



Nature Photography Adventures: Tanzania with Diane Kelsay and Bob Harvey

Manyara Ranch Conservancy Extension

February 24-27 2013

February 24, 25 & 26: Lake Manyara National Park

This afternoon those participants leaving the trip will continue about 2 hours to the Kilimanjaro International Airport to check in for their flights. The remaining participants will drive about 40 minutes to Manyara Ranch Conservancy. Originally established as a cattle ranch during Tanzania's colonial period, Manyara Ranch remains an operating ranch with a relatively small herd of beef cattle and black-headed sheep. It is located in the middle of the crucial Kwakuchinja wildlife corridor connecting Lake Natron, Ngorongoro and Manyara wildlife areas to the Tarangire ecosystem and the Maasailand to the South.

Manyara Ranch has a variety of habitats, which include open savannah, acacia woodland, bush and riverine forest. There are also several large dams on the ranch that attract and retain the wildlife within the conservancy area. There is a significant resident population of wildlife including groups of large bull elephants, breeding herds of giraffe, many lesser kudu, wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, oryx and eland. There are also predators, including lion, cheetah, leopard, hyena, jackal and bat-eared foxes. For many years, wild dogs have dened on the ranch. The resident game population is continually being increased by wildlife moving through the migratory corridors. Additionally there is a large number of species of birds including many raptors.

We have a variety of options to get out in the wilderness from camp, including many that are not allowed in the national parks including off-road driving, night drives, walking safaris and photographic hides. Our daily activities will depend primarily on the movement of the animals and what sort of shots we are focusing on.

Game driving in Manyara Ranch Conservancy allows us to leave the established tracks and roads to reach more remote areas. Such off-road driving is carefully monitored to ensure the area does not suffer damage as a result. Late afternoon game drives can extend into the night after a sundowner in the bush. Night drives enable visitors to see nocturnal game rarely seen during the day. Spotlights are used by the trained guides in a manner that ensures animals are not disturbed.

A number of hides have been established where visitors may wait unseen for game to come to drink or gather at a saltlick. There are also some sites that are frequented by leopard. We'll set up in the hides and see what comes to us!

Overnights Manyara Ranch Conservancy. All meals, drinks and laundry services included.

Manyara Ranch Conservancy

This intimate camp offers the charm of a vintage mobile safari with all the benefits of a private game reserve. Resting on a gentle slope and under the shade of a forest of acacia trees, the six tents are well spread out with the mess tent in the middle. The en suite tents are on earth platforms with wooden edges, the mess tent is directly on the ground with sisal rug covering the canvas underfoot. Tents are large Meru style with desk, coat rack, armoire and bed in the main area, bathroom with shower, sink and flush toilet in back. Furniture is all carved hardwood, made locally and recovered from biofuel clearing programs, and lights, carpets and textiles in traditional East African safari chic style. Each veranda has two canvas safari chairs, a trunk and table. There is one central point for charging camera batteries in the mess tent and we will most likely have the entire camp to ourselves.



February 27: Depart

Spent our last day in the bush before being picked up at the Ranch for an afternoon transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport to meet your departing flights. Breakfast, Lunch.

ESTIMATED 2013 EXTENSION COSTS PER PERSON:

\$2464 Nature Photography Adventure: Tanzania (10-11 Travelers)
(Note: prices subject to confirmation for 2013)

Additional Pricing Information per Person:

\$400 Single Supplement
\$2570 Nature Photography Adventure: Tanzania (8-9 Travelers)

Cost Includes

Exclusive Open 4x4 Vehicles
Services of experienced English speaking driver guides
3 nights safari accommodation as noted
Transfers Lake Manyara/Manyara Ranch/Kilimanjaro Airport
Day and Night Game drives, Walking Safaris, Wildlife Hide
Accommodation and meals as noted
Park fees and government taxes
One bottle of mineral water per person per day during game drives
African Safari Company consultation and planning services

Cost Excludes

International flights & Visa
Travel/medical/baggage insurance
Tips & gratuities
Water with meals, drinks and laundry
Porterage, Telephone bill, any other items of a personal nature

Additional Information

Proof of Yellow Fever Vaccination is currently required for entry to Tanzania and/or Kenya.