



## Detailed Trip Notes

# TANZANIA PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY

11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009

*Escorted by professional photographer, Andrew Thomasson*

**Trip Duration** – 17 Days

**Grade** - Introductory

**Activity** - Day walks, wildlife safari, photography

**Accommodation** - 13 nights lodges

## Welcome to World Expeditions

Thank you for enquiring about our *Tanzania Photographic Journey*, accompanied by professional photographer Andrew Thomasson. At World Expeditions we are passionate about off-the-beaten track travel and giving our travellers the thrill of coming face to face with untouched cultures as well as wilderness regions of great natural beauty. We are committed to making sure that our range of itineraries are well researched, affordable and manicured for the enjoyment of our small groups – philosophies that have been at our core since 1975 when we began operating adventure holidays. Each of our adventures is accompanied by an expert guide – people who are dedicated to providing you with the very best travel experiences, who have incredible local knowledge and who share our vision of authentic exchange and real exploration with a responsible tourism approach. We hope you will join us for a life changing experience!



## The Trip

This trip has been designed specifically as a wildlife photographic journey. Mixing in National Parks, town and the exotic Zanzibar the trip will offer something for everyone. Before even reaching Tanzania our adventure starts as we stay overnight in Thailand at Pip's famous Thai House cooking school. We will visit local markets and indulge in a traditional cooking class. Upon reaching Tanzania we will visit Lake Manyara National Park, Ngorongoro National Park and the Serengeti National Park. After an abundance of wildlife and village photographic opportunities we will transfer to Zanzibar where we will spend a few days relaxing and soaking up the experience. Andrew Thomasson will offer expert photographic guidance.

## Why travel with World Expeditions?

When planning travel to remote and challenging destinations, many factors need to be considered. Our extra attention to detail and seamless operations on the ground ensure that you will have a memorable experience in Africa. We take every precaution to ensure smooth logistics, our vehicles and equipment are the best available on the market. Most importantly, our adventures have always sought to benefit the local peoples we interact with, safeguard the ecosystems we explore and contribute to the sustainability of travel in the regions we experience. You will be accompanied by a guide whose knowledge and passion for wilderness and wildlife will add a unique dimension to your trip. Their experience and enthusiasm ensures that we maintain the leading edge in adventure travel and therefore providing excellent value for money. Itineraries are well planned and include numerous visits to national parks. Most meals and excursions are included in the tour price. This itinerary offers the best value-for-money in southern Africa. Our group size is small, never exceeding a maximum number of sixteen. Given our local knowledge, experience and excellent leadership, we are quite sure that this tour will be a trip of a lifetime and a fantastic adventure.

## About your tour escort



South African born Andrew Thomasson, has a passion for Africa and adventure, wildlife and nature photography. As director of his company Focus 10, Andrew spends his time co-ordinating and teaching a series of training courses throughout Australia and running photographic workshops around the world. Andrew has led many photographic tours for World Expeditions including recent trips to Western Australia the Flinders Ranges and the Red Centre. Andrew has traveled extensively in Africa and has led many photographic tours to the region including wildlife canoe safaris down the Zambezi River, trekking the Wild Coast of Lesotho, pony trekking and climbing in the Drakensburg Mountains, Ngorongoro Crater and plains of Tanzania, Wildlife parks of Kenya and exploring Morocco.

On this tour, not only will you learn everything about your film and digital camera, you will be picking up invaluable tips and technique from a mastertrainer.

Andrew will impart the professional tips and help create the right opportunities so you can take stunning images of the stunning flora and fauna of Namibia. For Andrew's African wildlife gallery, please contact him directly on [andrew@focus10.com.au](mailto:andrew@focus10.com.au)

## How a World Expeditions Photography Tour Works

We control the agenda, the pace, the itinerary - so we can take the best photographs, seek out the hidden gems, wait for the perfect dawn light or leopard to drink at the waterhole. These Tours are not just for expert photographers. In fact, we attract an eclectic mix of people who blend other interests with photography - the lover of wildflowers, the birder, the naturalist, the antiquities buff, the painter, the wine and food lover - the normal traveller looking to expand their horizons. During the tour, beginners learn technique and camera handling, composition, lighting and much more. Serious amateurs will revel in the fantastic photographic situations in carefully researched locations.

We hope you can join us!

### Trip Highlights

- Fantastic, authentic Thai Cooking School at Pip's house
- Spectacular Ngorongoro Crater game drives
- Climb Mt Lemagrut through traditional Masai Villages (day walk)
- Serengeti National Park game drives
- Lake Mayara and the flamingoes
- Zanzibar – Stone Town and the magical east coast beaches
- Expert Photographic instruction in a relaxed environment

**Tour Deposit** – in addition to the World Expeditions deposit, you will also be required to pay a deposit of 20% of the value of the tour on booking. This deposit is non-refundable and we recommend you take out travel insurance at the time of booking.

### Tanzania Photographic Journey Itinerary At A Glance

- DAY 1** Depart Sydney, overnight at Pip's Cooking School Bangkok  
**DAY 2** Cooking classe, eveing flight to Nairobi  
**DAY 3** Arrive Arusha, afternoon at leisure  
**DAY 4** Lake Mayara Game Drive

- DAY 5** Ngorogoro Crater game drive  
**DAY 6** Ascent of Mt Lenagrut (day walk)  
**DAY 7** Game drive in Serengeti (Ndtutu)  
**DAY 8** Serengeti (Seronera)  
**DAY 9** Serengeti (Seronera)  
**DAY 10** Serengeti (Ndtutu) and visit to Olduvai  
**DAY 11** Ngorogoro Crater, to Arusha  
**DAY 12** Fly Zanzibar, Stone Town  
**DAY 13** East coast Zanzibar resort  
**DAY 14** East coast Zanzibar resort  
**DAY 15** Zanzibar airport, to Nairobi  
**DAY 16** Arrive Bangkok  
**DAY 17** Arrive Sydney

#### Cost per person in AUD (twin share):

8-9 people:	\$7690
10+ people:	\$7550

Single Supplement: \$395\*

\* If travelling as a single we will try our best to twin share you with another traveller of the same sex. If we cannot, you will be obliged to pay the single supplement.



## Tanzania Photographic Journey

### Your trip cost includes:\*

- ❑ Return economy flights with Kenyan Airways
- ❑ 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 12 dinners
- ❑ Airport transfers in Bangkok and Arusha
- ❑ 13 nights accommodation in lodges
- ❑ English speaking local guide
- ❑ Permits and entry fees and local guide in the National Parks
- ❑ Private vehicle transport – Land Cruisers perfect for photography
- ❑ Pre-departure Information Guide, with all you need to know for your trip
- ❑ Services of a professional photographer throughout

**No local payments policy:** Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

## Tanzania Photographic Journey

### Your trip cost does not include:

- ❑ Airfare taxes (approx. \$600)
- ❑ Optional extra activities (not included in the itinerary)
- ❑ Meals as indicated
- ❑ Aerated and alcoholic drinks.
- ❑ Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, etc.
- ❑ Tips
- ❑ Visas
- ❑ Travel Insurance

### Fast Facts

- ❑ Visas required\*
- ❑ Vaccinations required\*
- ❑ Group size – Min 8, Max 16
- ❑ This is an exclusive photographic departure
- ❑ A single supplement is available for this trip.
- ❑ Countries visited –Tanzania

- ❑ The above price is contingent on fares being available in the booking class that was used for the purpose of costing this exclusive Africa tour (wholesale Kenyan Airways flights)

\*Ask our office for details.

## Tanzania Photographic Journey Detailed Itinerary

### DAY 1 11 April 2009

**Depart Sydney: TG994 @ 1000**

**Arrive Bangkok: TG994 @ 1625**

On arrival in Bangkok we will be picked up from the airport and taken to The Thai House, on the banks of the Chao Praya River. Sit back and relax in the traditional Thai house, enjoying the scenery and aroma of fresh Thai cooking. Dinner is included. (D)

### DAY 2: 12<sup>th</sup> April

#### Cooking school

This morning, after our restful night, we will visit the local food markets to buy local produce for today's cooking class. Our classes menu is below:

#### MENU:INTRODUCTION HERBS & SPICES

Larb Moo Spicy Thai Pork Salad (APPETIZER)

Tom Yam Kung Hot and Sour Prawn Soup (SOUP)

Phad Thai Fried Noodles (LUNCH DISH)

Kang Ka-Ri Yellow Chicken Curry (MAIN DISH)

Paneang Neua Coconut Beef Curry (MAIN DISH)

Lunch and dinner is included in the day and in the evening we will be transferred from Tha Thai House to Bangkok Airport for our flight to Nairobi. Overnight flight.

**Depart Bangkok: KQ 231 @ 0040 (just after midnight)**

### **DAY 3: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

#### **Arrive in Africa!**

**Arrive Nairobi: KQ231 @ 0610**

**Depart Nairobi: KQ6724 @ 0800**

**Arrive Kilimanjaro: KQ6724 @ 0850**

This morning we will have just a short wait in Nairobi airport before flying onto Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania. This flight is approximately 50min in duration. Upon arrival in Tanzania we will be transferred from the airport to Arusha.

The rest of the day will be spent at your leisure exploring Arusha town, visiting the Masai markets, swimming in the hotel pool or taking photographs!



### **DAY 4: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

#### **Lake Manyara Game Drive**

This morning we drive to Lake Manyara National Park which is noted for its elephant populations, tree-climbing lions, baboons and warthogs. The park is arguably the best for viewing elephants up close, and has an excellent birdlife, including masses of flamingos. It is situated between the dramatic Rift Valley escarpment and the lake and there is an abundance of animals within only 125 square miles (two thirds of which is Lake), as they are attracted by the permanent water in the lake and small rivers. The surrounding forest is jungle-like with giant trees and snaking lianas. We stay this evening at the permanent camp in Migunga (Mto Wa Mbu). (BLD)

### **DAY 5: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

#### **Ngorongoro Crater**

After breakfast, we continue to the Ngorongoro Crater approx a one hour drive, and then head down into the Crater for some incredible game

viewing. At nearly 2300m, the mornings are brisk and low cloud sometimes covers the area. The crater is one of the last refuges for the endangered black rhino in northern Tanzania.

**Ngorongoro Crater** has been called the eighth wonder of the natural world and was designated a World Heritage Site and a Biosphere Reserve. The crater represents only about 3% of the entire Ngorongoro Conservation Area which covers 8,280 sq km. The region contains at least seven extinct volcanoes and has probably one of the most varied terrains in East Africa. The Crater is a very picturesque setting for viewing and photographing wildlife and as the animals are familiar with vehicles, we can get really close to them, giving us an excellent opportunity to study their behaviour. The usual grassland dwelling animals live in the crater: wildebeest, zebra, gazelles, eland, hartebeest, buffalo, warthogs and the predators include bat-eared foxes, jackals, hyenas, lions and rarely seen cheetahs.

With over 30,000 animals, the Ngorongoro Crater can be regarded as a "Garden of Eden". The 100 sq km caldera is home to the last black rhinos to be found in Tanzania and also has the highest density of lions anywhere in Africa. The rhino population here is carefully protected and they are quite commonly seen. We return to our campsite in the late afternoon. Please bring some warm clothing as it can be cold here. Overnight Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge (BLD)

### **DAY 6: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

#### **Ascend Mt Lemagrut (3000m)**

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) is unique in that it is one of the few areas where the Masai live in an area dedicated to wildlife conservation. In the company and safety of being with our local Masai escorts and an armed NCA Ranger we quickly learn about the differences in vegetation and certain habitats of animals and skilfully register the varying imprints left by animals as they wander freely in the conservation area. On this full days walk we carry our lunch with us, taking time out on the summit of the 3000m Mt Lemagrut to enjoy the views across the Ngorongoro Crater and Highlands. This will be a 6-7 hour day walk.

There would be options on a lighter walk if the group does not feel they would like to do this walk. View of the Serengeti are stunning from the summit. Overnight Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge (BLD)

**DAY 7-9: 17th- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
Serengeti (Nduu and Seronera regions)**

Today we will drive into the Serengeti National Park and start our 3 full days of game viewing. (BLD)

Large prides of lions, together with cheetah and the areas specialty, leopard, are to be found throughout with zebra by the thousands found near the Seronera River. In the evening we will have a night drive which is always exciting. Overnight at the Seronera Wildlife Lodge (BLD)

**Serengeti National Park** is the most famous of Tanzania's parks – its name is derived from the Masai word 'siriget', meaning 'endless plain'. The park, with an area of 14,763 sq km, was gazetted in 1951. Apart from being the largest national park in East Africa, the Serengeti is home to one of the most spectacular natural phenomena in the world – the migration of nearly two million wildebeest.

The migration involves not only wildebeest but also the predators that prey on the newborn, the sick and the old. Between December and April the wildebeest begin to move on to the short grass plains of the southern Serengeti and Ngorongoro Conservation Area. It is here that up to 300,000 calves are born in January and February each year. Packs of hyenas can be seen skirting the edges of groups of wildebeests, waiting to prey on any weak or young victims – up to 30% are lost in the first two months from predators. After the rains in May, the wildebeest migrate north and west towards the permanent water of the Grumeti River.

With an altitude that varies between 914m and 1828m, vast open plains with lofty rocky outcrops and small forests of acacia and savannah woodland scrub dominate the Serengeti. This world-famous wildlife sanctuary contains the greatest and most spectacular concentration of game found anywhere in the world.

**Mammals:** In addition to its herds of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and other plains game, the Serengeti is renowned for its lion population. If you're lucky you may even see a leopard lazing on the branch of a tree, shading itself from the sun. During the migration, game animals, chiefly zebra and wildebeest, move away from their usual haunts on the central plains and into the corridor.

**Birds:** Nobody, at whatever level of interest in ornithology, can fail to notice the wealth of birdlife in the Serengeti. Colourful rollers, bee-eaters, kingfishers and sunbirds are common, while among the larger species saddle-billed and marabou storks, secretary birds and ostriches are the easiest to spot.



**DAY 10: 20th April 2009  
Serengeti and Olduvai**

Today we will depart from the Serengeti with some final game drives followed by a visit to Olduvai Gorge, known as 'The Cradle of Mankind'. This is the area where the 1st human being are thought to have come from. An extremely interesting opportunity.

Overnight Ngorongoro Wildlife Resort (BLD)

**DAY 11: 21st April 2009  
Ngorongoro and to Arusha**

Today we will have our final game drive through the spectacular Ngorongoro Crater. This place is hard to resist. In the afternoon we will drive back to Arusha for a relaxing afternoon.

Overnight Ilboru Safari Lodge (BD)

### **DAY 12: 22nd April 2009**

#### **Fly to Zanzibar, Stone Town**

This morning we will take a morning flight to Zanzibar. The flight is approximately 11/2 hours. Upon arrival we will be transferred to the Tembo Hotel in Stonetown. From here we are free to explore Stone Town. Wander its old heritage listed streets, or take a spice tour, the choices are endless. Overnight Tembo House(B)

### **DAY 13/14: 23rd – 24th April 2009**

#### **Zanzibar Resort**

Today we will transfer to the East Coast of Zanzibar for some rest, relaxation, snorkelling and photography from our tropical paradise. No set activities have been organised for our time in Zanzibar so you are free to do as you please.

Overnight Kichanga Lodge (BD)

### **DAY 15: 25th April 2009**

#### **Zanzibar and depart**

We will have the morning to relax at the resort before being transferred to the airport for our flight home.(B)

**Depart Zanzibar: KQ6713 @ 1840**

**Arrive Nairobi: KQ6713 @2020**

**Depart Nairobi: KQ230 @2310**

### **DAY 16: 26th April 2009**

**Arrive Bangkok: KQ230 @ 1250**

**Depart Bangkok: TG993 @ 1915**

### **DAY 17: 27th April 2009**

**Arrive Sydney: TG993 @ 0715**

**Note:** This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations or National Park regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

### **Suggested Extensions**

- There are a number of extensions which can be added to the trip eg. South Africa: Kruger & Cape, Zanzibar, Kilimanjaro Climb. Ask our office for details.

### **Trip Grading**

Although there is no commitment to extended walking on this journey we nonetheless want to keep the 'accent on the active'. We therefore advise that any physical training you complete before undertaking the trip will be to good effect. Our day walks are optional, but being in good physical condition is always an advantage.

### **Country Information**

#### **Tanzania**

Tanzania is the largest country of East Africa, being almost 950,000 sq kms and made up mainly of a dry highland plateau, with a narrow strip of low-lying coast and the off-shore islands of Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia. The Rift Valley, containing some of the world's most magnificent and famous game reserves, sweeps down into Tanzania from Kenya and is covered by many inland lakes; Tanzania's highest mountains - Meru and Africa's highest, Mt Kilimanjaro - lie on or close to the Kenyan border in the north of the country.

With a heritage of British and German colonialism - and the strong influence of the Portuguese and Arab traders felt along the coast - Tanganyika gained its independence in 1961 and merged with the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba to become Tanzania. Being guided very much by its president for 20 years, Nyerere, it launched into a radical socialist experiment in self-reliance but with little western aid and as one of the world's poorest countries, its experiment had little chance of success. Today Tanzania is still largely agricultural and depends very much on its tourism for economic survival.

With a population of more than 25 million, including over 100 different tribal groups, the majority of people are Bantu, while Arabic features and cultural traits show up throughout the coastal and island communities. The Masai are in evidence in the north of the country, although they no longer hold the large areas they once did and are found across the larger national parks and games reserves.

## Climate

Generally April and May are the months with long rains and should be avoided if considering this climb. November brings short rains but it seldom rains all day. As a general rule, Tanzania is usually warm by day and cool by night. Temperatures rarely rise above 27C during the day or fall below minus 10C at night although these conditions are guidelines only and obviously vary with altitude and topography. In spite of its equatorial location, Kilimanjaro can have severe weather conditions at the higher altitudes and you need to be prepared for temperatures well below freezing at the summit, minus 15C is not uncommon. On the lower slopes, it will usually be mild - warm during the day and cold at night. Some rain can occur at any time on the mountain.

## Wildlife

The wilderness areas of Africa are populated by large numbers of wild and potentially dangerous animals. The trip aims to view these animals in their natural habitat, uncontrolled by fences. Your experienced guides will make every effort to ensure the safety of the group at all times. Please be aware that all safari travel, including vehicle safaris in the proximity of wild animals is never entirely without risk. By travelling into wild areas in search of wild animals, all participants accept that they are choosing an adventure that includes an element of risk and this is an inherent aspect of the enjoyment of this style of travel.

## Adventure Travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant of travel agent.

## Responsible Travel

The environments we travel through are fragile. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence.

World Expeditions were the proud recipients of the inaugural Australian National Travel Industry's Environmental Achievement award for our *Responsible Travel Guidebook*. This detailed guide to responsible & sustainable travel is provided to all World Expeditions clients before they travel. Please ask your consultant if you have not received your copy of our award winning book. Alternatively, you may like to download a copy from our website [www.worldexpeditions.com](http://www.worldexpeditions.com)

## How do you book?

Please note that all reservations are subject to availability at the time of booking. Please complete the World Expeditions booking form and send or fax it to:

World Expeditions  
Level 5, 71 York St  
Sydney 2000  
Fax: 82708401

**Tour Deposit** – in addition to the World Expeditions deposit, you will also be required to pay a deposit of 20% of the value of the tour on booking. This deposit is non-refundable and we recommend you take out travel insurance at the time of booking.

## Pre Departure Information

On receipt of your booking form and deposit (and once minimum group numbers have been reached), World Expeditions will forward detailed pre departure information. This will include such details as recommended clothing lists, vaccinations, documentation and all details to help you prepare for the trip ahead.

## Insurance

Current comprehensive travel insurance is a condition of the acceptance of your booking by World Expeditions. The cost of travel insurance does not form part of the advised price and must be paid additionally. We recommend Suresave,

with whom we have been working for several years and have the utmost respect for their product and the handling of claims. Alternatively you may have your own insurance company that you deal with frequently. Travel documentation will not be released to you until evidence of such insurance being in force is provided.

### **Final Payment**

Final payment by cheque is due 60 days prior to departure. For further information please refer to the terms and conditions outlined on the back of the booking form.

#### **Important Note:**

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price.

**IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER  
INFORMATION REGARDING THIS OR ANY  
OTHER ADVENTURE, PLEASE CONTACT  
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### **Single Travellers**

The tour price is based on two people sharing a room. If you are travelling as a single, then we will do our best to twin share you with someone of the same gender unless you specify on your booking form that you would like to occupy a single room/tent. In case of the latter, we are obliged to charge a 'single supplement', or if we are unsuccessful in matching you up with another traveller. For electing a single room throughout, a single supplement charge will apply.