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Travellers Choice agents explore Tanzania in style

6 April 2017: **Impressive buildings and beautiful landscapes can brighten any journey, but as a group of Travellers Choice members were reminded on a recent trip to Tanzania, it's the human encounters that often create the most memorable moments.**

As guests of The Africa Safari Co. and South African Airlines, eight agents explored some of Tanzania's world famous game reserves and luxury safari lodges, including the recently-opened Asilia The Highlands, which sits on the edge of mountain forest north of Ngorongoro Crater and near a Maasai village.

Tullie Seneca from Travel and Cruise Ceduna says it was here that the group were given the opportunity to visit the settlement, and speak to Maasai women and children still unaccustomed to meeting international guests.

"It was fascinating to see how they live and their perspective on things such as marriage, which in their culture allows a man to have more than one wife," says Seneca. "It was also interesting to see the way they are interacting with western culture. For instance, the hut we entered had a solar panel on top to provide power for one little light, and they now have mobile phones. So some things from western culture they are choosing to bring in, but other things they are not."

The itinerary also included a night at &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, and three nights in the Singita Grumeti Reserve, adjacent to Serengeti National Park.

For Kathy Granger from Burnie Travelcentre, the game drives in Ngorongoro were outstanding but the Serengeti was the highlight.

"We were able to see the animals migrating across the plains," says Granger. "The sheer vastness of it all was extraordinary - you can see forever."

The group also experienced the luxury of a bygone era at the Singita Sabora Tented Camp, which is set up as a 1920s-style explorer's base.

“One night we went out for a game drive and sat for a couple of hours watching wild dogs, and when we got back to the camp we went straight to dinner,” says Seneca. “When we eventually walked back to our tents later that evening, we found that the staff had run each of us a hot bath. It's those sorts of touches that are really unforgettable.”

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Back row (L-R): Tullie Seneca (Travel and Cruise Ceduna), Brian Bennett (Travel and Cruise Professionals), Viv Craig (Viv's Travel Bug), Kathy Granger (Burnie Travelcentre) and Jane Hammacott (Cairns Travel Professionals). Front row (L-R): Susie Potter (The Africa Safari Co) and Anni Baillieu (Moss Vale Cruise & Travel).

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