





### TANZANIA: SAFARI & SERVICE





#### MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- Help teach English to local children at a village primary school
- Spot zebras, lions, rhinos and more on an epic African safari
- Hike to a waterfall on the side of Mt. Kilimanjaro
- Learn how to make traditional African batik textiles
- Meet local families and learn about Tanzanian society first hand

Lend a Hand at a Village School and Spot Iconic African Wildlife on This Volunteer Vacation

### TRIP AT A GLANCE 10 Days / 9 Nights

PHYSICAL DEMAND Moderate

**GROUP SIZE** Average 6, Maximum 12

LODGING Standard

**VOLUNTER TIME** 

2 Hours (3 mornings)

#### **RAU VILLAGE**

**DAY 1** - Arrive, transfer to Rau Village and meet your Discover Corps group

**DAY 2** - Visit a local family and learn a few words of Swahili

**DAY 3** - Meet staff and students at the local school where we'll be volunteering

**DAY 4** - Begin our work at the school and visit an orphanage

**DAY 5** - Hike to waterfalls at the base of Kilimanjaro

**DAY 6** - Spend our last morning at the school and try traditional cloth making

#### KARATU / SAFARI

**DAY 7** - Spot the Big Five on a game drive in Tarangire National Park

**DAY 8** - Visit the fertile Ngorongoro Crater, one of the most wildlife-rich regions on Earth

**Day 9** - Spot zebras, giraffes and colorful birds in Lake Manyara

#### RAU VILLAGE

**Day 10** - Say our goodbyes to Rau Village and begin our journey home

## OPTIONAL EXTENSION: ZANZIBAR ISLAND

Day 10 - Relax by the beach for some muchneeded downtime!

Day 11 - Visit Stone Town and Prison Island

Day 12 - Optional snorkeling and beach time

Day 13 - Tour a spice farm before returning home



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#### **OUR PURPOSE**

You will assist in a local primary school teaching English and basic math, and volunteering alongside teachers to develop instructional aids and make improvements to the curriculum. When not helping with teaching, you will work to improve the infrastructure of the school by planting gardens and building classrooms, all of which will help improve the lives of local children.

When we're not volunteering, we'll take in Tanzania's renowned natural beauty, taking a hike along the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro and spotting iconic wildlife in the reserves of Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Park. Over the course of three days during our trip, we'll embark on a safari adventure to spot zebras, elephants, rhinos, wildebeest, flamingos and giraffes, among other wildlife.

We'll also uncover Tanzania's rich culture as we experience the traditions of the Chagga people, who we'll meet in their villages at the base of Kilimanjaro. We'll learn to speak some basic Swahili and try our hand at some traditional cultural practices, like batik cloth weaving and bead making. Along the way, we'll visit coffee farms and banana plantations, meeting members of the local community as we go.



### **HIGHLIGHTS**



#### SPOT THE BIG FIVE

The undoubted highlight of an African safari is the chance to spot the so-called Big Five game: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and buffalo. On this trip we'll have the chance to do just that in some of Africa's most famous wildlife parks, including Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Manyara. Our expert safari guides will be there to scout for and point out the various types of animals we can see from our open-air safari jeeps.



#### MT. KILIMANJARO

Tanzania's most recognizable natural landmark is undoubtedly Mt. Kilimanjaro. This dormant volcano is Africa's highest mountain, standing at almost 5,000 meters tall, and we'll enjoy incredible views of its snow-capped peak from our lodging in Rau Village. We'll explore the beautiful landscapes around Kilimanjaro on a hike around the base of the mountain, where we'll visit caves used by Chagga people to hide from marauding Maasai raiders, and climb to a dramatic, cascading waterfall.



## VOLUNTEER AT A VILLAGE SCHOOL

The volunteering section of our trip will involve helping out at a local village school, where we'll teach the kids English and math, and engage in fun games and educational activities. In a school where resources are limited and student to teacher ratios are often 50:1, our contribution is much needed, but it won't be limited to teaching. We'll also help out with general tasks like building classrooms, painting, and planting in the school's gardens.



#### NGORONGORO CRATER

We'll visit several notable landscapes and nature reserves during the safari leg of our trip, but perhaps none are more remarkable than the Ngorongoro Crater. This was once the site of the world's tallest mountain, until it erupted two million years ago. Today, the area contains one of the world's richest concentrations of wildlife, which we'll observe on a game drive. This includes an important population of East African lions, which can be seen climbing and lounging in the trees.



### **ITINERARY**

# **DAY 1:** Arrive and Meet Your Discover Corps Group

Arriving at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you'll be met by a Discover Corps representative and transferred to our bed & breakfast in charming Rau Village, overlooking Mt. Kilimanjaro. Settle in and enjoy a welcome dinner. (L,D)

## **DAY 2:** Learn Swahili and Visit With a Local Family

We'll take a crash course in Swahili, the local language, and walk through the village to practice our new phrases and meet our neighbors. Spend an afternoon with a local family, immersing yourself in Tanzanian culture and asking them any questions you might have. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 3:** Meet the Kids at the Village School and Visit a Coffee Farm

This morning we'll visit the local village school where we'll be volunteering. Our days will vary between teaching English to a classroom of students to working one-on-one with individual children who need extra help with a specific subject. This afternoon we'll visit a local coffee farm to see how this world famous coffee is grown and produced. (B,L,D)

# **DAY 4:** Continue Helping at the School and Visit a Community-Based Project

This morning we'll continue volunteering at the local school, from teaching classes to painting classrooms and planting in the gardens. In the afternoon we'll walk through Rau Village to a local home that supports children in the community which has close ties to our local partners. (B,L,D)

# **DAY 5:** Hike Around the Stunning Mt. Kilimanjaro

After another morning of teaching, take off to visit the incredible Mt. Kilimanjaro. We'll enjoy a nature hike around the base of the mountain, where we'll visit caves and hike to a beautiful cascading waterfall. In the evening, relax at our lodge and enjoy a performance of local dances. (*B,L,D*)

### **DAY 6:** Say Goodbye to the School and Take a Batik Class

After a final morning's volunteering at the school, say goodbye to the students and staff before a lesson in traditional batik cloth making. This age-old technique involves brushing hot wax onto cotton to create traditional patterns. Tonight we'll relax before our safari begins tomorrow. (B,L,D)





### **DAY 7:** Enjoy the First Day of Our Safari Adventure

Today we'll embark on a full-day safari drive in Tarangire National Park, encountering diverse wildlife including elephants, giraffes, buffalo, wildebeests, monkeys, lions and leopards. Observe how these animals live in harmony with the environment and learn about the conservation efforts helping to preserve the natural order. We'll spend the night at a lodge near the park. (*B,L,D*)

### **DAY 8:** Spot Game in the Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast in the bush, we'll explore the world-famous Ngorongoro Crater, once Earth's tallest volcano before it erupted two million years ago. The crater floor is one of the most densely packed game areas in the world, home to animals including black rhinos and cheetahs. We'll be given box lunches to enjoy in the afternoon alongside a lake inhabited by hippos. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 9:** Visit Lake Manyara on Our Final Safari Day

On our final day of safari, we'll head out to nearby Lake Manyara, home to ecosystems ranging from dry savanna to marshes to evergreen forest. Zebras, giraffe and countless species of birds inhabit the park as well as the famous tree-climbing lions. Later in the afternoon, we'll head back to Rau Village to unwind before our flights out the next day. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 10:** Say Goodbye to Rau Village and Return Home

We'll have a relaxing morning and head into the village to say our final goodbyes. Afterwards, we'll enjoy our final meal together and have a chance for some last minute shopping before we head to the airport to catch our flights home. (B)

#### **Standard Lodging**

We'll spend most of our time in Rau Village on the outskirts of Moshi, a bustling Tanzanian town. Our lodge, a private bed & breakfast, is a sprawling compound with double and single rooms and a large common area for meals, meetings and relaxation. The hotel is nestled in the village down winding dirt roads; on a clear day, you can see Mt. Kilimanjaro looming above the trees in the distance. During our three-day safari excursion, we'll spend two nights at a safari guesthouse in the cool mountain valley of Karatu.



#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSION:** Zanzibar Island

# **DAY 10:** Arrive from Kilimanjaro and Enjoy the White Sand Beaches

After saying your goodbyes to the group, depart Kilimanjaro midmorning and settle-in at your home for the next two nights, Tembo House. Meet your guide and enjoy free time for shopping, the beach, or relaxing by the pool before a sunset dinner. (D)

# **DAY 11:** Visit a Tortoise Sanctuary on Prison Island and Explore Stone Town

In the morning, explore Stone Town. Follow the trail of the Sultans, slaves, and explorers in the winding streets of this historic city. Your expert guide will lead you through the buildings and take you back into history as you learn about the former slave market and experience the underground rooms where they were held, see the Anglican Cathedral, the House of Wonders, the Sultans' Palace Museum, the Freddie Mercury House, and more. While tracing the steps of the past, the walking tour also provides a window into modern life in Stone Town. Meander through spice markets, fish markets, and smell the fresh loaves of bread in wicker baskets sold by the locals.

Not far off the coast is Prison Island. Despite the harrowing name, the prison built on Prison Island was never used and the island is now home to a tortoise sanctuary. Get hands-on with the many tortoises who live out their days in the cool shade of the trees (some for over 94 years!) before a dip in the ocean off this secluded island and a dinner back in Stone Town. (B,L,D)

# **DAY 12:** Drive to the Northern Part of the Island for Beach Time and Optional Snorkeling

After breakfast, hit the road 1 hour to the Northern part of the Island, Nungwi, home to some of Zanzibar's most beautiful beaches. Walk to town, relax on the water, or opt for a massage at your gorgeous oceanfront hotel. For those who love adventure, choose from a menu of water sports and different organized activities, including world-class snorkeling half-day trips. (*B,D*)

# **DAY 13:** Explore a Local Spice Farm before Returning Home

Wake up for your last breakfast overlooking the Indian Ocean before heading to the airport. Along the way, stop at a local spice farm for an unforgettable lunch and tour through the greens. Zanzibar was known as a spice island, exporting cloves, vanilla, nutmeg, and cardamom across the world. Explore the spice farm with an expert guide where you can touch, smell and taste different spices and tropical fruits. Learn about their properties, origins, and uses as medicines in food and drinks. Depart for your flight homes in the evening. (*B,L*)







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DATE	ADULT	CHILD
May 26-June 4, 2024	<b>\$4,6</b> 95	<b>\$4,3</b> 95
June 23-July 2, 2024	\$4,695	\$4,395
July 7-16, 2024	\$4,695	\$4,395
August 18-27, 2024 STS	\$4,695	\$4,395
October 6-15, 2024 STS	\$4,695	\$4,395
February 16-25. 2025	\$4,695	\$4,395
May 25-June 3, 2025	\$4,695	\$4,395
June 22-July 1, 2025 <i>STS</i>	\$4,695	\$4,395
July 6-15, 2024, 2025	\$4,695	\$4,395
August 17-26, 2025 STS	\$4,695	\$4,395
October 5-14, 2025 <i>STS</i>	\$4,695	\$4,395

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$350 per person on dates without a solo traveler savings (STS) symbol, and \$250 per person for the extension, which you are required to pay if we cannot find you a suitable roommate (even on dates marked STS).

\$1,295

\$1,195

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Exclusive lodging just for our group
- All meals and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the trip
- Wildlife safaris to Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater
- English-speaking local guides that are there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- Reliable in-country transportation with experienced drivers
- Admissions and entrance fees to national parks, historic sites and other scheduled events throughout the trip
- An active daily itinerary including projects with the community
- All gratuities for hotels, meals, baggage, and transportation
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Discover Corps pre-departure booklet
- Turnkey customer support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare
- All alcoholic beverages
- Tanzania Visa
- Tips for Discover Corps guide and driver
- Laundry, phone, and Internet services
- Extension: \$250 domestic flight supplement, 1 lunch, and optional snorkeling/activities

#### **RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY**

Trips are limited to 12 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a \$365 deposit and \$30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

#### **RETURNING ALUMNI?**

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION** 

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

#### **CUSTOM GROUPS?**

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

### MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Call/Text: 619-758-3030 Email: info@discovercorps.com

#### THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.

# Our Mission



The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

### **OUR DESTINATIONS**

ALASKA

**AUSTRALIA** 

BELIZE

**BHUTAN** 

**COSTA RICA** 

CUBA

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**EGYPT** 

GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

**JAPAN** 

**KENYA** 

**MEXICO** 

**PERU** 

SOUTH AFRICA

**TANZANIA** 

THAILAND

**UGANDA** 



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