***Rob Party—Tanzania and Zanzibar/Game & Scuba Diving: 8/2/2022—8/16/2022***

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| **Day 01: USA—JKIA** |
| Arrival Kilimanjaro and transfer 45 minutes to Gran Melia hotel - An oasis within Arusha set out on 18 acres of beautifully landscaped coffee and tea plantations. Pure tranquility with spectacular views of Mount Meru. Dinner and overnight **Gran Melia hotel**. |
| **Day 02: ARUSHA** |
| I recommend this extra night in Arusha because of jet lag (especially if you will not spend an extra day in Dubai as planned earlier). You can spend the day at leisure or optional activities – explore Arusha town with Gen or with one of our drivers. Dinner and overnight **Gran Melia Hotel**. |
| **Day 03: ARUSHA-TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK** |
| After breakfast, check-out and cruise off to Tarangire National park. Today we embark on our first game drive in this park - herds of up to 300 elephants scratch the dry Tarangire riverbed for underground streams, while migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest, and eland crowd the shrinking lagoons. It is the greatest concentration of wildlife outside the Serengeti ecosystem - a smorgasbord for predators – and the one place in Tanzania where dry-country antelope such as the stately fringe-eared oryx and peculiar long-necked gerenuk are regularly observed. The swamps, tinged green year around, are the focus for 550 bird varieties, the most breeding species in one habitat anywhere in the world. On drier ground you may find the kori bustard, the heaviest flying bird; the stocking-thighed ostrich, the world's largest bird; and small parties of ground hornbills blustering like turkeys. Other birds include the yellow-collared lovebird, drabber rufous-tailed weaver and the ashy starling – all endemic to the dry savannah of north-central Tanzania. Dinner and overnight at **Tarangire Sopa Lodge**. |
| **Day 04: TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK** |
| Today after breakfast, we will experience full day game drive and picnic lunch in this park. Dinner and overnight at **Tarangire Sopa Lodge**. |
| **Day 05: NGORONGORO CRATER** |
| Early breakfast, then depart to the Ngorongoro crater and descend into the sunken caldera to enjoy a full-day game drive along the crater floor. The crater’s high walls serve as a natural enclosure for an abundance of wildlife. All the so-called “Big Five” may be seen here. Many notable birds make their home in the crater as well such as the greater flamingo that visit the crater lakes. Picnic lunch whilst on safari. Dinner and overnight at **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge**. |
| **Day 06: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK—CENTRAL** |
| After breakfast, we will head to the Serengeti National Park on safari. On the way, we will stop at the Olduvai Geochronology Archeology Project where on-going excavation and research at the Leakey site continues to find, “…many artefacts in primary or near-primary contexts, providing additional information on hominid behavior.” (olduvai-gorge.org) The Seronera region is in the central part of Serengeti National Park which is partly the main route for the Great Migration (which happens between July & October, but still a wildlife hotspot at other times of the year). February denotes the end of the calving season, one of the most spectacular scenes in the Serengeti, as animals bear their young. It is said that there are over 8,000 baby wildebeests born during that period. We will have picnic lunch here and continue to the Serengeti Serena Lodge. Oftentimes, the wildlife can be viewed even from the Verandah! Dinner at lodge. Overnight **Serengeti Serena Lodge**. |
| **Day 07: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK—CENTRAL** |
| Early departure on safari to catch the sunrise and the early morning animal activity. Entire day spent in the park with picnic lunch. The Serengeti turns green with the November rains and attracts the migrating animals, especially the 2 million wildebeest and their babies. The inexperienced newborns are often easy prey for the lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, jackals, and wild dogs. It is an inexplicable experience to see the animals in their own habitat. Arrive mid-afternoon back to lodge. Dinner at lodge. **Serengeti Serena Lodge**. |
| **Day 08: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK—WESTERN CORRIDOR** |
| Early departure on safari to catch the sunrise and the early morning animal activity while heading to the western corridor of Serengeti. We will spend the entire day on game drive with picnic lunch en-route to Kirawira, arriving at camp late afternoon. Dinner at **Kirawira LUXURY Camp**. |
| **Day 09: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK—ZANZIBAR STONE TOWN** |
| Breakfast, transfer to Kirawira airstrip for our flight schedule to Zanzibar (request for picnic lunch boxes – we will arrive at Serena Inn after lunch). On arrival, we will be met by our Representative at the airport who will transfer us to Zanzibar Serena Inn. We can have afternoon at leisure --- or just meet Abdullah for a chitchat and maybe a short city tour before dinner at the night market. Abdullah is deeply knowledgeable about the culture and history of Stone town. We will spend most of our time in Zanzibar with him. He is a Zanzibar native.Zanzibar is a fabulous archipelago that offers the inevitable pristine waters and white sands, but also delicious food and some remarkable cultural experiences like the spice tour and the night market. Overnight at **Zanzibar Serena Inn**. |
| **Day 10: ZANZIBAR STONE TOWN** |
| Today we will leave after breakfast for the spice tour. Spices and herbs were originally introduced to Zanzibar by Portuguese traders in the 16th century, brought from their colonies in South America and India. This tour is a walking tour in a spice farm (shamba). Abdullah will show us how spices, herbs and fruits are grown and cultivated. He will describe how the crops can be used.We will be savoring the aromas and tasting spices, herbs, and tropical fruits such as clove, lemongrass, nutmeg, cinnamon, turmeric, vanilla, coconuts, papaya, chili, black pepper, jackfruit, cardamom, cassava, and oranges. After the tour we will enjoy a traditional Swahili lunch at the farm. Here is when you can really taste the different ways of using spices.Afternoon with Abdullah on a walking city tour of Stone Town (historical architecture and the Slave Market/ Anglican Church). Dinner at the food Bizarre and overnight at **Zanzibar** **Serena Inn**. |
| **Day 11: MNARANI BEACH COTTAGES** |
| After breakfast, spend the morning with Abdullah on a short boat trip to one of the smaller islands (e.g., Prison Island) that were used as isolation camps for quarantine during the slave trade era, box lunch in lieu of dinner on second night. Transfer to Nungwi side of Zanzibar, check in at Mnarani beach cottage. Nungwi is on Zanzibar’s northernmost tip and has the kind of white coral sand that seems to glow, even after nightfall. Nungwi’s expansive coastline is wide open for swimming and snorkeling in some of Africa’s most pristine, reef-rich waters. It is one of the rare Zanzibari beaches untroubled by severe undulations of high and low tides, making it perfect for all-day water activities. It offers opportunities for deep sea fishing and there are plenty of other activities -- walking tours, sunset cruises, diving excursions and parasailing to name a few. Afternoon at leisure or any of the above activities. Dinner and overnight **Mnarani beach cottage.** |
| **Day 12: MNARANI BEACH COTTAGES** |
| Breakfast followed by a scuba diving excursion – book a daytrip to Mnemba Atoll which has wonderful reefs for snorkeling and diving. Mnemba Island is stunningly beautiful but unfortunately it is privately owned and not open to the public (I worked for the company that owns it and it was one of my properties in my marketing portfolio many years ago!). Mnemba Atoll is a conservation area that is protected to preserve the marine life. Dinner and overnight **Mnarani beach cottage.** |
| **Day 13: MNARANI BEACH COTTAGES** |
| This location offers opportunities for deep sea fishing and there are plenty of other activities -- walking tours, sunset cruises, and parasailing to name a few. Afternoon at leisure or any of the above activities. Dinner and overnight at **Mnarani beach cottages.** |
| **Day 14: MNARANI BEACH COTTAGES** |
| Breakfast followed by more scuba diving or any of the above activities. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight **Mnarani beach cottage.** |
| **Day 15: MNARANI BEACH COTTAGES** |
| Breakfast followed by more scuba diving or any of the above activities.Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight at **Mnarani beach cottage.** |
| **Day 16: TRANSFER TO ZANZIBAR AIRPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT** |
| Today, after breakfast check-out and bid goodbye to our hotel manager for hosting, Transfer to Zanzibar airport for our international flight back home. |