

Southern Safari



Comfort Level: Luxury

7 Day National Park Safari—shared/scheduled game activities

Dar es Salaam * Ruaha * Selous

DAY 1 DAR ES SALAAM

Meet at arrival point and transfer to your lodge for dinner and overnight.
DAR ES SALAAM SERENA HOTEL (Dinner)

DAY 2 DAR ES SALAAM—RUAHA

After an early breakfast, we transfer to Dar Es Salaam domestic airport for our charter to Ruaha National Park. Ruaha can be visited any time of the year and still be exciting, however for best game viewing is from June until December when wildlife converges on the dwindling water of the seasonal river right in front of this gloriously isolated camp. This itinerary utilizes game packages, so you will partake in the scheduled game drives and activities.

JONGOMERO (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 3 RUAHA

Whilst being the largest National Park in Tanzania, Ruaha also holds a special significance as it covers a unique transition zone where the Eastern and Southern biomes intersect offering an extraordinary diversity of animals, plants and birds. There are upwards of 560 species of birds; half of all Tanzania's birds may be glimpsed in this park making it one of the continents premier birding destinations. The road network around camp was primarily developed by our knowledgeable guides and therefore perfectly placed for superlative game drives, with the blood-pumping thrills of tracking animals and the reverential calm of learning about this incredible environment. With only four seats in the majority of our 4WD open sided vehicles, privacy is easily delivered Open vehicle scheduled morning and afternoon game driving with a return to the lodge for hot lunch and resting during the middle of the day.

JONGOMERO (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Highlights

- An incredible balance of wildlife on the southern circuit for best use of time, all year round
- Fly in / Fly out itinerary, with game package activities
- Walking and Boat Safari included
- A comfortable mix of accommodations
- Easy extension to add to a northern circuit itinerary
- Experience the difference between Tanzanian national parks and game reserves, the largest in the country

Swahili Proverb

Kila ndege huruka na mbawa zake.

'Every bird flies with its own wings.'





Selous Sunset—by Jonathan Garrigues

Kuishi kwingi ni kuona
mengi

'To live long is to see much'

DAY 4 RUAHA—SELOUS

After breakfast, transfer to the nearest airstrip for the flight to Selous Game Reserve. Enter Africa's largest protected area uninhabited by man, where Tanzania's greatest population of elephants wander in an area bigger than Switzerland! The Selous (pronounced "Seloo") is considered important enough to be World Heritage Site, in which the lucky few can experience a safari in absolutely wild and unspoiled bush. Siwandu is sheltered in a grove of palms on the shores of Lake Nzerakera, part of the watery byways of the Rufiji River system, Siwandu is perfectly situated to fully experience the breathtaking landscape and abundant wildlife of Selous Game Reserve. Game package scheduled activities (optional walking and boat safari for an additional charge).

SIWANDU (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 5 SELOUS

Selous Game Reserve is best visited during the months of June through to February. Selous is named after Frederick Courtney Selous and is home to one-third of Tanzania's elephants and two-thirds of Tanzania's wild dog population. The Rufiji River showcases hippo and croc. The Selous is bird lover's paradise. Broadly spaced along the lakeshore, Siwandu's superbly appointed accommodation ensures maximum privacy and every opportunity to soak up the sights and sounds of Selous. From either of the wooden decked verandas sit with a cup of tea at sunrise watching the bush come to life, or relax with a gin and tonic as the bush blushes under sunset. Game package scheduled activities including walk and boat safari.

SIWANDU (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



SAFARI

The Swahili word safari means long journey, originally from the Arabic سفريه (safariyah) meaning a journey. The verb for "to travel" in Swahili is "kusafiri", the noun for the journey is "safari". These words are used for any type of journey, e.g., by bus from Nairobi to Mombasa or by ferry from Dar es Salaam to Unguja. Safari entered the English language in the late 19th century. The person generally attributed to having used the word in English is Sir Richard Francis Burton, the famous explorer.

In 1836 William Cornwallis

Harris led an expedition purely to observe and record wildlife and landscapes by the expedition's members. Harris established the safari style of journey, starting with a not too strenuous rising at first light, an energetic day walking, an afternoon rest then concluding with a formal dinner and telling stories in the evening over drinks and tobacco.

And so the 'safari' was born...

Ruaha Sunset—by Jonathan Garrigues



DAY 6 SELOUS

All game drives are taking in open sided 4WD vehicles accompanied by our expert driver guides around the Reserve. Our game drives are a shared experience with fellow guests (although private vehicle can also be arranged for a supplement).

SIWANDU (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 7 SELOUS—DAR ES SALAAM

After breakfast, transfer to your nearest airstrip for the short flight back to Dar es Salaam. A day room can be arranged for evening departures (or even an extension to stay a few more hours in the Selous!). Transfer to your departing international or domestic flight.

(Breakfast, Lunch)



(twin share, minimum 2 people travelling)

Notes: Discounts for children and larger groups are applicable / single supplements apply to guarantee a single room for solo travelers —please ask your travel consultant for more information

Price quoted includes: All transport - 4WD Land Rovers or safari vehicles for scheduled game drives, accommodation as detailed for safari, safari and local guides, All National Park entrance and camp site fees, All food - breakfasts, packed or hot lunches and evening meals, domestic flights: Dar es Salaam to Ruaha, Ruaha to Selous & Selous to Dar es Salaam, laundry while in Selous & Ruaha, all house drinks while in Selous/Ruaha only, Donations and payments to local community project

Prices quoted exclude: International flights, Travel and personal accident insurance, Visa, passport, vaccinations, medicines, Tips, Expenditure on personal bar bills in Dar es Salaam and all premium drinks, souvenirs, personal items, Optional excursions/activities not detailed in itinerary, Any additional services requested

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Additional Days & Accommodation Upgrades on Safari

The adventure is still not enough? There are endless options for individuals and groups alike - more wildlife viewing or cultural immersion days. Each accommodation in this itinerary can be upgraded upon request, subject to availability and additional surcharge. Please ask your travel consultant for more information. Please ask your travel consultant for more information.

Zanzibar Extensions

The ultimate way to round off a challenging adventure like Kilimanjaro and safari—enjoy the beach, Spice Tours, Snorkelling, Diving, Safari Blue, Swimming with Dolphins At Kizimkazi. Please ask your travel consultant for more information.

Customized Itineraries

This itinerary can be customised further to add days or extensions as required

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'Cultivate the habit of listening and observing, rather than merely hearing and seeing.'

Responsible Tourism

