

# Southern Safari



Comfort Level: Deluxe / Mid Range

## 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.

SOUTHERN SUN HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM (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 river right in front of the lodge. This itinerary utilizes game packages, so you will partake in the scheduled game drives and activities.

RUAHA RIVER LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### DAY 3 RUAHA

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.

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### 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. Rufiji River Camp enjoys an enviable location high up on the banks of the Great Rufiji River. Spectacular sunsets are chorused by hippos grunting and a plethora of bird song. Game package scheduled activities including walking and boat safari.

RUFIJI RIVER CAMP (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. The camp itself was built by local craftsmen to specifically to compliment the river bank. Each tent is built under a thatched roof and is ensuited. Game package scheduled activities including walk and boat safari.

RUFIJI RIVER CAMP (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 vehicles with a sun shade roof, there are 360 degree views from your seat. Guides at Rufiji River Camp are locally trained and experts in sharing our Selous. Game package scheduled activities including walking and boat safari.

RUFUJI RIVER CAMP (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)



## **RACK RATES (Ground Only)**

### **2020**

**Low Season 01-30 Jun & From US\$3,280 per person**

**01 Nov-22 Dec**

**High Season 01 Jul-31 Oct & From US\$3,605 per person**

**23-31 Dec**

**(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, boat and walking safari in Selous, laundry while in Selous & Ruaha, tea & coffee, 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 (including all additional drinks) 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 of 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 cannot be customized further, it is a set and exact scheduled fortnightly departures for groups.

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

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