

TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR

November 4, 2017 - 17 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$10,085 double/twin

\$10,870 single



tour
a more intimate travel experience

> Please add 0.2% GST.

> **Experience Points:** Earn 157 points from this tour.
Redeem **157 points** if you book by **August 1**.

Includes

- Transportation to/from Vancouver Airport
- Flights from Vancouver to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, with stopover in Amsterdam
- Air transport tax and security fees
- 13 nights accommodation in hotels or luxury tent camps including taxes
- 4 transfers between Amsterdam Airport and Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Locally-guided tour of Amsterdam
- Transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport to hotel
- Transportation in Tanzania for 9 days in 4-wheel drive vehicles with specially adapted roof for game viewing
- Knowledgeable multi-lingual guide for 9 days
- Coffee and tea tour at Machare Estate
- Tarangire National Park
- Lake Manyara National Park
- Tour of Ngorongoro Crater
- Visit to FAME Hospital or Rift Valley Children's Village
- Oldupai Gorge Archeological Site
- Serengeti National Park
- Flight from Seronera to Zanzibar
- Tour of Zanzibar City and spice market
- Stone Town World Heritage Site
- Flights from Zanzibar via Dar es Salaam to Vancouver with overnight stay in Amsterdam
- Anne Frank Museum
- Rijksmuseum
- Amsterdam canal cruise
- Gratuities for Tanzania guide, drivers, and local guides
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Wells Gray tour director throughout tour
- **38 meals:** 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 12 dinners

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Experience Tanzania with Wells Gray Tours!

As many of you know I had the opportunity of a lifetime to visit Tanzania in November 2015. Tanzania is the land of safaris. Wildebeest stampede across the plains, hippos jostle for space in muddy waterways, and elephants wander along seasonal migration routes. You will hold your breath while a lion pads in front of your vehicle. Here are the world's most unchanged wildlife sanctuaries. Nature surrounds you, the largest animals mingle with the most minute; birds of every size and colour soar and sing; trees and plants burst with flowers; landscapes are colourful and diverse. There are so many experiences to drink in here, and endless opportunities for wildlife viewing and cultural components. Roam with the Maasai, Tanzania's famous warriors, and experience the hospitality of local meals and the rhythms of their traditional dances. You have the opportunity to tour their homes and villages including visiting their schools and hospitals. The food in Tanzania is superb, local and homemade, and I'm certain you will love tasting and touring the organic, fair trade coffee and tea farms as much as I did.

You will also visit "Africa's Garden of Eden," the Ngorongoro Crater which is a 20-km wide ecosystem within an ecosystem that was created by a massive collapse of land following a volcanic eruption over two million years ago. It is labeled one of the seven natural wonders of Africa. The crater sits at 1,800 metres above sea level and evidence suggests hominids have lived in the wider conservation area for over three million years. On this tour there is an optional balloon safari which was one of the most thrilling things I have ever done. We launched as the sun rose, and gently floated over the plains of the magnificent Serengeti.

Of course, a trip to Tanzania would not be complete without a visit to Zanzibar, so we have added three nights on this island paradise. Here you can delve into the tastes and textures of Zanzibar's island markets that draw in flavours from African, Arab, Indian, and European cuisine.

This was truly a life-changing trip for me, and inspired me to start the fundraiser "Pledge a Pencil—Sharpen a Future." All of the school supplies we collected have been shipped to the Lake Natron School, and I will have photos when the goods have arrived.

I believe this destination will not only etch lifelong, unforgettable memories but become a special place in your heart. It really is a live version of *The Lion King!*

— *Written by Kerrie Niemeier*

Tour Notes:

- All meals in Tanzania and Zanzibar except one dinner are included, along with tips and most non-alcoholic beverages.
- A passport is required for this tour and must be valid for 6 months after November 20, the tour's return date. A tourist visa is also required and is obtained on arrival at a cost of US\$50 (not included). This visa also covers Zanzibar which is a semi-autonomous part of Tanzania.
- Rooms for singles are often a different style or smaller size than twin rooms. Many hotels also limit the number of single rooms allocated to a group, so please book early if you prefer to travel single. Rooms for triples are not available.
- You may need a vaccination. Please visit a travel clinic two or three months before departure. Bring this itinerary and your personal vaccination record for advice.
- This tour is limited to 17 travellers due to the seating capacity of the safari jeeps.
- This tour is accompanied from British Columbia by a Wells Gray tour director. A thoroughly experienced multi-lingual guide travels with us throughout Tanzania. Local guides conduct sightseeing tours in several cities. You will be expertly guided and well looked after!



Activity Level: This tour is rated as Activity Level 3 because tour members should be able to walk up to 3 km at an easy pace, get in and out of the safari jeeps, climb many stairs without assistance, or walk on trails, sidewalks or streets with uneven surface. You are staying in luxury tents at Lake Burunge. Most lodges do not have elevators and your room may be up a flight of stairs. Altitudes range from sea level in Zanzibar to 2,000 metres in the Serengeti. There can be longer walks in the airports; request a cart in advance if this could be an issue for you. This tour is not appropriate if you depend on a cane or walker. Please consider any mobility issues carefully prior to booking this tour, as you may miss some highlights. Prior to accepting your booking, you will be required to sign a declaration that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 3 tour. The tour director, Tanzanian guide, local guides, and drivers have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

Itinerary

Saturday, November 4:

Transportation is arranged to Vancouver Airport. Our KLM flight leaves in late afternoon and is non-stop to Amsterdam.

Sunday, November 5:

We arrive in **Amsterdam** in mid-morning. A city tour features the most important sites such as the Dam Square with the impressive Royal Palace, the New Church, the canals, and Waterloo Square. We stay overnight at the Crowne Plaza Hotel near Schiphol Airport.

Monday, November 6:

Meals: B,D

The next leg of the flight with KLM leaves Schiphol Airport in midmorning and arrives at Kilimanjaro about 9 PM. This flight is about 8½ hours and the local time is 11 hours ahead of B.C. We are met by our Tanzania guide and driver. We stay two nights at **Sal Salinero Hotel** in Moshi.

Tuesday, November 7:

Meals: B,L,D

Mount Kilimanjaro rises majestically to 5,895 metres (19,341 feet) and dominates our views today. It is the tallest mountain in Africa and last erupted about 150,000 years ago. It is a popular climb but not technically difficult, and the main challenge is altitude. We drive up to **Machare Estate** for a morning coffee and tea tour. This organic, fair trade farm is committed to upholding sustainability in all its practices. Lunch is at Kilimanjaro Halisi and there is a nature walk to some waterfalls afterwards.

Wednesday, November 8:

Meals: B,L,D

We drive to Monduli Juu, situated west of Arusha, and explore **Emairete Crater**. A walk with panoramic views includes the Maasai Church, ex-Eye Hospital, Enguiki Primary School, and a visit with a traditional medicine doctor. We are in a remote area with no hotels and the next two nights are at **Lake Burunge Tented Camp**. The luxurious "rooms" overlook Tarangire Park and Lake Burunge, and have en-suite bathrooms with showers. The main building offers a central lounge and bar/dining area built on a raised wooden deck, an ideal place to relax while the sun disappears over the lake. There is also an outdoor swimming pool.

Thursday, November 9:

Meals: B,L,D

A full day is devoted to **Tarangire National Park** which is famous for its huge herds of elephant and baobab trees. It is home to more than 550 bird species, and is also famous for the termite mounds that dot the landscape. Throughout the dry season, thirsty antelope and elephant trek hundreds of kilometres to drink at the Tarangire River.

Friday, November 10:

Meals: B,L,D

Our next national park is **Lake Manyara** which is tucked beneath the Rift Valley wall. A thin green band of forest is flanked by 600-metre sheer red and brown cliffs and the shore of an alkaline soda lake. Famous for its tree-climbing lions and baobabs, Manyara features nearly 400 bird species such as red-billed quelea, pelicans, cormorants, and thousands of flamingos. Large herds of buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, and impala also roam the lake shores. We stay two nights at **Kudu Lodge**.

Saturday, November 11:

Meals: B,L,D

We visit the **FAME Hospital** (Foundation for African Medicine and Education) and a local school. A visit to Rift Valley Children's Village, an orphanage with impressive facilities, may be possible.

Sunday, November 12:

Meals: B,L,D

Ngorongoro Crater was created when a large volcano exploded and collapsed on itself over two million years ago. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978 and is the largest intact volcanic caldera in the world. It is 610 metres deep and its floor covers 260 square km. We drive to the rim, then spend the day at the bottom. It is home to a population of some 25,000 large animals — black rhino, zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, buffalo, and tsessebe (often called topi). We stay overnight at **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge** which clings to the crater rim and is rated among Africa's finest hotels.

Monday, November 13:

Meals: B,L,D

We visit the renowned **Oldupai Gorge** archeological site. Louis and Mary Leakey conducted research here in the 1950s and their discoveries provided evidence of the earliest signs of mankind where hominid footprints are preserved in volcanic rock 3.6 million years old. We continue to the legendary Serengeti, the archetypal safari destination, famed for its wealth of leopard and lion. We stay two nights at **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge**, situated high on a hill with panoramic views across the Serengeti. This lodge is the ultimate fusion of traditional African architecture and world-class style.

Tuesday, November 14:

Meals: B,L,D

We spend a full day on safari in **Serengeti National Park**. It covers 14,750 square km of grassland plains giving rise to its name which is derived from the Maasai language and means "endless plains." The region hosts the largest mammal migrations in the world and, every year, over 2.5 million wildebeest and zebra migrate from the Serengeti to the Masai Mara Reserve in Kenya. The park is also noted for its large population of

lion, cheetah, leopard, hyena, jackal, zebra, giraffe, buffalo, Thomson's and Grant's gazelle, topi, eland, hartebeest, impala, klipspringer, and duiker. This is also a birdie's paradise with over 500 species. There is an option for a hot air balloon ride today (see box below).

Wednesday, November 15: *Meals: B,L,D*
A morning game drive is included. We fly at mid-day to **Zanzibar**, then a transfer is provided to **Diamonds Mapezi Beach Resort** for a three-night stay on an all inclusive basis.

Thursday, November 16: *Meals: B,L,D*
This is a free day to enjoy the resort's splendid location overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Friday, November 17: *Meals: B,L,D*
A tour is offered to **Stone Town of Zanzibar**, a fine example of the Swahili coastal trading towns of East Africa. It retains its urban fabric and townscape virtually intact and contains many fine buildings that reflect the cultures of Africa, the

Arab region, India, and Europe over more than a millennium. The town was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. We also visit the Slave Market and savour a spice tour.

Saturday, November 18: *Meals: B,L*
In the afternoon, we fly to Dar es Salaam on the mainland, then board KLM in late evening for the overnight flight to Amsterdam.

Sunday, November 19:
We have another rest day in **Amsterdam**, so the flight home does not seem so long. Admissions are included to the Rijksmuseum and the **Anne Frank House**. During the afternoon, we explore the city via a narrated canal cruise, passing gabled warehouses, arched bridges, noble mansions, and colourful houseboats. We stay overnight at the Crowne Plaza Schiphol Hotel.

Monday, November 20: *Meals: B*
The KLM flight to Vancouver leaves early afternoon. Transportation is provided to Victoria.

Options

1) Hot Air Balloon Ride. Offered on Tuesday, November 14. You launch as the sun rises, and gently float over the plains of the Serengeti, with a birds eye view of all of the animals and their paths. The tour ends with champagne and a fantastic breakfast in the bush! Excursion typically lasts 3 hours with about an hour in the balloon. Cost is \$775 per person.

2) 14-day tour without Zanzibar.

November 15 — Spend the day on safari in the Serengeti, then you fly to Arusha in late afternoon. Stay overnight at African Tulip Hotel. *Meals: B,L*

November 16 — Most of the day is at leisure, then a transfer is provided to Kilimanjaro Airport. Evening flight on KLM to Amsterdam with a stop in Dar es Salaam. *Meals: B*

November 17 — Arrive in Amsterdam in the morning. Early afternoon flight on KLM to Vancouver, then connecting flights to home cities.

Note that the Wells Gray tour director travels with the group visiting Zanzibar. A Tanzanian guide is with you until boarding your KLM flight at Kilimanjaro. Total meals included (30): 11 B, 9 L and 10 D. If you choose this option, your fare is reduced by \$995 per person double or twin or \$1,175 single.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$800 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 1, 2017.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 30, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 1 to August 1, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From August 2 to September 1, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From September 2 to October 2, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After October 2, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and currency exchange rates, and surcharges from airlines and tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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e-points: This tour earns 157 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points for a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 1.

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