# FAMILY SAFARI

JULY 1 - 10, 2023



This AWF Tanzania Family Safari offers the perfect blend of activities, sights and experiences to keep travelers of any age inspired, amazed and engaged. The design of this trip is intended to bring your family together while giving you room to experience the wonders of Africa together. See lions, giraffes, ostriches, elephants, warthogs, zebras, crocodiles, and more wildebeest than you can count as you explore Tanzania's best wildlife viewing areas. And learn about important conservation issues as you witness AWF's impact when visiting pivotal projects in the Serengeti and Manyara Ranch.

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DATES July 1 - 10, 2023 PRICE AWF price: \$8,990/ £7,413 per adult sharing \$8,690/ £7,166 per teen sharing \$7,990/ £6,589 per child sharing \$400/ £346 VAT





This classic, AWF-sponsored family safari features the very best that Tanzania has to offer. VIP visits to AWF's Canines for Conservation training center and Manyara Ranch add depth to a superb wildlife adventure in Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, and the legendary Serengeti. As the safari coincides with the great annual migration, guests will observe countless wildebeest and zebra on the move, heeding the call of ancient rhythms. Accommodations include a blend of welllocated, tastefully appointed Nyumba tented camps and awardwinning lodges.

#### ARRIVAL

DAYS 2-3

DAYS 4-6 Arrive at Arusha, where you will meet with your group. From Kilimanjaro Airport, you will be transferred to your comfortable lodge.

#### EASTERN SERENGETI NATURE REFUGE

AM Charter flight from Arusha to the Eastern Serengeti Private Nature Refuge. Lunch at camp. Afternoon game drive and sunset nature walk. Welcome dinner. AM nature walk and Maasai women's group visit. Lunch at camp. Afternoon Maasai storyteller and boma visit. Night game drive. *Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner* 

#### **CENTRAL SERENGETI NYUMBA**

AM community project visit. Afternoon game drive en route to camp. Full day of game drives with a bush lunch. AM AWF Canines visit at SNP Headquarters. Afternoon game drive with boxed lunch.

Meals included: breakfast, boxed lunch, dinner



AM game

DAY 7

DAYS 8-9

> DAY 10

#### **OLDUPAI GORGE / NGORONGORO CRATER**

AM game drive. Visit to Oldupai Gorge. Settle into camp on the crater rim. Full day of game drives in the crater. *Meals included: breakfast, boxed lunch, dinner* 

#### **NGORONGORO CRATER/ GIBB'S FARM**

Full day of game drives in the crater. AM visit to Manyara Ranch with a school visit and meeting with pen-pals. Afternoon free-time at Gibb's Farm. Farewell dinner. *Meals included: breakfast, boxed lunch, dinner* 

#### DEPART

AM visit to Cultural Heritage. Farewell lunch at the

Arusha Coffee Lodge. Day Room. Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, farewell snack

## Canines for Conservation

Since July 2015, when the first class of detection dogs and canine handlers graduated from AWF's dog training facility in Tanzania, our Canines for Conservation program has grown in size and reputation.

We now have canine teams supporting anti- trafficking work in five African countries — and the list is growing helping authorities leverage limited resources to catch smugglers and deter future illegal operators.

AWF's partners deploy the highly skilled canine teams to airports, seaports, border crossings, and other hot zones to sniff out and arrest traffickers of ivory, rhino horn, and other contraband. A growing focus of the program is the training and deployment of tracker dogs, who work in the field and follow trails from kill sites to poachers' doorsteps, often over many kilometers and several days.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic brought tourism to a halt, creating tremendous hardship for wildlife communities that depend on tourism for income. Afraid that this deprivation would lead some individuals to poaching, authorities expressed a greater need for tracker dogs in the field — even as they still needed detection dog teams to search warehouses and dockyards. To fulfill these government requests, AWF graduated new handler classes and procured additional dogs, placing additional units at Kilimanjaro International Airport, and deploying dogs to the wildlife-rich Serengeti protected area. We also enhanced our support of tracker units in Manyara/ Tarangire ecosystems as well as Lake Nakuru National Park and Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya.

Canines for Conservation teams have made over 470 busts, representing millions of dollars in seized goods and an inestimable cost in lost animal lives — elephants, rhinos, lions, pangolins, and other endangered species. But another measure of the program's effectiveness is the number of governments interested in working with us. Botswana, Cameroon, and Mozambique are the most recent additions to the roster of countries with Canines for Conservation units deployed, joining Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.





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In 2001, AWF in collaboration with the Tanzanian government created the Tanzania Land Conservation Trust (TLCT). Manyara Ranch, managed by AWF from then to present, was the first conservancy in Tanzania to be incorporated with a plan for permanent sustainability with direct benefits flowing to local communities, professional management, proper governance, effective security, and investments in infrastructure that aligned with the Ranch's various enterprise opportunities.





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## Elephant Conservation

Recent findings show that, after peaking in 2011, elephant poaching rates in Africa are slightly declining. But even with new bans on ivory trade in several of the world's leading markets, the continent's iconic species is still under threat. Conserving elephant populations in their natural habitats and putting an end to the international wildlife trade is critical.

AWF approaches elephant protection using diverse strategies that include anti-poaching activities in elephant landscapes, anti-trafficking programs such as Canines for Conservation, and provision of non-lethal elephant deterrent technologies to mitigate conflict.

Human-elephant conflict (HEC) is one of the major challenges facing both elephants and human communities in Africa. In Mbire District, northern Zimbabwe and around Murchison Falls in Uganda, we support chili growers who use the pungent crop as a non-

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lethal method of repelling unwanted pachyderm visitors. The chili crops also help farmers diversify their incomes, thus building community resilience and providing a sustainable livelihood option.

In addition to agricultural training, we've provided the Murchison farmers materials to build solar dryers that improve the quality of the products they bring or send to market. In recent years, despite weather changes and other unexpected challenges, the farmers, on average, managed to double their yield.

Meanwhile, in the Tsavo-Mkomazi cross-border landscape in Kenya and Tanzania, AWF has trained over 3,000 farmers in HEC mitigation and provided the communities noise-based repellents such as torches, vuvuzelas, and whistles.





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