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## Begin your Tanzania walking safari right here.

Remember the first time you sat in front of the TV on Saturday morning and watched Wild Kingdom. As a kid, Marlin Perkins planted the seed of a dream about what it would be like to visit the wild plains of Africa. Remember the first National Geographic special you saw about the wildebeest and zebras crossing the Mara River by the thousands? You always want to see them make it safely, but the suspense created by the

lurking crocodile glued you to the TV just in case it was successful in its hunt. Think of the images of the shimmering light floating up from the desert floor, brilliant orange sunsets, or, the lone tree sticking up on the deserted plains of the Serengeti. As an adult, the TV and movie screens got a lot bigger and brought romanticized classics with Robert Redford and Merrill Streep in Out Of Africa.

## This is the African safari dreams are made of!



The Great Migration is the one of the grandest wildlife spectacles on Earth. The plains of the Serengeti are where it all begins.

We have sought out a place where the influence of human life has not impacted the wildlife, a place where you can experience a safari in open space with less than a hundred people, in a place larger than our Yellowstone National Park. A place that invites you to explore as you choose. Local tribal members take you by foot and safari vehicle on adventures by day. Evenings are set aside for magical sundowners and nights are reserved for elegant dinner service with both old and new-found friends. Accommodations that are unique and specifically designed to put you in the heart of the wildlife the Serengeti has become famous for.

## We liked it so much we have to go back!

**ONLY 10 spaces available on this exclusive departure hosted by Walking Connection co-founders, Gene and Jo Ann Taylor.**

For more information or to reserve your space, please send an email to [ja@WalkingConnection.com](mailto:ja@WalkingConnection.com) to make an appointment to speak with us, or call us toll-free from the US or Canada: 800-295-WALK (9255).

## Come Walk Tanzania With Us!

## Take a minute and meet Zeb

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### Day 1 – Arrive Kilimanjaro Airport – Arusha

**Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro, transfer to Arusha Coffee Lodge.**

This is the perfect place after a long flight to relax and recharge. Something of a stalwart in the Arusha hotel scene, Arusha Coffee Lodge is in a great location on the outskirts of town. Set in a working coffee plantation dating back to the early 1900's, it has 30 "Plantation Houses" all of which sit right in the middle of the coffee itself. The rooms are smart and stylish, with log-fireplaces and en-suite bathrooms. The main building is imposing but homey: wood floors throughout, a roaring fire, big comfortable sofas and chairs and a selection of dining areas with a bar tucked away at the end. The garden, where most people congregate for meals and sundowners, has shady tables and a secluded swimming pool if you fancy a dip to re-energize.

**Gene and Jo Ann Taylor, co-founders of the Walking Connection, first visited Arusha in the 90's and have enjoyed their stays ever since. As a gateway to sub-Saharan Africa, Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti, it's a great place to start your safari adventure.**

**Learn more about our stay in Arusha, Tanzania Here.**

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**No meals included today**

**Overnight: 1 Night [Arusha Coffee Lodge](#)**

### Days 2 & 3 – Lake Manyara & Ngorongoro Highlands

As we head to the highlands we have a full day of adventure along the way. Stretching for 50km along the base of the rusty-gold 600-metre high Rift Valley escarpment, Lake Manyara is a scenic gem, with a setting extolled by Ernest Hemingway as *"the loveliest I had seen in Africa"*.

The park is famous for its **tree-climbing lions** and also for the **flamingos** that inhabit the lake, mostly during the wet season where they can be seen in flocks numbering in the thousands. Leopard can be seen throughout the year, as can I, elephant, buffalo, wildebeest, zebra, blue monkeys, dik dik, hippo, giraffe and impala. There are over **400 species of birds** in the park, many remaining throughout the year, which makes it a good spot for birding.

The roads meander through the park, taking you through lush and cool forests and out into the grass floodplains with views out over the lake and volcanic peaks of the Maasai Steppe. The flood plain is the most likely place to see the park's impressive elephants.

**Learn more about our safari to Lake Manyara, Tanzania Here.**

**ARUSHA TOWN – Our Gateway To Tanzania**

Arusha is the largest city in northern Tanzania and known as the "Gateway" to the northern safari and wildlife circuit. It's a sprawling metropolis: noisy, chaotic, colorful and with a charm all its own. Since this is our starting point, you may consider coming in a day or two early to explore the city, its culture and cuisine. It's surrounded by some of Africa's most famous landscapes and national parks and is situated in the foothills of Mt Meru giving it a cooler, more temperate climate.

Originally a garrison town, it was founded by German colonialists when the territory was part of German East Africa in the 1900s. The name Arusha comes from the local tribe Wa-Arusha. It's regarded as the de facto capital of the East African Community, and houses the International War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda. It's a multicultural city with a majority Tanzanian population of mixed backgrounds and tribes, a large Muslim and Indian-Tanzanian population and a large population of expatriates from around the world. It's a buzzing city with colorful markets, vibrant streets and a great many choices of places to eat and drink, always with the backdrop of Mt Meru rising impressively from the clouds. The Arusha domestic airport is found here, on the outskirts of town on the road towards Tarangire, the Ngorongoro Crater Area and the Serengeti. This is not to be confused with the Kilimanjaro International Airport, which is an approximately 90-minute drive away, towards Mt Kilimanjaro.



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Entamanu Ngorongoro (meaning 'circle' in Maa) is a brand new safari camp and is the only place in the world where you can enjoy views into both the Crater and the Serengeti.

Our home for two nights sits on a remote spot on the Northwestern edge of the Crater rim, miles from any other lodge. Accessed only by way of a private road that follows the contours of the rim, even the drive to get there in is breathtaking, with "take your breath away" views to the Crater floor beneath. Our camp is uniquely off the beaten track but right on the Crater rim, offering an unspoiled, unparalleled wildlife experience of the Crater, and the land and culture that surrounds it.

**The Ngorongoro Crater** is still a lambent lost world of wildlife, giving us flashes of how the first humans must have experienced it; watching as the sun rises over the perfect bowl of the Crater and then sets again over the immense plains of the Southern Serengeti.

**But it won't just be wildlife we will be seeking out. We will have the opportunity for genuine Maasai interactions with neighboring communities.** We strongly believe that people are a place and to understand the place you need to interact with the people.

**Learn more about your stay in Ngorongoro Highlands Area [Here](#).**



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**Meals included today:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Overnight:** 2 Nights [2- nights Entamanu Ngorongoro Safari Camp](#)

### Days 4, 5 & 6 – Serengeti National Park

Travel by vehicle through the short grass plains to our next camp. Nature will likely unfold many surprises as we reach another first of its kind — the Serengeti Safari Camp. This warm and friendly mobile camp was designed with a purpose in mind; to be in the best possible location to view the wildebeest migration as it covers hundreds of miles of the Serengeti National Park each year. So it should come as no surprise that it really hasn't changed much since its early pioneering days.



Each year, the camp casts off from Lamai Serengeti and begins its own odyssey. Covering hundreds of miles and moving every couple of months along a route that the herds have traveled for hundreds of years, Serengeti Safari Camp is where you come for your migration fix. Our guides understand well the Serengeti seasons and game movements, and how best to mirror them in this little nomadic camp. Serengeti Safari Camp has just six large walk-in meru tents, with a dressing area and then an en-suite bathroom at the rear. New eco-flush toilets and safari-style bucket showers are part of every tent, as well as jugs of hot and cold water delivered as and when you'd like them. The main dining tent sits in the middle of the line of tents, with the fireplace right in front and a separate library/bar tent nearby.

## Learn more about your stay in Serengeti National Park Southern Area Here.

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**Meals included today:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Overnight:** 3-Nights [Serengeti Safari Camp](#)

### Days 7, 8 & 9 – Ndutu – Kogatende, Lamai Serengeti

A few years ago the Tanzanian government chose a handful of responsible companies to build small permanent lodges in the remote far northern sector of the Serengeti National Park. Our partner hosts were offered this prime site. Lamai Serengeti sits tucked among the rocks of the iconic Kogakuria Kopje in the northern Serengeti. There are panoramic views of the surrounding landscape and it's just a few miles from where the wildebeest cross the Mara River.

When I set foot in this place I immediately knew it would be a place I would return to, as often as possible, for the rest of my life. *Gene Taylor*

Each of the exclusive rooms are designed to fit into the complex geometry of the kopje (rock formations) and to make the most of this sensational location, its views and its natural space and light. All the rooms have their own spacious verandas and en-suite bathrooms with running hot and cold water. The lodge has a separate bar and dining area, with adjoining library and map room and a natural rock swimming pool. You'll explore by 4-WD vehicles to experience the intricacies of the area, both south of the Mara River and (river permitting) to the north, where it is your option to get out for a walking safari from here.

And of course with a location like this one, of the best ways to take in the Serengeti is literally from the expansive veranda of your room, tucked away in among the red rocks of the kopje.

## Learn more about our stay in Serengeti National Park Northern Area Here.

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**Meals included today:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Overnight:** 3 Nights [Lamai Serengeti Lodge](#)

### Day 10 – Transfer to Kogatende and on to Arusha

Transfer to Kogatende for your flight to Arusha for your international flight home or points beyond.

**Meals included today:** Breakfast

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**SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

The Serengeti National Park is one of the most famous wildlife areas in the world and the home to the annual wildebeest migration. It covers 14,750 km<sup>2</sup> of grassland plains, open savannah, riverine forests and woodlands.

The Serengeti is lush and green, alive with wildlife and pumping with action. The calving season is in full swing with an estimated 7000 newborn calves everyday. That's more than a half a million every year.

In line with the amazing spectacle of the migration itself, witnessing a newly born calf capable of running in a matter of minutes is one of nature's most remarkable events. It is also the same time that the Serengeti has the highest concentration of predators anywhere in Africa. Enough said.

We're going there with a single purpose in mind; to be in the best possible location to view the wildebeest migration as it covers hundreds of miles of the Serengeti National Park each year.



**SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – NORTHERN**

This northern Serengeti area of lush, rolling grassland and tree-lined watercourses is the hub around which the Serengeti migration circulates.

During the dry season, the herds mass on both banks of the Mara River, frequently crossing - and braving the crocs - in response to local weather patterns that only they seem to understand.

Unlike the southern plains of the Serengeti that dry out, forcing all but the hardiest of species to leave, this area remains lush and green. There's a collective sigh of relief from the resident game when the one and a half million migrating wildebeest - and the madness that follows them - leave town for a few months.

And the resident game in the area is spectacular. Plains game in the form of zebra, topi, gazelles, impala, buffalo and giraffe all frequent the area throughout the year. Lion are rarely far away and leopard, ever present, but always elusive, stalk the rocky kopjes and river lines.



*experience described in the itinerary with the understanding that some things may change.*

### **Your Walking Connection Experience Includes:**

- Exclusive itinerary expertly planned. Jo Ann Taylor, Walking Connection co-founder spent over one year developing this custom itinerary to create a special and unique adventure for our guests that few people ever get to experience.
- Remote destinations and undisturbed wildlife is the backbone of this safari. We have carefully identified the best times and locations to experience The Great Migration at a time when wildlife are actively birthing their new young. The area is a special concession where there are less than 100 available beds in an area that is twice the size of the US Yellowstone National Park.
- All park fees, sanctuary fees, government taxes and statutory charges as listed on the itinerary. \*(See Price Variation Below).
- 1-Night in Arusha, our gateway city to East Africa.
- 2-Nights accommodations located at Entamanu on the remote north western edge of Ngorongoro Crater. Each chalet style room has indoor heating and en-suite bathrooms with hot and cold running water, All of our chalets will have views into the Crater, with immense Serengeti views to be enjoyed from the other side of camp.
- 3-Nights accommodations located at an mobile campsite Serengeti Safari Camp. It is African rustic which means it comes with hot showers, ensuite facilities, private tent and a fantastic pavilion and dinning tent. It is positioned based upon the closest location to the wildebeest/migration.
- 3-Nights accommodations in the African elegant Lamai Serengeti Lodge. Each of the 12 rooms were designed to fit into the complex geometry of the kopje and its views, natural space and light. All the rooms have their own spacious verandas and en-suite bathrooms with flush toilets and running hot and cold water.
- Resident experienced interpretive and naturalist guide(s).
- Genuine Maasai interaction with neighboring communities.
- Daily Meals as indicated in itinerary: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch and (D) Dinner.
- Coffee, tea, drinking water house select wines will be provided with meals.
- All transfers and transportation to and from airports.(Must arrive or depart on the scheduled day of the itinerary. Otherwise transfers may cost extra).
- Arrival meet & greet assistance, departure assistance.
- Detailed "Know Before You Go" information including recommended website, reading lists, packing list, what to bring, weather and much, much more.

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**Trip Price:** Double occupancy: \$6698/person

\*Please see Price Variations below.

**Single occupancy:** There is limited availability and a supplement will apply. Please call for details.

**Deposits:** An initial deposit of \$1000 USD per person is required to reserve your space. A second deposit of \$1000 must be made within 30 days after your initial deposit. Both payments can be paid by credit card for your convenience.

No space will be held without a complete deposit. Deposits may be made by check or credit card. Our tour prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation at the time of final payment.

**Payments:** All payments must be made according to the schedule & are subject to the cancellation & penalty policy. Final payment is due on or before 90 days prior to the trip. We request that all final payments be made by check. Credit cards are accepted for final payment, with a surcharge of 3% of the amount due. Our tour prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation, park fee increases and increase in tax imposed by the government at the time of final payment.

**Tanzania Visas:** Visas are required for all U.S. and Canadian citizens to enter Tanzania. We recommend securing documentation prior to arrival. The Walking Connection will supply information for the proper paper work for all guests. Recommended by the Walking Connection for passport applications, renewals and international visa needs:

[Passport Visa Express](#) .

**Domestic Air:** Our group will be taking two flights within Tanzania to get to our varied locations. At the time of publishing this information those fares will be **approximately \$579/person** including taxes and airport fees. We will assist in making these air arrangements.

**Itinerary:** Please note that the details of this itinerary are subject to change. Many of the planned activities are organized according to availability, events or seasonal dates, appropriate weather conditions or the discretion of our guides. We make every effort to provide the experience described in the itinerary with the understanding that some things may change.

**Special Supplier Gifts and Items:** As a local custom, vendors, suppliers, ground operators, restaurants and hotel properties may offer complimentary beverages that may or may not contain alcohol. Should you elect not to accept this gift, complimentary water may not be offered as a replacement and may only be offered for a fee. This is a local custom beyond the control of The Walking Connection.

**Travel Roommates and Single Supplements:** : If you have registered for double occupancy but don't have a travel roommate, the Walking Connection will attempt to locate one for you. In the event that a roommate cannot be found, you may be charged for a Single Supplement for any portion of the trip where you will be rooming as a single.

Travel roommates are assigned in the order in which we receive deposited and confirmed reservations. Final roommate assignments will be made and you will be notified of any Single Supplement charges due 30 days prior to the due date of your final payment.

**Air Arrangements:** The Walking Connection does not typically make any airline reservations, either domestic or international. BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT US BY TELEPHONE (800) 295-9255 TO RECONFIRM THE FINAL ASPECTS OF THIS TRIP. The Walking Connection will provide you with the recommended arrival and departure airports, times and any additional information you may need BEFORE YOU BOOK YOUR AIR for this trip.

**We are staying in small private accommodations with only 6 rooms. The maximum number of guests is 10.**

**Trip Minimum:** 8 Full Paying Guests: Because the Walking Connection specializes in traveling in small groups, many times we stay in small boutique hotel properties, historical Inns, private homes and bed and breakfasts. For this and contractual related reasons, some trips may require a minimum number of guests traveling together to go. **FOR THIS TRIP**, an additional Small Group Surcharge of may be assessed or the trip may be cancelled at the option of the Walking Connection if sign ups does not meet the 8 person minimum. This trip will be guaranteed to be conducted either when we have reached the minimum number of guests or evaluated 120 and 90 days prior to departure. Also, should the minimum not be met, the Walking Connection at it's sole discretion may elect to operate the trip with just one Walking Connection host. **Please do not make your international or domestic air**

## arrangements until trip is confirmed.

**Cancellation, Penalty & Refund Policies:** Should you have to cancel your tour the following terms will apply: Due to the exclusive and small group nature of this adventure, for all cancellation requests the initial trip deposit is forfeited.

- For cancellations from 61 – 90 days prior to the trip 50% penalty of the total trip cost.
- For Cancellations and no shows 60 days before trip, no refunds.
- No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to The Walking Connection via e-mail and/or United States Post Office. Your cancellation date is the date your notice is received and confirmed by The Walking Connection, not the postmark date.

**Travel Insurance:** [Travel Insurance](#)

### Your Walking Connection Experience Does Not Include:

- All international and domestic airfares with taxes not outlined in the above inclusions.
- All items of a personal nature including beverages, guide gratuities, laundry and shopping.
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees.
- All international departure taxes collected at airport of departure.
- Gratuities for the local guides
- Travel insurance
- Early check in & late check out of rooms
- Optional tours or items of a personal nature such as drinks
- Photographs & phone calls
- No discounts or refunds on any unused portion of the tour.
- Anything that is not expressly stated in the itinerary or on the inclusions page as included.
- Travel Insurance is not included, we recommend [CSA Travel Pro](#).

\*PRICE VARIATION – Prices are based upon the current government fees for park and sanctuary entry and all taxes at the time of publication of this web page. Should the government impose any new taxes, raise the current tax or increase the entry cost to any park or sanctuary, the price increase will be passed along and charged to you. You will be notified of this increase at the time we are notified. All payments received by us are subject to the cancellation policy already published and in effect.

Tanzania Walking Safari and Wildlife Adventure