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Iraq Village in the Karatu Region
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- Large walk-in, solid-floor tents and fine food; camp beds with linens, an attached portable toilet and separate bucket shower; a private veranda with table, washbasin and safari chairs; hot water showers are available any time of day. Lighting is by kerosene lamps.
- Services of a Smith faculty member and Tanzanian-born English-speaking safari guide.
- Comfortable wildlife viewing in specially equipped 4-wheeled drive Land Rover Defenders with pop-up roof and video camera charging sockets. Each traveler is guaranteed a window seat.
- Baggage handling.
- Beer, wine, spirits and soda included at welcome and farewell dinners.
- Cultural and village visits.
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- Complete pre-departure information. After making a reservation, travelers receive a package of detailed information to help prepare for the trip. It includes the trip agreement and conditions, pre-departure instructions, a packing list, health requirements and visa regulations. Travelers will also receive additional educational materials, suggested reading list and luggage tags.
- Daily safari briefing to help you prepare for each day’s game viewing.
- Charter flight from Serengeti to Arusha.

**Cost Does Not Include:**

- International flights to Tanzania, unless airfare is arranged by Thomson Safaris;
- $38 Tanzania airport departure tax, unless airfare is arranged by Thomson Safaris;
- NWA/KLM’s variable fuel surcharge ($260 as of July 2007);
- Gratuities for guides and camp staff;
- Activities not included as part of the itinerary;
- Trip cancellation insurance;
- Passport, visa, and immunization fees; personal items such as laundry, fax/phone/email charges, souvenirs and alcoholic beverages.

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