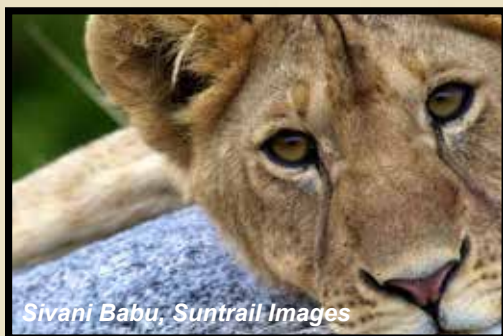


# Africa Photo Safari February 2018



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A payment of a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$600.00 per person, along with a completed and signed Reservation Booking Form and Travel Insurance Acceptance Form are required in order to confirm your reservation and secure your accommodations. The balance of the safari price is due not later than 90 days prior to departure. All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars.

**Be one of 8 guests to join me for an exciting 11 Day Photo Safari** - fully guided and all inclusive - Depart February 13th and return the 22nd of February. Departure planned for Los Angeles LAX - also available from JFK in New York for an additional charge. See next page for daily itinerary.

**Price Per Person Double Occupancy \$6,000.00** Includes R/T air fare on KLM and overnight in Amsterdam and City Tour and Hotel.

In Africa -

- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- All airport transfers / hotel transfers (all safaris are 100% escorted)
- Meet-n-Greet Airport Service (assisted customs process)
- All national park and reserve entrance fees, including special game drive permits with exclusive access • Use of a 4WD private safari vehicle, including unlimited mileage/fuel for game-drives • Private services of your expert Naturalist driver-guide • Internal regional airfare (scheduled bush flights) • Use of Nikon Action 7 x 35 binoculars while on safari and professional quality bean bags for cameras
- Use of charging stations in your vehicles for cell phones and camera batteries • Unlimited bottled drinking water, soft drinks and bush snacks in your vehicle • Comprehensive support from our Tanzanian office for the duration of your safari
- 24-hour access to the Flying Doctor's Emergency Response Centre for medical advice and air ambulance requests should an emergency evacuation be required

**Not Included** - Gratuities for Guides and Hotel staff, alcoholic beverages and gift shop purchases. Meals during overnight in Amsterdam any airport purchases on flights. Trip insurance is also required and information will be provided. A Visa for Tanzania is also required and is an additional cost, applications and access will be provided.

# Daily Itinerary

- **Tuesday February 13th - Day 1** - Depart Los Angeles International Airport at 1:45 pm for overnight flight to Amsterdam.
- **Wednesday February 14th - Day 2** - Arrive Amsterdam at 9:05 am - check-in Hilton Airport Hotel - then take 4 hour City Tour of Amsterdam and enjoy lunch and dinner (meals not included in Amsterdam) with the group.
- **Thursday February 15th - Day 3** - Depart Amsterdam at 10:15 am for flight to Kilimanjaro Arrive 8:40 pm. Arrival to the Mt. Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). Meet & Greet with assistance through the customs process by an airport representative. The Proud African Safaris (PAS) Director of Operations will greet you near the baggage claim as your driver guide awaits outside. Transfer to The Moivaro Lodge or The Arusha Safari Lodge for dinner and overnight
- **Friday February 16th Day 4 - SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK, SERONERA & MORU** - After an early breakfast you will be transferred to the Arusha Airport where you will catch an 8:00am flight to the central region of the Serengeti National Park. Upon arrival at the Seronera Airstrip (by 10:00am), your expert PAS Naturalist guide will greet you at the most primal wildlife viewing region in Africa. After a short orientation, your game-viewing starts immediately! Overnight at The Serengeti Kati Kati Mobile Tented Camp. The Seronera Valley is the best place for viewing lions, leopards and cheetahs year-round. Leopards can be spotted in the acacia woodlands, Cheetahs are found hunting on the open grassy plains, and lions prides are often seen lounging on rocky outcrops called “kopjes”. The Moru region is particularly well known for its’ beautiful landscape with rocky kopjes and is a must-see. Endangered Black Rhinos are often spotted in that region. We’ll also explore this territory for parts of the migration, massive elephant bulls, jackals, spotted hyenas, giraffes, zebras and large schools of hippos and Nile crocodiles in the Seronera River.
- **Saturday and Sunday February 17th - 18th Day 5 & 6 - NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA, NDUTU WOODLANDS** - After breakfast, road transfer to the Ndutu Woodlands of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Here you can expect to encounter a large portion of The Great Migration of animals. 1.4 million Wildebeest, 250,000 zebras & 450,000 gazelles making their annual pass through this region for food and water. The vistas and landscapes here are remarkable, particularly during the green season, which make for terrific back-drops while game-viewing. Resident and migratory animal numbers are extremely high here at this time of year, with prides of lions up to thirty-strong lounging in the shade of the acacia trees, or clans of up-to fifty hyenas wallowing in mud holes! Predator-prey action here is non-stop during the calving season, assuring the reputation of this area as one the finest for African game-viewing. Overnight at The Lake Ndutu Tented Lodge.
- **Monday February 19th Day 7 - NGORONGORO CRATER** - After breakfast at the camp, proceed via road transfer and game-drive en-route (1.5 hrs, pending stops) to the Ngorongoro Crater; a unique ecosystem also known as “the eighth wonder of the world”. During our transfer we can stop at the historic Ol Duvai Gorge (labelled the “Cradle of Mankind”) which is where the first early human species occupied 1.9 million years ago. Alternatively, we can opt to visit an authentic Maasai tribal village once we arrive closer to the Ngorongoro Crater. Each stop would take approximately 1 hour. Upon arrival at the gates of the crater, you will look down upon the world’s largest inactive, intact, and unfilled volcanic caldera (2000ft deep and 100sq miles). The crater formed after a large volcano collapsed on itself 2-3 million years ago, Take-in the “unparalleled beauty of one of the world’s most unchanged wildlife sanctuaries” while in search of resident game such as elephant herds, lion prides, cheetahs, hyenas, zebra herds, Topis, gazelle, and other ungulates. Once you are through with your afternoon game-drive in the crater, you will arrive at your lodge for the evening. Overnight at The Ngorongoro Sopa Safari Lodge.
- **Tuesday February 20th Day 8 - LAKE EYASI** - Today we will embark on a wildly unique cultural adventure, we will depart with breakfast via road transfer (approximately 1.5 hours) to the Lake Eyasi region where we will spend a day with the Hadzabe Bushmen, one of Africa’s original hunter and



gathering tribes. These nomadic people live in the African bush, and move their “home” pending where the food source is most prominent throughout the year. They speak an ancient click-language so we will pick-up an interpreter guide who will also track ahead of us to find their location and prepare the family for our arrival. Witness or join them in ritualistic ceremonies (which involves smoking medicinal herbs) and then take-off on a hunt! (They will catch, and eat, anything from a small squirrel, to a monkey, to an antelope). You will learn first-hand about their survival techniques and get hands-on experience with their various hunting weapons (such as hand-made bows and poison arrows) and likely participate in gathering wild fruits and honey. Assuming the hunt is successful you will also learn how they prepare and eat their meals, which they may invite you to join – at your discretion, of course. (4-5pm arrival time to The Tindiga Forest Camp in Lake Eyasi)

- **Wednesday February 21st Day 9 - LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK / ARUSHA-** After an early breakfast at the lodge, we will enjoy a morning game-drive in the forest and lake region of Lake Manyara National Park. Here you will see beautiful waterbirds, monkeys, hippos and other safari animals. After a picnic lunch we will depart via road transfer and head back to Arusha (1.5 hrs). Along the way we can stop in local villages if you have interest in souvenir shopping. A day-room at The Lake Duluti Serena Hotel will be arranged so you may refresh and repack. Early dinner and transfer to JRO for international departure will be provided. Our flight will depart for Amsterdam at 8:45 pm with one stop.
- **Thursday February 22nd Day 10 -** Arrive Amsterdam at 7:15 am and depart for LAX at 9:50 and arrive LAX at 11:45.
- **Some Details**
- Be advised the daily itineraries are fully customizable - if several people would prefer to stay back at any of the Lodges and rest or swim or relax on your own we can adjust accordingly.
- This trip will be limited to 9 people total - I will accompany 8 guests and we will have 2 vehicles with 4 people in one and 4 plus me in another (I will ride up front with driver). These vehicles are unique and able to seat 8 people, unlike other tours we will have plenty of room to shoot from both sides of the vehicle from the removable top. Many tours have full vehicles, I have designed our tour to be more exclusive and limited the participants to offer the most comfort. Also each vehicle can schedule individually. So we will have great options. Example - one vehicle can go out early for sunrise and the other can leave a little later and maybe stay out all day and include sunset. We will rotate among the vehicles as we plan the next day with the advice of our guide with what is available. Both vehicles can also travel together or individually.
- Travel Insurance is required for this trip and access will be provided.
- You will be required to secure a VISA from Tanzania - the visa is an additional cost of about \$179.00.

