

Primates and paleoanthropology expedition



A **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** to join a chimpanzee research scientist at the Gombe research area, made famous by Dr. Jane Goodall

- Three days of trekking through the forest in search of chimpanzees, with myriad birds, red colobus monkeys, and baboons along the way
- Visit to Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important paleoanthropological sites in the world
- Enjoy evening sundowners on the shore of Lake Tanganyika
- Luxury stay at Ngorongoro Crater to see the "Big 5"
- Meet with mountain gorilla researchers from the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund
- Spend a day trekking to see mountain gorillas and endangered golden monkeys
- Carefully curated trip featuring arrangements and transport by a long-time African travel expert

Are you ready for a real adventure—more than just viewing wild animals from a platform or Land Rover? This is the trip for you!

Follow long-time chimpanzee researcher Ian Gilby through the forest at arguably the world's most famous chimpanzee research site—the Gombe Stream Research Center, founded by Jane Goodall in 1965.

Gilby is a Research Affiliate with the Institute of Human Origins and the Codirector of the Gombe chimpanzee database, which contains detailed daily observations collected at Gombe over the last 55 years, and continuing today.

By trekking through the forest and observing this iconic chimpanzee population, you will learn from Dr. Gilby the life stories of individual chimpanzees and how their personalities affect their social relationships, how and why they cooperate, and how environmental challenges are changing their lives. While at Gombe, you will also have the

June 8–20, 2018

Hosted by **Ian Gilby, PhD**

Cost: \$14,295.00* per person

Plus, the **ASU Institute of Human Origins requests a charitable donation of \$2,500 per person.** Your gift will help to fund student scholarships, field and laboratory research, and operations of the institute.

**Cost is based on current exchange rates. Single traveler supplement is required. Your gift of \$2,500 per person will be deposited with the ASU Foundation for a New American University, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU. Gifts in support of ASU are subject to foundation policies and fees. Please consult with your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of charitable contributions (IFAS 30002491). See pricing page for Deposit and Cancellation information.*

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opportunity to hear from researchers studying other primates, including baboons and red colobus monkeys.

For the second half of the trip, you will stay at the edge the Ngorongoro Crater for the quintessential African animal experience, and then visit Olduvai Gorge, an area essential to understanding how our genus, *Homo*, evolved.

Finally, trek into the forests of Rwanda to observe wild mountain gorillas and golden monkeys and meet with gorilla researchers working at Karisoke, the site made famous by the pioneering work of Dian Fossey.

Itinerary overview

June 8

Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport
Arusha Coffee Lodge

June 9

Private air charter to Kigoma, boat transfer to Gombe National Park
Gombe Forest Lodge or TANAPA Rest House

June 10

Visit to historic feeding station, waterfall, Jane's Peak, chimp trekking
Gombe Forest Lodge or TANAPA Rest House

June 11

Chimp trekking
Gombe Forest Lodge or TANAPA Rest House

June 12

Chimp trekking, birdwatching, and monkey watching
Gombe Forest Lodge or TANAPA Rest House

June 13

Boat to Kigoma, air charter to Manyara Airstrip
Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

June 14

Full day Ngorongoro Crater tour
Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

June 15

Olduvai Gorge tour
Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

June 16

Road transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport, Air to Nairobi
Karen Blixen Coffee Gardens

June 17

Air to Kigali, Rwanda, road transfer to Musanze
Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

June 18

Gorilla trekking, visit to Iby Iwacu Cultural Village
Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

June 19

Golden monkey trekking
Visit to Karisoke Research Center
Road transfer to Kigali
Serena Hotel

June 20

Air to Nairobi, dayroom Eka Hotel
Evening departure flight

Detailed itinerary

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Friday, June 8—Welcome to Tanzania

Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport, Arusha, Tanzania
Overnight at [Arusha Coffee Lodge](#), *breakfast included*

Upon arrival at Tanzania's Kilimanjaro International Airport, your flight will be met by our private drivers for your transfer to the Arusha Coffee Lodge. Accommodations at the Arusha Coffee Lodge consist of 18 plantation suites and 12 plantation rooms set in the midst of a working coffee estate almost a century old. Your rooms are a combination of modern comforts framed in the architectural style of the original coffee farm buildings dating back to the early 1900s.

Please note, as everyone will be coming in on a variety of flights, we have left this first day without costing in lunch or dinner. There is a very good restaurant at the lodge, and a safe 10-minute taxi ride will bring you to other restaurants around the city of Arusha. Budget about \$30.00 for your meals today.

Saturday to Tuesday, June 9–12—Gombe and Chimpanzees

Private air charter to Kigoma on Lake Tanganyika
Boat transfer to Gombe Stream National Park
Overnight at [Gombe Forest Lodge](#) or [TANAPA Rest House](#), *full board*

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the nearby Arusha Airport for private air charter—with picnic lunches and drinks packed aboard—to the town of Kigoma via the ancient caravan town of Tabora (total flying time 3 hours 30 minutes with a stop midway at Tabora for refueling and toilet break).

Upon arrival in Kigoma (near where Stanley famously met Dr. Livingstone), you will transfer to a motor boat for a sail (plan on about two hours) along Lake Tanganyika to Gombe National Park. After an adventurous day traveling to this remote area, you will be happy to check into your rooms at either Gombe Forest Lodge or TANAPA Rest House for the beginning of an amazing four-night stay.

Gombe National Park is a thin strip of ancient montane forest bordering the second deepest lake in the world, Lake Tanganyika. This park was made world-famous for the primate studies conducted by pioneering British researcher, Dr. Jane Goodall. Prepare yourself for a truly remarkable experience of chimpanzees and other wildlife in one of the most remote and untouched parks in Tanzania. Although we have planned a busy schedule for you, there will still be plenty of time for relaxation on the beach, (even snorkeling!), birdwatching, and watching red colobus monkeys and baboons.

During your stay, you will have two to three treks to study chimpanzees up close, along with a visit to the historic chimpanzee feeding station, a walk to a beautiful waterfall, and a hike to Jane's Peak.

In addition to accompanying you on these adventures, Dr. Gilby will give informal presentations on the history of chimpanzee research at Gombe, recent revelations, and ongoing projects. Dr. Anthony Collins, the director of baboon research, has graciously offered to give a talk about the history of the long-term Gombe baboon project.

Chimpanzee trekking is conducted in the mornings, with afternoon hikes for the especially adventurous. Relax for the rest of the day or hike towards the spectacular waterfalls of Kakombe, an easy thirty-minute walk, or the slightly further valley of Mkenke. Other attractions include the boisterous olive baboons as well as blue monkeys, red-tail monkeys, and red colobus monkeys, all of which are often observed in camp. Bushbuck are occasionally encountered in the forest, while fish eagles and palm-nut vultures are often soar overhead. The park has a total of nine species of primates. The chimpanzees, habituated by five decades of study, can be approached to within several yards as they forage, groom, and wrestle across the forest floor.

Your accommodations: Gombe Forest Lodge

In the lush shade of ancient forest trees just off the shores of Lake Tanganyika, lies the small yet intimate Gombe Forest Lodge. This lodge offers accommodations for just 14 guests at a time so there is a lovely sense of privacy and connection to the nature surroundings. Set on wooden platforms beneath mango groves on the lakeshore, the seven furnished tents of Gombe Forest Lodge are designed to provide modern comfort while minimizing the impact on the environment. Guests at the lodge fill their days with hiking through the trails, observing chimpanzees and birds, or exploring the lake by kayak. Enjoy sundowners around a campfire on the beach and unwind from the day's adventures. The cozy dining area, just a couple of steps off the beach, is built on a wooden platform with an extended deck shaded by the forest. A small library, with a selection of books and novels, is also available.

Your accommodations (alternative): TANAPA

The maximum number of travelers on this program is 18, and the Gombe Forest Lodge offers a maximum of 14 guests, so we have reserved additional lodging to accommodate our group. In addition to the Gombe Forest Lodge, we will use the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) Rest House. This modest facility offers clean, but very basic accommodations, and for more experienced travelers (who also wouldn't mind saving \$1,500 per person)—who are prepared to bring along their sense of adventure—this is a good option.

Wednesday to Friday, June 13–15

Ngorongoro Crater, Olduvai Gorge, and the “Big 5”

Boat transfer to Kigoma, private air charter to Manyara Airstrip

Overnight [Ngorongoro Serena Lodge](#), *full board*

Today you will have another boat transfer from the Gombe National Park to Kigoma for private air charter to the Lake Manyara Airstrip (about 3 hours 10 minutes with a stop midway). You will be met at the airstrip for transfer to the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge for three overnights.

The fabled Ngorongoro Crater is justifiably considered one of the most spectacular spots on earth. Actually, this is a caldera, a sunken volcanic core, not a crater. It is about 120 square miles and provides a home for

an amazing variety of animals. Fresh water year-round keeps a large population of buffalo, elephant, zebra, wildebeest, and antelope resident, as well as the rare black rhino. There are five known prides of black-maned lions here, competing with cheetah and hyena for their share of the food supply. No matter what you see, they all look spectacular against the backdrop of the dramatic caldera walls. Many have described Ngorongoro as one of the wildlife wonders of the world. In the late afternoon, when the light softens, the magic of Ngorongoro becomes particularly beguiling.

The Serena Lodge is one of the finest hotels on the Ngorongoro Crater rim as it is beautifully designed to blend in with the dramatically beautiful surroundings. Serena is not as opulent as some other local lodges, but we find it is one of the most comfortable and offers well-trained and friendly staff. Needless to say, all rooms have nice views of the crater itself, but it is the attention to the small details of service that makes this hotel our choice.

You will have a full day tour of the Ngorongoro Crater on the 14th, complete with a picnic lunch and drinks.

On the 15th, you will be transferred to Olduvai Gorge for a tour of this world-famous fossil site. Evidence of *Homo habilis*, *Paranthropus boisei*, and *Homo erectus*, and their tools, have been found in this portion of the Great Rift Valley. After this fascinating tour, you will be transferred back to the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge for dinner.

Saturday, June 16—Rose-lipped maidens, light-foot lads

Road transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport, air to Nairobi, Kenya

Overnight [Karen Blixen Coffee Garden](#), *breakfast included*

You will have a private road transfer from the crater to Kilimanjaro Airport for the scheduled flight to Nairobi where you will be met and transferred to the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden for overnight.

The Karen Blixen Coffee Garden and its cottages are located on the original Swedo-African Coffee Company owned by Danish author Karen Blixen and her husband Bror. The original house that today serves as a restaurant was the farm manager's house, built near the main house called Bogani House, portrayed in the film, *Out of Africa*. There are 14 colonial-style cottage suites, with spacious 100-year-old gardens. All the cottages have large bathrooms, a fireplace, satellite TV, and mini-fridge. There is also a large swimming pool.

Sunday, June 17—Rwanda

Air to Kigali, Rwanda; road transfer to Virunga National Park

Overnight [Mountain Gorilla View Lodge](#), *full board*

You will be picked up from the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden and transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight to Kigali, Rwanda. Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport, you will be met by our representatives, briefed about your trip and introduced to your professional driver/guides. If you wish, there should be time for a visit to the Genocide Memorial Museum—a permanent memorial to those who fell victim to genocide in 1994 and pays tribute to the victims of this tragic chapter in world history.

You will then have a two- to three-hour drive on excellent roads, through “the land of a thousand hills” to Musanze. The scenery is stunning with hills and valleys of this green, lush country. Upon arrival, you will check into the Mountain Gorilla View Lodge.

The lodge is located on the foothills of Mount Karisimbi, one of the volcanic mountains that make up the Virunga Massif. The lodge is about a ten-minute drive to the main entrance of the Volcanoes National Park where gorilla trekking starts. Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is an eco-lodge with 30 chalets. To ensure the least disruption of the surrounding environment, the eco-lodge was constructed with locally available material and each chalet comes with a comfortable lounge with fireplace.

Monday, June 18—Among the mountain gorillas

Gorilla trek

Overnight [Mountain Gorilla View Lodge](#), *full board*

After an early breakfast, you will drive to the National Park headquarters at 6:30 am for the official briefing that starts at 07:00 am. Your guided trek will start at 8:00 am.

Volcanoes National Park protects the steep slopes of this magnificent mountain range—home of the rare mountain gorilla—and the rich mosaic of montane ecosystems, which embrace evergreen and bamboo forest, open grassland, swamp, and heath. You may spot a wide variety of bird life, but the high point will be spending an hour with the gorillas as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting, and raising their young.

After trekking, you will return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, weather and energy permitting, your guides will accompany you through the rural countryside and villages of Kinigi and Musanze where you can experience the local culture as well as visit the Iby Iwacu Cultural Village.

Tuesday, June 19—Pursuing the endangered golden monkeys

Golden Money trek, visit the Karisoke Research Center

Overnight at [Kigali Serena Hotel](#), *breakfast included*

This morning you will have a trek to see the rare and beautiful golden monkey. Golden monkeys are listed as endangered—and the park currently has two troops of golden monkeys that are habituated—with about 80 members. Golden monkeys live in the bamboo vegetation towards the base of the volcanoes, and habituation has helped them to overcome their initial shyness to accept daily visits by researchers and tourists.

Treks to see golden monkeys and gorillas are conducted in a similar manner—small groups of no more than eight people get to spend one hour with the monkeys once you find them. These monkeys are very active creatures and jump from tree to tree, which is really interesting though a little difficult to photograph!

After the trek, you will drive to the Karisoke Research Center, founded by Dian Fossey, and hear from scientists researching the mountain gorillas, with a tour of their lab. After this tour, you will return to the lodge for lunch. After lunch, you will be transferred by road to the Serena Hotel, which is a relaxed yet elegant five-star hotel that is located on one of Kigali's charming boulevards. The Serena Hotels is situated in Central Kigali and is 10 km from the international airport.

Wednesday, June 20—Good-bye Africa!

Air to Nairobi

Dayroom at [Eka Hotel](#), Departures

Today you will be transferred to the Kigali airport for the flight back to Nairobi where you will be met and taken to day rooms at the Eka Hotel. Eka Hotel is only a 15-minute drive from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, so it will be a convenient resting place before your international flights. The Eka Hotel features a gym, swimming pool, and a nice restaurant.

Your program includes the transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your late evening departure flight.

This itinerary presupposes that everyone will book their international air tickets into Arusha, Tanzania's Kilimanjaro International Airport, and depart from Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Most of the international carriers such as KLM Royal Dutch Airlines do not charge extra for tickets arriving in Arusha and departing from Nairobi. Other airlines who service both airports include Qatar, Emirates, and British Airways.

If you prefer to book your international air ticket round trip into and out of Arusha, we are happy to book the flight from Nairobi to Arusha for you. We are also happy to book any travel before or after this program.

Rates and charitable donations

\$14,295.00* per person

sharing **Gombe Forest Lodge at Gombe**, includes \$1,500 each for Rwanda Gorilla permit \$1,480.00 *single traveller supplement*

Or, **\$12,795.00*** per person

sharing **TANAPA Rest House at Gombe**, includes \$1,500 each for Rwanda Gorilla permit \$940.00 *single traveller supplement*

Pricing is based on a minimum of 8 guests. More confirmed guests will reduce the price per person. The group is capped at 18 people, plus Dr. Gilby and a guide.

The Gombe Forest Lodge holds a maximum of 14 people at first-come, first-served availability. The last four travelers will be accommodated at the TANAPA Rest House unless the lower-priced accommodations are preferred. See the detailed itinerary for more information.

Payment

We require a deposit of 30 percent of the final quotation to confirm the safari. This deposit must be received before any bookings can be made. The balance is payable 60 days prior to safari starting date—Friday, April 8, 2018.

Cancellation policy

Cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

- If notice of cancellation is received at least 120 days prior to travel starting date, the full deposit less \$2,000 per person handling fee is refunded.
- If such notice is received between 60 and 120 days prior to travel starting date, the full deposit is forfeited.
- If such notice is received between 30–60 days prior to travel starting date, 50 percent of the full travel cost is forfeited.
- The full travel cost is forfeited if such notice is received less than 30 days prior to travel starting date.
- \$750 per person for the Rwanda gorilla permits are nonrefundable.

Donation

*In addition to the cost of travel, the ASU Institute of Human Origins requests a **charitable donation of \$2,500 per person** (under 18 years of age excluded, traveling with family). Your gift will help to fund student scholarships, field and laboratory research, and operations of the institute.

Included

- Accommodations, transport, and most meals
- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- Local safari manager accompanying group in Tanzania
- Drivers and guides in Rwanda
- Water, soft drinks, juices, and beers in camps (liquor, wine extra)
- **East African Flying Doctor Society** membership
- Charter flights and scheduled flights as shown

Excluded

- International airfare
- Cost of obtaining passport or visa, excess baggage charges
- Meals, wine, liquor unless specified in the itinerary
- Expenses such phone, internet, fax, room service, etc.
- Travel insurance and any items not specified under inclusions
- Gratuities

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Additional information

Physical nature of this trip

If you have read the itinerary carefully, you can see that some of the forest and mountain trekking will require some moderately strenuous hiking. Chimpanzee, gorilla, and monkey trekking outings will be several hours each in warm temperatures. Please be sure you are physically ready to take on this amazing adventure!

U.S. currency

For use of U.S. cash in African countries, it must be currency issued 2006 or later.

Passports and visa requirements

Kenya*: It is easy to get a Kenya visa on arrival at the Nairobi airport. You must arrive with U.S. \$50 (subject to change) per person cash and a simple form that you can fill out and take with you. No photo required. Join the line for visas, which may take ten to twenty minutes, where they stamp in your visa, and you are through and on your way *Another Kenya visa is not required after the Rwanda visit.

Tanzania: Visas can be obtained on arrival for \$100 per person in cash. Take a filled-out visa application form and two passport photos.

Rwanda: Visas are now required for Americans and Canadians for U.S. \$30 per person. This could increase at any time to U.S. \$50 per person, so be prepared for an increase.

Other destinations in Africa: When traveling to Africa, please note your passport **MUST** be valid for at least six months from the guests' departure date. There must be at least three blank visa pages in the passport (not endorsement pages). This is a good practice no matter where you are traveling.

Malaria/Yellow Fever preparation

We recommend Malarone as the best malaria suppressant available in the United States, and we recommend that you consult with your doctor for the appropriate doses.

We highly recommend that you only take anti-malaria medicine in the evening after a full meal. Although Malarone is said to have less side effects than previous malaria medicines, people are still known to experience sun sensitivity, nausea, and fever, especially after the first few doses.

It is required that you have a Yellow Fever International Health Card that you get from a doctor for travel in Tanzania and Rwanda. It is wise for any traveler to be up-to-date on tetanus, polio, etc.

Luggage limits

Luggage limit on flights is 20 lbs. maximum per person, plus camera equipment and/or carry-on for a total weight limit of 33 lbs. per person. The airlines request you use soft-sided luggage such as duffel bags. There is a 44 lb. limit for flights to and from Kigali.

Travel insurance

We require you to make arrangements that you and your property are fully insured for the duration of your trip and also for travel in light aircraft. Make sure to check with your health insurer that any injury sustained or medications required are covered by your health insurance.

Similarly, you are asked to arrange adequate insurance in the unforeseen event of postponement or cancellation. Travel insurance will need to be purchased soon after you make your deposit for the travel, so check on travel insurance soon after securing your place on the trip.

Liability

Although every possible care is taken to safe guard you and your property, we accept no liability for any accidents, injuries, or illness to clients incurred from any safari or for any loss or damage to clients' property during safari. A separate release will need to be executed for Arizona State University.

Travel provider—Donald Young Safaris

The Institute of Human Origins is partnering with our long-time friend Don Young and his company, [Donald Young Safaris / Newland, Tarlton & Co Safaris and Expeditions](#) to plan and execute this trip program. Don has owned the company since 2001 and has led travel in Africa for many years. His company operates out of Colorado, which makes payment for the trip easy and within the U.S.