Great Migration - Birthing Season



Leave US destinations flying to Amsterdam overnight on KLM PM flights land AMS next morning. Transfer to morning KLM flight to Kilimanjaro (JRO) Land 8:30 PM. Get luggage and transfer to The African Tulip Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 1 7:00 breakfast, pack vehicles and drive to Tarangire national Park for lunch at The Balloon Camp. Move in and relax. 4:00 PM first game drive. We start with the huge marsh that boarders the Wilderness. Beautiful acacia trees are home to lions, leopard, ostrich and more. The marsh is a fantastic area to view herds of elephants feeding, playing, drinking, swimming, and dusting. Dinner and overnight at Balloon Camp.

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Day 2 Early hot breakfast as the drivers load the vehicles. We explore more of the park in search of park specialties including lesser kudu, lilac-breasted rollers, blue-cheeked bee eaters, open-billed stork, and if we are lucky, wild dogs.

We continue or drive out of the park, up the rift valley, and on to the plains of Ndutu. Lunch on the way. This afternoon we will have our first views of the Great Rift Valley, and the Great Migration of wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles. After the short rains of Christmas the short, mineral rich grasses of Ndutu provide the nutrients vital to newborn wildebeest.

We check into our Luxury Tented Camp and head out for an exploratory game drive to see who is in the neighborhood. We are absolutely in the middle of it with wildlife right outside our doors. Within 5 minutes of our camp we have photographed lion, leopard, cheetah, serval cat, genet cat, caracal, and African wild cat.

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The main event is the search for the wildebeest herds to see the birthing process. It's an amazing story that includes, birth, heroic calves that need to learn to stand, nurse, walk, and run...all in the first 5 minutes of a precarious life. With all the new babies there is plenty of food for lions, leopards, and cheetahs to provide for new cubs!

The tents are spectacular, the food is great and the staff is most accommodating with wonderful service and covid safety at the forefront.

We are excited to have such a long stay in this wildlife wonderland.

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Days 3,4,5,6,7 - AM and PM game drives. Meals and overnights at Ndutu Luxury Tented Camp.

Day 8 we pack up, have an early breakfast before an AM game drive and transfer to Serengeti National Park where we check into our new tented camp in the Central Serengeti for 3 nights. Highlights of the area include leopards, prides of lions, elephants, a spectacular hippo pool and much more!



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Days 9, 10 AM and PM game drives with meals and overnights at the tented camp.

Day 11 early AM breakfast and game drive. We continue our game drive as we exit the park and continue on to the Ngorongoro Crater. We will have a relaxing afternoon at our Camp inside the Crater as the sun sets over the Crater.

Days 12,13 We will have an early start and get into the Crater before any other vehicles. Mornings are hands down the best time to be in the Crater. Here we have chances to see black rhino, huge bull elephants, herds of gazelles, zebra and buffalo. There are lakes and ponds that can have flamingos, saddle bill storks, grey heron, hammer cop and especially African crowned crane. Lions are always active and we have every hope to see serval cat! We usually eat a late breakfast after the day warms up and the activity slows down. There is only one admission to the Crater per day so when we leave we have the rest of the afternoon to relax, do photography along the rim for many different mountain bird species, and work on photo editing.

Day 14 Early breakfast at camp, pack up all of our gear and get into the crater early. If we have not seen wildebeest birthing yet, there is a big resident population in the Crater that can give us a last chance to see this wonderful event. At 10:00 we wind out of the Crater at back to Arusha for day rooms at the African Tulip where we will have day rooms for washing up and packing for our evening transfer to the airport for our flight home.

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The Fine Print

Price includes all transportation within Tanzania, accommodations, meals, activities and excursions mentioned in the itinerary, bottled water during the program including lunch and dinners, English speaking guide throughout the program.

Price does not include international airfare, visa fees, any beverages throughout the trip (except for bottled water), and any personal extras such as phone calls, minibar, and laundry.

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