

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please join the Wisconsin Alumni Association's Classic Serengeti Safari from September 13 to 26, 2009 for a journey into the heart of East Africa. During the safari we will take you behind the scenes and off the beaten path to introduce you to the culture, the people, the land, and the wildlife.

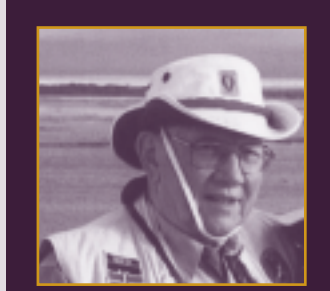
Our adventure begins in Arusha where we will meet a representative from Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) to discuss the accomplishments and challenges of community-based conservation. Then, we depart for Tarangire National Park, which is world-renowned for its especially large elephant population and the spectacular baobab trees that dot the landscape. After two days, we wind our way to the lush and verdant Ngorongoro Crater, a massive caldera inhabited by many species including rhinoceros, elephant, and lion. Then, en route to the Serengeti plains, we visit Olduvai Gorge, the site of the Leakey family's remarkable discoveries. Your journey concludes in the Serengeti, where there are thousands of hoofed animals such as, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, Thompson's gazelle, as well as many other species such as, lion, cheetah, warthog, and unique birds.

Superb wildlife viewing throughout northern Tanzania culminates each day in a variety of accommodations: You will stay at lodges, a comfortable permanent tented lodge, and in the one-of-a-kind, eco-friendly Nyumbas. In addition to plenty of wildlife viewing, overnight at Gibb's Farm, a historic working coffee estate, organic farm, and luxury spa, which is the home of Tanzania's second largest solar-powered energy system.

We hope you will join us for a memorable Tanzanian safari. Reserve your place by calling our travel department at (888) 922-8728. Space is limited.

Sincerely,

Paula Bonner, MS'78
President / CEO



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Barney Easterday, founding dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the UW-Madison, will be the UW representative on this trip. His love for Africa will immeasurably enhance your travel experience.

Reservation Form

A Classic Serengeti Safari

September 13-26, 2009

Please reserve _____ space(s). Enclosed is my deposit of _____ (\$500 per person).

Name #1 (as it appears on passport)

Name #2 (as it appears on passport)

Address

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State

Zip

Phone (H)

(W)

E-mail

Single room.

I would like a roommate.

I understand if a roommate is not available, I will pay the single supplement of \$990.

I would like Thomson Safaris to arrange my flights. Departure city: _____

I will make my own flight arrangements.

Accept my check made payable to Thomson Safaris.

Charge my VISA MasterCard AMEX

Card #

Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on card

Return to : **WAA Travel**
650 N Lake Street
Madison, WI 53706

Phone: **(888) 922-8728**
Fax: **(608) 262-3332**
Email: **shicks@waastaff.com**

Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology Harvard University, Farish Jenkins, a veteran trip leader on a Thomson safari, had this to say of his most recent experience: "Adding to the exhilarations of this safari were the camps themselves. In the course of a lifetime of professional fieldwork, I have camped all over the world, and can testify that Thomson operates a Classic Camp in a royal category of its own."



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Tanzania

A Classic Serengeti Safari

hosted by **Dr. Barney Easterday**
with **Wisconsin Alumni Association**

September 13 & 14: Depart U.S. / Arrive Arusha

Step off the plane and into a new world. The scent of distant cooking fire permeates the warm night air. You are welcomed in Swahili with “Jambo” and “Karibu.” It’s exotic, and yet you feel at home. Your guide awaits, ready to welcome you and take you to your lodge, which is located within 33 acres of mature, well manicured gardens and an animal sanctuary. A majority of the animals on the property were once either orphaned or badly injured and were brought to the sanctuary for rehabilitation

Overnight: Mount Meru Game Lodge (Meals aloft, snack)

September 15: Arusha

After breakfast and a safari briefing, meet a local researcher who represents the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) in Arusha. TAWIRI is responsible for advising and providing scientific information on wildlife and biodiversity conservation and management in Tanzania. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Mount Meru Game Lodge (All meals included)

September 16: Tarangire National Park

Today, begin by crossing the Maasai steppe on your way to Tarangire National Park, where giant baobab trees and umbrella acacias dot the rocky hills and verdant valleys. Your permanent tented lodge makes a perfect base for two days of fascinating exploration. Here, you can enjoy comfortable amenities in a “wild” setting.

Overnight: Tarangire Safari Lodge (All meals included)

September 17: Tarangire National Park

The Tarangire River bisects the park and provides a year-round source of food and water for the resident and migratory wildlife populations, making this an ideal place for wildlife viewing. Search out leopard, lion, reedbuck, gerenuk, Grant’s gazelle, and more as you roam the park.

Overnight: Tarangire Safari Lodge (All meals included)

September 18: Ngorongoro Highlands

Early this morning drive to the Great Rift Valley, stopping at Lake Manyara National Park. This small but beautiful park is home to a variety of wildlife, where you may see elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, giraffe, and baboon. At the lake, watch for hippo and an array of birds, including, the colorful bee-eater, barbet, kingfisher, gigantic ground hornbill, and white-backed pelican. After a picnic lunch in the park, the rest of the afternoon is free to explore Gibb’s Farm, a picturesque working coffee estate, organic farm, and spa.

Overnight: Gibb’s Farm (All meals included)

September 19: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Awake to the dawn chorus of local birdlife with tea and coffee served on your private veranda. Take a guided bird viewing walk to identify and observe more than 200 avian species on the farm, including turacos, honeyguides, weavers, and waxbills. Depart Gibb’s this late morning, arriving at camp for lunch. Spend a couple of hours exploring the rich biodiversity of this wildlife haven. If time permits, visit a nearby Maasai village.

Overnight: Thomson Ngorongoro Nyumba (All meals included)

September 20: Ngorongoro Crater

The geological marvel, known as the Ngorongoro Crater, is unique in the world with lakes, forest, savannah and an astounding population of 30,000 animals within 10 square miles. It is no wonder that this crater is often referred as the Eighth Wonder of the World. Explore the crater by land rover, searching out a wide variety of wildlife such as hippo, hyena, gazelle and all of the Big Five: bull elephant, rhino, leopard, lion, and African buffalo. Tonight, relax in your comfortable lodge on the rim of the crater.

Overnight: Thomson Ngorongoro Nyumba (All meals included)

September 21: Olduvai Gorge & Serengeti National Park

Depart early this morning for the great Serengeti, stopping at the legendary Olduvai Gorge to explore some of the earliest remains of human species unearthed here by the dedicated Leakey family. The small but informative Gorge Museum exhibits the Leakeys’ archeological methods and remarkable finds. As you travel further into the Africa wilds, look for giraffe, lion, ostrich, zebra, and warthog. Spend four glorious nights deep in the heart of the Serengeti.

Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba at Robanda (All meals included)

September 22: Serengeti National Park

Explore more of the Serengeti, where wildlife viewing and exploration beckons. You may even wish to explore by hot air balloon on a sunrise balloon safari over the meandering Seronera River. Advance reservations and additional fee apply, but why not take the opportunity to view the plains from a new and thrilling perspective? This afternoon, visit with a specialist at the Serengeti TAWIRI center.

Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba at Robanda (All meals included)

September 23: Serengeti National Park

Today you journey to the northern part of the Serengeti to rest your head for two nights. We have you spend time in two of our exclusive Serengeti locations, taking advantage of seasonal wildlife variations and maximizing the diversity of your experience. Seek a vast array of animals, explore a unique village at the edge of the park and immerse yourself in a place described as, “the world, as it was in the beginning.”

Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba at Kogakuria (All meals included)

September 24: Serengeti National Park

Even with the Serengeti’s growing popularity, its northern corridor remains a hidden gem for wildlife viewing and its varied landscape of acacia forests, rolling hills, grasslands, rivers, and kopjes. Two of the Serengeti’s main rivers — the Grumeti and the Mara — run through the corridor, attracting animals in search of water, especially during the dry season. Elephants are often found near the area’s wooded and riverine stretches, and wildebeest, zebra, and antelope take to its eastern plains in the dry season. The wildlife viewing, however, can be as diverse as the landscape. Enjoy superb views of the corridor from hillocks, rock outcroppings, and kopjes.

Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba at Kogakuria (All meals included)

September 25: Serengeti / Arusha / Depart

After breakfast, say goodbye to your guides, and head back to Arusha on a short mid-morning flight. Have a farewell lunch in Arusha, then, relax in your day room before flying home later this evening.

Day Room: KIA Lodge (All meals included)

September 26: Arrive / U.S.

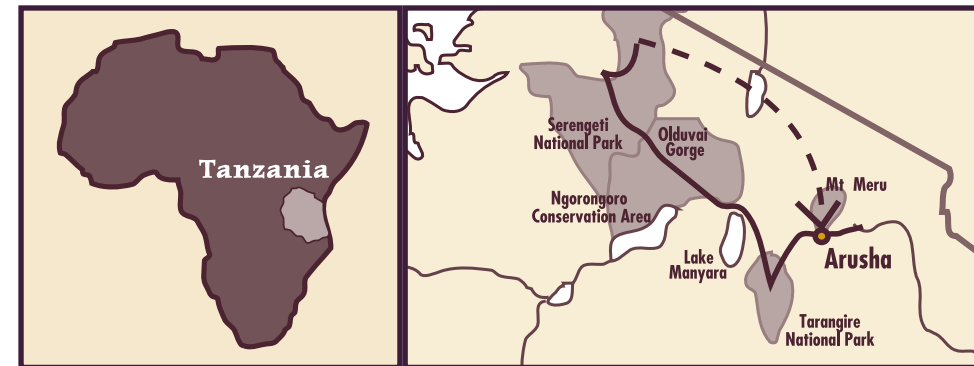
Connect in Europe and arrive in the U.S.

Flight; (Meals aloft)

You’ve come this far – and only scratched the surface. Thomson Safaris can arrange extensions to the palm-studded white-sand beaches of Zanzibar, or a trek to the roof of Africa (Kilimanjaro). Please call Claudia Dunn at (800) 235-0289 to discover more extension options.

What to Expect...

WAA’s Classic Serengeti Safari is specially designed for those seeking an unsurpassed wildlife viewing experience while traveling in safety and comfort. Days will be spent viewing wildlife from specially equipped 4WD Land Rover Defenders with popped top roofs for easy wildlife viewing and photography; window seats are guaranteed for every passenger. Though long drives between destinations have been minimized in this evenly paced itinerary, you can expect drives of up to five hours in length on bumpy, dusty, and occasionally muddy roads. The accommodations have been chosen for their unique African feel, stunning settings, the quality of service offered to the discerning traveler, as well as their ideal proximity to the best seasonal wildlife viewing areas. The lodges are comfortable; most have private verandas and all have private bathrooms. All lodges have electricity provided by generators. Our Nyumbas, which is Swahili for “home,” are eco-friendly tents set on private campsites ideally located for the best wildlife viewing in Northern Tanzania. Our large walk-in tents come with camp beds dressed in deluxe linens, self-contained toilets, safari-style showers, and water basins (due to ecological and conservation issues, none of our camps have – or need – fixed plumbing). LED lighting powered by solar panels is provided in Ngorongoro and the Serengeti; and the camp chef prepares gourmet meals fresh from local ingredients. Expect temperatures with highs in the mid to high 80s F and lows in the 60s F; temperatures will be cooler at higher elevations, such as the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater (7,600 feet).



Program Rates

The following prices are based on double occupancy and do not include international flights.

Per Adult: \$5,990 Single supplement: \$990

Reservation: To reserve a space, call the Wisconsin Alumni Association Travel Program at (608) 265-8776 or toll-free at (888) 922-8728. Or, mail your deposit to the **Wisconsin Alumni Association Travel Program, 650 N Lake Street, Madison, WI 53706.** A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person, payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express or check to Thomson Safaris, secures your space on safari. Reservations cannot be confirmed without a deposit.

Final Payment: Final payment is due no later than 90 days prior to departure (**June 15, 2009**), and is payable by check or wire transfer to Thomson Safaris.

Shares: If you would like to share a room, we will attempt to find a roommate for you. If, by the time of departure, a roommate cannot be found, you will be charged the single supplement.

Insurance: The purchase of travel insurance is highly recommended; information will be sent to registrants. Pre-existing conditions may be waived with the prompt purchase of travel insurance.

Cancellation and Refunds: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing to Thomson Safaris. At the time we receive your written cancellation, the following per person cancellation penalties apply:

Up to 91 days before departure:	Deposit (\$500 per person)
90-61 days before departure:	50% of the package price
60-46 days before departure:	65% of the package price
45 days or less before departure:	100% of the package price

Terms and Conditions: A detailed Liability statement, concerning, among other things, limitations of Wineland-Thomson Adventures, Incorporated’s liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death, will be provided to passengers upon enrollment, along with an Information form to sign and return to Thomson Safaris shortly after enrolling on the trip. Each of these forms is also available to prospective travelers upon request.

Safari Includes:

- Meals and bottled water, accommodations based on double occupancy, and park fees as listed in the itinerary.
- Services at Thomson Safaris’ Nyumbas.
- Services of a Tanzanian-born, English-speaking professional safari guide.
- Comfortable wildlife viewing in specially equipped 4WD Land Rover Defenders with pop-up roofs and customized, convenient battery charging outlets. Each traveler is guaranteed a window seat.
- Baggage handling
- Beer, wine, spirits and soda included at welcome and farewell dinners.
- Complete pre-departure information to include terms and conditions, pre-departure instructions, a packing list, passport/visa regulations, and health requirements.
- Daily safari briefing to help you prepare for each day’s wildlife viewing.
- Internal flight from the Serengeti to Arusha.

Safari Does Not Include:

International airfare, airport departure tax, variable fuel surcharge, activities not included as part of the itinerary; trip insurance; passport, visa, and immunization fees; personal items such as laundry, fax/telephone/email charges, souvenirs and alcoholic beverages.

Call the Wisconsin Alumni Association at (888) 922-8728 or visit uwalumni.com/travel for more information