

THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY



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BEST OF TANZANIA

A MIGRATION SAFARI

FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 10, 2017

\$6398 per person plus international airfare

\$1150 Single Supplement

SAFARI OVERVIEW:

- *Expert Naturalist guides accompany you throughout your safari*
- *Tanzania – unrivalled wildlife and habitat diversity*
- *Exploration of the best known and most distinguished parks and reserves in East Africa*
- *Opportunity to observe the Great Wildebeest Migration*
- *Accommodations include luxury lodges and tented camps, carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and comfort*
- *Custom, comfortable 4x4 Land Cruisers ensure window seating and roof-hatch access, guaranteeing exceptional wildlife viewing experiences*
- *Visit Tanzania's 1st Elephant Orphanage – Ivory Orphans*
- *Cultural interaction with the Maasai and unique village and school visits*
- *Visit a Lake Victoria Fishing Village and the Zariki School*
- *Full day exploring the Ngorongoro Crater with deluxe picnic lunch*
- *Olduvai Gorge lecture and museum*
- *Opportunities for evening game drive and nature walk while at Kikoti Safari Camp*
- *Bush lunch in Tarangire on the river banks and a special farewell Serengeti bush dinner*

DAY 1 – FEBRUARY 27 - DEPART USA

DAY 2 – FEBRUARY 28 - ARRIVE KILIMANJARO AIRPORT – TANZANIA VIA AMSTERDAM / ARUSHA

Connect in Amsterdam with your flight to Kilimanjaro Airport, arriving late evening. You will be met on arrival by Safari Legacy and transferred to the *Lake Duluti Lodge* for overnight. (Meals aloft)

DAY 3 & 4 – MARCH 1 & 2 – IVORY ORPHANS / TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast and a safari briefing, visit Ivory Orphans, Tanzania's 1st Elephant Orphanage and conservation project founded by Safari Legacy's non-profit, The African Wildlife Trust. After your visit travel to Tarangire National Park where you will enjoy game drives each day. *Our stay here will include a welcome reception, bush lunch, nature walk with sundowner, morning and afternoon game drives, and an evening game drive.* Tarangire is known for a wonderful diversity of wildlife amidst the magnificent baobab trees that dot this beautiful landscape. Tarangire is also known for its large herds of elephant and is home to more than 2,500 individuals and more than 260 bird species. Overnight at Safari Legacy's *Kikoti Safari Camp*. (BLD)

DAY 5 – MARCH 3 - TARANGIRE / MAASAI VILLAGE VISIT / MTO WA MBU CULTURAL VILLAGE VISIT / NGORONGORO HIGHLANDS

This morning we enjoy a morning game drive as we depart Tarangire National Park en route to a local Maasai Village. After our visit with the Maasai we drive to the local village of Mto Wa Mbu where we will explore and enjoy a traditional African lunch. This afternoon we will travel to the Ngorongoro Highlands where we overnight at the beautiful *Plantation Lodge* surrounded by beautiful gardens and vast coffee plantations. (BLD)

DAY 6 – MARCH 4 - NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast, we make our descent into the Ngorongoro Crater, the Earth's largest unbroken caldera. A veritable "Garden of Eden", the Crater is reputed to contain the highest density of carnivores, which includes cheetah, leopard and lion. This is the only place in East Africa where one can easily observe a natural population of black rhino. Enjoy a full day exploring the crater with a deluxe picnic lunch. Overnight *Plantation Lodge*. (BLD)

DAY 7 & 8– MARCH 5 & 6 - OLDUVAI GORGE / SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (SERONERA VALLEY)

Today we navigate around the crater's rim descending to Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important prehistoric archaeological sites on Earth. It was here in the 1950's that Louis and Mary Leakey first uncovered the fossilized teeth and skull of one of our earliest ancestors. After an interpretive presentation, we continue to Tanzania's most renowned national park, the Serengeti. Home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth, the migratory herds of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle roam widely in search of green grass and water. Enjoy morning and afternoon drives each day. We spend the next two nights at the *Serengeti Serena Lodge* overlooking the acacia dotted plains of the Serengeti. (BLD)

Optional Hot Air Balloon Safari during your stay at the Serengeti Serena Lodge is available. Advance reservation is highly recommended.

DAY 9 & 10 – MARCH 7 & 8 - SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (WESTERN CORRIDOR – GRUMETI) / LAKE VICTORIA FISHING VILLAGE

Traveling west beyond the Seronera Valley, we enter the Western Corridor and Grumeti River region of the park. Known for its Nile crocodiles, the Grumeti is located in a lovely rolling hill and acacia woodland habitat. We enjoy morning and afternoon game drives each day which will provide an opportunity to explore this great park which provides a year round habitat for many of the Serengeti's bird and mammal species. *Enjoy a special visit to a fishing village and the Zariki School, located on the shore of Lake Victoria.* We overnight two nights at *Kirawira Tented Camp* overlooking the Western Serengeti. Enjoy a *farewell bush dinner* under the star studded sky on our last night in Africa. (BLD)

DAY 11 – MARCH 9 - SERENGETI / ARUSHA – CULTURAL HERITAGE / DEPART

After our morning game drive we transfer to the Grumeti airstrip for our **scenic flight** back to Arusha. On arrival we have lunch and finish our shopping for woodcarvings, art or tanzanite at the Cultural Heritage Centre and Museum. We enjoy dayrooms at the *Lake Duluti Lodge* until our transfer to the airport this evening. (BL; light snack)

DAY 12 – MARCH 10 - ARRIVE U.S.

Connect in Amsterdam and arrive in the U.S.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Meet and greet on arrival by Safari Legacy staff
- Welcome safari briefing
- All transfers if arriving and departing with group; separate, private transfers are subject to additional costs
- While at Kikoti Safari Camp – A welcome reception with a view, bush lunch, nature walk with Sundowners', evening game drive, all soft drinks, beer, wine and local spirits are included.
- Full day exploring the Ngorongoro Crater
- All meals and farewell Serengeti bush dinner
- All game drives, activities, and village/cultural visits as stated in the itinerary
- Olduvai Gorge visit & lecture
- All taxes, service charges & park fees
- Transportation in Safari Legacy's comfortable 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers - guaranteed window seat – maximum of 6 guests per vehicle
- Expert Safari Legacy naturalist safari guides (1 per vehicle)
- Bottled water while on game drives; coffee and tea with meals
- Scheduled internal flight from Serengeti to Arusha
- Temporary membership in Flying Doctors Service
- In summary, everything except international air, tips to safari guides, camp crew & lodge staff, passport and visa fees, items of personal nature such as laundry, souvenirs, alcoholic beverages, soft drinks (except at Kikoti), bottled water with meals, telephone and internet charges.
- Optional Serengeti Hot Air Balloon Safari with Champagne breakfast - \$475 per person
- Optional Pre night in Arusha – Lake Duluti Lodge - \$187 per person (includes airport transfer and breakfast)



RWANDA
MOUNTAIN GORILLA TREKKING SAFARI
OPTIONAL EXTENSION

MARCH 9 – 13, 2017

\$4293 *per person sharing*
\$530 *single supplement*

DAY 1 – MARCH 9 - SERENGETI/ KIGALI, RWANDA

(Last day of Tanzania safari) – After transferring the Tanzania safari group to the airport, enjoy a morning game drive. Return to Kirawira Tented Camp for lunch. After lunch transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Kigali – *Coastal Air departing 1610hrs arriving 1810hrs (1730hrs Rwandan time), with stopover in Mwanza for clearance and security.* Met on arrival in Kigali by Safari Legacy staff and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight *Kigali Serena Hotel (BLD)*

DAY 2 – MARCH 10 - KIGALI, RWANDA / MOUNTAIN GORILLA VIEW LODGE

Morning sightseeing excursion of Kigali town including a visit to the Genocide Museum. Lunch at Safari Bite restaurant followed by afternoon drive to Kinigi arriving late afternoon for check in followed by dinner and overnight *Mountain Gorilla View Lodge. (BLD)*

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is located in Kinigi in northern Rwanda and on the edge of the Volcanoes National Park. The lodge is situated on the foothills of the Mount Karisimbi, one of the volcanic mountains that make up the Virunga Massif and is about a ten minutes' drive to the main entrance of the Volcanoes National Park. This eco-lodge is very basic but provides all your necessary amenities. Mountain Gorilla View Lodge supports the surrounding rural community by purchasing farm-fresh produce that is served in the lodge's restaurant.

DAY 3 – MARCH 11 - VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK/ GORILLA TREKKING

After an early breakfast we begin our first gorilla trek. Mountain gorilla trekking in Volcano National Park is one of the most exciting experiences on Earth! Over the next two days you will trek/hike/walk through the Virunga Mountains in search of the mountain gorilla. Enjoy an hour of observation, truly an incredible experience. All meals and overnight at *Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (BLD)*

DAY 4 – MARCH 12 - VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK/ GORILLA TREK / MOUNTAIN GORILLA VIEW LODGE / KIGALI / EVENING DEPARTURE

We have an early breakfast and depart for our last gorilla trek. After an hour with these great primates we return to the Kigali with lunch en-route, and enjoy our dayrooms at the Kigali Serena Hotel before our transfer to the airport for our evening flights.
(BL,Light Snack)

DAY 5 – MARCH 13 - AMSTERDAM / USA

What's included?

All pre departure information to prepare you for your safari; airfare from Serengeti to Kigali, transfers, all park fees, (2) gorilla trekking permits, flying doctors membership, transportation in 4x4 custom vehicles (7 maximum per vehicle), all accommodation and activities as per the itinerary and all meals as per the itinerary.

Not Included:

Passport and visa fees; travel insurance; items of personal nature such as laundry, phone and internet fees, souvenirs, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages, tips to safari guides and porters.

Gorilla Trekking – What to Expect:

To protect gorillas from viruses and disease, no children under 15 or adults with illnesses are allowed to trek. Gorilla trekking is one of the most incredible wildlife experiences one will ever encounter. **One must be in good physical health/condition to trek gorillas.** In order to prepare you for your trek we suggest you are able to walk 1-2 miles up and down hills easily. Gorilla trekking is usually at an altitude of 7500 feet. Trekking can take anywhere from 1 hour to 3 hours or so. The terrain can be uneven, up and down hills, muddy, wet and very slippery. We also suggest having travel insurance/air ambulance service as well. Water is provided at all times during your trek. There are porters available to carry your camera and other equipment. Your day will begin around 7:30 am. Once your gorilla group is found you will have 1 hour with the gorillas. This is a very special experience you will never forget...

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RESERVATION FORM

A deposit of \$500 per person (**plus \$1500 per person** for gorilla permits which are non-refundable, if taking the optional Rwanda Extension) is required for the Association of Former Students, Texas A&M University's **Best of Tanzania Migration Safari** which departs the US on **February 27, 2017 and returns to the US on March 10, 2017** (March 13th if taking the optional extension to Rwanda). Deposits are due at the time of booking. Credit cards are not accepted for deposits or final payments. **Please make checks payable to Safari Legacy**, and return your deposit and completed reservation form to:

The Association of Former Students
Texas A&M University
505 George Bush Drive
College Station, TX 77840-2918
800-633-7514 / 979-845-7514

SAFARI INFORMATION

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FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 10, 2017

\$6398 per person sharing plus international airfare

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT - \$1150

OPTIONAL RWANDA GORILLA TREKKING EXTENSION (RETURN MARCH 13)

\$4293 PER PERSON: YES ____ NO ____

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT - \$530

OPTIONAL SERENGETI HOT AIR BALLOON SAFARI - \$475 P/P YES ____ NO ____

TRAVELER INFORMATION

Please provide your name(s) as it appears on your passport

Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name Badge _____ Class Year _____

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Name Badge _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Fax Number _____ E-mail address _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

Prices are based on double occupancy. If a single room is requested or we are unable to find a suitable roommate, the single supplement rate will be charged in the amount of \$1150.

Assign Roommate: ___ Yes ___ No
(Single supplement charge will be applied necessary)

Person of whom you wish to share a room _____

Bedding Request: Queen Bed _____ Twin Beds _____

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE & AIR MEDICAL EVACUATION

We strongly recommend purchasing Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance as well as air evacuation insurance. You will receive more information on travel insurance from the Association of Former Students.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Safari Legacy's air supplier will be happy to assist you with air reservations from your hometown to Africa. Please email your air request to: jennifer@safarilegacy.com or call 205.621.2664, for a quote and schedule. (Credit cards can be used for all air reservations)

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. All final payments are payable by check. **Credit cards are not accepted.** Checks are made payable to Safari Legacy and mailed to: Safari Legacy, 4179 Old Cahaba Pkwy, Helena, AL 35080.

I have read and accept the conditions and further understand and agree that the safari I am taking may involve risks. I therefore assume all risks involved with regard to this safari and agree that The Association of Former Students, Texas A&M University and Safari Legacy, Inc. US office, Safari Legacy, Ltd. in Tanzania, and its affiliates will in no way be responsible for any injury to myself or my belongings. This is acknowledged by myself knowingly and willfully and shall be binding on my heirs and next of kin. Each traveler must sign this waiver.

Date _____

Signature(s) _____

**An E - confirmation will be sent to you by email upon receipt of this reservation form and deposit.*

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SAFARI LEGACY GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS - USA

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received in writing or by email and are effective upon receipt in our office. Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure will be refunded all monies less and administrative charge of \$150. Cancellations between 89 and 61 days prior to departure are assessed a penalty of 50% of the safari cost. Cancellations between 60 and 0 days prior to departure are assessed a penalty of 100% of the safari cost.

Some safaris may incur additional cancellation fees (especially gorilla safaris, which gorilla permits are non-refundable). There will be no refund for any unused portions of a safari once it has commenced. Cancellation penalties on airfares and gorilla permits are additional and may not be included in the above cancellation charges. Cancellation insurance for the total safari cost is strongly recommended.

Cancellation by Safari Legacy:

If the safari is canceled by Safari Legacy because of extraordinary conditions, all monies paid to Safari Legacy for land arrangements and internal flights if applicable will be refunded in full. Safari Legacy cannot accept responsibility for any other expenses incurred for preparing for the safari, including non-refundable airline tickets, passport or visa fees, etc...

Our Published Rates:

Changes in rates are rare, and caused by extraordinary circumstances outside Safari Legacy's control. In the rare event that a cost should increase, cancellation is allowed without penalty prior to 90 days before departure. All prices are per person, based on double occupancy. All prices are subject to change.

Travel Documents/Vaccinations:

Travelers must be in possession of valid passports with an expiration date beyond 6 months of your return date, and any visas, permits and certificates required for the whole of their safari and shall arrange such vaccinations as are normally recommended for the countries through which they intend to travel. Information as to these matters and as to climate, clothing, baggage, gear, and similar matters is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Safari Legacy.

Schedule of Mail-outs:

On receipt of your reservation & deposit, you will receive a confirmation E – package by email. (If you do not have email access please let us know and we can send the confirmation by mail). This confirmation E package will include items to help you prepare for your safari. A final packet of information is mailed 21-30 days prior to departure, which will include your final itinerary, guest list, e ticket receipt if air was issued by our air supplier, guidebook, luggage & name tag(if applicable to your safari). Final packets are not mailed until all payments, liability forms and a signed copy of these terms and conditions are received.

Release of Liability:

In consideration of the services and arrangements provided by Safari Legacy, you, for yourself and for your heirs, personal representatives or assigns, do hereby release, waive, discharge, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Safari Legacy, and its owners, officers, directors, agents, contractors, subcontractors and employees from any and all claims, actions, or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, loss of personal belongings, lost profits, consequential, exemplary, indirect or punitive damages or otherwise which may arise out of or occur during your travel in connection with the scheduled travel package and any activities conducted in conjunction therewith.

YOU SPECIFICALLY UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE RELEASING, DISCHARGING AND WAIVING ANY CLAIMS OR ACTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE PRESENTLY OR IN THE FUTURE FOR THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR CONDUCT OF THE OWNERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS OF SAFARI LEGACY.