

# ICAHM 2017 Annual Meeting Ngorongoro Conservation Area Post-Conference Excursion + SAFARI Extension 8-day/7-Night - October 6-13, 2017







A post-conference tour has been organized to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area where we will visit Olduvai Gorge, Laetoli Footprints and the Crater Floor. The safari extension will take you to the amazing Serengeti National Park, which is UNESCO World Heritage Site.

# OCT 6, Day 1: DAR ES SALAAM - KARATU

Arrival in Arusha (Midday): pick up and transfer to hotel in Karatu. Excursion hotels in Karatu are Hhando Coffee Lodge, Eileen's Trees Inn and Kudu Lodge & Campsite.

#### OCT 7, Day 2: Olduvai Gorge and Laetoli







This morning we will leave very early and drive to Olduvai Gorge. We will spend half a day at this 14km long deep ravine. The site is internationally recognized for Louis and Mary Leakey's famous discoveries of early humans and magnificent artifacts documenting the evolutionary history of our stone tool-using ancestors, vertebrate fauna, and the environments over the last two million years. (http://www.olduvaigorge.org/)

Our second stop will be Laetoli where we will spend approximately 4 hours. Here we will visit the famous hominin footprints Site G where we will hear from various experts about the challenges associated with conservation of ichnofossil record. We will then visit some animal footprints sites at Localities 7, 11, and 12.

3.6 million years ago in Laetoli, Tanzania, two early humans walked through wet volcanic ash. When the nearby volcano erupted again, subsequent layers of ash covered and preserved the oldest known footprints of early humans. (http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/footprints/laetoli-footprint-trails)

After the Footprints we will visit the Maasai communities where there will time for discussions with the NCA and Esere/Endulen communities on the role and issues surrounding long-term conservation and sustainable use of cultural heritage assets in their area. After the final visit you will be brought back to gain to your hotel in Karatu.

#### OCT 8, Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater Floor



On this third day we will drive early in the morning to the Ngorongoro Crater Floor. The stunning landscape of Ngorongoro Crater combined with its spectacular concentration of wildlife is one of the greatest natural wonders of the planet. Spectacular wildebeest numbers (well over 1 million animals) pass through the property as part of the annual migration of wildebeest across the Serengeti ecosystem and calve in the short grass plains which straddle the Ngorongoro Conservation Area/Serengeti National Park boundary. This constitutes a truly superb natural phenomenon.

Later in the afternoon we will drive back to Arusha where you will stay the night at Safariland Cottage, or you will be brought back to your accommodation in Karatu if you're going on the Serengeti National Park Safari extension.

# OCT 9, Day 4: Arusha - Airport

Transfer from the hotel to the airport.

#### SAFARI Extension - The Great Migration - Serengeti National Park

#### OCT 9, Day 4: KARATU - SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Your adventure begins as we start our day traveling from Karatu through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. On this first leg of our journey, you will see wildlife abound which has spilled over from the Crater floor. Our journey will take us through different ecosystems full of new sights and sounds before we even reach the sweeping plains of the world-renowned Serengeti!

As we reach the Serengeti Park entrance, you will quickly understand how the Serengeti earned its name. In the Maasai language, "Serengeti" means "endless plains." The beautiful, seemingly endless plains before you are teaming with life - keep your eyes ready to see the most spectacular sights you've ever seen! This vast national treasure offers the greatest concentration of plains animals in all of Africa. Some 35 species of plains animals may be seen here including the so-called "Big Seven" - buffalo, elephant, lion, leopard, rhino, cheetah and African hunting dog.

We will spend three magnificent nights in this <u>UNESCO World Heritage Site</u>: two nights in the northern Serengeti along the Migration path in a luxury tented mobile camp, and one night in the Central Serengeti.







# ACCOMMODATIONS: MBUGANI MIGRATION CAMP (B, L, D)

The camp is ideally located on the migration path in the Northern Serengeti - Bologonja area from June through the end of October. The migration camp enjoys one of the most pristine corners of the northern Serengeti, pitched in the tranquil Bologonja region to ensure an exclusive unspoiled taste of Tanzania and surrounded by untouched wilderness.

This camp features comfortable accommodations which allow unique opportunities to experience wildlife up close. The small intimate mobile camp contains 10 luxury tents which feature:

- Oversize design for roominess
- Two queen beds with elegant wood base and mosquito netting
- Soft linens for bedding
- 24/7 power with charging cables
- Spacious, wide, airy windows
- Private bath with shower, sink, flushable toilet
- Running hot and cold water
- Furnished sitting area

Expertly prepared meals are served in a cozy mess tent overlooking the vast plains. Relax at the campfire each evening while enjoying the sounds of Africa and the impressive display of southern hemisphere stars. The lounge area has bar service available.

#### OCT 10, Day 5: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Wake up to the realization that you are in the magical place that you've only dreamed of... Depart the morning splendor of an African sunrise as we head out for our daily game drive in the best-known wildlife sanctuary in the world. Our guide will expertly negotiate the road and tell us about our surroundings and the wildlife before us.

Over two million wildebeest, zebras and gazelle make an annual migration trek, constantly seeking fresh grazing and water, following the rains. The huge herds attract plenty of predator attention from lion, leopard, cheetah and hyena, not to mention the large number of crocodiles lurking in the rivers!

Imagine...a lion relaxing, temporarily satisfied after its morning hunt, seemingly endless herds of wildebeest quickly munching the plains grasses in company with zebra - all images that you can collect and preserve in your memory and with your camera!







#### OCT 11, Day 6: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After a hearty breakfast, we will head south to the central Serengeti for our final exciting night in the Serengeti. Serengeti National Park is 5,700 square miles large, about the same size as Northern Ireland.

Every day on safari is filled with new and brilliant adventures. Perhaps we'll see a herd of hippos crowded in a stream, keeping themselves cool and wet, or a pride of lions on the kopjes (large rock formation, especially prominent in the central Serengeti).

The air is clean, the views are incredible and we will be on "Africa-time!" There's no better way to complete your Tanzanian experience than staying in the Serengeti for a few days.

Over 20 types of antelope including eland, hartebeest, impala, kudu, reedbuck, roan, topi, waterbuck and the much smaller dik dik, duiker, klipspringer and oribi can be found in the Serengeti. And, of course, there is a rich profusion of birdlife. Over 500 species including the largest of them, the ostrich, as well as bustards, cranes, eagles, herons, owls, storks, vultures and the bizarre, long-legged secretary birds are found in the Serengeti.









# ACCOMMODATIONS: MBUGANI SERONERA CAMP (B, L, D)

The Seronera Mbugani Camp is located in central Serengeti's <u>Seronera Region</u>. This camp has a nearby permanent, natural water source which attracts wildlife for your viewing pleasure. The permanent camp boasts the same oversized en suite tents as in the Migration Camp. Both camps have attentive, friendly and professional staff who will assist you throughout your stay. And, of course, you can spend the evening under the beautiful stars at the "bush tv" campfire with a drink in hand, recounting your day's adventures.

### OCT 12, Day 7: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK - KARATU

Today you'll say goodbye to the amazing Serengeti... but you will never forget the unique experiences that you've had while here. You will still be "on safari" as we slowly make our way back to Karatu. Look closely as we pass by many kopjes; lions, leopards, and many other animals hang out in the rocks for the "cover" and for a cool, shady spot to rest.







# ACCOMMODATIONS: EILEEN'S TREES INN (B, L, D)

Eileen's Trees Inn is located in Karatu. The setting is in beautiful tropical gardens. Each room has twin beds or a queen bed with mosquito netting. All rooms have a writing desk and seating on the veranda. All rooms have private bathrooms en suite, with hot water showers.

 $Optional\ Upgrade\ for\ additional\ \$200\ per\ person\ to\ this\ Upscale\ Lodge\ on\ return\ from\ your\ safari:$ 

# ACCOMMODATIONS: NGORONGORO O'LDEANI MOUNTAIN LODGE (B, L, D)

This Upscale 5-star lodge has spectacular sweeping views of the entire surrounding area, including the Crater rim. Treat yourself to a luxurious stay upon returning from your safari. This lodge is incredible! Every luxurious suite boasts panoramic views and all the pampering amenities you could want. Take a dip in the large beautifully designed infinity pool and walk around in the gorgeous gardens before enjoying a gourmet dinner that will be well-remembered.







#### OCT 13, Day 8: KARATU - ARUSHA - KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Depending on departure flight times, we will drive to Arusha and stop for a visit at <u>Shanga</u>, a heartwarming project which employs disabled Tanzanians who have learned to be artisans. You will be able to see the craftspeople at work and have the chance to purchase some beautiful jewelry and other handmade items to bring home as memories of your awesome adventure. We plan to include lunch before heading to the airport to meet your international flights.

#### NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA POST-CONFERENCE EXCURSION 6 - 9 OCTOBER 2017

#### **Prices**

Kudu Lodge Package900 USDHHando Coffee Lodge Package900 USDEileen's Trees Inn Package830 USD

#### **Price inclusions:**

- Airport transfers
- 2 nights in Karatu in the accommodation of your choice
- 1 night in Arusha on half board basis
- Transportation and entrance fees to Laetoli, Olduvai Gorge and Crater Floor
- All meals (excl. drinks)
- An English speaking guide will accompany you during the entire excursion;

HHando Coffee Lodge: <a href="http://www.hhandocoffeelodge.com/index.html">http://www.hhandocoffeelodge.com/index.html</a>

Kudu Lodge & Campsite: <a href="http://www.kuducamp.com/">http://www.kuducamp.com/</a>
Eileen's Trees Inn: <a href="http://www.eileenstrees.com/">http://www.eileenstrees.com/</a>
Safariland Cottages: <a href="http://safarilandcottages.com/">http://safarilandcottages.com/</a>

# **Price exclusions**:

- Flights
- Gratuities for safari guide

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#### SAFARI EXTENSION – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK 9-13 OCTOBER 2017

This <u>extension</u> is limited to 12 people, based on double occupancy. The maximum number of participants is based on the number of tents and we wouldn't like to disappoint anyone if there are still places available. We will therefore ask those that are traveling alone to share the spacious tent with another participant.

The prices are per person and based on double occupancy:

Serengeti extension \$1,999.00 Serengeti extension + up-scale lodge in Karatu \$2,199.00

#### **Price inclusions:**

- All ground transportation from your Karatu hotel (October 9) to Kilimanjaro International Airport (October 13)
- 3 nights' accommodations in Serengeti National Park at Mbugani Camps
- 1 night accommodation in Karatu at Eileen's Trees Inn or Ngorongoro O'ldeani Mountain Lodge
- All ground transportation per the itinerary
- All meals (excludes drinks)
- Professional English speaking driver/guide throughout the excursion
- Park & Conservation Area fees per the itinerary
- Bottled water
- Emergency Transportation Insurance

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Mbugani Camps: <a href="http://mbuganicamps.com/">http://mbuganicamps.com/</a>
Eileen's Trees Inn: <a href="http://www.eileenstrees.com">http://www.eileenstrees.com</a>

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#### Prices per person:

Kudu Lodge Package + Serengeti extension	\$ 2,899.00
Hhando Coffee Lodge Package + Serengeti extension	\$ 2,899.00
Eileen's Tree Package + Serengeti extension	\$ 2,829.00
Kudu Lodge Package + Serengeti extension + up-scale lodge	\$ 3,099.00
Hhando Coffee Lodge Package + Serengeti extension + up-scale lodge	\$ 3,099.00
Eileen's Tree Package + Serengeti extension + up-scale lodge	\$ 3,029.00

#### **Price inclusions:**

- Airport transfers
- 3 nights in Karatu in the accommodation of your choice (6, 7, 8 October)
- 3 nights' accommodations in Serengeti National Park at Mbugani Camps (9, 10, 11 October)
- 1 night accommodation in Karatu at Eileen's Trees Inn or Ngorongoro O'ldeani Mountain Lodge (12 October)
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#### **TRAVEL:**

Please contact us if you need help with your international and/or domestic air travel.

There are two direct flights from Dar es Salaam Airport to Kilimanjaro International Airport on the  $6^{th}$  of October (we prefer that you take the early flight since the drive from Kilimanjaro to Karatu is four hours and three hours from Arusha):

Dar es Salaam (DAR) 10:55h - 12:00h Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) Dar es Salaam (DAR) 18:15h - 19:20h Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) <a href="http://www.fastjet.com/us/en/">http://www.fastjet.com/us/en/</a>

You can also fly from Dar es Salaam (DAR) to Arusha (ARK). There are mid-morning to mid-afternoon flights to Arusha

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