Tanzania
Wildlife Safari

An Awe-Inspiring Adventure Through the Serengeti to Lake Victoria
How do you measure a travel destination that seems to have no bounds? Tanzania, the largest country in East Africa, also has more animals per square mile of land than anywhere in the world. It’s home to the famed Mount Kilimanjaro—the tallest mountain in Africa, as well as the continent’s largest lake—Lake Victoria. It’s a place for which superlatives in language were created—earning each widened eye, each dropped jaw, and each excited heartbeat.

Come experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the grandeur that is Tanzania, featuring access to a number of important national parks and nature reserves, abundant wildlife, the guidance of an Orbridge Expedition Leader, welcoming locals, and luxurious accommodations. Its true measure will be in the connection you feel, the memories you make, and the space this adventure holds forever in your heart.
Dear Trojans,

Join fellow alumni and friends to experience the spectacular wildlife, colorful traditions, and sun-drenched savannas of Tanzania during this 12-day journey of a lifetime to the lands of Tarangire, Olduvai Gorge, the Ngorongoro Crater, and the rarely seen Western Serengeti.

The year-round migration of grazing herbivores across the Serengeti Plains is one of the greatest spectacles of the natural world. Trekking with expert naturalist guides in 4x4 Land Cruisers, savor the suspense as you scan the breathtaking terrain where it’s possible to encounter lions, cheetahs, leopards, elephants, wildebeests, zebras, primates, antelopes, gazelles, crocodiles, and more than a thousand species of birds.

With exceptional access to Tanzania’s game parks, your adventure-filled days will be accompanied by a naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leader. In the evenings, retreat to luxurious accommodations—each offering exceptional hospitality and superior amenities—to relax and rejuvenate.

Space is limited to just 24 guests. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

For information or to make your reservation, please reserve online at usctrojantravel.orbridge.com, or call Orbridge at (866) 639-0079, or visit TrojanTravel.usc.edu.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Ball, ’83
Associate Director, Trojan Travel
USC Alumni Association

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Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 8/29/2022
Program Highlights:

- Explore some of the most important parks and reserves in East Africa, including the legendary Serengeti—host at different times of the year to the Great Migration, the cyclical journey of 1.6 million herbivores on their quest for survival.

- Participate in up to 12 game drives, including a special night game drive, accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader and expert naturalist guides aboard safari-outfitted Land Cruisers.

- At Olduvai Gorge, the Cradle of Humanity—encounter local cultures on guided village, school, and plantation visits.

- Spend a full day at Ngorongoro Crater—home to populations of lions, leopards, black rhinos, hyenas, wildebeests, buffaloes, elephants, and zebras.

- Reserve an optional hot-air balloon safari over the Serengeti at sunrise, including a champagne breakfast and game drive (additional fee).

- **What’s included:** 9 nights deluxe accommodations (each carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and comfort) plus a day room on departure day; 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 8 dinners (including a special farewell Serengeti bush dinner); expert naturalist guides throughout, including an Orbridge Expedition Leader; daily game drives in custom 4x4 Land Cruisers with roof hatch access and guaranteed window seating; coffee and tea with meals and filtered water while on game drives; internal flight from the Serengeti to Arusha; all main program gratuities; all taxes, service charges, and park fees; temporary membership in Flying Doctors Service; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing on the suggested flights.
Itinerary:

Note: Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, however, spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Some activities are dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.

Day 1: En Route from U.S.
Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Day 2: Arrive in Arusha, Tanzania
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
After an evening arrival to the Kilimanjaro Airport, you will be met by an Orbridge representative who will assist with the transfer to your hotel.
Overnight: Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa

Days 3-4: Tarangire National Park
Thursday, February 23, 2023 - Friday, February 24, 2023
Following breakfast and a welcome briefing by your Orbridge Expedition Leader, depart Arusha to enjoy two days exploring Tarangire National Park. Morning and afternoon game drives, plus a unique opportunity for a night game drive, provide your first look at Africa's natural beauty, power, and wonder. This seasonal park has the second highest concentration of wildlife (after the Serengeti), including diverse habitats such as dry open woodlands, thorny Acacia thickets, rolling hills, rocky outcrops, extensive swamps, the Tarangire River, and many huge, iconic Baobab trees.

Tarangire, known for elephants, reportedly has the largest elephant concentration in the world during the dry season. Witness in sheer awe the commanding presence of these majestic creatures in close proximity as they roam the surrounding landscape.

In addition, the park boasts hundreds of bird species—the highest of any Tanzanian park. Notable common birds include the ashy starling, red-and-yellow barbet, red-bellied parrot, speckle-fronted weaver, little bee-eater, and tawny eagle. Bird lovers should keep an eye open for flocks of the dazzlingly colorful yellow-collared lovebird and the equally striking lilac-breasted roller—with its greenish head, lilac throat and breast, blue belly, and bright wing feathers.
This ecosystem is also home to lions, as well as elusive cheetahs and leopards, all sustained by herds of zebras, wildebeest, giraffes, and more.

Between thrilling experiences of wildlife viewing, savor delightful moments to reflect, including a welcome cocktail, a bush lunch inside the park, and educational presentations by the camp fire.

*Overnight: Tarangire Sopa Lodge (B,L,D daily)*

**Day 5: Ngorongoro Conservation Area**

*Saturday, February 25, 2023*

Today’s journey includes a game drive en route to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Next, drive to Gibb’s Farm for a guided farm walk and lunch. This award-winning sanctuary, established in the early 1900s as a coffee plantation, offers a welcome respite for travelers. Replenish with inspired organic cuisine, fresh from the farm’s gardens, bakery, and dairy, and enjoy the beauty and tradition of the surroundings. An immersive experience, Gibb’s Farm provides opportunities for interested guests to partake in a variety of activities, including the daily vegetable harvest, cow milking, pig feeding, and egg collecting.

Later, continue to tonight’s lodge for dinner and an evening at leisure.

*Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (B,L,D)*

**Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater**

*Sunday, February 26, 2023*

This morning, descend some 2,000 feet to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest inactive and intact volcanic caldera in the world. The crater was thought to have developed millions of years ago when the cone of a large active volcano collapsed after eruption. It is considered one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa, and its unique ecosystem is often called a “Garden of Eden” due to the wide range and ever-present abundance of wildlife attracted by the year-round water supply on the crater floor.

A thrilling full-day game drive provides ample wildlife-viewing opportunities, including, but not limited to: buffaloes, zebras, warthogs, wildebeests, Grant’s and Thomson’s gazelles, leopards, the densest population of lions in the world, and the best place in East Africa to spot black rhinoceroses.

*Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (B,L,D)*

**Days 7-8: Olduvai Gorge / Serengeti National Park - Seronera Valley**
Navigate around the crater’s rim, descending to Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important prehistoric archaeological sites on Earth. It was here in the 1950s that Louis and Mary Leakey first uncovered the fossilized teeth and skull of one of man’s earliest ancestors.

After an interpretive presentation, continue to the Serengeti—Tanzania’s oldest and most popular national park—to experience its vastness and beauty. Spanning 12,000 square miles, this ecosystem’s name is appropriately derived from the Maasai language meaning “endless plains.”

Daily morning and afternoon game drives reveal the best of East Africa’s natural beauty as we traverse the savanna’s golden fields underneath an endless expanse of blue sky. Experience moments of tranquility and pulse-racing action during breathtaking opportunities to observe life in the wild.

Overnight: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge (B,L,D daily)

While in Tanzania, you can opt to take a once-in-a-lifetime hot air balloon safari. Guests choosing to reserve this excursion will enjoy a dawn ascent over the southern Serengeti. Experience incredible birds-eye views over the wildlife and vast landscape. Afterward, enjoy a champagne breakfast and a game drive before rejoining the group. (Note: This excursion must be purchased in advance to guarantee availability and is non-refundable inside 90 days to departure.)

Days 9-10: Western Serengeti / Grumeti
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - Thursday, March 2, 2023
Traveling west beyond the Seronera Valley, enter the western corridor of the Serengeti and the Grumeti River region. This relatively narrow corridor—made up of open savanna, woodlands, and floodplains—follows the path of the crocodile-infested Grumeti River all the way to Lake Victoria. It’s home to abundant wildlife, including rare Colobus monkeys.

Daily morning and afternoon game drives afford plenty of opportunities to observe, explore, and learn about these reserves and their diversity of bird and mammal species.

Bid a fond farewell to the sights, sounds and magic of the Serengeti with a memorable bush dinner.

Overnight: Mbalageti Serengeti Tented Chalets (B,L,D daily)

Day 11: Serengeti / Flight to Arusha / Depart for U.S.
Friday, March 3, 2023
From Grumeti, take the short, scenic flight back to Arusha. On arrival, enjoy lunch and finish
Activity Level:

Moderate

This safari program requires an ability to walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, transport luggage a short distance, get in and out of a 4 x 4 Land Cruiser, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on oftentimes bumpy Serengeti roads.

Average elevation: 5,000 feet

What's Included:

- 9 nights deluxe accommodations (each carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and comfort) plus a day room on departure day
- 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 8 dinners (including a special farewell Serengeti bush dinner)
- Expert naturalist guides throughout, including an Orbridge Expedition Leader
- Daily game drives in custom 4x4 Land Cruisers with roof hatch access and guaranteed window seating
- Coffee and tea with meals and filtered water while on game drives
- Internal flight from the Serengeti to Arusha
- All main program gratuities

Day 12: En Route / Arrive in U.S.
Saturday, March 4, 2023

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

(itinerary subject to change.)
• All taxes, service charges, and park fees
• Temporary membership in Flying Doctors Service
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing on the suggested flights
Optional Excursion(s):

Hot Air Balloon Safari

$599 per person

An optional Hot Air Balloon Safari is available while in the Serengeti. Guests choosing to reserve this excursion will enjoy a dawn ascent over the southern Serengeti. After the ride, toast the experience with champagne and a full English breakfast. A game drive on the return to camp will round out the morning before you rejoin the group and continue the day’s exploration. This excursion is available for additional payment of $599 per person, and is non-refundable inside 90 days to departure. If you wish to participate, please contact Orbridge, as reservations must be made in advance.
Your Guide(s):

Tanzania / Insider, Interpreter, Naturalist, Host

While in Tanzania, an Orbridge Expedition Leader will infuse your journey with an appreciation of its extraordinary wilderness, an uncanny ability to spot wildlife, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a naturalist’s ability to engage all of your senses.
**Accommodations:**

**Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa**

*February 22*

A comfortable retreat on the shores of beautiful Lake Duluti, this country house-styled hotel is built on what used to be a coffee plantation. Relax in one of its 42 rooms in banana-stem thatched cottages, all with a private balcony, or take in the tranquil surroundings outdoors.

*Room Amenities:* King or twin beds, mosquito netting, complimentary bottled water, TV, phone, complimentary Wi-Fi, safe, ceiling fan, slippers, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

**Tarangire Sopa Lodge**

*February 23 - February 24*

Situated inside Tarangire National Park, Tarangire Sopa Lodge offers outstanding accommodations amidst the gorgeous landscape. Circular-roofed, airy guest suites surround an inviting outdoor pool and the centrally located common room, featuring marble floors, a bar and lounge, outdoor terrace, and pool table.

*Room Amenities:* Air conditioning, two queen beds with mosquito netting, a sitting area, complimentary bottled water, minibar, coffee and tea maker, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

**Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge**
February 25 - February 26

Built from local river stone and designed to completely blend in with the landscape, this luxury hotel sits on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. Each room features a panoramic, private balcony with unobstructed views of the volcanic expanse below. Friendly and attentive staff is ready to greet you with warm, Tanzanian hospitality.

Room Amenities: King or twin beds, private rock-enclosed balcony, mosquito nets, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, bathrobes and slippers, mineral water, and en suite bathroom with sundries.

Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

February 27 - February 28

Here, your home is a thatched circular rondavel nestled among acacia trees in the manner of a traditional African village. Surrounded by natural stone and wood décor, relax amidst modern comforts and views of the Serengeti wilderness. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in main lodge area.

Room Amenities: King or twin beds, complimentary bottled water, safe, bathrobe and slippers, snack and drink room service, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Mbalageti Serengeti Tented Chalets
March 1 - March 2

Experience real safari living within Mbalageti’s semi-tented chalets. This property offers a breathtaking 360-degree panoramic view of the Serengeti Plain, comfortable and well-appointed rooms, and a refreshing pool—inviting you to reflect, refresh, and relax after your game drive.

*Room Amenities: Double or twin beds, complimentary bottled water, bathrobes, slippers, flashlight, umbrellas, walking stick, whistle, binoculars (on request), safe, emergency light, and en suite bathroom with shower, bathtub and hair dryer.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)
What Guests Are Saying:

“Orbridge did a great job of setting the itinerary. The guides were very knowledgeable and they kept our transfers/baggage handling as pain free as possible. We were very pleased with the whole experience.

Our primary expedition leader was excellent. He was organized, interactive, knowledgeable and fun to be with. We enjoyed interacting with all of our guides. They truly wanted us to have a great experience.”

–Diane H., Wilmette, IL

“We really enjoyed the guides. They made an excellent team. They were extremely familiar with all of the birds, animals and plants. One was also an entertainer—he kept us laughing throughout the trip. Both clearly loved what they were doing and were eager to share info with us. Again, they were always optimistic and cheerful. The vision and ability to sight game were amazing!

We enjoyed how the program flowed. Starting in Tarangire each destination surpassed the previous in experience. Ending in Serengeti was a wonderful grand finale.”

–David & Julie M., Chicago, IL

“Beautiful accommodations. Loved.

Our guides were A++++. Excellent! They were so knowledgeable and made everything so much fun. We were really lucky to have them as our guides...everyone in our group felt the same way.”

–Lauren P., Valley Village, CA

“Top notch guides. Knowledge of plants, animals, birds, tribes and nation's history. They were the highest quality guides we met.”

–Stephen C., Manakin Sabot, VA

“Our accommodations were unique and most comfortable, the food was very tasty, and the service was much more than I anticipated. I felt special and pampered.”
“There are probably not enough adjectives to describe all of the guides. They were personable, knowledgeable, funny, and made us feel like we mattered and we weren't just a job.

Also, the gorilla experience surpassed everything I had imagined.”

–Tricia B., Cashiers, NC

“Every day, my husband and I agreed that if what we saw and did that day was the whole tour, then we would be satisfied! It was truly a trip of a lifetime.”

–Nancy K., Decatur, GA
Optional Pre-Tour:

**RWANDA**

Search for the gorillas that traverse the Virunga Mountains for the heart-pounding thrill of observing these giants in their natural habitat. The intimate experience of coming close to these gentle giants as they interact, play and nestle into the forest foliage can be life-changing and unforgettable.

**Itinerary:**

**Day +1: En Route from U.S.**
Saturday, February 18, 2023

**Day +2: Arrive in Kigali, Rwanda**
Sunday, February 19, 2023

After arriving, meet your host for the transfer to the Kigali Serena Hotel for a restful evening.

*Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel*
Day +3: Kigali / Kinigi
Monday, February 20, 2023
Morning sightseeing today includes a tour of the Genocide Museum. Enjoy lunch in Kigali before the drive to the Mountain Gorilla View Lodge where you can rest and prepare for tomorrow morning’s trek.
*Overnight: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (B,L,D)*

Day +4: Kinigi / Volcanoes National Park / Morning Gorilla Trek / Kigali
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
After an early breakfast, we begin the gorilla trek. Mountain gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park is one of the most exciting natural history opportunities in all of Africa. To be so close to these amazing animals can truly be a life-changing event. Experienced national park guides will lead you through the thick forest in search of one of the habituated gorilla families that traverse the Virunga Mountains. Upon finding the group, we will have one hour with them to observe and capture remarkable photographs.

Following this memorable adventure, return to Kigali for the evening.
*Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel (B,L,D)*

Day +5: Kigali / Flight to Arusha / Main Program Begins
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
After breakfast, take the group flight to Arusha to join fellow travelers to begin the main program. *(B)*

*Note: Trekking will involve walking and climbing hills in tropical forests on uneven and sometimes rocky, steep and/or slippery ground at a moderate, unhurried pace. Park regulations state that the maximum time that can be spent with the gorillas is one hour. The time spent searching for the gorillas does not count as part of the hour.*

*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner*

*Pre-tour space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.*

*(Itinerary subject to change.)*
steep and/or slippery terrain. The forest can be humid and paths may have heavy vegetation. A degree of physical fitness is necessary as you may need to pull yourself up steep slopes by grasping onto branches or bushes, or even get a boost. Porters can be hired at Volcanoes National Park to assist you with trekking and to carry your equipment. Contact Orbridge’s Guest Services department if you would like to reserve a porter.

Trekking can take anywhere from 1-5 hours, depending on how long it takes to find the gorillas. It is advisable to bring an energy bar and bottled water. Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes to which you may not be accustomed, from 5,100 feet in Kigali to 7,000-9,500 feet while gorilla trekking.
Accommodations:

Kigali Serena Hotel

February 19, February 21

While in Kigali, you will relax in style in the five-star Kigali Serena Hotel on one of the city’s most charming boulevards. Relaxed yet elegant, the hotel’s pan-African style, wide sundeck overlooking a large outdoor pool and lovely tropical gardens will be a peaceful retreat while you enjoy your time in Rwanda’s capital city.

Room Amenities: King or twin beds, air conditioning, flat-screen satellite TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, safe, minibar, coffee and tea maker, and en suite bathroom with sundries (shampoo, conditioner, and soap) and hair dryer.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

February 20

On the edge of Volcanoes National Park, the Mountain Gorilla View Lodge’s location is an ideal base from which to trek the Virunga Mountains and its habituated groups of Mountain Gorillas. Its friendly staff and collection of individual cottages will make you feel at home, and its beautiful views will remind you of adventures in store for you. Each cottage has a fireplace (wood and charcoal or space heaters provided on request).

Room Amenities: King or twin beds, sitting area, coffee and tea maker, bathrobes and slippers, safe, and en suite bathroom with shower, sundries, and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)
What's Included:

- Accommodations at Kigali Serena Hotel and Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Excursion transportation, all park fees, and one gorilla trek permit
- Temporary membership in the Flying Doctors Service
- Airport transfer for guests arriving on the suggested flight
- Internal airfare from Kigali to Arusha for the main program
Optional Post-Tour:

ZANZIBAR

Known as Spice Island and overflowing with influences from Africa, Arabia, India, and Europe, Zanzibar is a fascinating destination with a dramatic history, endless coastlines, and a magical atmosphere.

Itinerary:

Day 11: Flight from Arusha to Zanzibar
Friday, March 3, 2023
Following this morning’s game drive and flight from the Serengeti Grumeti airstrip to Arusha, board the quick flight to Zanzibar—the Spice Island. 
*Overnight: Zanzibar Serena Hotel (L,D)*

Day 12: Zanzibar / Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park
Saturday, March 4, 2023
Awake to your spectacular view over the Indian Ocean. After breakfast, set out on a walking tour of Zanzibar’s old town, Stone Town—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and its market, which exists today much as it did in the days when Zanzibar was a popular trading center known throughout the world for spices and timber.
Following the winding streets, notice the serene atmosphere and neighborhoods dotted with whitewashed houses, ornately carved wooden doors, and balconies studded with brass.

Visit the House of Wonders, which displays exhibitions dedicated to Swahili culture, as well as the Palace Museum, highlighting its ties to Zanzibar’s Omani history.

At the Zanzibar Old Fort, discover the fortification’s colorful history, from its development in 1698 to how the structure is still being occupied today.

After lunch, travel across the island through quaint villages and lush vegetation to enchanting Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park—the only national park in Zanzibar and home to the unique red colobus monkey. Enjoy time to explore the forest before returning to the hotel for dinner.

_Overnight: Zanzibar Serena Hotel (B,D)_

**Day 13: Zanzibar / Optional Spice Plantation Tour / Depart for U.S.**

_Sunday, March 5, 2023_

The morning is at leisure to wander Stone Town or enjoy the beach.

Or, depending on departing flight times, you may choose to join the optional spice tour excursion. This walking tour and tasting through organic spice plantations reveals why Zanzibar is known as the Spice Island. The bounty of cloves, nutmeg, ginger, chilies, black pepper, vanilla, coriander, and cinnamon have found their way around the world for centuries. (You may purchase this optional excursion in advance from our Guest Services team. We recommend reserving early for best availability as space is limited.)

Relax in your room at the Zanzibar Serena Hotel until taking the complimentary transfer to Abeid Amani Karume International Airport for flights home.

_Overnight: Zanzibar Serena Hotel (B,L)_

**Day 14: En Route / Arrive in U.S.**

_Monday, March 6, 2023_

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
This post-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level:

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, but a fair amount of walking can be expected. It is our expectation that guests are able to follow a guide through cobblestone streets, as well as even and uneven terrain, at an average pace for two hours, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.
Accommodations:

Zanzibar Serena Hotel

March 3 - March 5

Zanzibar Serena Hotel is in a stunning location—directly on Zanzibar’s idyllic waterfront, flanked by an exotic mix of sultan’s palaces, Portuguese forts, ancient harbors, and bright bazaars. It’s a tranquil setting just a short walk from the bustling city center. Antique clocks, crystal chandeliers, Persian rugs, and brass-studded doors enhance the hotel’s gracious tropical colonial décor.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, mosquito nets, satellite TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, minibar, safe, 240V/3 pin (square) sockets and shaver sockets, tea and coffee maker, bathrobes and slippers, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What’s Included:

- Internal airfare from Arusha to Zanzibar
- 2 nights accommodations at Zanzibar Serena Hotel (or similar) plus a day room during departure day
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Guided panoramic city tour
- Admission to the House of Wonders, the Palace Museum, and Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park
- All excursion transportation
- Airport transfer for guests departing at the suggested times
Tanzania Wildlife Safari
FEBRUARY 21, 2023 — MARCH 04, 2023
PRE-TOUR: FEBRUARY 18, 2023 — FEBRUARY 22, 2023
POST-TOUR: MARCH 03, 2023 — MARCH 06, 2023

PROGRAM RATES*
Double: $7,795
Single: $9,995 Optional hot-air balloon, per person $599

PRE-TOUR RATE**
Double: $3,995
Single: $4,995

POST-TOUR RATE***
Double: $1,895
Single: $2,495
Optional Spice Tour Excursion: $75/person

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We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the USC Trojan Travel office. For more information, contact Orbridge at (866) 639-0079 or you may call the USC Trojan Travel office at (213) 821-6005.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________ Class Year: ______
Email: ____________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ______________
Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _____ Zip: _____________

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________ Class Year: ______
Email: ____________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ______________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: ____________________________ Exp. Date: ______ CVV: ______
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City: ____________________________ State: _____ Zip: _____________
DEPOSIT:

PRE-TOUR GORILLA TREK PERMIT FEE*: In lieu of a pre-tour deposit, a gorilla trek permit fee of $1,500 per person is required to guarantee availability. This non-refundable and non-transferable permit is purchased at the time of reservation.

# guests joining pre-tour gorilla trek ($1,500/person)**
   (non-refundable gorilla permit fee) $________

# guests joining program ($850/person) $________

# guests joining post-tour ($500/person) $________

TANZANIA OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (added to your final invoice)—book early; limited space available:
# guests joining Balloon Safari ($599/person)

ZANZIBAR OPTIONAL SPICE PLANTATION TOUR (added to your final invoice)—flight time permitting:
# guests joining Spice Plantation Tour

TOTAL DEPOSIT: $________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

*Special group rate; limited offer. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare for the flight from the Serengeti to Arusha on day 11 is included. Airfare otherwise not included.

**Pre-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare from Rwanda to Tanzania on day +5 is included. Airfare otherwise not included. NOTE: In lieu of a pre-tour deposit, the gorilla trek permit fee is required to guarantee availability. The gorilla trek permit is purchased at the time of reservation at a cost of $1,500 per person. The gorilla trek permit fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

***Post-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare from Arusha to Zanzibar and from Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam is included in the post-tour rate. Airfare otherwise not included.

Terms and Conditions

THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.

Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.

ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

Limitation of Responsibility. Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, “Orbridge”), does not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the “Orbridge LLC” or “Orbridge” name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience (collectively, “losses”) in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

Rates. Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares and costs (air, water, land, rail), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) $850 per person per program and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3); (2) $2,500 per person for Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (3) a non-refundable $1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari’s Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house (“ACH”), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 195 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date.
If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program’s scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 195 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 195 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safaris’ Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

Travel Insurance. Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

Program Cancellations or Postponements. All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge’s sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join another tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program’s departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

Itineraries. Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge’s control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however adjustments, substitutions and/or changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

Not Included. Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares except as indicated in program inclusions; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship’s crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication changes and optional activities (which are subject to availability); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the “included” list of the tour documents.

Health and Fitness to Travel. Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant’s sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to create a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

Accessibility. Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.
Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person’s group to be available to assist as necessary.

Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

Travel Advisories. The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at www.travel.state.gov, and the CDC statements can be found at http://www.cdc.gov. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

Children. Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian ("Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

Baggage. Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

Travel Documents. All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state and federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport to have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

Photos and Videos. Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to SmugMug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or SmugMug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

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Other. Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable, the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties’ intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

Binding Arbitration. I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

Acceptance of Contract. ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS OR FULL PAYMENTS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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