GEEO ITINERARY

TANZANIA 7/27/2022- Summer

Day 1: Arusha Arrive at any time.

Today is the arrival day and you may arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting. Check the notice boards or ask at reception for the exact time and location of the group meeting, typically 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. After the meeting, you might take the opportunity to head out for a meal in a nearby local restaurant to get to know your tour leader and traveling companions further. Please make every effort to arrive on time for this welcome meeting. If you are delayed and will arrive late, please inform us. Your tour leader will then leave you a message at the front desk informing you of where and when to meet up.

Day 2: Arusha/Mto wa Mbu (B, L) Experience the Mto wa Mbu village with a guided cultural walk and traditional lunch with a local family. Take a wildlife safari drive in Lake Manyara NP.

Travel to Mto wa Mbu village and take part in a cultural walk to learn about life in this East African town. Mto wa Mbu has attracted some 18,000 residents from 120 different tribes. During the two-hour tour, visit the village's local market, walk in the farmer's fields, see how huts are constructed, and meet artisans in their shops. Afterward, sit down with our new friends and enjoy a traditional lunch of meat and plantains. Spend the afternoon viewing wildlife along the main road that winds through the lush cool forests of Lake Manyara National Park, overgrown with ficus trees and covered with bromeliads. This western wall of the Rift Valley escarpment is truly stunning. It provides a backdrop for your search for the park's phenomenal birdlife (including raptors), tree-climbing lions, elephants, zebras, hippos, baboons, and buffalos. Look up and see some of the more than 400 species of birds, including pink flamingos, pelicans, cormorants, and storks. Beyond wildlife, Lake Manyara NP is home to giant fig trees, acacia woodlands, mahogany trees, and grassy flood plains. The contrasts of this area are simply breathtaking; the open plains, huge escarpment, central alkaline lake, dense woodlands, and distant volcanic peaks coming together in an area best described by Ernest Hemingway as “the loveliest I have seen in Africa.” Approximate travel time: 2-3 hrs by 7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle

Day 3: Mto wa Mbu/Serengeti National Park (B, L, D) Enjoy a wildlife safari drive en route to the central Serengeti. En route stop for visit to the Olduvai Gorge Museum.

Drive through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and on to Serengeti National Park. On the way, we will stop for a visit to the Olduvai Gorge and museum. (Entry fee to be paid by C-GEO on the spot) It is a museum dedicated to the appreciation and understanding of the Olduvai Gorge and Laetoli fossil sites. It is here that Mary and Louis Leakey Olduvai Gorge uncovered fossils of ancient hominines and the earliest hominins, as well as the stone tools produced by the latter group. Marvel at the sheer vastness of this territory, and spot the multitude of animal and birdlife while cruising through this acacia-accented savanna. Your eagle-eyed driver will keep an eye out for wildlife – buffaloes, elephants, lions, wildebeests, zebras, and more. Tanzania’s Serengeti tends to be less crowded than some of Kenya’s reserves, so enjoy the scenery, the vast expanse of the grasslands, the play of light and shadow, and the up-close look at wild Africa. Approximate travel time: 8-9 hrs by 7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle

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Rise early for a morning wildlife safari drive, returning in time for lunch. Continue the search for the "big five" in the afternoon while taking in the vastness of the Serengeti plains. You have the option of booking a hot air balloon safari. Spirited aloft in a hot-air balloon, view the wildlife and terrain of the Serengeti

that only the birds see. Enjoy a champagne breakfast and keep that shutter-finger good and limber—you'll be using it plenty over the course of your hour in the air. If you have pre-booked a Serengeti Balloon Safari, your flight will be in the morning. You will miss the morning wildlife safari drive with the group, but you will have spectacular views from above. Approximate travel time: Most the day in a 7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle

Day 5: Serengeti National Park/Ngorongoro (B, L, D) Take a morning wildlife safari drive as you depart the Serengeti, then continue wildlife viewing in the Ngorongoro Crater, before getting a spectacular view of the crater from your campsite on its rim.

Take a morning wildlife safari drive as you depart the Serengeti, then continue wildlife viewing in the Ngorongoro Crater. Head down into the crater and to all the best spots to view wildlife. Spot zebra, gazelles, buffaloes, and warthogs. The swamp and forest are home to hippos, rhinos, elephants, baboons, and monkeys. Keep your eyes peeled and camera ready to capture a pride of lions or a lone leopard walking along the crater floor. Approximate travel time: 4 hrs by 7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle

Day 6: Ngorongoro/Arusha (B, L) Visit an authentic Maasai village and the G Adventures-supported Clean Cookstove Project, then return to Arusha for the night.

Visit a Maasai village in the Monduli District and witness the benefits of the Clean Cookstove Project. In Tanzania, 95% of people rely on cooking with wood and coal. Women and girls spend hours walking to collect wood every day (making them vulnerable to assault and unable to use their time to go to school). Indoor smoke from open-fire stoves causes cancer, emphysema, pneumonia, blindness, and burns. Take a guided tour of these villages and meet the women that have been trained as stove engineers, visit bomas (traditional homes), and observe (or get your hands dirty) by helping the Stove Team build a stove in a home. See the beneficial impact of the clean-burning stoves on the health and daily lives of the Maasai villagers, especially the women. We arrive in Arusha this evening, back to our start hotel. Approximate travel time: 4-5 hrs by 7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle

Day 7: Arusha (B) A free day to explore Arusha, or relax at the lodge.

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Day 8: Arusha/Stone Town (B) Fly to the beautiful island of Zanzibar and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy an orientation walk with your tour leader in historic Stone Town, and opt to continue on for a longer walking tour, or explore on your own.

Transfer to the airport for a short, but scenic flight to this island paradise. The flight from Arusha/Kilimanjaro Airport to Zanzibar is unaccompanied, and you will be met by your local Zanzibar guide on arrival. Your tour leader will give you all the relevant flight information. Arrive in Stone Town in time for lunch and an orientation walk. If you opt to continue on for a longer tour of Stone Town, you will be visiting the Old Slave Market, House of Wonders, Palace Museum; entrance to these sites is optional and are to be purchased on site. Approximate travel time: 1 hrs by private vehicle, 1.5 hrs by plane

Day 9: Zanzibar Beach Resort (B) Visit a local spice plantation for a guided tour. Continue to the white-sand beaches and turquoise waters of Zanzibar's beautiful coast.

This morning we visit a local spice plantation for a guided tour. Delight your senses and learn about an assortment of spices, such as cloves, black pepper, cardamom, cinnamon, nutmeg, breadfruit, jackfruit, vanilla, and lemongrass, and their various uses. It was the spice plantations that brought the beginnings of Zanzibar's infamous slave trade dating back to the 1840s. Continue to the white-sand beaches and

turquoise waters of Zanzibar's beautiful coast where you will have the afternoon free to swim or relax at the beach

Day 10: Zanzibar Beach Resort (B) Enjoy free time to lounge on the beach, snorkel, or tour the island.

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