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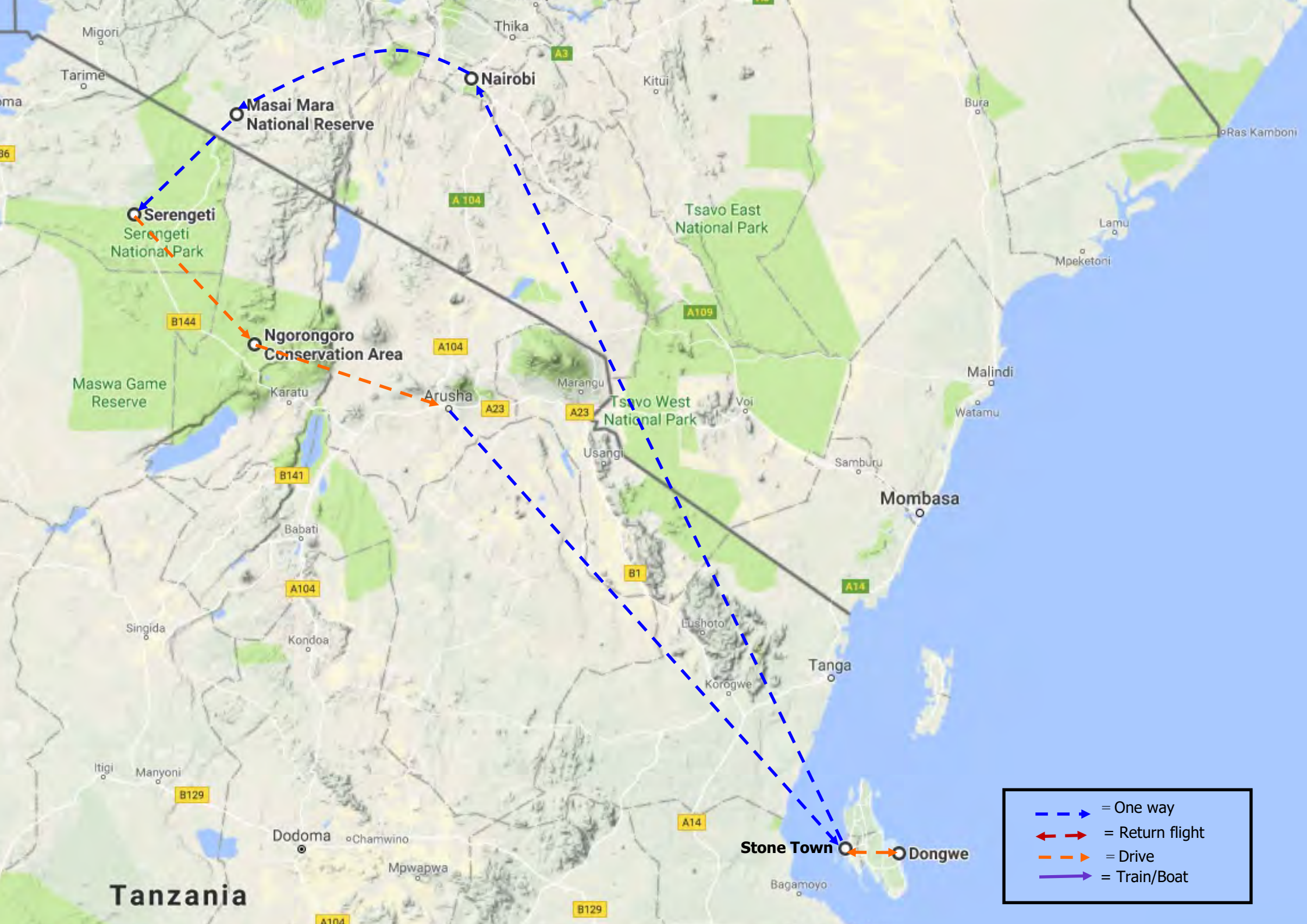
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In a Nutshell...

Day 1 - Arrive in Nairobi & transfer to Eka Hotel

Day 2 - Journey to the Masai Mara & stay at Elephant Pepper Camp

Day 3 - Safari in the Masai Mara. Elephant Pepper Camp

Day 4 - Safari in the Masai Mara. Elephant Pepper Camp

Day 5 - Travel to the Central Serengeti & to Mbuzi Mawe Camp

Day 6 - Balloon Safari. Mbuzi Mawe

Day 7 - On Safari. Mbuzi Mawe

Day 8 - South to Karatu. Stay at Plantation Lodge

Day 9 - Explore Lake Manyara National Park. Plantation Lodge

Day 10 - Safari into the Ngorongoro Crater. Plantation Lodge

Day 11 - Onwards to Zanzibar. Overnight at the Serena Hotel

Day 12 - Transfer to Breezes Beach Club

Day 13 - At leisure. Breezes Beach Club

Day 14 - At leisure. Breezes Beach Club

Day 15 - At leisure. Breezes Beach Club

Day 16 - At leisure. Breezes Beach Club

Day 17 - Homeward bound. Overnight flight

Day 18 - Welcome home

Flights...

Date	Airline & Flight Number	From	Departs	To	Arrives	Class
Day 1	TBC	London	TBC	Nairobi	TBC	TBC
Day 2	Light Aircraft	Nairobi	TBC	Mara North Strip	TBC	n/a
Day 5	Light Aircraft	Mara North Strip	TBC	Migori Air-strip	TBC	n/a
Day 5	Light Aircraft	Tarime Airfield	TBC	Seronera Airstrip	TBC	n/a
Day 11	Light Aircraft	Arusha Airport	TBC	Zanzibar	TBC	n/a
Day 17	TBC	Zanzibar	TBC	Nairobi	TBC	TBC
Day 17	TBC	Nairobi	TBC	London	TBC (+1day)	TBC

Your Sample Itinerary...

Day 1 - Arrive in Nairobi
This evening you land in Nairobi where you will be met and driven to nearby Eka Hotel to overnight (approx. 15 mins drive).

Accommodation: Eka Hotel
Meals: In-flight meals

Day 2 - Journey to the Masai Mara
After breakfast, you will be driven to Nairobi's domestic flight hub Wilson Airport from where you fly into the Masai Mara. At the airstrip a guide will meet you. Once settled in camp enjoy some lunch and then an afternoon game drive to see what you and your guide can find.

Situated in southwest Kenya, the **Mara North Conservancy** is a beautiful private wilderness area spanning more than 30 000 hectares. It is home to a spectacular array of plants, reptiles, birds and mammals; including elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, cheetah and large concentrations of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and other migratory wildlife. Leopard Gorge, in the heart of the conservancy, is famous as the setting of countless BBC Big Cat Diaries and National Geographic documentaries. Neighbouring the well-known Masai Mara National Reserve, this conservancy is vital for sustaining the famous Serengeti wildebeest migrations as well as the highly threatened African wild dog and black rhino.

Accommodation: Elephant Pepper Camp
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Days 3-4 - On safari in the Masai Mara
On Safari in the Masai Mara.

On one day you may want to head out on a full day drive into the main reserve and travel with a picnic lunch. The main reserve is much busier (in terms of humans) than the conservancies where Elephant Pepper Camp is located but you have good chances here of seeing the wildebeest migration river crossings.

Accommodation: Elephant Pepper Camp
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 5 - To the Central Serengeti
Today you travel from the Masai Mara into the Serengeti. Leave the Mara late morning and you'll arrive in camp by sundown. You will be met on arrival in the Serengeti by your driver/guide who will remain with you until the end of your safari. Your vehicle as well as his guiding are private so your activity timings are very much flexible from here on out.

The Serengeti together with Kenya's Masai Mara Game Park form Africa's most

famous wildlife park. The image of acacia trees on an endless grass plain epitomises Africa for many, and then add a Masai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need go no further.

The annual wildebeest migration through the Serengeti and the Masai Mara is the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet – with more than a million animals following the rains. But that is not where the game viewing ends; large prides of lions, elephants and giraffes in grasslands, gazelles and eland to mention but a few. Aside from traditional vehicle safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Serengeti plains has become almost essential and you can even do a horseback safari.

Accommodation: Mbuzi Mawe
Meals: Breakfast, pack Lunch & Dinner

Days 6-7 - On Safari
On safari in the Serengeti.

Day 6: Today at 5 am you will have a sunrise hot air balloon safari. In case the wind isn't right today, on the morning of Day 7 you have another chance for the sunrise balloon safari.

Accommodation: Mbuzi Mawe
Meals: Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

Day 8 - South to Karatu
Today you travel south and out of the Serengeti to Karatu. En route stop off at Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important paleo-anthropological sites in the world. The first early human species occupied this area approximately 1.9 million years ago.

Situated in the shadow of the Ngorongoro Crater the area around Karatu is perfect for exploring two of Tanzania's gems, the Crater and Lake Manyara National Park.

Accommodation: Plantation Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner

Day 9 - Explore Lake Manyara National Park
Today head out on a full day safari into Lake Manyara National Park.

With the Lake on its east and the Manyara Escarpment to its west, the Lake Manyara National Park offers breathtaking views and a large variety of habitats. Acacia woodlands, water forests, baobab strewn cliffs, algae-streaked hot springs, swamps and the lake itself. And thanks to this the small Park is able to support a large number of animal species and incredible bird life. Manyara has the largest concentration of baboons anywhere in the world and the lions here are also renowned for their tree climbing.

Accommodation: The Plantation Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 10 - Safari into the Ngorongoro Crater
Today head out on a full day safari into the Ngorongoro Crater.

The Ngorongoro Crater is game viewing gone crazy. Within the crater rim a daily wildlife drama is played out as large herds of zebra and wildebeest graze nearby lions, leopards, elephants and black rhinos. Outside of the crater a similar drama continues in a more spread out manner with Masai herdsmen thrown into the mix.

Accommodation: Plantation Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner

Day 11 - Onwards to Zanzibar
Today you travel by road to Arusha where your driver/guide will bid you farewell and you board a flight to Zanzibar. On arrival you will be met and driven to the Serena where you stay tonight. Late this afternoon wander out into Stone Town and enjoy getting lost in the maze of alleyways.

Stone Town is the old city and cultural heart of Zanzibar and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Famous for its winding alleys, bustling bazaars, sultan's palace, mosques, House of Wonders, Portuguese fort and gardens and the extravagant merchants' houses with their remarkably ornate doors. Stone Town is home to 51 mosques, 6 Hindu Temples, a Catholic and an Anglican Cathedral.

We recommend you have dinner at the rooftop restaurant at Emerson Spice this evening. Definitely some of the best fare in town and a great view.

Accommodation: Zanzibar Serena Hotel
Meals: Breakfast

Day 12 - Transfer to the coast
This morning at 9 am you will be picked up for your exploration of Stone Town. Wander through the meat, fish and spice markets to soak up the atmosphere and visit the old slave market to learn more about the history of this island.

Early this afternoon you will be driven approx. 1 hour to the east coast of the island where you spend your final 5 nights at Breezes Beach Club set on one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. (NB: Do note that most of Zanzibar is very tidal. At low tide it's about a mile to the water so you are restricted with regards to swimming in the sea).

Accommodation: Breezes Beach Club & Spa
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Days 13-16 - Beach at leisure
Spend the next few days at leisure on the beach.

Accommodation: Breezes Beach Club & Spa
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 17 - Homebound
Today you will be driven back to Stone Town to board an evening flight to Nairobi where you connect onto your onward flight home.

Accommodation: Overnight flight
Meals: Breakfast & In-flight meals

Day 18 - Welcome home
Early this morning you land back in the UK. Welcome home.

Accommodation: None
Meals: In-flight breakfast

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Laterally sleeping...

Eka Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya
Eka Hotel is ideally located along Mombasa Road in Nairobi the capital city of Kenya. It is situated approx 20 mins away from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, 5km from the domestic airport (Wilson) Airport and 5km from the bustling central business district.

The hotel rooms are comfortable, the location is convenient and free Wifi is available. The restaurant serves tasty meals and in leisure time you can take a dip in the pool or even get some pre/post safari exercise at the gym!

www.ekahotel.com

Elephant Pepper Camp, Maasai Mara, Kenya
Elephant Pepper is a small, tented camp located in the protected Mara North Conservancy. Originally built in 1984, it was named after the grove of elephant pepper trees it's nestled in. From here you can explore the game of the Mara North Conservancy, or venture into the National Reserve itself, this is particularly appealing during the months when the migration will be in the area (roughly July to October).

The style of the tents is just right, so that you feel like you're staying in a luxurious room, whilst also knowing that you're very much in the bush.

www.elephantpeppercamp.com

Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp, Central Serengeti, Tanzania
Mbuzi Mawe Tented Camp lies at the epicentre of the Serengeti, within easy reach of the prime wildlife theatres of Lobo, the Western Corridor of the Grumeti River, the southern grass plains, the Seronera Valley and the kopjes, or inselbergs, Gol, Barafu, Maasai, Loliondo, Simba and Moru. Accommodation comprises 16 spacious tents, each with 24-hour generator electricity, constant hot water, ensuite bathroom, dressing area, two double four-poster beds and a veranda with a double sun bed. The central lounge features a generous tented seating area opening on to a broad granite terrace with views over the Serengeti. There is also a bar, curio shop and dining tent.

www.serenahotels.com/serenambuzi/default-en.html

Plantation Lodge, Ngorongoro Region, Tanzania
The privately run Plantation Lodge, first opened in 1998, lies between Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Lake Manyara National Park, a short distance from the bustling Tanzanian market town of Karatu. Set in three hectares (seven acres) of beautifully maintained gardens, it is staffed entirely by local residents. The lodge is mainly used by visitors travelling with their own guide and vehicle, as a base for visits to the Ngorongoro Crater and sometimes to Lake Manyara National Park. The main house houses a bar, lunge and restaurant and stone pathways from here lead to the 23 rooms doted around the gardens.

www.plantation-lodge.com

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Zanzibar Serena Hotel, Stone Town, Tanzania
The Serena Inn in Stone Town is part of the internationally renowned Serena chain, which has hotels all over East Africa. The hotel has all the facilities you would expect of an international-style chain – including a choice of restaurants, a swimming pool, shop and coffee shop. The bedrooms overlook the azure waters of the Indian Ocean and the lazy dhows that plough beneath the restaurant's windows. Interiors echo Zanzibar's rich Arab influence – intricately carved doors and furniture coupled with colourful mosaic flooring. There is also a lovely private swimming pool overlooking the ocean.

www.serenahotels.com/serenazanzibar/default-en.html

Breezes Beach Club, Dongwe, Tanzania
Breezes is situated on a breath-taking beach on the most private and untouched part of Zanzibar. Furnished with rich & exotic fabrics, each piece of furniture has been painstakingly carved by a team of 50 carpenters specifically for the hotel. The beach is ranked one of the top 30 island beaches in the World by Conde Nast and the very tidal sea offers a whole range of water sport opportunities. Food and drink is abundant here with 5 different bars offering a selection of the finest wines and spirits and the hotel's chef preparing a delicious variety of cuisine incorporating traditional Zanzibari elements, which can be enjoyed in one of the four restaurant venues. Other facilities include The Frangipani Spa, a yoga & meditation retreat, a marine activities centre, scuba diving centre, shopping bazaar (offering an excellent selection of antiques, souvenirs and African Arts and Crafts) and a gym.

www.breezes-zanzibar.com