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The Lark Tours Difference

As you have probably already discovered, today's travel industry offers an overwhelming number of options. With so many to pick from, we know just how difficult it can be to select the right travel company. Here are some reasons why we think you should choose Lark Tours:

We are Unique. At Lark Tours we focus solely on offering private luxury vacations and safaris in Africa. Our concept is simple: your vacation in Africa should be just that - it should be **your** vacation.

Personalized & Tailor-Made Itineraries. While most companies present a number of set itineraries with scheduled departure dates, thus forcing you to fit within their framework, we take a very different approach. We offer private vacation itineraries that are personalized and tailor-made to perfectly fit your interests, preferences, and schedule. Whether you are traveling as a couple, a family, a group of friends, an organization, or some combination thereof, we will put together a trip that fits everybody's desires and departs when you want!

Private Groups. There is no denying that Africa is simply spectacular. To truly experience this enchanting continent on an intimate level, in a way that is sure to impact some part of your being, we firmly believe that private journeys are an absolute must. By delving into Africa in a manner that only private travel makes possible, you are able to interact with locals, learn about each region's history and culture at your own pace, and fully delight in all the beauty and wildlife that Africa has to offer. This ensures that you have an authentic experience in Africa and return home feeling enlightened, inspired, and above all else, satisfied.

Flexibility. The real beauty of private travel is having flexibility during your vacation. Because you have your own expert guides with private vehicles, you are free to make changes on a whim. When there are moments so captivating that you simply want to linger and soak in the experience, then you have the freedom to do so. There is no bus to catch, no rigid schedule to follow, and no large group with competing demands. This is your vacation with your own private guides who are there each step of the way to ensure you have the perfect experience.

Service is King. Private luxury travel is about receiving the best service available, which includes incredible attention to detail and help with every facet of your vacation. We deliver all this and more. Our staff and guides are some of the best in the industry and we all follow one simple rule: you are the most important priority. We will do absolutely whatever it takes to ensure you have the easiest, most satisfying vacation experience to date.

Expertise: We have delved deep into Africa and emerged with the extensive first-hand knowledge necessary to make sure your vacation is unforgettable. In addition to substantial training and ongoing education, everybody who works for us has extensive personal expertise from having lived and traveled in Africa. By targeting our focus exclusively on Africa, we are able to continually deepen our knowledge of this region and provide you with a plethora of magnificent experiences.

One Call Convenience. It seems like everything these days is becoming more and more convenient. Why should travel be any different? With one phone call we can take care of all your travel arrangements, including complimentary flight bookings, travel insurance, and much more.

We Like to Have Fun! Let's face it – much of the travel industry is far too serious. This is your vacation! This is your time off, your chance to explore a new region of the world and recharge your batteries. So what are you waiting for? Africa beckons!

Riches of Tanzania Itinerary

Day 1 - Depart from USA for Mt. Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania

Today we depart for Mt Kilimanjaro International Airport located next to Mt. Kilimanjaro and Arusha in Northern Tanzania.



Day 2 - Arrive in Tanzania

Once we arrive in Tanzania we are escorted to Onsea House, a luxurious bed & breakfast situated just outside Arusha. Here we experience excellent service, a high degree of comfort, and great food. Combine this with its relaxing atmosphere, its outdoor pool, and its lush gardens, and this makes the perfect layover before our safari begins.

Onsea House (dinner included)

Day 3 - Lake Manyara National Park

Today we embark on an all-day safari in Lake Manyara National Park. The focal

point of this park is Lake Manyara, a shallow soda lake located at the base of the Great Rift Valley's western escarpment. Though this is one of Tanzania's smallest national parks, it contains an incredible diversity of wildlife, including huge flocks of pink flamingoes, blue monkeys, a remarkably high density of olive baboons, hornbills, wildebeest, zebras, buffalos, hippos, giraffes, abundant herds of elephants, and many other animals including Manyara's legendary tree-climbing lions, which are often seen resting in the branches of acacia trees. Moreover, Manyara has a large, highly-varied population of birds and butterflies. In addition to its wildlife diversity, Lake Manyara also offers a wide range of habitats such as jungle-like groundwater forests, a swampy fan delta, acacia



woodlands, grassy plains, and of course, the lake itself. Ernest Hemingway once praised the scenery at Lark Manyara as “the loveliest I have seen in Africa!” Indeed, this compact park offers beautiful scenery along with abundant wildlife, making for an excellent safari experience.



That evening, we arrive at Sanctuary Swala Camp, located in a secluded area of Tarangire National Park, which is one of northern Tanzania's most interesting parks, famous for its large herds of elephants and spectacular baobab trees. The camp consists of twelve tents surrounding the main dining area, a deck and library which are lifted on stilts around an ancient baobab tree, and a stunning infinity swimming pool overlooking the water hole.

Each of the twelve luxurious canvas pavilions is shaded by tall acacia trees and situated within sight of the water hole, which regularly draws lions, leopards, and resident bull elephants. The tents feature a spacious arrangement with comfortable king or twin beds, campaign chairs, and plush sofas, as well as an en suite bathroom with both indoor and outdoor showers. Each tent also has its own personal attendant who will attend to our every need.

Exquisitely furnished with traditional materials, the tents at Sanctuary Swala are unabashedly luxurious but still close enough with nature to permit an exciting night under canvas.

Swala Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner included)

Day 4 - On Safari in Tarangire

Today we spend all day on safari in Tarangire. Located in Northern Tanzania just southeast of Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire consists of both Tarangire National Park and Tarangire Conservation Area. Together they occupy an area of nearly one million acres almost wholly contained within the Great Rift Valley. Tarangire boasts an incredible array of wildlife (except for rhinos, which are now extinct here) and is particularly well known for its huge herds of elephants and stands of massive Baobab Trees. Though not as grand as the famous Great Migration in the Mara-Serengeti Ecosystem, Tarangire is also home to a smaller migration consisting of tens of thousands of antelope and zebras, thousands of elephants, and much more. Tarangire’s animal migration is the greatest concentration of wildlife in Tanzania outside of the Serengeti. The animals’ movement is dictated by water sources such as the Tarangire River and by seasonal rains. Even without this migration, Tarangire is home to a significant number of resident wildlife, including buffalo, giraffes, zebras, ostriches, warthogs, a variety of antelope, lions, leopards, cheetahs, and hyenas. In addition, Tarangire is home to what is believed to be the greatest number of bird species of any park in Tanzania with over 550 bird species, including Kori’s Bustard (the world’s heaviest flying bird), Bateleur Eagles, Ground Hornbills,



Yellow-Collard Lovebird, Rufous-Tailed Weaver, Lappet-Faced Vultures, and tiny Pygmy Falcons. For an outstanding safari experience, Tarangire does not disappoint.
Swala Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner included)

Day 5 - Transfer to Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

Today we drive to Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge. Perched on the rim of the crater, Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge offers incredible views over the wide expanse of the crater below. The lodge is built using stones and other local materials, connected by rope-lashed timber walkways, and enclosed in endless creepers, which all serve to camouflage the hotel and blend it into the surroundings. Inside the hotel, the wall lanterns, bright-beaded decorations, and Maasai artifacts create a blend of ethnic style that enhances the luxurious surroundings. Each room is decorated with brass fixtures and wildwood mirrors and has its own rock-enclosed balcony overlooking the crater. Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge is a luxurious hotel, the perfect place from which to embark on safaris, enjoy lilac-streaked sunrises, and behold star-studded nights over the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater.



Once we arrive we set off on a safari in Ngorongoro Crater.
Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (breakfast, lunch, dinner)



Day 6 - Grand Safaris In Ngorongoro Crater

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is one of Tanzania's most well-known wildlife refuges, which together with the adjoining Mara-Serengeti Ecosystem forms an immensely rich African environment, dense with wildlife. But what really makes this area famous is Ngorongoro Crater, a World Heritage Site and the world's largest intact volcanic caldera, with a 100-square mile cavity surrounded by a 2000-foot high rim. This "Eighth Wonder of the World" creates a natural

amphitheater for one of the densest populations of large animals anywhere in Africa. The rich soils and abundant year-round water provide an ideal habitat for approximately 22,000 animals with species ranging from Black-Maned Lions to Spotted Hyenas to the rare Black Rhinos to Thompson's Gazelles, as well as many other fascinating animals species.

Today we explore this sensational region with our knowledgeable guides, tracking animals, and discovering all the incredible delights that Ngorongoro Crater has to offer.

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (all meals)



Day 7 - Transfer to Serengeti

Today we drive to Manyara Airstrip where we board our light aircraft (also known as a “bush airplane”) to Nomad’s Serengeti Safari Camp, located in the famed Serengeti National Park. The short flight provides us with a unique opportunity to experience a “wing safari,” where we are able to view herds of wildlife, flocks of birds, and Tanzania’s unique geography from the sky.

Once we arrive, we transfer to Serengeti Safari Camp,

which is a part of Nomad’s portfolio of prestigious Tanzanian safari camps. This particular camp is semi-nomadic and changes locations every few weeks (though never while guests are present) in an effort to closely shadow the spectacular Great Migration. The camp moves within the Serengeti and surrounding areas, where the densities of wildlife are greatest.

The camp itself is very intimate, consisting of just six spacious tents. Each tent is vibrantly decorated and furnished with comfortable beds, a roomy dressing area, nightstand, book shelves, chairs, and everything else that help make a mobile camp luxurious and relaxing. Each tent is equipped with en-suite, safari-style bush toilets and showers. The bush showers offer hot and cold water on demand. Meals are served in the central dining tent where the camp’s safari chefs are absolute geniuses at preparing incredible meals in the African wild.

That afternoon we set off on our first exciting safari in the Serengeti!

Nomad Serengeti Safari Camp (includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, all drinks (except champagne), and laundry)

Day 8 - The Great Migration in the Serengeti

As one of the world’s most famous wildlife sanctuaries, Serengeti National Park needs no introduction. Protected since 1929, the Serengeti is now a UNESCO World Heritage site, and truly one of the jewels of Africa. The Serengeti gets its name from the Maasai word “siringet” meaning “endless plain,” and it is here we find the archetypal African landscape, as depicted on nearly any kind of African wildlife documentary. The Serengeti forms the southern end of the Mara-Serengeti Ecosystem and is home to the Great Migration, consisting of millions of wildebeest, zebras, and other antelopes, for most of the year. In addition to hordes of plains game, antelope, elephants, and other herbivores, the Serengeti is one of the best places in Af-



rica to watch predators in action and is home to over 3000 lions, in addition to thousands of cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, foxes, and jackals. For an unrivaled safari experience, the Serengeti lives up to its reputation.



While on game drives, we spend our time observing the Great Migration and all the wildlife interaction that takes place. The sheer volume of animals is simply flabbergasting! Every day our guides, who are some of Tanzania's best safari guides take us out in the bush for incredible game viewing. Because we have our own private four wheel drive vehicle and

guide, we have nearly complete control of determining how long we want to stay out on safari each day, where we want to go, how long we want to stay in certain areas, etc. In addition, our guides are more than happy to provide picnic lunches in the bush, as well as other special outings, at our request. This is the classic East African safari!

Nomad Serengeti Safari Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner, all drinks (except champagne), and laundry)

Day 9 - Transfer to Nduara Loliondo

Today we drive to Nduara Loliondo, another famous Nomad camp located in the remote Loliondo region just east of Serengeti National Park and south of the Kenyan border. This region is extra special because though it is part of the Mara-Serengeti Ecosystem, it is not a part of Serengeti National Park proper, which means that national park rules are not in effect.

Thus we have the freedom to drive off-road, embark on extensive bush walks with Maasai guides, enjoy sun-downers and lengthy picnics in remote locations, and set off on exciting night safaris. Better yet, Maasai villagers actually live in this region, allowing us to experience local Maasai culture in a more intimate manner than is available on most safaris. The essence of Nduara Loliondo is about slowing down and delving deeper into the surrounding wilderness and culture. Wildlife encounters are more intense, interactions with locals are more personal,



and quite moments in the innermost reaches of the bush are more contemplative. This is a different type of safari, one we see and feel at ground level, offering a new perspective of Africa.

The camp at Nduara Loliondo is designed to celebrate structures from two famous nomadic cultures: the Mongolian gers and the Maasai bomas. The result is a camp consisting of six beautifully designed, spacious yurts that have been given an African makeover. Each of the yurts has its own en-suite bathroom attached to the back, with short drop toilets and traditional safari-style bucket showers with hot and cold water on demand. The yurts have wrap-around shade net windows with flaps that can be rolled up or down, in an effort to keep them as cool as possible during the day. There is also a traditional open “wheel” in the center of the roof (in Mongolian gers this is where the chimney of the fireplace would be located), which helps to keep the yurt open and airy. The camp’s communal mess and dining yurts are perfect for lazy afternoons, or relaxing during the evening after an exhilarating day in the bush.



Nduara Loliondo (breakfast, lunch, dinner, all drinks (except champagne), and laundry)

Day 10 - On Safari in Loliondo

Today we set out on safaris with our private guides. From traditional safaris in 4x4 vehicles to walking safaris deep in the bush, from outings with the Maasai to local village visits, from morning and afternoon picnics to sundowners during the evening, and from night safaris to early morning sunrises, we have complete control over our schedule.



With the ability to delve deeply into our surroundings, and with our own personal guide present to point out and interpret each detail we encounter every step of the way, our safari in Loliondo is a rare experience. Too often safaris in East Africa are busy, hurried, and gloss quickly over the major highlights, completely neglecting the details and moments that make Africa such a special place. At Nduara

Loliondo we are able to slow down, and in the process, feel the heart and soul of Africa.
Nduara Loliondo (breakfast, lunch, dinner, all drinks (except champagne), and laundry)

Day 11 - Homeward Bound

After one last glorious sunrise over the African wilderness and one last safari (pending available time), we board our flight back to Arusha. Upon arrival, our guide then transfers us to Mt. Kilimanjaro International Airport where we board our international flight back home.

(breakfast)

Day 12 - Arrive Home

En route to home. As we fly back home, we relish in our new memories and look forward to telling friends and family about our splendid travels in Africa.

Trip Details

2010 Departure Dates and Pricing

• *Riches of Tanzania* departs daily

• **Shoulder Season** (January 1 - February 28; November 1 - December 15):
From \$6,995 per person sharing; \$995 single supplement

• **High Season** (June 1 - October 31):
From \$7,695 per person sharing; \$1,350 single supplement

• **Low Season** (March 1 - May 31):
From \$6,250 per person sharing; \$995 single supplement

• **Peak Season** (December 15 - January 1):
Please contact us for pricing and availability

NOTE: Necessary flights to/from and within Africa are an additional fee and are not included in the above rates.

*** The single supplement is an additional charge added to the trip price for travelers requesting single occupancy accommodations.

What's Included With the Cost?

- A Lark Tours welcome packet containing all necessary pre- and post-departure trip planning information
- Full pre-and post-vacation Lark Tours customer support, available to answer all your questions during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST) and available to answer emergency calls from trip participants and/or from family/friends of trip participants at any hour during your vacation
- Guides for all activities, sightseeing, etc as outlined in the itinerary
- All meals
- All lodgings and accommodations
- All entry and participation costs for all activities, sightseeing, etc. as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transportation
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- All game drives in off-road vehicles
- All conservation and park fees
- Upon request, complimentary international flight arrangements

What's NOT Included?

- Flights
- Alcohol, except where specified in the itinerary
- Personal purchases
- Gratuities
- Passport/visa fees
- Required and/or recommended immunizations
- Any other items of a personal nature

There are absolutely no hidden costs, fees, or extra expenses.

Trip Reservations

All bookings and activities are subject to change and availability.

Complimentary Flight Arrangements

Lark Tours is pleased to offer you our complimentary flight arrangement services, at no additional charge, when you book one of our vacations. With the help of our flight specialists, we are able to find the flights you need, usually for less than you can find as an individual. Also, when we book your flights we can schedule all your arrival and departure times to fit perfectly with your vacation itinerary. But best of all, taking advantage of our complimentary flight arrangements is convenient and means you can make all your vacation plans with a single phone call.

If you decide to handle flight arrangements on your own then we ask that you check with us to coordinate all flights. This is very important since there are flights where arrival and departure times must be coordinated properly to ensure that your trip flows smoothly. Once your flight is booked, please send us a copy of your ticket so we have a copy on file.

Welcome Packet

Once you book a vacation with us, we will send you a detailed packet of information on how to prepare for your upcoming trip, which includes topics such as necessary visas, important vaccinations, safety tips, clothing suggestions, recommended reading, and more.

Payment Schedule

At the time of reservation: 50% of trip cost due
90 days prior to trip departure: Full balance due

Cancellation & Refund Policy

All cancellations are to be made by speaking with a Lark Tours representative followed by a written notification mailed to our office. At the time of cancellation, the following fees will apply:

91 days or more prior to departure we charge: 25% of total trip price
46 to 90 prior days to departure we retain: 50% of total trip price
45 days or less prior to departure we retain: 100% of total trip price

About Lark Tours

Based in Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A., Lark Tours is a full-service tour operator that focuses exclusively on offering private luxury vacations and safaris in Africa. Founded in 2005, Lark Tours was developed based on the knowledge that in order to truly experience Africa on an intimate level, private journeys are an absolute must. Since then, Lark Tours has been bringing fresh energy to the world of travel with its innovative approach, and in the process, it has redefined what it means to have an unforgettable vacation experience in Africa.

At Lark Tours, our hope is that you will consider sharing this journey with us, and in the process, grow to love this enchanting continent as much as we do.

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Questions? Comments? To speak with a Lark Tours representative call us toll-free at 1-877-LarkTours (527-5868)

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