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Set out on a photo safari amid some of East Africa’s most spectacular landscapes and hone your skills while photographing an ever-changing tableau of wildlife. Learn how best to capture movement and light as you frame dazzling herds of zebras, majestic lion prides, and wildebeests on their annual migration across the Serengeti. Spend time with the Maasai and document their traditions in the Ngorongoro Highlands.

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Learn more about our nonprofit work at [National Geographic](#)**Day 3 — Arusha/Lake Manyara National Park**

Drive to Lake Manyara National Park, famous for its elephants, hippos, giraffes, flamingos, and tree-climbing lions. Get your equipment ready for our first safari this afternoon, and train your lens on giraffes or Cape buffalo against the stunning mountains of the Rift Valley.

*Plantation Lodge (B,L,D)***Day 4 — Lake Manyara National Park**

Rise early for a morning game drive, heading to the shores of Lake Manyara to photograph the numerous bird species and other wildlife that congregate here. Visit a coffee plantation this afternoon, and document the coffee production process and the culture of the local people

Plantation Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 5 — Ngorongoro Crater

Travel into the Ngorongoro Highlands after breakfast for a very special opportunity to visit with a Maasai community off the beaten path. With your camera in hand, pay a visit to a school, witness an initiation ritual, and learn about this fascinating culture from the village chief and his wives. Capture the spirit of traditional song and dance, and enjoy time to work on portraiture and photographing daily life with these proud people. After lunch, descend 2,000 feet to the base of the Ngorongoro Crater, where volcanic slopes shelter almost 25,000 animals. Document the interactions of predator and prey; zoom in on birdlife from marabou storks to rainbow-hued lovebirds; and test your wildlife photography skills on elephants, rhinos, cheetahs, and more.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 6 — Ngorongoro Crater

Return to the crater floor at sunrise for breakfast and a morning photo safari. Take the afternoon to relax and, look over your images. Listen to a talk by our National Geographic photographer, and ready your camera to catch the sun set over the crater this evening.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 7 — Olduvai Gorge/Serengeti National Park

Drive to the Olduvai Gorge where, on a National Geographic-sponsored expedition in 1960, Louis and Mary Leakey discovered *Homo habilis*, one of the earliest members of the human genus. Take a private tour of the site and learn about recent finds before continuing west to Serengeti National Park. In order to provide travelers with the best opportunity to witness the wildebeest migration, the Serengeti days differ by season. The March departure coincides with wildebeest calving season, when the animals move south to give birth to tens of thousands of calves. Travel overland to our luxury tented camp on the southeastern border of Serengeti National Park, stopping to photograph lions, cheetahs, and leopards along the way.*

Lake Masek Tented Camp (B,L,D)

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Days 8 & 9 — Serengeti National Park

Embark on an off-track safari in the Ndutu area in search of resident lion prides, giraffes, and bountiful herds of wildebeests, elephants, and zebras. On morning and afternoon game drives, photograph magnificent birds, hippos, packs of hyenas, and pairs of jackals lurking around the surrounding marshlands and lakes. For the ultimate photo experience, you may choose to soar over the plains on an optional early-morning hot-air balloon ride, photographing magnificent scenery and distant herds from the air.

Lake Masek Tented Camp (B,L,D)

Days 10 & 11 — Serengeti/Arusha/U.S.

Take a final morning photo safari before we fly back to Arusha. Enjoy the afternoon to take a photo walk in town or just relax at the hotel. We transfer to the airport tonight for evening flights home.

Rivertrees Lodge or Lake Duluti Lodge (B, L)

Optional Extensions

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