Wilderness Travel Offers Serengeti Safari at Rare Discount After West Africa Ebola Outbreak Affects Sign-ups Throughout Continent

BERKELEY, CALIF -- Wilderness Travel's Serengeti Wildlife Safari is a once-in-a-lifetime, bucket list experience that is being steeply discounted for 2016. The Ebola outbreak on the other side of Africa slowed safari bookings across the continent, despite the fact that the outbreak had absolutely no presence in East Africa, where the safari takes place. With openings available on this highly popular adventure, Wilderness Travel, known for their out-of-way itineraries that delve deep into a country’s culture and landscapes, has reduced the price.

Wilderness Travel, also named Outside Magazine’s 2015 World's Best Outfitter, has worked with their partners in Tanzania to offer a rare $600 discount per person for all 2016 departures, beginning Dec. 21, 2015 and throughout the coming year. On the Dec. 21, 2015, Christmas departure, the additional holiday high season fee of $600 per person has also been waived, for a savings of $1,200 per person, or $2,400 per couple -- an amount that could cover airfare.

“This is an absolutely perfect safari that is never discounted due to its popularity. We are making it available at an unbelievable price, but just this once,” says Barbara Banks, director of marketing and new trip development for the company. “If you’ve ever dreamed of going on safari, this is the way to do it. It has all of the must-see classic destinations like the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater that make Tanzania one of the top travel destinations and safari destinations in the world, and then adds in exclusive experiences that you can get nowhere else.”

The Serengeti Wildlife Safari starts at an exclusive remote private tented camp in Tarangire National Park set within the territory of one of the park’s largest lion prides. Travelers experience night drives, game walks, open air vehicle drives and visits with the Masai. Next the safari heads to the famous Ngorongoro Crater, the collapsed caldera of an ancient volcano, which is home to Africa’s largest permanent concentration of wildlife, including zebra, wildebeest, elephant, black rhino and lion. “It’s one of the most stunning places you can imagine seeing on the planet,” says Banks.

For the final five days, the safari stays at a private camp in the Serengeti to view amazing wildlife, including hundreds of wildebeest, with a stop at an archeological site where the famous ‘Lucy’ skull of our early human ancestors was found. The camp features roomy walk-in tents with attached bathrooms and hot showers, and comfortable beds made up with linens and a
duvet. “At this camp, you get the sense of having Africa all to yourself,” says Banks. “You can literally hear the lions roaring in the night.”

Guests can choose one of the December through March migration departures to see the migration of the great herds. Private camps are situated for the best access to wildlife.

The 13-day safari starts at $7595 per person with all meals included, and from $6995 for the December 21, 2015 departure. Airfare is not included. For more information or to book the safari, visit www.WildernessTravel.com or call 800-368-2794.

About Wilderness Travel
Wilderness Travel, founded in 1978 and still run by Bill Abbott, a consummate traveler, offers some 200 trips every year to more than 75 destinations around the world. The company is known for its one-of-a-kind detailed itineraries that take travelers deep into an area’s culture. There are four ways to travel with Wilderness Travel: Small Group Adventures; Private Journeys; WT Expeditions: Rare Journeys and Exploratories; and Small Ship Cruises, for which the company doubled its offerings in 2014. Constantly on the look-out for new adventures and ways to improve existing journeys, the company focuses on quality, design and the uniqueness of its trips. Almost 70% of individuals who travel with Wilderness Travel are repeat guests or direct referrals from past travelers. For more information, visit www.wildernesstravel.com or call 800-368-2794.

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