Kenya & Tanzania

Wildlife & Human Origins in East Africa

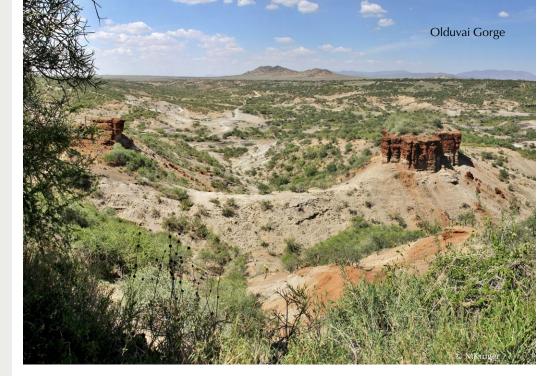


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Join us on this East African adventure as we drive among the wildlife and landscapes of Kenya and Tanzania. We will make special stops along the way, such as to visit Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge, the site of Louis and Mary Leakey's famous, mid-20th-century paleoanthropological discoveries that indicated that hominins had evolved in Africa. Journeying through the impressive wildlife, beauty, and diversity of this African terrain highlights the privilege of exploring and learning from the world around us.







Highlights:

- Explore four national parks: Kenya's Nairobi
 National Park, Hells Gate National Park, and
 Amboseli National Park; and Tanzania's Serengeti
 National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Enjoy a combined eight days of safari drives in Kenya and Tanzania, searching for Africa's big five mammals—lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and buffalo—as well as a variety of other mammals and hundreds of species of birds.
- Take a scenic boat ride on Lake Naivasha, spotting birds, hippo, and thousands of flamingo.
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ngorongoro Crater, home to 26,000 big mammals and 500 species of birds.

Throughout our adventure you will enjoy generous comfort and exceptional service at charming resorts and lodges, plus two nights at a memorable safari camp. All of our game drives, led by expert driver-guides, will use 4x4 Land Cruisers with pop-up roofs and have no more than six guests per vehicle.



Ngorongoro Crater

ITINERARY

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • R= Reception • D= Dinner

Tuesday, January 7, 2025: Depart home Depart home on flights to Nairobi, Kenya.

Wednesday, January 8: Arrive Nairobi, KENYA | Transfer to hotel | Welcome reception

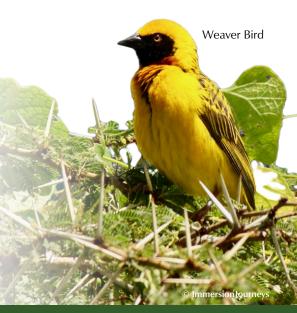
Upon arrival at Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO), meet your driver and transfer to our hotel. For those whose flights arrive before 5:00pm, gather this evening for welcome cocktails and an informal meet and greet. Dinner will be on your own, and restaurant suggestions will be provided by the tour manager. Overnight at the 5-star Emara Ole-Sereni Hotel for two nights. (R)

Thursday, January 9: Nairobi National Park | National Museum of Kenya | Welcome dinner

After an early breakfast and a trip briefing, we visit Nairobi National Park, home to some of the most endangered species and one of the best places in Africa to see rhino. The Park is also home to lion, leopard, cheetah, giraffe, and antelope. After lunch we tour the National Museum of Kenya, including the Hall of Early Hominids and (pending permission) we may see inside the fossil vault. Return to our hotel and gather for a festive welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday & Saturday, January 10 & 11: Hells Gate National Park | Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Depart this morning for Ol Pejeta Conservancy, stopping en route at Hells Gate National Park, which is known for its geothermal activity. Spectacular scenery, including towering cliffs, water-gouged gorges, stark rock towers, scrub clad volcanoes, and belching plumes of geothermal steam make it one of the most impressive parks in Africa. Arrive at our camp in Ol Pejeta Conservancy, the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa and home to the last remaining northern white rhinos, where we will spend the balance of these two days on safari drives. The



Conservancy also includes an Endangered Species Enclosure which is home to Africa's "big five" (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and buffalo), and a 300-acre, rehabilitative chimpanzee sanctuary. *Overnight at the 4-star Sweetwaters Serena Camp for two nights.* (B,L,D daily)

Sunday, January 12: Lake Naivasha

Depart our camp this morning and drive to Lake Naivasha which, at 6,181 feet, is the highest elevation lake in the Great Rift Valley, and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a scenic boat ride. Be on the lookout for wildlife, including hippopotamus and more than 400 species of birds. Check-in to our resort, set on 150 acres of grassland, and have dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort.* (B,L,D)

Monday & Tuesday, January 13 & 14: Amboseli National Park

On Monday morning we drive approximately five hours to Amboseli National Park, located in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. Spend the balance of Monday as well as Tuesday on safari drives in the Park, where may be found an estimated 80 species of mammals, including not only its famed elephants but also buffalo, impala, wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle; plus approximately 400 species of birds. *Overnight at the 4-star Ol Tukai Lodge Amboseli for two nights*. (B,L,D daily)

Wednesday, January 15: Ngorongoro Conservation Area, TANZANIA

Today we bid farewell to our Kenyan guides, cross the Namanga border into Tanzania, and meet our new Tanzanian guides. After a stop for lunch, we continue driving to Ngorongoro Conservation Area and check-in to our beautiful lodge set right on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. *Overnight at the 4-star Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Thursday & Friday, January 16 & 17: Ngorongoro Crater | Olduvai Gorge

Thursday we descend into Ngorongoro Crater by safari vehicle for a chance to spot all five of Africa's famous mammals – lion, rhino, leopard, elephant, and buffalo. You can also expect to see a variety of other mammals, birds, lakes, lush forests, and savanna vegetation. The Crater is home to 26,000



"The small group size and the wonderful people we traveled with made this an exceptionally enjoyable trip."

- Annette, Ohio



Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. An in-program group bush flight from the Serengeti to Arusha on the main tour will be booked for you and is included in the price (subject to change). Individual and/ or group (depending on flight schedules) airport transfers on arrival at Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) and to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for departure (or to Arusha Regional Airport [ARK] to continue on to the post-tour extension) will be provided on program dates. The in-program group flight from Arusha to Zanzibar for extension participants will be booked for you and is included in the price (subject to change). Departure transfers to Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (ZNZ) for extension participants are also included. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. We are not liable for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

big mammals and 500 species of birds. On Friday we visit Olduvai Gorge, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage (mixed natural/cultural) Site of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Olduvai Gorge was the site of Louis and Mary Leakey's famous hominin fossil discoveries. We will visit the site museum to see some of the specimens. Then, choose to spend the balance of the day at leisure with a chance to relax and enjoy the amenities of our lodge OR take part in a walk along the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. (B,L,D daily)

Saturday through Monday, January 18 through 20: Serengeti National Park | Farewell dinner

After breakfast on Saturday we depart for world famous Serengeti National Park, spending these three days traversing the savanna on safari drives, witnessing the annual wildebeest migration from Kenya into Tanzania. Enjoy a farewell dinner on January 20th. *Overnight at the 4-star Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge for three nights.* (B,L,D daily)

Tuesday, January 21: Bush flight to Arusha | Fly home or begin Zanzibar extension

This morning we transfer to the airstrip for a bush flight to Arusha, arriving in the early afternoon. Transfer to our hotel, where day rooms have been arranged. Relax around the pool or gardens, or explore independently. This evening, transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for independent flights homeward (your international flight departure must be after 5pm) OR continue on a group flight to begin the Zanzibar post-tour extension. *Day room at the 4-star Four Points by Sheraton Arusha hotel.* (B)

"Our lecturer and guide were excellent and willing to explain everything patiently."

- Vera, Virginia

What to Expect



MODERATE: Must be able to walk one to three miles per day on mostly flat, but often uneven, terrain.

You must be in good physical condition to participate on this safari and able to walk, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Participants who are not able to sit comfortably, and walk and stand unassisted, for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. That said, there are limited opportunities, if any, for daily exercise. Hotels, lodges, and the camp have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. The tented camp has spacious sleeping quarters, flush toilets, hot and cold running water, and 24-hour electricity.

The international flights are long, and we will spend many hours in 4WD vehicles on game drives. Land travel, especially on game drives, will be over very bumpy roads. Participants with back issues should consult with their physician and consider traveling with appropriate back support. There may be considerable dust in the air during game drives. Participants with allergies or breathing issues are encouraged to travel with a dust mask or bandana to inhibit dust inhalation. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot participate in a game drive or visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. All participants are expected to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences.

Although as a trip participant you are a member of the AMREF Flying Doctors, which provides emergency medical evacuation to Nairobi for travelers, you should also be aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available during all or part of your trip. Each participant must be covered by medical insurance that is valid overseas. Our visit is during the dry season, so the chance of rain will be low. Generally, the weather will be pleasant with clear skies, and daytime temperatures will range from the mid-70s F to the mid-80s F. Equatorial sun is very intense and we recommend using strong sunblock and drinking plenty of water. Included meals will be of high quality. Beer, wine, and cocktails at the camp and lodges will be available for direct purchase, when not included in

meals. Toilet facilities may be primitive during game drives. The maximum altitude on this trip is just under 8,000 feet above sea level. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



January 21-24, 2025 (4 days)

elax and enjoy the luxurious facilities of *Bluebay Beach* Resort & Spa, situated on the finest white, sandy beach on Zanzibar's east coast. Enjoy three nights at this resort, set amid 30 acres of tropical gardens with over 1,000 palm trees; fine food and wine highlighting local ingredients; and access to the sports and leisure facilities and the Oasis Spa (at additional cost).

Included in your program is a guided, half-day tour of Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn about the events that shaped the deep history and culture of Zanzibar while exploring the former Slave Market, Anglican Cathedral, Old Arab Fort, and Old Dispensary. While tracing the steps of the past in Stone Town, you also have a window into modern life. Explore the markets, with seafood and fish piled high in the fish market, fresh bread in wicker baskets, and neat stacks of fruits and vegetables as traders sell their wares from their stalls.

This is a lovely, mostly independent, rejuvenating way to spend a few days before returning home from your East African adventure. Overnight at the Bluebay Beach Resort & **Spa** for three nights. (B,D daily)

Post-Tour Extension Prices Per Person (3 nights)

Double Occupancy (2 to 16 participants)......\$1,795 Single Supplement (limited availability)\$245 Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.

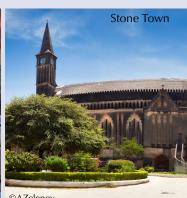
Post-Tour Extension Price Includes:

- One-way flight from Arusha to Zanzibar with airport arrival and departure transfers
- Three nights' accommodations including breakfast daily and three dinners. Meals include water
- Half-day guided heritage and history tour of historic Stone Town

Post-Tour Extension Prices Do Not Include: Airfare to home; airfare tax and foreign airport taxes; independent airport transfers not on program dates; any costs associated with flight cancellations or delays; passport and visa fees; gratuities to restaurant staff for included meals, driver/guides, porters, and hotel staff (suggested amounts will be provided); excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, vaccinations, and room service; meals or beverages except as noted; any services or activities not specified.









Unique & Luxurious Accommodations



Nairobi - Two nights at the 5-star Emara Ole-Sereni Hotel



Ol Pejeta Conservancy - Two nights at the 4-star Sweetwaters Serena Camp



Lake Naivasha - One night at the 3-star <u>Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort</u>



Amboseli - Two nights at the 4-star Ol Tukai Lodge Amboseli



Ngorongoro - Three nights at the 4-star Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge



Serengeti - Three nights at the 4-star Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge



Arusha - Day room at the 4-star Four Points by Sheraton Arusha hotel





Main Tour Price Per Person (13 nights)

Double Occupancy (11-16 participants)\$12,445 Single Supplement (limited availability)\$1,225

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required. With fewer than 11 participants, a small group surcharge may be applied.

Main Tour Price Includes:

- AIA lecturer/host William Harcourt-Smith plus expert driver/guides
- **All ground transportation**, with no more than 6 guests in each 4x4 safari vehicle, providing window seats for everyone
- Access to potable water at all times (for filling environmentally friendly reusable water bottles); soft drinks and snacks available at all times during game drives
- Thirteen nights and one day room in unique hotels, lodges, and tented camp accommodations as per itinerary
- All meals with water/soft drinks, plus coffee or tea.
 Dinners include a choice of local wine or beer. Special welcome and farewell dinners include local beer and/or wine, and non-specialty spirits
- Individual and/or group (depending on flight schedules) airport arrival/departure transfers will be provided on program dates
- **Group flight** from Serengeti to Arusha, including taxes
- **All excursions** as indicated in the itinerary
- All porterage fees, service charges, government VAT, hotel taxes, and park entrance fees
- **Gratuities** to restaurant staff for included meals; driver/ guides; porters; and hotel, camp, and lodge staff
- **Pre-departure information** on all aspects of the safari, plus cultural information and a suggested reading/media guide
- Membership in AMREF Flying Doctors

Main Tour Price Does Not Include: Airfare from/to home; airfare tax and foreign airport taxes; independent airport transfers; any costs associated with flight cancellations or delays; fees associated with required yellow fever vaccination; passport and visa fees; excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service; meals or beverages except as noted; any activities not specified in the itinerary.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "Eos AIA-KenyaTanz1/25." Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, park fees, and the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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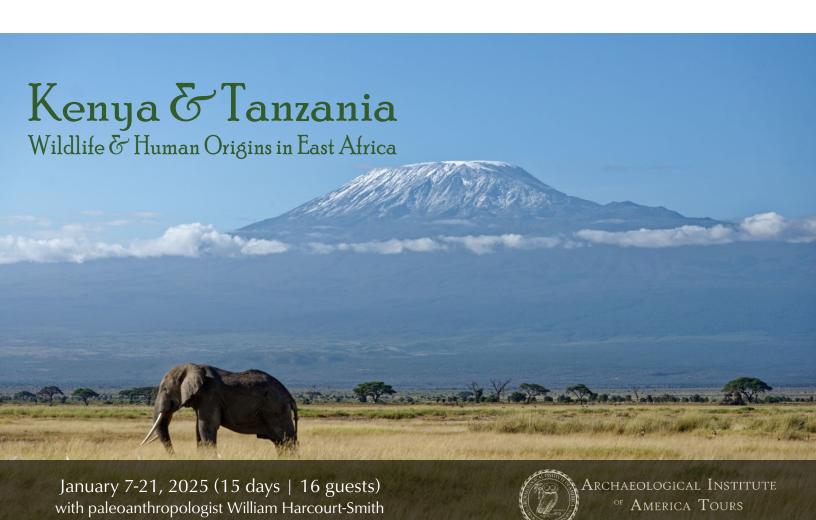






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January 7-21, 2025 (15 days | 16 guests) with paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith



To fill out an online reservation form, <u>click here</u>. Or, print and mail or fax this form to the address below.



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