



Pre-Departure Information

TANZANIA PRIVATE JOURNEY



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WELCOME!

We're delighted to welcome you on this adventure! This booklet is designed to guide you in the practical details for preparing for your trip. As you read, if any questions come to mind, feel free to give us a call or send us an email—we're here to help.

PLEASE SEND US

- Trip Application:** Complete, sign, and return your Trip Application form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
- Medical Form:** Complete, sign, and return your Medical Form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
- Air Schedule:** Please forward a copy of your email confirmation, which shows your exact flight arrival and departure times. Refer to the Arrival & Departure section of the Detailed Itinerary for instructions. Please feel free to review your proposed schedule with Wilderness Travel before purchasing your tickets if you have any questions about the timing of your arrival and departure flights or would like to confirm we have the required minimum number of participants to operate the trip.
- Vaccination Card:** Please send us a photo or scanned copy of your completed Covid-19 Vaccination Card if you have not already done so. Just the front side of the card is sufficient.

PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW

- Travel Documents & Medical Information:** Carefully review the Travel Documents and Medical Information sections of this booklet to familiarize yourself with Passport and Visa entry requirements for your destination, as well as any recommended inoculations.
- Optional Travel Insurance:** Review the Trip Cancellation & Transfer Fee Schedule included in the Detailed Itinerary. We recommend that all trip members purchase Travel Insurance.
- Final Documents:** Approximately three weeks before your trip, we will send you final departure documents, including hotel and local contact information and rendezvous instructions.

QUESTIONS?

Call: 1-800-368-2794, go to our [website](#) or e-mail us at: info@wildernesstravel.com.

Travel Information

PASSPORT

A valid passport is required for your trip. Be sure to check the expiration date. Your passport must be valid for six months after your date of exit from Tanzania. **In addition, it's required that your passport have at least one completely blank visa page for Tanzania, we recommend two for every country you will be visiting.** It is very important that the blank pages say "Visas" at the top. The last few pages of your passport, which say "Amendments and Endorsements," and the final page of your passport, which may not have a page number, are not considered to be legitimate visa pages. You can request a new passport through **US Passport Services Office** (the service of adding pages for visas was discontinued as of January 1, 2016) or use a visa service agency, which can take care of your passport renewal and expedite the process, if needed. We recommend **Passport Visas Express**. Be sure to allow sufficient time to acquire this before your trip.

It is a good idea to carry photocopies of your passport's photo page and any acquired visa pages for your trip (if applicable) in case your passport is lost or as an additional piece of identification, as well as two extra passport photos.

The following documents are required when travelling to Africa with children under the age of 18:

In addition to a valid passport, children under the age of 18 are required to travel with an unabridged birth certificate. If they are not traveling with both of their parents, a notarized letter of consent from the non-traveling parent(s) is also required.

Even though it is possible that a copy of the birth certificate would suffice in some countries, the authorities worldwide have become stricter about this requirement so we recommend that you bring an original birth certificate. If you have questions about entry requirement details for child travelers, please contact the relevant embassy or consulate.

Tanzania Visa

US citizens need a visa for Tanzania. A visa can be obtained upon arrival at the Kilimanjaro, Zanzibar, or Dar Es Salaam airports. No passport photos are necessary, and the visa must be paid for in US dollars only (if arrival at the Kilimanjaro Airport) and credit card only (Visa or Mastercard) if arriving at the Dar Es Salaam Airport. The current fee is \$100 USD for each applicant for a 12-month multiple-entry tourist visa. Note: US bills need to be new, dated 2009 or newer. Older bills will not be accepted.

Tanzania has implemented a new time intensive process for getting visas on arrival. The new process at the airport has caused delays of up to two hours for travelers arriving and procuring a visa on arrival. Steps may be taken in the future to speed the process but there is no timeframe for any potential action.

We therefore suggest you get your Tanzania visa prior to arrival (if you arrive at the Dar airport you need to get the visa at the airport). You can complete a Tanzania visa application online for the Multiple Entry Visa at **Tanzania Electronic Visa Application** . The visa is valid for one year.

The process takes 10 business days but we recommend applying for the visa at least three weeks before departure. If your visa does not arrive in time, you will need to purchase a new visa on arrival.

You can also purchase a visa through our recommended service, Passport Visas Express (PVE). Follow the directions on the PVE website. PVE's contact number is 888-596-6028. Tanzania visas are only valid for one year from date of issue, so do not apply more than 12 months in advance.

Below are the details for completing your visa application when prompted with these questions:

Local Host: Safari Company / or Company

Name: Wildlife E.A

Mobile no: +255 688 584 817

E-mail: operations@wea.co.tz

Relationship: Client

Physical Address: Olasiti, Arusha

Where are you going to stay: Hotel

Physical address: Olasiti, Arusha

Kenya Visa

Note if you are traveling in Kenya, US citizens need to purchase a visa online in advance of travel. (Our understanding is that a visa is NOT required if you have a layover in Kenya and are not leaving the airport). Customers requiring a visa will be asked to produce a printed copy of it at check-in. Customers without the required visa will not be accepted for travel. You can apply and purchase your visa **here**. For additional information regarding your visa, please visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/kenya.

Note if you are flying from the Serengeti to the Masai Mara in Kenya, you will be clearing immigration formalities by land at the Isebania border.

Evidence of yellow fever immunization (or a doctor's waiver) will be required if coming from a country with yellow fever (see complete list on Center for Disease Control website). Some travelers have been turned around at immigration for not having sufficient proof of immunization. Kenyan immigration authorities require a minimum of two blank (unstamped) visa pages in the passport to enter the country.

Note if you are traveling in Kenya prior to Tanzania you will need proof of a yellow fever shot (or medical waiver) to enter Tanzania. (This does not apply to those who spend less than 12 hours in Kenya and do not leave the airport).

If you are a citizen of any country other than the US, check with a local consulate for entry requirements.

Rwanda Visa

If you are visiting Rwanda (mountain gorilla extension), US Citizens need a visa for Rwanda. You can obtain a single entry visa upon arrival at any Rwanda entry point without prior applications. The entry visa fee is \$30 USD, valid for a period of up to 30 days.

Wilderness Travel offers **VIP Service** at the Kigali Airport. When you get off the plane before immigration hall a VIP representative, holding a signboard with your name on it, will be waiting to escort you to a VIP lounge while they process your visas and luggage. Complimentary Rwandan coffee is offered by Bourbon Coffee as you wait. Once formalities are complete, the VIP representative will then escort you to your waiting guide and driver.

MONEY

The unit of currency in Tanzania is the Shilling. US dollars are widely accepted. Important: Your US bills must be new (printed post-2009) or they may not be accepted! They also must not be ripped, soiled, or faded. Be sure to bring an ample supply of US cash with you. ATMs in Arusha are unreliable. You can change money in some hotels and in the bureaux de change in Arusha town.

You will need to budget spending money for gratuities, for any meals not included in the trip itinerary, and for personal items such as snacks, phone calls, etc. Beer, wine, spirits, and sodas are complimentary at our private campsites but not at hotels. There are many beautiful goods for purchase, such as Makonde woodcarvings. If you buy gems, be sure to get a receipt to show customs officials on your departure.

We recommend you bring approximately \$350-\$500 in cash in small bills and one or two major credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) for shopping and lodge extras. To use an ATM internationally, you must have a four-digit PIN. If you plan to use your credit cards abroad, inform your credit card company before your departure that you will be using the card in a foreign country.

You are not allowed to bring Tanzanian shillings out of the country, so be sure to exchange shillings before clearing customs when you leave.

TIPPING

Tipping is completely discretionary, but over the years, clients have asked us for tipping guidelines to reward outstanding service.

If you are traveling with a **private safari guide** during your entire safari, we suggest the following:

To simplify, we recommend that each trip member budget approx \$25 USD per trip member per day that should be given to your private guide at the end of the trip. Tips can be given in US Dollars or local currency, though US Dollars in small denominations (\$20 bills and smaller) are preferred. Bills should be from 2006 or newer. This amount will be pooled by the guides and crew accordingly. Outside of camp, tip boxes are located in the main areas and can be used at your discretion. Generally guests tip approximately \$10 USD per person/per day at lodges. Your guide will take care of gratuities for luggage handling and for meals at restaurants.

If you are flying or transferring by land between lodges (and do not have a private guide accompanying you) we suggest the following:

*For Camp, Game Lodge, and Specialist Guides: We recommend \$10-\$15 USD per guest per day.

*For the General Safari Camp/Lodge Staff: about \$10 USD per guest per day for safari camps. This should be placed in the communal tipping box to be distributed equally amongst all the staff

*For Hotel Staff: between \$2 USD and \$3 USD per guest per day for hotel staff (housekeeping, etc.)

*For Trackers: We recommend that each camp/lodge trackers receive \$5 USD per guest per day.

Tips can be given in US Dollars or local currency, though US Dollars in small denominations (\$20 bills and smaller) are preferred. Bills should be from 2006 or newer.

SPECIAL DIETS

Please reach out to us directly to discuss any dietary restrictions or concerns you may have. We can easily make arrangements for most diets, but please keep in mind that certain cultural differences or logistical limitations can make it difficult or at times impossible to accommodate all requests. With this in mind, please inform us at least eight weeks before your trip if you have a special diet, and any food allergies in particular, so we can do our best to meet your needs.

COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone

The international dialing code for Tanzania is 255. Please contact your cell phone company for specific instructions for international use. Smartphones with roaming capabilities on a GPRS or 3G cell network work very extensively in Tanzania. We discourage purchasing a local sim card as the security checks associated before it's activated can be lengthy.

Email & Internet Access

Internet access is available at the hotels in Arusha as well as at the lodges at Ngorongoro. That said, the connection can be slower than what you're used to at home and more intermittent. Please note that there is **no Wi-Fi** at the private camps in the Serengeti and Tarangire.

ELECTRICITY

Our camps are primarily run on solar electricity for most electrical needs (note: hairdryers cannot be used). Charging of camera batteries and phones, etc. is available in the central lounge area of our Serengeti and Tarangire camps where a bank of international style sockets is available. These include European, UK and USA style sockets. Sockets are fed from either an inverter or by the camp generator. These power strips have international style sockets which will accept USA/UK/European plugs. Our safari vehicles also contain USB sockets.

Tanzania has a 220-240 volt current. If your device doesn't run on 220-240 volts (the US runs on 120 volts), then you will need a plug adapter for use at your hotel in Arusha and at any lodges. (See above for information about available plugs in camp and in your safari vehicles). For electrical outlets in Tanzania, you need to use plug adapter type "D" and "G" (you can purchase these online from travel suppliers such as Eagle Creek or Magellan). Also note that if your device isn't dual voltage, you will need a power converter for Tanzania to convert the voltage from 220-240 volts to the correct voltage on your device. Most phone/computer chargers these days however, ARE dual voltage.

Medical Information

The following recommendations should be used as a guideline only; consult your physician for medical advice. It is vital that you let Wilderness Travel know of any medical problems, allergies, or physical limitations you may have. Please fill out and return the personal medical questionnaire, and feel free to consult us if you have any questions about your ability to undertake this particular trip.

Wilderness Travel is not a medical facility and has no expertise or responsibility regarding what medications or inoculations you and your physician decide are necessary for your safe participation in the trip.

Traveler's health information is available from the **Centers for Disease Control**. Medical travel products are available from **Travel Health Medicine** and from **Magellan's Travel Supplies**.

INOCULATIONS

Entry requirements are subject to change; check with the Centers for Disease Control for updates. All shots should be entered on your International Health Card (yellow card), which is provided by the facility giving the shots. Keep it with your passport while traveling. It provides an important personal record for you to refer to when making future travel plans. We recommend you discuss the following with your physician:

Yellow Fever

Proof of Yellow Fever inoculation is required for entry into many African countries if you are arriving from an "endemic yellow fever zone" country (most of sub-Saharan and western Africa and South America). For most travelers, a single dose of yellow fever vaccine provides life time protection. Visit the CDC Travelers' Health link (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>) for information on specific country requirements. Have proof of the shot recorded in your International Health Card and carry the card with your passport. Health officials at borders often (but not always) request proof of the shot. For more information, refer to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm.

Please note: According to the CDC, people 60 years or older may be at increased risk for serious adverse events following vaccination, compared with younger persons. This is particularly true if they are receiving their first yellow fever vaccination. If you are over 60, please discuss this with your physician. If you are advised to decline the vaccine, please get a written waiver from your physician or travel clinic in case you might need it during the visa application process.

Polio

People who have received the primary series of at least three doses of polio vaccine are considered fully immunized. People who are unsure of their status should receive the vaccine (three doses spaced at intervals).

Hepatitis

The vaccines HAVRIX and VAQTA (two injections, six to 18 months apart) give long-term protection against Hepatitis A and are worthwhile if you travel regularly to developing countries.

Tetanus Booster

A booster is strongly recommended (effective for 10 years).

Typhoid

The CDC recommends the shot or the oral vaccine, Vivotif Berna, a course of four capsules, one every other day for a week, with full effectiveness reached in a week. You may not be able to take the oral vaccine simultaneously with mefloquine (for malaria prevention).

MALARIA PREVENTION

Malaria is a serious but preventable disease spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. All travelers are urged to take antimalarial medications, available only by prescription. Please discuss antimalarial medication with your doctor, who will explain various antimalarials and their side effects and recommend a regimen for you. In addition to medication, a further precaution against malaria is to wear long sleeves and long pants at dusk. Thin clothing should be sprayed with insect repellent, especially around the elbows and ankles. Use repellent containing DEET.

If, after returning from your trip, you have a persistent fever with chills, muscle aches, and headache, report to your doctor the possibility of exposure to malaria.

For further malaria information, consult your doctor or the **CDC Malaria Hotline: 888-232-3228**.

STAYING HEALTHY

At our safari camps, our camp crew is well trained in hygienic practices. Filtered drinking water is provided and is safe to use. In hotels, don't brush your teeth with tap water; use bottled water. Don't use ice in your drinks unless you are sure it was made with treated water.

Helpful Information

SHOPPING

Shopping for curios and souvenirs in Tanzania can be a varied and sometimes frustrating experience! During our safari, we will see many curio shops, with different qualities and prices for similar-looking items. Due to the pace of our safari, we cannot stop at every shopping opportunity—or there would be little time to safari! Lodge boutiques are as good a place to shop as any and offer realistic prices, so we recommend purchasing items you like at places we stay. Cultural Heritage, Arusha's largest emporium, carries objects from across Africa. They may have inflated prices for some items, but there is an amazing array to choose from. Please note that Wilderness Travel is not responsible for any shipping arrangements, including quality or condition of goods received.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Camera Recommendations

With the many advances in digital technology, a simple compact digital camera or even your smartphone is capable of taking pictures suitable for the needs of most people. For higher quality images and the ability to use long lenses for closer wildlife pictures, a DSLR camera is well worthwhile, though heavier. Most digital cameras and phones have good video options, but you may want to consider a GoPro for a lightweight, waterproof option. Always practice ahead of time with new equipment and bring your manual with you. Camera equipment is available for rent from **Borrow Lenses**, with a 10% discount offered to Wilderness Travel clients. This is an especially good idea for renting large zoom lenses that you may need for just one trip.

Camera Accessories

We recommend bringing at least two large capacity memory cards or a small digital storage unit (or tablet) to back up your photos, freeing space on your memory cards. Don't forget to bring a battery charger and a backup battery so one is always charged and ready to use. For trips where you may be away from power sources for multiple days, consider looking into a solar-powered battery charger or buying additional backup batteries, and check that you have the appropriate adapter for the electrical outlets in your destination.

Sharing Your Images

We would love for you to share photos from your trip, and with your permission, may even use your photos in our marketing materials or on our photo blog. We request that you send us a small sample of your best images. Please email your photos to wphotoblog@gmail.com or tag us [@WildernessTravel](#) on social media.

Photography Etiquette

When taking pictures of local people, be aware of cultural considerations. Approaching people with a warm smile and using polite gestures or simple phrases to ask permission to photograph them usually works well. It is always recommended to engage people in conversation before asking to photograph them, but if people do not wish to have their photo taken, please honor their requests. We urge travelers to avoid giving money in exchange for photo opportunities, which makes it harder for future travelers to have a meaningful personal interaction with local people. Please always heed your Trip Leader's guidelines for what is appropriate.

BEING A CONSIDERATE TRAVELER

Please show respect for the cultures we are visiting by observing local customs concerning appropriate dress, particularly in sacred places. Your Trip Leader is always available to answer any questions that you may have regarding this. If it is necessary to use a cell phone during the trip, please do so privately. Smoking is rarely an issue these days, but if you do smoke, please do so only away from the group.

DONATIONS OR GIFTS

Trip members ask if they can bring over donations to the locals. We prefer not to give gifts to the Masai village during your visit there or to children on the road, but it is very possible to donate to schools and/or orphanages. Schools are always in need of pens, pencils, sharpeners, and erasers in vast quantities (i.e. 200-300 pieces of each). Orphanages are happy to receive second-hand clothing and toys. We can organize a visit to one of these places during your safari if you wish.

Packing List

THE ESSENTIALS

- Air tickets (or E-tickets)
- Passport
- Visa for Tanzania
- One other picture ID, such as a driver's license
- International Health Card ("Yellow Card") with proof of Yellow Fever inoculation within the last 10 years (Yellow Fever required only if traveling from Kenya)
- Expense money

WT GEAR STORE

To help you prepare for your next WT adventure, we've put together a great collection of top brands including Patagonia, Outdoor Research, Eagle Creek, and more at our **WT Gear Store** .

LUGGAGE

You are allowed two pieces of luggage on safari: a main bag and a daypack. We ask that you restrict your luggage to one soft-sided bag rather than a suitcase. All our private camps and most lodges offer complimentary laundry service (or charge a nominal fee), which will help you travel light. While this service in camps is complimentary, we ask that you limit use of it to emergency items only as water is limited. You can also leave extra luggage at the Arusha hotel and pick it up upon return.

Note that flights within Tanzania are often on small aircraft so there is a strict baggage limit of 44 lbs. for all baggage (including hand luggage).

Tanzania has outlawed the use of plastic bags. **Please do not bring plastic bags, as they will be confiscated on arrival.**

CLOTHING NOTES

On safari, most people wear shorts and a T-shirt during the day and long-sleeved shirts and long pants in the evening. Bring a warm layer for early morning and sunset game drives. It is preferable that your daytime clothing be in neutral colors such as khaki, bush green, and darker colors to blend in with the surroundings. White and bright colors tend to scare away the animals. For city and hotel attire, we suggest skirts or slacks for women, slacks and shirts for men. No jackets are required for men.

Zanzibar Extension

The climate is tropical; temperatures are warm to hot. For cultural reasons, please dress modestly in Stone Town, the capital. Women, especially, should wear clothing that covers bare arms and legs.

CLOTHING

This list is meant as a guideline only; we encourage you to pack as lightly as possible.

- Breathable rain jacket (such as Gore-Tex) with hood; ponchos are not recommended
- Fleece jacket for cool evenings
- Sturdy walking shorts
- Light cotton or quick-drying synthetic pants
- Long-sleeved shirts
- T-shirts
- Underwear/socks; synthetics dry faster
- Sports bra (for bumpy game drives)
- Sleepwear (or lightweight long underwear)
- Shade hat with wide brim, preferably with chinstrap
- Warm fleece hat and lightweight fleece gloves for early morning and evening game drives
- Comfortable walking shoes or sneakers
- Swimsuit
- City/hotel attire
- Money belt or neck pouch. Always carry your passport, credit cards, and cash with you in a money belt or neck pouch tucked down inside your shirt or blouse.

SAFARI EQUIPMENT

- Strong flashlight or headlamp, with spare batteries
- Binoculars
- Camera, spare batteries, spare flash cards
- Water bottle
- Field guides (these are also available at camp and carried in the vehicles)
- Good quality sunglasses with case
- Personal toiletries
- Shampoo, conditioner, and lotion is provided at all camps and at the Arusha hotel
- Dry bags to organize items within duffel and protect them against dust. Tanzania has outlawed the use of plastic bags. **Please do not bring plastic bags, as they will be confiscated on arrival.**

PERSONAL FIRST AID SUPPLIES

Every trip member should bring a small kit for personal use. Your own experience will influence your choices.

- Sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher (Skin So Soft sunscreen by Avon works very well). We recommend mineral-based sunscreens with zinc oxide or titanium dioxide because they do not contain harsh chemicals that are harmful to the environment. Brands such as Honest Company, Badger, and Alba Botanica are found in most sporting goods stores and drugstores.
- Lip balm with sunscreen
- Aspirin, ibuprofen, or Tylenol, Tylenol PM for sleep
- Topical antibiotic (such as Neosporin) for cuts, bites, and Insect repellent. Repellents with DEET are recommended. DEET content of about 30-35% is ideal (higher DEET content is not recommended). Wipe DEET off your hands before touching plastic surfaces (such as binoculars) because it can damage plastic. Aerosol repellents are useful for spraying on clothes.
- Blister kit. Look for the long-lasting gel-type bandages that you can apply directly on blisters, such as Band-Aid Advanced Healing Bandages or Curad Gel Multi-Day Bandages. "Liquid band-aids," such as New-Skin, are useful because they dry rapidly to form a tough protective cover over a blister.
- Anti-bacterial gel for hand washing
- Antihistamine such as Benadryl and cold remedy such as Sudafed
- Imodium for diarrhea. If you wish to bring an antibiotic for diarrhea prophylaxis, please consult your physician.
- Prescription medications, properly labeled
- Spare contact lenses or extra prescription glasses

Reading List

ESSENTIAL READING

The Safari Companion

Richard Estes

1999, 459 PAGES

An invaluable encyclopedic guide to Africa's mammals by a noted scientist, this perennial bestseller includes black-and-white drawings, an overview of each animal group and in-depth information. Written with the typical safari-goer in mind.

Wildlife of East Africa

Martin B. Withers

2002, 256 PAGES

This take-along guide to 475 common species of birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, trees and flowers of East Africa features full-color photographs with detailed descriptions on facing pages.

Tanzania Map

Nelles

2009

A double-sided map with neighboring Rwanda and Burundi.

Bradt Safari Guide Northern Tanzania

Philip Briggs

2017, 424 PAGES

A compact, practical overview of the history, wildlife and attractions of the Serengeti and surrounding parks, including Zanzibar.

Green Hills of Africa

Ernest Hemingway

2016, 304 PAGES

Hemingway paints the true story of his ramblings on safari in this classic, exquisitely written tale of hunting around Lake Manyara, which includes some of the best writing on the land itself and original pencil drawings. Originally published in 1935.

ALSO RECOMMENDED

Safari Planning Map, East & Southern Africa

Mark W. Nolting and Duncan Butchart

2016

This large-scale, colorful map covers the top safari countries and important wildlife reserves of East and Southern Africa. With enlargements of key regions like Northern Tanzania, Southern Kenya and Northern Botswana to Victoria Falls, the map includes information on planning your safari and climate graphs.

The Scramble for Africa

Thomas Pakenham

1992, 738 PAGES

Absorbing and meticulously researched, this in-depth history of the Victorian land grab in 19th century Africa includes excellent portraits of the egomaniacal personalities who overran the continent.

Kingdon Pocket Guide to African Mammals

Jonathan Kingdon

2005, 272 PAGES

A conveniently compact edition of Kingdon's gloriously illustrated Field Guide to African Mammals. The guide includes abbreviated information on identification, distribution, ecology and conservation status and 480 outstanding color illustrations and maps.

Africa, a Biography of the Continent

John Reader

1999, 816 PAGES

With the ease of a practiced journalist, Reader weaves a masterful and lively tale of the continent, from ancient cultures to modern times. Both authoritative and informal, this is a splendid introduction to all of Africa.

African Wildlife

James Kavanaugh

2018

A laminated foldout guide illustrating almost 150 species of African animals, designed for quick reference in the field.

The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals

Jonathan Kingdon

2015, 544 PAGES

This stunningly-illustrated, comprehensive field guide by a leading authority includes over 500 of Kingdon's exquisite color paintings. Fully revised and updated with more than 1,100 species.

West with the Night

Beryl Markham

2013, 293 PAGES

Markham evokes the landscapes, people and wildlife of East Africa in engrossing detail in this classic memoir of amazing adventures as a bush pilot in 1930s Kenya. A favorite.

North of South: An African Journey

Shiva Naipaul

1997, 352 PAGES

A sharp portrait of Africa, circa 1979. A brilliant and provocative observer, Naipaul meditates on the various peoples he encounters in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia. The best, most insightful thing we've read about race relations in Africa.

The Worlds of a Maasai Warrior

Ole Saitoti

1988, 144 PAGES

Bridging several worlds with tremendous grace, Saitoti looks back on his life among the Maasai Mara, both as spokesperson for his tribe and as one of the first Maasai safari guides.

Africa, The Serengeti

George Casey

1994

James Earl Jones narrates this dazzling 40-minute IMAX documentary of the migration of wildebeest in the Serengeti and Masai Mara.

The Fortunes of Africa, A 5000-Year History of Wealth, Greed and Endeavor

Martin Meredith

2016, 784 PAGES

Covering the epic story of colonialism in Africa, Meredith's magisterial history depicts empire-hungry kings, missionaries, tribal warlords, mining barons & even modern multinational corporations. An expansive but entertaining read.

East Africa Wildlife

James Kavanagh

2015

A folding wildlife guide designed for quick reference in the field. With full-color images and text, it features the creatures often seen in the legendary Serengeti and Maasai Mara reserves and beyond.

Tanzania Travel Reference Map

ITMB Canada

2017

A map at a scale of 1:1,300,000 with updated road information.

Tarangire National Park Map

Veronica Roodt

2008

Culture Smart! Tanzania

Quintin Winks

2009, 168 PAGES

This pocket guide introduces local customs, etiquette and culture.

The Tree Where Man Was Born (Penguin Classic)

Peter Matthiessen

2010, 368 PAGES

A classic portrait of East Africa, enthralling in its detail on nature and daily life. Includes Maasai, Ngorongoro, the Kenyan highlands and Matthiessen's field trips, safaris and adventures in the Serengeti.

The Snows of Kilimanjaro

Ernest Hemingway

1995, 154 PAGES

Set in Africa, this collection of 10 prime Hemingway stories includes not just the famous title story but also *The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber*, a chilling masterpiece about an American couple on a big game safari.

Birds of Kenya and Northern Tanzania

David Pearson

1999, 576 PAGES

Ideal for the Serengeti, this field guide features 124 stunning color plates.

East Africa Birds

James Kavanagh

2015

A folding wildlife guide designed for quick reference in the field. With full-color images and text, it features more than 120 birds often seen in East Africa's forests, wetlands, marshes, deserts and coastlines.

Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Harms IC Verlag

2007

A two-sided topographic map of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area; one side shows the whole area at 1:230,000 while the reverse shows the Ngorongoro Crater at 1:60,000.

Swahili, A Language Map

Kristine K. Kershul

2010, 1 PAGES

This durable, foldout card gives easy phonetic pronunciation for several hundred of the most commonly-needed words and phrases.

Lonely Planet Swahili Phrasebook

Lonely Planet

2014, 260 PAGES

A pocket phrasebook, dictionary and language guide for the traveler to East Africa.

Lonely Planet Tanzania

Mary Fitzpatrick

2015, 416 PAGES

A comprehensive, practical guide to Tanzania featuring maps, a good overview of culture, history and nature and much nuts-and-bolts information on excursions, accommodations and sightseeing.

African Heroes, Samburu-Maasai

Matteo Guzzini

2014, 176 PAGES

Guzzini captures the rituals and travels of the mysterious Masai communities of Tanzania and Kenya in beautiful, untouched photographs that honor the people and their land.

Missing Links, In Search of Human Origins

John Reader

2011, 538 PAGES

Reader traces the history of palaeoanthropology in this masterful account of science, the fossil record and the changing understanding our place on Earth. With 75 color photographs of key fossils.

Serengeti Spy

Anup Shah

2012, 204 PAGES

A hoof-level view of the Masai Mara and Serengeti. Photographer Anup Shah lets the wildlife reveal itself by placing small remote cameras at watering holes, outcrops and other strategic spots. The ground-level perspective is as surprising as it is clever, putting you face-to-face with lion and cheetah and wildebeest and all the creatures in action across the plains.

The Selous in Africa

Rob Ross

2015, 240 PAGES

This large-format book of photographs introduces the amazing wildlife of southern Tanzania's Selous Game Reserve (its exotic birds, elephants, buffalos, lions and more) with informative text, gatefolds and high quality printing.

Animals of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Adam Scott Kennedy

2014, 152 PAGES

This guide compiled by safari guides Adam and Vicki Kennedy and local experts, features 89 species of mammal and reptile the traveler is likely to find. With 146 stunning color photos, insights into behavioral habits and tips on how to locate specific animals.

Cutting for Stone

Abraham Verghese

2010, 667 PAGES

Verghese's powerful tale of the coming-of-age of orphaned twin brothers, sons of an Indian nun and a British surgeon, moves from Addis Ababa on the brink of revolution to New York and back again.

Wildlife Photography, On Safari With Your DSLR

Uwe Skrzypczak

2010, 240 PAGES

Skrzypczak includes chapters on equipment, technique, composition and wildlife in this practical, beautifully illustrated guide, loaded with striking images of the wildlife of Ngorongoro, the Serengeti and the Maasai Mara.

Born in Africa

Martin Meredith

2012, 336 PAGES

Martin Meredith (The Fate of Africa) turns to human origins and the riveting tale of rival anthropologists, archaeologists and scientists who have struggled to unravel the story of the evolution of humankind on the plains of Africa.

Out of Africa (Modern Library)

Isak Dinesen

1992, 416 PAGES

The perennially best-selling tale of a naive young woman who leaves Denmark for East Africa, Dinesen's (AKA Karen Blixen) autobiography draws us into life on a struggling coffee plantation. It's a moving story inspired by a love for Kenya and its people.

Serengeti, The Eternal Beginning

Boyd Norton

2011, 288 PAGES

Featuring 250 exquisite color photographs alongside Norton's firsthand accounts of travels in Serengeti National Park, Kenya's Masai Mara and Ngorongoro over a decades-long career.

The Serengeti Lion, A Study of Predator-Prey Relations

George Schaller

2009, 494 PAGES

A classic study in field biology and winner of the National Book Award, this book is the result of Schaller's long-term study of the ecology of the Serengeti lion.

Birds of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro

Adam Scott Kennedy

2014, 224 PAGES

Featuring a habitat-based approach to more than 270 bird species, this handy guide to fowl in Tanzania's Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Speke Gulf includes 480 color photos and accessible text.

Spirited Oasis: Tales From a Tanzanian Village

Jeannette Hanby (author) and David Bygott (illustrator)

2020, 234 PAGES

An account of the authors' years spent in a village not far from Lake Eyasi, where the Hadzas and Datogas live. A true account of life in rural Tanzania.

After Lives: A Novel

Abdulrazak Gurnah

2022

Winner of the 2021 Nobel Prize for Literature. Written by Zanzibar-born Gurnah, the plot follows four protagonists living in an unnamed town on the Swahili coast of what is now Tanzania from the time of the German colonial rule until a few years after independence.

Americanah: A Novel

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

2013, 610 PAGES

Award-winning Nigerian author tells the story of two Nigerians making their way in the U.S. and the UK, raising universal questions of race, belonging, the overseas experience for the African diaspora.

Revised: August 01, 2022

A Grain of Wheat

Ngugi wa Thiong'o

2012, 272 PAGES

Kenyan author Wa Thiong'o weaves together several stories set during the state of emergency in Kenya's struggle for independence (1952-1959).