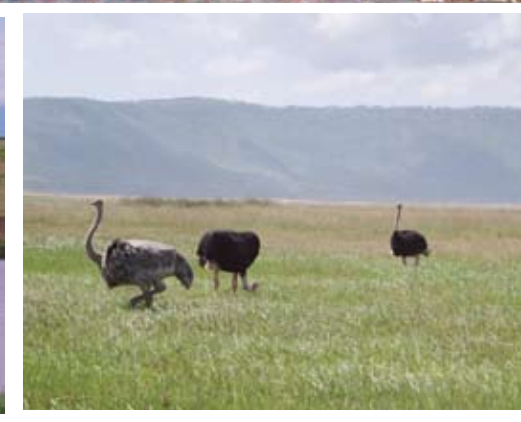


AN AFTERNOON IN THE NGORONGORO CRATER NEAR ARUSHA, TANZANIA



EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD: One Of Tanzania's Six World Heritage Sites, the Ngorongoro Crater is located in Northern Tanzania, and is part of the famous Serengeti. It is a deep Volcanic crater, the largest unflooded and unbroken Caldera in the world at 19.2km in diameter, 610m deep and 304sqkm in area. UNESCO declared it an International Biosphere Reserve and World Heritage Site because of its wildlife and Cultural Heritage. It is also home of the world famous archaeological site, Oldupai (Olduvai) Gorge, often referred to as the "Cradle of Mankind," because some of the oldest hominid remains, dating back 2,000,000 years ago, have been found there.

In order to protect this unique blend of scenery, wildlife, human culture and pre-history. The Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority is not a national park, but a unique multiple use area with an indigenous population sharing the area with the wildlife. The rich pasture and permanent water of the crater floor supports a large concentration of wildlife of up to 25,000 large mammals, predominantly grazing animals.



"The Ngorongoro Crater is one of the few places in East Africa where visitors can be certain of seeing black rhinoceros in a natural setting," said Stephen Mallya, Assistant Conservator at NCAA. "And for the adventure traveler, there are walking safaris in special areas such as the Olmoti and Empakaai Craters; to the Great Rift Valley, the Northern Highlands Forest Reserves and the Eastern Serengeti Plains." One of the lures of Ngorongoro, besides witnessing the breathtaking sunrise and sunset from the Crater's rim, is that it is a dynamic and constantly changing eco-system and the numbers and proportion of some animals there have fluctuated considerably over the past 30 years.

Photos of the wildlife species above and others were taken in a few hours by Muguette Goufrani of Africa Travel Magazine during Host Country Day at the ATA 33rd Congress, May, 2008. The above tour group includes Hon. Dhino Chingungi, Tourism Minister, Angola (second from left) and Editor Jerry W. Bird (right). For more information visit <http://www.ngorongoro-crater-africa.org>