



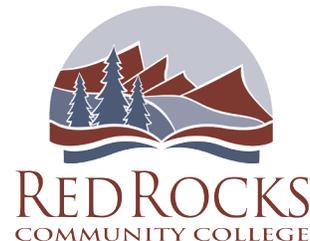
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TANZANIA

BIO 228: FIELD BIOLOGY OF TANZANIA (4 CREDITS)

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Famous for its large wildlife — particularly the “Big Five” game of lion, leopard, African elephant, rhino, and Cape buffalo — Tanzania is also rich in other species, including a large diversity of birds and the annual movement of wildebeest and other grazing herbivores across the Serengeti Plains, one of the greatest spectacles in the world.

On this 12-day expedition, you’ll experience many of the treasures that Tanzania has to offer. Interact with people of various Tanzanian cultural background during visits to local villages. Explore great wildlife destinations and world-famous national parks and reserves such as Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara, and the famous Serengeti National Park.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about the ecology and behavior of many East African mammals and then study them in their natural habitats.
- Visit Tarangire National Park, famous for its population of elephants.
- Tour Ngorongoro Crater, home to a variety of wildlife including zebras, lions, wildebeest and the densest population of predators in Africa.
- Game drives in the Serengeti, site of the largest migration of wildebeest in the world.
- Travel to Lake Manyara National Park to find its unusual tree-climbing lions.
- Potential to observe the “Big Five”: lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo and rhinos.

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

MAY 13 - EN ROUTE

Fly to Washington-Dulles Airport. *Overnight at Hampton Inn & Suites Washington Dulles International.*

MAY 14 - EN ROUTE

Depart the US for Tanzania.

MAY 15 - ARUSHA

Upon arrival in Kilimanjaro you will be taken to your lodge in Arusha. You will be given a pre safari briefing by your guide. *Overnight at Ahadi Lodge. (D)*

MAY 16 - TARANGIRE

After breakfast you will depart to Tarangire National Park. En route you will visit a market and experience the local lifestyle and purchase some goods preparing for our visit to the Masai village. You will arrive to Tarangire in time for lunch at the lodge. This afternoon enjoy a game drive and exploration in Tarangire. Here you will find herds of up to 300 elephants, migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest, and elands. Thirsty animals wander hundreds of parched kilometers knowing that they will find water here. It's an amazing concentration of wildlife and a smorgasbord for predators. Tarangire's pythons climb trees, as do its lions and leopards. Lion packs stalk through the park, their golden fur blending in against the dried out grasses. Leopards and their cubs stealthily prowl at night. It's also the one place in Tanzania where dry country antelope such as the fringe eared oryx and long necked gerenuk are regularly observed. After a full day of adventure, you will head to your lodge where you can relax. *Overnight at Tarangire Osupuko Lodge. (BLD)*

MAY 17 - LAKE MANYARA

This morning you will depart for Lake Manyara with stops along the way. Your first stop will be at the Esilalei Maasai village. While there you will get to experience Maasai lands and lifestyle including a visit to the local school that is responsible for bringing education to the village. Next you will stop in the community of Mto wa Mbu to enjoy a traditional meal with members of the community. You will learn how to make chapattis (flat bread) that will be a part of your meal. After lunch you will take a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park famed for its unusual tree-climbing lions. It also has a large elephant population, rich bird life in the forests and thousands of flamingos on the soda lake. Later in the day you will arrive at Lake Manyara Wildlife Lodge which offers beautiful views of the lake. *Overnight at Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp. (BLD)*

MAY 18 - SERENGETI

After leaving the lodge early this morning you will visit an Iraqw village where you will learn about their farming and brick-making techniques. You will also visit the school to experience what a typical school day in the village is like as you interact with teachers and students and sit in on classes. Next you'll depart for Serengeti National Park, taking boxed lunches. Upon arrival to Nabi gate, you will continue to the campsite in the central Serengeti area of Seronera with game watching along the way. Arrival to camp will be late in the afternoon. Upon settling in, enjoy dinner. *Overnight at Angata Camp. (BLD)*

MAY 19 - SERENGETI

Today will be spent exploring the grass plains of the Seronera area of Serengeti. The park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the location of the famous annual migration of over a million wildebeest. Other wild game includes zebra, gazelle, buffalo, elephant, and giraffe along with predators like lion, cheetah and leopard. The Seronera River provides an important water source and therefore attracts a lot of wildlife. In the evening you will gather for a talk about the Great Migration and the species that participate. *Overnight at Angata Camp. (BLD)*

MAY 20 - SERENGETI

This morning you will continue exploring the Serengeti working your way to the southwest area of the park to the Ndutu Conservation Area. Ndutu is not part of Serengeti National Park so you can go off-track for game drives. As you explore the park you will have the opportunity to see the Big Five: African lion, African elephant, Cape buffalo, African leopard, and rhinoceros. At the end of the day you will arrive at Lake Masek Tented Lodge. The lodge is located on the shores of Lake Masek and provides great opportunities to view hippos and other wildlife that come for water. *Overnight at Lake Masek Tented Lodge. (BLD)*

MAY 21 - SERENGETI

Today you will continue games drives in the Ndutu area which includes a variety of habitats such as swamps, woodlands, soda lakes and grass plains. During may you should be able to witness some of the wildebeest migration as they move into the plains in search of fresh grass. In the evening you will have a talk about the cultural rites of passage in Tanzania. *Overnight at Lake Masek Tented Lodge. (BLD)*

MAY 22 - NGORONGORO CRATER

Before breakfast, you will enjoy a last game drive in Serengeti, returning to the camp for breakfast. Afterwards, you will transfer to Ngorongoro arriving in time for lunch at your lodge located on the crater rim. This afternoon descend down the crater rim, watch as the flora opens to grassy plains throughout the crater floor and enjoy the spectacular scenery and game viewing in what has been described as the eighth wonder of the world. The Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact caldera, forming a spectacular bowl of about 265 sq. km with sides up to 600 m deep. Eight million years ago, the Ngorongoro Crater was an active volcano but its cone collapsed, forming the crater that is 610 meters deep, 20 kilometers in diameter, and covers an area of 311 sq. km. Spectacular as it is, the crater accounts for just a tenth of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The crater is home to many species of wild game and birds. With the exception of impala and topi (due to fierce competition with the wildebeest) and the giraffe (because there is not much to eat at tree level), almost every species of African plains mammal lives in the crater, including the endangered black rhino, and the densest population of predators in Africa. *Overnight at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge. (BLD)*

MAY 23 - ARUSHA

After an early breakfast, you will enjoy a guided walk at the rim of the crater. Afterwards, you will continue with the transfer to Arusha to freshen up and enjoy an early dinner before transferring to the airport. *Day room at Ahadi Lodge. (BLD)*

MAY 24 - ARRIVAL IN USA

Welcome home!

PROGRAM PRICING

\$5,820 (based on 12 participants)

\$5,615 (based on 15 participants)

Cost includes airfare, accommodations, private vehicle transportation, full-time guides, activities and meals as stated, visa fee for US passport holders, gratuities, and comprehensive travel insurance including medical protection.

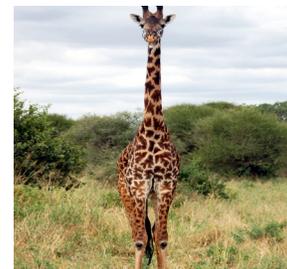


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Cost is based on triple occupancy. Double rooms are available for an additional \$220.00 per person. A \$500 per person non-refundable deposit and enrollment form are required to hold your space and are due no later than January 12, 2018.

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