made for you. Our Tanzania Wildlife Safari has been carefully calibrated to maximize wildlife-viewing opportunities.

Track down big cats and the Great Migration of wildebeests and zebras in the Serengeti, marvel at the massive herds of elephants and hundreds of unique bird species in Tarangire, and fill out your Big Five checklist on the floor of the lush Ngorongoro Crater.

Seasonal camp locations give you the best chance of spotting wildlife no matter when you travel. Your Ngorongoro Nyumba camp, located along the crater rim, lets you access the crater floor as early as possible, before other travelers staying at more distant lodges arrive.

Tanzania's stunning creatures are why you've always dreamed of Africa. Enjoy them in their natural habitats on our most wildlife-focused trip.

10 DAYS STARTING \$8,690

For all prices & departures: thomsonsafaris.com/dates
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#### DAY 1:

#### ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA Karibu! Your guide will be at the airport to welcome you to Tanzania

Overnight: Rivertrees Country Inn

#### **DAYS 2-3:**

## **TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK** Enjoy diverse wildlife populations at this hidden gem for wildlife lovers

Observe massive elephant herds of 100+ animals and hundreds of bird species

Camp under giant, centuries-old baobab trees

Overnights: Tarangire Nyumba

#### DAYS 4-5: NGORONGORO CRATER

Stop for an indulgent lunch at Gibb's Farm

Camping along the crater rim offers the earliest access to the floor

Spend a full day viewing wildlife on the crater floor, home to Africa's densest mammal populations

Enjoy a traditional Tanzanian dinner prepared by camp chefs

Overnights: Ngorongoro Nyumba

#### DAYS 6-9:

#### SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Spend multiple days seeking out fascinating wildlife in Africa's best-known park

Stay in seasonally located camps for best proximity to wildlife

Witness the Great Migration of wildebeests and zebras, a "Wonder of the Natural World"

From big cats to antelopes, warthogs to giraffes, the Serengeti's biodiversity will astound you

Optional morning hot-air balloon ride for aerial views of the Serengeti

Overnights: Serengeti Nyumbas

#### DAY 10:

#### DEPART TANZANIA

A scenic flight to Arusha offers a last glimpse of the Serengeti

Shop or browse at a local artists' collective

Day Room: Mount Meru Hotel



## tanzania HIGHLIGHTS SAFARI

THE PERFECT SAFARI FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED TIME OR A TIGHTER BUDGET HOPING TO GET A TASTE OF TANZANIA'S "GREATEST HITS"

or some of us, it can be hard to carve out the time and budget for your dream trip. That's why we've designed the Tanzania Highlights Safari: to give travelers on a tighter schedule or budget the chance to experience a few of Tanzania's can't-miss destinations, experiences and sights.

It offers the beauty of the sun-warmed plains, the majesty of wild creatures in their natural habitat and the relaxation of being truly and completely away from it all.

Cover a lot of ground in a short amount of time to see all the must-see highlights: the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and a private reserve where you can actually walk alongside giraffe, wildebeest, zebra and more.

Stay in camps that bring you into the heart of the wilderness and meet our Maasai friends for a glimpse of real life during this high-impact, full-immersion trip.

8 DAYS STARTING \$6,590

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#### DAY 1

#### ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA

The first highlight of your trip: a warm welcome at the airport from your driver

Overnight: Arusha Hotel

#### DAYS 2-3: EASTERN SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM

Take a scenic flight to the Eastern Serengeti and meet your guide

Observe gazelles, giraffes, and wildebeests on foot during guided wildlife walks

Shop for handmade souvenirs on a visit to a women's entrepreneurial collective

Encounter Maasai culture firsthand on a visit to a traditional village

A night wildlife drive gives you a chance to spot Tanzania's most elusive species

Overnights: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

#### DAYS 4-5: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Wildlife drives allow you to spot dozens of species from elephants to lions to warthogs

Relax and enjoy wildlife viewing right from your camp

Overnights: Central Serengeti Nyumba

#### DAYS 6-7:

#### NGORONGORO CRATER

Visit the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO world heritage site that holds over 30,000 mammals

The crater is one of the few spots where you can find the Big Five in an afternoon

Camp beneath a canopy of acacia trees along the rim of the verdant crater

A traditional meal allows you to taste authentic Tanzania

Overnights: Ngorongoro Nyumba

#### DAY 8:

#### DEPART TANZANIA

Stop for lunch and attractive souvenirs at a local artist's collective in Arusha

Day Room: Arusha Hotel



# photography SAFARIS

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS
OF ALL SKILL LEVELS TO PERFECT THEIR
ART WITH A PROFESSIONAL

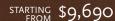
icture yourself on a private safari in the heart of the Tanzanian wilderness, led by a veteran nature photographer. This world-class photo adventure visits northern Tanzania's must-see parks, where you'll have the chance to photograph the country's stunning vistas and wildlife.

Your journey offers exclusive stays in private, comfortable campsites and at Gibb's Farm, which Travel + Leisure named one of the Best Safari Lodges in Africa.

Your trip is packaged with upgrades to make the most of your time:

- Receive tips and hands-on guidance from a veteran nature photographer
- A maximum of three guests per Land Rover
- · Unlimited weight allowance for extra camera gear
- Camera tech tents with generators and lighting at each Thomson Nyumba Camp
- · Boxed breakfasts for early AM start times

Please contact us for travel options and seasonal itineraries or to arrange a private departure.



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#### PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY LEADER, PAUL JOYNSON-HICKS

Paul Joynson-Hicks grew up in London and Sussex and has been working in photography his entire adult life. He apprenticed with Angelo Valentino, then moved to Africa in 1993 to work on a travel photography book. A second book took him to Tanzania. He fell in love with the country, so he became a citizen and established a photography business in Dar es Salaam.

When he's not working on photography, Joynson-Hicks manages local charities and fundraisers, which have raised roughly \$500,000. Queen Elizabeth II made him a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his work. He's published four books in total and is the founder of the Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards. Paul was also a part of the successful YouTube series Serengeti: One Day at a Time.

He lives in Arusha with his wife, two children and a menagerie of (domesticated) wildlife.



Our Rafiki Explorers program connects children with the people, wildlife and scenery of Tanzania:

- Pen pals: Conditions permitting, match with a child of similar age and then meet during your safari!
- Tracker training: Identify footprints, scat and unique plant species around camps
- Bows and arrows: See who has the best aim when you learn how to use a bow and arrow with the Ikoma people, but don't worry; we've removed the sharp tips!
- The language of kangas: Learn about the ubiquitous kanga, a brightly colored textile used in all facets of daily life, including sending secret messages
- Say it in Swahili: Casual, fun, interactive Swahili lessons throughout the trip break the ice and get everyone talking. Karibuni sana!
- Crafts, sports, games: Frisbee, cards and Jenga are on hand, and the camp crew is always happy to play an impromptu game of soccer
- **Safari Journal:** Puzzles, games, trivia and wildlife checklists entertain and become a keepsake of your incredible adventure!







# MULTI-GENERATIONAL ADVENTURES BUILT FOR YOUR FAMILY

Imagine a place where carpools and meetings are a distant memory, where there are no dishes to do and no trash to take out, and where you never set an alarm clock—you just rise at your leisure when the birds start to sing. Sounds nice, doesn't it?

Our family itineraries have been specially designed to give your family quality time together, create moments of shared wonder at the natural world, and allow you all to reconnect.

We've thought of all the details that will make your family's adventure unforgettable:

- Flexible mealtimes will suit your family's needs
- Conditions permitting, kids connect with pen pals before departure (creating a personal connection to Tanzania) and meet them in-person during the trip
- A *rafiki* (Swahili for "friend") will serve as a cultural liaison for kids on trips with eight or more travelers
- Games and activities in camp will keep kids engaged and entertained
- All family safari guides have kids of their own and understand family dynamics
- Make your family trip private for increased seclusion and a more intimate connection with the Tanzanian people, places and wildlife
- \* Certain conditions (political, environmental, cultural, or availability) may necessitate changes to our Rafiki Explorers program.



# perfect FAMILY SAFARI

A SAFARI FOR ALL AGES, WITH JUST THE RIGHT BALANCE OF ACTIVITY, CULTURE AND – OF COURSE – WILDLIFE!

reat family vacations build memories you'll cherish for years. They give you the chance to enjoy yourself without worrying about the little things. Best of all, they allow the whole family—kids, parents and grandparents—to share new experiences and connect like never before.

Capture that experience on an itinerary that perfectly blends wildlife viewing in Tanzania's can't-miss locations with opportunities to leave the vehicles and interact authentically with Tanzanian culture.

Kids will love spotting animals, playing games with new friends, visiting pen pals and exploring on guided walks. You'll love the rustic luxury of the tented camps, the indulgence of two nights at Gibb's Farm and fabulous meals planned to suit all ages.

We'll take care of all the details, keeping everyone engaged from morning to night. Sit back, relax and enjoy your time together. Isn't that what a vacation should be?

10 DAYS STARTING FROM

STARTING \$8,590

Child / teen discounts & departures: thomsonsafaris.com/dates Call us to make this itinerary private & choose your own dates

#### DAY 1

#### ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA

A guide will meet your family at the airport and escort you to the night's lodge

Overnight: Arusha Hotel

#### DAYS 2-3: EASTERN SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM

A short scenic flight brings you to a private nature refuge in the Eastern Serengeti

Hike the grounds with a guide and wildlife scout, identifying rare species and animal tracks

See giraffes and zebras up close during walks

Learn the legends of the local people from a Maasai storyteller

Search for nocturnal wildlife during a gripping night drive

Overnights: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

#### DAYS 4-6: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Show your family elephants, big cats, massive herds and more in this world-famous park

Stay in seasonally-located camps set up to bring you close to the wildlife and Great Migration herds

Overnights: Serengeti Nyumbas

#### DAY 7:

#### NGORONGORO CRATER

Camp on the rim of this lush caldera, a self-sustaining ecosystem and home to the densest large predator population in Africa

How did the crater form, how can it sustain 30,000 animals, and which animal will you never see inside the crater? Find out all the answers from your guide!

Overnights: Ngorongoro Nyumba

#### DAYS 8-9: NGORONGORO CRATER & HIGHLANDS

Explore the crater floor, brimming with wildlife year-round. It may be the best place on Earth to see the Big Five in the wild

Experience a little slice of Tanzanian life when kids meet their pen pals at a local school

End your adventure in one of Africa's best safari lodges, with its lush gardens, spacious rooms and farm-to-table dining

Overnights: Gibb's Farm

#### DAY 10: DEPART TANZANIA

Return to Arusha for a farewell lunch before your flight

Day Room: Arusha Hotel





# PRIVATE SAFARI CUSTOMIZATIONS AND BENEFITS: Groups of any size • Any travel dates, any time frame • Level of luxury; from basic, to moderate, to the sky's-thelimit • Travel in private vehicles and with private guides • Entire camps can be set up exclusively for your group upon request vww.ThomsonSafaris.com

# PRIVATE SAFARIS

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ULTIMATE TRAVEL LUXURY: CHOICE

et us bring your safari dream to life. We'll work with you, listen to your preferences and goals and build something that exceeds your expectations. Private travel is fine-tuned to your tastes, taking you off-the-beaten-path for a personal and intimate experience. It's just you, your group and your private guide on safari in the open plains and fresh outdoors.

#### **GROUPS OF ANY SIZE**

Traveling as a multigenerational family? A group of people with a common interest? Honeymooners, chefs, photographers? We're happy to accommodate groups of any style, whether you are traveling as a party or going solo.

#### ANY TIME FRAME, ANY ITINERARY

See an itinerary you love, but the dates don't work? We can set up the same trip for just your group, on dates that work for you. Do you want to build a brand-new safari from scratch? We can do that too! We'll work with you, listen to your interests and hand-tailor a safari that suits your needs.

#### SELECT YOUR LEVEL OF LUXURY

Sleep in style at Thomson's signature Nyumba tented camps, which can be set up for just your group upon request, or one of Tanzania's premier safari lodges (or a combination of both). Whatever your preferences, we'll help you find the perfect fit.

#### TRAVEL IN PRIVATE VEHICLES WITH PRIVATE GUIDES

Travel in your own personal bubble, with only your people and the same guide, from start to finish. This level of privacy enables you to deepen your connection to Tanzania, forge stronger bonds with your group and creating lifelong memories together.

#### MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRIPS

Enjoy accommodations tailored to your family's needs and activities that appeal to every age group – children, parents and grandparents.

Ask about our Rafiki Explorers program

### ANNIVERSARIES & HONEYMOONS

Unforgettable sunsets give way to endlessly starry nights in the Serengeti. Ask us to design a trip built for adventure *and* romance.

#### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Birthdays, retirements, graduations, reunions – ask us how we can make that special moment even greater on safari.

#### SAMPLE LUXURY ITINERARY

Everything is customizable on a private safari, from the timeline, budget, accommodations, sights and more. Here's an example of a private safari we customized for a travel group interested in the Great Rift Valley and high-tier safari lodges.

You'll visit Tanzania's most celebrated destinations, including the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater, the Great Rift Valley, and Tarangire National Park while staying in exclusive lodges. Your journey is distinguished by top-tier accommodations throughout, such as the elegant Chem Chem lodge whose property abuts Lake Manyara; Gibb's Farm, the Best Safari Lodge in Africa; and Nyaruswiga Safari Camp and Sayari Camp, which perfectly balance luxury and mobility to track the Great Migration.

Recommended length: 12 days; from \$23,790/person (double occupancy)



# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP TRAVEL

## SPECIALLY CUSTOMIZED TRAVEL FOR YOUR GROUP'S NEEDS AND INTERESTS

University alumni groups, yoga enthusiasts, photographer academies, birding clubs and so many others have great reasons for traveling to Tanzania. Whatever your group is interested in, we'll build an itinerary suited to your needs.

Thomson has been chosen as the preferred Tanzania operator by some of the world's most-respected schools, museums and conservation organizations, including:

African Wildlife Foundation

Alumnae Association of Smith College

The Commonwealth Club of California

Cornell Adult University

Dartmouth Alumni Travel

Hunt's Photo & Video

Iowa State Traveling Cyclones

McKay Photography Academy

Notre Dame Alumni Traveling Irish

Princeton Journeys

UC Berkeley, Cal Discoveries Travel

University of Portland

Williams College

World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

And many others!



**IOWA STATE ALUMNI PROGRAM** wanted to strengthen alumni ties to the school while providing an unforgettable safari experience. They went on a hot-air balloon safari, wildlife drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, and spent leisure time at the lush paradise of Gibb's Farm.



MCKAY PHOTO ACADEMY wanted to send photography veterans, amateurs and everyone in between on safari to help them take beautiful photographs while honing their skills. Special perks included expert guides, photography leaders, camera tech tents and more.



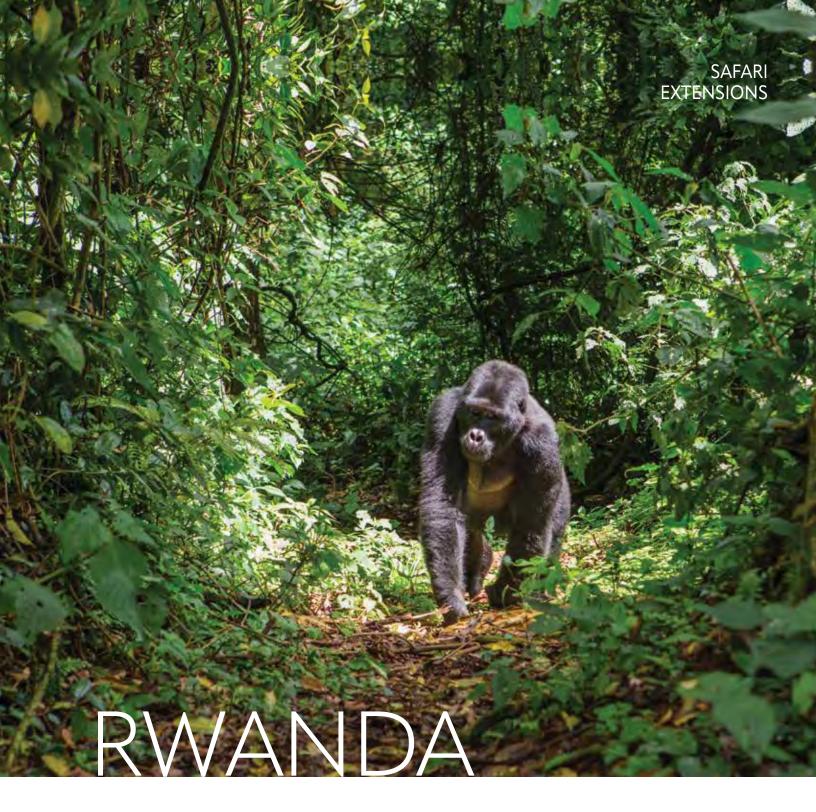
JODY ADAMS CULINARY SAFARI offered rustic Tanzanian fare as a lens on the country's culture, people and communities. Award-winning chef Jody Adams led the safari, preparing meals, exploring Tanzanian culture and wildlife with guests.



AN EXOTIC ISLAND GETAWAY

Sink your bare feet into sands soft as silk, bask in the crystal-blue waters of the Indian Ocean, stroll the colorful streets of Stone Town or tour the cottage spice industries of the sunny seaside paradise that is Zanzibar. Located just 15 miles off the coast of mainland Tanzania, the island is a fascinating blend of European, Arabic, Indian and African cultures.

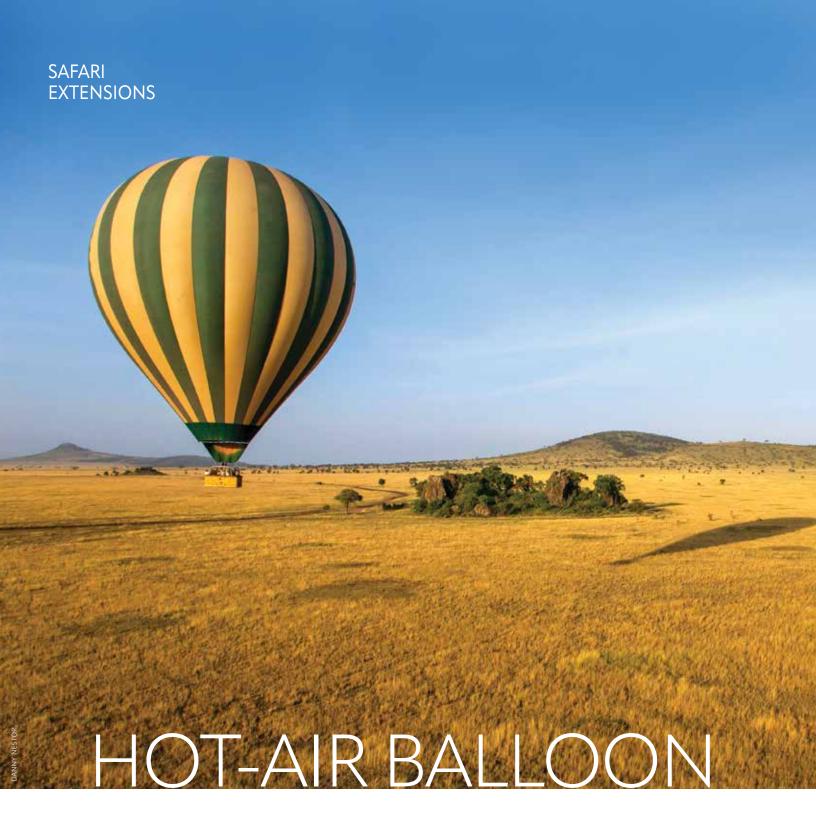
Recommended length: 5 days; from \$2,000/person (double occupancy)



TREK FOR WILD MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

Highly protected and rarely seen, just over 1,000 mountain gorillas remain in the wild. Fit and adventurous travelers can journey into the Virunga Mountains to seek them out. The gorillas change location daily, so trekking times typically vary between one and four hours. Time with them is restricted to ensure that human presence doesn't disturb their fragile existence.

Recommended length: 5 days; from \$6,000/person (double occupancy)



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE SERENGETI Skim the tops of acacia trees as you float above the Serengeti's endless plains at dawn. After your 45–60 minute ride, breakfast and a glass of champagne await you. Add this excursion during your stay in the Serengeti, no extra days required. Optional on most safaris.

Call us for current pricing; advance reservations required. Height and weight restrictions apply; flight duration and elevation vary based on weather.

We love Tanzania. We love the rest of Africa, too. Here are some ways you can make the most of your stay on the continent while still receiving Thomson's signature expertise and experience. If you have travel ideas not listed here, call us or send an email. We're happy to explore new possibilities!



#### **RUAHA**

#### TANZANIA'S LARGEST, MOST REMOTE NATIONAL PARK

Journey off the beaten path to one of Tanzania's least-touristed parks. You'll have a chance to spot rare species like greater kudu, sable antelope and wild dog on guided bush walks and wildlife drives. In the evenings, savor torch-lit dinners on the banks of the Mwagusi Sand River, where elephants dig 'wells' during the dry season to find water.

Recommended length: 4 days; from \$3,500/person (double occupancy)



#### **SELOUS**

#### EXPLORE AFRICA'S LARGEST GAME RESERVE

Spreading out over 21,000 square miles, the vast landscapes of the Selous are a perfect place to spot some of Tanzania's rarest species in a truly wild environment. Journey in open-sided vehicles, navigate the great Rufiji River by boat, or relax poolside; there are endless possibilities in the Selous, the largest game reserve in Africa.

Recommended length: 4 days; from \$3,200/person (double occupancy)



#### MAHALE MOUNTAINS

#### TRACK CHIMPANZEES IN A HIDDEN PARADISE

Spend your days hiking the forests of the Mahale Mountains in search of the largest group of free-roaming chimps in the world. Ample physical fitness is required for trekking the steep terrain, but these fascinating creatures are well-worth the effort. In the evenings, relax in luxurious, remote accommodations located on the sparkling shores of Lake Tanganyika.

Recommended length: 4 days; from \$6,000/person (double occupancy)



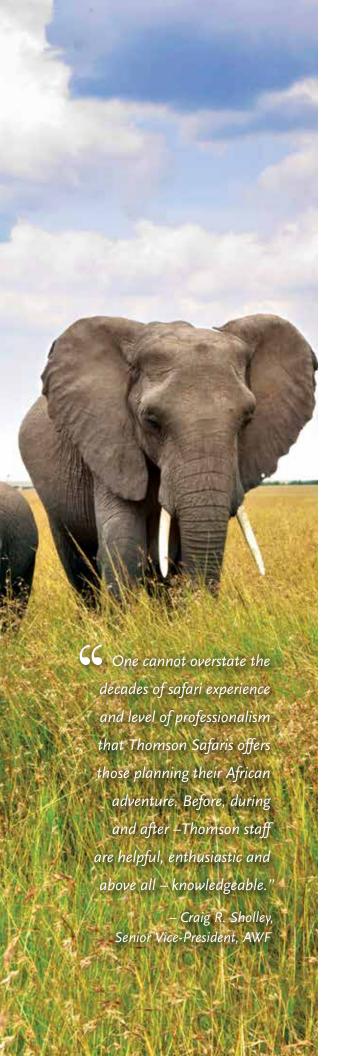
#### **CAPE TOWN**

#### VINEYARDS, VIEWS AND FINE DINING

Table Mountain National Park provides the dramatic backdrop to this vibrant, colorful city. Explore South Africa's best vineyards, enjoy fine dining in town, observe penguins at the famous Boulders Beach and visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela's – and South Africa's – struggles echo poignantly.

Please call for pricing







# PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION AWF & THOMSON

Guests often return from safari with a strong personal connection to the people, wildlife and landscapes they had the opportunity to experience in Tanzania. They often ask us what they can do to help protect these treasures.

We're proud to introduce them to African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), an organization internationally renowned for its contributions to wildlife and habitat conservation in Africa, and one which has been in Tanzania even longer than we have! At Thomson, we've always supported AWF's mission.

We're honored to have made our longstanding partnership with AWF official. Every returning Thomson traveler receives a free membership to AWF to stay abreast of conservation issues and learn about the invaluable work they do throughout the continent, including their effective anti-poaching work:

#### STEP 1: STOP THE KILLING

AWF provides grants and support to train rangers and scouts so they can better protect critical wildlife populations

#### STEP 2: STOP THE TRAFFICKING

Additional resources are devoted to the interception of illegal wildlife products in major ports and to prosecuting wildlife criminals

#### STEP 3: STOP THE DEMAND

Public awareness campaigns are deployed in markets where demand for poached products is still high, including China, Vietnam and Thailand, and are critical in educating the public about the brutality of the trade

Thomson's mission has always been to promote responsible tourism that benefits communities and preserves Tanzania's stunning wildlife and habitats. It's a goal that dovetails perfectly with AWF's long-term commitments. With a united front—and help from individuals who know firsthand how much is at stake—we can help ensure that Tanzania's treasures are protected for many generations to come.



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Explore the world with fully customized experiences for individuals, families, groups and more. Work with our travel experts to craft your dream trip!







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Seven continents. One trusted brand. Explore the world the Thomson way – with local experts, socially responsible practices and engaging, off-the-beatenpath adventures.

#### TANZANIA TRAVEL



#### **THOMSON SAFARIS**

Founded on the belief that tourism should be a force for good, Thomson Safaris is the original in our family of companies. Exceptional experiences, personal care and social responsibility have been our hallmarks for over 40 years.

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#### THOMSON SAFARIS - KILIMANJARO

With a 98% summit success rate, we set the standard for Kilimanjaro treks. By pioneering a porter ethics project, leading in eco-friendly protocols, developing the highest safety standards on Kili and insisting on fair employment practices, you can feel good about reaching the roof of Africa with Thomson.

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#### THOMSON FAMILY ADVENTURES

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# RAVE REVIEWS!

#### TRIP OF A LIFETIME



"Our trip to Tanzania exceeded our expectations beyond all measure. Our memories and experiences are embedded in our soul forever, and this truly was a trip of a lifetime! We have built a lifelong relationship with our guide, Mustafa. He is the most amazing person and we are blessed to know him – he has enriched our lives greatly. Mustafa knew every plant, tree, bird and animal and would tell the most amazing stories rich with intrigue and laughter. It was very hard to leave Africa and we hope to return. Heartfelt thanks to the staff and to all who made it possible."

Mary Lammers, Wildlife Safari





"Our safaris were life-changing experiences! My husband had done A LOT of research before settling on Thomson Safaris and it turned out to be the best decision; enough so that we used them again 4 years later to return to Tanzania. Thomson made our trip seamless and magical right from our initial contact with their Boston headquarters to reserve our spot. They kept us informed, organized, and excited throughout the months of planning right down to the perfect reception once we landed in Tanzania. Throughout our adventure, the Thomson staff members made us feel safe, valued, pampered, and appreciated as true guests of the Serengeti! We dream of returning soon and will not even consider looking to anyone else but Thomson Safaris!"

Barb McFadden, Signature Safari





"We are so happy we selected Thomson as our safari outfitter! They worked with us from the beginning to make sure our family had the itinerary we were looking for which included all the best sites Tanzania had to offer! The safari staff was friendly, experienced and eager to share with us even the smallest details. We stayed Gibb's Farm near the Ngorongoro Crater, it was a paradise surrounded by some of the best wildlife and bird species in Africa! Looking back we would not have changed a thing about our itinerary. Asante sana (thank you very much) Thomson Safaris!"

Sandy Adams, Ultimate Safari

#### THOMSON TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING



"Our safari was breathtaking and emotional, especially seeing my children's eyes as they took in the scenery, people and wildlife. There are no words to capture the feelings of our experience! Feeling safe and trusting the company you choose is so very important. It was so nice to relax with our family, sit back and enjoy the amazing adventure. My husband and I had the best time, but seeing our children go through these experiences was even better. Knowing that Thomson took care of everything made us feel special and great! Every detail was taken care of."

Jennifer Zaltman, Private Family Custom Safari









#### **EXCELLENT SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY**



"Jambo! My husband and I had the most amazing honeymoon with Thomson Safaris. Our guide was incredibly knowledgeable, sociable and patient; he took care of all our requests during our safari, which made for a fantastic experience. The Nyumbas were extremely comfortable, we had hot showers every day and the food was exceptional! We were stuffed at every meal and there was not a single menu item we didn't thoroughly enjoy eating. We were fortunate enough to see all of the Big Five animals, plus so many more. Our visits to the Maasai women's market, boma, clinic and school left us with memories of a lifetime. We highly recommend Thomson, not only for their excellent service and accommodations, but also for their continued philanthropy in the Serengeti area."

Katie Maggi, Honeymoon Safari





"Definitely a trip of a lifetime, it met and exceeded our expectations. Our guide Hashim was super knowledgeable, wonderful to talk to and a joy to spend 10 days with. We loved meeting all the great staff at each camp site. They all took the time to really make us feel at ease and at home. The food at the camps...the best unexpected surprise of the trip! We couldn't be happier that we used Thomson Safaris for our first trip to Africa. I've already had friends and family ask what company we used and if we would recommend using them. Everyone is getting a resounding YES from us! Asante!"

Nicole VanDeLeest, Private Tanzania Safari

#### THOMSON STAFF MADE OUR SAFARI SEAMLESS



"We woke up this morning wondering if it was all a dream! The advice and guidance from the Thomson staff made our safari seamless from planning, booking, packing and paying, to our return home. Thank you so much all your time and effort; it all paid off in so many ways. We were blessed with a guide who was everything a traveler could want. Mustafa was so warm, kind and caring. No question was too silly, no wildlife went unnoticed, he was always there for us. The Nyumba camp crew were also attentive, without being intrusive. In the midst of so many amazing events, one highlight was our stay at Gibb's Farm. "Wow" doesn't begin to describe our accommodations, meals and activities. As you can guess, our opinion of Thomson Safaris is 5 stars all the way. Thanks for the memories!"

Sharon McManus, Signature Safari

#### AN EXCEPTIONAL TEAM TO EXPERIENCE TANZANIA WITH



"Thomson Safaris arranged an amazing trip that was off the charts memorable. The wild-life was stunning and abundant and they took great care in arranging cultural events that are informative and really fascinating. This was my second safari with Thomson and I'm working on arranging a third with them. The entire Thomson team goes above and beyond to put together the perfect itinerary as well as keeping everyone safe during COVID. How many people can say they watched an African sunset while sipping champagne and hanging out with Maasai warriors? Come for the wildlife, but fall in love with the people. Truly an exceptional team to experience Tanzania with!"

Krista Ann, Photography Safari













32% of the land mass in Tanzania is protected, compared to only 14% in the US, which is more than 10 times the size of Tanzania.

# MOUNT KILIMANJARO ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK Kilimanjaro International Airport MOUNT KILIMANJARO Kilimanjaro is the tallest freestanding mountain on earth. Its summit, at 19,341 feet, is also the highest point on the African continent.

# THE FINE PRINT

#### **INCLUDED BEFORE YOU GO**

- Expert consultation to select a trip that's right for you
- · Carefully-crafted itinerary
- Friendly, timely replies to all your questions
- Access to Thomson trip managers from the time you book your trip until you return home
- Travel-planning checklist with packing lists and instructions
- Thomson's Safari Preparation Guide: a comprehensive digital resource based on our decades of travel experience
- Thomson's Safari Journal: a keepsake with information on Tanzanian wildlife, history, and culture, with space for you to record your own experiences
- Periodic reminders to make sure you are prepared
- Access to our online Safari Store to purchase safari essentials (with proceeds going to FoTZC, see page 16)

#### **INCLUDED DURING YOUR TRIP**

- All accommodations per your itinerary
- · All meals per your itinerary
- · Daily safari briefings
- · Superb wildlife viewing
- · Services of a senior naturalist guide
- · Internal flights
- Park entry, camping, and vehicle fees
- Guided walks, school visits and cultural excursions per your itinerary
- · Baggage handling and restaurant tips
- Thomson's Keep Fit Kits at every Nyumba camp (including exercise balls, resistance bands, jump ropes and yoga mats)
- Battery charging stations in Nyumba lounge tents

#### IN THE VEHICLES

- Guaranteed window seats for everyone
- Customized pop-up roofs for 360° viewing
- · No mileage restrictions
- Plenty of legroom
- Battery-charging outlets (with U.S.style sockets)
- Complimentary drinking water and snacks

## FOR FAMILIES TRAVELING WITH CHILDREN

- A rafiki, or mentor, on trips with eight or more travelers
- Tanzanian pen pals for kids, when available
- · Optional early meal times
- Camp activities like crafts, Frisbee, soccer, footprint identification and traditional Tanzanian games

#### NOT INCLUDED

- · Round-trip international airfare
- Tanzania entry visa
- Travel insurance
- Laundry, bar beverages, phone/ internet charges and other personal services
- Tips for Thomson staff and guides
- Vaccinations, innoculations and testing requirements

Please visit ThomsonSafaris.com for complete booking conditions, including liability













