Walking For Rangers
100km | 6 days

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVERSE THE SERENGETI ON FOOT IN SUPPORT OF TUSK
In early 2021 we are inviting a small group of like-minded adventurers to take part in a once in a lifetime experience by journeying across the wonderful wilderness of the remotest corners of the Serengeti. The Walk For Rangers Challenge aims to raise vital funds to help keep these rangers in work so that they in turn can help protect Africa’s most prized wilderness areas.

Across the world, few have escaped the impact of Covid-19, not least in Africa where the collapse of tourism has had a devastating economic impact, threatening the livelihoods of millions of people, as well as the future of the continent’s iconic wildlife such as elephant, rhino and lion. Money historically raised by tourism conservation fees to pay rangers in some of worlds’ flagship wildlife areas is simply no longer there.

Walk amongst the Great Migration as they turn south, track wildlife on foot and learn about the lives of wildlife rangers who are critical to the protection of these magical places.
A once in a lifetime opportunity

Due to COVID-19 the vast savannahs of the Serengeti are empty of visitors. For the first time in decades you will have the opportunity to explore this beautiful landscape before the tourists come back.

Remote areas of the Serengeti

The 100km walk over six days will operate in wilderness protection zones where you will have a vast, untouched landscape to explore in solitude. These remote areas mainly consists of gentle rolling hills with small streams, springs in the valleys and small grassland plains surrounded by sparse acacia forests. Big granite outcrops called kopjes give the area a great feel and look.

Isolation

Being totally immersed in the bush, and completely surrounded by wilderness, a walking safari naturally leads to self-isolation. There is simply no better way to escape lockdown and live and breathe the natural world again.

Abundant Wildlife

Being an area of varied eco-zones and diverse vegetation, the Serengeti is home to all of Africa's mammals and a huge variety of birds, reptiles and insects. A large amount of wildlife is resident in the area all year round, due to permanent springs.
Your nights will be spent under the stars in a small, exclusive mobile walking camp.

Moving with you, the camps offer access to remote parts of the Serengeti in the easiest manner possible, while maintaining high levels of comfort. The perfect accommodation to experience nature at its best, discovering undisturbed wildlife and enjoy the serenity of the environment.

The dome style tents have plenty of floor space for two people. You will sleep on comfy four-inch mattresses on bed frames with cotton covered duvets and sheets. The bathroom is a small distance behind the tent consisting of shallow pit latrines and bucket showers.

Most of the food will be pre-prepared before your safari so that more elaborate meals can be served. A small crew will join the safari and do all the final preparations of the cooking as well as help around camp. Weather depending, all meals will be taken around the camp fire, but in case of bad weather there will be a small mess tent to keep out the rain and insects.

All of the walking camps operate in the most environmentally sustainable manner with low impact energy creation, such as solar powered lighting, being used wherever possible.
We couldn’t have been more delighted with our trip. Your ground team covered everything and were so charming and efficient that it all went terribly smoothly. We would recommend Exceptional Travel to all our friends and can’t wait for our trip to Sri Lanka with them next year.

Jean du Plessis is a man on a mission. For the past 20 years, Jean has worked at the forefront of developing new and exciting safari experiences in Tanzania, as well as guiding small select groups into the 'wild and wonderful'. Originally from South Africa, Jean has guided all over Africa and has a particular passion for walking safaris as he feels it is “the ultimate way to slow down, reconnect with nature and have a truly transformative safari experience.”

As well as his work in the field, Jean is also the host of several TV series including Ultimate Africa that screened on National Geographic as well Nomads of the Serengeti and Love Nature. In 2021, Jean will start filming for a new series for Netflix & IMAX about the ecosystem of the Serengeti. Jean is currently featuring on Sky Nature with his Nomads of the Serengeti series.
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<td>Fly to Central Serengeti where you will be taken to the Serengeti Walking Camp. Welcome around the camp fire, briefing &amp; overnight.</td>
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<td>Five full days of walking across the black rhino zones of the Serengeti.</td>
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<td>End at Serengeti Green Camp where you will enjoy a celebratory supper under the stars.</td>
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<td>Flight back to Arusha and depart on your international flight home.</td>
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The timing of this unique experience can be tailored to suit any group (subject to guide availability) but we recommend January to March or September to December.

## COST

£5,500 pp including all meals, drinks, accommodation, park fees, transfers and internal flights.

Cost excludes donation (see next page), tips, international flights and insurances.

Minimum group size of 6, maximum of 12.
The Trans-Serengeti Safari has been developed by Jean du Plessis and Exceptional Travel to raise vital funds for Tusk, supporting rangers working on the frontline of conservation across Africa throughout the pandemic.

As part of this initiative, a donation of £1,000 per person (minimum) is requested to complement each booking.

For details of how to make a donation to Tusk, a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registration number 1186533), please contact mary-jane@tusk.org
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