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TANZANIA

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS

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MEET THE TEAM

Lawrence McLean

CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT TRIP HOST

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!

Carey Bradshaw

PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER TRIP HOST

Carey Bradshaw is a self-educated photographer constantly pushing the boundaries of traditional photography by infusing digital photo manipulation. Armed with experience and knowledge of photography and graphic design, Carey is commissioned to shoot on location in NYC, Europe, Asia, and Africa to create stunning visual masterpieces for his clients in the industries of Entertainment - Music/Television/Fashion, Travel, Real Estate, Corporate and personal portraits. Carey Bradshaw is currently based in NYC

Andrea McLean

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER HOST ASSISTANT

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style, She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around , there is always laughter.

William McLean

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER HOST ASSISTANT

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last foreverr.

"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."

– Steve Jobs

THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

USA → TZ

ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

TANZANIA HOTEL

3:00 PM CHECK IN

8:00 PM

BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER

DAY 2

MASAI AND NGRONGORO

8:00 AM	DEPART FOR LAKE MANYARA
10:30 AM	VISIT MASAI VILLAGE
12:00 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH
1:00 PM	DEPART FOR NRONGORO CRATER

NRONGORO HOTEL

7:00 PM CHECK IN

DAY 3

HUNT / VISIT DATOGA

(For those who booked)

4:00 AM	DEPART FOR HUNT WITH HADZABE
7:00 AM	DATOGA TRIBE

SERENGETI

10:00 AM	DEPART FOR SERENGETI
12:00 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH
1:00 PM	GAME DRIVE

SERENGETI HOTEL

7:00 PM CHECK IN

DAY 4

FLY TO ZANZIBAR

8:00 AM CHECK OUT / MORNING GRAME DRIVE

12:00 PM DEPART FOR ZANZIBAR / FLIGHT CSV505

2:00 PM ARRIVE ZANZIBAR

ZANAZIBAR HOTEL

2:00 PM CHECK IN

4:00 PM
DINNER AT THE ROCK
(For those who booked)

8:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

DAY 5

TOUR OF STONETOWN

8:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR OF STONETOWN

- ☐ Old slave market
- ☐ Darajani market place
- ☐ The House of Wonders
- ☐ The Old Fort
- ☐ The Sultan's Palace

12:00 PM BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

2:00 PM DEPART FOR PRISON ISLAND

6:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

DAY 6

FREE TIME

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

BLUE SAFARI

(For those who booked)

9:00 AM DEPART FOR BLUE SAFARI

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

8:00 PM
FAREWELL DINNER

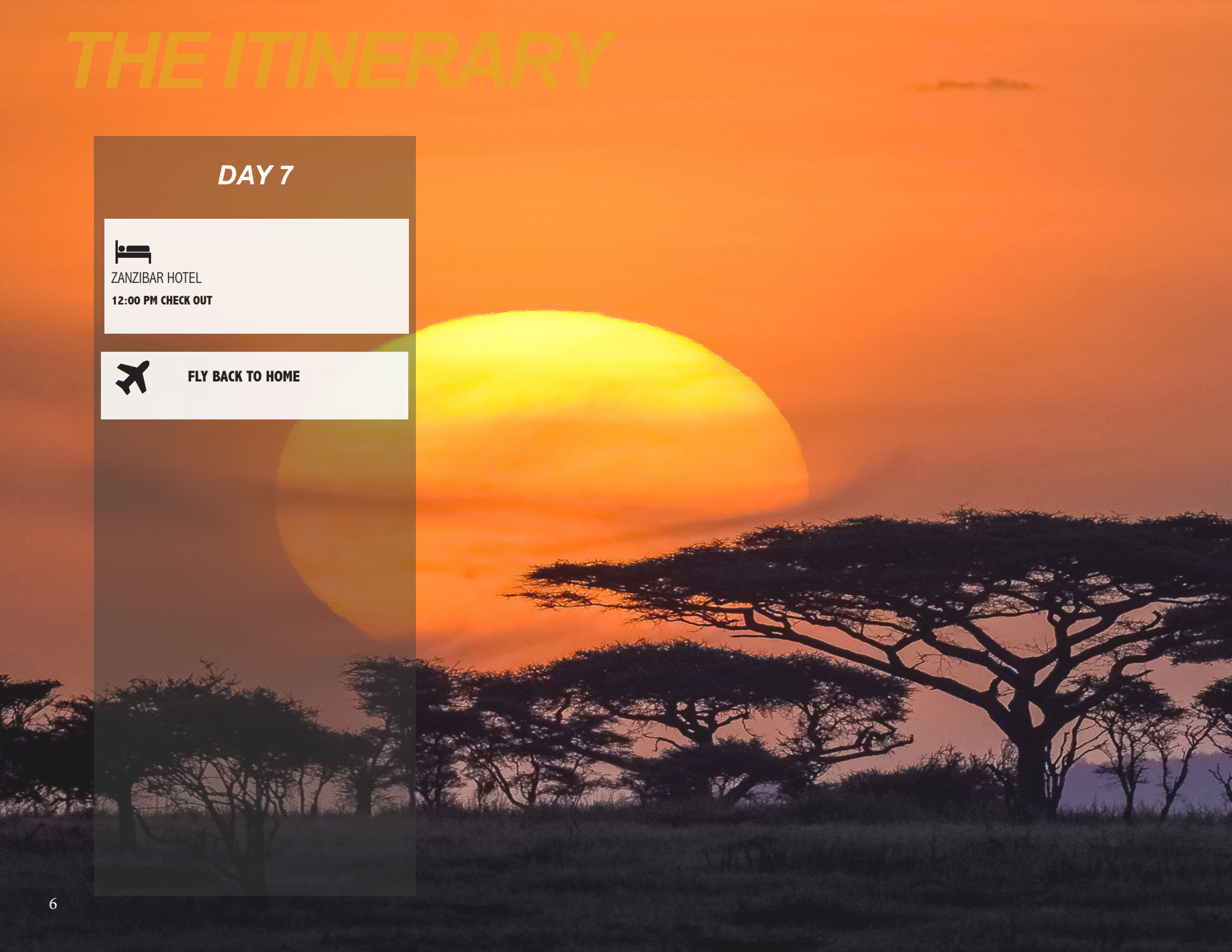
THE ITINERARY

DAY 7

ZANZIBAR HOTEL

12:00 PM CHECK OUT

FLY BACK TO HOME



THE EXTENTION

DAY 7

FREE TIME

DAY 8

ZANZIBAR HOTEL

5:00 AM CHECK OUT

FLY TO UGANDA

8:30 AM	DEPART FOR DAR ES SALAAM / FLIGHT TC3670
9:00 AM	ARRIVE IN DAR ES SALAAM
11:00 AM	DEPART FOR KILIMANJARO / FLIGHT TC214
11:55 AM	ARRIVE IN KILIMANJARO
12:35 PM	DEPART FOR ENTEBBE / FLIGHT TC3661
1:50 PM	ARRIVE IN ENTEBBE

TOUR OF KAMPALA

1:50 PM DEPART FOR TOUR OF STONETOWN

- ☐ Amin torture chamber
- ☐ King's palace
- ☐ Uganda museum

6:00 PM DEPART FOR JINJA

8:00 PM ARRIVE IN JINJA

DAY 9

WHITE WATER RAFTING

9:00 AM	DEPART FOR WHITE WATER RAFTING
5:00 PM	RETURN TO HOTEL

THE EXTENTION

DAY 10

JINJA HOTEL

6:00 AM CHECK OUT

FLY TO BWINDI

12:00 PM	DEPART FOR KIHIHI AIRSTRIP
2:45 PM	ARRIVE IN BWINDI / CHECK IN

DAY 11

GORILLA TREK

7:00 AM	DEPART FOR GORILLA TREK
3:00 PM	ARRIVE AT HOTEL

DAY 12

BWINDI HOTEL

8:00 AM CHECK OUT

FLY TO ENTEBBE

11:40 AM	DEPART FOR ENTEBBE
1:30 PM	ARRIVE IN ENTEBBE

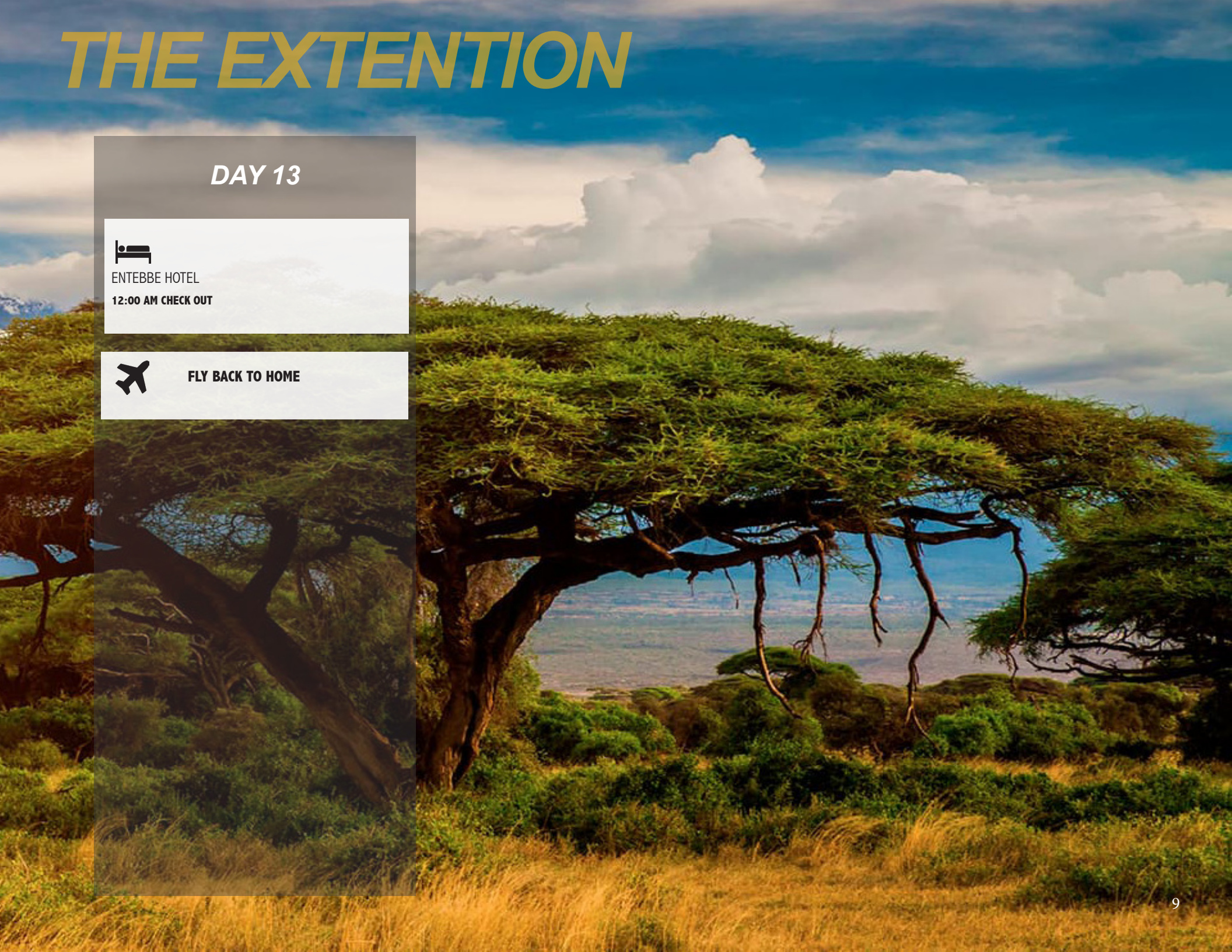
THE EXTENTION

DAY 13

ENTEBBE HOTEL

12:00 AM CHECK OUT

FLY BACK TO HOME



IN DEPTH

The Rock

If there was anywhere to travel half way around the world for, it just might be The Rock in Zanzibar, Tanzania. This restaurant, perched on a rock in the Indian Ocean, seems dropped from a fairy tale. During high tide, it becomes a veritable island with a wooden boat taking you the short distance to shore. In low tide, you simply walk across the seaweed strewn beach to get to this magical place. Both methods will take you to a rickety wooden staircase and into the restaurant, built in the local Zanzibar architectural style with a Makuti palm tree roof. In the back, there's a beautiful patio where you can grab a cocktail surrounded on three sides by the turquoise seas. Inside, there are 12 cozy tables for lunch and dinner.

Tour of Stonetown

The Stone Town of Zanzibar is a fine example of the Swahili coastal trading towns of East Africa. It retains its urban fabric and townscape virtually intact and contains many fine buildings that reflect its particular culture, which has brought together and homogenized disparate elements of the cultures of Africa, the Arab region, India, and Europe over more than a millennium. Located on a promontory jutting out from the western side of Unguja island into the Indian Ocean, the Stone Town of Zanzibar is an outstanding example of a Swahili trading town. This type of town developed on the coast of East Africa, further expanded under Arab, Indian, and European influences, but retained its indigenous elements, to form an urban cultural unit unique to this region.

Old Slave Market

The Stone Town was host to one of the world's last open slave markets, presided over by Arab traders until it was shut down by the British in 1873. The slaves were shipped here in dhows from the mainland, crammed so tightly that many fell ill and died or were thrown overboard. Below St Monica's guesthouse, dozens of slaves, and women and children, were imprisoned for days in crowded cellars with little air and no food or toilets. Even after two minutes down there, under the low roof, the atmosphere seemed poisonously oppressive.

IN DEPTH

Darajani market place

No matter where you travel, one of the best ways to experience local life is to explore the local fresh market. Located just on the edge of the ancient lanes of Stone Town is Darajani Market, one of the central markets in the Zanzibar. Though the market sprawls outside of the main building and throughout the surrounding lanes and side streets, the original building (pictured) that houses the small indoor section was built in 1904.

The House of Wonders

The House of Wonders was constructed in 1883 by Barghash bin Said, the second Sultan of Zanzibar, as a ceremonial palace. Barghash made the door extra wide so he could enter the house on the back of an elephant, and the building's large pillars and two-story clock tower were covered in white paint. From the get-go, the house was adorned with electricity and a working elevator, the first in all of East Africa to do so.

The Old Fort

Old Fort is one of the oldest buildings in Stone Town, originally built by the Portuguese in the 17th century and later re-built by the Omanis in the 18th century. It is free to visit, and cultural festivals and happenings are often organised in the inner courts of the fort. The location of the Old Fort was first used by the Portuguese, who came to the islands in the 1500's. Very little remains of the original structure, but ruins include evidence of an old church. The Old Fort got it's current form when the Omanese came to defend Zanzibar against the Portuguese. This was in the late 1600's. The Omanese completely re-built the fortification.

IN DEPTH

The Sultan's Palace

Occupying several large buildings along the waterfront, this was the palace of Sultan Seyyid Said from 1828 until it was largely destroyed by the British bombardment of 1896. It was then rebuilt and used until the 1964 revolution when the last sultan was overthrown. Remarkably, much of the royal paraphernalia – banqueting tables, portraits, thrones and water closets – survives to now provide the human-interest story in this museum dedicated to the sultanate in the 19th century. In its day the palace and adjacent harem, Beit el-Hukm, and some other nearby buildings, were a self-contained unit with raised walkways allowing royal personages to avoid city streets. One of these walkways can still be seen crossing above the street behind the Palace Museum.

Blue Safari

Safari Blue trip is a full day sailing around mangroves and snorkeling along Menai bay, which is one of the best coral reefs in Zanzibar. Main activities on this day are visiting Kwale island, sandbank relaxing, swimming and snorkeling. The underwater world at Menai bay is unbelievably spectacular. You will witness countless colourful fishes and other sea creatures that survive among the coral reefs and underwater plants which together form the barrier reef ecosystem in the bay.

White Water Rafting on the Nile

While most people come to Uganda for the chance to track gorillas and chimps, one other activity often ends up being a surprise highlight: white water rafting on the River Nile. Even first-time rafters report that spending a half or full day paddling and plunging down the river, crashing through deep rapids or gliding over silky green sections of calm water, is exhilarating. White water rafting on the Nile in Uganda is considered to be amongst the best in the world, with routes full of variety, from quiet pools and forested islands to thunderous rapids and drops.

IN DEPTH

Masai Village

A visit to the Masai Mara region would not be complete with a visit to our nearby Maasai community. which delivers a unique insight into this age-old culture. The community with which the Olare Mara Kempinski has established a relationship is located just a short drive away and constitutes an enjoyable game drive in itself. Once arrived within the village, you can meet the people, visit a typical Maasai home, learn about Maasai daily life, enjoy dancing and singing displays and visit the community's own handicrafts market.

Ngorongoro Crater

Ngorongoro Crater, extinct volcanic caldera in the Eastern (Great) Rift Valley, northern Tanzania. It lies 75 miles (120 km) west of the town of Arusha. The caldera measures between 10 and 12 miles (16 and 19 km) across and has an area of 102 square miles (264 square km). Its heavily forested rim rises 2,000 feet (610 metres) above the caldera's floor to an elevation of 7,500 feet (2,286 metres). Ngorongoro is thought to have formed about 2.5 million years ago from a large active volcano whose cone collapsed inward after a major eruption, leaving the present vast, unbroken caldera as its chief remnant.

Hunt with Hadzabe

Away from the crowds and nestled in a preserve of serenity and solitude, Serian's Serengeti South camp enjoys a unique vantage point over the staggering spectacle of the wildebeest migration. We also share a home with Hadzabe hunter-gatherers, living completely traditionally and untainted by the touch of the outside world. Cousins of the Kalahari bushmen, they share a similar click-language as well as centuries-old bush lore and an intimate symbiosis with their environment. Come and experience their magical terrain as they guide you through the bush that they call home.

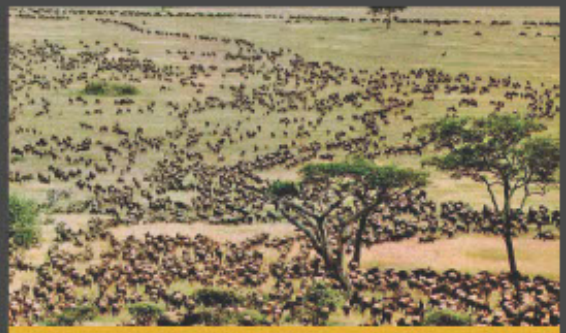
IN DEPTH

Gorilla Trekking

Africa's great apes survive in what remains of their natural habitat, in the last protected stretches of the continent's central rainforests and gorilla parks. Thanks to the income earned from gorilla trekking tourism, populations are slowly on the increase and scouts, who once may have been poachers of gorillas and other primates, are now their protectors and earn their livelihoods safeguarding what they once killed. It's a conservation success story and continued gorilla trekking tourism is vital to the species' continued existence.

Datoga Tribe

The history of the Datoga people can be retraced thanks to the traditions passed down from generation to generation through word of mouth.Moreover, the linguistic roots, they belong to, makes it possible to understand their origins, the Datoga are linguistically and culturally classified as Highland Southern Nilotes.Thus, their origin is to be traced back to the Ethiopian and South Sudanese highlands; it is believed their history dates back to approximately 3,000 years ago. Their ancestors gradually travelled Southwards until they reached the highlands area of Kenya and Tanzania and finally settled there; during this migration the Highland Nilotes split into two groups: the first one settled in Kenya and gave birth to the Kalenjin people; the second settled in Tanzania, and became the ancestors of the Datoga.r.



The Great Migration

A better representation of the circle of life probably cannot be found anywhere else in the world. The journey starts in Southern Serengeti when wildebeest calves are being born. Predators like lions and hyenas are constantly hunting for babies, and thousands and thousands of calves are born within a couple weeks of each other – a feast for the eyes of true wildlife enthusiasts. When the drought comes in May, the herd moves north, towards the Masai Mara in Kenya, chomping down the high green grass, quickly followed by the gazelles and zebras. The migration is not without risk: crossing rivers means facing about 3,000 crocodiles, patiently waiting for a kill. Not to mention the famous Serengeti lion population: by far the largest in Africa. Despite the abundance of hoofed meat in this area, life is not easy for these big cats in this unforgiving landscape. But seeing a group of lions collaborating to hunt down a wildebeest is an unforgettable sight.

ACCOMODATIONS

ZANZIBAR HOTEL

ACCOMODATIONS

ENTEBBE HOTEL

KILIMANJARO HOTEL