

Donaldson Luxury Travel

Luxurious Travel Proposal

Half a Century of Grace: Esther's 50th Birthday in Arusha & Zanzibar

Welcome to Zanzibar – A Golden Birthday in Paradise

At Donaldson Luxury Travel, we believe that milestone moments deserve milestone experiences. Esther's 50th birthday will be nothing short of extraordinary—an elegant journey designed to reflect her grace, her strength, and her legacy.

This nine-day escape brings together the best of Tanzania: the raw beauty of Arusha's landscapes, where wildlife roams free against the backdrop of majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, and the turquoise tranquility of Zanzibar's shores, where luxury and leisure meet in perfect harmony. Each moment has been thoughtfully curated so every guest feels the magic of celebration, discovery, and connection.



Trip Overview

- **Destination:** Arusha & Zanzibar, Tanzania
- **Dates:** October 12 – 20, 2026
- **Occasion:** Esther's 50th Birthday Celebration
- **Experience:** A seamless blend of safari, culture, relaxation, and beachside indulgence
- **Inclusions:** Luxury 5★ accommodations, curated group tours, daily meals (per program), round-trip transfers, private birthday celebrations
- **Exclusions:** International flights, travel insurance, personal expenses, and optional tours not listed as included

Pricing

Phase 1 – Arusha (3 Nights)

- Deluxe Room City View: **\$980 pp**

Payment Plan

- **Deposit:** \$300 due October 15, 2025
- **Balance:** Divided into 11 equal payments (11/15/25 – 9/1/26)

Phase 2 – Zanzibar (5 Nights)

- Jr Suite Courtyard View – **\$2,480 pp**
- Jr Suite – **\$2,600 pp**
- Jr Suite Swim-Up – **\$2,870 pp**
- Superior Ocean Suite – **\$3,100 pp**

Phase 1 – Arusha (October 12–15, 2026)

Day 1 – October 12: Arrival in Arusha

Karibu (Welcome) to Tanzania! Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), you'll be warmly greeted by your Donaldson Luxury Travel hosts and transferred to your luxury 5★ resort at the foothills of Mount Meru.

Spend the afternoon unwinding, perhaps at the spa, by the infinity pool, or simply soaking in the lush gardens. In the evening, gather for an intimate welcome dinner, where the journey begins with laughter, fine cuisine, and the promise of unforgettable memories.

Day 2 – October 13: Choose Your Adventure



Optional Tour #1a: Serval Wildlife Experience (\$230 pp)

Spend the day in an exclusive conservation sanctuary where wildlife thrives in harmony with nature. Hand-feed giraffes, share gentle moments with antelopes, and even witness lions up close under expert supervision. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Tanzanian countryside, guided storytelling about conservation efforts, and ample time for breathtaking photos that capture the soul of Africa.



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Optional Tour #1b: Maasai Village & Chemka Hot Springs (\$130 pp)

Immerse yourself in the proud traditions of the Maasai people. Experience their chants, dances, and colorful attire, followed by a guided tour through their village. Afterward, journey to the **Chemka Hot Springs**, a lush oasis where aquamarine waters shimmer under the sun. Dive into this natural pool surrounded by fig trees and volcanic rocks, and enjoy a picnic-style lunch.

Or Relax & Discover Arusha your way

Stay close to the resort and indulge in a tranquil spa day, a lazy afternoon by the infinity pool, or explore Arusha's artisan markets, coffee farms, and cultural museums at your own pace.

Day 3 – October 14: Arusha Celebration Dinner

A leisurely day to recharge. As evening falls, join us for the **Arusha Celebration Dinner**. A refined evening of candlelit dining, fine wine, and heartfelt toasts to Esther's golden milestone.

Phase 2 – Zanzibar (October 15–20, 2026)



Day 4 – October 15: Journey to Zanzibar

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning before a scenic flight to Zanzibar. On arrival, you'll be whisked to your 5★ all-inclusive beachfront resort. As the sun sets, we gather for a casual seaside dinner, easing into island time.

Day 5 – October 16: Islands of Wonder: Tortoises, Sandbanks & Serenity

Optional Tour #2 – Essence of Zanzibar: Spice, Turtles & Stone Town (\$160 pp)

Immerse yourself in the very soul of Zanzibar with this thoughtfully curated full-day journey, blending **nature, heritage, and culture** into one unforgettable experience.

Begin your adventure at a lush **spice farm**, where the island's world-famous cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, and vanilla come to life. Walk among fragrant plantations, pluck spices straight from the earth, and learn how Zanzibar earned its title as the *Spice Island*. A guided tasting of tropical fruits and herbal teas adds delicious depth to your visit.

From there, travel to the coastal sanctuary of **Salaam Turtle Aquarium**, where you'll meet and feed giant sea turtles in a natural lagoon. Wade alongside these gentle creatures, watch them glide gracefully through clear waters, and experience a rare, intimate connection with Zanzibar's marine life.

In the afternoon, step into history with a guided **Stone Town tour**, a UNESCO World Heritage treasure. Meander through its labyrinth of narrow alleyways, admire intricately carved wooden doors, and soak in the mix of Swahili, Arabic, Indian, and European influences. Along the way, your guide will reveal hidden gems — spice bazaars, artisan markets, and historic landmarks — weaving a story of centuries-old trade and tradition.

Throughout the day, enjoy the ease of **private transportation, a dedicated guide, and thoughtful touches** including fresh tropical fruits, bottled water, and soft drinks to keep you refreshed.

By evening, you'll return to your resort enriched with the flavors, encounters, and heritage that make Zanzibar truly magical.

Or A Day of Leisure

For those who prefer to stay close to home, the resort offers a perfect day of relaxation. Lounge under swaying palms, float in the warm ocean, or treat yourself to an island-inspired spa ritual. Or venture out to **The Rock Café** for lunch with sweeping ocean views, followed by a self-guided exploration of the island's coastal villages and beaches.



Day 6 – October 17: Mnemba Island Excursion (Included)

Mnemba Adventure - Sail across the Indian Ocean aboard a traditional wooden dhow, with the gentle breeze carrying you toward the **world-renowned Mnemba Atoll**. Along the way, watch for playful pods of dolphins gliding alongside the boat, setting the tone for a magical day ahead.

As you arrive, the turquoise waters reveal **kaleidoscopic coral gardens** alive with schools of tropical fish, starfish, and perhaps even sea turtles. Slip on your snorkeling gear and dive into this underwater paradise, where every glance reveals new bursts of color and wonder.



After snorkeling, step ashore onto a secluded **powder-white sandbank** that feels like your own private island. Here, a beautifully prepared **Swahili-style seafood feast** awaits. Lobster, calamari, tuna, and freshly caught fish grilled to perfection, served with exotic fruits, refreshing salads, and island spices.

The afternoon invites pure relaxation: float in the crystalline shallows, sip on chilled drinks, or simply lie back and let the sun warm your skin. For the adventurous, optional paddle boarding or an ocean swim in the shallows awaits.

As the day draws to a close, your dhow sets sail again this time under a painted sky of gold and pink. With **champagne toast, and island music filling the air**, you'll soak in one of the most breathtaking sunsets in the world, a fitting finale to an unforgettable day in Zanzibar.

Day 7 – October 18: The Formal Celebration

Esther's Golden Soirée

The day is yours to relax. Bask in the sun, enjoy a long spa treatment, or sip chilled cocktails by the infinity pool. As evening falls, dress in elegance for **Esther's 50th Formal Celebration Dinner**. Picture candlelight reflecting on the waves, live music filling the air, and a multi-course feast celebrating **half a century of grace**.

Day 8 – October 19: Final Island Bliss

Spend your last full day savoring the simple beauty of Zanzibar. Begin with a leisurely breakfast overlooking the ocean, followed by a morning of sunbathing on the powdery sands or floating in the turquoise shallows.

As the afternoon unfolds, treat yourself to a **spa ritual inspired by Zanzibar's spices**. Think clove-infused massages, coconut scrubs, and aromatic oils that leave you feeling renewed. For a truly magical finale, enjoy a **private sunset dinner on the beach**, where lanterns flicker, waves whisper, and the horizon glows in shades of gold and pink.

It's the perfect way to close out your journey, a farewell to the island that leaves you refreshed, fulfilled, and inspired.

Day 9 – October 20: Departure

With hearts full and memories made, guests will be transferred to Zanzibar International Airport (ZNZ) for their flights home. This is not just the end of a trip, it's the beginning of a story each guest will carry forever.

Visa Requirements

U.S. Citizens / U.S. Green Card holders

- Tourist visa required (e-Visa recommended).
- Multiple-entry visa valid 12 months, approx. \$100 ~\$112.
- Passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond travel dates.
- Apply here: [Tanzania e-Visa](https://visa.immigration.go.tz/) - <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>
- Embassy info: [Embassy of Tanzania – USA](http://www.us.tzembassy.go.tz/services/category/visa-information) - www.us.tzembassy.go.tz/services/category/visa-information

Payment Breakdown

Option 1: Phase 2 – Zanzibar Only (October 15–20, 2026)

- Deposit: \$300 due October 15, 2026
- Balance: 11 monthly payments (Nov 15, 2026 – Sept 15, 2027)
- Junior Suite Courtyard View – \$2,480 → \$300 deposit + \$198/month
- Junior Suite – \$2,600 → \$300 deposit + \$209/month
- Junior Suite Swim-Up – \$2,870 → \$300 deposit + \$234/month
- Superior Ocean Suite – \$3,100 → \$300 deposit + \$255/month

Option 2: Phase 1 & 2 – Arusha + Zanzibar (October 12–20, 2026)

- Deposit: \$300 due October 15, 2026
- Balance: 11 monthly payments (Nov 15, 2026 – Sept 15, 2027)
- Arusha + Junior Suite Courtyard View – \$3,460 → \$300 deposit + \$287/month
- Arusha + Junior Suite – \$3,580 → \$300 deposit + \$298/month
- Arusha + Junior Suite Swim-Up – \$3,850 → \$300 deposit + \$322/month
- Arusha + Superior Ocean Suite – \$4,080 → \$300 deposit + \$344/month

Official Cancellation Policy

- **Deposit:** All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- **179–120 days before departure (Apr 16 – Jun 14, 2026):** 50% of total trip retained.
- **119–31 days before departure (Jun 15 – Sept 10, 2026):** 85% retained.
- **Within 30 days (Sept 11 – Oct 12, 2026):** 100% retained.

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to info@donaldsonluxurytravel.com. If no confirmation is received within 48 hours, call (856) 343-0126. Verbal or text cancellations will not be accepted.

Travel Insurance (Strongly Recommended)

To protect your investment, Donaldson Luxury Travel recommends comprehensive travel insurance covering:

- Trip cancellations or interruptions
- Medical emergencies abroad
- Lost/delayed baggage
- Flight delays or missed connections
- Emergency evacuation

Recommended Providers:

- [Allianz Travel Insurance](#)
- [Travel Guard](#)
- [Seven Corners](#)

For maximum coverage (including pre-existing conditions), purchase within **14 days of deposit**.



Closing Note

This journey is more than a vacation—it is a celebration of life, legacy, and love. From the wild heart of Arusha to the tranquil shores of Zanzibar, Esther's 50th birthday will be honored with elegance, joy, and unforgettable experiences.

At Donaldson Luxury Travel, it is our privilege to design not just trips, but timeless memories.