

PRINCETON JOURNEYS

A World of Learning



Tanzania Family Safari

December 21, 2007 to January 2, 2008



“It was one of the most amazing days of my whole life. We woke up at 4:30 in the morning when you could still hear the night animals. We drove to the middle of the Serengeti and met our pilot. Then we lay down in the basket and took off! As soon as we got up there we saw so many cool things. We saw at least 15 different types of birds, and at least 6 prides of lions. Most of the prides had cute cubs which was a plus. At one point, we flew over the water and saw all the hippos waking up. Everything was amazing but I think the coolest part was when we saw a cheetah chasing a pack of gazelles at full speed. It was almost like you were watching a car chase. Unfortunately it didn't catch anything, but seeing it run was good enough for me. We finally touched down on the ground and celebrated with orange juice and champagne for the big guys. Afterwards, we were treated to a full English breakfast á la Serengeti. It was awesome!”

— Eliana Kwartler, age 12, traveled to Tanzania with her parents Carol Barash *89 and Jed Kwartler, and siblings Talia (15) and Zachary (17), in December 2005.

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Dear Princetonian,

In 2005, excited Princeton families traveled to Tanzania and experienced the timeless beauty and drama of Africa together. Join Princeton over the winter holiday period **December 21, 2007–January 2, 2008**, and learn with your family in three distinct wildlife areas.

Tarangire National Park, with its astonishing diversity of landscape, is home to many elephants and other migratory animals. At Ngorongoro Conservation Area, we will look for rhinoceros, lion, hyena, zebra, elephant, and hippo in the stunning collapsed caldera of Ngorongoro Crater, now a magnificent haven for wildlife. Under the brilliant blue African skies, wildebeests, giraffes, lions, zebras, warthogs, and buffalo roam the wide open plains of Serengeti National Park. Our encounters with the fauna of Tanzania will be complemented by interaction with its people, including visits to the village of Mto Wa Mbu, an Iraqw tribesman's homestead, and a Maasai boma.

From the unexpected comfort of the walk-in tents, to the popcorn by the campfire, to the kid-friendly pacing, to the exciting proximity of the wildlife, this is not your average family camping trip! Knowledgeable naturalist guides will lead your family, providing you with some of the most extraordinary game viewing opportunities in the world.

This learning journey promises to be a great way to bring friends and families—and fellow Princetonians—closer together. Whether watching a lion stalking a herd of zebra or reflecting on the brilliance of an African sunset, the memories you will make together will last a lifetime. The 2005 safari was over-subscribed and we anticipate that the 2007 reprise will sell out quickly. Please contact Princeton Journeys team soon to make your family's reservation.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Miller

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Director
Office of the Alumni Association of Princeton University

Princeton Journeys: Tanzania Family Safari
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December 21 & 22: U.S. / Amsterdam / Arrive Arusha

Depart the U.S. in the later afternoon and connect in Amsterdam for flights to Kilimanjaro, arriving in the evening. Upon arrival, transfer with a guide to the group's lodge for a good night's rest. *Overnight: Kigongoni Lodge (Meals aloft)*

December 23: Village and School visit

Today the young travelers meet their pen pals and experience rural village life. After breakfast and a safari briefing at the lodge, head to a village nestled on the slopes of Mt. Meru. Spend the morning walking through the village and learning about the rural life in Tanzania. With eighty percent of Tanzanians living as subsistence agriculturalists, the visit provides an introduction to the way they farm, the houses they live in, and what a typical day entails. After being welcomed into their village and school and invited to join a game of soccer, continue to your guide's home for a traditional lunch. End the afternoon with a walk in the forest to search for Colobus and Sykes monkey. *Overnight: Kigongoni Lodge (All meals included)*

December 24 & 25: Tarangire National Park

This morning, drive to Tanzania's fourth largest park: Tarangire. Giant baobab trees and umbrella acacias dot the rocky hills and verdant valleys. Wildlife is drawn to the Tarangire River, a year-round source of water for huge herds of elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, antelope of all shapes and sizes, gazelle, lion, leopard and hyena. Enjoy lunch, settle in, and embark on an afternoon of wildlife viewing. Over the next days, explore far and wide in this beautiful park, with time in the afternoon for a swim in the pool!

Overnights: 2 nights Tarangire Safari Lodge (All meals included)

December 26: Great Rift Valley

We spend the morning wildlife viewing as we depart Tarangire, searching the trees for leopards and pausing as elephant families cross the road. Just a short drive from Tarangire, tucked at the edge of the Great Rift Valley Escarpment Wall, is a village known as the "melting pot of Tanzania" called Mto Wa Mbu. People from 120 different local cultures have flocked here for the plentiful farmland and job opportunities. Wander into the village with your guide and get a feel for the flow of daily life in Tanzania. In the afternoon, arrive at the group's picturesque lodge. Have the afternoon to sit by the pool or explore the area.

Overnight: Lake Manyara Serena Lodge (All meals included)

December 27: Village and Orphanage Visit

After breakfast, depart for Ngorongoro Crater traveling over winding red clay roads trimmed on either side with lovely flowers and grasses. Visit the home of Daniel and Elizabeth Tewa. Listen to Daniel recount the history of the local Mbulu people. Try your hand at grinding maize and learn more about the traditional underground home in which Daniel was raised before lunch. Spend the afternoon at the Rift Valley Children's Village, a local orphanage that has been a part of the Princeton-in-Africa fellowship program for a number of years. The night will be spent at a comfortable camp on the rim of the crater.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Classic Tented Camp (All meals included)

December 28: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Spend the whole day meandering among some 30,000 animals on the crater floor, a tiny universe perfectly enclosed by the 2,000-foot high crater wall. One can expect to see buffalo, gazelle, hippo, flamingo, hyena and wildebeest, among many other creatures. From your camp, perched high on the crater rim, you'll hear the distant jangling of Masaai cow bells and savor the sweetly scented breezes. There's a nearby Masaai boma that you may have time to visit as a special treat. Because of the elevation, you'll want to cozy up by the campfire in the evening, to ward off the cooler air and enjoy the delightful surroundings.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Classic Tented Camp (All meals included)

December 29-31: Serengeti National Park

From the green hills and high elevations of Ngorongoro Crater, head west to the vast open plains of the Serengeti. Halfway there, stop at Oduvai Gorge. Anyone fascinated by archeology will appreciate the small museum, which displays the incredible finds of Louis and Mary Leakey.

Continue your journey into the Serengeti, searching out its vast herds of wildebeest and zebra, great prides of lion, families of giraffe, and much more. When you are not on the game drives, the kids will have opportunities to explore the campsite with the guide or work on a variety of games, puzzles, and projects that can be geared to any age. They may wish to try their hands at beading, identifying animal tracks, or searching for unusual insects. They can always play a lively game of soccer since your camp crew and guides would never turn down a chance to kick the ball around! Adults will enjoy these three nights at camp to relax and soak in the beauty of the surroundings.

Overnights: 3 nights Serengeti Classic Tented Camp (All meals included)

January 1 & 2: Serengeti National Park & Depart / Home

Say goodbye to the endless plains this afternoon on an afternoon flight to Arusha. Day-rooms will be reserved, allowing for a shower and time to repack, relax, or go for a swim at the lodge before the late evening transfer to the airport. *Day room KIA Lodge (All meals included)*

Optional Balloon Safari: \$450 per person

One morning at sunrise, you have the option to take a hot air balloon over the Serengeti Plains for an unforgettable one-hour journey across the great African savanna. After landing, everyone is served champagne and a full English breakfast in the bush. Around mid-morning, you'll be returned to join your group to continue the day's exploration of the Serengeti. The minimum age for this excursion is 7. Space is limited to approximately 24 people per day.

Please note: Thomson Safaris (TS) will attempt to adhere to this itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, cultural, or wildlife migrations) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. TS reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participant.

On Safari...

Included ■ :

- All Game Park fees
- Accommodations based on double occupancy
- Meals as per the above itinerary inclusive of restaurant staff tips
- Services of Thomson Safaris guides and Princeton staff
- Land transportation in a specially customized 4-wheel drive Land Rover – each guest guaranteed a window seat
- Airport transfers for group
- Bottled drinking water
- Services of Classic Tented Camp
- Beer, wine, spirits and soda included at welcome and farewell dinners
- Membership in the Adventurers Club to include (Ages 7-15):
 - Penpals with whom you will correspond and then meet in Tanzania
 - 30 page Safari Logbook including journal, bird lists, mammal lists, games, sketch pads and address lists

Not Included ■ :

- Round-trip international airfare from the U.S. to Kilimanjaro, unless arranged by Thomson Safaris
- \$38 Tanzania airport departure tax – included if your international airfare is arranged by Thomson Safaris on NW/KLM Airlines
- Gratuities for guides and camp staff
- Soft drinks, beer, wine and spirits
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, and insurance
- Meals and expenses en route to Tanzania
- Laundry, phone and other items of a personal nature
- Trip insurance

For further information about this program, please contact
the Princeton Journeys staff at 609-258-8686 or email at
journeys@princeton.edu.



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The following prices are based on a minimum of 12 passengers

\$5,795 Per Adult, Double Occupancy
\$5,350 Per Child (7-15), Double Occupancy
Single Supplement: \$590

Optional Balloon Safari: \$450 Per Person

A special roundtrip international group airfare from Newark to Tanzania and return is available for approximately \$1,650. Seats are limited.

Why Tanzania?

There are few spots in the world that can truly be called “untouched.” Remarkably, Tanzania can. Why? Because Tanzania protects 25% of its land through national parks and reserves ... an unprecedented amount, rivaled by few other nations.

Kid-friendly comforts, adult-friendly pacing

We understand what traveling with children is all about so we have ensured that our safari is evenly paced, with enough time for relaxation and for adventure. Accommodations are not only clean and comfortable, but also welcoming and child-friendly. Our transfers are as brief and pleasant as possible. And we strive to make sure every meal is healthy, delicious, and varied enough for even the fussiest eaters.

Fun and learning for children of all ages

As you and the children in your life experience the wonders of the world together, you’ll have a chance to deepen your understanding of cultural diversity, discover the many miracles of nature, while playing, laughing, and enjoying the pleasure of one another’s company. This trip is well suited for children seven years and older.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS: A non-refundable deposit of \$700 per person is required to confirm your reservation.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 90 days prior to departure, **September 22, 2007.**

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing to Princeton Journeys. At the time your cancellation is received, refunds will be made according to the following per-person cancellation penalties:

Up to 91 days before departure:	Deposit (\$700 per person)
90-61 days before departure:	50% of the package price
60-46 days before departure:	65% of the package price
45 days or fewer before departure:	100% of the package price

INSURANCE: As a service to its travelers, the Alumni Association of Princeton University automatically provides basic travel coverage under a group travel insurance policy. It is highly recommended that you supplement this basic protection with your own additional coverage, as well as trip cancellation / interruption insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. Baggage insurance is also recommended. Information on additional insurance is available and will be mailed upon receipt of your reservation.

HEALTH: All participants should be in good health and capable of sitting, standing, and walking for long periods over rough terrain. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other limitations that would create a hazard for him/herself or other travelers.

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