## Join SANGHA TOURS & SUSAN DREW on her summer Deluxe-Luxury Group Tour to explore amazing **TANZANIA & KENYA**

## for the Great 2014 Wildebeest Migration & maybe go into UGANDA too for the gorillas!

Elephant Gerenuk Kudu Hartebeest Topi Waterbuck Leopard Lion Cheetah Buffalo African Dog Serval Giraffe Hippo Monkey Wart Hog Ostrich Maribou Stork Oribi Gorilla



Gazelle Bushbuck Eland Impala Oryx Reedbuck Wildebeest Crane Flamingo Civet Hyena Hornbill Jackal Mongoose Rhino Baboon Zebra Dik-Dik Chimp Crocodile

Having the chance to see Africa's Great Wildebeest Migration up close and personal is a once in a lifetime experience! Considered to be one of today's "Seven Wonders of the World" - just being in the midst of the 1,000,000 wildebeest as they make their annual crossing from the Serengeti into the Maasai Mara is thrilling beyond words. If being a part of the Great Migration calls to you - join me as we make a circle from south to north, following the wildebeest as they go in search of new grasses to eat, along with their friends the zebras & surrounded by so many other amazing African animals. There's nothing like being on an African Safari...powerful vistas, stark acacia trees, huge skies, great sunsets, colorful Maasai, plentiful birdlife, animals everywhere & kind African people. Below the Equator - summer weather is great. There's no experience like it, especially for Migration.

### MAIN TOUR - TANZANIA: 9 days (including Zanzibar, 6 days without) Zanzibar Pre-Tour: July 25-28, Double \$980 pp (Single+\$450), Deposit \$200

Day 1: 7/25 - Jambo (hello) For those joining me as I explore Zanzibar, Tanzania's Spice Island, for the first

time, our flights will arrive in Dar-es Salaam, Tanzania's capital. Upon arrival, we'll be met & transferred to our hotel for the night. (Dar es Salaam Serena Hotel: B)

Day 2: 7/26 - After breakfast we'll take a guick flight to Zanzibar & be transferred to our Indian Ocean hotel (or fly from Arusha & meet us). After lunch we'll take a tour of surrounding Stone Town, "Where Africa Meets the Orient". Here we'll walk through colorful streets and markets - taking in historic mansions and palaces along the way. Then it's back to our seaside hotel for sunset, dinner & some R& R. (Zanzibar Serena Inn: B)



<u>Day 3: 7/27</u> – Today is a free day in Zanzibar to explore many options. Some people may want to take a half day Spice Tour, to visit a farm where herbs & spices, fruits & vegetable are grown. Smelling and tasting is the norm & sometimes lunch is included. Other things to see on the island are the Maruhudi Ruins & Kidichi Persian Baths. You might also like to take a boat ride to Changuu Island for snorkeling, swimming & some interacting with giant tortoises. Dolphin tours are also offered. Or maybe head up the coast to some of Zanzibar's beaches like Nungwi. You can visit Zanzibar's primeval Nqezi Forest to see birds, owls, monkeys and perhaps a flying fox or visit Jozani Forest's mangroves, watching for endangered red colobus monkeys. A sail on a traditional dhow (sailboat) at sunset is a perfect way to end any day in Zanzibar before drinks & dinner. (Zanzibar Serena Inn: B)

#### Tanzania Safari Tour: July 28-Aug 2, Double: \$2490 pp (Single+790), Deposit: \$500

<u>Day 4: 7/28</u> — If you've begun the tour in Zanzibar, it's a free morning for other activities you'd like to do. In the afternoon we'll board our Zanzibar - Arusha flight. <u>If you decided not to start the tour in Zanzibar, your international flight should arrive into Kilimanjaro Airport today.</u> Everyone's flights will be met & then transferred to our hotel for dinner (based on time of arrival) & a good night's sleep. For those arriving early there's plenty to do at the hotel — set amid gardens, coffee fields, distant volcanic peaks & scenic Lake Duluti. (Serena Mt. Village: B)



<u>Day 5: 7/29</u> – Today begins with breakfast & a leisurely morning for optional activities around our hotel – such as walking, biking, canoeing, swimming, massage, etc. Later on we'll venture out for a half day tour of the area, including our first game drive. As we enter Arusha National Park we may get to see zebra, elephant, giraffe, klipspringer, cape buffalo and more. This is a small park, at the base of lush Mt. Meru (15,000 ft.), with birding at Lake Momela plus Ngurdoto Crater to visit. We might even get a chance to view scenic Mt. Kilimanjaro, at approx. 19,000 feet, before heading back to our hotel for sun-downers & dinner.(Serena Mt. Village: BD)

<u>Day 6: 7/30</u> – Shortly after breakfast we'll drive west from Arusha. Our first stop will be at Lake Manyara National Park for a morning game drive. As we drive through the forested entryway into the park – look for monkeys & baboons, as well as many types of birds. Keep your eyes peeled for giraffe, zebra, gazelle, impala and more as we make our way to the boggy area surrounding the lake where hippos like to soak. Then it's on to the lake with it's vast array of birds to spot. If we're very lucky, we might even see the illusive tree climbing lions in the park – so keep your eyes open. After our game drive we'll travel to our lodge overlooking Ngorongoro Crater. We'll also make a stop at one of the local Maasai villages to see how the native people live and maybe to purchase some of their crafts. Then the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure until dinner, with possibly some entertainment by the Maasai as well. Enjoy a great view of the crater from our lodge! (Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge: BLD)



<u>Day 7: 7/31</u> – After breakfast we'll drive into Ngorongoro Crater, "Africa's Eden", for a lengthy game drive and picnic lunch within the crater. The blue green crater, is home to over 30,000 animals and birds – all except for the giraffe, who can't climb the walls, & the cheetah, due to the many hyenas there who eat the cubs. At 2,000 ft. below the rim, we can see: lion, fox, rhino, zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, elephant, wart-hog & much more...plus so many birds. The Crater's landscape is remarkable and visiting it surely will be a highlight of any Tanzania safari. Next we'll leave the crater and drive to Serengeti National Park with a stop at Oldavai Gorge (George Leakey's discovery of ancient man) before we reach our camp for dinner. (Mbuzi Mawe Serena Luxury Tented Camp: BLD)

<u>Day 8: 8/1</u> – Today begins with a game drive at dawn. This is one of the best times for seeing animals – especially lion, cheetah & leopard - who might still be eating their morning meal. The Serengeti ("endless plain" in Swahili) is a very large park, with vast and impressive vistas. At this time of year the rains will just have stopped - meaning there will be thousands of wildebeest and zebra eating the last of the green grasses before joining those already starting the migration into Kenya, in search of new grasses. From now on the wildebeest will be surrounding us as they move from Tanzania into Kenya. Expect to also see animals like: topi, eland, gazelle, elephant, giraffe, ostrich and so much more on our game drives in the Serengeti. We'll pay special attention to the kopjes (rock outcroppings), since they're a favorite place for sleeping lions and cheetahs. Then after a few hours on safari, we'll head back to our camp for breakfast and a rest before lunch. Later after teatime, we'll begin another game drive to observe the animals at dusk – another great time of day to see them. Then as the sun sets over the plains, we'll return to our camp for sun-downers, dinner and a good night's sleep in our very comfortable "Out of Africa" style tents. (Mbuzi Mawe Serena Luxury Tented Camp: BLD)

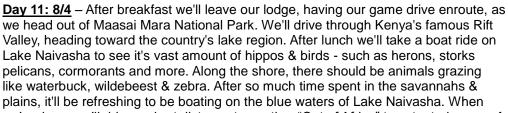
#### **KENYA ADD-ON TOUR:** 5 days

Great Migration Tour: Aug. 2-6, Double: \$1990 pp (Single+\$690), Deposit: \$400

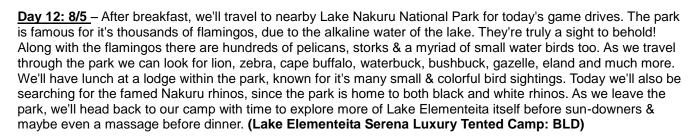
<u>Day 9: 8/2</u> – After breakfast we'll begin our drive to the Isabenia Border Crossing into Kenya. We'll be making a circle & in a sense traveling with the great wildebeest migration today. Some say there are 1,000,000 wildebeest who migrate every summer into Kenya, along with 200,000 zebras - and we'll be seeing many of them along the way. Our morning game drive will be enroute today, with opportunities to stop from time to time to see the wildlife up close. Once we leave Tanzania we'll change vehicles and safari teams and then head to our Kenya safari lodge, overlooking the plains of the Maasai Mara - near the Mara River, where the wildebeest & zebra cross. Once in the "Mara" we'll have chance to see a tremendous amount of game – especially lion, cheetah, leopard along with giraffe, elephant, hyena, cape buffalo, gazelle and so much more (Mara Serena Safari Lodge: BLD) (Note: if you need to leave early today, catch an AM Seronera Airstrip - Kilimanjaro Airport flight...& then home)

<u>Day 10: 8/3</u> – Our game drive today begins before breakfast, as we explore the amazing plains of the Maasai Mara. We'll check out the activity at the Mara River & look for wildebeest, zebra, hippo and crocodile. Of course we'll also hope to see a number of cats – males, females and cubs. If they're finishing their meal, there'll probably be a mix of hyena, jackal and vultures trying to get a bite too. After our game drive, we'll come back to the lodge for breakfast, then maybe a swim in the pool before lunch and a rest. Today we also have the option to visit a local Maasai Village before we embark on our next game drive in the afternoon.

We're sure to see many animals towards dusk, surrounded by the stark acacia trees of the Maasai Mara. As the sun sets, we'll return to the lodge for drinks, dinner and maybe some entertainment by the Maasai tonight. (Mara Serena Safari Lodge: BLD)



we're done, we'll drive a short distance to another "Out of Africa" type tented camp - for drinks, dinner and a good night's sleep in our very comfortable tents. (Lake Elementeita Serena Luxury Tented Camp: BLD)





<u>Day 13: 8/6</u> – Our drive to Nairobi today will be a short one, so we'll have time for a leisurely morning at our camp to enjoy options like swimming, massage, a walking safari, birding, etc. - or maybe an optional visit to some Rift Valley archeological sites. We'll have lunch before heading to Nairobi Airport for some people's late afternoon flights to Entebbe, Uganda (for gorilla tracking). For others, heading home aboard late night flights, there might be time for an optional stop in Nairobi before returning to the airport for evening flights home (National Museum, Karen Von Blixen's Home, Giraffe Manor, etc – all extra costs). If you want to see more of Kenya, additional arrangements can be made. Otherwise, it's time to say **Kwa Heri (Good-bye)** to Kenya & Tanzania. **(B)** 

OW Flights & Approximate Costs...Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar: \$140, Zanzibar - Kilimanjaro: \$280, Seronera - Kilimanjaro: \$280, Nairobi - Entebbe: \$170, Entebbe - Bwindi: \$280...plus \$20 booking fees

# UGANDA EXTENSION TOUR: 5 days (\$300 pp upgrade if available) Gorilla Tracking Tour: Aug. 6-10, Double: \$2290 pp (Single+\$600), Deposit: \$500

<u>Day 1: 8/6</u> – Having flown into Entebbe airport on a short flight from Nairobi, we'll clear customs and be driven to our hotel for the night, right on Lake Victoria – arriving in time for dinner and a good night's sleep. (Lake Victoria Serena Resort & Spa – B)

<u>Day 2: 8/7</u> – After breakfast we'll board a flight taking us close to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park – our destination for tracking gorillas. The park is also known for it's abundant birdlife & monkeys - with options like visiting the local village, their craft center & school. After dinner we'll prepare for our early morning tracking of some of Bwindi Park's 350 endangered mountain gorillas. (Volcanoes Bwindi Lodge: BLD)



<u>Day 3: 8/8</u> – We'll begin our excursion early today at the park gate. We'll be assigned a ranger & a family of gorillas to track. The rangers look for where the gorillas sleep at night, giving us an idea where to first go on our trek. The gorillas often stay close to that area, so knowing where they slept helps find them. If our gorilla family is near the park entrance, then finding them should be quick. If they're further away, more walking will be required – up to 8 hours RT - into the furthest areas of the park. When we find our assigned family, we'll have an hour to be with them – observing and photographing them. We may get to see a 350 pound silver-back, various mothers, teens and babies too. No one can say seeing the gorillas up close is guaranteed, but it's highly likely – since the night tracking is very helpful in finding them the next day. A separate **park fee of \$500 per person** must be paid early & ahead of time, to be assigned one of the limited permits to track a gorilla family. It's highly recommended to pay for your permit immediately. Based on the amount of time tracking the gorillas, there might be time for other activities back at our camp later on – or just some much deserved R & R. Sun-downers, dinner & a good night's sleep will certainly be welcome tonight after a day of tracking gorillas! (Volcanoes Bwindi Lodge: BLD)

<u>Day 4: 8/9</u> — We'll travel by road this morning, crossing the Equator — until we arrive at Lake Mburo National Park, part-way between Bwindi Park and Entebbe. Once we arrive at the park we'll check into our lodge, followed by a late afternoon game drive with views of the lake. We'll be looking for eland, waterbuck, hippo, roan antelope, reedbuck, bushbuck, leopard, cape buffalo, klipspringer, monkey, etc. and numerous birds. As the sun starts to set we'll head back to our lodge in time for a swim in the pool, drinks & dinner. You can even consider the option of a nighttime game drive tonight, offered by the lodge. (Mihingo Lodge: BLD)



<u>Day 5: 8/10</u> – Today is your chance to enjoy many optional activities booked through our lodge such as: game drives on horseback, safaris by van, walking safaris, boat rides on the lake, birding, tennis, massage, biking or just taking a swim & watching animals come to the lodge watering hole. Later in the afternoon we'll begin our 3 hour drive to Entebbe, for people to connect with their late evening flights home. An additional night can be set up at the Serena, if there are flights departing for home the next day or onto any other African countries. **(B)** 

<u>Deposits are due immediately to hold all reservations</u>. Prices are per person, in double occupancy. All final payments are due by May 1, 2014 to avoid a \$100 late charge per tour & risk losing your reservations. There's a \$100 non-refundable deposit for each of the 3 tours – Tanzania, Kenya & Uganda. All air is separate with a \$20 booking fee for any African domestic flights & any international flights needed. Please call for current prices. Since the tour makes nearly a complete circle an "open jaw" ticket is recommended (flying into one city & out of another), otherwise a connecting flight back to your point

of entry can be arranged. KLM is best if flying into Kilimanjaro Airport. For the tours to operate at the printed prices: 6 people are needed for Zanzibar, 10 people for both the Tanzania & Kenya safari tours, 6 people for Uganda. If fewer people sign up, there could be a cost increase of up to \$200 pp. <u>Call ASAP since it's peak season!</u>

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