

# TANZANIA

◆ A Family Safari Adventure ◆

December 20, 2010-January 1, 2011  
*with MIT Professor of Atmospheric Science, Kerry Emanuel*





# DIRECTOR'S LETTER & TRIP LEADER'S BIO

## Dear MIT Alumni and Friends,

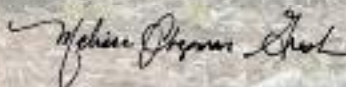
We invite you to introduce the children in your life to the timeless beauty and drama on an exciting Tanzania safari with other MIT families over the winter holiday period from December 20, 2010 to January 1, 2011.

The journey features visits to three distinct wildlife area—Serengeti National Park, known for its wide open plains; Ngorongoro Crater, the collapsed caldera now a haven for wildlife; and Tarangire National Park, a park best known for its large elephant herds and massive baobab trees. Opportunities to view a myriad of animals will be complemented by interaction with Tanzania's people during village and school visits. Days will end around the campfire, discussing various topics with fellow travelers and MIT Professor Kerry Emanuel, including climate, climate change, and its effect on human evolution.

This trip also offers a variety of accommodations that allows kids to explore, play games and let out some energy outdoors. Prior to the trip, your kids will be connected with Tanzanian pen pals whom they will meet on safari!

We hope you will join us for an educational and rewarding Tanzania Family Safari. Reserve your family's space by calling the MIT Alumni Travel Program at 800-992-6749, or emailing [compass@mit.edu](mailto:compass@mit.edu). Space is limited to 18 travelers.

Sincerely,



Melissa Chapman Gresh  
Director, MIT Alumni Travel Program

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<http://alum.mit.edu/travel>  
for details and updates on all  
our programs.*

## TRIP LEADER

Dr. Kerry Emanuel  
Professor of Atmospheric Science



Dr. Kerry Emanuel is a professor of atmospheric science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he has been on the faculty since 1981, after spending three years as a faculty member at UCLA. He earned his SB from MIT in 1976 and his PhD in meteorology from MIT in 1978. Professor Emanuel's research interests focus on tropical meteorology and climate, with a specialty in hurricane physics. His interests also include cumulus convection, and advanced methods of sampling the atmosphere in aid of numerical weather prediction. He is the author or co-author of over 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers, and two books, including *Divine Wind: The History and Science of Hurricanes*, recently released by Oxford University Press and aimed at a general audience, and *What We Know about Climate Change*, published by the MIT Press.



# ITINERARY

## **Monday, December 20: Depart U.S.**

Depart the U.S. on DL/KLM Airlines overnight flight to Amsterdam, or independently.

## **Tuesday, December 21: Amsterdam / Arusha, Tanzania**

In Amsterdam, connect with your flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport, arriving late in the evening. Step off the plane and into a new world. The scent of distant cooking fire permeates the warm night air. You are welcomed in Swahili with "Jambo" and "Karibu." It's exotic, and yet you feel at home. Your guide awaits, ready to welcome you and take you to your lodge, which is located within 33 acres of mature, well manicured gardens and home to an animal sanctuary. A majority of the animals on the property were once either orphaned or badly injured and brought to the sanctuary for rehabilitation.

*Overnight: Mount Meru Game Lodge (Meals aloft, snack)*

## **Wednesday, December 22: Arusha / Serengeti National Park**

After a hearty breakfast and a safari briefing, fly on a charter plane to the great Serengeti. An amazing wildlife refuge the size of the state of Connecticut, the Serengeti is truly awe-inspiring. With your guides at the helm, your family will see plenty of new sights every day. Be on the look-out for lion, cheetah, crocodile, impala, warthog, and more. Enjoy the first of six nights in eco-friendly camps.

*Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba in Robanda (All meals included)*

## **Thursday, December 23: Serengeti National Park**

Today you will see a vast array of animals, have time to explore a village at the edge of the park, and immerse yourself in a place described as, "The world, as it was in the beginning."

*Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba in Robanda (All meals included)*

## **Friday, December 24: Serengeti National Park**

Continue your journey into the Serengeti, searching out its vast herds of wildebeest and zebra, great prides of lion, families of giraffe, and much more. When not wildlife viewing, the kids have opportunities to explore the Nyumba site with the guides or make traditional crafts, play Tanzanian games, or play soccer. They may wish to try their hands at beading, identify animal tracks, or choose to sit back with a bowl of popcorn and enjoy down-time with their new friends.

*Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba in Elmakati (All meals included)*

## **Saturday, December 25: Serengeti National Park**

Have one more day to explore far and wide in this immense park, allowing your guides unerring instincts to lead the way. An infinite number of dramas play themselves out on these endless plains: predators stalk prey; animals eat, scavenge, and graze; mothers nurture their young; birds hover and soar overhead; young animals frolic as older animals keep a watchful eye on these vulnerable little ones. Settle in for a celebratory holiday dinner.

*Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba at Elmakati (All meals included)*

## **Sunday, December 26: Oldupai Gorge & Ngorongoro Crater**

On the way to Ngorongoro Crater, stop at the famed Oldupai Gorge, where some of the earliest remains of the human species were unearthed by the renowned Leakey Family. Visit the Gorge Museum, then journey to your Ngorongoro Nyumba. En route visit a nearby Maasai village, known as Irkeepusi.

*Overnight: Thomson Ngorongoro Nyumba (All meals included)*

### **Monday, December 27: Ngorongoro Crater**

Spend the whole day exploring the remarkable crater floor, which lies an astounding 2,000 feet below your camp. The crater is a geological marvel unique in the world with lakes, forests, a savanna, and an astounding population of 30,000 animals within 102 square miles. Look for massive bull elephants roaming the plains, hippos wallowing in their shallow pools, awkward ostrich running across the savanna and much, much more. Tonight, cozy by the fire and relish in the lovely surroundings.

*Overnight: Thomson Ngorongoro Nyumba (All meals included)*

### **Tuesday, December 28: School visit**

After breakfast, continue on to the Ayalabe school, where young members of the MIT group meet and interact with their pen pals. In the afternoon, arrive at your picturesque lodge. Have the afternoon to sit by the pool or explore the area.

*Overnight: Lake Manyara Serena Lodge (All meals included)*

### **Wednesday, December 29: Tarangire National Park**

Travel this morning to scenic Tarangire National Park, where the geologic landscape is as diverse as the wildlife. Renowned for its huge elephant populations, the park is also the ideal setting for searching out lion, hyena and other predators. Who will be the first to spy a leopard in the gnarled boughs of an acacia tree, tired from last night's hunt and sporting a suspiciously round belly? Your permanent tented lodge has the most central location in the whole park, and it's not uncommon to spot wildlife right on the grounds. In fact, the pool has often attracted elephants looking for a quick, cool drink!

*Overnight: Tarangire Safari Lodge (All meals included)*

### **Thursday, December 30: Tarangire National Park**

Tarangire is the fourth largest park in Tanzania, with a variety of animals from the enormous elephant to the tiny dik-dik, an antelope barely two feet tall. Take a dip in the pool after a day in the bush.

*Overnight: Tarangire Safari Lodge (All meals included)*

### **Friday, December 31: Tarangire / Arusha / Depart**

Breakfast on your final day in Tarangire may be tinged with sadness. It is a rare privilege to find a place as peaceful and unspoiled as this, where you can spend meaningful, uninterrupted family time. Drive to Arusha for lunch with your companions and relax the rest of the afternoon before your evening flight to Amsterdam.

*Day Room: KIA Lodge (All meals included)*

### **Saturday, January 1: Amsterdam / U.S.**

Connect in Amsterdam and arrive in the U.S., or independently. *Flight (Meals aloft)*

### **Optional Balloon Safari**

*One morning at sunrise, you have the option to take a hot air balloon over the Serengeti Plains for an unforgettable journey across the great African savanna. After landing, everyone is served champagne and a full English breakfast in the bush. Around mid-morning, join the group to continue exploring the Serengeti. Space is limited and advance reservations are required (Price is \$475 per person).*



# SAFARI DETAILS

## Your Safari Includes:

- ✧ Tanzanian-born professional safari guides who are your companions, your teachers, and at your service throughout the trip
- ✧ Comfortable wildlife viewing in specially equipped 4WD Land Rover Defenders with pop-up roofs and customized, convenient battery charging outlets. Each traveler is guaranteed a window seat.
- ✧ Meals and bottled water, as listed in the itinerary, accommodations based on double occupancy, and park fees
- ✧ Services at the lodges and Thomson Safaris Nyumbas
- ✧ Daily safari briefing to help you prepare for each day's wildlife viewing
- ✧ Internal flight from Arusha to the Serengeti
- ✧ Beer, wine, spirits, and soda included at welcome, farewell, and holiday dinner
- ✧ Bush lunch
- ✧ Village/cultural visits
- ✧ Airport transfers for group

## Rates Do Not Include:

International airfare from U.S. to Tanzania; airport departure tax; variable fuel surcharge; passport and visa fees; meals not specified in the itinerary; trip insurance; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, laundry, telephone and fax calls, gratuities for staff, and excess baggage charges.

## Accommodations

Aside from being a spectacular lodge, **The Mount Meru Game Lodge & Sanctuary** provides a safe haven to eland, ostrich, waterbuck, zebra, buffalo, small wildcats and a wide variety of birdlife.

**Nyumbas** are eco-friendly, tented camps, well-located for excellent wildlife viewing in northern Tanzania. The camps are designed by Thomson Safaris, our tour operator for this program; these comfortable camps allow you direct access to the wildlife while keeping you comfortable during your safari. Gourmet meals are prepared from fresh local ingredients.

Spectacularly set on the edge of the Gregorian escarpment, overlooking the Great Rift Valley and stunning Manyara Soda Lake, **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge** is the perfect midway stop in your safari.

Your small and informal permanent tented camp in Tarangire, know as **Tarangire Safari Lodge**, overlooks the Tarangire River where animals migrate for food and water. Sometimes the best wildlife viewing is done right at the lodge, sitting on the veranda or poolside.





**Adults: \$5,890 / Children: \$5,390**

Single Supplement: \$990

*Child rates apply for those between the ages of 7–17.*

### **What to Expect:**

The Tanzania Family Safari is specially designed for those seeking an unsurpassed wildlife viewing experience while traveling in safety and comfort. Days will be spent viewing wildlife from specially equipped 4WD Land Rover Defenders with popped top roofs for easy wildlife viewing and photography; window seats are guaranteed for every passenger. Though long drives between destinations have been minimized in this evenly paced itinerary, you can expect drives of up to five hours in length on bumpy, dusty, and occasionally muddy roads.

The accommodations have been chosen for their unique African feel, stunning settings, the quality of service offered to the discerning traveler, as well as their ideal proximity to the best seasonal wildlife viewing areas. The lodges are comfortable; most have private verandahs and all have private bathrooms. All lodges have electricity provided by generators. Our Nyumbas, which is Swahili for "home," are eco-friendly tents set on private camp-sites ideally located for the best wildlife viewing in Northern Tanzania. Our large walk-in tents come with camp beds dressed in deluxe linens, self-contained toilets, safari-style showers, and water basins (due to ecological and conservation issues, none of our camps have – or need – fixed plumbing). LED lighting powered by solar panels is provided in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro; and the camp chef prepares gourmet meals fresh from local ingredients. Breakfast, dinner, and some lunches are served in a canvas dining tent and restricted diets are easily accommodated by our chef.

Expect temperatures with highs in the mid to high 80s F and lows in the 60s F. Temperatures will be cooler at higher elevations, such as the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater (7,600 feet).



## Ready to register?

To reserve a space, call the **MIT Alumni Travel Program at 800-992-6749**. Or, mail your deposit and registration form to:

**MIT Alumni Travel Program**  
**600 Memorial Drive, W98-2nd Floor**  
**Cambridge, MA 02139**

A non-refundable deposit of \$700 per person payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check, **payable to Thomson Safaris** along with your full name and contact information, reserves your space on safari. We cannot confirm reservations without a deposit. Final payment is due **August 23, 2010** and payable by check, wire transfer, or money order.

## Shares:

If you would like to share a room, we will attempt to find a roommate for you. If, by the time of departure, a roommate cannot be found, you will be charged the single supplement (\$990).

## Insurance:

The purchase of travel insurance is highly recommended; information will be sent to registrants by the MIT Alumni Travel Program.

## Airfare:

International airfare is not included. Thomson Safaris, our operator for this program, will be happy to make flight arrangements for you on Delta/KLM Airlines, or help you to coordinate your own. You will need to fly into and out of Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) via Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam.

## Cancellation and Refunds:

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing to the MIT Alumni Travel Program. At the time MIT receives your cancellation, the following per person cancellation penalties apply:

Up to 121 days before departure:	Deposit (\$700 per person)
120-91 days before departure:	50% of the package price
90-61 days before departure:	65% of the package price
60 days or less before departure:	100% of the package price

## Terms and Conditions:

A detailed liability statement, concerning, among other things, limitations of Wineland-Thomson Adventures, Incorporated's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death, will be provided to passengers upon enrollment, along with an information form to sign and return to Thomson Safaris shortly after enrolling on the trip. Each of these forms is also available to prospective travelers upon request.





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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s). Enclosed is my deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$700 per person).

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☐ I would like more information on booking flights through Thomson Safaris.

☐ I will make my own flight arrangements.

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☐ Double room, rooming with \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Single room (\$990 supplement)

☐ I would like a roommate. If one is not available, I will pay the additional charge of \$990.

☐ Please reserve \_\_\_\_ space(s) on the balloon safari at a cost of \$475 per person.

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