



# International Study Mission to Tanzania

*October 21 – 30, 2017*

Dear NECA Members,

NECA sponsors International Study Missions to encourage the interchange of ideas, technologies and best practices among contractors in the U.S. and internationally. These specialized annual trips bring U.S. contractors into direct contact with owners, top management and the workforces of contracting firms in other countries.

This year's Study Mission travels to Tanzania with optional extensions to the Masai Mara, Kenya and Uganda. This tour will be an excellent opportunity to better understand how these African nations are finding their way into the world economy. And, through meetings with local contractors and visits to active construction projects in each area visited, you will see first-hand how our business is conducted.

Despite the many different cultures, Tanzania has had a peaceful history and enviable political stability compared to some of its neighboring countries; its people are friendly and welcoming. Combined, Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti and the Masai Mara, represent one of the world's most important ecosystems, some 3 million large animals inhabit this region. The annual wildebeest migration, the largest movement of animals on Earth, takes place on these East African plains. And, no area is more protected by geography and by permit than steep-walled Ngorongoro Crater, which has a separate ecosystem and its own collection of animals including lion, hyena, cheetah, leopard and elephant plus there's a good chance to see the very rare black rhino. Upon flying into Kilimanjaro International Airport, we'll see the tallest mountain in Africa and the highest walkable mountain in the world.

Our accommodations are luxury safari lodges and tents. Each property is individually designed and operated around the philosophy of "luxury, naturally". Since we're effectively booking most of the accommodations in each camp, they are requiring a significant advance deposit now. So, if indeed you're intending to come, please return the Reservation Form right away or give a call to re-affirm. The package prices include the intra-Africa airfares; so all we need worry about is the international air to/from. We're all arriving into Kilimanjaro; departure cities will vary and are specified in the itineraries.

Join Us!

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**2017 TANZANIA STUDY MISSION MANYARA \* NGORONGORO \* SERENGETI**  
**ITINERARY**

**October 22, Sunday**                      **Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport**                      **D**

Our driver/guide will meet us upon arrival from where we're driven to Kilimamoja Lodge, our home for the next 3 nights. A newly built luxury lodge Kilimamoja is located in small & wildlife-packed Lake Manyara National Park. We'll be nestled on the rim of the Great African Rift Valley, the views over Lake Manyara, Mount Meru and, on a clear day, Mount Kilimanjaro are stunning.

**Dinner and overnight at Kilimamoja Lodge** <http://www.lakemanyaralodgetz.com/index.html>

**Arrival Note:** Should your plane arrive late in the afternoon, you'll overnight at the Mount Meru Hotel in Arusha. You can also arrive earlier, let ATA know on the reservation form and we'll figure out Arusha or Kilimamoja.

**October 23, Monday**                      **Manyara National Park**                      **BLD**

Today we meet local contractors and visit a construction site in and visit a school in Mto wa Mbu Village.

**Meals and overnight at Kilimamoja Lodge**

**October 24, Tuesday**                      **Manyara National Park**                      **BLD**

On today's thrilling morning game drive, we should spot hippos wallowing along the lakeshore, pelicans and storks scanning the water, monkeys leaping between the trees and giraffes dwarfed by the shade of a 1,000-year-old baobab. Return to our lodge for lunch and leisure. |

**Meals and overnight at Kilimamoja Lodge**

**October 25, Wednesday**                      **Lake Manyara National Park – Ngorongoro Crater**                      **BLD**

Visit the village of Mto wa Mbu to gain a more complete picture of life here. We'll ride *tuk-tuk* to see the rice fields and local community. Afterward, browse stalls filled with locally grown produce on a market visit. Then, depart for Ngorongoro Crater, stopping at Gibb's Farm for an organic lunch. Afterward, relax on the lush grounds or hike to the nearby waterfalls. Continue to our lodge, which offers breath-taking views of the Ngorongoro Highlands.

**Meals and overnight at Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge** <http://www.oldeanisafarilodgetz.com>

**October 26, Thursday**                      **Ngorongoro Crater Tour**                      **BLD**

This morning we descend into The Ngorongoro Crater, which is one of the 7 Natural Wonders of Africa. In this "garden of Eden" we'll see lion, hyena, cheetah, leopard and elephant and a good chance to see the very rare black rhino.

**Meals and overnight at Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge**

**October 27, Friday**                      **Ngorongoro Crater to Serengeti National Park**                      **BLD**

This morning we fly to the Serengeti and settle into our luxurious tented safari camp and revel in its combination of comfort, extraordinary nearby wildlife, and exhilarating guided game and nature walks. Here we have the rare opportunity for night game drives. Our afternoon game drive culminates with a refreshing Scenic Sun downer in the Serengeti. Relax tonight in our split-level suite tents that feature a veranda, bathroom with a soaking tub, separate shower and flush toilet.

**Meals and overnight at Buffalo Luxury Camp**

<http://www.intimate-places.com/portfolio-item/buffalo-luxury-camp/>





**October 28, Saturday**

**Serengeti National Park**

**BLD**

Morning and afternoon game drives in the arid, savagely beautiful Serengeti plains. Good chances of spotting hippos returning to water after foraging for food overnight, elephants rustling through trees in search of breakfast, and sated lions, arriving back from a hunt. This afternoon, we search for elusive cheetahs, crocodiles and the stunningly beautiful leopard. Later, visit a Masai village, to meet with an elder and learn about the tribe's traditional, nomadic lifestyle and coexistence with wildlife. Also, partake in an artisan visit, when the villagers share a beadwork demonstration. Return to camp for a special farewell dinner in the bush.

**Meals and overnight at Buffalo Luxury Camp**

**October 29, Sunday**

**Serengeti - Arusha – Home – or Extension**

**BL or BLD**

If you have a day-time flight to the US, you'll transfer to the nearest airstrip (30-minute drive) for your scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro. Those flying at night will be driven to Arusha and the Mount Meru Hotel for lunch and use of a day room to freshen up. Later you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport for your outbound flight.

**Post-Extensions** – The flights to Kenya (Masai Mara) and to Uganda also depart this morning— see next page.

**Tanzania Tour Package Inclusions**

Deluxe accommodations:

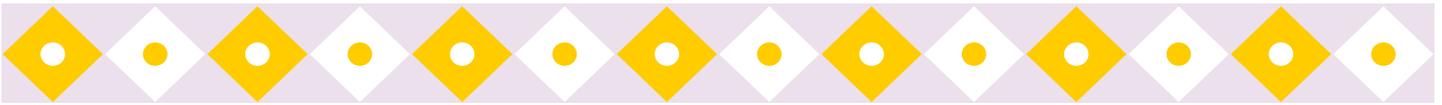
- 3 Nights Kilimamoj Lodge Manyara National park
- 2 nights Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge Ngorongoro Conservation Area
- 2 nights Buffalo Luxury Camp Serengeti National Park
- Intra-Africa airfares, economy class
- Hotel taxes and portorage
- Safari camp rates are fully inclusive of all meals, all game viewing activities, park fees, laundry, service charges and beverages with exception of premium brand alcohol
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily in all camps
- Visits to active construction sites and meetings with electrical contractors
- Transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport on arrival and all other airport/camp transfers
- Game viewing activities daily with experienced guides by vehicle or mokoro
- Services of an ATA tour director throughout
- Final Advice Memo plus Fodor's (or similar) travel guides



**Tour Price:** \$5,895 per person based on double occupancy  
Single occupancy available by request

**Features not included in any of the tours:** International airfare; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, telephone calls, meals and beverages not specified, international departure taxes.





## **Post-Extension to Uganda**

**October 29, Sunday**

**Fly Serengeti - Entebbe**

**BL**

Morning transfer to the airstrip for the flight to Kilimanjaro. Upon arrival we will be met and provided with picnic lunch and assisted with our connecting flight to Uganda departing at 14:25 and arriving at 15:45. Upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport we are again collected & transferred Serena Lake Victoria Hotel for the night.

**Dinner and overnight at Serena Lake Victoria Hotel**

<http://www.serenahotels.com/serenalakevictoria/default-en.html>

**October 30, Monday**

**Fly to Bwindi**

**BLD**

After breakfast at 0630am we transfer to the airport and fly to Bwindi and Gorilla Forest Camp. This afternoon allows time to visit the water falls or and community walk.

**Meals and overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp**

<http://www.sanctuaryretreats.com/uganda-camps-gorilla-forest>

**October 31, Tuesday**

**Bwindi**

**BLD**

National Park – Gorilla Forest Camp – FB- TREK Gorillas

**Meals and overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp**

**November 01, Wednesday**

**Bwindi**

**BLD**

Bwindi National Park – Gorilla Forest Camp – FB- TREK Gorillas

**Meals and overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp**

**November 02, Thursday**

**Fly to Entebbe**

**B**

After Breakfast depart the lodge at 0730am - fly back to Entebbe to check-in for your departure flight home.

## **Post Extension Masai Mara, Kenya**

**October 29, Sunday**

**Serengeti to Kenya**

**D**

From the Serengeti, fly to Tarime and continue overland to Kenya. There, board a flight to the Masai Mara Game Reserve and settle into our luxurious tented camp., Sanctuary Oloana Camp.

**Dinner and overnight at Oloana Camp**

<http://www.sanctuaryretreats.com/kenya-camps-olonana>

**October 30 & 31, Monday & Tuesday**

**Masai Mara**

**BLD**

On each of two days in the bush, embark on morning and afternoon game drives in search of lions, giraffes, cheetahs, leopards and even rhinos. Visit a local primary school supported by A&K Philanthropy. On Tuesday we'll gather for a farewell dinner.

**Meals and overnight at Oloana Camp**

**November 1, Wednesday**

**Fly to Nairobi**

**B**

Fly to Nairobi, where you relax in a comfortable dayroom until you depart for home. <http://www.fairmont.com/norfolk-hotel-nairobi/>

### **Post- Tour Packages Inclusions**

Deluxe accommodations:

- For Uganda
  - One night Serena Lake Victoria Hotel
  - Three nights Bwindi Gorilla Forest Camp
- For Kenya
  - Three nights Sanctuary Oloana
  - Dayroom in Nairobi, Norfolk Fairmont
- Intra-Africa airfares, economy class
- Hotel taxes and portorage
- Safari camp rates are fully inclusive of all meals, all game viewing activities, park fees, laundry, service charges and beverages with exception of premium brands
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Transfers to and from airports to camps
- Game viewing activities daily with experienced guides by vehicle or mokoro
- Final Advice Memo plus Fodor's (or similar) travel guides



**Tanzania & Uganda Tour Price:** \$9,994 per person based on double occupancy (the gorilla trekking is quite expensive)

**Tanzania & Kenya Tour Price:** \$9,356 per person based on double occupancy

Single occupancy available by request



**Reservations and Payment:** Reservations are confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA), upon receipt of the Reservation Form and deposit. Reservations require a **non-refundable \$1,200** per person deposit to accompany the Coupon. To insure your place, receipt of deposit is due in the office of ATA no later than February 24, 2017. Final payment is due by August 14th. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express.

**Cancellation:**

**Land Package:** Penalty on cancellations received between August 15th and departure will be 100% of the tour price depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refunds once the tour has begun. *Cancellations* must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

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**Weather:** Tanzania is on the same latitude as Quito Ecuador. We can expect similar early spring weather, which should be rather comfortable. The average high temperature in Nairobi is 73, the low 53 and 7 days of the month average some rain. More weather/clothing detail will come in the final advice memo.

**Health:** The Participants represent that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to him or herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition which may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

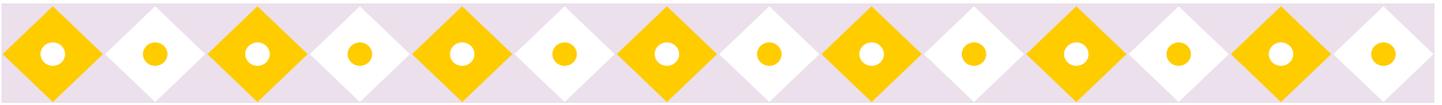
**Vaccinations** – Yellow Fever vaccination is required for Kenya and Uganda, not Tanzania. You **must bring** the original yellow vaccination card. The yellow fever vaccination lasts a long time; however, if yours was long ago, you might consult with your Dr. about a booster shot. While there's a low risk of **malaria**, we strongly recommend taking a preventative medication.

**Airline Contract:** The usual passage contract when the ticket is issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the tour participant. Neither NECA or ATA shall be liable for airline cancellation penalties incurred by purchasing non-refundable tickets.

**Trip cancellation insurance**—Particularly since this tour involves non-refundable payments, we strongly encourage obtaining trip cancellation insurance. Contact Allianz [www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com) either on-line or over the phone (800-284-8300). The airlines also have good insurance options. Trip cancellation insurance is a good idea because it offsets non-refundable air, hotel, and operator charges. Please note the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion in the Medical Conditions section. If one exists, you need to purchase the insurance within 14 days of your first payment. Allianz has a number of plans. For most, the Basic Plan is fine. However, everyone has different needs, which you should discuss with them. Also check with your insurance agent to see what is covered under your existing homeowners and medical policies. For example, suitcases and contents are probably covered under your homeowner's.

**Prices:** The tour price is subject to change due to land cost increases and foreign exchange fluctuation. ATA reserves the right to change the price for such reasons or changes in the number of participants (26) upon which the tour costs are based. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on January 27, 2017.





**Responsibility:** American Travel Association (ATA), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and/or their employees or agents, act only on behalf of the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services such as hotels and restaurants to purchasers of this tour and their travel companions (Participants), subject to any and all items and conditions under which any transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such owners and contractors. ATA and NECA, their affiliates and their employees and agents (collectively ATA and NECA) shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for the acts or omissions of the aforesaid owners, contractors and employees thereof supplying transportation or other services hereunder, including but not limited to breach of contract, intentional or negligent delay or bodily or property loss, injury or damages. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they're provided. ATA and NECA shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for any loss, injury or death, or other damages caused by or resulting from acts of God, fire, breakdown or defects vehicles, machinery or equipment, acts of governments and other authorities, wars, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics or quarantines, monetary crisis, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions. Participants shall have the responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories, which may exist. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on any invoice or reservation itinerary, ATA and NECA do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings or reservations. The Participants' retention of air tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions. In addition, Participants shall be responsible for conveying the terms and conditions hereunder to travel companions. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. ATA and NECA reserve the right to cancel any itinerary or any part thereof and to make such alterations in the itinerary they deem necessary or desirable.

**Travel Advisories/Warnings:** No State Department travel warning currently exist for Tanzania. Yes, for Uganda and Kenya. ATA will send those reports. However, it's the responsibility of the Participant to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U. S. State Department's travel website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or by phone at 1-888-407- 4747. In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning or alert against travel to any of the specific destinations included in the tour, should the Participant still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, the Participant assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that arise out of the events like those advised or warned against. The State Department's travel information will be sent by American Travel with the welcome letter. American Travel will monitor the State Department advisories.

**Proof of Citizenship and Visa Requirements:** A valid passport is required for travel that must be valid 6 months beyond the ending trip date. Plus, you need at least 3 blank pages. Please check to be sure your passport isn't about to expire. Visas are necessary for American citizens traveling to Tanzania, Kenya & Uganda. Upon arriving Killmanjaro, you will be met by a local guide who will assist in getting your visa. For those extending to Kenya or Uganda, you will be met and assisted in obtaining a visa good for both countries.

**Tax Deductibility:** Current U.S. tax regulations allow deductibility for travel and subsistence expenses incurred in travel related to trade or business. It is the responsibility of the traveller to become familiar with and adhere to the specific reporting requirements imposed.





**NECA Tanzania International Study Mission - Reservation Form**  
(If same information same from last year, give names and complete from Hotel down)

**Name(s) as they appear on your passports**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ If US Citizen, State of Birth; otherwise Country \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**\* Please correspond to the following \_\_\_ office \_\_\_ home address:**

Company, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Suite \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Other preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

First or preferred name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Rooms**  I/we prefer 1 bed; if no kings available, queen is OK  If no king, need two beds  
 I/we prefer a two-bedded room

**Tours**  I/we register for Tanzania.  And wish to arrive on \_\_\_\_\_  
 I/we register for Masai Mara Post-Tour  
 I/we register for the Uganda Post-Tour  
 I/we register for both

**Deposit** A non-refundable deposit of \$1,200 per person is due with the Reservation Form. Payments can be by check, Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit cards. Enclosed is a check payable to American Travel Association in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to wish to use Visa, MasterCard or American Express card:

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of cardholder if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Secure Fax: 706-225-2551**

