



Karibu Hatari Lodge welcomes you!

Description

Hatari Lodge is situated at the northern edge of Arusha National Park. The Lodge, a unique luxury boutique hotel, consists of three buildings beautifully situated in acacia woodland allowing breathtaking views onto the Momella meadow, rich with wildlife as well as the view of the majestic Kilimanjaro.

Hatari Lodge offers nine comfortably furnished rooms, each with an open fire place and a spacious bathroom. Every room has been lovingly furnished and decorated with local design, materials and heritage.

Activities

Upon arrival at the Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be welcomed by one of our Hatari drivers. En route to the lodge you will pass the Arusha National Park, where you possibly see monkeys and other animals. After a delicious breakfast or lunch you will enjoy leisure time, surrounded by pure wilderness.

Accommodation at Hatari Lodge with full board (excluding drinks from John Wayne Bar).





Momella Lakes Day Half Day Activity

Description

The area around the Momella lakes, which is located at an altitude of 1400 m, extends over the north-eastern part of the Arusha National Park and is surrounded by green hills.

Here you will find six lakes, surrounded by bush savanna and acacias. Several hollows were formed by the last eruption of Mount Meru, which have a porous ground allowing enough water to the surface to form the lakes. The biggest and also most interesting ones are the Big and the Small Momella Lakes, together they cover an area of 4 km². Flamingos especially prefer the Small Momella Lake because of the high amount of alkali.

Activity

Today we will be visiting the Momella Lakes in the Arusha National Park – seven volcanic lakes embedded in breathtaking scenery. Flamingos are spread their wings and soar gracefully into the open sky above hippos and giraffes. Bushbuck, Dikdik and warthogs may shyly glimpse from behind tall grass, carefully checking out the vast savannah.

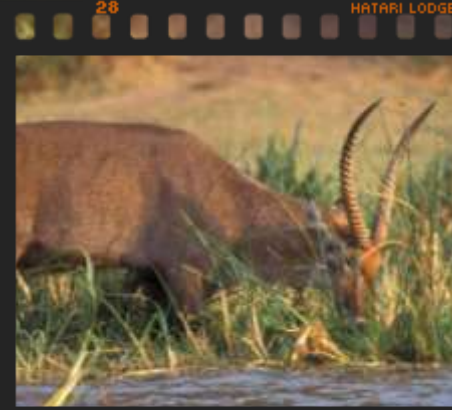
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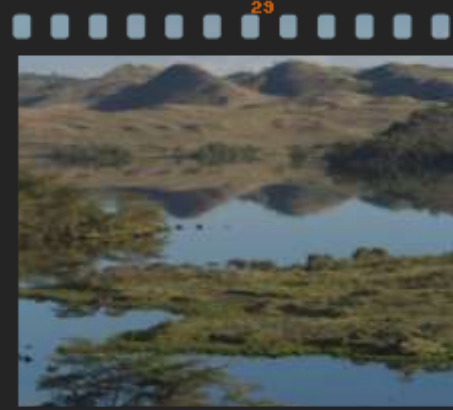
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Momella Lakes & Canoeing Half Day Activity

“Why is the lake so pink?”

“Because there are thousands and thousands of flamingos spread across the lake, and that sound, that resembles a river flowing, that is their voices!”

Whether alkali or sweet water lake, river or ocean. Imagine yourself on a boat, smoothly gliding through the water, listening to the sounds of birds, insects and animals in the bush, accompanied by the regular splash of your row. Perhaps, resembling the tip of a stone, you’ll discover a hippo at a distance, stop the boat and quietly observe it.

Activity

To discover the Momella Lakes with a boat is one of the highlights of the Hatari safaris. Gliding softly through the water is a very special feeling, because you gain a whole new perspective. You glide past flamingos, buffalos and maybe hippos. Together with your guides you paddle in boats through another world and experience the beauty of this landscape. After lunch at around 2 pm your canoeing tour starts. Take the chance to see hundreds of flamingos rising to the sky and watch many other wildlife in their natural habitat.

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Hatari! Historical Tour

Half Day Activity

Description

The history of Mt Meru is ancient. Momella has been part of it for the last 100 years. In 1906, Margarete Trappe arrived on an ox wagon from the coast. Her courage and pioneering spirit set the tone when she travelled the picturesque Meru-Pass, at which her new home - Momella - was situated.

A big farm was created and built by the Trappe family where they kept cattle, horses and goats and enjoyed the surroundings and the abundant wildlife. The start of the First World War brought a cat-and-mouse game between Margarete Trappe and the English soldiers and earned her the nickname Iron Lady for her stubbornness, strength and courage as she scouted for Von Lettow Vorbeck in his "Ice Cream War" with Frederick Courtney Selous.

However fate was not kind to Margarete. Disowned and bankrupt, she returned to Meru and started rebuilding a new farm called Ngongongare or "Yejo's" - her Maasai name. Financial survival was finally secured by the highly profitable trophy hunting when she became the first female professional hunter in East Africa. Fittingly her last tribute was paid when she passed away in 1975 was paid by her beloved elephant herd as they gathered around her house in 1957 when she passed away.

Follow the tracks of Margarte Trappe and visit the house, where she lived in former times as well as the grave of this famous woman.





Tululusia Waterfalls Walk

Half Day Activity

Description

We provide a walking safari through Arusha National Park to the sparkling waters of the Tululusia waterfalls. We start our walking safari at the Momella gate. Together with an armed ranger we go deeper and deeper into this mountain rain forest. We pass a clearing with buffaloes. Further on you may see colobus monkeys in the branches of the trees or little bushbucks whizzing through the thicket. Reaching Tululusia waterfalls it's time for a rest.

Enjoy the refreshing water playing around your feet! After this relaxing break we return home. Exotic twittering birds accompany our walk with their joyful singing. We arrive at Momella gate again where we will be picked up by a Hatari representative and return to the lodge.





MomellaFoundation

Half Day Activity

Description

The *Momella Foundation* was founded by Marlies and Jörg Gebriel, proprietors of Hatari Lodge in Momella and Shu'mata Camp in the Maasai Steppe. By creating a luxury safari experience for travellers world wide Jörg and Marlies fulfilled a dream. But it became apparent that while they may be enjoying Momella, Momella was far from enjoying them. Situated in the idyllic and stunning Mt Meru region, the inhabitants are plagued by poverty and a lack of educational and vocational training. This was the initial reason for starting the Momella Foundation in order to give back to the community from which they derive their passion, love and livelihood.

The Momella Foundation is a non-profit organization, seeking to aid the region in eradicating poverty through creative programs. For the Momella Foundation the principal goal is sustainability, and goes far beyond mere social consciousness.

The projects we run incorporate areas such as educational development, natural resource cultivation and protection, sustainable agronomy and empowerment of women. You can take a guided village walk with one of our staff members.

You can visit our Watoto Momella Preschool. 25 children are taught bilingually (Swahili and English) according to the principles of Maria Montessori to prepare them for a rapidly changing world. You may also take a look at our Hatari Forest Garden Project, where we implement the principles of sustainable agronomy. Additionally you can chat to our tailors at Mama Momella, whom we train to manufacture finest African clothes, which you can buy at the Mama Momella Shop.





Meru Crater Tour

Fullday Activity

Description

The highest point of Arusha Nationalpark is Mt. Meru. With an altitude of 4566 m above sea level it is the fourth highest mountain in Africa and the second highest in Tanzania. Sometimes, during chilly months, Mt. Meru is covered by a snowcrest. The steep back of the crater edge, from which only half still remains, lies on the western park border. Nowadays Mt. Meru is an extinct volcano, except of few steam holes, which are unique scenery for nature- and mountain climbers.

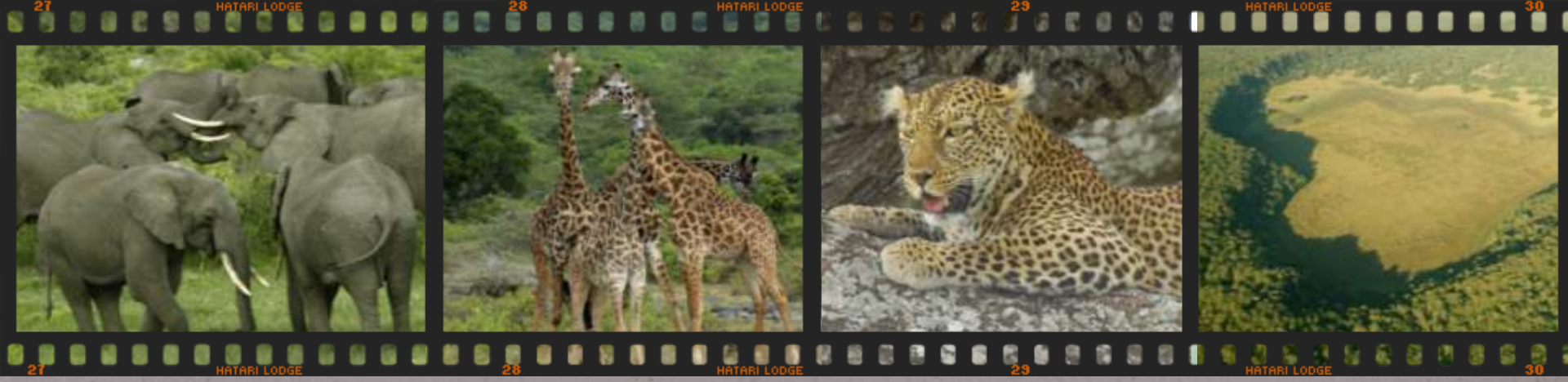
The open cone, which is open to the eastern side, harbours a mountain rainforest with swept becks, refreshing water falls and jungle giants entwined by lianas.

Activity

On the way up we pass through 3 different vegetation zones, starting from savannah, to forest and into dense jungle, reminiscent of landscapes in the movie "Lord of the Rings". With the changing flora, there is an alteration in the wildlife species to be seen along the way. Upon reaching Kitoto Viewpoint at an altitude of 2500 m an armed ranger provides an escort on the final climb into the crater.

After about two hours walk, the group returns to the vehicle and heads downhill again. Next to a picturesque waterfall, a traditional picnic awaits you together with a spectacular view of rolling plains and the Kilimanjaro looming in the background. After lunch another short walk leads to the Tulusia Waterfall, cascading down and soaking those who venture too close to it.





Ngurdoto Crater Tour

Fullday Activity

Description

The Ngurdoto Crater is also known as “Little Ngorongoro Crater“. This beautiful part of the park looks like a stranded Ark in the middle of a jungle. You are driven around the Ngurdoto Crater, which has a diameter of 2,5 km, over a steep mountain line. From the crater edge you have an amazing view past tree giants, lianas and strangler figs into the crater.

Over half of the crater ground is covered by swampland. The Ngurdoto Crater is famous for the animals found inside the crater.

Activity

On this day we suggest a half day game drive within the Arusha National Park to the Ngurdoto Crater. You will have a great view of Mt. Meru rock formations. Inside the “little Ngorongoro Crater” we find buffalos, warthogs and giraffes and occasionally elephants which come to graze. The drive to the crater is followed by a stop at the legendary viewpoint once frequented by Margarete Trappe and later Hardy Krueger and Jim Mallory.

The trip continues to Ngongongare Springs at the heart of the national park, followed by a game drive crossing “little Serengeti” and Mgoda Pass. We return to the Lodge in time for a sundowner and later on for dinner.





Ngurdoto Crater Hike

Fullday Activity

“And that's how it happened, at night , in total darkness. They were sleeping nearby the fire on the ground holding each other softly.

The first thing he heard was the rattle of Saida and at first he thought she was speaking to him while dreaming.

Then there was the breath over his face and then, the pain as finger long fangs cut into his neck and his face. And then his lower jaw broke .

Just for a glimpse he had opened his eyes and saw something huge and black with amber-coloured eyes.

The story tells about the legendary Gurumico, who according to the Meru and Maasai roams the Ngurdoto Crater.

But do not fear, there will be a ranger to accompany our tour. Since the Margarete Trappe era no human was allowed to walk in the crater. Hatari Lodge is now granted a trial period to enter the crater floor with our guests on foot.

The legend of Gurumico is just one out of many fairytales about the Ngurdoto Crater. Margarete Trappe, known as the white hunter and owner of the Trappe farm once discovered the crater while she was following the tracks of an huge elephant bull. When she saw him and his impressive figure she could not shoot him and was therefore rewarded with the sudden appearance of the Ngurdoto Crater.



*Please note there is an additional fee of US\$ 50.- per person for this exclusive hiking tour



Ngurdoto Crater Hike

Fullday Activity

Activity

After breakfast we drive to the crater to meet our ranger. We descent down the slopes onto the crater floor on foot where we find a unique jungle landscape. Leaving the rain forest wide open meadows arrange themselves in front of our eyes. We come across islands of huge papyrus in lakes hiding buffaloes and warthogs. And with a bit of luck we might get a glimpse of Babu, a massive elephant bull who enjoys his retirement on the crater floor.

