



## AWF'S Best of Tanzania - 13 Day Wildlife Safari



### Your Trip Leader

CRAIG SHOLLEY

Craig Sholley's experiences with wildlife and conservation began in 1973 as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zaire, Africa. He has worked and traveled extensively since that time providing conservation expertise in a variety of world arenas. As an L.S.B. Leakey grant researcher in the late 1970's, Craig studied mountain gorillas with Dian Fossey. Returning to the US, he redirected his interests developing natural history programming for the Baltimore Zoological Society. Concurrently, Craig pursued his travel interests leading tours and photographing throughout Africa, South America, and Asia.

In late 1987, Craig returned to Africa full time to direct Rwanda's internationally-known Mountain Gorilla Project. Turning the Project over to the Rwandan government in early 1990, Craig continued in Rwanda acting as Scientific Advisor for the award winning IMAX film, Mountain Gorilla. Craig has served as a Senior Associate of the African Wildlife



Foundation and on AWF's Board of Trustees. He has also served on the Board of the Ecotourism Society. Throughout much of the '90's, Craig was Director of Conservation and Education for International Expeditions, an organization widely recognized for its ecotourism initiatives.

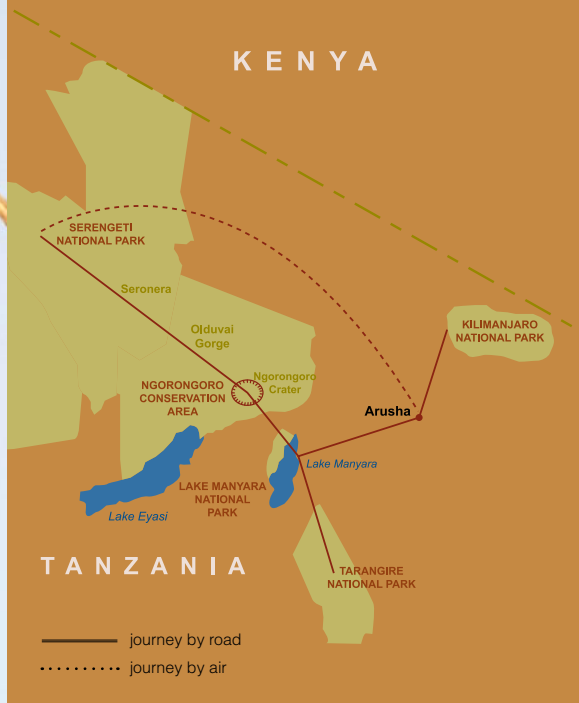
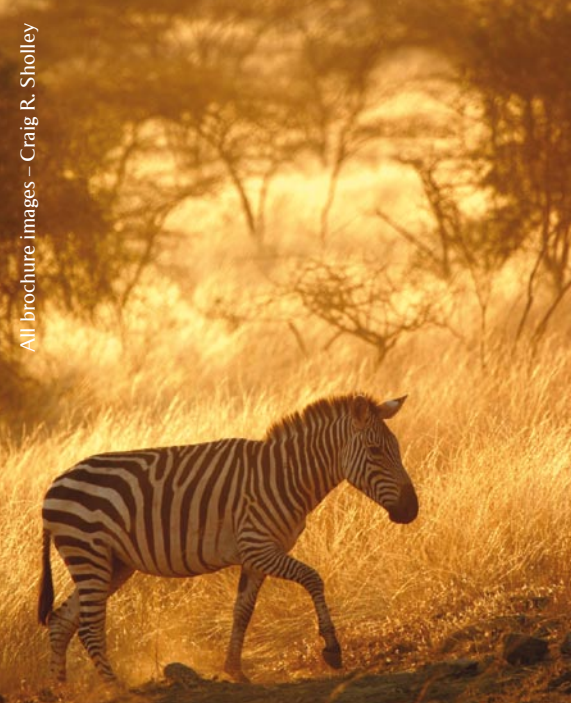
Craig returned to Rwanda in 1995 on assignment with the National Geographic Society surveying the conservation status of mountain gorillas in Rwanda, Zaire, and Uganda in the aftermath of Rwanda's civil war. The findings of that trip are the basis of a 1995 article in NG Magazine on mountain gorilla conservation. Craig now works full time as a Senior Director for the African Wildlife Foundation.

## AWF'S Best of Tanzania 13 DAY WILDLIFE SAFARI

This exceptional safari designed exclusively for AWF members explores the Best of Tanzania and travels to the rarely visited elephant-rich region located on the western slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro onwards to the acacia and baobab riddled savannahs of the northern Maasai Steppe, descends into and explores the Ngorongoro Crater, and culminates on the wildlife rich endless plains of the Serengeti. Traveling in such a diverse set of habitats, you'll experience

unparalleled wildlife viewing opportunities and be joined by some of Africa's foremost conservation practitioners and field scientists who'll provide both wildlife background and insight into the compelling conservation issues facing Africa's wildlife and peoples today. Accompanied throughout by AWF's seasoned Senior Director – Craig Sholley – each day in the field holds promise of an unforgettable African safari experience.





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## AWF'S BEST OF TANZANIA - 13 DAY WILDLIFE SAFARI - JULY 25 - AUGUST 7, 2009

### SATURDAY, JULY 25 Traveling to Tanzania

Today board your international flight to Africa. There are a variety of ways to get to Arusha's Kilimanjaro International Airport for the start of the safari, and with assistance from AWF's tour operator and partner in country, we'll help to ensure the travel best suited to you. (Meals aloft)

### SUNDAY, JULY 26 Arusha and West Kilimanjaro Region

On arrival in Tanzania, you will be met and driven to Kambi ya Tembo located on the western flanks of Mount Kilimanjaro. Kambi ya Tembo is a luxury tented camp that is located in the vicinity of AWF's Elephant Research Camp. The tented camp will be your base for the next three nights, and from camp you'll have an opportunity to learn how this region is being conserved to protect the future of elephants and other wildlife in this important trans-boundary area near the Kenya and Tanzania border.

While in the Kili region, you'll have the opportunity to meet AWF Elephant Researcher and Charlotte Fellow Alfred Kikoti who has been investigating ways to give both elephants and people the space they need. Alfred's research is informing conservation strategies by gaining a greater understanding of elephant populations in the West Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania. By collaring elephants with GPS technology, Kikoti is collecting data on elephant habitats and movement patterns. The information he gathers will help AWF develop conservation strategies that will give migrating animals in this trans-boundary area the widest berth possible. (\*BLD)

\*in-flight meal

### MONDAY & TUESDAY, JULY 27, 28 W Kilimanjaro and AWF's Kilimanjaro Heartland

Over the course of these two days, you will explore the W Kili region searching specifically for some of the extraordinary big bull elephants which regularly reside here. In addition, you will observe a diversity of other large mammals and birds and gain important insight into the important conservation initiatives AWF is undertaking in this region of N Tanzania and immediately across the border in Kenya. This trans-boundary region is a critical wildlife area and over the past several years AWF has helped to establish a nationally recognized elephant movement corridor and is managing a large ranch here as a protected area for wildlife. (BLD)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 Arusha and Manyara Ranch

This morning, you rise early and immediately after breakfast head overland to Arusha and a visit to AWF's regional office. At the office, you'll receive a briefing introducing you to conservation issues throughout Tanzania. You'll learn about the effort being undertaken by AWF to protect some of the wildlife rich grasslands of northern Tanzania, and how wildlife is innovatively used as an economic incentive for the people of the region to protect large landscapes for elephants and the other large mammals.

After the briefing, you'll drive overland for about two hours to Manyara Ranch and a mobile tented camp set up exclusively for your group. A mobile tented camp is one of the most comfortable and exciting ways to experience the remote bush. Large tents include proper beds and other furniture as well as three separate private canvas chambers: shower, toilet and vanity area.

Manyara Ranch is a flagship project created to protect a 45,000-acre seasonal wildlife migration corridor between Lake Manyara and Tarangire National Parks.

As the first example of land protected under the umbrella of the newly created Tanzania Land Conservation Trust, AWF is utilizing a holistic approach to land conservation that includes wildlife protection and conservation enterprise while simultaneously addressing the needs of the local Maasai community. This is a model that AWF is hoping to duplicate throughout northern Tanzania. In addition to its importance as a corridor, Manyara Ranch offers exciting conservation outreach potential for showcasing how communities can benefit from wildlife conservation outside of protected areas. (BLD)

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JULY 30, 31 Manyara Ranch & Tarangire National Park

On these two days, you'll continue to explore Manyara Ranch including a visit to Manyara Ranch School. Several years ago as a key conservation strategy, AWF and fellow stakeholders sought to relocate the existing ramshackle school by rebuilding the campus in a safer position that was closer to community resources and services. Doing so provided an unparalleled example of how conservation can actually enhance the lives of people who share their backyard with wildlife.

You will also visit nearby Tarangire National Park. Tarangire is known as the 'Baobab Capital of Africa' and is distinguished by a baobab riddled landscape that includes dense woodlands and great sand rivers. One of the highlights of your visit to Tarangire includes a chance to meet AWF's lion researcher, Bernard Kissui, who will brief you on his work on lion-human conflict issues within the Maasai Steppe.

On the game drive through the park, expect to encounter a great range of animals including giraffe, zebra, impala and a number of other antelope species. The park is especially known for its large elephant population, and you're likely to have some exciting and close encounters. (BLD)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 Ngorongoro Crater

This morning, you depart Manyara Ranch and ascend the western wall of the Great Rift Valley and continue to Ngorongoro Crater. The spectacular drive through a highland rain forest is one of the most beautiful in Africa. Tented Eluai Camp, your home for the next two nights is located near the great crater and offers easy access to this internationally recognized World Heritage site. (BLD)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 Ngorongoro Crater

Before dawn you descend into the crater. Three million years ago this was probably the earth's highest structure, an active volcano which blew its stack in a relatively short hundred thousand years. Today what remains is a wildlife paradise and feast of beauty. The caldera is 102 sq. miles surrounded by an 1800-2000' rim. The caldera has afforded wildlife special protection throughout the millennia, especially during the terrible years of heavy poaching. The area is very rich in wildlife, including some of the last free-ranging black rhinoceros in East Africa. In consort with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Tanzania National Parks, AWF has established a program to monitor the rhinos of the crater. The crater is also known for its high density of carnivores – the lion prides are magnificent and all three species of jackals can be found here. Ngorongoro's grasslands are filled with zebra and wildebeest and a host of other

smaller ungulates. Birdlife along the many small lakes in the Crater is spectacular. You will enjoy a picnic breakfast beside one of these lakes, and after lunch enjoy a second game drive in the afternoon. (BLD)

### MON-THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 4, 5, 6 Olduvai Gorge & Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, you begin your travels to the world-renowned Serengeti National Park and tented Oltepesi Camp stopping en-route to visit Olduvai Gorge. This tented camp is strategically located in an area of the park where wildlife is abundant. Many ungulate species congregate on these grass plains to feast on the nutrient of grasses that grow on these 'endless plains.' This immense congregation of antelopes is often considered the most dramatic wildlife spectacle on Earth. Game viewing over the course of these four magical days on the great plains can occur for as long as you like, and with a couple of days here you will see extraordinary wildlife.

Picnics can be taken along on game drives, or you can return to camp for a sit-down meal. The Serengeti National Park is home to more than 2 million animals. In addition to the masses of wildebeest, one finds elephants, zebra, gazelle, eland, topi, hartebeest and much more. Of course with abundant ungulate species, there are also many predators, including lion, hyena, cheetah and leopard. (BLD)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 Serengeti National Park and Arusha

After four exceptional days in one of the world's most wildlife rich areas, you will fly to Arusha where day rooms at Mountain Village await you. Here you can prepare for your flight home before transferring to Kilimanjaro International Airport to clear Tanzanian customs and your international flights home. (BLD)

### SAFARI COST: \$6360 per person plus international airfare

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- \* Complete pre-departure information to help you prepare for your safari
- \* All transfers; meet and greet on arrival by Safari Legacy staff
- \* All meals as stated in the itinerary
- \* All taxes, service charges and park fees
- \* Transportation in 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers
- \* All game drives; guided nature walks; entries to Maasai Village
- \* Temporary membership in Flying Doctors Service
- \* Internal flight Serengeti-Arusha on last day
- \* All activities as specified in the itinerary
- \* Bottled water and refreshments while on game drives
- \* In summary, everything except international air, tips to safari guides, passport and visa fees, and items of personal nature, such as laundry, alcoholic beverages, etc.

#### CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations must be received in writing, or by email and are effective upon receipt in our office. Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure will be refunded all monies less an administrative charge of \$150. Cancellations between 89 and 61 days prior to departure are assessed a penalty of 50% of the safari cost. Cancellations between 60 and 0 days prior to departure are assessed a penalty of 100% of the safari cost.

#### RATES

All rates are accurate and available at the time of publication. Safari costs are based on a minimum of 12 travelers on the safari.

#### INSURANCE

Trip interruption/cancellation insurance as well as air evacuation insurance is highly recommended. Safari Legacy recommends Travel Guard for interruption/cancellation insurance and AirMed for air evacuation. Please note: Trip interruption/cancellation insurance will need to be purchased within 15 days of receiving your deposit in order to qualify for any pre-existing conditions to be covered. Information on insurance will be sent to you in your confirmation package after receipt of your deposit.