

# *2025 Planetary Society Adventures*



## **TANZANIA SAFARI** **& LUNAR ECLIPSE • September 3-14, 2025**

*Come  
with us  
on Safari in  
Tanzania!*

*See the finest wildlife  
reserves in East Africa,  
and see the Total Lunar Eclipse  
September 7, 2025!*

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this will be an exceptional experience.*



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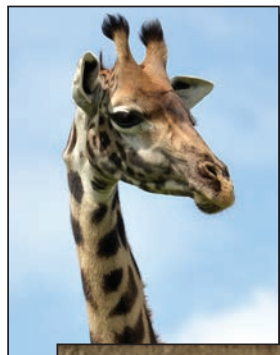
# Tanzania Safari Itinerary

## Days 1/2 USA to Amsterdam & Tanzania

Fly from USA cities to Amsterdam overnight. Next day, take a morning connecting flight to Kilimanjaro Airport. Transfer to the *Kibo Palace Hotel (2 nights)*.

## Day 3 Arusha National Park

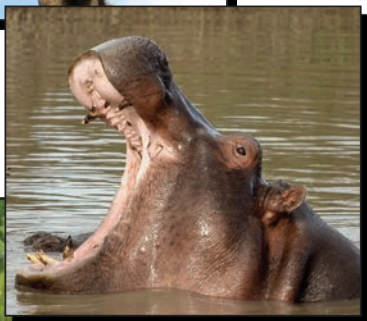
Have a safari briefing, then depart with a box lunch for Arusha National Park. This park is located at the foot of Mt. Meru, the second highest mountain in Tanzania. You will have a chance to visit the Momela Lakes and see flamingoes, Egyptian geese, and plovers. Also look for wildlife including waterbuck, dikdik, warthog, elephants, zebras, hippos, buffalo, and Masai giraffe.



## Days 4/5 Tarangire National Park & Total Lunar Eclipse

We will drive through the Tanzanian countryside this morning to Tarangire National Park. This park is famous for its large concentration of African elephants and baobab trees. Here we will find the very definition of the African bush: open savanna, acacia trees, roaming herds of elephant, zebra, and an impressive array of predators. In

the dry season, the permanent waters of the Tarangire River lure animals from across the gamelands of Northern Tanzania. The next day,



the excitement will build as we anticipate the Total Lunar Eclipse in this fantastic location. Our timing will be just right. The Lunar Eclipse will begin at 7:27 pm with the Total beginning at 8:30 pm. (So this won't be a 2 am Lunar Eclipse!). This will be ideal for photography. *Tarangire Safari Lodge (2 nights)*.



## Days 6/7 Ngorongoro Crater

This morning, we will depart for Ngorongoro Crater. We will pass through scenic Tanzanian countryside and see villagers in the town of Karatu. As you reach the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, there are breathtaking views of this immense volcanic caldera. Clouds billow up along the rim of the crater, while wildlife grazes below in this extraordinary wildlife sanctuary. We will descend in our safari vehicles into Ngorongoro Crater and explore this vast wildlife reserve, looking for the "Big 5": buffalos, lions, elephants, leopards, rhinos, and more! *Ngorongoro Serena Lodge (2 nights)*.

## Day 8/9/10 The Serengeti & Milky Way

For the next three days, we will explore Serengeti National Park. The Serengeti is one of the largest and most important wildlife sanctuaries in the world. A natural paradise roughly the size of





## Reservations

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Connecticut, it has an exhilarating ecosystem for African plains animals and riverine wildlife. The plains and gently undulating hills stretch up to the Kenyan border, an idyllic landscape dotted with kopjes and acacia trees. We will explore the immense plains of the Serengeti, alert for leopard, lions, zebras, Thompson's gazelles, and cheetah and will also look for elusive animals as well as hyenas jackals, vultures, and wildlife of the kopjes — rock hyraxes, mongooses, clipspringer, and dikdik. For an added highlight, you can also sign up for an Optional Hot Air Balloon flight for a stunning view over the Serengeti.

In the evenings, we will have the extraordinary viewing of the Milky Way before Moonrise. This may be the finest viewing of the Milky Way you will ever see. Be prepared for a Dark Sky spectacular! *Ang'ata Camp (3 nights).*



### Days 11/12 Serengeti to Arusha & Home

Today, we will drive back to Arusha, or you may take an optional flight back and have the afternoon in Arusha. Airport transfer this evening for flights back to Amsterdam and the USA, arriving on Day 12.

**Yes!** I/We want to join the **Tanzania Wildlife & Lunar Eclipse Safari, September 3-14, 2025**, offered by **The Planetary Society and Betchart Expeditions Inc.** Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) on the expedition. As a deposit, I/we have enclosed a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person), payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Accommodations Preference:

\_\_\_\_ Twin \_\_\_\_ Single Twin Share \_\_\_\_ with a friend *or*  
\_\_\_\_ assign a roommate

\_\_\_\_ Nonsmoker \_\_\_\_ Smoker

Signature: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Mail To: Tanzania 2025**

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**17050 Montebello Road, Cupertino, CA 95014-5435**

# Costs & Conditions

**Safari Fee:** \$5,995 per person twin share + air fare of approx. \$1,495 from Washington Dulles or JFK to Amsterdam and Kilimanjaro, RT + in-tour return flight Serengeti to Arusha is \$295.

**Single Supplement:** \$995.

**What to Expect:** This safari is planned for the travel enthusiast who would enjoy exploring the superb wildlife reserves in Tanzania on a classic African safari and see the Total Lunar Eclipse September 7, 2025.

Travel is by 7-passenger safari vehicles with experienced driver naturalist guides and an excellent Betchart astronomy leader. Each passenger will have a window seat in the safari vehicles. Typically, temperatures will be in the upper 70's to low 80's. This safari is a tremendous experience for travelers with an appetite for adventure who can tolerate some insects, heat, and bumpy dirt roads for the lifelong experience of seeing the Lunar Eclipse and Milky Way over the Serengeti. There is some possibility the skies will be obscured by clouds, but there are excellent prospects for viewing the Lunar Eclipse. (No smoking in vehicles, during talks, or meals, please.)

**Safari Fee Includes:** Land transport; group airport transfers; accommodations twin share in first class hotels and safari lodges; all meals in Tanzania; park entrance fees; leadership, administration.



**Safari Fee Does Not Include:** International air fare (quoted separately); In-tour flight Serengeti to Arusha; independent transfers; gratuities to safari astronomer and driver/guides; Tanzania visa fees; optional hot air balloon ride (approx. \$595); personal items such as alcoholic beverages; laundry; bottled water, sodas, passport, personal insurance.

## FOR RESERVATIONS

*Please mail the completed reservation form with a deposit check for \$1,000 per person to:*

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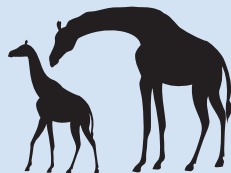
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**Final payment is due March 1, 2025**

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**Accommodations:** Are in a first class hotel in Arusha and comfortable safari lodges. If you do not have a roommate or we cannot provide one, you must pay the \$995 extra cost of a single.

**Air fare & Airline Ticketing:** Air fare estimate is from Washington DC or JFK to Amsterdam and Tanzania, RT as of January 2024. Other gateway cities are available. Please call Taunya for assistance, (800) 252-4910. AIR FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.

**Reservations, Deposits & Payment:** Please mail a deposit of \$1,000 per person with the completed reservation form to:

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The balance is due 180 days before departure (March 1, 2025).

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**Cancellations & Refunds:** The initial deposit is refundable up to 180 days before departure less a handling fee of \$250 per person. There will be no refund for any cancellation after the 180 day period unless your place is resold; then only a \$250 pp handling fee applies.

There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features. Trip cancellation insurance will be offered.



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**Responsibility:** A complete statement of Responsibility is available in the office upon request.

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