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National Parks & Accommodation

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Information Sheet

Special points of interest:

- Safari led by Raymond Barlow, professional wildlife photographer and experienced, well trained naturalist guides who have intimate knowledge of the areas we explore and offer private game driving
- Intensive game viewing and photography in the Serengeti in the path of the Great Wildebeest Migration as it enters from the Masai Mara in the north.
- The migration scatters through the thick bush and opportunities to catch the actual 'Crossing' should everything line up for us. If not, the herds hover and teeter on the banks of the river as cross snap below.
- Time to absorb and photograph it all – we take the time to absorb the experience and wait for the action to occur or just the right light
- You will see that as well as treks and wildlife safaris we offer our clients insights into the way of life and cultures of local communities. By spending some time in local villages and visiting cultural activity programmes you get a much more rewarding and richer safari experience and the local people get a more direct share of the benefits that foreign visitors can bring. This is a very important part of our work in East Africa with the Maasai and their bomas
- Limited to 8 participants + photography guide – as a compromise between providing ample space and reducing our carbon footprint, we offer 4 people to sit in a 7 passenger extended Landcruiser and 3 people to sit in a 5 passenger normal Landcruiser.

Why Raymond Barlow? Why NasPhotoSafaris? Why October?

Raymond Barlow

Ray leads photography trips to many places all over the world and for several years now has concentrated on birds and wildlife. With careful consideration, Ray knows the value of a good shot and will work together with his team to gain optimal viewing and opportunities throughout his personally-led adventures. We all have the same goal—to take picture, learn about photography and create an adventure of a lifetime.



NasPhotoSafaris

NasPhotoSafaris is committed to providing world-class experiences in some of the most spectacular locations in East Africa.



Naseeb 'Wild Nas' Mfinanga owns and operates NasPhotoSafaris and has spent his life learning from his close family and experiencing professional hunting, wildlife management and ecological issues (as well as his formal education). In recent

years Nas has turned his attention to wildlife & landscape photography, searching for more from his professional guiding experience. He is not formally trained in photography but understands and captures impressive images throughout his personal adventures in the bush or as he assist to lead photography groups throughout the year.

October & The Migration

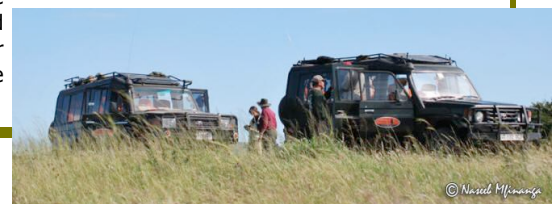
We time these trips to coincide with the Great Serengeti Migration. Although there are never any guarantees in the natural world, we will normally be able to see huge herds of wildebeest and other plains animals grazing on the bushland & savannah. The herds follow the rains and feed on the shooting grasses, therefore what we actually experience is dependent on the weather patterns. In October, we expect the herds to be crossing from the Maasai Mara across the Mara River and into the northern areas of the Serengeti. Action!

The Guides & Vehicles

At NPS, we have a fleet of Toyota Landcruiser 4WD vehicles, modified for game driving and wildlife viewing. These include extended 8 seater and normal 6 seater versions. Each vehicle has a pop top or canvas roof, large windows, charging system, first aid kits, Simba jack, fire extinguisher, reflector triangles, tool kits, some with refrigerators and is driven by an individual driver. We have our own garage and

mechanic on-site for services and repairs and they can even convert our own vehicles to the extended version when required. Our team of guides speak English, French, Spanish and Swahili; as well as their own tribal languages. All members have a minimum of five years guiding experience and have guide books and binoculars to offer for use by the clients. We

pay above award wages and work together as a family, sharing good times and bad. We have a sponsorship scheme for our guides' families, whereby one child per year, of school age, is sponsored into education. We believe this to be the key to escaping the cycle of poverty.



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Arusha National Park & Karama Lodge



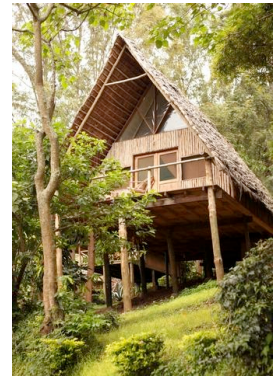
'All I wanted to do now was to get back to Africa. We had not left it, yet, but when I would wake in the night I would lie, listening, homesick for it already' - Ernest Hemingway (Green Hills of Africa, 72: 1935)

Arusha National Park is home to concentrated numbers of herd animals like giraffe, elephant and buffalo. It is located at the foot of Mt Meru and the variation of the terrain provides excellent views of grassy marshlands, sub-tropical rainforests, extinct volcanic craters and



amazing lakes. A day not to be missed and is the perfect addition to any itinerary.

Karama Lodge is located just on the outskirts of Arusha. The property offers log-stilt cabins with en-suite accommodation—an excellent combination of unique comfort and style. Each cabin has its own wooden balcony overlooking the surrounding forest of flora, fauna and views of Mt Kilimanjaro/Mt Meru. Karama Lodge offers attention to detail and careful client service—local fresh produce being the foundation of its cuisine, constructed solely of



local materials & design and a true Swahili welcome. Karama is a great introduction to Africa!

Tarangire National Park & Maramboi Luxury Camp

Tarangire National Park is located less than two hours drive south-west of Arusha and is often the 'forgotten' park. But during the dry season from July—November, Tarangire comes alive even more with herds of up to 300 elephants scratch the dry river bed for



underground streams, while migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo and various antelope crowd the shrinking lagoons. It's the greatest concentration of wildlife outside the Serengeti ecosystem - a smorgasbord for predators.

Maramboi Luxury Camp is a unique opportunity to experience and explore the Tarangire and Manyara ecosystem. Maramboi Tented Camp offers permanent camp facilities and endless vistas of rolling golden



grasslands and palm lined desert between Tarangire and Manyara Lake. 20 tents spacious tents built on ample wooden decks. They all with en suite facilities and private veranda with 24 hours 220V electric lighting. The sunsets over Lake Manyara are breath-taking.

Esilalei Maasai Village & Losirwa Camp



Esilalei is a small village in the wildlife corridor between Tarangire & Manyara national parks for Maasai lands and life experience. We built and maintain a small school here, which you can visit if you wish. You can visit traditional huts, take

part in activities like milking goats, jewellery beadwork, spot animals & birds on a short walking safari, find out about the medicinal uses of the savannah plants, and learn from an elder the history and culture of these fascinating people.

Losirwa Camp is a small property overlooking Lake Manyara National Park. The camp consists of 20 canvas tents under thatched roofs, while set up on permanent wooden structures. The camp has an open dining and loft lounge area, with charg-

ing facilities. There is also a swimming pool with views across the open flats that lead onto the soda lake of Manyara. A sunset here is something to be remembered. There are private facilities and balcony in each tent, along with generator power.



Ngorongoro Conservation Area & Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Ngorongoro Conservation Area (including Ngorongoro Crater) Ngorongoro is collapsed volcano - an incredible natural amphitheatre, 25 km across and teeming with all of the African big game. Early morning descent into the crater for spectacular scenery and game viewing in what has been described as the eighth wonder of the world. Within it's perimeters are thousands of wildebeest, many black rhino, cheetah, lions, hyenas and other predators. Flamingos inhabit the soda lake in the centre of the crater, and other birdlife is abundant especially

around the swamp. Moving from Serengeti to Ngorongoro, we enjoy lunch en-route at Olduvai Gorge and a view of the archaeological sites where early human tools and fossils have been found.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge is located on the rim of the eastern side of the Ngorongoro Crater



ter itself. With rooms spread along each side of a central dining/reception area, the views across into the vast caldera below are breathtaking. Sopa's location near the only ascent/descent road on the eastern side of the crater allows early entrance into the crater floor for optimal early morning photography.

Serengeti National Park & Nasikia Luxury Mobile Camp



Serengeti National Park covers an area of 14,763 sq km and lies between the shores of Lake Victoria in the west, Lake Eyasi in the south, the Great Rift Valley in the east and the Maasai Mara to the north. The pinnacle

of the Serengeti immortality is the wildebeest migration. It is beyond description when the Serengeti plains witness flying hooves and dust as hundreds of thousands of gnus and zebra, race against the skyline in their annual migration that covers over 800km. Game drive in the rolling grasslands and criss-crossed with forested riverine valleys, the Serengeti plays home to millions of Africa's large mammals, making this one of the world's most famous wildlife destinations. **Nasikia Luxury**

Mobile Camp progressively shifts to the rhythms of the Great Wildebeest Migration. As the vast herds follow the rains and fresh grasses in a clockwise direction through the Serengeti, our camp mimic that pattern of movement. Fully ensuited with luxurious facilities, it is the ultimate location for exploration of the wonders of the Serengeti. By remaining a mobile camp, we are able to offer the jewel in the crown for African wildlife and is one of the highlights of East Africa safaris. This is Africa!

'Cultivate the habit of listening and observing, rather than merely hearing and seeing'
Responsible Tourism

Scenic Flight & KIA Lodge

The **Scenic Flight with Regional Air** from the north of the Serengeti flies back over one of either two routes to Arusha—via Ngorongoro Crater or via Lake Natron. The flight path covers all the areas that we have explored on our adventures and to gain a bird's eye view in an incredible way to finish our Afri-

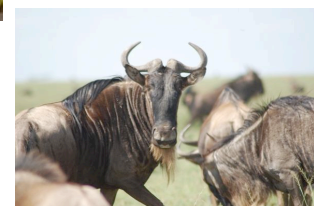


can expedition. Upon arrival into Arusha we are met and taken to lunch in a coffee plantation and on to our day room near the airport.

KIA Lodge is just under 3 minutes drive from Kilimanjaro International Airport. The lodge is situated on a secluded hill in the heart of beautiful savannah scenery that is so typical for East Africa. Guests can admire the vast views of the African plains and of course the grand Kilimanjaro Mountain which



shows her snowy top mostly early in the morning and at sundown. Hotel transfer you to your departing international flight. It has been a great trip and you take away great memories and great images.



Capture True Africa

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD & GAME DRIVING

Some of the safari accommodations are in modern, deluxe lodges – in harmony with the environment and constructed using local materials. In the Serengeti, you'll stay at a mobile tented camp; immersing you with the sights and sounds of Africa. Food at all locations is well prepared, with local flair. We enjoy early mornings and late afternoons, for the best wildlife photography and light. Long days in the field and excellent driver-guides who are sensitive to the needs of photography/migration groups. We do not restrict ourselves to a rigid schedule of times, but instead allow the wildlife and environment to dictate our routine (within the regulations of the national parks and issued permits).

Price Includes

All meals, accommodations, park & camping fees, all local travel including transfers, all activities listed, all bottled drinking water, driver/guides and vehicles, temporary membership to the Intensive Care Air Ambulance.

Not Included

International airfare, air taxes and foreign airport taxes, excess baggage charges, passport or visa fees, beverages (except drinking water), gratuities for driver guides and camp staff.

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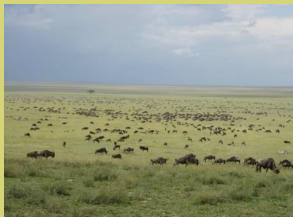
For those who wish to extend their stay, we can arrange extensions to this trip (For example, Zanzibar). Contact us to discuss various options. It is important to contact us very early if you wish to extend – Tanzania has become a very popular destination and lodges on the mainland and coastal islands can fill up quickly.

Payments

Payments should be made in U.S. Dollars (USD) or Canadian Dollars (CAD) to Raymond Barlow

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Tanzania

Whether it is diverse cultures, vastness of the sky, the natural beauty of the landscape or the unique attraction of wildlife; Tanzania has it all. A vast country found in the eastern side of

the continent of Africa. Tanzania is a captivating country that offers endless opportunities of discovery. This trip is an excellent opportunity to be guided by a Wildlife Photographer, Raymond Barlow

and his team - experience their knowledge of wildlife and photography with a unique safari adventure workshop in Tanzania.

