

# TANZANIA

*Wildlife & Culture  
Safari*



March 5-16, 2014

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*See abundant wildlife.  
Stay comfortably.  
Tread lightly.*

Escape the hustle and bustle and unplug from modern-day distractions. Lose yourself in Tanzania's boundless beauty and serenity with fellow members on this exclusive safari.





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*Dear Members and Friends of the Commonwealth Club,*

I am pleased to present an extraordinary journey to East Africa where “off the beaten path” meets a wealth of culture, wildlife, and diverse peoples, eager to share their land and history with you. Our exclusive, 10-day safari was thoughtfully crafted to explore the best of Tanzania while treading lightly through spectacular but delicate ecosystems.

Specially arranged meetings with local representatives will provide the cultural and intellectual insights that you have come to expect from Commonwealth Club Travel. You will leave Tanzania with a better understanding of the challenges and accomplishments of life in a developing nation. And of course you’ll experience spectacular wildlife-viewing making memories that will last a lifetime.

In order to enhance wildlife viewing and cultural interaction for our guests, space is limited to a maximum of 16 guests. Contact us to reserve your spot on this unforgettable journey.

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth



*Why*  
**TANZANIA?**



Tanzania is, quite simply, the ultimate safari destination. Having set aside one-third of its land for the purpose of conservation, it is no wonder the country boasts the highest concentrations of wildlife in the world.

Explore Tanzania from Tarangire National Park where majestic baobab trees tower overhead to the famous Ngorongoro Crater where 30,000 animals live within 102 square miles to Oldupai Gorge, the site of significant discoveries of human origins. The highlight of any safari is the 6,000-square mile Serengeti, Tanzania’s oldest national park. Spend full days immersed in spectacular, untamed wilderness where lion, cheetah, warthog, and millions of hoofed animals roam and every day, nature’s spectacle is played out in dramatic style.

Tanzania is also one of the most peaceful and stable countries on the African continent, managing to stay free of the political upheaval that has plagued so many other African countries. With a rich cultural tapestry comprising more than 120 distinct ethnic groups, Tanzania learned long ago that there is greater strength in tolerance and unity than in divisiveness. Collectively, these features are the heart and soul of this extraordinary corner of the world.

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# Our Exclusive ITINERARY



## March 5-6: En route from U.S./ Arrive Arusha

Jambo! Upon arrival our guide will escort us to our lodge.

## March 7-8: Tarangire National Park

Observe some of the largest herds of elephant in Tanzania, as well as hundreds of different bird species.

## March 9-10: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Meet the students and teachers at a rural primary school. Engage with a local historian, an accomplished artisan, and visit a remarkable health clinic.

## March 11: Ngorongoro Crater

Explore the world's largest intact volcanic caldera, home to over 30,000 animals. Learn about traditional village life during a Maasai boma visit.

## March 12-14: Oldupai Gorge/Serengeti National Park

Visit one of the most important archeological sites in the world. Spend three days exploring the Serengeti's abundant wildlife during the lush green season. Watch as wildebeest young, born just weeks before your arrival, test their legs in preparation for their epic migration. At night, marvel at spectacular star-filled skies.

## March 15-16: Serengeti National Park/Depart/Arrive Home

Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the vast Serengeti plains during a brief, scenic flight back to Arusha. Enjoy a farewell lunch at a sustainable business, started by a pioneering local woman. Fly tonight, and arrive home tomorrow.

*\*An expanded brochure containing additional information and terms and conditions can be found here: [www.commonwealthclub.org/travel](http://www.commonwealthclub.org/travel)*

### ❖ Extend your adventure! ❖

The experts at Thomson Safaris are happy to arrange customized extensions.

## What's Included

- ❖ Tanzanian-born, English-speaking, professional guides with a minimum of 10 years' experience
- ❖ Accommodations in deluxe, walk-in tents (with en suite baths)
- ❖ All meals: 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners and unlimited snacks and bottled water in vehicles
- ❖ Airport transfers for guests who arrive/ depart on scheduled trip dates
- ❖ Daily safari briefings to help you prepare for each activity
- ❖ Related fees for all scheduled sight-seeing, park, and cultural excursions
- ❖ Guaranteed window seat in a custom-made, 4-wheel drive Land Rover
- ❖ Scenic internal flight from the Serengeti
- ❖ Complete pre-departure information and access to a personal safari consultant



## Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride

At sunrise, you have the option to take a hot air balloon over the breathtaking Serengeti savannah. After landing, enjoy champagne and a full English breakfast in the bush before rejoining the group on a wildlife viewing drive.



*Space is limited and advance reservations are required. \*Height and weight restrictions apply.*



**Rivertrees Country Inn**

Nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru, the Inn blends simple elegance and modern convenience.

**Thomson Nyumbas**

Nyumba means “home” in Swahili, and these comfortable, eco-friendly accommodations will feel like one. Each spacious tent offers cozy bedding, solar lighting and an en suite bathroom with flush toilet.

Our itinerary includes stays at:

*Tarangire Nyumba* – exclusive camp set inside the park

*Ngorongoro Nyumba* – perched on the eastern edge of the Crater’s rim

*Serengeti Nyumba* – strategically situated according to wildlife migration

**Gibb’s Farm**

Fresh food, fresh air, and fresh perspectives abound. This award-winning eco-lodge’s cottages, set amidst the working farm’s lush gardens, are the ultimate in sustainable luxury.

**Mount Meru Hotel**

Recently renovated from top to bottom with reliable modern conveniences, Mt. Meru Hotel is an ideal place to end your safari.



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**\$6,250 per person**

*Price is based on double occupancy and does not include international flights*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s).

Enclosed is my deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$700 per person).

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I/we would like more information on booking flights through Thomson Safaris  
Preferred departure airport \_\_\_\_\_

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or call (415) 597-6720 or email [travel@commonwealthclub.org](mailto:travel@commonwealthclub.org). You may also fax your reservation to (415) 597-6729.



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## Why Tanzania?

Visiting Tanzania will feel like stepping into your wildest dream. You'll stalk with lions, roam with elephants, strut with flamingos, feel dwarfed by a 2,000-foot-deep crater, stand beneath giant baobab trees, and sleep under the stars. You'll discover unbridled beauty at World Heritage Sites, practice tracking skills in remote wild lands, and experience peacefulness and connection to the Earth like never before.

You'll feel safe and comfortable every step of your journey. Known as "the Switzerland of Africa," Tanzania is a peaceful country. The people of Tanzania are some of the most warmhearted individuals on Earth, and they graciously welcome visitors into their homes and delight in sharing their culture with guests.

Experience amazing wildlife viewing year-round at Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, and the iconic Serengeti National Park, all of which are teeming with the animals you've dreamed of seeing on safari. Hone your wildlife spotting skills with the help of an expert guide, and make unforgettable memories on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

## What to Expect

Your itinerary is specially designed to maximize your cultural and wildlife-viewing experience as well as your comfort. There is virtually no bad time to visit Tanzania. Rains in November and April motivate the perpetual movement of animals in search of water (also known as The Great Migration). The climate is typically dry, sunny, and warm. In northern Tanzania, expect temperatures with daytime highs in the 80's and lows in the 50's in the evenings and early mornings. Temperatures will be cooler at higher elevations, such as the rim of Ngorongoro Crater (7,500 feet). The timing of this trip will occur during the green season when over a million wildebeest and zebra young will have been born just weeks before your arrival!

## Activity Level

This tour involves exposure to the outdoors, full days of touring, and some walking, often along uneven terrain. This is not an overly active safari, but you should be in good physical condition in order to enjoy it to the fullest. Early mornings offer the best opportunities for wildlife viewing and drives may last up to five hours. Roads can be bumpy, dusty, and occasionally muddy. Since your comfort is a priority, these drives are minimized with wildlife viewing and/or cultural stops along the way. Keep Fit Kits are available at every camp for anyone interested in additional exercise.

## Sustainable Travel

Recently named one of Travel + Leisure's 2013 World's Best in the category of Top Safari Outfitters, Thomson Safaris was selected as the tour operator for this trip because of their extensive expertise in northern Tanzania and award-winning reputation in the adventure travel business. Working exclusively in Tanzania for over 33 years, they are leaders in ethical, sustainable, and responsible tourism. Below are some of the many ways Thomson Safaris continues to give back.

- Thomson hires locally and provides excellent benefits, job security, and training.
- Thomson cares about the environment: mobile camps utilize solar lighting and water-conserving technologies, the U.S. headquarters has 110 solar panels, providing 1/3 of its power, and the Tanzania office maintains an organic garden.
- To minimize our impact on Tanzanian landscapes and wildlife, Thomson Safaris practices Leave No Trace ethics at all its camps and on its Mt. Kilimanjaro treks.
- Owners Rick Thomson and Judi Wineland have helped to set up sustainable local businesses, support local schools and women's empowerment initiatives, and fund a 12,000-acre conservation project east of the Serengeti through their many partner philanthropy organizations.
- Thomson Safaris also works with the organization Green Living Project in an effort to educate individuals and communities on diverse sustainable practices around the world.
- In 1996, a group of Thomson guests were touched by Tanzania's limited educational resources and, along with Thomson owner, Judi Wineland, founded the nonprofit organization Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FoTZC). The heart of its mission is to partner with Tanzanian communities on sustainable development projects. In addition to funding, building, and donating much-needed supplies to local schools, FoTZC provides funding for healthcare, clean water and women's empowerment initiatives.

## Experienced Guides

Thomson Safaris was one of the first safari operators in Tanzania to insist on local, Tanzanian guides. All Thomson guides have a minimum of 10 years' experience in the field. More than just leaders, spotters, and wildlife experts, they are true ambassadors for Tanzania. In addition to superior wildlife spotting skills, your team of guides offers local insight that can't be found in guidebooks. They can't wait to share their country's treasures with you!



## Transportation while on safari

You've gone halfway around the world to be on safari; you don't want to waste a single minute stuck in the mud or unable to cross the river. For that reason, Thomson Safaris uses specially customized Land Rover Defenders. These reliable, rugged vehicles are tough enough for river crossings, wild terrain, dirt roads, and anything that comes your way!

Benefits of the Thomson Safaris' Customized Land Rover:

- While the vehicle is built to accommodate 8 passengers, a limit of 5 guests per vehicle means room to move and guaranteed window seats for everyone
- Better views because the seats have been lowered
- Protection from the sun due to the pop-up roof
- The ability to stand up and get 360° views when the roof is "popped up"
- Easy battery recharging via multiple US-style outlets in each vehicle
- Worry-free river crossings with a custom snorkel that keeps the engine going
- Complimentary snacks and bottled water, throughout the safari
- No mileage restrictions – you'll go wherever the wildlife is

## Accommodations

Accommodations have been chosen for their unique African feel, stunning settings, and ideal proximity to attractions. All lodges are comfortable and have electricity and private bathrooms. Your camps, which were designed exclusively by Thomson, are called Nyumbas (Swahili for "home"). They are eco-friendly mobile camps set on private sites which allow direct access to wildlife. The large walk-in tents come with real beds dressed in deluxe linens. En suite bathrooms include water basins, showers, and self-contained, pump-flush toilets. Due to ecological and conservation issues, none of the camps have fixed plumbing, and they utilize the abundant sunshine to provide solar-powered LED lighting. The camp chef prepares fresh gourmet meals from local ingredients, and restricted diets are easily accommodated with advance notice.

Accommodations for your trip include:

### Rivertrees Country Inn, 1 night

Nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru, in view of Mount Kilimanjaro, this peaceful country estate combines simple elegance and modern convenience. Wake up in your farmhouse-style room to the sound of the rushing Usa River, and enjoy a hearty breakfast in an open-air, thatched-roof dining area.

### Thomson Tarangire Nyumba, 2 nights

Set inside the park in a scenic, private location close to the Tarangire River, this camp offers easy access to both seasonal and resident wildlife. Beneath towering baobab trees, you will experience exceptional service from the friendly staff, eat gourmet meals prepared with fresh, local ingredients and enjoy the privilege of sharing the landscape with the wildlife.

### Gibb's Farm, 1 night

At the end of a full day of exploration, relax in your eco-friendly cottage, set amidst the farm's lush gardens. Gibb's Farm offers a variety of activities, adventures and opportunities to rejuvenate, from guided walks around the extensive grounds of this working coffee estate, to bike tours through the hills of the Ngorongoro highlands, to Maa-sai-inspired spa treatments. Whether you wish to relax and recharge, explore the diverse natural surroundings or learn more about the local culture and traditions, you have a variety of experiences to choose from.

### Thomson Ngorongoro Nyumba, 2 nights

The Ngorongoro camp is set on the eastern edge of the Ngorongoro Crater's rim, and offers the best possible access in and out of the crater, as well as a more private, remote experience. In the morning, you'll have the eastern floor of the crater almost completely to yourself. Settle in to your spacious tent, enjoy a hot safari-shower in your en-suite facilities, head to the campfire for a drink before dinner, and enjoy a traditional Tanzanian meal, a specialty of the camp chefs here. Don't forget to bundle up at this camp, as nights can be chilly.

### Thomson Serengeti Nyumba, 3 nights

These semi-permanent, seasonal camps are strategically plotted across the Serengeti according to wildlife migration patterns. Each location offers comfort in the heart of the wilderness. With spacious tents, cozy bedding, and en suite bathrooms, you'll have to look outside to remember that you're deep in the bush. Best of all, with eco-friendly features like solar lighting, you're not harming the landscape.

### Mount Meru Hotel, Day Use at the end of your safari

The Mount Meru Hotel has been a mainstay of Arusha accommodations since it opened in the 1960's, when Tanzania tourism was still in its infancy. It was recently renovated top to bottom with reliable modern conveniences, a variety of dining options, a beautiful pool, and a central location; it is one of the best places to end your safari.



## Complete Itinerary

### 3/5/14 Depart From North America

#### 3/6/14 Arrival into Arusha

Thomson Safaris staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your comfortable lodge.

*Accommodations: Mount Meru Hotel*

#### 3/7/14 Arusha to Tarangire National Park

As you leave Arusha, stop at Pete and Charlotte O’Neal’s community and arts center and hear their extraordinary history. Next you’ll head to Tarangire National Park, where diverse wildlife viewing in an unspoiled setting awaits. Once outside the city, you cross the Maasai Steppe to the wide open acacia-covered plains. In a little under two hours, you’ll pass by a series of predominately Maasai settlements and districts. Often overlooked, Tarangire is a hidden gem, with massive herds of elephants, distinctive riverine landscapes, and swampy floodplains.

*Accommodations: Tarangire Nyumba (BLD)*

#### 3/8/14 Tarangire National Park

Tarangire is home to hundreds of bird species and distinctive flora you won’t see anywhere else, but its best known for massive elephant herds, which often number over 100 animals! The sheer size of these creatures—a male’s average weight can exceed 13,000 pounds—astounds safari-goers, who often get closer to elephants than they could have ever imagined. Both males and females have tusks, and their trunks are natural wonders in themselves, powerful enough to yank bulky branches from trees, yet nimble enough to pick up a single blade of grass from the ground. They also serve as trumpets, siphons, and water cannons. Elephants can live for over 80 years, and they have amazingly dynamic social structures and behaviors. They transport the bones of their relatives to a designated location and spend time at the site, even returning there periodically for years.

*Accommodations: Tarangire Nyumba (BLD)*

#### 3/9/14 Tarangire National Park to Ngorongoro Highlands

As you make your way into the Ngorongoro Highlands via the impressive Great Rift Valley escarpment, you will visit Ganako Secondary

School which is becoming a model school with a focus on the sciences. Afterwards, you’ll continue on to Gibb’s farm, an award-winning eco-lodge nestled in the Ngorongoro Highlands. An 80-year-old working coffee estate, Gibb’s is a luxurious, eco-friendly sanctuary with something for everyone. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the estate’s extensive, lush grounds, a bike tour of the surrounding highlands, or indulgent, Maasai-inspired spa treatments.

*Accommodations: Gibb’s Farm (BLD)*

#### 3/10/14 Ngorongoro Highlands to Ngorongoro Conservation Area

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is a wildlife and cultural preserve that covers 3,200 square miles, including the 102-square-mile Ngorongoro Crater. After a hearty breakfast at Gibb’s Farm, visit Dr. Frank’s Hospital. Dr. Frank Artress was an American cardiac anesthesiologist who found his purpose after a near fatal climb on Kilimanjaro. In 2002, with his wife Susan Gustafson, he founded The Foundation for African Medicine & Education (FAME) which provides not only medical care but training for medical professionals. In the afternoon, you’ll have the opportunity to meet with local historian and respected member of the Iraqw people, Daniel Tewa, as well as his wife, Elizabeth, a skilled artisan. Daniel will share his truly encyclopedic knowledge of Tanzanian cultures and history, and Elizabeth will show you the stunning beaded “wedding skirts” she makes, explaining their intricate iconography. You’ll also have a chance to visit the Tewas’ traditional mound-like Iraqw home, which Daniel built in order to preserve his cultural heritage.

*Accommodations: Ngorongoro Nyumba (BLD)*

#### 3/11/14 Ngorongoro Conservation Area & Maasai Boma Visit

Spend the morning in Ngorongoro Crater, a habitat rich in culture and teeming with wildlife. More than 30,000 animals—including black rhino, cheetah, lion, hyena, eland, and numerous antelope—call the crater home. On the floor of the crater (where you’ll enjoy a picnic lunch) the alkaline Lake Magadi serves as an important water source, attracting flamingo flocks during the dry season. You might also spot baboons, vervet monkeys, and even elephants in its thicket. Thorny bush, grasslands, hippo pools and a second small lake are also found on the floor. Ngorongoro truly is “Africa’s Eden.” In the afternoon you’ll visit a boma, a Maasai settlement of traditional circular mud-and-dung homes. You’ll learn more about



the fascinating culture of the Maasai, some of whom still lead a semi-nomadic lifestyle.

*Accommodations: Ngorongoro Nyumba (BLD)*

### **3/12/14 Ngorongoro Conservation Area to Serengeti National Park**

Today you'll head to the great Serengeti plains for a different wildlife viewing experience. You will make a brief stop at one of the world's greatest prehistoric archeological sites, Oldupai Gorge, before continuing over the scrublands. The wooded knolls around Naabi Hill Gate mark the Serengeti's official entrance, which quickly give way to the park's signature wide-open plains. The word "Serengeti," derives from the Maasai "Siringet," translated as "the land that flows on forever." The moment you set foot on this grassland sea, you'll understand how perfectly they've captured the Serengeti's spirit.

*Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)*

### **3/13/14 Serengeti National Park**

The Serengeti, Tanzania's second-largest national park, covers nearly 6,000 square miles of grassland plains, savannah, kopjes (rocky outcroppings), hills, woodlands, and riverine forests. Multiple river systems in the region serve as critical water sources, making them excellent sites for wildlife viewing. Look for lion sunning themselves on the islands of rock rising above the waving grasses. Watch a leopard speed after an unfortunate buffalo or gazelle. Marvel at the graceful giraffes, plucking leaves from the tops of the acacia trees. Hyena, zebra, topi, hartebeest, ostrich, and jackal: the full diversity of wildlife and habitats in the Serengeti is nearly endless.

*Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)*

### **3/14/14 Serengeti National Park**

Most of us know about the "Great Migration" from nature programs that capture some of the most thrilling moments on film. Often misunderstood, the migration is a continuous process in which nearly two million wildebeest and zebra quietly roam the plains, following precious food and water. The migration's most spectacular moments occur when large numbers of wildebeest and zebra make river crossings, during which they must elude predators in a desperate fight for survival. There is no telling exactly when these highly dramatic movements will occur, but all safari-goers will witness these animals' ongoing cycle while in Tanzania.

*Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)*

### **3/15/14 Serengeti National Park to Arusha**

Enjoy a spectacular, bird's-eye view of the Serengeti on your short flight to Arusha. Upon arrival, you will make a brief stop at the Cultural Heritage Center, which offers an abundance of wooden carvings, artifacts, apparel, and crafts. While the center caters mostly to tourists, they also have a separate wing that displays some of the finest African art in Tanzania. During a special farewell lunch at River House, you will have time to say goodbye to your safari companions and visit the heartwarming Shanga workshop. This socially conscious business creates new jobs and a sense of purpose for disabled locals who have few, if any, employment opportunities elsewhere. As the employees learn new skills, they are able to become active members of the community and make contributions to their families' well-being. Transfer to a day room so you can freshen up and enjoy a light snack before your evening flight home.

*Accommodations: Day Room at Mount Meru Hotel (BL Snack)*

### **3/16/14 Return to North America**

*Please note: Thomson Safaris (TS) will attempt to adhere to this itinerary as much as possible. Any unforeseeable changes in fees, such as fuel surcharges, increased park fees or other fees that are out of TS control will be the responsibility of the guest. Some conditions (political, climatic, environmental, cultural, or wildlife migrations) may also necessitate changes in the itinerary. TS reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participant.*



## Hot Air Balloon Optional Safari

Take in sweeping views of the African plains from a hot air balloon during your stay in the Serengeti. Launch at sunrise and, depending on wind conditions, float over the Seronera River Valley for 30 minutes to an hour. Upon descending, celebrate with a champagne toast, and enjoy a full English breakfast right on the savannah. You may see wildlife, but the most incredible part of the experience is the unforgettable bird's eye perspective as you skim over the tops of acacia trees and observe the pristine landscape from above.

*\$490 per person*

*Advance reservations required; height and weight restrictions may apply*

## Pre- and Post-Safari Extensions

No extensions are offered in conjunction with this trip. However, the experts at Thomson Safaris can arrange a variety of customized extensions upon request.

## Included on Your Safari

- Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- All National Park fees
- Meals as noted in itinerary, inclusive of restaurant staff tips
- Beer, wine, spirits and soda at welcome and farewell dinners
- Complete preparation materials including helpful tips, packing list, trip expectations, tipping guidelines, etc.
- Access to a personal safari consultant by phone or email
- Full-color, 120-page Safari Journal
- Safari briefings throughout the trip
- Services of Thomson Safaris guides, drivers, Nyumba staff including chef and wait staff
- Land transportation in customized, 4-wheel drive Land Rover Defender with unlimited mileage
- Guaranteed window seating in Thomson vehicles
- Village, school, and cultural visits as noted in itinerary
- Scenic internal flight(s) as noted in itinerary
- Complimentary bottled drinking water and snacks throughout your safari
- Keep Fit Kit at each Nyumba camp
- Airport transfers for Delta/KLM flights on scheduled arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- A Commonwealth Club tour representative with a minimum number of travelers

## Not Included

- International round-trip flight to Tanzania
- Airline-imposed fuel surcharges, upgraded seat assignment and excess checked baggage fees
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and camp staff (approximately \$200-\$300US per traveler)
- Meals and expenses en route to Tanzania
- Fees for passport, visa, or immunizations
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Beer, wine, spirits, and soft drinks, laundry, phone, internet, and items of a personal nature
- Optional balloon safari

## How to Book

To reserve a space, call Commonwealth Club Travel at (415) 597-6720 or email [travel@commonwealthclub.org](mailto:travel@commonwealthclub.org). You may also fax your reservation to (415) 597-6729. A non-refundable deposit of \$700 per person payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check, payable to Thomson Safaris, secures your space on safari. We cannot confirm reservations without a deposit. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and is payable by check, wire transfer or bank check. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

## Airfare

International airfare is not included. Thomson Safaris is happy to make flight arrangements for you on Delta/KLM Airlines, or provide advice for you to coordinate your own. For best routing, fly into and out of Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) via Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam (AMS).

## Insurance

It is highly recommended that you consider purchasing trip insurance which offers comprehensive coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation, illness or accident as well as damage or loss of luggage. Information will be promptly sent to you following registration and payment of deposit.

## Shares

Single accommodations are limited and subject to availability. Should you wish to share a room, we will attempt to find a roommate for you at your request. If we are unable to provide a roommate by the final invoice date, the single supplement fee will be assessed.

## Cancellation and Refunds

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing to Commonwealth Club and Thomson Safaris (either by mail or e-mail). At the time we receive your cancellation, the following per person cancellation penalties apply:

Up to 91 days before departure:	Deposit
90-61 days before departure:	50% of the package price
60-46 days before departure:	65% of the package price
45 days or less before departure:	100% of the package price

## Terms and Conditions

A detailed liability statement, concerning, among other things, limitations of Wineland-Thomson Adventures, Inc.'s liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death, will be provided to passengers upon enrollment, along with an information form to sign and return to Thomson Safaris shortly after enrolling on the trip. Each of these forms is also available to prospective travelers upon request.