

Friday, March 8 – Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Designed by Jack Wheeler

Africa's Greatest Wildlife Extravaganza

The Serengeti Migration is world famous, when the great herds of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelles are strung out mile after mile migrating from Tanzania's Serengeti to the Masai Mara of Kenya from May through July. The migration is circular, starting in October, the herds return.



But return to where? And from where do the great herds start the cycle anew? The answer is **the Short Grass Plains of the Serengeti's far south**. It is here where, from January through March, over a million wildebeest congregate en masse as you see in the photo, not strung out over a hundred miles. This is their *Birthing Season* when herds are replenished with new life.



This time of year, the Serengeti is the most green and lush...



We will be there at the ideal time for the *Birthing Season*. We will bring only 5 couples to see this extraordinary event. A Serengeti Birthing Season Safari is unimaginably spectacular. Over 8,000 wildebeest calves are born every day, along with thousands of baby zebras and gazelles. Nearby adults gather around the newborn to protect them from hordes of lions, leopards, and cheetahs on the hunt.



This is by far Africa's, indeed the world's, greatest wildlife extravaganza – yet it remains unknown to all but the most experienced African cognoscenti.

We invite you to be a member of our Wheeler-Windsor Expeditions' Serengeti Birthing Season Luxury Safari. **Our luxury safari is a "once in a lifetime" dream with each safari day is full of wonder and magic.** Before we get into the daily details, let's learn more about what you experience. It's not only wildebeest babies in amazing abundance, but all of the Serengeti's iconic animals as well – zebras, giraffe, elephants, on and on.



Yes, all of those great predators as well... with their cubs.



This is an ideal time to learn about African animals – like how a leopard or a lion sets up a successful stalk.



One fascinating experiences you'll have is watching mommy cheetahs teaching their baby cubs to hunt – very small game at first of course. Then there's dad giving his attentive cub some important advice...





Arrival Day – Friday, March 8, 2024 You must arrive in Arusha, Tanzania via Kilimanjaro (JRO) International Airport by March 8 at latest. Many guests fly in on the morning flight from Amsterdam (AMS), arriving JRO in the evening. (*If transiting at AMS, it may be convenient to overnight at the Mercure Schiphol Hotel inside the airport.*)

You will be met and transferred to the superb River Trees Country Inn. Welcome reception and dinner with safari briefing by leaders, Dr. Jack Wheeler and Rebel Holiday. We will have two nights in Arusha before transferring to our safari camp. Some may decide to arrive early to have time to relax and enjoy the beautiful setting.



Our Luxury Tented Camp – Sunday, March 10 – Saturday, March 16

March 10 – This morning at 10:45am our private chartered flight takes us from Arusha, to our South Serengeti airstrip, where we transfer to our private, luxury camp.

This is the ultimate in a Serengeti safari -- a *private tented camp* – and we have a mobile luxury encampment in a secluded ideal spot overlooking the Short Grass Plains. It is set up just for us in the middle of the African bush amidst the greatest wildlife spectacle on the entire planet – a lifetime, life-memorable experience that is simply unmatched.



This is luxury in the bush you have to experience to believe. Every tent has a full ensuite bathroom. We enjoy gourmet dining and open bar, we relax in a lounge with plush sofas, and staff catering to our every need.





Our Daily Schedule – March 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

The schedule is designed around seeing the animals when most active. Most guests enjoy at least 2 daily game drives. You have unlimited! **Early Morning -** In true safari style, each morning we are brought coffee or tea at dawn with a light snack.

Morning Game Drive – The animals are out as soon as it gets light.
On early morning game drives we to see and learn about various animals.
Breakfast - By mid-morning we're back for a sumptuous breakfast.
Break - Free time to relax or go on a walking safari with a guide.

Lunch – The lunches are healthy, full, and delicious.

After Lunch – Relax and enjoy yourself. The bar is open.

Afternoon Game Drive – A great time to see the animals interacting, teaching their cubs, playing, hunting, and more.

Late Afternoon Sundowners – The tradition on safaris is to watch the sun go down with a drink in hand. We get accustomed to this quickly!

Return to Camp and Break until Dinner

Dinner - We enjoy a delicious meal. Everyone shares what they saw and experienced on the game drives, shares photos, and stories.

Night Game Drives – An option if you are interested in seeing more.



Our Guides: the Hadza

Just *how we learn* and witness, this is equally fascinating – for our safari trackers and guides are the world's most extraordinary people. They are the <u>Hadza</u> – genetically and linguistically unrelated to any other people on earth.

They are "*the last of the first,*" having lived here as hunter-gatherers directly descended from our evolutionary emergence as *Homo sapiens* hundreds of thousands of years ago.

Their knowledge and understanding of Serengeti flora and fauna is breathtakingly astounding.





Game Drives *unlimited

- Morning Game Drive
- Afternoon Game Drive
- Night Game Drive
- Walking Safari (anytime)





We will have the special opportunities to learn from our Hadza Guides on our game drives and walking safaris.

The Hadza people have lived in the Serengeti for over 50,000 years. Hadza guides understand the animals and natural environment in a deep way because they have been immersed in it all of their lives. We will have full days (and nights!) of unforgettable memories in this Africa Safari paradise.

On every early morning or late afternoon game drive or walking safari, we see more and learn more. These young animals are incredibly adorable!





On each game drive, we see and learn about various aspects of the animals' lives...

Our Hadza game rangers know which animals are *where* and they position us to get the best vantage points.

With such an abundance of animals there is a lot to see and photograph.

We have our private camp to ourselves.

We'll see a lot and *up close*.





You'll experience the serenity of Africa during our campfire sunset sundowners...



Our Luxury Safari's Grand Finale at the Ngorongoro Crater, March 16 - 19

March 16 – Early this morning, we experience our last dawn game drive with our Hadza trackers from whom we have learned so much. Then after breakfast we must bid them adieu as we are driven to the world-famous Ngorongoro Crater, arriving by noon for lunch and a relaxing afternoon.

We are staying at the extraordinary rock-built **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge** perched on the crater rim, with our rooms each with a private balcony overlooking the crater.





Ngorongoro Serena Crater Lodge is the classic and best located resort as it features luxury rooms and sumptuous dining. It is a treat to be here...





March 17 - 18

Now at Ngorongoro Crater, we spend three nights here allowing two full days to explore Africa's Garden of Eden on game drives and see the animals who do not migrate in their element.

The Ngorongoro Crater contains the world's largest fully intact caldera with a crater floor of 100 square miles. It is a World Heritage Site. African wildlife of every species is in glorious abundance as they live here yearround, they have no migration. We'll plan to see Africa's Big Five. You'll see the largest number of black rhinos in all Africa.







March 18 - Our last sundowner celebrating in the crater with our Masai guides will be one we'll never forget. As will our entire Serengeti Safari.



We'll have our final Farewell Celebration Dinner this evening at our beautiful lodge. We'll have so much to celebrate and remember forever.

Departure Day, Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

You've had quite an adventure. Today you head home or to points onward.

After a leisurely breakfast, this morning we drive back to Arusha for our Farewell Lunch, and to freshen up in our day rooms at the Rivertrees Country Inn.

You'll be transferred to the airport in time for your flight. Most will be on the KLM return flight from Kilimanjaro Airport to Amsterdam departs at 9:45pm.

We say goodbye for now -- until our next adventure!





Jack Wheeler & Rebel Holiday

Dr. Jack Wheeler, has been called the "real life Indiana Jones" by the Wall Street Journal has traveled to all 193 countries on all seven continents. He's had two parallel careers: one in adventure and exploration with *Wheeler Expeditions*; the other in the field of geopolitics. After receiving his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Southern California, where he lectured on Aristotelian ethics.

His adventures began early. The youngest Eagle Scout in history at age 12, he climbed the Matterhorn at age 14, swam the Hellespont (LIFE Magazine 12/12/60) and lived with Amazon headhunters at 16, hunted a man-eating tiger in Vietnam at 17, and started an export business in Vietnam at 19. He wrote *The Adventurer's Guide* (New York: Mackay, 1975), described by Merv Griffin as "the definitive book for anyone wishing to lead a more adventurous and exciting life." He has three "first contacts" with tribes never before contacted by the outside world: a clan of Aushiri in the Amazon, the Wali-ali-fo in New Guinea, and a band of Bushmen in the Kalahari. He retraced Hannibal's route over the Alps with elephants; led numerous expeditions in Central Asia, China, Tibet, Africa, the Amazon and elsewhere, including 21 expeditions to the North Pole; and has been listed in *The Guinness Book of World Records* for the first free fall sky-dive in history at the North Pole. His company has conducted exclusive expeditions to dozens of countries across the globe for over 35 years.

Jack founded Wheeler Expeditions in 1976, today he and his sons lead bespoke expeditions each year to unusual destinations. The company has conducted exclusive expeditions to dozens of countries across the globe for over 35 years. On a personal note, in the early 80's he married Ms. Rebel Holiday in St Tropez, France, and these days, Wheeler Expeditions is a family affair. They are delighted when they have the opportunity to work with their two grown sons, living adventurous lives and leading some expeditions: Brandon Holiday Wheeler and Jackson Holiday Wheeler.

Rebel Holiday has traveled to 87 countries and has co-led expeditions for over 3 decades. She has lived in 5 countries and speaks three languages (English, Spanish, and Portuguese.) Rebel has been involved in business and the arts all her adult life. Wherever she goes in the world, Rebel is most interested in people and cultures. She is passionate about cuisine and loves to find the oustanding restaurants and special activities on trips. She greatly enjoys discovering and sharing the beauty of the world with our travelers.

Wheeler-Windsor Expeditions Serengeti Luxury Birthing Safari Friday, March 8 – Tuesday, March 19, 2024

All Inclusive Per Person: \$14,800



To Register: <u>WWX Serengeti Luxury Birthing Safari Mar 8-19-2024</u>

This is all-inclusive, top-quality private safari personally designed by Jack Wheeler. Led by both Jack Wheeler and Rebel Holiday, it is unique in what we experience, how we experience it, and in value.

Includes: Luxury private en-suite tents, all chef-prepared meals, open bar, transportation inclusive from arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO), Tanzania on February 25 to departure from JRO on March 4. All transfers, all accommodation, private charter JRO-Mwiba-JRO (Serengeti South), all ground transport with group, walking, unlimited 4WD safari game drives with Hadza guides, all meals, open bar with house wine, beer, liquor. Park Conservation fees are included. Stay a luxury Ngorongoro Lodge with all meals and game drives. *Does not Include:* International airfare, visas, optional tips to Hadza guides and camp staff, medical and trip cancellation insurance.

Deposit, payment, cancellation & refund. Deposit to register. Balance in full due by January 8, 2024. Refund in full upon an acceptable full-paying replacement. Trip will be rescheduled if unforeseen events prohibits travel. We recommend "Cancel for Any Reason" trip cancellation insurance. A travel agent can assist or contact us.

Contact: <u>holiday@wheelerexpeditions.com</u> if questions or to set up a call to discuss.

Travel Details – (continued)

The country is open to visitors with normal good health.

International airfare: Your travel agent can contact us to coordinate any details. You must arrive by Friday, March 8. Then we will have two nights before our flight to the safari camp on the morning of Sunday, March 10.

Visas: Apply for a Tanzania eVisa online at the government website: <u>https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa</u> You need 6 months passport validity + 2 blank pages.

Medical Requirements: Normal good health. No vaccinations required (only yellow fever if you have had prior recent travel to an infected country). Standard oral anti-malaria medicine should be taken. At this time, July 27, 2023 there is no requirement for any vaccine or PCR test. *Contact our office if any questions*.

Important caveat: Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary above. Due to the vagaries of travel in this region and of adventure travel in general, the itinerary may be altered in any way necessary. If any governmental prohibits entry, expedition will be rescheduled and date options provided. Participants are expected to accept this, and to maintain a cheerful attitude on an adventure such as this.

Contact us on your participation in this extraordinary adventure. <u>holiday@wheelerexpeditions.com.</u>







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