

*These protocols are being revised periodically as more information becomes available. Please check the Thomson Safaris website for the most up to date information.*



## TANZANIA COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

### THE CORE OF THE PLAN

- ✓ Using protocols suggested by the WHO, the CDC and the government of Tanzania
- ✓ A common-sense approach that respects guests' and Tanzanians' safety
- ✓ Social distancing, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, face masks, rigorous cleaning protocols
- ✓ Testing prior to and during your trip

### ARRIVAL IN TANZANIA

Tanzania requires proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result for entry.

Tanzania also administers a rapid test on arrival at the airport (currently \$25 USD per person).

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

The government of Tanzania requires all travelers to have emergency medical evacuation coverage. We recommend using a local provider to ensure quick response times, for example, [AMREF Flying Doctors](#) (Silver Plan is \$16 per person) or [Arusha Medivac](#) (Tourist Plan, \$20 per person). **Please note:** These plans only work as a supplement to your existing travel insurance, and do not replace the need for travel insurance coverage.

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

### VEHICLES

Vehicle capacity will be limited, always seating fewer than the 8-passenger capacity, and each passenger is guaranteed a window seat.

Vehicles are sanitized thoroughly with CDC-approved cleaning products.

Bags will be sanitized before being placed in the vehicle.

You and your guide will be required to sanitize your hands upon entering and exiting the vehicle.

### YOUR TEAM

All staff will have received intensive training in these Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

All staff will have a 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 is designated specifically 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 personal tent, upon request; otherwise, meals will be shared in the well-ventilated dining tent.

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 day.

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 within close proximity to 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!

## AFTER YOUR TREK

The US government requires proof of a negative COVID-19 test for re-entry to the US, so Thomson will assist in scheduling a test, transporting you to and from the testing site, and printing your results prior to departure to meet US requirements.