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# Swahili Safari Adventure. with Sue Verrall

*Join me as we explore  
the sights, sounds and  
tastes of Africa*

**- Tour Escort, Sue Verrall**

Sue Verrall lived and worked in Tanzania for ten years. She has also lived in Zimbabwe and Ethiopia as well as visiting many other African countries. A landscape and rural development specialist, now based back in North Canterbury, she has drawn on her sixteen years accumulated regional knowledge and many friendships to create a rare experience of people, animals and fun times.

### **Don't miss this sell-out tour**

This will be the 5th year that Sue will escort this tour that is typically a sell-out, mostly to friends and family of past travellers. Our clients say that they love this itinerary and adore Sue's expertise and local knowledge – the combination makes for a great experience.

### **Meet your fellow travellers**

We will have three social evenings before the tour where you can meet Sue and your fellow travellers and of course get detailed information on the tour and hints and tips for your travels.



## **24 day Escorted Tour 2-26 June, 2016**

Experience Africa at its best on this small group journey. From your luxury safari camp in the Serengeti watch the sun go down over the African plains as the wildebeest gather for their annual migration. You will have seven days to view game and experience their environments in the National Parks of Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and Jozoni Forest. But this trip is not just about wildlife. Meet the Maasai in their traditional homes and join them at the cattle market. Meet local farmers in the vast dry savannahs, fertile highlands and tropical coastal areas. Visits to tropical spice farms, coffee plantations and dairy properties make this a unique travel experience.

### **Your tour highlights:**

- 7 Days on Safari
- Wildebeest annual migration
- Tarangire National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Olduvai Gorge
- Great Rift Valley escarpment
- World Vegetable Centre
- Meserani Maasai cattle market
- Views of Mt. Kilimanjaro
- Coastal Swahili culture
- Zanzibar – Stone Town
- Lake Manyara
- Coffee Estate
- Luxury Beach break



**Experience. The Difference.**



## Your Tour Itinerary

### Day 1: Thurs 02 June

Meet at the airport at 1320 for your check-in and then Depart CHCH on Emirates at 1555.

### Day 2: Fri 03 June, Dubai

Arrive in Dubai early morning 0555 and meet Sue at the airport. Transfer to your hotel with time to relax, have a swim in the pool, then meet for an early lunch and depart for city tour. Early this evening we transfer to the traditional Arabian Souk Madinat an architectural gem of water ways and shops for dinner. (L,D)



### Day 3: Sat 04 June, Dubai

Explore Dubai this morning or just laze at the rooftop pool before gathering at 2pm for our desert experience at the luxurious Banyan Tree Al Wadi. We explore the dunes nearby and try some "wadi bashing" and as the sun sets we settle to watch our exclusive Falcon training display returning to Dubai late evening. (B)

### Day 4: Sun 05 June, Tanzania – Bagamoyo

Departing early for our flight to Tanzania arriving at Dar es Salaam International Airport then driving through cashew and coconut plantations to the Swahili coastal village of Bagamoyo. Take a short rest before we take a village tour. Bagamoyo was the historic terminus for slaves held here before they were shipped across to Zanzibar for sale. Now a fishing village we have an interesting walk back along the creamy sands to our beachside

accommodation to enjoy a sundowner as we watch the dhows return from fishing. (D)

### Day 5: Mon 06 June, Bagamoyo to Arusha

Morning free to enjoy Bagamoyo. You can rise early and watch the fishermen depart, help pull in some nets, watch the beach fish market, wander along the creamy sands or have your first Indian ocean swim. Transfer back to Dar Es Salaam International Airport for our late afternoon flight to Kilimanjaro, met upon arrival and transfer to Arusha where we settle into our central hotel. Tomorrow you begin your safari (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Tues 07 June, Tarangire NP

Last opportunity for banks, shopping and personal items as we depart from the Hotel at 10.am. The landscape changes throughout the two hour drive to Tarangire. En route we stop and visit the Maasai cattle market and visit a Snake farm and Maasai museum. After a picnic lunch we begin our Safari! As we enter Tarangire National Park we begin our first game drive arriving early evening at our Permanent Tented Camp. The camp is set high on an escarpment overlooking the river. Tarangire's 20,000 sq. km are noted for baobab trees and elephants. Its swamp area attracts an amazing birdlife (550 species recorded) and migratory wildebeest, zebra, giraffe and impala. Our camp is visited regularly at night as the elephants like to strip the bark from the Baobab tees. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Wed 08 June, Tarangire

After an early breakfast we enjoy a game drive further into Tarangire National Park down into the wetter areas where we expect to see more animals and some of the beautiful birds. After lunch at the lodge we drive across to the Great Rift Valley escarpment onto the dark red fertile farmlands of barley and wheat to our farmstyle accommodation in the Ngorongoro Highlands. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Thurs 09 June, Serengeti

Breakfast and we begin the journey out to the Serengeti. Driving along the rim of the Crater through lichen covered trees out onto the dry plains. We take a detour to Olduvai Gorge where the



Leakey's first found evidence of Mankind and venture further across the sand to view the "shifting sands" before we continue on to Nabi Hill gate the entrance to the Serengeti plains. We have a picnic lunch and a welcome from the Rock Hyrax and Superb starlings. Look for the colourful agamas when you walk to the lookout to view the vast Serengeti plains. Thorn trees and wide savannahs are your environment for the next three days. It is a long, often dusty drive out, but made remarkable when viewing game all day, beginning with herds of elegant Grant's and Thompson's gazelles. The zebra and wildebeest are likely to be beginning to gather for the migration.

Late afternoon we arrive at our wonderful luxury tented camp for the next three nights. (B,L,D)



**Day 9: Fri 10 June, Serengeti**

Those that would like to can take an optional Balloon flight early this morning (highly recommended, but you must book early for this). Or very early morning game viewing in the Serengeti.

During the middle of the day you can enjoy a hot lunch and then relax or laze at the pool. This afternoon enjoy game viewing along the famous Grumeti River. Expect to see Hippos relaxing in the river and herds of elephants grazing.

The ongoing spectacle of predator versus prey continues daily. The Serengeti is vast and during the Migration it becomes a landscape of moving animals across the wide horizon. Depending on the rains, by June they should be gathering into their enormous herds before they start their long annual trek.

(B,L,D)

**Day 10: Sat 11 June, Serengeti**

Today we embark on a trip to Lake Victoria with game driving all the way. We will meet some of the fishermen and walk through their village returning for a late lunch and another swim followed by an afternoon game viewing. Tonight we will enjoy a traditional Bush Dinner. (B,L,D)

**Day 11: Sun 12 June, Serengeti**

All day we are out on our game safari with a detour to the Sererona Wildlife headquarters for our picnic lunch before continuing on across the plains to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. We arrive late afternoon at our stunningly located lodge overlooking the Ngorongoro Crater far below.

(B,L,D)

**Day 12: Mon 13 June, Ngorongoro Crater**

Today we descend 2,000 feet down to the Crater

floor for a full day game drive with a picnic lunch.

The Crater is a natural amphitheater covering 259 sq km, with a diameter of approx 19km. The jade coloured soda lake, Magadi is home to thousands of birds. The flamingos are spectacular in flight against the bluish crater walls. This lake is also essential to the Maasai who bring their cattle down from the rim each day. The rich pastures in the Crater support the Maasai lifestyles plus the concentration of 30,000 large animals. Over 100 bird species not found in the Serengeti can be found here. Accommodation is a Farmhouse style Lodge surrounded by a coffee estate. (B,L,D)

**Day 13: Tues 14 June, Monduli Arusha**

Our wildlife safari behind us we head back towards Arusha stopping at the Burka Coffee estate for a comprehensive introduction into the world of coffee before we have a barbeque lunch at the wonderful Art gallery. This is also an amazing shopping opportunity. We return to our original accommodation in Arusha and tonight we have a great local evening and farewell to our safari guides. (B,L,D)

**Day 14: Wed 15 June, Rural Community Development Project**

A morning drive out to Olkokolola to visit a Maasai Community who are adapting from nomadic lifestyles. Sue has been involved with this group since 1995, it is not a tourist area, but we will be warmly welcomed guests and able to visit their homes. Next we visit a young NZ/Australian physiotherapist who has established 'Plaster House' – a great insight into Sarah's work with children. Our beautiful lodge accommodation for the next two



nights was previously an old German home. It is surrounded by indigenous forest with families of the black and white Colobus and the smaller Sykes monkeys, a beautiful spring and trout farm. (B,L,D)

**Day 15: Thurs 16 June, Farm Visits Usa River Area**

A farm day, we drive down the slopes of Mt Meru through bananas and coffee to the World Vegetable Centre where we will be shown their developments before we visit a local farmer who tells us how he manages his acreage. We have been invited to a traditional lunch high in the mountains before returning to the Lodge, perhaps for a game of croquet or a swim. (B,L,D)

**Day 16: Fri 17 June, Kilimanjaro**

Today we transfer to Kilimanjaro international airport for our 10am flight to Zanzibar. Zanzibar, surrounded by a protective reef, is an island filled with history. Our traditional Swahili hotel where we will stay 3 nights is in the center of ancient Stone Town. We have time for a swim and lunch before we begin an historic tour of this fascinating town. Tonight walk to the beach and enjoy the outdoor seafood market. You can eat your fill here or choose





## Tour price from \$18,995

per person twin share\*  
\$22,495 single\*

### Price includes:

- Economy class airfares from CHCH
- 20 Breakfasts, 14 Lunches, 16 Dinners
- All National Park fees & Guides
- All mentioned transport (including internal flights, ferry), accommodation and activities.

**Not included:** Visas, travel insurance (compulsory), drinks and items of a personal nature.

### To secure your place:

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from one of the many restaurants within walking distance. (B)

### Day 17: Sat 18 June, Stone Town

Zanzibar - where time moves slower and you are woken by the muezzin call to prayer. Stone Town has a rich history of Sultans, Slaves and Spices and the distinctive Taarab music. In local open transport we visit the fantastic Fish market before going out to the spice farms; see vanilla, allspice, nutmeg, cocoa, ginger, pepper vines, and of course cloves, taste local fruits then enjoy a Zanzibarian lunch. Return to Stone Town to wander at leisure through the labyrinth of narrow cobbled streets where the giant Zanzibarian carved doors open to enticing shops and homes. Everything is within an easy stroll from your hotel. A favourite activity is watching the local activities in the Dhow harbor. (B,L)

### Day 18: Sun 19 June, Stone Town

Mid morning we sail out to Prison Island to view the giant turtles before we continue to the most romantic lunch stop in the world. Returning sun kissed and relaxed the remainder of the day is yours to swim, shop or explore further. This evening your dining choice is your own. (B)

### Day 19: Mon 20 June, Jozani Forest, Mangroves and Beach

This morning we depart from Stone Town and drive south through the centre of Zanzibar Island to the Jozani Forest where the red Colobus monkeys are often

seen and walk through the eco system of the mangroves before driving north to the beach where we will stay for three nights. (B,D)

### Day 20 & 21: Tues 21 & Wed 22 June, Beach

You have two full days at leisure and your time is your own to enjoy. It is warm enough to swim and snorkel, enjoy some water sports, sailing, evening tennis, or just relax in this luxurious environment. You might enjoy watching the canoe carving - locals still use adzes, or perhaps help out the local fishermen or take a visit to a local school nearby. A beach massage is another relax option. (B,L,D)

### Day 22: Thurs 23 June, Dar es Salaam

Today we have an early start with a transfer to the Port to catch our 7am ferry to Dar es Salaam. We visit the Mkonde carvers Tinga Tinga artists and have a pizza lunch on the seafront at the Slipway before we settle into our beautiful luxury hotel high on the cliff. Swim, relax and then tonight enjoy your final Farewell to Tanzania Dinner. (B,D)

### Day 23: Fri 24 June, Home ward Bound

A relaxing morning packing for home or a last minute shopping trip departing from the hotel at Mid-day for your Emirates flight to Dubai\* and arrive back home in NZ on Sunday the 26th. (B)

\*you can lengthen your Dubai stopover for further exploration - contact Discover Travel.

\*CONDITIONS: Price - The price of \$18,995 per person is based on twin share. Land Only Price - \$15,995pp twin share. Single Supplement - For those travellers wanting their own room, the tour price is NZD\$22,495pp (\$19,495 land only). Should you wish to combine Africa with Europe or extend elsewhere in Africa, eg to see the Mountain Gorillas, please talk to us, we are happy to provide airfare and pre or post tour arrangements. Business Class Supplement available on request. Please check with Discover Travel. Payments - The price quoted is for payment by cash, cheque or direct bank transfer. Cheques: Should be made payable to 'Discover Travel'. Our postal address is PO Box 2477, Christchurch. Bank Transfer: 06 0801 0495605 02 - Discover Travel Worldwide Ltd, using 'Swahili' as a reference. VISA or Mastercard payments will incur a 2% convenience fee and American Express a 3% fee. Deposit: In order to confirm your booking, a non-refundable deposit of NZD\$3,000 per person is required. An airfare component of approximately \$3,000 may be required to be paid in 2015 on confirmation of group numbers. Final payment will be due no later than 05 March 2016. Prices are based on a minimum group size of 16. Should the group size be less than 16, a small group surcharge will be applied. Pricing is based on an exchange rate of USD\$1 = NZD\$0.70 and we reserve the right to apply a currency surcharge should the NZ Dollar weaken significantly against the US Dollar before final payment is due.

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