



# Tanzania's "Wild South"

Dar es Salaam · Selous / Nyerere NP · Mikumi NP · Ruaha NP

- 10 Day safari
- (Tour code: FDSSUD)
- 9 Nights in lodges and tented camps
- Guaranteed departure from 2 persons
- Small group size with max. 7 persons
- English speaking driver guide
- 4x4 Safari vehicle (Land Cruiser or similar) with window seat guarantee
- Includes flight: Ruaha Dar es Salaam
- Attractive dates: Sun-Tue from/to DAR airport
- Can be combined with a safari in Northern Tanzania and other individual add-on tours

Only a few tourists visit the national parks in southern Tanzania and those who do are guaranteed to be rewarded with an unbelievably diverse flora and fauna as well as spectacular landscape impressions.

During the safari you traverse the Selous/Nyerere National Park by 4x4, explore the park on foot, and cruise along the palm-fringed Rufiji River by boat keeping an eye out for hippos or crocodiles.

Despite its' small size, the Mikumi National Park allows for great wildlife viewing.

The Great Ruaha River meanders scenically through Ruaha National Park, where the flora and fauna of eastern and southern Africa intersect. Mighty baobab trees characterize the landscape here.

# **Itinerary**

#### Day 1

Arrival in Dar es Salaam. Transfer to hotel. Overnight: Sleep Inn Hotel, or similar (-/-/-)



### Day 2

Drive to Selous/Nyerere National Park — this is Africa's largest national park which is still considered an insider tip and is not as overrun with visitors. In the late afternoon you will partake on a boat tour on the Rufiji River (possibly together with other guests of the camp) and observe numerous birds, crocodiles and hippos.

Overnight: Selous Kinga Lodge, or similar (B/-/D)

# Day 3

During an extensive game drive, you will partly follow the course of the Rufiji and its numerous loops, in the vicinity of which many animals prefer to inhabit. In addition to elephants, Selous/Nyerere is also home to the rare painted wild dogs as well as crocodiles, hippos, buffalo, giraffes, kudus and around 440 bird species.

Overnight: Selous Kinga Lodge, or similar (B/L/D)

#### Day 4

The morning will be spent walking with an armed ranger who will explain to you the tracks and behavior of the different animals. With a bit of luck, you might spot giraffes, zebras, gazelles, warthogs, monkeys and a number of birds close up. Afterwards, you will cross the national park on a game drive to reach your lodge near Kisaki in the evening.

Overnight: Sable Mountain Lodge, or similar (B/L/D)

#### Day 5

The spectacular scenery of the Uluguru Mountains forms the backdrop to today's drive to Mikumi. A number of small villages along the way offer a glimpse of everyday life in rural Tanzania.

Overnight: Camp Bastian (chalet), or similar (B/L/D)

### Day 6

Full day game drive exploring Mikumi National Park. There are four vegetation zones with over 1200 species of plants, 400 species of birds and 60 species of mammals, including lion, elephant, buffalo and eland.

Overnight: Camp Bastian (Chalet), or similar (B/L/D)

### Day 7

Drive via Iringa to your lodge near Ruaha National Park. Overnight: Ruaha Hilltop Lodge, or similar (B/-/D)

### Days 8 & 9

Two full day game drives in Ruaha NP. Here, in the largest national park in Tanzania, the flora and fauna of eastern and southern Africa overlap, resulting in a unique diversity of species. In addition to elephants, lions and giraffes, you can also see kudu, sable and roan antelope, if you are lucky! There is a wide variety of vegetation zones ranging from open grasslands to swamps and miombo forests. Mighty baobab trees also characterize this impressive landscape. Acacia and fig species, tamarind and palm trees can be found along the riverbanks and numerous hippos and crocodiles can be spotted in the Great Ruaha River. Ruaha has also one of the largest elephant populations in East Africa!

Two overnights: Ruaha Hilltop Lodge, or similar (B/L/D)

# **Day 10**

Morning gamedrive in Ruaha NP and transfer to Msembe Airstrip for your flight back to Dar es Salaam. Return flight home or, connecting flight e.g., Zanzibar. (B/-/-)

### Requirements

Sure-footedness, an average physical condition, climate tolerance (for the safari walk), team spirit and the willingness to sacrifice comfort during long journeys in a non-air-conditioned safari vehicle over partly poor roads and tracks.

# No. of Participants

Min. 2 – max. 7 Persons.

# **Private Safari**

Can be booked daily from 2 persons, please request price.

# Services included in the price

- Safari as per itinerary in 4x4 safari vehicle (window seat guaranteed)
- English speaking driver guide during the safari
- Free airport transfer/s on arrival (ET, QR, EK early afternoon). For other flights/airlines from 2 persons on request.
- All national park and concession fees as per the itinerary (from 01.07.2024)
- 9 nights in hotels, lodges and tented camps, as per the itinerary or, alternative accommodation
- Meals: as per itinerary (B = Breakfast / L = Lunch, mainly in the form of a lunch box / D = Dinner)
- Boat excursion on the Rufiji River in Selous/Nyerere NP
- Walking safari with armed ranger in Selous/Nyerere NP
- Flight Ruaha Dar es Salaam incl. taxes
- 1,5 liter filtered water per person/day during the safari (Days 2-9)

# Services not included in the price

- International flights
- Tourist visa (USD 50)
- Insurances
- Meals and beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips and gratuities
- Optional excursions
- Increase or introduction of national park and/or other official fees and taxes after 01.07.2024
- Airport transfers on arrival with airlines other than those mentioned under "Services included in the price" (USD 40 per transfer).

# Important notice

If the accommodations mentioned in the itinerary are not available on certain dates, we will book an alternative of equal or higher quality.

We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary for important reasons (official restrictions, impassability of roads, extreme weather, etc.). On travel days without full board, there is always the possibility to get meals in restaurants or at snack stands.

It is generally possible to book half a twin room. However, if a 2nd person cannot be found for the respective date, we have to charge the single room supplement.

Flights with Auric Air usually include a maximum of 20 kg of free luggage including hand luggage in soft travel bags. Extra baggage can be arranged upon request, at an additional cost if applicable.

# **Extension Zanzibar / Mafia**

Flights DAR-ZNZ: no extra charge.

Flights DAR-Mafia: + USD 70 per person.

# **Extension Kolo Rock Art & Tarangire NP**

Day 10: Transfer to Dodoma

Day 11: Guided walk around the Kolo Rock Art site –

Tarangire NP

Day 12: Tarangire NP

Day 13: Tarangire NP – African View Lodge

Day 14: Transfer JRO Airport

On request, from USD 940 per person sharing Double/Twin.

# North & South - Combination "Big Tanzania Safari"

This tour can be combined, either before or after, with almost all of our other safaris in the North e.g. FDSSAF "Wilderness between Kilimanjaro & Serengeti" or FDSNCI "Highlights between Kilimanjaro & Serengeti".

For return flights from DAR without a direct connection on day 10, we offer day rooms or additional hotel accommodation on request.

Price on request.

Arrival of the domestic flight from Ruaha at DAR is usually around 13h15 p.m. (<u>subject to flight schedule changes</u>). For terminal change, check-in and time buffer, at least 4-5 hours should be planned before the international departure.

Dates & Rates 2025				
Date Sunday - Tuesday		Price in USD		
19.01 28.01.2025	Ε	4090		
02.02 11.02.2025	G	4250		
01.06 10.06.2025	Ε	4090		
15.06 24.06.2025	Ε	4090		
06.07 15.07.2025	G	4250		
20.07 29.07.2025	Ε	4090		
17.08 26.08.2025	G	4250		
07.09 16.09.2025	Ε	4090		
21.09 30.09.2025	G	4250		
26.10 04.11.2025	G	4250		
09.11 18.11.2025	Ε	4090		
21.12 30.12.2025	Ε	4090		
E = English speaking / G = German speaking				
Single Room supplement: USD 445				

Private safari surcharges / discounts USD			
No. of participants	English speaking	German Speaking	
1	+ 2690	+ 3040	
2	+ 775	+ 895	
3	+ 150	+ 175	
4	- 160	- 160	
5	- 185	- 215	
6	- 325	- 375	
7	- 425	- 490	

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