
Kaanaeli Kanuya

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My name is Kaanaeli Ndeoya Kanuya. I was born in King'ori village. This village is situated in between two sister mountains called Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru. I am the second born in our family and I have one older brother and 7 sisters who are younger than me. I am a father of three children. My daughter Donna is the oldest with eight and a half years. My son Alvin is six years and Donovan is three years old. My beautiful wife's name is Elly.

Tanzania is a country with more than 120 tribes. My father is from the Meru tribe, a people well-known for farming. They grow coffee and bananas and live at the slopes of Mount Meru. My mother is from the Maasai tribe. This tribe is one of the nomadic pastoralist groups, and they are beginning to spread around the country. My mother's family is from the Ngorongoro conservation area close to the crater.

Since I was 5 years old, my grandparents from my mother side took me to their home where I stayed with them until I was 10 years old. Living in Ngorongoro near the wildlife for all those years made me love nature and animals; ever since then, I wanted this type of life. I tried for many years to make my dream come true and find a job which would allow me to be close to the outdoors. I attended different colleges with the support of some friends from abroad. After secondary school, I attended a vocational training college where I trained as a motor vehicle mechanic. I later joined the Mount Meru College of Tourism.

After graduation in 2005, I went to work in the Serengeti at one of the camps called Ikoma Bush camp as a night safari guide and walking safari guide. I did this for almost 5 years. In a stroke of good luck during my work at this camp, I met with some clients who offered to sponsor me for further education at the College of African Wildlife Management in Mweka. I studied wildlife management there for three years.

After all of my training and experience, I decided it was time to start my own business with my wife Elly. In 2012, we opened Livingstone's Africa Safaris Ltd where we continue to work hard to share our beautiful country with clients from around the world.
