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Secret Spot Africa The Wonders of Tanzania

Join the Secret Spot 7 Summits Team on Safari!

Members of the Secret Spot Seven Summit Team will be exploring Africa around the periphery of the Kilimanjaro Freestyle Expedition.

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We'll ease into this trip...and synchronize ourselves with our natural surroundings by getting into a relaxed frame of mind...after converging in [Arusha, Tanzania \(ARK\)](#). Our safaris all depart by Jeep/Land Rover from [Arusha](#) and head in 3 different directions. Upon leaving [Arusha](#) the consistent search for unique wildlife will begin.

Over the course of the week we will see tribal people (possibly some hunter gatherers)...and depending on the safari chosen, visit the "cradle of mankind"...the [Olduvai Gorge](#). This is where the famed Leakey family has unearthed the oldest fossilized hominid skulls that have been found any place on earth. Excavations at the gorge continue to this day and we will have a chance to observe what is occurring there on our safari.

The ecosystems we will visit include lakeshores, dry savannah steppes and a volcanic crater teeming with wildlife. We will travel through the rift valley and observe fascinating trees such as the baobab and the acacia.

We will see fantastic bird life including: lilac breasted rollers, marabou storks, gigantic secretary birds, bee-eaters, and the biggest avian on earth, the ostrich! Zebras, gazelles, wildebeest, warthogs, jackals, hyenas, and impalas will grace our presence every day.

We may also get a glimpse of the big game...the animals that everyone dreams of seeing!

This could include lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, rhinos, cape buffaloes and hippos. Many of these animals could become part of our daily scenery. Whether we see a proficient lioness hunting, an elephant calf nursing or a giraffe running into the sunset...we can be sure that many unforgettable sights will be witnessed each and every day.

The backdrop for this show of splendor will be the vast and open vistas that [northern Tanzania](#) offers. The big mountain, [Kilimanjaro](#), that the **Secret Spot Seven Summits Team** will be climbing, will at times tower into view.

Accommodations will be a combination of comfortable tented camps that allow us to be situated in a location that affords the best chance of viewing the wildlife. We will also enjoy the luxury of a few conveniently located safari lodges. One of the joys of our **Secret Spot Safari** will be spending so much time in the outdoors that we will become more in tune with the environment...much more!

From the sunrises and sunsets...to the moon phases and the millions of stars overhead at night...we will share the lives of the indigenous peoples. What better way to truly understand their culture and landscape.

Given the itineraries that we have prepared, we will have ample time for viewing and photographing the beauty of [Africa](#). A highlight of these trips will be '**Secret Spot Lighting**' to attempt to find leopards up in the trees and even to look for a family of lions 'on the prowl'! When the safari week is over and we return to [Arusha \(ARK\)](#); some of us will board a domestic flight to journey into the realm of the chimpanzee.

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One of the great apes and our closest living relative, the chimpanzee, is primarily found in the wilds of **Tanzania**. We have chosen a truly authentic **Secret Spot** to spend 4 days amongst them!

After a spectacular flight in a small aircraft, we will descend into a lush jungle and enjoy the comforts of a lodge on the shores of a vast lake. You won't find any roads here, so we will venture into the jungle each day...on foot!

The chimps that inhabit this primeval jungle do not see very many humans and they can be quite tolerant of close encounters. Some (small) groups of people have been able to literally sit down amongst the occasionally nonchalant chimps.

There are 3 other species of primates as well as countless other exciting animal species that live in this jungle.

We will bond with our local and incredibly knowledgeable guides...and learn from them.

We will watch the sunset from our waterfront lodge each night and admire the view across the waters of this mystical lake. Catching sight of the resident fish eagles as they snatch their prey from the waters is likely and spellbinding.

After 4 days in this "other world" of our **Secret Chimp Spot** we will return via plane to **Arusha (ARK)**. Our experience will have come to a close and we will all likely be wishing that our time in the Wilds had never ended.

We will all share stories...and we will all likely be sharing these same stories, as well as our photographs, for the rest of our lives. We will have really seen a majestic slice of **Africa** that its inhabitants call their Home...

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The dates for this **Secret Spot Africa Adventure** are as follows:

Adventurers must arrive in **Arusha, Tanzania (ARK)** on or before **January 22, 2011**. On that day, they will be met by the Secret Spot Staff.

This safari will depart from **Arusha** on **January 23, 2011** and return to **Arusha** on **January 29, 2011**.

January 30, 2011 will be a flux day as some adventurers depart and others arrive. Those who are still with us will spend the day relaxing and preparing to enter the realm of the Chimp!

The Chimp adventure will depart **Arusha** on **January 31, 2011** and return to **Arusha** on **February 3, 2011**.

February 4, 2011 will see all the remaining adventurers return home with countless stories from the wilds of **Africa**!

There is a possibility that a second safari will be run after the **Kilimanjaro Freestyle Expedition** depending on availability. The dates for the second safari would be from **February 26 - March 11, 2011**.