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Tanzania with Kids Day by Day Itinerary Family Safari

DATE	ACCOMMODATIONS	ACTIVITIES
Day 1	Travel day	International flight
Day 2	Mountain Village Lodge Arusha	Pickup at Kilimanjaro Airport by Deeper Africa guide after clearing customs. He will have a sign with your name on it. Your guide will transport you to Mountain Village Lodge for an evening dinner and overnight. You will have a short briefing to review your safari itinerary. Dinner and overnight at Mountain Village Lodge. Swimming pool available.
Day 3	Mountain Village Lodge Arusha National Park	There is time today to adjust to the rhythms of life in Africa and life in the natural world. Arise with the birds, or when you wish, and enjoy a nourishing breakfast. Your guide is your family's safari advisor. He will act as your teacher, keep you safe and comfortable, and become a new Tanzanian friend to your family. Begin your wildlife viewing in Arusha National Park which contains both savannah and forest ecosystems. Your game drive today can be as long as you like. You set your wildlife viewing schedule with your guide to fit the pace that is most comfortable for your family. Your guide will have a picnic lunch for you so that you can stay out viewing wildlife over lunch. Arusha National Park is rich in herd animals and interesting birds. You may even have sightings of the rare colubus money in the forest ecosystem. Focus first on animal identification and learning to distinguish herd species. While wildlife viewing, you'll have a cool box in your Land Cruiser stocked with water and your favorite sodas. Your next eleven days include in-depth opportunities to learn animal identification, wildlife tracking, and spotting wildlife in the East African landscape in the company of a Deeper Africa naturalist. Likewise, your Deeper Africa guide will begin to introduce you to conservation issues including human wildlife conflicts, poaching controls and conflicts, and community involvement in wildlife conservation. Dinner and overnight at Mountain Village Lodge. Even though your lodge is well appointed and comfortable, note that it is built in traditional Tanzanian style - with individual bomas ("homesteads") clustered together. Swimming pool available.
Day 4	Oliver's Camp Tarangire National Park	Breakfast at Mountain Village Lodge. Drive out after breakfast to Tarangire National Park. Get ready to enter a wilderness full of elephants as you wildlife view on your way to Oliver's Camp in the remote southeast section of Tarangire. You'll be the only visitors in this area of Tarangire, which makes it distinctly different than wildlife viewing in the northern section of the park - where there are several large lodges. Tarangire is famous for elephants. It boasts one of the largest and most conspicuous elephant populations in East Africa. There are large family groups with many calves being born each year as the population continues to recover from the devastating effects of poaching in the eighties. In your Land Cruiser,

you'll have the opportunity to get very close to some of the elephant families - with observation of the young ones, the teenage males, and the older matriarchs. Elephants live in close knit family groups and you'll be able to watch them as long as you choose so you can learn as much as possible about their daily activities. Enjoy watching the young ones play.

Oliver's Camp allows your family to experience real life in the bush with unique, comfortable, and upscale accommodations. Your guide and our staff at Oliver's Camp will welcome you into camp where you will find good food prepared as your family prefers, and a special experience that your family will remember long after you return home.

Dinner and overnight at Oliver's Camp.

Day 5 Oliver's Camp
 Tarangire National Park

Breakfast at Oliver's Camp. Schedule your wildlife viewing today as you choose with your guide. Now your learning opportunities shift to spotting and tracking skills. While wildlife can never be scheduled, the marsh ecosystem along the Tarangire River often attracts a variety of wildlife and many birds. Huge numbers of zebras make up the majority of the herds in Tarangire. Wildebeests, buffalos, and antelope are found in large numbers during the migration season in this park.

Discuss with your guide whether or not your family wants to have an afternoon or morning walking safari. Walking safaris are available at Oliver's Camp for families with children over 16 years old. Walking safaris are guided by experienced in-residence walking guides. An armed ranger also accompanies the walks. Animals are usually spotted on walking safaris, but the goal is to observe the animal's undisturbed behavior, not to get as close as possible. Tracks and scat identification are a fun part of any walking safari. You are very fortunate that the area around Oliver's Camp is the only area permitted for walking in the entire park. Welcome to this exclusive and rewarding family experience.

Your Land Cruiser is equipped with a set of reference books so that when you identify a new animal, information and pictures are at your fingertips to supplement your guide's insights. You'll also have a full set of maps in your vehicle. During daily orientations your guide will use the maps to show you where you're going and where you've been.

Dinner and overnight at Oliver's Camp.

Day 6 Tloma House

Breakfast at Oliver's Camp. Today offers a unique opportunity to experience a day of authentic Tanzania village life. Leave Oliver's Camp early and drive just outside the park for your morning meeting with Paula Gremley of Mwangaza. Step into real life in rural Tanzania as a guest of the village of Minjingu. The children at Minjingu primary school have a special program planned for you today. As well, you'll be able to visit traditional homes and the local women's group with Paula as your guide. Paula is from Chicago and has lived and worked in this area of Tanzania for over ten years. She has the ability to interpret the culture that will unfold around you and gain you entry into a world that few tourists ever see - inside village homes and the local schools. Today is a day that will change the way your children think about Africa and the challenges that the children of Africa face.

At the end of the afternoon, travel to Tloma House for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 Serengeti Serena
 Serengeti National Park

Breakfast at Tloma House and then head out for the drive to Serengeti National Park. Picnic lunch at Oldupai Gorge while you stop to visit the famous Leakey digs. The Rift Valley was home to the first humans and the Leakey family has successfully excavated some of the oldest humanoid skeletons ever discovered. Many people believe that Oldupai is the birth place of humanity. You'll visit the

onsite museum and hear a short lecture about the gorge from the resident anthropologist.

Once you enter the Serengeti you will begin wildlife viewing traveling the distance to your lodge. In the Maasai language, the word ‘Serengeti’ means endless plain. This vast savannah grassland extends northward into the Maasai Mara in Kenya for over five thousand square miles of land, forming one of the world’s largest wildlife refuges. This is land as it was in the beginning; no fences, no settlements, just a perennial migration of wildlife. In a journey that reaches back through time, these herds of animals (currently estimated at 1.25 million) follow the seasonal rains - traveling from the Serengeti into the Mara instinctually moving with the seasonal rainfalls, sometimes migrating as much as 300 miles a year. Wildlife is allowed to roam freely across the Kenyan and Tanzanian borders, uniting the two parks into a single ecological unit that supports the largest concentration of large mammals on the planet. You’ll arrive at Serengeti Serena near the end of the day.

Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Serena.

Day 8 Serengeti Serena
Serengeti National Park

Breakfast at Serengeti Serena. Your wildlife viewing schedule is set to your family’s needs each day with your guide with wildlife viewing available from 6 am to 6 pm. You can choose:
Morning wildlife viewing and afternoon wildlife viewing with lunch at the lodge;
All day wildlife viewing with picnic lunch; or
Wildlife viewing out before sunrise with return for brunch and afternoon wildlife viewing.

Your Deeper Africa learning program deepens each day with your guide making sure that each member of the family grows in their understanding of wildlife as well as learning animal identification, tracking skills, and spotting skills. This is individualized learning at a pace that is comfortable for your family. Your guide is your teacher, translator, tracker, and friend. For the children, it is an exciting opportunity to know someone from another country. Since we have only one guide for every four or five family members, you’ll get to know each other well.

Amazing star watching at night including clear views of the Milky Way.
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at Serengeti Serena.

Day 9 Serengeti Serena
Serengeti National Park

Breakfast at Serengeti Serena. Wildlife viewing as you choose with your guide. The annual migration is what makes the Serengeti famous. The herds gather on the Tanzanian side of the ecosystem from sometime in November or December through early July. The migration includes vast herds of wildebeest, but also zebra and Thomson’s gazelle. The herds steadily move southward through April or May when the seasonal rains cause them to turn and begin the journey back northward toward the Maasai Mara. Wildebeest are well suited to harvest the short grasses that cover the semiarid plains of the Serengeti. The soils of this region have an underlying hard pan covered by a fertile layer of volcanic soil. Grass growing in this soil is highly nutritious taking up nutrients trapped by the hard pan.

Unlike the migration herds, predators are territorial, remaining in their home territory all year long. Whether you are wildlife viewing in the Nduku area or in the Seronera area there will be many opportunities for predator viewing. Wildlife populations double during the migration season, but that still means that resident wildlife populations are some of the most dense on the African continent and include substantial populations of plains game, including buffalo, giraffe, and warthog, as well as a wide range of antelope species, including dik dik, bushbuck, waterbuck, eland, impala, and topi.

		Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at Serengeti Serena.
Day 10	Tloma House	<p>Breakfast at Serengeti Serena. Pack up and begin the drive into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area with your wildlife viewing continuing as you leave the Serengeti. Picnic lunch along the way. As you enter the Ngorongoro Conservation Area you will begin to see Maasai enkangs (“homesteads”). The Maasai enjoy special land use in the Conservation Area which allows them to live their traditional pastoral lifestyle, coexisting amongst the wildlife. There is substantial wildlife in the Conservation Area so your cultural views will be mixed with wildlife observation.</p> <p>Note the changes in vegetation as you begin the climb up the slopes of the Ngorongoro Crater. The savannahs disappear into lush, more tropical vegetation, including vast coffee plantations. Ngorongoro National Park begins on the Crater Rim and the vast exploded caldera is at the bottom of the Crater. Even though it is park land the Maasai are still allowed to graze their cattle in the Crater. You will often see young herders and their cattle moving in the morning and evening hours. The Crater is an expansive environment inside an extinct volcano. The view from the Crater Rim is spectacular so stop at one of the view points after you reach the Crater rim at 7,500 feet (2,286 meters).</p>
		Dinner and overnight at Tloma House.
Day 11	Tloma House	<p>Breakfast at Tloma House followed by wildlife viewing in the Crater. The Crater floor is mostly grasslands, so wildlife visibility is excellent, providing a wonderful opportunity for photography. Zebra, wildebeest, and gazelle mingle together, while herds of buffalo graze the long grass areas. Bull elephants and rhino are often seen feeding in green marshes and there are plenty of hyena. Hippos lounge in the water holes and it is not uncommon to see lions.</p>
		Dinner and overnight at Tloma House.
Day 12	Mountain Village Lodge Arusha	<p>Breakfast at the Tloma House. Begin your journey back to Arusha after breakfast. You will arrive in Arusha in the early afternoon for lunch at Mountain Village Lodge. Check in to a day room while shopping for craft items or sightseeing in Arusha town after lunch. Perhaps you would just like to relax, swim, shower, and pack for your international flight. Dinner at Mountain Village Lodge. Pick up for transport to your international flight at Kilimanjaro Airport.</p>
Day 13	Travel day	International flight

INCLUDED IN YOUR SAFARI

- Full board accommodations in all lodges and tented camps
- All meals
- Unlimited game drives in private 4x4 safari Land Cruisers
- All park and entrance fees
- Experienced and professional safari naturalist guides
- Natural Learning program
- Enrollment with Flying Doctors Evacuation Service or Knight Support Evacuation Service
- All in-country transportation
- Laundry available at some lodges and camps
- Beverages in your 4x4 safari vehicle
- Bottled water available at all times
- Extensive pre-departure briefing and materials, including health information, reading list, and map

EXCLUDED FROM YOUR SAFARI

- Alcohol and some beverages in some camps and lodges
- Gratuities

We plan your wildlife adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you are traveling. Still, animals in the areas you are viewing are not in a zoo. They run freely, and we cannot always anticipate their movements.

Also, Deeper Africa uses best efforts to provide the lodging set out in this itinerary, but occasionally there are circumstances that occur in East Africa that require lodging substitutions. We reserve the right to make comparable lodging substitutions whenever necessary.

2012 CUSTOM DEPARTURE DATES

Schedule as you wish January through April and June through December.

2012 CUSTOM DEPARTURE PRICING

- 4 or more persons \$5,499 USD each
- 2 persons \$6,399 USD each
- Special kids pricing (under 12) \$3,199 USD
- Special kids pricing (under 16) \$4,099 USD

- Single supplement \$1,215 USD

Arrivals and departures out of Kilimanjaro International Airport. Prices do not include international air travel.