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TANZANIA COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Using protocols suggested by the WHO, the CDC and the government of Tanzania, these are the steps being taken in Tanzania in order to keep both our guests' and staff's safety a top priority.

The core of the plan is to strictly adhere to:

- Social distancing
- Frequent, vigorous hand washing or sanitizing
- Use of protective equipment such as face masks, face shields, gloves, etc.
- Thomson requires all guests to provide proof of a negative PCR test taken no more than 96 hours before travel. Rapid-test results are not accepted. Please note that this policy is superseded by any government or airline regulations that may be more restrictive. Strictest terms prevail.

ARRIVAL IN TANZANIA

Please bring your own supply of sanitizing wipes and gels and use them frequently in airports and on your international flights. We strongly urge you to wear a mask throughout your journey.

Please bring your own supply of masks, either disposable or cloth, for the duration of your safari.

All guests entering Tanzania will have to provide contact information for their stay (provided in your pre-departure packet) and confirm that they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and have not knowingly been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

The government of Tanzania requires all travelers to have emergency medical evacuation coverage, and we recommend using a local provider to ensure quick response times, for example, [AMREF Flying Doctors](#) (Silver Plan is most frequently used) or [Arusha Medivac](#). Please note this is in addition to travel insurance that covers other essentials like cancellation, baggage, delays, etc.

At the airport, it is highly likely that your temperature will be taken by airport staff.

A Thomson representative will greet you outside of customs with a warm smile under his mask!

VEHICLES

Vehicle capacity has been reduced to 4 guests (capacity 7), unless private arrangements have been made in advance.

Vehicles are sanitized thoroughly with approved products daily.

On group departures, you may share a vehicle with up to three other participants; private vehicles may be reserved in advance for an additional fee.

You and your guide will be required to sanitize your hands entering and exiting the vehicle. Bags will be sanitized before being loaded into the vehicle by your guide.

YOUR TEAM

All staff will have received intensive training in these Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
All staff will have a twice-daily temperature check.
All staff will wear masks at and around camp, and in any group setting.

During the trek, on the open trails, distance will be maintained, and masks will not be worn.
Your guide and the staff will observe social distancing protocols throughout.

TENTS AND GEAR

All gear and tents will have been sanitized prior to your arrival with approved cleaning solutions.

A tent and sleeping pad will be assigned to you for the duration of your trek; it will be set up and broken down by the same porter each day and sanitized prior to your arrival at camp each day.

Any rental equipment including sleeping bag, therma-rest, or cot will be designated to you throughout.

DINING

International safe food handling standards will continue to be implemented, and all utensils, cups, etc will continue to be sanitized to the same high standard.

Meals can be eaten outdoors or in your tent, upon request; for private groups or smaller scheduled groups a dining tent is available for private or socially distant meals.

Only mountain chefs will handle food; no other members of the crew are permitted in the kitchen tent at any time.

DURING YOUR TREK

A routine temperature check will be performed every morning before breakfast and in the evening upon returning to camp.

While out on the trail, social distancing will be maintained, and you may choose not to wear a mask in the fresh air. This is a personal decision.

You must wear a mask when interacting with the guide or crew at camp.

You may occasionally be reminded to keep socially distant or don your mask in areas where mandated by the Tanzanian government or requested by your guide.

Remember that this is your once-in-a-lifetime trek. Simple, common sense practices implemented by both guests and staff will help everyone feel at ease – without intruding on your enjoyment of this awe-inspiring experience!