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### **AFRICAN PHOTO SAFARI WITH REED HOFFMANN**

**Monday, July 21st - Saturday, August 2nd, 2025**



#### ***Highlights:***

- The best parks in Tanzania, as seen in National Geographic - the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Tarangire National Park.
- Experience the Great Migration (as nature allows) and get amazing photos of the giant herds of wildebeest, joined by some zebra.
- In addition to the abundant wildlife, visit the Hadzabe and Maasai, bushmen living in the traditional tribal lifestyle.
- Limited to only 11 clients, with professional photographer and teacher Reed Hoffmann along as your private photo instructor to make it a more intimate experience.

- No more than four photographers per truck, meaning plenty of space for both you and your camera gear.
- Unique lodgings for the entire trip.
- Reed's been teaching photography for over twenty years to thousands of people, including multiple trips to Africa, so you'll receive top-notch photographic advice and instruction throughout the trip.
- Our private Tanzanian guide, Yusuf, was trained by us here in the U.S., and working with our excellent drivers will help you get the pictures others don't.

***Trip style:***

- Standard, unique lodges and mobile camps.
- Limited short walks in a developing country.
- Riding in 4-wheel drive vehicles on some pretty rough roads.



***Description:***

Wow! Are you looking for more amazing photos of Africa than you can imagine? Lions, leopards, elephants, zebras, rhinos, wildebeest, baboons, crocodiles, hippos... the list goes on and on. You'll have the chance to photograph massive herds that extend as far as the eye can see as you experience the Great Migration that spans both Tanzania and Kenya. For those of you who enjoy taking pictures of the human side of life, you'll also have the opportunity to bask in the colors and life of the Hadzabe and Maasai, an ancient tribe living off the land as it has for thousands of years. Reed will help you get the best shots possible. Yusuf, along with the other

guides, will teach you about the wildlife and surroundings. In the evening as you relax at the safari camp and gaze out over the Serengeti, you can review your pictures of the day.

About Reed Hoffmann: Reed has been taking pictures since 1972, the last forty-five years professionally. Working for newspapers in Indiana, Alabama and New York (Rochester) for over twenty years, he now primarily teaches photography and leads workshops around the country. That work has taken him across the United States and around the world many times. His clients have included The Associated Press, Getty Images, USA Today, ESPN, Reuters, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, Nikon and Lowepro. He's been teaching photography workshops since 2000 (over 100 now) and led the Nikon School of Photography from 2002 through 2018. Whether you've got a point-and-shoot camera or an advanced digital with all the lenses, Reed will help you improve your photography skills on this fun-filled trip where you'll come back with great pictures and great stories to last a lifetime.

You can find out more about Reed at [www.reedhoffmann.com](http://www.reedhoffmann.com). You're also welcome to contact Reed directly at [reed@reedhoffmann.com](mailto:reed@reedhoffmann.com) or 913-402-1444. You can read about past trips [here](#), and find galleries from those and other workshops [here](#).

Trip starts and ends at Kilimanjaro Airport, Tanzania

***Itinerary (the dates of specific activities, and lodgings we use, may change):***

**DAY 1 - Monday, July 21st, 2025 FLY FROM USA**

(For anyone who would like to arrive early, there will be an optional excursion – extra fee involved – to Arusha National Park on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you choose this option, you need to arrive on the 21st in Tanzania, having departed from the US on Sunday, July 20th.)

**DAY 2 - Tuesday, July 22nd ARRIVE IN AFRICA**

For those coming for the main safari, you'll arrive today at Kilimanjaro Airport. If you arrived earlier, you have the option to enjoy a full-day game drive and walking safari in Arusha National Park (see above). Transfer to Airport Planet Lodge. -/-



**DAY 3 - Wednesday, July 23rd TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK**

Depart early for the three-hour drive to Tarangire National Park. Tour the park on a game drive, catching sight of the many herds of elephants in this unique landscape. Overnight in Karatu at Eileen's Trees Inn. B/L/D

**DAY 4 - Thursday, July 24th LAKE EYASI'S HADZABE**

Take breakfast with you on your journey to the Lake Eyasi region to visit the Hadzabe, a tribe of hunters and gatherers that has lived the same way for thousands of years. This is an opportunity to experience and photograph their traditional way of life before it changes forever. Overnight at Eileen's Trees Inn. B/L/D



**DAY 5-10 - Friday, July 25th - Wednesday, July 30th SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

Enjoy the drive through the highlands of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area to Serengeti, the world's most famous national park. We'll plan to visit a Maasai village to see them singing and dancing. You may enjoy a jumping competition, a tour of a Maasai home, and stories about their daily life. Please note that entrance fee is not included and is about \$25 per person. Continue on to the park for an afternoon game drive and dinner. Overnight at Tanzania Bush Camp.

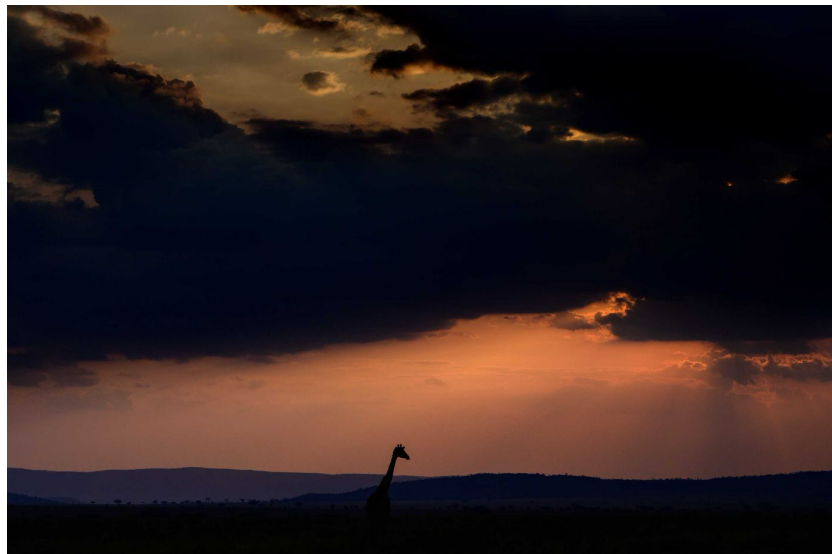
Spend the next five days exploring Serengeti National Park, photographing the Great Migration (as nature allows). This is the optimal time of year, but nothing in nature is guaranteed. You'll



start in Central Serengeti, but because we can never be sure where the animals will be, you will move to another tented camp closer to the Mara River for 2 days, depending on the migration. This itinerary is set up to give you more options to be close to the animals and maximize your time among them. You'll then return to the central Serengeti for two more days. Here are some of the highlights we hope to see:

- Extensive numbers and varieties of birds.
- Hippos in the Retima Pool.
- Lions, leopards, cheetahs, cape buffalo and elephants in the Lobo Valley.
- Wildebeests and zebras crossing the Mara River.

Lodging at Tanzania Bush Camp and their Mara River Mobile Camp. B/L/D





**DAY 11 - Thursday, July 31st NGORONGORO CRATER**

It will be an early departure from Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater to allow you the most time exploring this conservation area. Head out of the crater in the late afternoon to return to Karatu for dinner and overnight at Eileen's Trees Inn.

B/L/D

**DAY 12 - Friday, August 1st DEPARTURE**

We'll work our way back to Kilimanjaro Airport, stopping to shop and enjoy a local barbecue lunch.

B/L/-

**DAY 13 - Saturday, August 2nd ARRIVE IN USA**



### **Background of Area:**

#### **Kilimanjaro**

One of the Seven Summits, it's the highest point in Africa. This world-famous volcano, with its snow-capped peak rising above the African plain, is an almost irresistible lure. Despite its height of 19,344 feet, with the right preparation, the summit is within reach of many people's ability. You will be landing in Tanzania under its shadow. The local Chagga people have always revered the mountain.

#### **Tarangire National Park**

This unique park is noted for its large number of elephant herds and giant baobab trees. The Tarangire River flows through the park, providing a gathering spot for the wildlife during the dry season. The hilly landscape is dotted with termite mounds, the abandoned ones providing homes for dwarf mongoose. Thousands of wildebeests, zebras, and cape buffalo inhabit the park in July as part of the Great Migration.

#### **The Maasai**

This group of people is famous for their nomadic lifestyle, warrior traditions, beaded jewelry, and earrings dangling from large loops and holes created in their ears. They still live traditionally in basic huts of dung and sticks and sometimes still kill lions at spearpoint. Their signature red cloth robes can be seen miles away across the savanna.



### The Serengeti

It was 1913 and great stretches of Africa were still unknown to the white man when Stewart Edward White, an American hunter, set out from Nairobi. Pushing south, he recorded: "We walked for miles over burnt-out country... Then I saw the green trees of the river, walked two miles more and found myself in paradise."

He had found what locals knew as the Serengeti. In the years since White's excursion under "the high noble arc of the cloudless African sky," Serengeti has come to symbolize paradise to many of us. The Maasai, who had grazed their cattle on the vast grassy plains for millennia had always thought so. To them it was Siringitu - "the place where the land moves on forever."

This park is the crowning jewel of Tanzania's protected lands. It covers 5,700 square miles of grassland plains, savanna, riverine forest and woodlands of northern Tanzania and the tip of southern Kenya and boasts a unique ecosystem that has barely changed in the past million years. The Serengeti is best known for the 'Big Five' (lions, leopards, elephants, black rhinos and African buffalo), but is home to numerous other terrestrial species, as well as 500 species of birds.





### Ngorongoro Crater

This park is located between the Serengeti and Lake Manyara. It is home to the famous Ngorongoro Crater which is the largest unbroken volcanic caldera in the world. The crater (610 meters deep and 260 km squared) is a microcosm of East African scenery and game. Scenic grandeur and stunning views are the hallmark of this wonder of the world.

### Wildlife in the Crater

There are 25,000 larger animals within the crater itself, mostly zebra and wildebeest. However, this is also the best place to see the rare black rhino in Tanzania as well as prides of lions that include the magnificent black-maned males. There are lots of colorful flamingos and a variety of other water birds around the soda lake on the crater floor. More than a hundred species of birds not found in the Serengeti have been found in the crater. Other game: leopard, cheetah, hyena, elephants, warthog, impala, buffalo, hartebeest, eland and lots of other members of the antelope family and other smaller mammals.



### **Detailed Services**

#### **Included Services**

- Lodging (double occupancy)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Safari
- Local guides, including Yusuf
- Reed Hoffmann, professional photographer for personal photography instruction
- Local transport
- Park entrance fees
- Animals and photo sessions

#### **Not Included Services**

- International airfare to Moshi, Africa
- Visa (normally around \$100)
- Drinks
- Tips
- Entrance to Maasai boma, approximately \$25 per person
- Single supplement (for a private room, optional, please request)
- Transfer to/from Kilimanjaro Airport if outside of our itinerary (special circumstance)
- Services not shown or detailed in the program, optional excursions



**Lodging:**

Double occupancy. Located in beautiful and spectacular settings.

Airport Planet Lodge: [https://www.planet-lodges.com/airport\\_planet\\_lodge](https://www.planet-lodges.com/airport_planet_lodge)

Eileen's Trees Inn: <http://www.eileenstrees.com>

Tanzania Bush Camps: <http://www.tanzaniabushcamps.com>

**Passports/Visas:** It is the client's sole responsibility to ensure that they hold a valid passport and all necessary visas. Your passport should be valid for 6 months after completion of the trip. A visa is required at this time for US citizens visiting Tanzania. This can be obtained online a month or two in advance of the trip. The cost currently is \$100. We will send you detailed instructions on the application process.

**Travel Insurance:** Comprehensive travel insurance is highly recommended, as sometimes people have to cancel their trip because of unforeseen circumstances. With trip insurance, your investment is protected. Please see our refund policy below. Details in the registration packet.

**Level of Difficulty:** Traveling in the developing world. Riding in four-wheel-drive trucks on rough roads.

**Travel Information:** We suggest that you coordinate your travel to arrive with us. We will let you know when it is time to book flights and tell you how. We suggest that you wait to book your flight until we let you know we have done so by letter to coordinate the flying as much as possible. If you do land at a different time there is a small additional charge for your airport shuttle. We plan to book airfare about 6 months in advance. Airfare to Africa can

fluctuate rapidly, depending on your location, ranging from \$1,000 to over \$2,000.

**Group Size:** We have limited the group to 12 photographers (including Reed) so there is space in the trucks and that you can get plenty of one-on-one photo instruction from Reed.

**Cost:** \$6,890/person based on double occupancy. \$1,000 nonrefundable deposit to register. The cost of the optional day in Arusha National Park will be determined by the number of people interested.

If you prefer a single room, there is an additional fee of \$1,500 for a single supplement. Final balance will be due May 19th, 2025, and is a cash price payable by check. An additional 4% convenience fee will be applied to accept the final balance on a MasterCard or Visa through a secure PayPal link set up on an individual basis.

**When is more information coming out?** Once you have made your full deposit, we will send you a registration packet that includes trip details such as packing suggestions and the information we need from you. We will mail you an airfare letter, a final letter with balance due 60 days prior to departure and call each person prior to departure. You're also welcome to correspond with Reed at any time.

### **PPS Refund Policy**

We understand that you may have registered well in advance of your trip. We appreciate that work schedules and plans may change and unforeseen emergencies do occur. Therefore, we have established the refund policy below to try to fairly accommodate such eventualities and yet maintain quality programs. Please realize that once you have registered for a course, we immediately incur expenses on your behalf. Because many people start planning longer trips a year or more in advance, it can be difficult to fill an empty spot at the last minute.

In order to receive a refund for a course, we require you to submit a written notice of cancellation. Your refund comes from your travel insurance. If you elected not to take travel insurance there is no refund. Rev. 1/09

### ***What Next?***

If you'd like to register for the trip, let Reed know at [reed@reedhoffmann.com](mailto:reed@reedhoffmann.com), and then follow the link to the registration page on our website [HERE](#).

