



Cheetahs in the Mara by Tim S. Geiss

## TIM'S ULTIMATE AFRICAN SAFARI 2021

### 25 Day Road/Fly Safari (includes travel days)

**This is a group tour.**

Highlights: Standing on the equator, flora, fauna, scenery, birdlife, three types of giraffe and two types of zebra.

#### Kenya and Tanzania Safari Plan

1. NAIROBI
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4. SAMBURU GR
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6. LAKE NAKURU NP
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8. MASAI MARA NR
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11. NAIROBI
12. ARUSHA
13. ARUSHA
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15. TARANGIRE NP
16. TARANGIRE NP
17. NGORONGORO CRATER
18. NGORONGORO CRATER
19. SERENGETI NP
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23. ARUSHA (*Fly from Serengeti*)



September 2021

15: Depart the U.S.

### 16: Arrival in Nairobi, Kenya

KARIBU KENYA! Welcome to Kenya! Arrive Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) in Nairobi, Kenya. Airport Meet and Greet and then transfer to the Sarova Stanley Hotel for overnight.

### 17: Nairobi

Pre-trip brief. Enjoy visits at the Karen Blixen Museum and feeding the Rothschild giraffe at Langata Giraffe Center. Lunch will be at Karen Blixen Coffee Farm. Dinner will be on your own. **(BL)**

### 18: Nairobi

Mid-morning visit at the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage. Lunch will be at the Talisman. Dinner will be on your own. **(BL)**

### 19: Nairobi - Samburu Game Reserve

After an early breakfast leave Nairobi for Samburu. Heading north, you pass near Thika where there is a 40 sq. mi. pineapple plantation. You'll continue to see breathtaking scenery dotted with rushing mountain streams and fields of tea and coffee along the way. The day's journey will take you through the equatorial town of Nanyuki and around Mt. Kenya before descending into the Northern Frontier and the town of Isiolo. From there it's a fairly short hop to Samburu and your arrival at the lodge in time for lunch. A late afternoon game drive for you before dinner and overnight. **(BLD)**



At the Langata Giraffe Center by Tim S. Geiss

## 20: Samburu Game Reserve

Your game drives today are looking for the rare, the unusual and the Samburu Five – Reticulated Giraffe, Oryx, Grevy's Zebra, Gerenuk Gazelle and the Blue Somali Ostrich. Wildlife that is only seen in this region. Your first drive takes you out before breakfast. You'll have the midday to relax by the lodge pool or the terrace overlooking the river. In the mid-afternoon there will be another game drive in this wonderful park perhaps giving you an opportunity to see some of the cats. Return to the lodge as the sun is setting. Overnight at your lodge. *(BLD)*

## 21: Samburu GR - Lake Nakuru NP

Leave after breakfast and drive south and west into the Great Rift Valley. Beautiful scenery including several tea plantations. Arrive at your camp for lunch. You'll have an afternoon at leisure or take part in an activity the camp has to offer. Dinner and overnight. underground viewing platform Dinner and overnight. *(BLD)*

## 22: Lake Nakuru NP

After lunch take a picnic lunch and spend the day in the spectacular Lake Nakuru NP. The national park, known for its birdlife, is also home to black and white rhinos as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. Late afternoon return for dinner and overnight. *(BLD)*

## 23: Lake Nakuru NP - Masai Mara NR

After breakfast, drive to Narok town via Mai-Mahiu where you will have a brief a rest stop. Proceed on to the 'Mara' arriving in time for lunch at your lodge. After lunch, depart for an afternoon game drive looking for the big cats and – lion, leopard and cheetah. Return back to the lodge for dinner and overnight. *(BLD)*



*Lounging Leopard* by Tim S. Geiss



*Zebras on the Plains* by Tim S. Geiss

## 24: Masai Mara National Reserve

Optional morning Hot Air Balloon. Enjoy the abundance of wildlife – elephant, buffalo, zebra, giraffe and hyena – on your morning and afternoon game drives. After your wonderful day return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. *(BLD)*

## 25: Masai Mara National Reserve

Rising at dawn with tea and coffee, depart for an early morning game drive before breakfast, catching the animals before the heat of the day sets in. The world's greatest wildlife spectacle – The Great Migration – comes into the Masai Mara from July through October. After some leisure time that takes you into the afternoon you will have an afternoon game drive. Return for dinner and overnight. *(BLD)*

## 26: Masai Mara National Reserve - Nairobi

A final morning game drive before breakfast. Depart the Masai Mara and head across acres of rolling wheat and barley farms to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. From here cross the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley before heading up the rift escarpment. You will have a picnic lunch en-route. Arrive into Kenya's bustling capital in the late afternoon. Dinner will be on your own. Overnight at your hotel. *(BL)*

## 27: Nairobi

Morning departure by Riverside Shuttle for Arusha. Arrive in the mid-afternoon and overnight. *(BL)*

## 28: Arusha

Day at leisure. *(B)*



*Epic Pose* by Tim S. Geiss

#### 29: Arusha

Day at leisure. (B)

#### 30: Arusha

Meet with your tour guide at 10 am. Visit a local market where you will help pick out local produce to donate to a local orphanage. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, have a choice of *optional* visits to the Tanzanite Experience, Shanga or take the remainder of the day at leisure. (BLD)

### October 2021

#### 01: Arusha - Tarangire NP

Morning departure for Tarangire National Park. Depending on the season, it's possible to see large herds of elephants throughout the park. Along with many other herbivores they are drawn to the Tarangire River and the Silale Swamp. Overnight at your Tarangire lodge. (BLD)

#### 02: Tarangire NP

Morning and afternoon game drives today. Large Baobab trees are a main feature of the park. While over 500 bird species have been recorded here the big cats may be found as well. Overnight at your Tarangire lodge. (BLD)

#### 03: Tarangire NP - Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, drive through the Great Rift Valley before climbing the escarpment and on to the Ngorongoro Crater. En-route shopping stop at the best souvenir shop in Tanzania. *Optional* afternoon visit at a nearby Maasai Village (\$20). Overnight at your Ngorongoro lodge or Farm House. (BLD)

#### 04: Ngorongoro Crater

Game drive 2000 feet down in the Eighth Natural Wonder of the World - Ngorongoro Crater. Year round water keeps a large variety of animals teeming in the area. Picnic lunch will be at one of the hippo pools. Continue your game drive in one of the best places to see black rhinos in Tanzania. The crater elephants also have some of the largest tusks in all of Africa. Overnight at your Ngorongoro lodge or Farm House. (BLD)

#### 05: Ngorongoro Crater - Serengeti NP

Continue on around the rim of the Crater and descend into the Serengeti. *Optional* visit to the Olduvai Gorge (\$30) which sits between the two parks. The drive leading up to the park entrance at Naabi Hill gives you an idea where the park gets its name of Serengeti - Maasai for 'endless plains'. After your picnic lunch you will continue with the game drive en-route to your lodge. Arrive in the late afternoon and overnight at your Serengeti lodge. (BLD)

#### 06: Serengeti NP

*Optional* A Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Safari. Enjoy more exploration of this great park possibly visiting one of the many dazzling Kopjes (rocky outcrops) scattered throughout the area. Return in the late afternoon and overnight at your Serengeti lodge. (BLD)



*Wildebeest in the 'Crater'* by Tim S. Geiss

#### 07: Serengeti NP

The Serengeti is full of awe-inspiring landscapes from the plains, to the acacia forests, to the hills in the central region and the Kopjes located throughout. Add that to the abundant wildlife and you will see why it is animal

paradise. You will spend the entire day in it looking for game including the many prides of lions that live throughout the park. Overnight at your Serengeti lodge. **(BLD)**

**08: Serengeti NP**

This morning is another day in animal paradise. You will leave early to go explore either the western or northern part of the Serengeti. Destination will be determined on whether the migration has made an early appearance to the Serengeti. Millions of animals may be seen here during the migration seasons. Return in the late afternoon and overnight at your Serengeti lodge. **(BLD)**

**09: Serengeti NP - Arusha**

Morning game drive en-route to the Seronera Airport in the central Serengeti for your flight to Arusha. There is a day room waiting for you. Transfer to JRO for your evening departure toward home. **(BL)**

**10: Arrive U.S.**

Inclusive meals as indicated:

**B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner**

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DAY	DESTINATION	
16	NAIROBI	Sarova Stanley
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19	SAMBURU NR	Samburu Game Lodge
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21	LAKE NAKURU NP	Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge
22	LAKE NAKURU NP	Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge
23	MASAI MARA NR	Mara Sarova Lodge
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25	MASAI MARA NR	Mara Sarova Lodge
26	NAIROBI	Sarova Stanley
27	ARUSHA	Sarova Stanley (day room)
28	ARUSHA	Arusha Serena Lodge
29	ARUSHA	Arusha Serena Lodge
30	TARANGIRE NP	Tarangire Safari Lodge
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02	NGORONGORO	Ngorongoro Serena
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08	ARUSHA	Arusha Serena Lodge (day room)



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