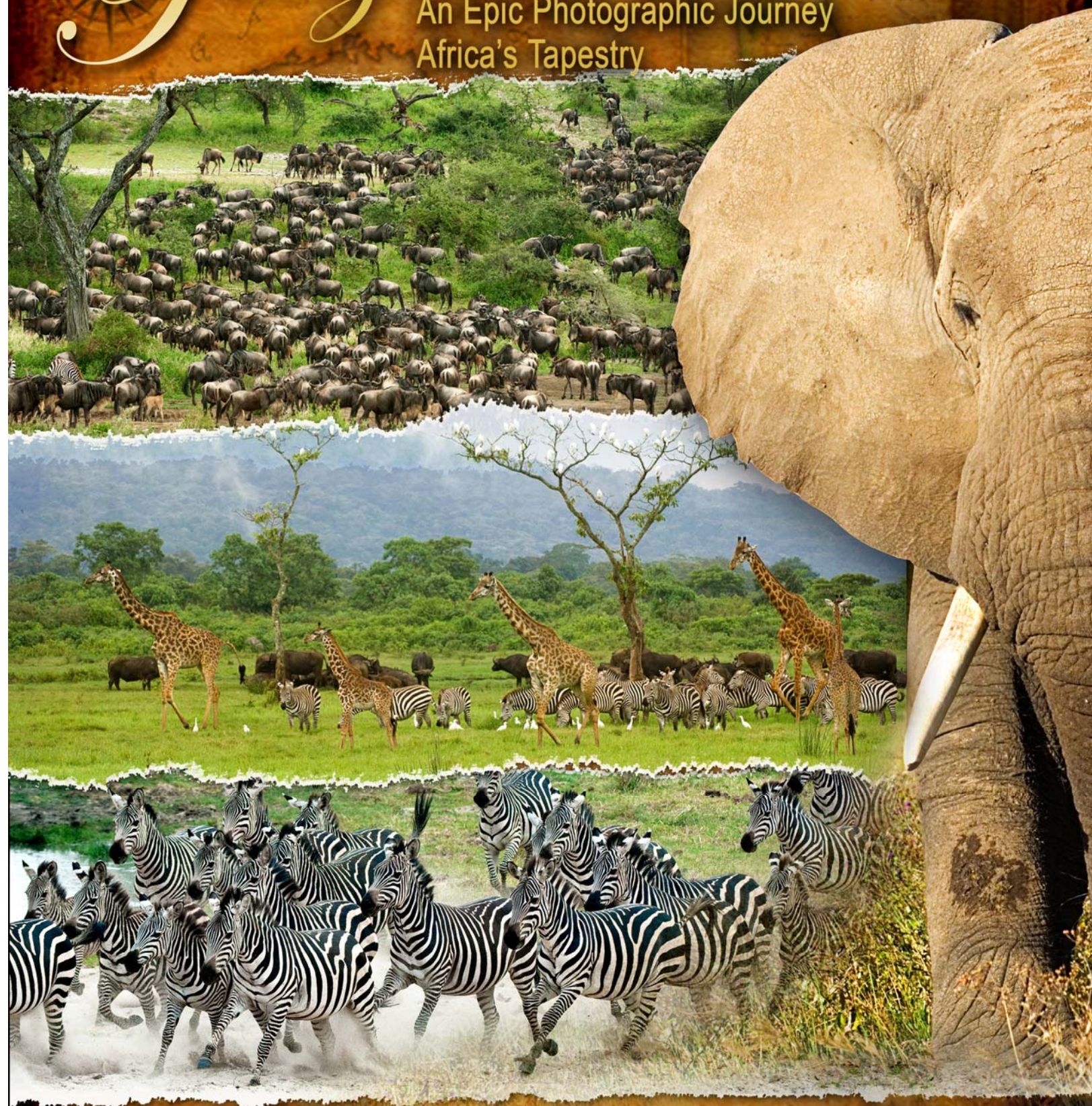


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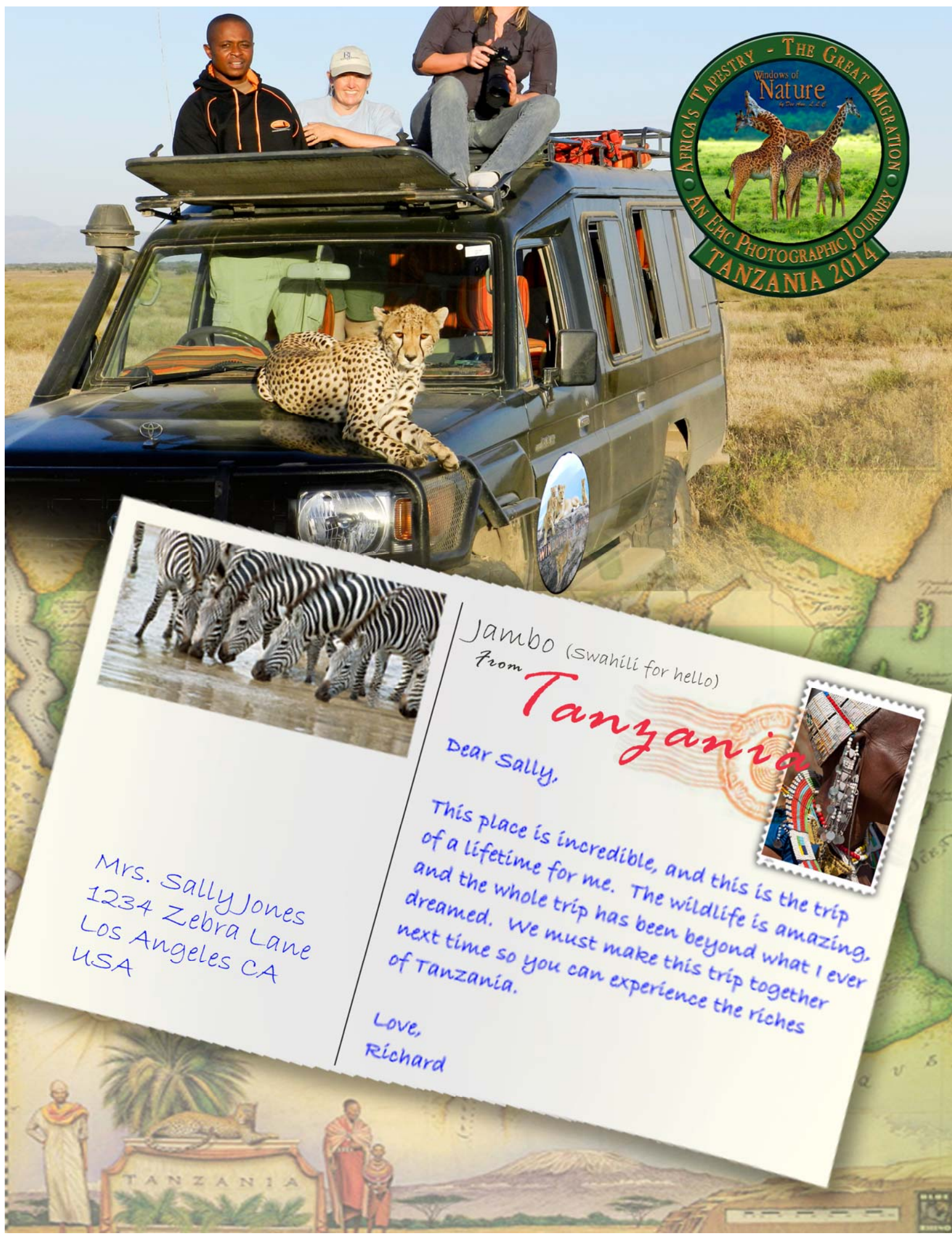
An Epic Photographic Journey
Africa's Tapestry



The Great Migration

Dee Ann Pederson
Photo Leader

Windows of
Nature[™]
by Dee Ann, LLC



Jambo (Swahili for hello)
From

Tanzania

Dear Sally,



This place is incredible, and this is the trip of a lifetime for me. The wildlife is amazing, and the whole trip has been beyond what I ever dreamed. We must make this trip together next time so you can experience the riches of Tanzania.

Love,
Richard

Mrs. Sally Jones
1234 Zebra Lane
Los Angeles CA
USA



Africa's Tapestry

...weaving together abundant wildlife, scenic splendor & native culture...
...an epic journey with memories of a lifetime.

SERENGETI, NGORONGORO & NDUTU...

the names alone evoke powerful images of mystery, wonder and awe.
In real life, they offer an experience beyond your wildest dreams.

Join nature photographer Dee Ann Pederson as she guides a group of photography and nature enthusiasts on a 16-day Photographic Safari through Tanzania's most renowned national parks. You'll experience the best of what East Africa has to offer, with time and space to fully experience the natural splendor and amazing wildlife of the Serengeti, Arusha Nat'l Park, Ndutu, and Ngorongoro Crater, all designed to maximize your connection with the riches of the land and the staggering variety of its fauna and flora.

Dee Ann has made this trip many times over the years, and chooses only the best lodges and camps, the best local native guides, and of course, the best safari vehicles for photography. She has worked with Nickson, her lead guide for many years, who has an expert eye for the needs of serious photographers. Coupled with extensive knowledge of the land and its wildlife, our guides offer you the ultimate experience of this phenomenal land.

In addition to the primary focus of photographing wildlife and Tanzania's scenic splendor, you'll also spend a morning in a Maasai village, and experience a connection to these beautiful beings who have shared this land for hundreds of years. The Maasai children and their teacher under the shade of an acacia tree, their vibrant fabric, intricate bead work, dancing and singing, and mud huts are eye candy without calories. Beware, even if you are an avid wildlife photographer your urge to photograph will be irresistible and your experience with these special people will enrich this journey beyond your expectations.

If you're serious about photography, whether novice or advanced, and want to experience the wonder of Africa, this is the trip for you. If you are traveling with a companion who is not a photographer, perhaps they'd like to capture yet another unique view of nature's experience using a video camera.

Join me in 2014 on this Epic Photographic Journey.....

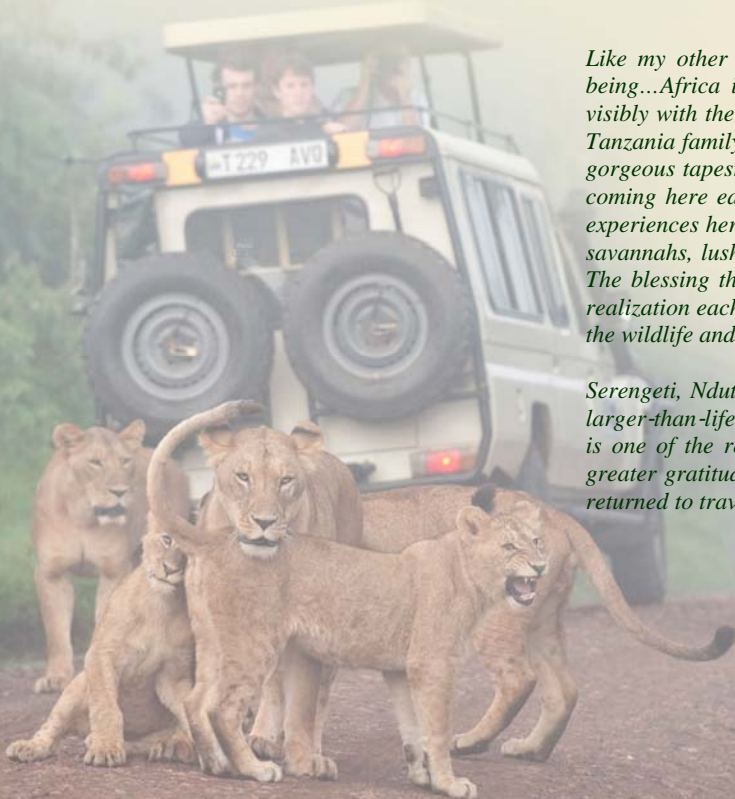
Like my other "home away from home" of Alaska, Tanzania brings me to the core of my being...Africa in my Soul. I've found no other place on earth where life holds together so visibly with the unity I experience here. The land, the vegetation, the wildlife, the weather, my Tanzania family of friends and of course, its beautiful native cultures – all woven together in a gorgeous tapestry of life, almost a showplace of "what's possible" for life on earth. I've been coming here each year for over a decade and although no two trips are the same, all of my experiences here are inextricably significant in my life as I embrace ever moment of the golden savannahs, lush woodlands, semi-arid plains and pastoral lifestyle and culture of the Maasai. The blessing that come with being able to return to a place like this again and again is the realization each time that I can be open to feel, sense and see so much more deeply and beyond the wildlife and culture, but how it all connect.

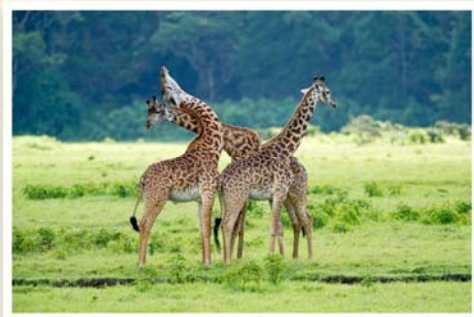
Serengeti, Ndutu, Arusha, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro... the splendor always abound in these larger-than-life places, but seeing these places differently opens up boundless experiences and is one of the reasons I love sharing Tanzania with those who travel with me, with an even greater gratitude for those who have found their own passion and love for this land and have returned to travel with me on safari in Tanzania.

Dee Ann Pederson - Africa 2012 Journal

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Opening Agenda – After a long journey, we will spend our first three nights in the comfort of Serena Mountain Village Lodge. Nestled on the edge of Arusha at the foot of the wooded slopes of Mount Meru, The Serena Mountain Village Lodge is also amidst surrounding coffee plantations on the shores of tranquil Lake Duluti.

Our first day has been designed to have a slow pace with breakfast and then an optional morning outing to the Cultural Heritage Center (shops / museum). We will return for lunch and then a late afternoon orientation prior to dinner. You will also be able to relax while taking a walk through the lush garden or just sipping your coffee while enjoying your first day in Tanzania.

The Cultural Heritage Center has so much to offer, guest have commented it is overwhelming to only have a brief time on the last day of the safari to see the museum, shop, and make decisions. This morning will give you a much more relaxed space of time; you will be able to make purchases you desire, they will package them and hold them for when we come back on the last day. Or you can, at the very least, get ideas about what you like and be able to compare as we see other shops along our safari.

Arusha National Park

The following day will be spent exploring Arusha National Park's many riches. With both morning and afternoon game drives, you'll have plenty of time to experience all this beautiful place has to offer.

Unlike many of Tanzania's protected lands, Arusha National Park is lush with vegetation, rainforest and mountainous terrain. Its slightly moister climate offers home to a wide variety of birds and animals, including its mascot, the unique and acrobatic black-and-white colobus monkey. A crater in the midst of its forest has a huge marsh on its floor, supporting large herds of warthog and buffalo. The park is bordered on the west by Mount Meru (14,000 feet), and has a commanding view of Mount Kilimanjaro (19,341 feet) to the east (weather permitting).

Serena Mountain Village Lodge

Feb 13th

Late Evening – Arrive into Kilimanjaro Airport / Transport to Lodge in Arusha for your first night in Tanzania.

Feb 14th

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day of relaxation / 9:00 AM optional outing to Cultural Heritage Shops & Museum / Late afternoon Orientation

Feb 15th

Breakfast / Morning game drive / Lunch / Afternoon game drive / Dinner

Arusha



Market Place

Coffee, Culture & Color

The name "Manyara" derives from the plant Euphorbia tirucalli from which the Maasai build a hedge to protect their livestock from predators. The Maasai language is known as Maa.

Morning Agenda, Feb 16th – After breakfast we will depart Arusha on our way to Ndutu in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Our drive will take us through the town of Arusha into Maasai land where you will see your first glimpse of Maasai life and villages. One of the most common sights will be children herding their goats and warriors herding the village cows. You will also see your first baobab tree known as the upside down tree. As we get close to Lake Manyara there is a wonderful market along the road abounding with color from the bougainvilleas covered roofs, the numerous varieties of bananas and "Tinga Tinga" painting by native artisans. We will stop here and stroll around the market giving us opportunity to photograph colors, patterns, people and culture. Now back into our safari vehicle we will have lunch in the Lake Manyara Area and then continue our journey around the rim of Ngorongoro Crater where you will have your first view of the crater floor and then to Ndutu..



Ndutu

(Ngorongoro Conservation Area)



Lake Masek Tented Camp

A striking characteristic of this area is the stunning acacia woodland, which is immediately surrounded by the short grass plains. Within this wooded area is Lake Ndutu and Lake Masek - two of the Rift Valley's soda lakes. At the height of the wildebeest migration, and when heavy rains have fallen, lines of wildebeest can often be seen crossing these lakes accompanied by large numbers of zebra and Thomson gazelles.

Sights abound, so do sounds. Listen to the murmurs of a million doves greeting the sunrise, a cacophony of guinea fowl as they startle away, the swish of a tawny eagle through the clear air. Hyenas howling, zebras and jackals barking, the rich chorus of Ndutu rings round while millions of stars illuminate the sky.

Lake Masek Tented Camp is perfectly located on the banks of Lake Masek with an African décor appointed lounge and dining area a joining an expansive wood deck under the shade of acacia trees overlooking the lake. We will enjoy luxury tents with all en suite facilities you could want; wood floors, footed tubs and an exterior shower under the stars of East Africa's sky. The lodge is eco-friendly with solar power and one of my favorite elements of the camp is the personal touch of the Maasai staff...AND the gift shop.

Agenda – To take in all Ngorongoro Conservation Area has to offer and to experience yet another remarkable ecosystem of Tanzania, we will journey today from Arusha to Ndutu, where we will spend our next three days. The wildlife and the habitat of this relatively small area will captivate you! Our last morning at Ndutu will be a slower pace morning with an optional short morning game drive or for those that would like to take this morning around the camp to rest, refresh and download your images you will have this option. We will then all enjoy lunch on the deck at the lodge and continue in the afternoon with our game drive in Ndutu. Ndutu area has been a favorite of professional wildlife photographers and film makers for several decades simply because it is one of the best places to see it all and unlike the other locations we will visit, we are permitted to go off road if we see a special subject to photograph!!

Ndutu Safari Lodge

- Feb 16th Arrive late afternoon to Ndutu / Dinner at Lake Masek Tented Camp.
- Feb 17th Breakfast / Morning game drive / Lunch / Afternoon game drive / Dinner
- Feb 18th Breakfast / Morning game drive / Lunch / Afternoon game drive / Dinner
- Feb 19th Breakfast / Morning game drive (Optional) or relax & lunch at lodge / Afternoon game drive / Dinner



Serengeti National Park

Serengeti National Park is Tanzania's largest, and probably the world's best known wildlife preserve. It's comprised of almost 15,000 square kilometers, an area larger than the state of Connecticut. The name Serengeti is a derivative of the Maasai word meaning "endless plain." In an area this large, it's no surprise to find many varied habitats: open grasslands, (interspersed as they are with rocky outcrops called kopjes and sprinkled with characteristic flat-topped acacia trees); open woodlands; and mosaics of grassland and woodland combined.

Big cats (lions, leopards, cheetahs), along with wildebeest, gazelle, zebra, and millions upon millions of birds and insects, leave even the most casual visitor with a profound sense of wonder with both the richness of life here as well as the spaciousness of the landscape. The Serengeti is the largest wildlife sanctuary in the world and the site of one of the most breathtaking events in the animal kingdom - the migration of more than a million wildebeest. The famous "Migration" people dream to experience should be at its height during our time in the Serengeti along with the wildebeest calving.

Agenda – With five full days in the Serengeti, we'll have time to experience what makes this place so breathtaking and unique. Daily game drives give us time in the field in all of the varied habitats here, highlighted by "up close and personal" encounters with the Africa you may have long held only in your dreams. An exclusive mobile tent camp is home for our time here, with home-cooked meals, and a sense of community greeting us each evening upon our return to camp to reflect on the day's memorable moments around a campfire – a great way to fully absorb the feeling of the Serengeti.

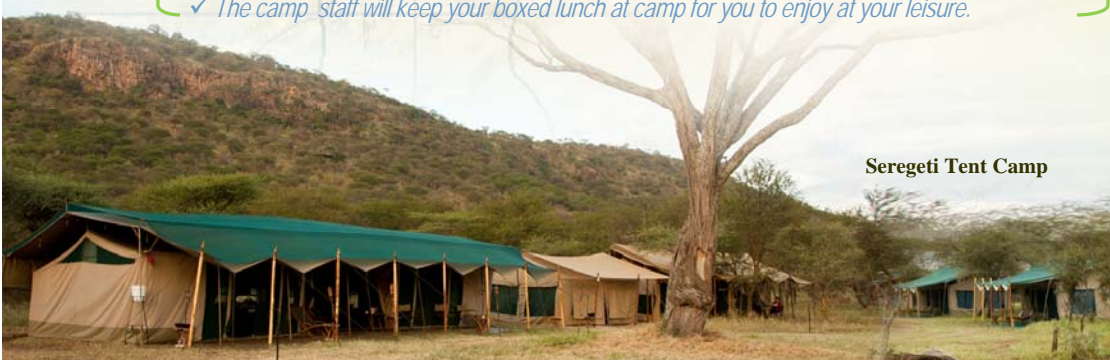
Serengeti Exclusive Safari Tent Camp

Feb 20 th	Breakfast / Early departure for Hot Air Balloon (Optional excursion) / Lunch together as group / Afternoon game drive / Dinner
Feb 21 st	Breakfast / Morning game drive / Lunch / Afternoon game drive / Dinner
Feb 22 nd	Breakfast / Morning game drive / Lunch / Afternoon game drive for everyone / Dinner
Feb 23 rd	Breakfast / Morning game drive (Optional) or morning off to relax / Lunch at camp / Afternoon game drive / Dinner
Feb 24 th	Breakfast / Morning game drive / Lunch / Afternoon game drive / Dinner

- ✓ Since the Serengeti is vast and we want to explore as many photographic opportunities as possible, we will be in-the-field all day with picnic boxes under the shade of an Acacia tree.
- ✓ Guest are welcome to stay at camp any day they desire more down time to rest and relax.
- ✓ The camp staff will keep your boxed lunch at camp for you to enjoy at your leisure.



Serengeti Tent Camp

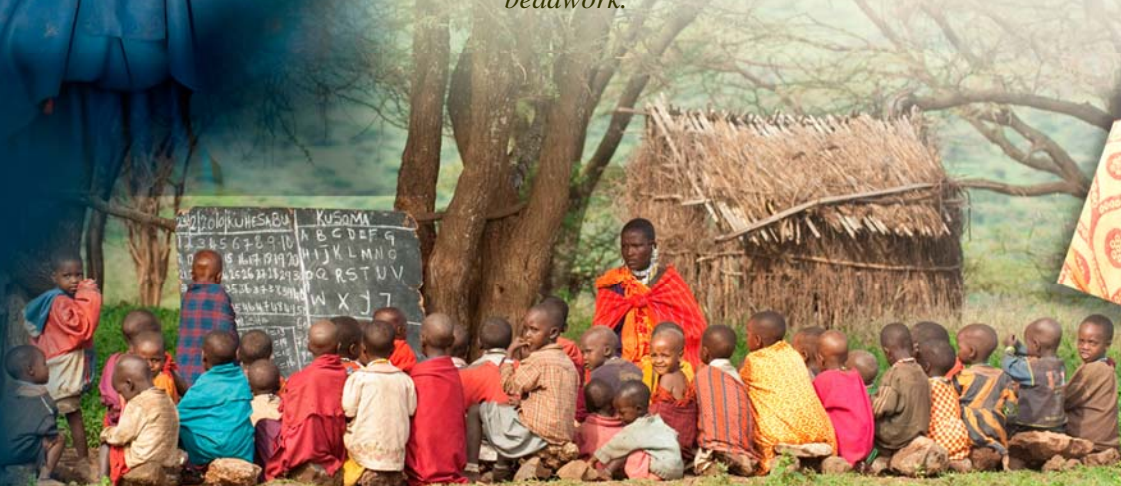




Maasai

The Maasai have lived in this land for hundreds of years, peacefully coexisting with the often harsh environment and constant threat from large predators. Cattle form the basis for their lifestyle, which they protect from lions with fences constructed from acacia thorns. They're a beautiful people, kind, friendly and calm, dressing in bright, bold colors. Their sense of community is strong, and they're known to the outside world for their gorgeous artistic beadwork.

Agenda – On February 25th, as we travel from the Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater we will make a special stop to visit and photograph a Maasai village. We'll have the entire morning with the Maasai to experience a bit of their village life, embrace their dancing and singing, and share time with the small children during school. The young children seem to love visitors, and often flock to our sides as we share time and space with these history-rich and colorful people. You will have the opportunity to take home some of their native hand crafts and beadwork.





Ngorongoro Crater



The Ngorongoro Conservation Area offers 100 square miles of varied natural habitats, and is home to some 30,000 animals. As we ascend the outer rim of the crater, the landscape changes dramatically. The lush, rain-forest vegetation begins to thin as we climb, and soon we're at the rim of the largest intact volcanic caldera in the world.

The ecological richness and diversity created by this natural enclosure, along with its year-round supply of water, means that most of its residents simply don't have to leave in search of food. Perhaps that's why the grand old bull elephants and the rare black rhino take command of the perennial, tender vegetation on the crater floor. This time of the year, following the long rains of April and May, will offer us color from the blossoming flora as a backdrop for our images.

Agenda – We'll close out our safari experience with three nights at the extraordinary Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge with two and a half days in the crater. Nested amongst the lush vegetation of the crater rim at an altitude above 7,000 ft, the vista from the lawn of the lodge overlooking the crater floor below is breath-taking. The crater's unique ecosystem offers us new sights and sounds, a perfect way to wrap up an exciting adventure. We'll plan our trip into the crater to maximize daylight experience there, returning in the evening to enjoy the sunset from the crater rim on the lawn of our luxurious lodge and the company of new friends.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Feb 25th

Breakfast / Drive to Ngorongoro Crater / Depart early to visit and photograph Maasai Village / Lunch / Afternoon game drive in crater / Arrive for sunset at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge / Dinner

Feb 26th

Breakfast / Morning game drive / Lunch / Afternoon game drive / Dinner

Feb 27th

Breakfast / Morning game drive / Lunch / Afternoon game drive / Dinner





Kimemo Cottages

Kimemo Cottages ~ February 28th

Today we end this amazing journey as we enjoy our drive back to Arusha. We will stop for shopping and lunch at the Cultural Heritage Center and then on to our day room at Kimemo Cottages to refresh before our evening transfer to the airport for our departure back home.

Kimemo Cottages is set on a mature coffee farm, five cottages are fully equipped and comfortably furnished. Each enjoys its own beautiful spacious garden, surrounded by stunning panoramic views. Just open the door and make yourself at home. This is a perfect little retreat for peace and privacy, an afternoon nap and repacking your luggage before departing for the airport. We will all enjoy English tea / coffee and hors d'oeuvres on the lawn before our departure to the airport at 5:00 PM. Internet access is available, but can be slow.

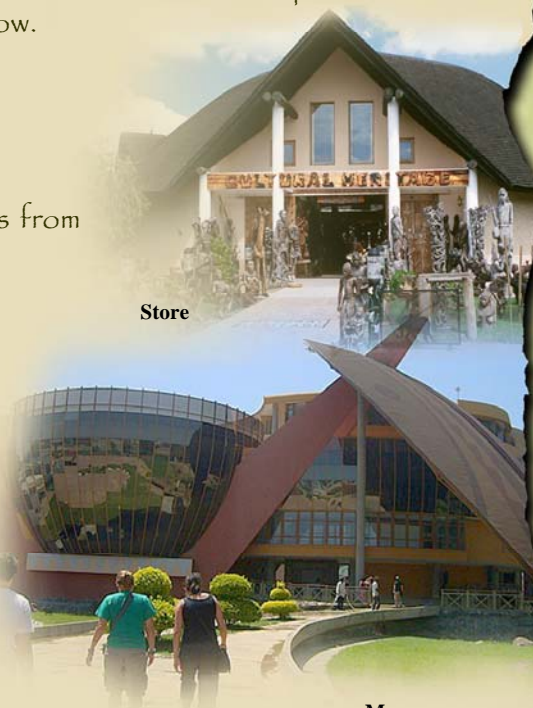
About the Cultural Heritage Center...

The Cultural Heritage Center presents crafts and artifacts from hundreds of tribes both local and from other parts of Africa.

The selection is amazing... so amazing it could be a museum. But of course it's a store, so you can buy anything you see here; masks, carvings, paintings, beadwork, baskets, books, t-shirts and tanzanite from one of the most reputable sources in Tanzania. They'll even ship your treasures anywhere in the world.

And now, there is a museum too! Exhibiting one-of-a-kind African Ebony carvings, sculptures and art of all media.

Store



Museum

We invite you to join us for this remarkable Journey!

One of our operating principles is to connect deeply with the communities in which we travel; we're guests in their land. We therefore work only with local providers, then choose the best among them, so that your experience will be all you dream of.



Kimemo Cottages

Cultural Heritage

Giving Back



Photo Expedition Leader

Dee Ann Pederson is a nature and wildlife photographer who enjoys sharing her passion through her images and leading photographic journeys across the globe. Her awareness and respect for nature began at a young age during family vacations to visit our national parks and natural wonders; and at the age of seventeen, Dee Ann began to cultivate her love for photography while working as a photographer's assistant. Her abundant energy and "wanderlust" have led her around the world in search of nature's splendor. She is at home in the frigid Arctic as she is in the heat of the Serengeti; nature offers her gifts independent of climate or location.



Dee Ann's images are sold as framed limited edition fine art prints through private/gallery shows and Windows of Nature web store; they have been licensed for use on clothing, sold for editorial and commercial use; including National Geographic Traveler, National Geographic Expeditions, Yale University, Holland American Cruise Line, British Airways as well as travel books and others. She has published her "Nature's Inspirations" calendar since 2004 and has also a collection of "Nature's Inspired" note cards available at Windows of Nature webstore. Over three separate years, she has had images on exhibit in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. in the collection of Nature's Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards Exhibition. In 2010, she was recognized as one of Nature's Best Ambassadors.

In nature, life finds sustainable balance. Often, however, human activity threatens this balance, and in turn, the sustainability of ecosystems. Only through the effort of communities of support can we restore balance where it's been compromised. Through sales of her photographs, art cards and calendars, Dee Ann provides financial support to the following organizations/communities, each committed to protecting nature's delicate balance: Conservation International, The Cougar Fund, East Africa Wild Life Society (Kenya), The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (Kenya), Jane Goodall Institute, The Houston Zoo, The Nature Conservancy, National Audubon Society, The Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, African Wildlife Foundation & Polar Bears International. She is also a member of the North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) and an active member of the NANPA Foundation Board.

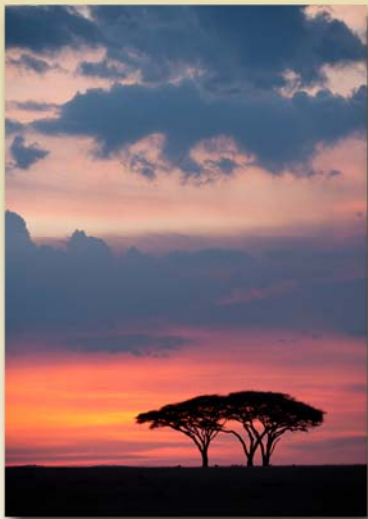


A Snapshot of How Our Days Will Flow

- Throughout our safari, breakfast will be in a group at 6:00 AM.
- Departure for morning game drives as well as travel days to our next destination will be at 6:30 AM.
- Lunches will rotate between boxed lunches in the field and lunch at the lodge. Lunch times will vary based on photographic activity in the field.
- Dinner times will vary at each lodge and destination.
- Groups are expected to have one seating as a group for all meals at the safari lodges and camp.

Included

- Airport transfer as a group upon arrival and departure
- All meals (*Dinner February 13th, Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day on safari beginning February 14th*)(*Breakfast & Lunch on date of departure*)
- All tips for meal service at lodges are included
- Lodging for all nights of the program (February 13th through February 27th)
- Day room on date of departure in Arusha
- Exclusive 4x4 Safari Vehicle (*3 photographer guests per vehicle*)
- Expert Native Tanzania Driver/Guide with each vehicle
- Professional Photographer Leader with Hands-On Field Assistance
- All National Park Entry Fees
- Ngorongoro Crater Service Fee
- Campsite fees, camp staff, camp supply vehicle and all camp equipment
- Generators at Tent Camp for charging computer & laptop batteries
- Bottle Water and Sodas during game drives
- Tent Camp - Bottle Water, juices, soft drinks, beer and wine (*Other alcoholic beverages charged to guest*)
- Lodges - Bottle Water and Sodas with breakfast, lunch and dinner (*Alcoholic beverages and specialty coffee beverages, guest responsibility*)
- Tips for Safari Driver/Guides who will be with us throughout our entire photo safari
- Tips for Tent Camp Staff
- Tips for luggage transfer at each lodge



Not Included (At Guest Expense)

- Air fare to and from Arusha, Tanzania (*Kilimanjaro Airport*)
- Laundry services at lodges
- Alcoholic beverages and specialty coffee beverages (*As noted above*) will need to be ordered from the waiter and need to be billed to the guest's room or paid at the end of meal with T Schillings.
- All lodges provide bottled water daily in rooms. Additional bottled water to take to your room at night will need to be ordered from the waiter and billed to the guest's room.
- Camera Equipment
- Computer Equipment or batteries
- Lodging/guides/transportation for pre or post extensions
- Cost for Tanzania Visa (*Information and resource for obtaining Visa will be provided to guest in their comprehensive trip packet mailed approximately 5 to 6 months prior to trip*)
- Additional expense for unscheduled airport vehicle transfer in Arusha/Kilimanjaro if delayed flight arrival or early arrival.
- Hot Air Balloon Trip over Serengeti (*Available, optional cost excursion while in Serengeti. Additional cost \$575 and must be booked in advanced when booking Safari to secure availability/reservations.*)



Terms & Conditions...

Guaranteed departure: We guarantee departure on this tour if eight paying passengers book. *(Potential exceptions: War, terrorism or rebel alert issued by the US government. We reserve the right to cancel/reschedule the trip because of good-faith concerns with respect to the safety, health or welfare of the participants)*

Accommodations: The finest accommodations will be provided at hotels, lodges, and exclusive mobile tents camps as specified in your itinerary and are based on double occupancy with exclusive bath area.

Meals: All meals included while in Tanzania as specified in the "Included List."

Beverages: Bottled water and sodas are supplied in the safari vehicle; during breakfast, lunches, dinners at lodges; as well as at the Exclusive Mobile Tent Camp. Additional bottled water to take to your room can be purchased at lodge bar or restaurant. Alcoholic and specialty coffee beverages are not included except as specified.

Sightseeing and Game Viewing: Safari sightseeing and game viewing will be by exclusive guide/chauffeured Toyota Land Cruiser Land Rover with a guaranteed window seat and seat for camera backpack for each photographer. All passengers are escorted by an experienced naturalist, driver/guide.

Health Requirements: You must be in good physical and mental health. Any physical condition or treatment requiring special attention must be reported at time of the reservation for determination of participation in the trip without further impairment to yourself or detriment to other guests. Special dietary needs also need to be disclosed on the Pre-departure Questionnaire.

Gratuities, Taxes and Entrance Fees: Tips for safari drivers/guides and tent camp staff are included. Gratuities for baggage handling at lodges are included. Hotel taxes are included, as well as entrance fees to all parks and wildlife preserves.

Payment schedule: A 50% deposit, per person, is due at time of booking. 50% of this deposit is not refundable since venues, lodging, camp sites must be booked and secured with a deposit well in advance that is non-refundable. Final payment must be made in full 120 days prior to departure. Windows of Nature by Dee Ann LLC reserves the right to cancel a reservation in full if payment has not been received by 120 days prior to departure. We accept Master Card and Visa for the initial 50% deposit only, as well as check, cashiers check, or money order. Trip balance can not be paid with credit card.

Cancellations and Refunds: Notice of cancellation must be made in writing (e-mail acceptable) and refunds will be issued based on number of days prior to travel that the reservation is canceled; from the time of booking to 180 days prior to departure - 75% of deposit is forfeited; 179-120 days, 100% of deposit is forfeited; 119-90 days, 75% of total trip cost forfeited; 90 days or less, 100% of total trip cost forfeited.

Tour rates: Computed as of February 2012 for Lodge Rates and National Park Fees and do not include any airline flights, departure taxes or custom fees. Park entrance fees for visitors as well as Safari vehicle access fees continue to increase each year, especially Ngorongoro Crater. Since the pricing of this trip is based on February 2012, projected for travel in 2014, we will let you know should there be an increase in park or vehicle access fees as soon as we are notified. We hope this will not be needed.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TRIP CANCELATION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION INSURANCE.

- ▶ **Travel insured International** 1.800.243.3174 <http://www.travelinsured.com>
- ▶ **AIG Travel Guard** 1.800.826.4919 <http://aigtravel.com>
- ▶ Or contact your local insurance, AAA and/or travel agent for other companies offering this coverage.

Typically it is required that you purchase this coverage within 14 days of paying your trip deposit to obtain the maximum benefits from your coverage.

Not Included: The tour prices do not include travel expenses/air fare from your home to the origination point of the trip or airport taxes in the USA or abroad. Tour prices do not include cost of passports, visas, service charges for obtaining visas, wines and liquors, laundry, excess baggage charges and items of a personal nature. Refer to: "What is Included & More" for more details on "Not Included" items.

Responsibility and Conditions: Windows of Nature by Dee Ann LLC as well as our local Safari Outfitter, Maasai Wanderings and/or their agents, act only as agents for the passenger in regard to their African portion of travel, whether by automobile, coach, local Tanzania charter airplane or train and assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason or defect in any vehicle, or for any reason whatsoever of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services. They can accept no responsibility for interruption, delay, schedule changes of trip or additional expenses as a result of sickness, weather, road conditions, strike, war, quarantine or other causes. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air schedules. Lodges are independent entities and independent operators with absolutely no affiliation to Windows of Nature by Dee Ann LLC. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but the right is reserved to substitute lodges/hotels/accommodations of similar category for those originally indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary to ensure the quality, integrity and safety of the trip. The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case full refund will constitute full settlement with the passenger. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour unless arranged prior to departure from the United States or country of origination. The prices of the tours are based on tariffs and hotel rates as of February 2012. The right is reserved to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour. Baggage is at owner's risk entirely.



Testimonials

"Trip of a lifetime-an often used phrase. But I can attest that traveling with Dee Ann to Tanzania was the trip of a lifetime! We experienced multiple highlights everyday! The abundance of animals, the lush parks, fantastic guides that were happy to share their incredible knowledge and skills with us, Dee Ann's attention to detail and wonderful preparations allowed us to immerse ourselves in the magic of Tanzania. It was not only a trip of a lifetime-it was a gift! Thank you!"

Ginny C

"Tanzanians are filled with dignity and beauty, warmth and politeness. There is the obvious charm and allure of Elephants, Giraffes, Rhinos, Wildebeest, Zebra, Ostrich, Warthogs, Monkeys, Hippos, Cats, not to mention the over 1,100 species of colorful birds. But, for me, it was the Tanzanians that made this visit a life-changing event. Despite the constant challenge to make ends meet, these beautiful people dance, sing, paint, carve, and live their lives in grace and appreciation. But, be forewarned "polepole" (poh-lay-poh-lay, "slowly, slowly") is the way to go. It is worth it to go polepole, as you don't want to miss its rich history, the textured tapestry of Tanzania's ethnic diversity, the Maasai's tenacious defense of their pastoral lifestyle and culture, the lush woodlands, the tawny savannas, the semi-arid desert or the land that often seems so biblical that you would not be surprised to see Moses appear in some thicket or Adam and Eve hanging out beside a Baobab Tree. I want to go back for more as it is now in my blood."

Nancy Rotenberg

"Beginning well over a year ago, meticulous planning on the part of Dee Ann Pederson, (Windows of Nature, www.windowsofnature.com), resulted in a tour designed for serious photographers. A seasoned African photographer, Dee Ann understood well what arrangements were necessary to make a successful and enjoyable photography trip. In any tour I always look first at the work of the photographer leading the trip-Dee Ann's work is beautiful, intelligent and mature. She has work hanging in the Smithsonian and numerous publications. Her work with several Maasai Villages spoke to me of a photographer respectful of the culture and people she photographs. The fact that Dee Ann is generous, knowledgeable, funny, easy to be with and very kind would all come later."

Pam L.

"This trip to Tanzania was nothing short of magical for me. Dee Ann clearly delights in sharing her passion for this country. She managed to organize everything beautifully to maximize our time to photograph and enjoy the splendors of this magnificent country. My experience was especially enhanced by Dee Ann's knowledge of the amazing and varied birdlife in Tanzania as I am an avid birder. She patiently addressed my need to identify and photograph many of the gorgeous birds we encountered. I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful tour."

Elaine R.

"In February 2010, I had the pleasure of traveling to Tanzania with Dee Ann Pederson and Nancy Rotenberg for Nature's Dance I. What an experience! Each day was better than the last."

"We saw animals during what to us seemed incredible - things you see on Animal Planet- right before our eyes. Seeing animals do their thing was part of the reason for going on an African safari, but that aside, Dee Ann and Nancy

made this a dream of a lifetime, truly a Nature's Dance. Their knowledge of the animals' behavior and suggestions on how to capture it in making an image were priceless."

"Oh, did I mention that each day, the only thing we had to think about was having fun while in the pursuit of yet another day's adventure? Dee Ann and Nancy had everything very well organized. I truly don't remember having so much fun to the point of laughing out loud each day."

Vita F.

"The trip was absolutely fantastic! The best trip I have ever taken in my life. Every day was a new adventure and every moment was magical. The trip was so well thought out and so well run that all we had to do was focus on the photography."

Nancy N.

"The variety and beauty of the birds in Northern Tanzania was one of the pleasant surprises of our safari, and our guides were very adept in spotting and identifying them for viewing and photography."

"Our safari experience was memorable and we long to return to Northern Tanzania --- vast and beautiful vistas, intimate landscapes of colorful grasses and wildflowers, an enticing variety of both elusive and abundant animals, both prey and predator in action and in repose, educational encounters with the Maasai people, and with ample opportunity to enjoy and photograph it all."

Larry & Jeanie R.

"The experience of a private tent camp, complete in every detail from the book "Out of Africa", was only the beginning of our incredible journey. To encounter the circle of life, beginning with the birth of a wildebeest and ending with the death of a baby wildebeest by cheetahs, in a land as vast, beautiful and at times equally as deadly, is a memory which will remain with me for life."

"Wonderful guides, bountiful birds (to say the least), the Serengeti filled with wildlife and our morning with the Maasai children and their families.....what more could anyone ask? This Tanzania journey could not have been more perfect! Thank you Dee Ann for your exceptional ability to plan the details of trip as wonderful as this one was. I look forward to returning to Africa with you."

Sylvia D.

"We had the pleasure of being part of Dee Ann Pederson's 2011 Tanzania Photo Safari. As our first trip to Africa, it was more than we ever expected and we know that this is because of Dee Ann's many years of experience. She set up an itinerary that maximized photo opportunities and organized a group of superb guides that astonished us daily with their spotting skills and knowledge. Dee Ann's attention to detail was extraordinary making sure each guest's needs were addressed. Her selection of lodges and tent camp was also excellent assuring that we were comfortable throughout the trip. Outstanding!"

Ninette & Don - Hilo, Hawaii

"Windows of Nature and Dee Ann Pederson supplied a magnificent photo tour of Northern Tanzania. In fact there are not enough superlative adjectives to adequately describe even a single aspect of this trip. Mary and I agree that the itinerary was outstanding as was the attention to trip details, from baggage and transportation, to handling the little quirks that pop up almost daily. The food was excellent and all accommodations were totally beyond our expectations, especially the Serengeti Tent Camp. (Our family thought we were "roughing it.") The calendar timing of the safari was perfect, which enabled us to see and photograph all the major mammals singly and in groups. A completely unexpected pleasure, from a photographic point of view, was the abundance and variety of colorful birds. They weren't always easy to photograph, but they were wonderful to see and observe. One of the great advantages of this type of safari was that we were with other photographers, which meant that everyone tolerated the waits for action. The unsung heroes of our group, our driver-naturalists, were able to see and locate animals and set us up for potential action. Then we waited and almost always were rewarded with excellent photo opportunities. Not only was this safari a series of terrific opportunities to photograph animals, but it was a very rich cultural experience too. We observed two very different African cultures, and spent time with each of them. One was largely Christian and centered around Arusha and some villages nearby. The other was the Maasai of the open savannah. This was a safari beyond our wildest expectations, and was more akin to a trip of a lifetime. We recommend this safari, and this trip organizer, Dee Ann Pederson, to anyone interested in experiencing the cultures and seeing the animals of Northern Tanzania. It is suitable for all levels of photographer, from point & shoot to professional. Wow, we want to do it again!"

Mary & Bill L.

