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In Tanzania, in Africa, there are a ____large____ number of national parks and conservation areas. These ____stunning____ places are famous for their beautiful landscapes and many wild animals.

One famous conservation area contains an unusual and ____remarkable____ crater. It is called a 'caldera' and is all that is left of a ____collapsed____ volcano that is no longer active.

The crater of the volcano is over 1000 metres high and its rim is often ____engulfed____ by clouds. The steep ____descent____ into the crater takes you to an ____enormous____ lake, which is ____surrounded____ by grasslands. The crater forms a perfect self-sufficient home for over 25,000 animals.

The animals are not trapped in the crater and many move in and out freely. Because of the ____protected____ nature of this area, and the ____availability____ of food and water, most of the animal ____population____ choose to ____remain____ there all year round.

____Various____ animals graze on the grass in the crater. Hippos laze around in pools during the ____scorching____ hot days. There are ____several____ prides of lion and some of the last surviving black rhino in Tanzania.

Groups of Maasai have ____traditionally____ allowed their cattle to graze here and they can often be seen in their ____distinctive____ bright clothes and ____carrying____ spears, looking after their herds of cattle. It is said when a lion and a Maasai meet face to face, it is the lion that backs off first.

This whole breathtaking area has a ____unique____, almost ____magical____ atmosphere.

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