

Green Footprint Adventures Tanzania

Safari itinerary for Ole Miss Alumni – June 2008

Tue 03 June – arrival – Rivertrees Lodge

Having arrived in Arusha, you will be picked up from the airport and taken to Rivertrees Lodge, where you stay in the River Cottages. You will have a light dinner when you arrive. Spend the evening relaxing in preparation for your trip.

Rivertrees Lodge is one of the best lodges in Arusha – great food, a nice swimming pool and absolutely beautiful gardens. The décor of the lodge is very stylish and the atmosphere exudes a real safari feel, especially when you are sitting in front of the log fire in the lounge enjoying an evening drink.

Wed 04 June – Arusha National Park – canoeing – Rivertrees Lodge

In the morning your guides will take you to Arusha National Park. You will go for a game drive, and you also have the opportunity to go for a canoeing trip on Small Momella Lake. It is an incredible experience to glide over the water in the midst of a national park.



Get close to buffaloes and giraffes grazing on the shore, and get to see hippos from a distance. On a clear day the view of both Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro can be stunning. Having enjoyed the scenery and the wildlife, you return to Rivertrees Lodge for the night.

Thu 05 June – Mto wa Mbu – night drive Manyara National Park – Kirurumu Tented Lodge

In the morning you drive to Manyara – only two to three hours on the road and you're there. You start off with a walk around the village of Mto wa Mbu. This walk is an excellent introduction into daily life in a typical Tanzanian village. Afterwards you will enjoy a flavorful local lunch prepared for you by a lady from the village.

After lunch your guide will take you to Kirurumu Tented Lodge. Enjoy a drink and the view from the bar - simply kick back and relax for a few hours. Later on, as it gets dark, your guide will take you for a bush dinner inside Manyara Park - lanterns in the trees, the night sky above you – nothing can beat a night out having a meal under the stars.



After dinner you go on a night game drive. Enjoy the sounds and nocturnal animals - grazing hippos grazing on shore like cattle, bush babies, perhaps porcupines, or a leopard, if you are very lucky. You will spend the night at Kirurumu Tented Lodge.

Kirurumu Tented Lodge is a comfortable, permanent camp set high on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, with a great view of Lake Manyara. There are twenty rooms, with fully ensuite bathrooms, and a nice bar with sun-deck. It definitely has an authentic feel to it - we think that wherever possible, visitors to Tanzania should have the chance to sleep under canvas.

Fri 06 June - Manyara National Park – Plantation Lodge

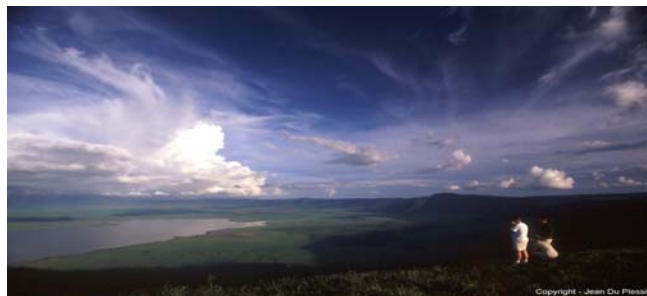


It would be a shame to miss out on Manyara National Park in the day light, so today you will go for a morning game drive. The park is incredible for birds, as well as elephants and other wildlife. The pink of the flamingos on Lake Manyara and the towering wall of the Great Rift Valley escarpment create a beautiful backdrop. Around lunchtime your guide will take you to the Plantation Lodge for a very good lunch and a relaxing afternoon.

Plantation Lodge is a tranquil small lodge, set in the midst of coffee fields just outside the Ngorongoro Crater. It is a real gem - definitely one of the best lodges in the northern safari circuit! The rooms are all individually decorated, set amongst lush gardens with a nice pool. Good food, excellent hospitality with a very personal touch and a very relaxing ambience – Plantation Lodge is one of the best places for an afternoon at ease.

Sat 07 June - Ngorongoro Crater – game drive – crater rim hike – Plantation Lodge

Today, the Ngorongoro Crater awaits you! This imploded volcano is the world’s largest unflooded complete caldera - the floor lies some 2,000 feet below the rim - not only a stunning landscape, but also brimming with wildlife. After spending the morning game driving on the crater floor, you will spend the afternoon hiking on the crater rim – the view from above is absolutely stunning! You will spend a second night at the Plantation Lodge.



Sun 08 until Tue 10 June – central Serengeti – Olakira Camp – optional balloon flight



As the highlight of your trip, you venture into the Central part of Serengeti National Park where you will stay at the high end luxury Olakira Camp for three nights. The camp is located in a beautiful site away from the crowds – a private bush experience and a really incredible way to experience this famous national park. You will go out on game drives during the day, and on Monday 9 June, you have the option of going for a balloon flight early in the morning (please see

information below for additional cost for the balloon flight).

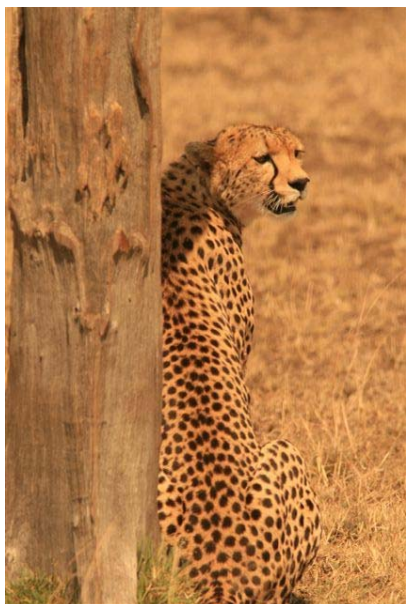
Olakira Camp is a safari style bush camp with no more than half a dozen tents. Imagine freshly baked bread in the middle of nowhere, bush luxury in the style of the early explorers, and an excellent team of friendly staff who will make sure you are as comfortable as possible. The tents are tastefully furnished and the atmosphere of this camp is incomparable. Africa at it's best.



Wed 11 June – return to Arusha – Kia Lodge - departure

In the morning you will fly from the Serengeti all the way back to Arusha. You will be picked up from the airport and taken to Kia Lodge for lunch. After lunch you can relax in your room or by the poolside. After an early dinner you will be taken back to Kilimanjaro airport in time for your international flight departure, and this is where your safari ends.

Kia Lodge is conveniently located very close to Kilimanjaro International Airport, making it an ideal place for a few hours of relaxation before your departure. The lodge has a nice pool and pleasant rooms as well as a great bar near the pool – on clear days, the view of Mount Kilimanjaro can be stunning!



Zanzibar extension 4 days

Wed 11 June – flight to Zanzibar – Stone Town – Hurumzi 236

In the morning you will fly from the Serengeti all the way to Zanzibar, with a short stopover in Arusha. You will be picked up from the airport and taken to Stone Town where you are going to spend one night. You will have dinner on the roof top terrace of the restaurant.

Hurumzi is a beautiful Zanzibar style hotel located in the heart of Stone Town. The rooms are opulent - stained-glass windows, wooden lattice-work, marbled bathtubs and oriental rugs recall the days of the Sultans.

Thu 12 until Sun 14 June - Zanzibar – beach – Matemwe Bungalows

Today you will be picked up from Stone Town at 12 and taken to Matemwe Bungalows where you will arrive for lunch and spend four nights. It is really nice to be able to relax on the beach and wash off the dust of your safari with a swim in the Indian Ocean.



Matemwe Bungalows is a small beach lodge in a great location and has a laid back feel, ideal for those who want to spend a few days relaxing after their safari. All the rooms have ensuite bathrooms, verandas on the waters edge, a great view of the Indian Ocean and large beds made from beautiful coconut palm wood. The food is great, the service is great and you won't be disappointed with this great beach finale at the end of your trip. One of the best, if not the best hotel on Zanzibar.

Mon 15 June - departure

Today a driver will take you back to the airport in the afternoon and you will fly to Dar es Salaam around 5 pm to connect with your international departure flight. This is where your safari ends.



Kilimanjaro climb extension 6 days

Wed 11 June – return to Arusha – mountain briefing - Kia Lodge

In the morning you will from from the Serengeti all the way back to Arusha. You will be picked up from the airport and taken to Kia Lodge for lunch. After lunch you can relax in your room or by the poolside. In the afternoon at 15.00pm you will receive a thorough briefing about your Kilimanjaro climb by an expert who will come to see you at the lodge. Spend the evening relaxing in preparation for your climb.

Kia Lodge is an ideal place for relaxation before your Kili climb. The lodge has a nice pool and pleasant rooms, as well as a great bar near the pool. On clear days, the view of Mount Kilimanjaro can be stunning, and it is conveniently close to the mountain.

Kilimanjaro – Machame route – 6 days and 5 nights on the mountain

Route Description

The Machame (Whiskey) Route is the most popular camping route on Kilimanjaro. It's a rugged combination of routes which begins through the rainforest at Machame Village on the southwest side of the mountain, and over six days, rises onto the edge of the Shira Plateau, down into the beautiful Great Barranco Valley, then circumvents the Kibo massif counter-clockwise through alpine desert until reaching Barafu Camp. From here, the trek to the summit is done overnight to the crater rim on the steep scree slopes of the east-south-east facing Mweka Route.



The trek winds through some beautiful scenery, which changes quite dramatically every day. The route done in six days is physically challenging for most people. The last two days (the trek from Barranco to Barafu and then the overnight trek to the summit) require mental and physical toughness, due to the high altitude and short amount of time to rest before the overnight summit attempt. There are no huts on this route; the accommodation is in mountain tents and dining is in our dining tents. Toilet tents with convenient and sanitary portable flush toilets are set up at all camps.

Thu 12 June - Machame gate (5,950 ft./ 1,815 mt.)~ Machame Camp (9,850 ft./ 3,000 m)

Departure from Kia Lodge will be at around 8am for the Machame Gate, about 1.5 hours drive. Upon completion of entry formalities, begin walking through the mist on a 4 x 4 track for about an hour into the forest. The track ends, and the trail continues up through the dripping, verdant forest. Trekkers will likely hear the many exotic birds in the canopy above, and many even see black & white colobus monkeys and sykes monkeys as they hike along the forest floor. The trek is quite long (12 miles / 20 km), though not very steep, and it takes from 5 to 7 hours trekking to reach the first camp. Machame Camp is just above the forest zone, in the heather zone. When it is clear, there are views of jagged Shira ridge and

the summit itself.

Fri 13 June – Machame Camp ~ Shira Camp (12,600 ft./ 3,840 m)

Wake early to a steaming cup of tea or coffee served in your tent, and then after breakfast, begin up the steep track through a savannah of tall grasses, and trees of giant Heather and Erica. The clouds should clear for a beautiful view of the Western Breach and the glaciers atop which mark the summit; Uhuru Peak. Scramble around large boulders as you enter the moorland zone, marked by the bizarre lobelia and senecio plants, and volcanic rocks draped with lichen beards which protect wild alpine flowers growing at their bases.



You'll reach camp after descending a small valley and crossing a brook, then ascending up onto the Shira Ridge, after a total of about 4 to 5 hours of trekking.

Sat 14 June – Shira Camp ~ Barranco Camp (12,950 ft./ 3,950 m)

Proceed steadily upward over long ridgelines of high desert about 4 hours, and break for lunch at about 14,500 feet (4,420 mt.). After lunch, continue to Lava Tower, a 300 foot-tall volcanic plug which marks an exposed pass at 15,000 feet (4,600 m). In the afternoon, descend the steep track into the Great Barranco Valley. Barranco Camp is set on a col (flat area) enclosed on three sides with steep valley walls and the Kibo massif itself. Hanging glaciers glint in the sunshine above, amidst the eerie landscape of plants such as the giant groundsels (Senecio Kilimanjari), and the uniquely endemic Giant Lobelia. Trekking time is from 6 to 7 hours.

Sun 15 June – Barranco Camp ~ Barafu Camp (15,200 ft./ 4,630 m)



The day begins with a scramble up the steep 'Barranco Wall', then we trek 3-4 hours and stop in the Karanga Valley for a hot lunch. In the afternoon the trail turns steadily uphill. The temperature will grow colder and the landscape more sparse as we near Barafu Camp. Barafu Camp is set on a small, exposed flat area on a ridge, acting a base camp from which you will make your summit attempt at midnight tonight. Eat and drink as much as possible before retiring to your tent for rest and sleep.

Mon 16 June – ascent to summit – descent to Mweka Camp(10,200 ft./3,110 m)

The steaming hot drink will arrive very early on this momentous day. A midnight wake-up call is the start of a juggernaut (12-17 hours of trekking). You begin trekking at 12:30 to 1am. The temperatures range from just below freezing at midnight, to between 10 deg. F (-12 deg. C) to -10 F. (-23 deg. C) just before dawn at the summit. The winding path of endless



switchbacks will take form and shape in the shadows of the Ratzel and Rebmann glaciers at early dawn, and behind you the spires of Mawenzi will be silhouetted against the red glow of the sun from beneath the clouds. After about 6 hours of walking, you will come to the edge of the crater, at Stella Point, at 19,000 feet (5,790 mt.), which is the end of the steep track. From here, there is a gentle slope upward about 1 hour to Uhuru Peak. After a short time at the summit, descend the steep scree trail back to Barafu Camp for some rest, then again summon your strength for further descent to Mweka Camp for the night.

Sun 17 June – descent to Mweka gate (6,000 ft. /1,830 m) – return to Kia Lodge - departure

Descend straight to the gate (2-3 hours), where you'll have lunch and will be awarded climbing certificates.

After your final descent from the mountain, you will return to Kia Lodge where you can have a shower and relax in your room. After an early dinner you will be taken to the airport to connect with your international departure flight, and this is where your safari ends.





Price will be \$ 4,000 pp for the safari with the balloon flight
\$ 3,550 for the safari without the balloon flight

Price will be \$ 900 for the 4 day Zanzibar extension

Price will be \$ 2,350 for the 6 day Kilimanjaro extension

Prices are based on 2 people sharing a room

Included is:

- All accommodation and food
- All transfers to and from lodges and airports
- Safari vehicle with guide during the safari
- Water in the car during the safari
- All park fees
- All activities
- Domestic flights and flight to Zanzibar
- All drinks, wine, beer except for champagne at Olakira camp
- Insurance for Flying Doctors help in case of an emergency – 35 US\$ per person

Excluded is:

- International travel
- Drinks in the lodges (except for drinks at Olakira camp, see above)
- Souvenirs
- Tips (please read details below)

Tips:

First of all, it is not mandatory to give tips – only if you are happy with the service!

- ✓ We recommend about US\$ 5 to 10 per guest per night to be shared among the staff of the exclusive, high end camps and lodges. Simply give the tip to the manager or head waiter shortly before you leave.
- ✓ If you want to tip your guide, a total of US\$15-\$20 per day per group sharing a car is appropriate. Just give the tip to your guide at the end of the safari. If you are coming with a large group, it should be about \$ 25 per day.
- ✓ For the guides who conduct activities (canoeing, biking, night drive, walks etc) you can leave a tip of about \$3 to \$5 per person if you are satisfied.