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This itinerary is intended for individuals looking for an authentic experience with people, places and wildlife of Tanzania. Get an exclusive and behind the scenes tour of what Dorobo Fund supports and initiates on the ground and meet the talented people behind the work we do. With the natural beauty of Tanzania as a backdrop, explore the modern day challenges and opportunities of protecting cultures, resources and wildlife for future generations. You will meet with key conservation leaders, community activists, and scientists. This trip holds true to the Dorobo Safaris experience of providing off the beaten path, slow-paced safaris that leave plenty of room of reflection, discovery and authenticity. If you're eager to gain a better and deeper understanding of community-led conservation, cultural preservation and land rights, this is the perfect experience for you.

#### Highlights:

- Meet with people and see the places you've impacted
- Discuss the current climate of conservation in Tanzania with Dorobo Fund Board members
- Explore northern Tanzania's major natural and cultural attractions through a multi-dimensional perspective, focusing on both wildlife and human communities and their complicated and dynamic relationship
- Spend time with some of the most innovative leaders and activist in Tanzania who are creating positive change in their communities
- Walk with the Hadza, one of the last hunter-gatherer tribes in the world

The Dorobo Fund Team

## Day 1

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) where a Dorobo Safaris representative will be waiting to pick you up and transfer you to the [NgareSero Mountain Lodge](#) for the evening.

This beautiful lodge is located on the slopes of Mt. Meru, a half-hour drive from the airport. Set within a lush mountain forest, the lodge boasts beautiful grounds, a clear spring-fed pond, swimming pool, and walking trails through the forest. Wildlife that visit the lodge include over 200 species of birds, Blue or Syke's Monkeys and Black & White Colobus.

## Day 2

Today will be spent at NgareSero Mountain Lodge. Use the morning to rest and relax before lunch with Dorobo Fund's board members. After lunch, we will discuss present day conservation challenges and opportunities and the political context in Tanzania today. You will also receive a brief overview of Dorobo Fund's achievements over the last 20 years and our aspirations for the future.

\*Optional guided bird walk in the forest







### Day 3

We will begin our tour by visiting the place where it all started 20 years ago, the Southern Maasai Steppe. Lying just East of Tarangire National Park, this area provides vital habitat for Tarangire's migratory wildlife including wildebeest, zebra, and buffalo that spend more than half the year on these grasslands. Over the years, this area and its wildlife have severely diminished due to pressures from hunting, farming, and population growth - resulting in increased pressures on traditional Maasai livelihoods and cultural values. After witnessing these changes, we decided to create the Dorobo Fund for Tanzania.

Dorobo Fund believes communities – when empowered and supported with the right tools – are best situated to protect and manage their land. That is why Dorobo Fund has focused on protecting the traditional pastoral livelihoods of the Maasai living in the area. You will see examples of our community-led conservation approach including grazing easements and Certificates of Customary Rights of Occupation (CCRO's). Lunch will be taken overlooking the Simanjiro Plains where the individuals carrying out this crucial work in the field will join us.

We will set up camp on the Simanjiro Plains, one of the first areas to have a joint-venture tourism agreement between local villages and tourism companies. Our mobile camp overlooks miles of savannah grass; it's remote location allowing you savor wide-open spaces at your own pace. Don't be surprised if the occasional giraffe visits to nibble on the giant acacia trees above your tent. (See "Dorobo Mobile Camp" attachment for more details regarding the camp).

### Day 4

Today we will spend the day in the Simanjiro wilderness area. We will be joined by winner of the 2016 Goldman Environmental Prize for Africa Edward Loure. Edward is leading efforts and projects for UCRT within the wider Simanjiro area. Between discussions, presentations and visits to field sites, this day is designed to give you a glimpse of the intricacies of how things work and what is happening "on the ground". We will end the day back at camp with a traditional Maasai goat roast and celebration.

## Day 5

We will depart in the morning for the Eastern boundary of Tarangire National Park, enjoying a game drive as we make our way to our designated walking area inside the national park. Tarangire National Park offers a good comparison of the impact of different land-uses on wildlife and the habitat. Contrasting today's sights with the previous two days gives you an indication of what the rest of the ecosystem might have been like without the impact of humans – food for discussion around the campfire with your nightcap! Tonight's mobile camp will be beneath the giant baobab trees inside the park.

## Day 6

Wake up early for a morning walking excursions. After enjoying a hot lunch back in camp, we will make our way to the northern part of Tarangire; enjoying game drives as we go. Tonight we will be staying at [Tarangire Safari Lodge](#), located on a bluff overlooking the Tarangire River- one of the best views in Tarangire. This lodge has also been very supportive of Dorobo Fund's different conservation and cultural initiatives paying yearly into the conservation easements on the Maasai steppe we visited earlier. They have also set aside the whole lodge three times to host representatives from the Hadza, Akie, and Sandawe hunter-gatherer groups to connect, discuss issues, sing, dance, and share stories. Over sundowners with the owners of Tarangire Safari Lodge, find out more about what hosting close to 80 hunter-gatherers entails.











## Day 7

After breakfast, we will travel into the Great Rift Valley and make our way to Yaeda Valley – home of the Hadzabe hunter-gatherers. The Yaeda Valley is another area where Dorobo Fund has focused a great deal of resources in securing land and empowering the Hadzabe communities for self-representation in the modern political and economic world. Dorobo Fund has also funded work with the surrounding Datoga communities. The Datoga, pastoralists similar to the Maasai, are another group that have lost all their ancestral land and suffered severe prejudice throughout the years. Working with them also helps them to respect and work with their neighbors, the Hadzabe. While here, you will be again in one of your private Dorobo Mobile Camps nestled beneath rocky outcrops underneath a brilliant night sky. Enjoy an evening lecture on Hadza history, culture, and the modern day challenges the Hadza face with Daudi Peterson, author of *Hadzabe: By the Light of a Million Fires*.

## Day 8

Today is a full day in the Yaeda Valley. You will join your Hadza hosts to forage for breakfast and meet with the local field staff from Ujamaa Community Resource Team (the Tanzanian partner that carries out Dorobo Fund initiatives). Over lunch, hear from Dismas Partala, a pioneer and innovator in the land rights activism community who has accomplished a great deal in his 20 years with UCRT. You'll also meet a bright and upcoming star of the UCRT team, Dayness. The niece of late Richard Baalow, she is a Dorobo Fund scholarship graduate who has returned to her community to carry on her uncle's legacy of protecting the Hadza and their culture for future generations. Enjoy an evening of Hadza story telling around the campfire before returning to your tent for the night.







## Day 9

Today is an early morning while we make our way to the Manyara airstrip in the town of Karatu. Here you will catch a late flight to the Mashado airstrip near the town of Pangani on the Tanzania coast. You will be transferred to the [Emayani Beach Lodge](#) where you will be based for the next four nights. The same family that owns the Tarangire Safari Lodge owns this lodge.

In this area, the Dorobo Fund supports a small organization called “Friends of Maziwe.” Friends of Maziwe organize daily patrols to the Maziwe Marine Reserve located five miles offshore. Despite the official designation of a Marine Reserve, the area did not have any support or protection until Friends of Maziwe was started. Illegal fishing, netting and even dynamiting was rampant. Since the patrols started, the number and diversity of fish, coral and other life has increased dramatically. Maziwe acts as a source area providing higher catch yields for local fishermen in surrounding areas.

Friends of Maziwe also run a turtle relocation project. The sandbar that is now in the Maziwe MR used to be a permanent island above the high-tide mark with trees, and was an important Green and Hawksbill turtle nesting site. Now, the island is covered every high tide, and the nests of returning turtles are inundated killing all the eggs. Friends of Maziwe relocates these nests to a safe piece of beach on the mainland set aside for turtle nesting. In the past 7 years, over 40,000 baby turtles have been successfully released.

## Day 10,11,12

These three days will be filled with the following activities. Please note, scheduling will be influenced by tides and timing of special events such a turtle nest hatching.

- Visit to the Maziwe Marine Reserve – Dive, snorkel and relax on the sandbar
- Visit to Friends of Maziwe turtle nesting site – meet with Friends of Maziwe staff and learn about their work protecting over 50,000 baby turtles
- Visit to Ushongo fishing village – see traditional dhow boat builders, explore the local fish market, and take in the slow paced Swahili coast life
- Fishing excursion to the nearby Reef
- Resting and relaxing

## Day 13

This morning we will catch a morning flight from the Mashado airstrip to Kilimanjaro International Airport. You will transfer to KIA Lodge, located a convenient 5 minutes from the airport, for lunch. You will have day rooms here, where you can shower, repack your clothes and get ready for your international flight out.



