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*Kenya-Tanzania Migration Safari*  
**Masai Mara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro**  
*with Tarangire and optional Zanzibar*

*"Wilderness gave us knowledge. Wilderness made us human. We came from here. Why so many of us feel a strong bond to this land; it is the land of our youth." — Boyd Norton, The Eternal Beginning*

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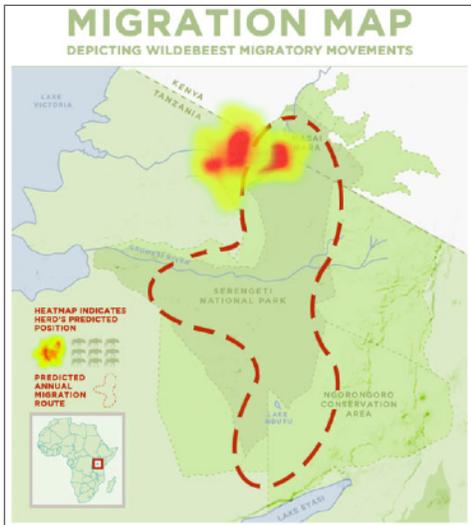
**Begin your love affair with Africa. Journey to where it all began.**



Timing: September 4-15, 2023

In the planet's ultimate wildlife sanctuary, a million wildebeest answer a primal call. They traverse vast distances in search of pasture. Predators are never far behind. Bear witness to high drama as it unfolds on the great plains of Masai Mara and Serengeti.

Descend into Ngorongoro Crater, a veritable garden of Eden. Track enormous herds of elephant along the Tarangire River. Immerse yourselves in the cultural crossroads of Stonetown and cool your heels on the spectacular beach of Zanzibar. A vacation you're guaranteed never to forget!



### Why this safari?

Before humans disrupted migration patterns, each of the planet's great plains had its own migratory herds. With increasing human land use, none has survived intact—except for Kenya/Tanzania's Great Wildebeest Migration. This optimally-timed safari will bring you close to thundering herds on the vast savannah to experience the power of the planet's last remaining migration. The action is centred on the Mara and Grumeti Rivers as tens of thousands of wildebeest brave crocodile-infested waters, only to meet predatory big cats on the other shore. Add a descent into Ngorongoro Crater and a circuit in Tarangire, Tanzania's homage to the African elephant, for the safari of a lifetime.

### Why choose E.Y.H.O. Tours to plan your safari?

Born and bred in the safari heartland of Kenya, the owners of E.Y.H.O. have witnessed this inexorable life force on several occasions. Predicting the herds' crossing from Tanzania's Serengeti into Kenya's Mara is tricky. Nature doesn't stick to a plan, and these migratory herds depend on unpredictable rainfall patterns. On the other hand, most safaris are "hard baked" into either Kenya or Tanzania for easier (and more profitable) planning. Travellers often miss the migration altogether because wildebeest have decided to follow a different route. Here's how E.Y.H.O. maximizes your chances of being in the right place at the right time:

- Since herds know no borders, we don't impose any either. Our safari encompasses both Kenya and Tanzania at peak migration time.
- In August, herds cross from Serengeti to Mara in an anti-clockwise route. Our routing runs clockwise for maximum opportunity of intersecting with the herds.
- We focus on rivers with maximum potential for catching a crossing.
- We carefully select camps for easiest access to herds. Less Landcruiser time, more pure adrenaline time. Using our migration tracker, we tinker with the final locations up until a month prior.
- Top camps and lodges get accommodate our last minute requests because of long-standing familial and business relationships
- Our field guides have years of deep experience. They are incredibly knowledgeable, in tune with the land and its rhythms.

### Our guests say it best

*"I cannot pick just one special moment. They just kept on coming until the entire ten days became one big special moment. Without a doubt, this African safari has been my favourite holiday so far. Shila, you set the bar very high, and delivered more than we expected." — Dr Menon, Mississauga, ON*

*"My husband and I had an extraordinary time. It was truly a safari of a lifetime, made possible by Shila's careful planning and attention to detail." — Cathy Laverty, Minnesota*



Itinerary (subject to change)

### **DAY 1 Mon Sept 4 — Arrival Nairobi. Masai Mara**

Arrive in Nairobi. (Overnight upon arrival in Nairobi including airport transfers can be arranged (\$)

Transfer to Wilson Airport to board a small aircraft for flight to airstrip in Mara: 10:30 am ~ 11:10 am. Your driver and private safari-customized vehicle will meet and greet you when you land and transfer you to your base in Masai Mara Game Reserve. Afternoon game drive to view elephants, buffalos, antelopes, lions, leopards and cheetahs. Return in time at your luxury camp for a sundowner over the watering hole, followed by group dinner. O/N Masai Mara

Meals: L, D

### **DAY 2 Tue Sept 5 — Masai Mara**

Your day starts at sunrise. Grab an early breakfast and head out with your private field guide in search of the annual wildebeest migration expected in Masai Mara during the time of your travel. Last remaining wildlife migration encompassing Africa's Serengeti and Masai Mara, this natural phenomenon is an endless loop of hooves and horns, hope and heartbreak. Over a million and a half trudging, leaping wildebeest, alongside roughly 400,000 Thomson's gazelle, 300,000 zebra and 12,000 eland migrate to the Mara from Serengeti in search of fresh green pastures and water. Enjoy a picnic lunch by a hippo pool and continue your game viewing until the evening if you wish. Or return early to cool off before sunset on the African savannah. O/N Masai Mara

Meals: All

### **DAY 3 Wed Sept 6 — Masai Mara - Serengeti**

Before breakfast, take in an optional balloon safari. Many call it a once in a life time experience. You'll view wildlife on the move from the air. Once you are up, you won't want to come down, and once you land, a champagne breakfast awaits (\$)

After breakfast, head out for one more game drive before approx. 5 hr transfer to Isebania-Sirari border post. Welcome to Tanzania! Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed by our Tanzania field guides, and taken on afternoon game drives. Our mobile camp in Northern Serengeti is selected for best access to the action in Northern Serengeti around the Grumeti River. O/N Northern Serengeti.

Meals: All



#### DAY 4 Thu Sept 7 — Northern Serengeti

Early morning game drive to catch a possible wildebeest crossing at crocodile-infested Grumeti River, an impressive sight to behold. Return to your camp for a plain air lunch, siesta the afternoon, and catch another game drive in the evening. O/N Northern Serengeti  
Meals: All

#### DAY 5 Fri Sept 8 — Central Serengeti

Start out early for central Serengeti, also known as Seronara. Its landscape is a stunning combination of rolling plains studded by towering rock formations called *kopjes*. A photographer's delight! Stay right in the heart of Seronara for front row seats to resident wildlife consisting mainly of territorial predators such as lion, leopard, and cheetah. Another chance to take off on a hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti (\$) O/N Central Serengeti  
Meals: All

#### DAY 6 Sat Sept 9 — Central Serengeti-Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, enjoy another game drive in Serengeti, then drive to Ngorongoro with optional (\$60/vehicle) visit of Masai village, and optional (\$35/person) visit to Olduvai Gorge. At Masai village, interact with this fierce and iconic tribe that have retained their semi-nomadic pastoral roots. Olduvai Gorge holds the earliest evidence of existence of human ancestors. Paleoanthropologists have found hundreds of fossilized bones and stone tools dating back millions of years that prove that humans evolved in Africa. Evening at your Ngorongoro Crater rim lodge for a spectacular sunset view on its crater lake. Estimated driving distance: 3hrs drive. O/N Ngorongoro Crater  
Meals: All





### DAY 7 Sun Sept 10 — Ngorongoro-Tarangire

An early descent into the crater affords the best chance of viewing predators returning from overnight hunts. Depart with packed breakfasts and your private safari guide to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater described by UNESCO as the eighth wonder of the world. Ngorongoro's collapsed volcano is an incredible natural amphitheater; 25 km across, and teeming with more than 30,000 protected animals, including all the Big Five. You'll picnic in the Crater to maximize your time. Late afternoon, drive 3 hours to Tarangire National Park. Your luxury camp will ensure easy access to the Tarangire River. O/N Tarangire NP. Meals: All

### DAY 8 Mon Sept 11 — Tarangire - Arusha: departure home or onwards to Stone Town, Zanzibar

Tarangire is Tanzania's best-kept secret in the dry season, and one which many tourists miss out on. It's known for bird species and enormous herds of elephant digging the dry river bed. Also renowned for its spectacular baobab tree-dotted landscape. Enjoy game drives in park. After a picnic lunch, you will transfer to Arusha to catch your afternoon flight (\$) to Zanzibar or depart for home.

In Zanzibar, you'll be met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel in Stone Town. Evening, venture out to enjoy the unique old-new buzz of an ancient Swahili town. O/N Stonetown Meals: B, L

### DAY 9 Tue Sept 12 — Stonetown, Zanzibar

Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and cultural heart of Zanzibar, has changed little in the last 300 years: winding alleys, bustling bazaars, mosques and grand Arab houses whose original owners vied with each other over the extravagance of their dwellings. Bear witness to this former slave stronghold and re-live a bygone era in a former sultan's palace. On a fascinating spice plantation tour, familiarise yourself with the fragrant origins of everyday spices. Visit Maruhubi Palace and Livingstone's house. Optional: Mangapwani Slave Caves (\$) In the evening, explore centuries-old bazaars and sample street food. O/N Stonetown Meals: B, D





### DAY 10 Wed Sept 13 — Zanzibar beach

After adrenaline-packed days on safari, you'll appreciate a chance to completely relax and relive your memories of the African wilderness. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, and transfer to the northern beach of Zanzibar for a relaxing stay. Enjoy the luxuries of your beautiful beach hotel and do as little as you please. You have earned it! O/N Zanzibar beach

Meals: B

### Day 11 Thu Sept 14: Zanzibar Beach

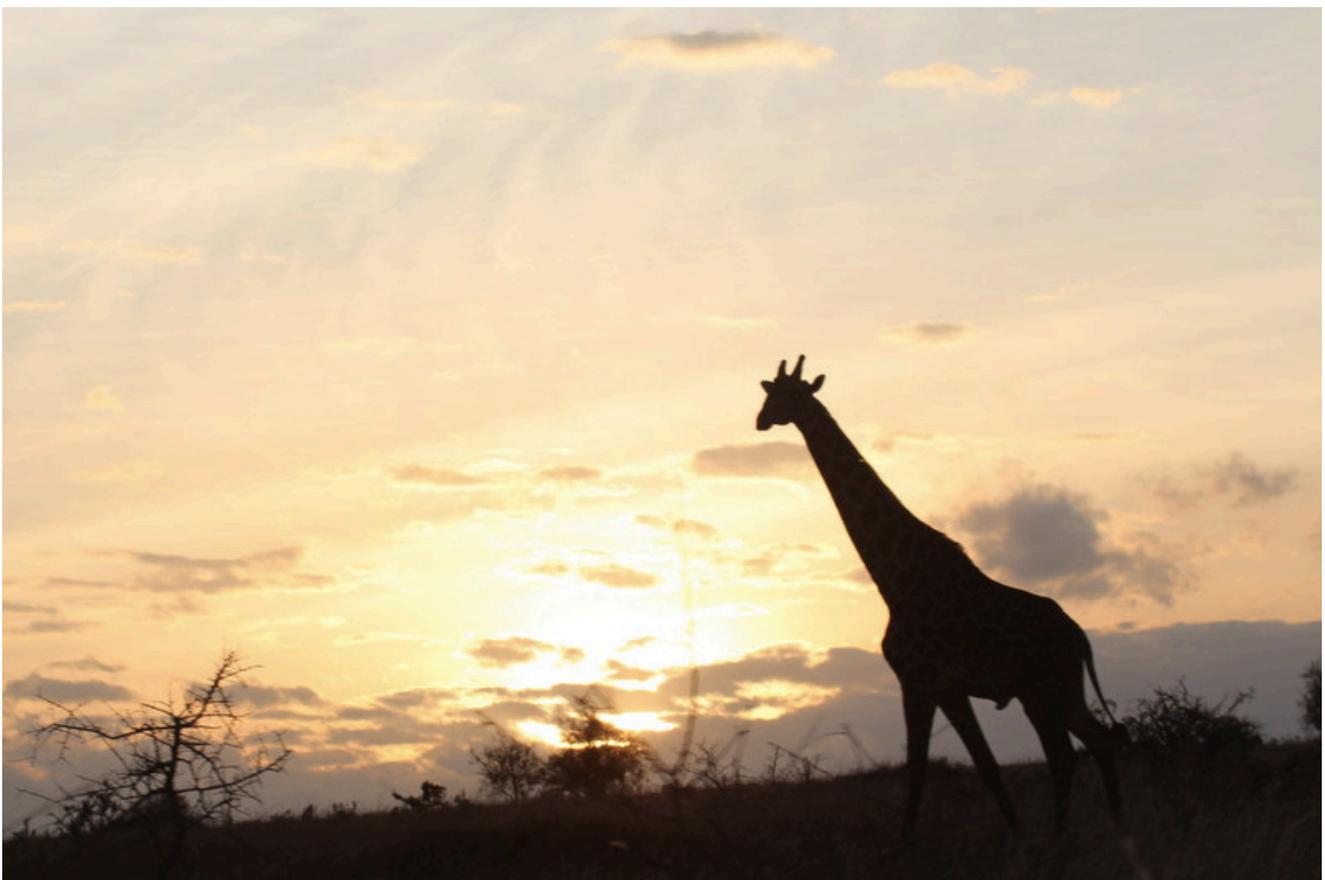
Do as little as you wish. Read, walk along the beach, admire coral and sea shells, watch fishermen reel in your lunch or dinner. Relive your safari moments. The vibe is laid back. O/N Zanzibar Beach.

Meals: B, Farewell D

### Day 12 Fri Sept 15: Departure

We bid you *kwaheri* with a heavy heart. After breakfast, group transfer to Zanzibar airport to connect with your flight back home, either from Arusha or Dar es Salaam. We know you'll be back because without a doubt, you left your heart behind in Africa! *Tutaonana!*

Meals: B



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## Sample Accommodations

We want you to have an exceptional experience in the African wilderness. Eschewing big box hotels, we select tented camps for an “Out of Africa” style where privacy is key; no more than 10-15 in each location. Locations are specifically chosen for optimum wildlife viewing. Zanzibar accommodations are ambient and optimum for beach/town access. All deliver outstanding value and personalized service. Here are our suggestions.

<p><b>Masai Mara</b> <a href="#">Ngenche Safari Camp</a></p>	
<p><b>Central Serengeti</b> <a href="#">Kati Kati Camp</a></p>	
<p><b>Tarangire</b> <a href="#">Maramboi Luxury Tented Camp</a></p>	
<p><b>Stonetown</b> <a href="#">Kholle House</a></p>	
<p><b>Zanzibar beach</b> Matemwe Beach Bungalows</p>	



## Costs

Max 12 pax. Double occ. in USD

Per person double occupancy	Safari	Zanzibar Extension	Total Cost pp double occ.	Single supp. safari	Single supp. Zanzibar
7 pax (1 jeep)	5550	1155	6705	1730	460
8-12 pax (2 jeeps)	5780	1250	7030	1730	460

### Includes:

- Complete conceptualisation, planning, booking, handling and support from pre-arrival to post-departure
- Arrival and departure group airport transfers
- Accommodation in select 4-5\* properties
- All game drives in customized safari vehicle 4x4 Toyota land-cruiser with pop-up roof, guaranteed window seat
- All meals while on safari as indicated
- Meals as indicated in Zanzibar
- All park fees, and government taxes
- Services of professional English-speaking driver-guide
- Guided tours where indicated
- Bottled water while on safari
- Unlimited mileage on the safari
- Small charter aircraft flight: Wilson-Mara

### Excludes:

- Gratuities
- International flights/ Arusha-Zanzibar-Arushu
- Balloon safari, Masai village, Olduvai Gorge
- Items of a personal nature

Comparing costs [nationalgeographicexpeditions.com](http://nationalgeographicexpeditions.com)

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## Early arrivals and late departures

Our adventure starts on 4th Sept at approximately 10am with a small charter flight to Masai Mara.  
Our adventure ends 11th Sept in Arusha after breakfast OR 15th Sept in Zanzibar if you are joining us.

### Nairobi

**Arrivals** Ubers are cheap and convenient but pick up points can be puzzling at JKIA. For Uber, you will need a cell phone connection. Alternately, we can arrange airport transfers for a fee.

**Stay:** We recommend Tamarind Tree Hotel for quality, service, and location close to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, as well as Nairobi Wilson. Good onsite restaurants and access to nearby suburb of Karen. Book online for best rates (USD 170-250 per room per night), or we can book for an admin charge.

**Excursions:** Karen Blixen Museum, Sheldrake Elephant Orphanage, and Giraffe Centre are popular. Cost \$10-15 each. For a nominal charge, we can assign a trusted driver so you can set your own schedule.

### Zanzibar

Extra night stays at our beach hotel can be arranged. Please contact us early for availability.

## Accreditations

For your complete peace of mind, E.Y.H.O. Tours is an accredited travel company, registered with Travel Industry Council of Ontario (T.I.C.O.) and governed by the laws of Canada

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American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) and Better Business Bureau (BBB)

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