

Tanzania: Predators & Prey

Trip dates: 27 February - 9 March 2020

Location: Tarangire, Ngorongoro, Ndutu/Serengeti

Group size: 6; Cost GBP 6,995 per person

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AN INCREDIBLE 11 NIGHT, 12 DAY PHOTOGRAPHIC AND WILDLIFE VIEWING ADVENTURE TO SOME OF THE MOST EXCITING WILDLIFE AREAS OF EAST AFRICA AT A PRIME TIME FOR CALVING AND CONSEQUENT PREDATOR/PREY INTERACTION. THIS TRIP IS ESCORTED THROUGHOUT BY ANDY SKILLEN, AND IS GEARED TO GIVE YOU A SUPERIOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE IN UNCROWDED SHOOTING CONDITIONS.

WITH A GROUP SIZE OF JUST 6, YOU ARE GUARANTEED PLENTY OF TUITION TIME, AND ALSO PLENTY OF ROOM IN WHICH TO WORK, AS WELL AS A GUARANTEED WINDOW SEAT. THIS TRIP IS TIMED TO MAXIMISE YOUR POSSIBILITIES OF VIEWING AFRICA'S ICONIC PREDATORS AS THEY STALK THE MASS HERDS CALVING IN THE GREATER SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM, AS WELL AS SOME SPECTACULAR PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORLD-FAMOUS NGORONGORO CRATER AT A TIME OF HIGH ACTIVITY AND INTENSE, MOODY SKIES.

A TRUE WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER'S PARADISE.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **EXCLUSIVE GROUP SIZE OF JUST 6 GUESTS**
- **WINDOW SEAT IN OUR VEHICLES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TRIP WITH POP-UP ROOF AND ROLL-UP WINDOWS**
- **USE OF TWO VEHICLES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TRIP**
- **INTERACTION BETWEEN PREDATORS AND PREY, IN VARIED LANDSCAPES ACROSS THE REGION**
- **FULL DAY GAME DRIVES TO MAXIMISE PHOTO POSSIBILITIES, PARTICULARLY IN DRAMATIC WEATHER**
- **HOTEL IN ARUSHA BEFORE THE TRIP**
- **ESCORTED THROUGHOUT BY ANDY SKILLEN**
- **ACCESS TO SOME OF TANZANIA'S BEST GUIDES**
- **AS MUCH, OR AS LITTLE, PHOTOGRAPHIC TUITION AS NEEDED!**

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- **Group size:** 6 guests only
- **GBP 6,995** per person, based on twin-share accommodation
- **Start point:** Kilimanjaro International Airport
- **End point:** Kilimanjaro International Airport

Note: We provide a night's accommodation at the African Tulip Hotel on the night before your adventure, and depending on arrival time, a welcome meal too. We will leave early morning for our flight to Ndutu the next day. Our trip has been modified to ensure you reach Kilimanjaro by around 6pm on the final day, which will be in time for connecting with flights out that evening, saving you a "dead" day in Arusha 😊 If you wish to extend, however, do let us know and we will get that organized for you.

WHAT'S INCLUDED...

- **1 night** accommodation at **Tarangire National Park**
- **3 nights** lodge-based accommodation in the **Ngorongoro Crater**
- **6 nights** in our tented camp in the **stunning Ndutu region**
- **1 night accommodation** in a comfortable mid-range hotel in **Arusha**
- **Two private vehicles** throughout the trip
- All guiding and park fees
- **One-way flight from Arusha to Ndutu**
- **Meet & Greet** at Kilimanjaro International Airport

WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Alcoholic and soft drinks at the lodges and camps
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees as appropriate
- Any departure taxes not covered in your international flight
- Gratuities

YOUR ITINERARY....

Day 1: Arrive in Arusha, and overnight (1 night)

Having arrived in Kilimanjaro International Airport after your long international flight, we will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the African Tulip Hotel for an overnight stay, and a chance to get yourself organized and ready for the adventure ahead! If your arrival time permits, we will organize a group dinner so you can meet your fellow photographers.

Day 2: Transfer to Arusha airport and flight to Ndutu (1 night)

Up early in the morning for breakfast, and then our transfer to Arusha airport (traffic permitting, about an hour). Here we will board our bush flight to the spectacular Ndutu region. Depending on routing, we will fly over the Ngorongoro Crater and southern Serengeti plain, as well as get a good view of Mount Kilimanjaro. We should land around late morning, and will be met by our vehicles and transferred to our tented camp, which will be home for the next 6 nights. After a brief orientation and lunch, we will be out for our first exploration of the area.

Days 3-7: Ndutu – southern Serengeti (5 nights)

For the next five full days, we will spend our time combing the Ndutu region of the Greater Serengeti ecosystem. Consisting mainly of sweeping grasslands, this area is located in the northern part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area where it joins the Serengeti. As such, it forms part of the annual migratory route of hundreds of thousands of wildebeest, zebra and antelope (and their predators), that come to graze and calve between November and April, depending on the rains. The forests around Lake Ndutu and small

koppies are also home to prolific, resident wildlife. Combined with the chance of some dramatic weather, lush greenery and plenty of young animals, we will maximise our time with full day game drives (as much as possible) to ensure we seek out as many dramatic interactions that we can. All six species of cat are resident here (lions, leopard, cheetah, serval, caracal and wild cat) and the photographic potential is superb. We have geared this trip to be at the height of the density of herbivores in the region, increasing our chances of some truly spectacular action. Nothing is ever guaranteed of course, but we will certainly be in the right place at the right time! Our temporary camp is superb, and in the heart of the action itself, and will provide us a great base from which to explore each day. **We will be utilising two vehicles throughout the entire trip**, and this will mean with just three guests in each, there will be lots of room for you to work. Andy, of course, will split his time equally between the vehicles throughout the trip, moving between them during each day....**so there will be no escape!**

Days 8-10: Ngorongoro Crater (3 nights)

Another early start – well, let’s face it, they all will be! – as this morning we head for the most famous game viewing area anywhere in Africa – the world heritage Ngorongoro Crater (around 3 hours). We will do one last drive around the Ndutu region, before embarking upon the journey overland to the Crater. This route passes through wildlife rich plains throughout, and passes a number of Maasai villages also, meaning there is never a dull moment. Eventually we steadily climb towards the rim of the Crater, before descending into it and crossing its full width en route to our lodge on the other side, arriving late afternoon to check-in. This collapsed caldera brims with game, and gives us probably our best chance of locating rhino. With its spectacular steep-side walls as an omnipresent backdrop, and the drama of rainy season skies overhead, we will have some excellent opportunities to capture all manner of images. We will have three nights here – more than most photo groups would ever give you – and stay in a lodge on the eastern edge of the crater wall, purposely to give you the chance to capture **dramatic skies and sunsets in the evening**. Our lodge also has quick access to the main road down to the crater floor – maximizing our time in this photographic Eden.

Day 11: Depart Ngorongoro for Tarangire National Park (1 night)

After three days of exploration in the Crater, we will today leave our lodge behind, and descend from the rim once more to make our way towards Tarangire National Park, an area that is famous for elephant herds as well as plenty of general game. Here we will concentrate primarily on these mighty pachyderms as we will have the chance to experience them in a far greater density than the Serengeti and Crater. We will stay inside the Park overnight, enjoying one last evening surrounded by the sounds of the Bush. The next morning will give us the chance for a final drive also, before we have to make our way out of the park, and start the journey home.

Day 12: Depart Tarangire for Kilimanjaro Airport

Of course, regrettably, all good things must come to an end and on this day we will begin our journey back to Kilimanjaro. We won’t rush away, however, and will ensure we get as much viewing in as time permits. The journey back can take up to 3-4 hours, so we will need to get on the “road” as it were by lunchtime, but we will certainly do our best to get those last few gigabytes of memory card filled first! We will aim to get you back in good time to connect with either a flight to Dar Es Salaam, Nairobi or the international route to Amsterdam with KLM. This means you don’t have to spend an extra night in the town and then killing one more day waiting for your connecting flight the next day. Of course, if you wish to spend more time or head somewhere else, please let us know as we can organize extensions throughout the region for you.

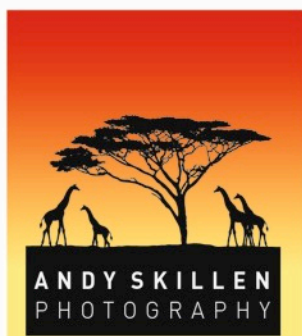
WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

To reserve your space on this very special adventure, either:

- a. send an email to Andy@faunavista.com or Carrie@faunavista.com to register your interest and receive a booking form
- b. download the generic booking form using the link on the page from where you obtained your itinerary, fill it out, and send it to either email address as above.

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Andy's photography is all about giving some thing back; back to a world that has given him such a wealth of memorable experiences and opportunities. As a result, a proportion of all the profits we make from every perspective of Andy's work is donated to some of the world's leading wildlife charities. These include the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF), Animals Asia and the Bushlife Foundation – for which Andy and Carrie are the UK ambassadors. Your holiday is not just therefore an adventure for yourself, your friends and your family, but a true contributor to the frontline of wildlife conservation.



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