East Africa Safari I&II
Gorillas and the Great Migration

June 25 to July 7, 2011
June 30 to July 12, 2011
You will never forget the time you saw gorillas in the wild. With only an estimated 740 endangered mountain gorillas remaining in the remote, misty forests of Rwanda, few people will ever have this rare and extraordinary experience. It is not like seeing magnificent apes in a zoo – tracking these elusive creatures requires great patience – but it will be worth the effort when you are sitting within a few feet of these majestic animals in their natural habitat. Since these observations are best done in small groups, we’ve created two safaris so that our excursions in Rwanda’s Parc National des Volcans are limited to just 15 travelers each. Grab this opportunity!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

LEARN about the study, conservation and protection of mountain gorillas in the wild during a special visit to the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project in Rwanda’s Parc National des Volcans.

MARVEL at Tanzania’s Olduvai Gorge, where Louis and Mary Leakey discovered the remains of *Homo habilis*, one of the earliest species of the human genus.

CONVERSE with the chief of a Maasai village and observe this fascinating culture with its age-old traditions up close.
Safari I
Itinerary

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 25 & 26
U.S. / ARUSHA, TANZANIA
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Tanzania. Upon arrival at the Kilimanjaro International Airport on Sunday transfer to our hotel near Arusha.

SERENA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

MONDAY, JUNE 27
ARUSHA / KIGALI, RWANDA / PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS
Return to the airport for our flight to Rwanda. In Kigali, tour the Kigali Genocide Memorial Center and have lunch at the Hotel des Mille Collines, featured in the movie Hotel Rwanda. Drive to Parc National des Volcans this afternoon.

VIRUNGA LODGE (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS
This morning tracking endangered golden monkeys through bamboo forests or hiking to Dian Fossey’s Memorial, the original site of the Karisoke Research Center. Or, venture back into the jungle for a second day of gorilla tracking. In the afternoon, enjoy an exclusive visit to the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project (MGVP). For nearly 20 years, veterinarians have provided the mountain gorillas with lifesaving care for human-caused illnesses and injuries. With teams of experienced personnel, MGVP veterinarians track and observe gorillas, treating them in their natural habitat.

VIRUNGA LODGE (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS
Spend the morning tracking gorillas, listen to them grumble to each other and marvel at the sheer size of the dominant male silverback. Enjoy a local Rwandan dance performance before dinner.

VIRUNGA LODGE (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 30
PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS / KIGALI
This morning, learn about education in Rwanda and interact with children at a local school. After a leisurely lunch, drive to Kigali for our final night in Rwanda.

KIGALI SERENA HOTEL (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 1
KIGALI / ARUSHA, TANZANIA
After breakfast, transfer to the Kigali International Airport for our flight to Tanzania. Upon arrival transfer to our hotel near Arusha, where we meet up with travelers from Safari II.

SERENA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE (B,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 2
ARUSHA / SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
Return to the airport for our flight to the Serengeti. Take in views of wildlife en route to our safari lodge. During lunch at the lodge, enjoy a talk by a local wildlife researcher. This afternoon, embark on our first safari drive in the Serengeti and look for the “big five”: lion, leopard, cape buffalo, elephant and rhinoceros.

SERENA SAFARI LODGE (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 3
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
Enjoy an early-morning safari drive. Alternatively, choose an optional hot air balloon safari to view the vast Serengeti plain from above, followed by an “Out of Africa” champagne breakfast under the shade of an acacia tree. On an afternoon safari drive in the Serengeti, view the bountiful wildlife of this area.

SERENA SAFARI LODGE (B,L,D)
MONDAY, JULY 4
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK / OLDUVAI GORGE / MAASAI VILLAGE / NGORONGORO CRATER
Embark on a safari drive en route to the Olduvai Gorge, where Louis and Mary Leakey discovered the remains of Homo habilis, or “Handy Man,” regarded as one of the early steps on the ladder of human evolution. Continue to the Ngorongoro Crater, visiting a local Maasai village en route. The Maasai are a pastoral semi-nomadic tribe living in Tanzania and Kenya, recognizable by their brightly colored clothing and beautifully beaded jewelry. Arrive at our safari lodge, perched on the rim of the crater, for dinner with views into the caldera far below. Tonight, meet a local Maasai elder and learn about traditional beading techniques from one of his wives, NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE (B,L,D).

TUESDAY, JULY 5
NGORONGORO CRATER / LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK
Early in the morning, descend into the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater for a safari drive. Some 2,000 feet below the rim, the bottom of the crater is dotted with watering holes sheltering almost 30,000 animals in an area naturally enclosed by the inner slopes of the volcano. At any given time, we may see elephant, rhino, zebra, cheetah, lion, hyena, hippo, widebeest and many more of Africa’s spectacular animals. This afternoon travel to Lake Manyara National Park. Celebrate our journey with a farewell reception and dinner at our lodge. LAKE MANYARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE (B,L,D).

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JULY 6 & 7
LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK / ARUSHA / U.S.
After breakfast, enjoy a safari drive in Lake Manyara National Park, known for its tree-climbing lions, elephants, hippos, giraffes and smaller animals. In the late afternoon, transfer to the Kilimanjaro International Airport for homeward flights, arriving back in the U.S. the following day. (7/6: B,L)
DATES
June 25 to July 7, 2011 (13 days)
June 30 to July 12, 2011 (13 days)

SIZE
Each Safari is limited to 15 participants.

COST *
$12,395 per person, double occupancy
$15,845 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $200 per person

WHAT TO EXPECT
Tanzanian safaris, tours and activities are adventurous, but not particularly physically demanding, experiences. Travelers should be capable of walking over uneven terrain for several miles and traveling in four-wheel drive vehicles on dusty and unpaved roads for up to six hours at a time. Travelers who wish to participate in gorilla tracking in Rwanda must be fit and in excellent health, able to walk for three to five miles at a time, up and down hills and on uneven terrain. Gorilla tracking in thick forest at elevations up to 10,000 feet requires patience and can be strenuous, demanding and wet. This said, there is a tremendous thrill one experiences encountering the gorillas in their native habitat.

Our accommodations are luxurious 4- and 5-star safari lodges and hotels. Participants must be prepared to travel in areas with very limited access to good medical care and facilities and must be able to cope with unexpected scheduling changes. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

INCLUDED
10 nights of deluxe accommodations ▪ Safari I: 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners ▪ Safari II: 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 8 dinners ▪ Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions ▪ Bottled water at meals and on excursions ▪ Gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel staff for all group activities ▪ All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary ▪ On-tour flights: Kilimanjaro/Kigali/Kilimanjaro and Arusha/Serengeti ▪ Transfers and baggage handling when arriving and departing on designated arrival and departure dates ▪ Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance ▪ Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information ▪ Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
International flights and airport departure taxes (approx. $1,800–2,500 for round-trip, economy-class airfare from the U.S. to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania) ▪ Optional hot air balloon safari and champagne breakfast in the Serengeti (approximately $550) ▪ Meals and beverages other than those specified as included ▪ Independent and private transfers ▪ Passport and visa fees ▪ Immunization costs ▪ Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance ▪ Excess-baggage charges ▪ Personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services
Faculty Leader

JAMIE JONES first became interested in primatology as a child watching the National Geographic specials on Jane Goodall and Birute Galdikas’ work with the great apes. At Stanford Dr. Jones has done research on chimpanzee demography and has studied a virus closely related to HIV-1 that infects chimpanzees. He also spent a year doing field work on orangutan ecology in Borneo. Having led our East Africa Safari in 2009, Dr. Jones is thrilled to be returning to East Africa with Stanford travelers. “I’ve spent a great deal of time watching primates,” he says, “and I can say that there is something special and particularly intimate about seeing gorillas in the wild.” An associate professor of anthropology and fellow of the Woods Institute for the Environment, he has been at Stanford since 2003. Dr. Jones’ lectures during our programs will include an overview of comparative ape ecology and social systems, human evolution, and the epidemiology and evolutionary biology of HIV.

“Jami Jones was an interesting speaker. He used great analogies to explain the phenomena of evolution.”

CAROLYN HAUGEN, ’61, MA ’62, EAST AFRICA SAFARI, 2009

Reservation Form

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OR  ☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

OR  ☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates.

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Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?gorillas2011 (Safari I) or www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?safari2011 (Safari II). Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.
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SALLY POLLACK LANNIN, ’78 | EAST AFRICA SAFARI, 2009