

African Odyssey
THE BEST OF TANZANIA NATIONAL PARKS
Via Cairo (Egypt) & Nairobi (Kenya)
(Cairo, Nairobi, Tarangire, Ngorongoro & Serengeti National Parks)

Minimum 6 participants

(\$3,638.00 per agent & \$3,963.00 for spouse/ companion in double from New York, & \$725.00 single supplement)

Customized Educational and Familiarization Program prepared for Travel Agents,
their spouses and/or companions

12 Days / 11 Nights
October 30 – November 10, 2008
Departure on Thursday & return on Monday

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

EGYPT

Cairo:	Oct 31 – Nov 2	Two (2) nights at the Ramses Hilton hotel
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TANZANIA

Tarangire Park:	Nov 2 - 4	Two (2) nights at Tarangire Sopa Lodge
Ngorongoro Park:	Nov 4 - 6	Two (2) nights at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge
Serengeti Park:	Nov 6 - 8	Two (2) nights at Serengeti Sopa Lodge

KENYA

Nairobi	Nov 8 - 9	One (1) night at Nairobi Serena Hotel
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EGYPT

Cairo: Nov 9 - 10 One (1) night at the Movenpick Hotel

MEALS:

- Buffet breakfast daily in Cairo and Nairobi hotels
- Three meals daily at lodges
- Two lunches at Arusha Lodge in Arusha (Tanzania)

TRANSFERS - AIRPORTS / HOTELS:

- Four transfers in Cairo, two transfers in Nairobi
- One transfer in Arusha to Namanga border
- All transfers in Cairo and Kenya, private coach / van and English-speaking **HLO Tours'** Representative and driver / guide

TOURS & SERVICES:

- Half-day tour in Cairo as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees to the Pyramids' area and the Solar Boat Museum
- All park fees as per the safari program
- Tours by private coach and English-speaking guide
- All safaris by private 4X4 land rover with English-speaking driver / guide (Max 6 persons per van)
- **HLO Tours'** representative assistance in Cairo and Nairobi airports and at Namanga border
- Handling of **two (2)** pieces of standard size luggage per person

AIR TRANSPORTATION: (EGYPT AIR & KENYA AIRLINES)

• Oct 30	New York (JFK) / Cairo	Egypt Air	Flight # 986	6:30P - 11:50A
• Nov 1	Cairo / Nairobi	Egypt Air	Flight # 849	10:00P - 4:15A
• Nov 8	Serengeti / Arusha	Regional Air		10:45A - 11:50A
• Nov 9	Nairobi / Cairo	Egypt Air	Flight # 850	7:45A - 11:30A
• Nov 10	Cairo / (JFK) New York	Egypt Air	Flight # 985	10:10A - 3:15P

*** Air schedule & flights are subject to change without prior notice. ***

FLYING & DRIVING TIMES:

From / To Destination and Comments	Driving Time
New York (JFK) to Cairo by air - nonstop	9.5 hours
Cairo to Nairobi by air - nonstop	5 hours
Nairobi to Namanga border (by van) (all on paved roads)	2.5 hours
Namanga to Arusha city (by van) (all on paved roads)	1.5 hour
Arusha to Tarangire National Park (by van) (hour and half on a dirt road)	2.5 hours
Tarangire Park to Ngorongoro National Park (by van) (all on dirt roads)	5.00 hours
Ngorongoro Nat'l Park to Serengeti National Park (by van) (all on a dirt roads)	4 hours
Cairo to New York (by air)	12.5 hours

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

Day 01 USA / CAIRO, Egypt

Thu Depart from New York (JFK) International Airport with Egypt Air non-stop
Oct 30 flight to Cairo. Overnight on board the plane. Dinner & breakfast served en-route.

Day 02 CAIRO

Fri **11:30AM** - Arrive Cairo International Airport where you will be met by an
Oct 31 **HLO Tours'** representative, assisted through formalities and transferred to the Ramses Hilton hotel.

Day 03
Sat
Nov 01

CAIRO: Pyramids, Sphinx and its Temples

9:00 AM - Depart hotel for your Egyptian adventure to begin in Giza, where you will have a half-day tour visiting the world famous Great Pyramids, Solar Boat Museum and the legendary Sphinx and its Temples. After tour, return to hotel where you will have remainder of the day at leisure.

9:15 PM: Luggage outside your room door.

10:00 PM: Transfer to Cairo Airport for your 10:00 PM flight to Nairobi !

Day 04
Sun
Nov 02

NAIROBI / ARUSHA / TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK (Sopa Lodge)

4:15 AM - Arrive Nairobi, Kenya where you will be met and transferred by **HLO Tours'** Representative and your driver / guide to Nairobi Serena Hotel for breakfast and briefing. After breakfast, drive to Namanga where you cross the boarder into Tanzania. Lunch in Arusha - on a clear day you can see Mt. Kilimanjaro. Soak up the scenery as you pass villages, herdsmen tending their animals, markets, and daily life, which differs vastly from your own. Lunch will be served at Coffee Lodge in Arusha. Then we continue our journey to Tarangire National Park (known for its Baobab trees, Oryx, Elephants, Wildebeest, Giraffe and Impala) for overnight. **BB, L, D**

Day 05
Mon
Nov 03

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK (Sopa Lodge)

6:30 AM: Wake up call

7:15 AM: Breakfast

8:00 AM: Morning game drive

1:00 PM: Lunch and afternoon at leisure

3:00 PM: Afternoon game drive

7:30 PM: Dinner and overnight **BB, L, D**

Day 06 **TARANGIRE / NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA (Sopa Lodge)**
Tue Game drive in Tarangire continuing to Ngorongoro where the animals of the
Nov 04 crater can be approached at very close quarters giving you wonderful
photographic opportunities! Ngorongoro Crater is the largest unbroken
caldera in the world, surrounded by steep hills rising 610 meters from the
floor. Overnight **B, L D**

Day 07 **NGORONGORO (Sopa Lodge)**
Wed This morning descend into the morning mists to the floor of the 2,000 foot
Nov 05 deep crater for game viewing at it's best in the world's largest natural zoo!
Your overnight accommodations provide breathtaking views of the crater
floor far below and spectacular game viewing. Picnic will be provided for
lunch on the Crater floor. Overnight. **B, L, D**

Day 08 **NGORONGORO / SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (Sopa Lodge)**
Thu After breakfast, view game as you once again cross the vast Serengeti plains
Nov 06 on your drive from Ngorongoro Crater. Stop to visit **Olduvai Gorge** then
continue driving through the seemingly endless Serengeti plains viewing the
dramatic scenery and numerous animals indigenous to the area during your
morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight. **B, L, D**

Day 09 **SERENGETI (Sopa Lodge)**
Fri **6:45 AM:** Wake up call
Nov 07 **7:30 AM:** Breakfast
8:00 AM: Morning game drive
12:30 PM: Lunch
3:00 PM: Afternoon game drive
7:30 PM: Dinner and overnight **BB, L, D**

Day 10 **SERENGETI / ARUSHA / NAIROBI (Nairobi Serena Hotel)**
Sat Transfer to Seronera Airstrip for your short flight to Arusha. Arrive Arusha,
Nov 08 meet and transfer to Coffee Lodge for lunch. After lunch proceed to
Namanga border to cross to Nairobi for overnight. **B, L**

Day 11 **NAIROBI / CAIRO**

Sun **AM:** Breakfast followed by your transfer to Nairobi Airport for your flight to
Nov 09 Cairo. Arrive Cairo Airport where you will be met and assisted through formalities and customs then proceed to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure, or optional tours, or shopping. Overnight. **BB**

Day 12 **CAIRO / USA**

Mon **AM:** Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your morning flight to New
Nov 10 York (JFK) Airport.

PM: Arrive New York (JFK) to connect with your domestic flight, and welcome back home.

SAFARI INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

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TO ALL GUESTS:

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months after your entry to Egypt, Kenya, and Tanzania, and it has a minimum of 4 blank pages (if there is insufficient space in the passport, your entry might be denied) to enable the entry visa to be issued.

SUGGESTED LUGGAGE LIST:

- 1 - Good quality sunglasses – preferably polarized
- 2 - Sun hat
- 3 - Golf-shirts, T-shirts and long-sleeved cotton shirts
- 4 - Shorts / Skirts
- 5 - Long trousers / slacks
- 6 - Good walking shoes (running / tennis shoes are fine)

- 7 - Sandals
- 8 - Swimming costume
- 9 - Warm winter jersey (sweater)
- 10 - Camera, extra battery, and plenty of film
- 11 - If you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring along a pair of glasses in case you get irritation from the dust.
- 12 - **BINOCULARS – ESSENTIAL** (Night vision binoculars are not essential but highly recommended)
- 13 - Malaria tablets
- 14 - Moisturizing cream & suntan lotion
- 15 - Insect repellent
- 16 - Basic medical kit: aspirin, Imodium.... etc.
- 17 - Tissues and 'Wet Ones'.

Please note that bright colors and white are not advised while on safari.

RESPECTING WILDLIFE & SAFETY WHEN STAYING AT SAFARI LODGES:

- Most of the safari camps are unfenced and dangerous animals can (and do!) wander through the camps. Many of the animals and reptiles you will see are potentially dangerous. Attacks by wild animals are rare. However, there are no guarantees that such incidents will not occur. No one at HLO Tours can be held liable for any injuries caused during an incident involving the behavior of wild animals.
- Please listen to the camp staff and guides. The safety precautions need to be taken seriously and strictly adhered to.
- Don't go wandering off on your own without a guide – even to your rooms. After retiring to your room at night, don't leave them.
- Observe animals silently and with a minimum of disturbance to their natural activities. Avoid loud talking on game drives; it frightens the animals away.

- Never attempt to attract an animal's attention. Don't imitate animal sounds, clap your hands, pound the vehicle, or throw objects.

- Please respect your driver / guide's judgment about proximity to lions, cheetahs and leopards. Don't insist that he take the vehicle closer so you can get a better photograph. A vehicle driven too close can hinder a hunt or cause animals to abandon a hard-earned meal.
- Do not litter. Litter tossed on the ground can choke or poison animals and birds and is unsightly.
- Never attempt to feed or approach any wild animals on foot. This is especially important near lodges or in campsites where animals may have become accustomed to human visitors.
- Refrain from smoking on game drives. The dry, African bush ignites very easily, and a flash fire can kill not only the plant life, but also the wildlife.

Have a wonderful, educational visit and enjoy the living wild!

HAMDY NOSSAIR
President
HLO Tours, Inc.