

Tour Code: CCTZ24



A group Safari in the Garden of Eden to the Endless Plains

# Tanzania

SCHEDULED DEPARTURES

Feb. 23 - March 7, 2024



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### **Day 1: Friday, February 23, 2024 • Departure**

Our adventure begins as we depart the US and head over the Atlantic Ocean.

### **Day 2: Saturday, February 24, 2024 • Ilboru Safari Lodge**

Our flight arrives at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) arriving in the evening. Following Immigration, we collect our luggage and move outside the restricted area where a representative from Serengeti Select Safaris meets us. We load onto a bus and transfer to our hotel in Arusha. This is about an hour drive.

### **Day 3: Sunday, February 25, 2024 • Ilboru Safari Lodge**

This morning we awake to the birds chirping. Our bungalows are surrounded by beautiful flowers and shrubbery. If the sky is clear, you can see Mt. Meru.- almost 15,000 ft. in elevation. Following breakfast, we transfer around to the backside of Mt. Meru, to Arusha National Park. We ascend through lush forest up towards the ash cone and stop at a waterfall for a picnic lunch. We then descend and drive around the Momella Lakes, where we may see giraffe, warthog, Cape buffalo, zebra, elephant, hippo, black and white Colobus monkeys, pink flamingoes, and a variety of duikers and other small antelope. We return to our lodge in time for a quick shower before dinner. We overnight at Ilboru Safari lodge. **B/L/D**

### **Day 4 & 5: Monday, February 26 & Tuesday, February 27, 2024 • Ilboru Safari Lodge**

These days are filled with visits to various Lutheran church projects, many that were started by missionary David Simonson, a Concordia alumnus. The group is divided into smaller groups so that things are more manageable and also so we do not overwhelm the sites we visit. Everyone gets the chance to see and participate in the following projects: Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, Selian Hospital (for the Maasai and other poor people who live in this area), Plaster House which houses up to 100 children who have undergone various surgeries



(straightening legs, cleft palates, burns, etc) and then provides physical and occupational therapy until the patient is ready to return home, Palliative/Hospice care where you may be able to accompany someone involved in this project on a visit to meet patients at their homes, and visit an elementary school, Olchoki School, that is in the general area of your lodge. One of these afternoons, around 4:30-5pm, we have the opportunity to go to the home of Eunice Simonson, also a Concordia alum and widow of David, for refreshments and goodies. Eunice regales you with tales of her 60 years in Tanzania. **B/L/D**

### **Day 6: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 • Tarangire Safari Lodge**

After breakfast we drive to the Maasai Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli. Concordia College has a close relationship with the girls of this school. There have been some of these girls who have had the opportunity to come to study at Concordia College. This was David Simonson's last project and the fulfillment of a dream, many years in the making. We then continue on to Tarangire National Park, where our safari starts. We arrive in time for lunch. Then we relax and rest in our permanent en suite tent or go for a refreshing dip in the beautiful swimming pool. The lodge is situated on the edge of a bluff overlooking the Tarangire River. We can watch from the veranda of the lodge or our veranda in front of our tent, as various animals come to the river to drink. This park is known for its large elephant population. At around 4:30pm, our driver takes us out into the park for a game drive until sundown. **B/L/D**

### **Day 7-9: Thursday, February 29, 2024 – Saturday, March 2, 2024 • Tarangire Safari lodge**

Three full days in Tarangire National Park. Morning and afternoon game drives. Meals and overnight at Tarangire Safari Lodge. **B/L/D**



**Day 10: Sunday, March 3, 2024 • Ngorongoro Farm House**

After breakfast, we check out of Tarangire Safari Lodge and continue on to Lake Manyara National Park. This lake/park is nestled along the base of the Great Rift Wall and is home to giraffe, Cape buffalo, lions, elephants, warthogs, impala, hippo, baboons and others. Enjoy a picnic lunch at a picnic site set up on a hill overlooking the lake, before driving around looking for wildlife and birdlife. This small park contains 5 vegetation zones. Ascend the Rift Wall, as you drive towards Ngorongoro Crater. **B/L/D**

**Day 11: Monday, March 4, 2024 • Ndutu Safari Lodge**

After an early breakfast, we ascend to the rim of the Crater. Early morning fog and the Spanish moss hanging from some of these trees, give a spooky feeling. The sun eventually rolls back the low hanging clouds. The descent to the floor of the Crater is about 2,000 ft. and the diameter of this intact caldera is about 10 miles. Spend much of the day driving around looking for the endangered black rhinos, lions, zebras, wildebeest, Feb jackals, Thompson and Grants gazelle, warthog, Cape buffalo, ostrich, cheetah, and more. The soda lake also has pink flamingoes. Enjoy a picnic lunch by the hippo pool. Mid-afternoon, ascend out of the Crater and drive around the rim and down onto the Serengeti Plains. This drive may be rushed in order to get to the lodge before dark but you are driving through the migrations of thousands of wildebeest and zebra. You have plenty of opportunities to enjoy these animals at a slow pace during the next two days. **B/L/D**

**Day 12: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 • Ndutu Safari Lodge**

There is an opportunity for an early sunrise game drive before breakfast on our return to the lodge. We then go out again and come back for lunch. A relaxing siesta time gives us time to recharge - both our bodies and our camera batteries. Around 4:40 pm, our driver collects us for a sundown game drive. This area has so much to see, especially at this time of year. Wildebeest are here to calve, so there are many babies wobbling around. There are zebra, Thompson and Grant gazelles, eland, cheetah, lions, possibly leopard, ostrich, warthog, bat-eared fox, jackals, etc. We enjoy an evening around the campfire after dinner. **B/L/D**

**Day 13: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 •**

We have an early breakfast and then head back toward Ngorongoro Crater. Optional stop and visit of Oldupai Gorge. This famous archeological site was where Mary and Louis Leakey found many remains of early humans. There is a museum on-site and the view down into the gorge beautifully shows the different strata that give archeologist information about weather at that time, volcano eruptions, flora and fauna living at each time period, and what type of humans existed there at different times in history. We continue up and over the Crater and on to Arusha. A picnic lunch is provided en route. Upon our arrival in Arusha, we are met by our representative and transferred in a bus to Kilimanjaro International Airport in time to check in for our flight back to the States. **B/L**

**Day 14 • Thursday, March 7, 2024 •** We arrive back in the U.S. today.

**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**

**TOUR PRICE: \$7,980**

*per person, double occupancy*

**Single supplement = \$1,100**

with a minimum of 12 participants

**YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

- **Estimated Roundtrip Air transportation from Fargo** and related taxes and fees (estimated at \$1,800)
- **Land transportation**
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) per itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout the tour
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
  - Park Fees
  - Crater Entrance Fees
- Cancellation and medical insurance
- **Tanzania Visa** (required)
- **All taxes and tips**

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **End of tour gratuity** for driver and guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- **Luggage handling**
- **Immunizations** (please check with your physician)

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of \$1000 is due with registration.

A second deposit of \$2000 is due July 15, 2023.

Final payment is due 120 days before departure (Oct. 27, 2023). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. *Early registration is encouraged.*

**Currency:**

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

**Refund/Cancellation Policy:**

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to the departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure, a \$100 per person administrative fee and any lost airfare deposits will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as penalties imposed by the airlines will be assessed. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

***Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.***



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