



Global Explorers

WHERE // African Discovery: Tanzania

Program Highlights

- 📍 Search for lions, cheetahs, giraffes, wildebeest, leopards, elephants and more as we camp under the stars on multi-day safaris in the savanna.
- 📍 Experience life as a tribal Maasai villager, cook a traditional Tanzanian meal and learn Swahili alongside local students with our partner youth organization, Roots & Shoots.
- 📍 Work side-by-side with students from the Moshi area on a meaningful service project that will support the community.

“I learned that there are no limits to what I can do as long as I give my best.”

- Dana, Student Explorer



Program Description

Tanzania is truly a gem that reveals Earth's amazing cultural and ecological diversity. Under the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro, it's easy to feel a deep personal connection to this region known as the “Cradle of Life.” On safari in Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater we enjoy an abundant array of animal life that rivals any wildlife experience on Earth. We also learn about human life in Tanzania, past and present, through a visit to a Maasai boma and several days of cultural activities with local students in Moshi. On safari in Africa's grasslands or side-by-side with Tanzania's local residents, the African Discovery program shows us a new world and opens doors to personal reflection like nowhere else. For more details, photos and a downloadable flyer, please visit our website.

Pre-Travel Curriculum

- 📍 Grasslands ecology, wildlife management and conservation issues in Africa.
- 📍 Tanzanian history, Maasai culture and Swahili.
- 📍 Leadership skills, service learning and responsible travel knowledge.



Program Itinerary

Days 1 – 2

We leave our home city and spend the day in transit to Tanzania. We arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport on the evening of our second day and spend the night at a hotel in Arusha.

Days 3 – 5

Our experience begins with a visit to the Country Office of the African Wildlife Foundation to learn about their important work on enhancing and creating wildlife corridors. Our Roots & Shoots student partners join us for all of our activities throughout these first days. Together, we hike, practice Swahili, conduct soil samples and learn how conservation issues affect wildlife and human settlements in the region. We also have the chance to shop at a vibrant local market in Moshi and visit Mweka Wildlife College. We spend our nights at a hotel in Moshi.

Day 6

Today we visit a rural community to participate in an exciting program supported by our Service Partnership Grant Program. In Tanzania, Global Explorers supports Roots & Shoots to provide students, teachers and community members with skills, knowledge and practical approaches to help conserve the surrounding Mt. Kilimanjaro Forest Reserve. We may plant trees or build fuel efficient stoves before we have a celebratory meal that we cook and share with our Roots & Shoots partners and local community members. Tonight we stay in Moshi.

Days 7 – 8

We begin our safari experience in Ngorongoro Conservation Area and visit a rural Maasai village, or boma, along the way. We settle into our beautiful campsite on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater and spend the next day touring one of Africa's best-known wildlife viewing areas. This stunning 20 km-wide crater is home to the world's largest density of predatory animals and humans alike, and we have the unique opportunity to become a temporary part of this symbiotic relationship.

Days 9 – 10

In the morning we head to Serengeti National Park. After a stop at Olduvai Gorge to learn about the Origins of Man, we continue on to an official park campsite within the Serengeti plains. Day 10 is filled with game drives in the Serengeti, during which we can expect to see lions, elephants, buffalo, cheetahs, antelopes and hippopotamuses. We camp again tonight under the Serengeti skies.

Days 11 – 12

This morning, we bid farewell to the Serengeti with a final game drive. Our return to Arusha affords us a welcome hot shower at our hotel and a chance to do some last-minute shopping. After a late lunch on Day 12, we head to the airport to begin our journey back to the U.S.

Day 13

Arrive home.

Program Details

Expedition Length: 13 days

Location: Tanzania – Arusha, Moshi, Serengeti

What's Included:

All lodging in Tanzania; all meals and drinking water in Tanzania; all transportation in Tanzania; all daily activities and related fees; Global Explorers Expedition Leader; local guides and drivers; all gratuities; basic travel insurance; airport departure fees; preparatory materials and support; t-shirts and journals; carbon offsets for international air travel. Tents, sleeping pads and sleeping bags are provided while camping on safari.

What's Not Included:

International airfare between your home city and Arusha, Tanzania; passport fees; immunization fees; spending money (for souvenirs and extra snacks); expenses as a result of travel delays or cancellations that fall outside of Global Explorers' control.

Maturity Level:

To participate in this program, we recommend that students be in high school or older.

Group Size:

We require a minimum group size of 10 paying participants to travel to Tanzania.

Accommodations:

Students stay in safe, clean and modest dormitory-style hotels in shared rooms with bunk beds, fresh linens and electricity. On safari, students camp in tents with access to pit toilets. Food is delicious and healthy local cuisine. Fresh drinking water is always available.