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# TANZANIA SAFARI

*during*  
**THE GREAT MIGRATION**

March 2 to 12, 2015





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Dear Villanova Traveler,

Travel with us on this journey of a lifetime into the majestic natural wonder that is Tanzania, Africa's most authentic safari destination, to experience the ancient phenomenon of the extraordinary Great Migration, one of Earth's greatest natural spectacles. Here, cycles of rain and renewal dictate the foraging patterns of over one million wildebeest, 500,000 zebra and vast herds of Thomson's gazelle and Cape buffalo that instinctively gather and migrate in pursuit of food and water while stalked by magnificent carnivores—lion, cheetah and leopard.

Rivalling the grandeur of Tanzania's wildlife is the panoramic sweep of its scenery. To the north, see the snow-crowned summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's loftiest peak; from Lake Manyara, view the stark beauty of the Great Rift Valley; and amid the expansive grasslands of the Serengeti, enjoy unrestricted vistas in every direction. By way of a four-wheel-drive vehicle, descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, a unique conservation area enclosed by impressive 2000-foot-high walls of a prehistoric caldera.

Our comprehensive itinerary offers ample game viewing opportunities by including three nights in the heart of the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater in the carefully selected Serena Lodges, known for the finest in safari lodging for over 40 years and ideally located for extensive wildlife observation. To enhance your experience, a qualified safari guide will accompany you on game drives and share insight into Tanzania's wildlife and ecosystem.

A typical day on this extraordinary safari begins at first light with an early morning game drive, when nocturnal animals end their foraging and the grazers of the plains begin theirs. Spend the midday hours in the comfort of your lodge, where you can listen to the distant calls of birds and survey the wilds of Africa. In the late afternoon, depart on a second game drive, and as the day gives way to night, experience the remarkable glow of an African sunset. Gather after dinner in the lounge or on the terrace to share stories of the day's sightings with your traveling companions.

The Post-Program Option offers a special opportunity to spend two nights in a tented camp in the uniquely diverse Tarangire National Park.

Come join us on this unique safari to Tanzania including game drives in three magnificent wildlife parks, accommodations in award-winning safari lodges and all meals while on safari. We encourage you to book now as space is limited and sells out quickly. Early Booking Savings are only available through July 14, 2014.

For additional information, please feel free to contact our Alumni Association Travel Coordinator, Pat Gillin, at 1-800-Villanova (1-800-845-5266) or [patricia.gillin@villanova.edu](mailto:patricia.gillin@villanova.edu).

Best regards,

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# NATURE'S PAGEANT ON THE SERENGETI PLAINS

## A UNESCO World Heritage Site



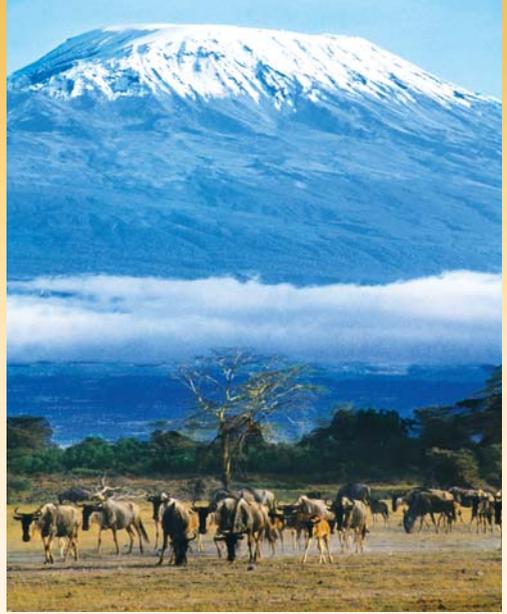
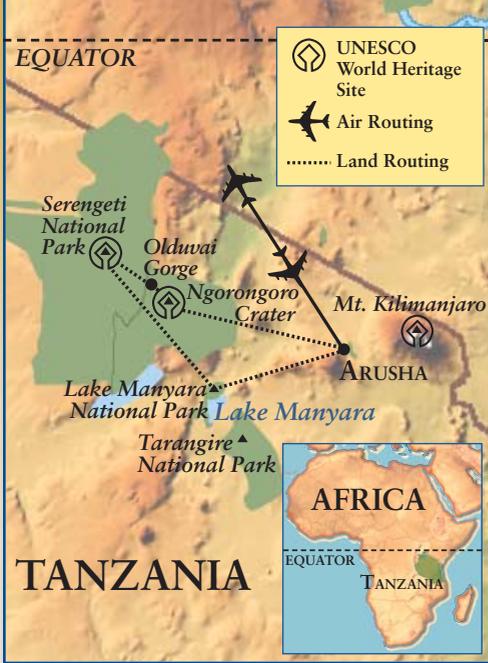
Tanzania's Serengeti—the “endless plains” of the Maasai warriors and herdsman who have roamed its trackless grasslands for centuries—forms the heart of a unique ecosystem that encompasses the neighboring Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve. Within its 5400 square miles, the Serengeti's abundant diversity of natural habitats—short- and tall-grass savannas, acacia woodlands, meandering rivers and rich wetlands—provide sanctuary for the greatest variety and number of game animals on Earth.

The key to the vitality of the Serengeti lies in the seasonal migrations of its wildlife in a rhythmic cycle triggered by the masika (long rains) and mvuli (short rains) between the Serengeti and the Maasai Mara. By November of each year, the Serengeti's savannas have been replenished with a fresh growth of succulent grasses, herbs and shrub foliage; and more than one million wildebeest and countless zebra, gazelle and other grazing animals begin yet another southerly 250-mile-long trek from the Maasai Mara to the Serengeti, returning just in time for the January through March calving season, the prime time to view the herds in Tanzania. Commencing in May, at the end of the mating season, the cycle reverses as a new generation of these incredible herds trek back north toward the Maasai Mara, repeating nature's pageant of migration and birth.

Cover photo: Observe the regal magnificence of the African lion from an up-close perspective.

Photo this page: A lone, brave wildebeest finds a favorable crossing point and plunges ahead. Instinctively, the herd follows to cross the river.





*Mt. Kilimanjaro's snows and glaciers provide water for plants and migrating wildlife, such as wildebeest.*

## U.S.

### Day 1

Depart for Tanzania.

## Arusha, Tanzania

### Day 2

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport near Arusha, a city nestled at the foot of Mount Meru, gateway to Tanzania's major national game parks. Meet your Travel Director and transfer to the deluxe LAKE DULUTI SERENA HOTEL, uniquely built in the traditional style of a colonial coffee farm amid verdant coffee plantations near picturesque Lake Duluti. The lodge offers scenic views of the lush slopes of Mount Meru and of legendary Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest mountain.

## Arusha/Lake Manyara

### Day 3

Enjoy a scenic transfer across the sweeping African plains to Lake Manyara National Park

this afternoon. On arrival, check into the deluxe LAKE MANYARA SERENA LODGE.

Join your fellow participants this evening for a Welcome Reception at the lodge.

## Lake Manyara/ Serengeti National Park

### Day 4

After daybreak, drive through Lake Manyara National Park in search of the great populations of hippopotamus and brilliantly hued flamingo found in pools along the lake's shoreline. Watch for troops of baboon and blue monkey scampering along tree branches of the groundwater forest. Scan the grassy floodplain in search of Cape buffalo, wildebeest, tusked elephant, giraffe and Lake Manyara's most famous inhabitant, the lion, who likes to climb and languidly lie draped over the branches of the acacia tree.

*In the heart of the African wilderness, surprising photo opportunities occur as you explore the expansive grasslands of the Serengeti.*





*View migrating zebra and wildebeest up close from your safari vehicle on game excursions led by expert guides.*

On the edge of the Great Rift Valley, observe firsthand Tanzania's educational system during a stop at Kibaoni Primary School, the first public primary school in Tanzania with a library—visitors to the country donated most of its book collection. Visit with local students and see the school's classrooms.

Explore the trackless grasslands that support this abundance of grazing animals during morning and afternoon game safaris. Look for granite *kopjes* (outcrops) dotting the plains, which are favored by large cats, especially lions and leopards. Experience world-class bird-watching possibilities of more than 500 species in the expansive swampland, which attracts thousands of waterbirds.

Enjoy a phenomenal aerial perspective of the Serengeti's plains during an early morning hot air balloon flight option, weather conditions permitting.

## **Serengeti/Olduvai Gorge/ Ngorongoro Crater** Day 7

Following a morning game drive and a picnic lunch, depart the Serengeti and travel to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage site including Olduvai Gorge. Here, in 1963, Dr. Louis Leakey made his important discovery of the 1.8-million-year-old *Homo habilis*. In 1959, Mary Leakey unearthed the skull of *Zinjanthropus*, an early hominid that proved invaluable to the study of human ancestry. Enjoy a discussion on Olduvai Gorge, known as the "cradle of mankind," given by a local expert.

Continue to Ngorongoro Crater and check into the deluxe NGORONGORO SERENA LODGE, scenically located on the rim of the crater, where each guest room offers stunning views of nature and wildlife.

## **Ngorongoro Crater** Day 8

Early in the morning, board a four-wheel-drive vehicle and descend 2000 feet down to the floor of Ngorongoro Crater, a remarkable sanctuary for hundreds of mammal and bird species, for a morning of game tracking.



*The rare black rhinoceros shares a symbiotic relationship with other creatures of the Ngorongoro Crater.*

After lunch, continue on to the legendary Serengeti National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On your game drive, see the diverse and abundant fauna of this vast ecosystem, such as Thomson's gazelle, giraffe, cheetah and leopard. Check into the deluxe SERENGETI SERENA LODGE, located inside the park and selected for its proximity to the park's largest year-round concentration of wildlife.

## **Serengeti National Park** Day 5 and Day 6

One of the most spectacular moments you can experience in nature is to be surrounded by the great herds of wildebeest, gazelle, topi, zebra and Cape buffalo, part of more than two million animals inhabiting a mere 5400 square miles of savannas and woodlands.



*Across the savannas of Tarangire National Park, families of elephant seek out the shade of the majestic baobab tree, called the Tree of Life for its ability to provide shelter, food and water.*

Born from the collapse of a massive volcano over two million years ago, the crater shelters an immense year-round concentration of incredible wildlife. The profusion of game reflects the diversity of the habitats found on the crater floor: savannas, forests, swamps, salt pans and a freshwater lake. With abundant grass and a permanent water supply, the crater supports herds of grazing animals that, in turn, attract lion, leopard and cheetah.

Observe zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, Cape buffalo and bull elephant; watch for the critically endangered black rhinoceros; and look for hippopotamus seeking refuge from the midday sun in the Ngoitokitok Swamps. Also, look for the numerous species of birds that find a home in the crater, including ostrich, crowned crane, flamingo and other waders. Together, the distinct flora and fauna of the crater make this a truly unique ecosystem.

This afternoon, experience a cultural exchange in a typical Maasai village with exuberant Tanzanians in colorful, traditional garments. These tribal people

have held fast to their ancestral ways, centered around their cattle, which provide them with sustenance and clothing, and shape their cultural values.

## **Ngorongoro Crater**

### **Day 9**

Following an early morning picnic breakfast, game drive and lunch, return to the lodge for the afternoon at leisure. Survey the crater and its abundant wildlife from your lodge's viewing terrace, perched on the crater's rim.

## **Ngorongoro Crater/Arusha**

### **Day 10**

After breakfast, depart for Arusha. Enjoy lunch at Arusha Coffee Plantation Lodge and return to the deluxe LAKE DULUTI SERENA HOTEL, where day rooms have been reserved. After dinner on your own, transfer to the airport and board your return flight.

## **U.S.**

### **Day 11**

Return flight to the U.S. arrives later today.

*Cape buffalo, one of Africa's "Big Five," thrive in most grassland habitats within 12 miles of a watering hole, which is central to the complex ecosystem of Tanzania's wildlife.*



## Included Features

Serena Hotels and Safari Lodges have provided award-winning, luxury accommodations for over 40 years. With ideal locations in the heart of game reserves and lush mountain villages, these deluxe lodges put you where the largest concentration of wildlife flourishes and offer a unique local experience with tasteful, modern facilities.

### In Arusha

- ◆ One night (upon arrival) and one day room (final day) in the **LAKE DULUTI SERENA HOTEL**.
- ◆ Breakfast in the hotel.
- ◆ Welcome safari briefing and introduction.

Scenic transfer from Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park.

### In Lake Manyara National Park

- ◆ One night in the **LAKE MANYARA SERENA LODGE**.
- ◆ One breakfast, one lunch and one dinner.
- ◆ Afternoon game drive.
- ◆ Welcome Reception.
- ◆ Visit Kibaoni Primary School and meet with its students.

Game drive transfer from Lake Manyara to Serengeti National Park with lunch included en route.

### In Serengeti National Park

- ◆ Three nights in the **SERENGETI SERENA LODGE**.
- ◆ Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.
- ◆ Morning and afternoon game drives in this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Game drive transfer from Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Crater, including a visit to Olduvai Gorge, the “cradle of mankind,” to meet the local curator.

### In Ngorongoro Crater

- ◆ Three nights in the **NGORONGORO SERENA LODGE**.
- ◆ Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.
- ◆ Two morning game drives into the UNESCO World Heritage site Ngorongoro Crater aboard a four-wheel-drive safari vehicle.
- ◆ Visit to a traditional Maasai village.

Scenic transfer from Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha with lunch at Arusha Coffee Plantation Lodge en route.



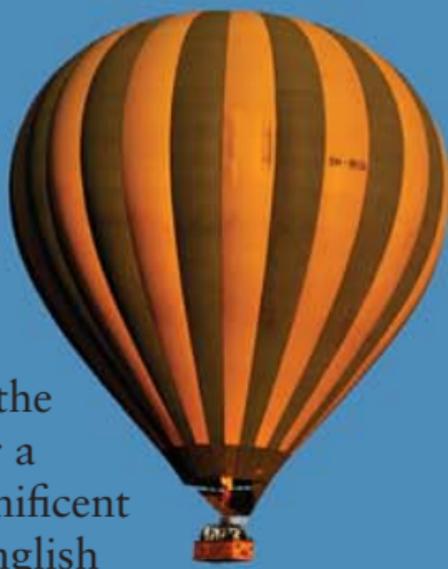
### Enhanced Travel Services

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by experienced local guides.
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- ◆ Hot air balloon flight option available at additional cost, weather permitting.
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- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

## Balloon Safari Option

Enjoy a spectacular aerial perspective of the majestic Serengeti on an early morning hot air balloon flight. Float over the Serengeti's wide plains for a bird's-eye view of its magnificent wildlife followed by an English breakfast served with sparkling white wine. Space is limited.

Weather permitting.



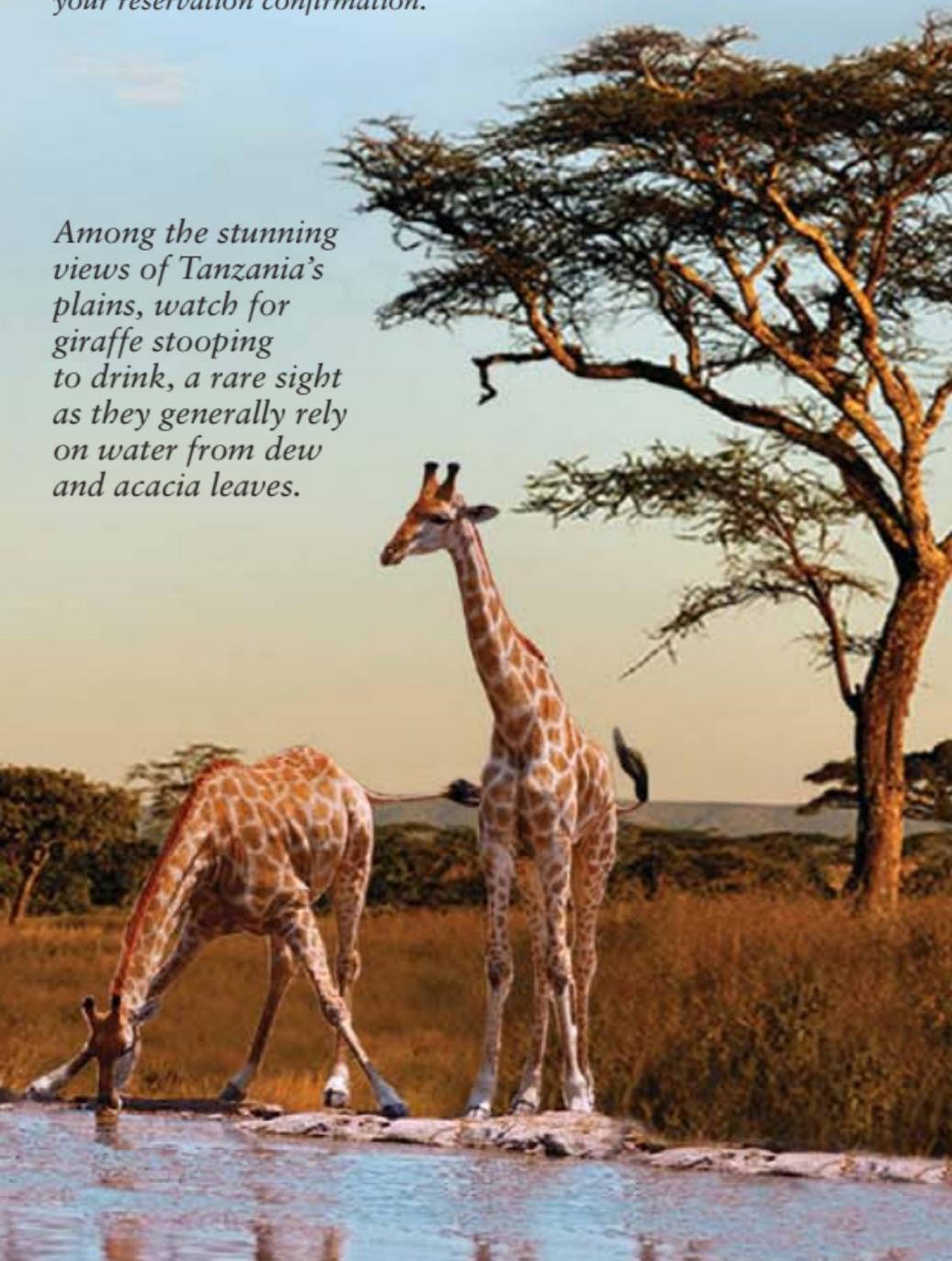
## Tarangire Tented Camp Post-Program Option

Immerse yourself in the sweeping plains of Tarangire National Park, bisected by the meandering, picturesque Tarangire River, a year-round source of water for wildlife. On morning and afternoon game drives, watch for one of the largest populations of elephants in Tanzania—individual herds number as many as 100 members; identify many of the over 300 species of brilliantly colored birds inhabiting the Tarangire during this time of year; and see the park's massive baobab trees that store water in their trunks and appear to have been planted upside down. Accommodations for two nights are in a tented camp.



*The Post-Program Option and Optional Excursion are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

*Among the stunning views of Tanzania's plains, watch for giraffe stooping to drink, a rare sight as they generally rely on water from dew and acacia leaves.*





Ngorongoro Crater's wetlands offer a cool sanctuary for a pod of hippopotamuses, which can run as fast as 30 miles per hour and may weigh more than 4000 pounds each.

## LAND TARIFF

Early Booking Price through July 14, 2014	Regular Price after July 14, 2014
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Per person, based on double occupancy

**\$6295**

**\$6795**

◆ Singles are available upon request for an additional \$1000.

◆ Taxes are an additional \$640 per person and are subject to change. Visa fees are at additional cost to be advised.

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 029-03/02/15-219

Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person and \$200 per person Tarangire Tented Camp Post-Program. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$\_\_\_\_\_ as deposit.  
Make checks payable to **Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.**

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to:  
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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by November 26, 2014.

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

**Tarangire Tented Camp Post-Program Option**

- Double at \$995 per person.
- Single at \$1195 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air from:

\_\_\_\_\_ (fill in departure city)  
to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), near Arusha, Tanzania, at additional cost to be advised.‡

- Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

‡Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.



Watch for the elusive leopard, a master of concealment, relaxing on large tree branches.

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