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Bassman Family
June 22 to July 7, 2006
Custom Tanzania Safari & Chimpanzee Tracking

DATE	ACCOMMODATIONS	ACTIVITIES
Day 1 June 22 Thursday	Travel Day	KLM Flight # 642 Departs New York City @ 6:10 pm
Day 2 June 23 Friday	Ngurdoto Lodge Arusha One double room Two double twin rooms	Arrives Amsterdam @ 7:35 am KLM Flight # 569 Departs Amsterdam @ 10:35 am Arrives Kilimanjaro @ 7:50 pm Pickup at Kilimanjaro Airport by Deeper Africa guide Ammiel Nnko (“Ammy”) after clearing customs. He will have a sign that says “Bassman”. Ammy will transport you to Ngurdoto Lodge for an evening dinner and overnight. Dinner and overnight at Ngurdoto Lodge. Swimming pool available.
Day 3 June 24 Saturday	Kikoti Tented Camp Tarangire National Park One double room Two double twin rooms	Breakfast at Ngurdoto Lodge. Stop briefly at Arusha Coffee Lodge for a safari briefing with Nicole Russo. Drive out after breakfast to Tarangire National Park. You’ll begin your wildlife viewing as you travel to Kikoti Lodge for check in. Lunch at the lodge and the afternoon in the park wildlife viewing. While wildlife viewing you’ll have a cool box in your Land Cruiser stocked with water, juice, and your favorite sodas. Tarangire is famous for elephants. It boasts one of the largest and most conspicuous elephant populations in East Africa. There are large family groups with many calves being born each year as the population continues to recover from the devastating effects of poaching in the eighties. You will see herds of elephants, and gain up close contacts with the matriarchs, the babies, teenagers, and bulls. Your close contact will help you grow in your understanding of these incredible animals. Spend several hours surrounded by the herds and you cannot help but feel their wisdom. Dinner and overnight at Kikoti Lodge. Kikoti Lodge is on tribal land, so after dinner you can enjoy a night game drive observing nocturnal animals that are seldom seen in daylight.
Day 4 June 25 Sunday	Kikoti Tented Camp Tarangire National Park	Breakfast at Kikoti Lodge. Schedule your wildlife viewing as you choose with Ammy. Now your learning opportunities shift to spotting and tracking skills. While wildlife can never be scheduled, the marsh ecosystem along the Tarangire River often attracts a variety of wildlife and many birds. The savannah ecosystems in the park will allow you to gain familiarity with African herd wildlife. Note the secretary birds and kori bustards in the savannah ecosystem. You might even see the little African wildcats, cousins to our domesticated house cats. You decide the wildlife viewing schedule each day with Ammy. Ammy is your mentor and advisor and he will have lots of suggestions about the best areas for wildlife viewing. Choices for wildlife viewing include: Morning and afternoon wildlife viewing with lunch in camp. All day wildlife viewing with picnic lunch. Wildlife viewing out before sunrise with return for brunch and afternoon wildlife viewing.

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		<p>Kikoti enjoys a special economic relationship with the local Maasai tribe. Kikoti shares revenues with the tribal council, Kikoti gets a fabulous lodge location, and you get benefits that can not be enjoyed under strict park rules. This is sustainable tourism in action. Make sure you arrive back at the lodge at the end of the afternoon in time for a nature hike with one of the local tribal guides. You can learn about game tracks and scat identification while you explore on foot.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Kikoti Lodge. Tonight is a special dinner out under the stars in the Kikoti boma with local Maasai warriors introducing you to traditional Maasai singing and dancing. A wonderful evening immersed in the culture and lore of the Maasai.</p>
Day 5 June 26 Monday	Plantation Lodge One double room Two double twin rooms	<p>Breakfast at Kikoti Lodge. Today offers a unique opportunity to experience a day of authentic village life. Leave early and drive just outside the park for your morning meeting with Paula Gremley of Mwangaza. Step into real life in rural Tanzania as the guest of the village of Minjingu. Visit traditional homes, the local primary school, and the local women's group with Paula as your guide. Paula is from Chicago and has lived and worked in this area of Tanzania for over ten years. She has the ability to interpret the culture that will unfold around you and gain you entry into a world that few tourists ever see. Enjoy traditional foods during lunch prepared for you by the Minjingu Women's Group.</p> <p>At the end of the afternoon, travel to Plantation Lodge for dinner and overnight. Swimming pool available.</p>
Day 6 June 27 Tuesday	Crater Lodge Ngorongoro Conservation Area One double room Two double twin rooms	<p>Breakfast at the Crater Lodge with wildlife viewing in Ngorongoro Crater. The Crater is an expansive environment inside an extinct volcano. The Crater floor is mostly grasslands, so wildlife visibility is excellent, providing a wonderful opportunity for photography. Zebra, wildebeest, and gazelle mingle together, while herds of buffalo graze the long grass areas. Bull elephants and rhino are often seen feeding in green marshes and there are plenty of hyena. The lakes and marshes are home to exotic water fowl. Hippos lounge in the water holes and it is not uncommon to see lions.</p> <p>Park permits allow you six hours in the Crater for wildlife viewing, either in the morning or afternoon. Relax and enjoy the views of the Crater from the beautiful decks of the Crater Serena Lodge.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at the Crater Serena Lodge.</p>
Day 7 June 28 Wednesday	Crater Lodge Ngorongoro Conservation Area	<p>Early breakfast at Crater Lodge. Early morning wildlife viewing in the Crater through noon when your viewing permit ends. Morning is a special time in the natural world with daylight bringing lots of activity and movement. The vast Ngorongoro Crater is home to large and permanent animal populations. In fact, between 20,000 and 30,000 animals wander the floor of the Crater. Look for rare rhinos and large prides of lions. The Crater ecosystem is an astonishing microcosm of East Africa wildlife environments containing grassland, swamp, acacia forest, and soda lake environments with beautiful flocks of flamingos at the right time of day. Return to the Serena Lodge for lunch.</p> <p>After lunch, meet up with your hiking guide for an afternoon hike across the Melanga Depression. The Melanga Depression is a beautiful expanse on the lower slopes of the Crater. Walk through traditional Maasai enkangs ("homesteads"), among some of the herd game, and among the small creatures. The hike is about three hours and you will hike from one side of the bowl to the other. Sundowners ("drinks at sundown") on the rim at the end of your hike.</p> <p>Return to the Crater Serena Lodge for dinner and overnight.</p>
Day 8 June 29 Thursday	Olakira Luxury Camp Serengeti National Park One double tent Two double twin tents	<p>Breakfast at the Crater Lodge then head out for Serengeti National Park. Picnic lunch at Oldupai Gorge while you stop to visit the famous Leakey digs. The Rift Valley was home to the first humans and the Leakey family has successfully excavated some of the oldest humanoid skeletons ever discovered. Many people believe that Oldupai is the birth place of humanity. You can visit the onsite museum and hear a short lecture about the gorge from the resident anthropologist. Once you enter the Serengeti you will begin wildlife viewing traveling the distance to your private tented camp.</p>

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<p>Serengeti means endless plain. This vast savannah grass land extends northward into the Maasai Mara in Kenya for over five thousand square miles of land, forming one of the world's largest wildlife refuges. This is land as it was in the beginning; no fences, no settlements, just a perennial migration of wildlife. In a journey that reaches back through time, these herds of animals follow the seasonal rains, traveling from the Serengeti into the Mara instinctually moving with the seasonal rainfalls.</p> <p>We have arranged for one of the researchers from the nearby Frankfurt Zoological Society to come to Olakira Camp tonight or tomorrow night to discuss their current Serengeti research projects around the campfire.</p> <p>Our Olakira tented camp in the Serengeti is located in an area where there are concentrations of wildlife in the Seronera area of the Serengeti. Arrival at Olakira in the late afternoon for sundowners, a luscious dinner, and overnight.</p>		
Day 9 June 30 Friday	Olakira Luxury Camp Serengeti National Park	<p>Breakfast at Olakira Camp. In the Serengeti you can observe and learn about the migration of the vast herds and the big cats. How and when the herds move and how and when the cats hunt become your focus of observation. Wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle share a profound and curious symbiotic relationship with the grasslands and with each other. You'll set your wildlife viewing schedule each day with your guide so you can move to the herds and the cats at the right time and place. Picnic lunches or lunch at camp? You decide each day with Ammy. Ammy is your mentor and advisor and he will have lots of suggestions about the best areas for wildlife viewing.</p> <p>Choices include: Morning wildlife viewing and afternoon wildlife viewing with lunch at camp. All day wildlife viewing with picnic lunch. Wildlife viewing out before sunrise with return for brunch and afternoon wildlife viewing.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Olakira Camp.</p>
Day 10 July 1 Saturday	Sayari Luxury Camp Serengeti National Park One double tent Two double twin tents	<p>Breakfast at Olakira. Today you will move northward into the Grumeti River ecosystem of the Serengeti. Serengeti National Park is the world's largest fully intact ecosystem and Africa's most celebrated wildlife reserve. The ecosystem supports perhaps the last true, uninterrupted herd mammal migration on earth. It is an exceptional example of conservation in action. Lion prides, cheetah, and leopard; the Serengeti has it all. The Serengeti is also rich with bird life giving an additional depth to your safari. Your guide maintains daily radio contact with our office in Arusha, even in the remote Serengeti. Our radios easily make contact with park rangers who update us on herd movements.</p> <p>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and overnight at Sayari Camp.</p>
Day 11 July 2 Sunday	Sayari Luxury Camp Serengeti National Park	<p>The Serengeti ecosystem is so vast it takes many days to explore even the most accessible parts of it. Game drives are usually through the short grass plains and into kopje country. Kopjes are large island outcrops of huge granite boulders dating back two billion years, beautifully shaped by eons of wind and rain. Kopjes are exceptionally good for viewing cheetah and lion that rest on the cool rocks during the day. Set your wildlife viewing schedule with your guide.</p> <p>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and overnight at Sayari camp.</p>
Day 12 July 3 Monday	Greystoke Camp Mahale National Park One double tent Two double twin tents	<p>Early breakfast at Sayari Camp. Early morning game drive as your travel to the Serengeti bush strip for your flight to Mahale National Park.</p> <p>Kogatende Bush Strip Nomad Charter Flight Pick up at Kogatende Bush Strip @ 9:00 am Arrival at Mahale National Park bush strip @ 1:25 pm</p> <p>Greystoke Camp staff will be waiting for you at the bush strip, get your luggage and move you to their traditional dhow (boat), to travel to the Greystoke Camp on Lake Tanganyika. Lake Tanganyika is one of the largest and deepest fresh water lakes in the world. Your dhow will move along the coastline so you can see the forests of Mahale</p>

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		<p>National Park. Check in to your cottages and enjoy the Robin Crusoe nature of the camp. There are lots of activities at Greystoke and you can choose to do them as you like. Activities include:</p> <p>Hippo viewing on nearby coastline Relaxing or reading on the beach Swimming and snorkeling in Lake Tanganyika Afternoon out on the water for traditional fishing Hiking in the forest to observe birds and local primates</p>
		<p>Lunch, sundowners, and dinner at Greystoke Camp.</p>
<p>Day 13 July 4 Tuesday</p>	<p>Greystoke Camp Mahale National Park</p>	<p>Breakfast at Greystoke Camp. The chimps of Mahale have been observed by researchers from Kyoto University since 1960. They are among the most habituated chimps in the world. You are in for a great adventure.</p> <p>Trackers from TANAPA and Greystoke Camp have been in the forest since early this morning. They have located the chimp family that you will be viewing and you will head off today to the location radioed in by the trackers. Your Greystoke guide will let you know when it is time to set off into the forest. You will track into the forest between ½ hour and 2 hours, depending on where the chimps are located. Maximum viewing time allowed with the chimps is between 1 to 2 hours depending on the number of visitors in the park.</p> <p>Lunch back at camp with an afternoon of relaxing, hiking, or beach activities. Sundowners and dinner at Greystoke Camp.</p>
<p>Day 14 July 5 Wednesday</p>	<p>Greystoke Camp Mahale National Park</p>	<p>Breakfast at Greystoke Camp. Enjoy your second day of chimp viewing in Mahale National Park. Some guidelines to follow while you are chimp viewing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than six tourists are allowed to view the chimpanzees at any one time. • You should maintain a distance of at least 5 meters from the chimpanzees. Do not touch the chimpanzees or try to make contact. The chimps will break the rules occasionally. In such cases, don't increase the distance between you and them, but drop back as soon as you can without disturbing them. • Do not use flash cameras. • Do not eat or smoke. • Do not do anything that may cause the chimpanzees stress or exhibit any behavior that they may see as a challenge. Respect their space, speak very quietly, and avoid unnecessary movement. • Keep in a small group and never surround the chimpanzees. • Respect any scientific teams that may be observing the chimpanzees by not obstructing their view and giving them room to carry on their research. • Leave nothing behind but footprints. <p>Afternoon activities as you choose. Lunch, sundowners, and dinner at Greystoke Camp.</p>
<p>Day 15 July 6 Thursday</p>		<p>Breakfast at camp with morning for relaxing or activities as you choose.</p> <p>Mahale Charter Flight Departs Mahale @ 12:05 pm Stop at Tabora Arrives Arusha @ 3:50 pm</p> <p>Pickup by Deeper Africa guide at Arusha Airport. Meet up with Nicole Russo at Arusha Coffee Lodge for briefing and a relaxing early dinner.</p> <p>Pickup by Deeper Africa guide just after 6:00 pm for transport to Kilimanjaro International Airport.</p>

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		KLM Flight # 571 Departs Kilimanjaro @ 8:55 pm Arrives Dar es Salaam @ 10:00 pm KLM Flight # 571 Departs Dar es Salaam @ 11:10 pm
Day 16 July 7 Friday	Travel Day	Arrives Amsterdam @ 7:15 am KLM Flight # 641 Departs Amsterdam @ 2:15 pm Arrives New York City @ 4:10 pm

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Tipping Guidelines

Tanzania Safaris

❖ Please remember:

- Gratuities are at your discretion and should be commensurate with the service that you receive.
- Gratuities can be given in US Dollars or Tanzanian Shillings.
- Normal exchange rates run between 1000 and 1100 Tanzanian Shillings to the US Dollar. Lower exchange rates will be used by some hotels.

❖ Gratuities comparable to a 20% tip in the United States:

Waiter at lodge or hotel:	\$1 from time to time
Porters or baggage handlers:	50 cents per bag
Smaller lodges with tip staff boxes:	\$3- \$5 per person, per day
Deeper Africa Guide:	\$10 to \$12 per person, per day
Deeper Africa camp staff:	\$10 to \$12 per person, per day (split among the entire staff)
Greystoke Chimpanzee Guides:	\$3 per person, per chimp tracking
TANAPA Trackers:	\$2 per person, per chimp tracking

❖ Recommended tip amount for your safari per person: