



From Kilimanjaro to Ruaha

Mkomazi NP & Rhino Sanctuary · Usambara Mountains · Mikumi NP · Ruaha NP
(Optional extension: Dodoma · Kolo rock art · Tarangire NP)

- 12/15 Days set departure safari (Tour code: FDSKTR)
- 11/14 Nights in hotels, lodges and tented camps
- Guaranteed departure from 2 persons
- English speaking driver-guide
- Small groups with max. 7 persons
- 4x4 Safari vehicle (Land Cruiser or similar) with window seat guarantee
- May be combined with pre/post programs: Selous/Nyerere NP, Zanzibar, mainland coast, Mafia Island, Kilimanjaro, Mount Meru and Western Tanzania

Itinerary

Day 1

Pick up at Kilimanjaro Airport. Transfer to the lodge.
Overnight: African View Lodge or similar. (-/-/D)

Day 2

Drive to Mkomazi National Park. On clear days, there are great views of the snow-capped peak of Kilimanjaro along the way. Mkomazi is still little known but it is home to all the Big Five and offers spectacular scenery. In addition to the over 400 bird species found here, there is a chance to observe some species that are very rare elsewhere in Tanzania – e.g., wild dogs, oryx, gerenuks, and vulturine guineafowl.

Overnight: Mkomazi View Camp or similar. (F/M/A)

Day 3

Game drives in Mkomazi National Park. A visit to the Mbula rhino sanctuary offers a rare opportunity to experience



these fascinating pachyderms up close. The neighboring wild dog breeding station prepares these captivating hunters for their reintroduction into the wild.

Overnight: Mkomazi View Camp or similar. (B/L/D)

Day 4

After another morning game drive in Mkomazi National Park, you will travel to the Usambara Mountains. An afternoon hike leads to the rocky cliffs of the Irete Viewpoint. The Usambara Mountains drop almost 1000 m vertically here onto the Maasai Steppe, which stretches beyond the horizon – a majestic view!

Overnight: Lawns Hotel or similar, Lushoto. (B/L/-)

Day 5

The surroundings of the bustling mountain town of Lushoto offer a variety of hiking options. With your guide, you will discover traces of the colonial era in Lushoto and hike through villages and fields to the Magamba rainforest. Here, an impressive lush vegetation with tree ferns and other rainforest giants awaits, as well as a variety of small, hidden natural wonders, such as the numerous chameleons found in the region.

Overnight: Lawns Hotel or similar, Lushoto. (B/L/-)

Day 6

Today's drive follows a scenic route south eastwards. Along the way, there are interesting insights into everyday life along the country roads and tracks. In the afternoon, you will reach your hotel at the foot of the Nguru Mountains. A short hike leads to the nearby waterfalls formed by the river rushing down in cascades over rocky slabs.

Overnight: Budget hotel. (B/L/-)

Day 7

Proceed to Mikumi National Park. In the afternoon, you will take your first game drive. Mikumi is home to four vegetation zones with over 1200 plant species, 400 bird species, and 60 mammal species including lions, elephants, buffalo, and elands.

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

Day 8

Full-day game drive in Mikumi NP. The floodplain of the Mkata River in the northern part of the national park allows for great wildlife observations.

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

Day 9

Drive along the TanZam Highway to Ruaha National Park. The lunch break in Iringa allows time for a short market stroll before continuing on tracks through tobacco fields to Ruaha NP. First game drive on the way to the lodge. Ideally located on the seasonally dry riverbed of the Ruaha, there are often opportunities for wildlife observation from the breakfast table or your own room.

Overnight: Ruaha River Lodge or similar. (B/-/D)

Days 10 & 11

Two full-day game drives in Ruaha NP. In Tanzania's largest national park, the flora and fauna of eastern and southern Africa overlap, resulting in a unique biodiversity. In addition to elephants, lions and giraffes, one may, with some luck, also see kudus, sable and roan antelopes. There are various vegetation zones: from open grasslands to swamps to miombo forests. Mighty baobab trees shape the landscape. Along the river beds grow acacias and fig species, tamarinds and palms. The Great Ruaha River is home to numerous hippos and crocodiles. Ruaha has one of the largest elephant populations in East Africa.

Overnight: Ruaha River Lodge or similar. (B/L/D)

Day 12

Transfer to Msembe Airstrip and flight to Dar es Salaam or extension program. (B/-/-)

Pre and Post Programs

A) Dodoma, Kolo Rock Paintings, Tarangire NP

Game drives, visit to the rock art site of Kolo

Day 12

Short morning game drive on the way out of Ruaha National Park. Long drive to Dodoma. Along the way, you pass the Mtera Dam whose turbines provide electricity for the metropolis Dar es Salaam on the coast. Near Dodoma, Tanzania's capital, is the only significant wine-growing area in the country.

Overnight: Domiya Estate. (B/L/-)

Day 13

Today you continue along the 'Great North Road', the old Cairo-Cape Town route, heading north. The town of Kolo is the starting point for visiting the rock paintings that have been protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2006. Hidden under rock overhangs, many drawings can be discovered in the surrounding area that has hardly been visited so far, some of which are up to 3800 years old. Depictions of wild animals such as giraffes, antelopes, elephants, hyenas, human figures with peculiar head-dresses as well as geometric patterns transport the viewer to a long-gone era. After a drive through picturesque mountainous landscapes, you will reach Tarangire National Park. Wildlife observations on the way to the accommodation.

Overnight: Tarangire View Tented Lodge or similar (B/-/D)

Day 14

Game drives in Tarangire National Park. Huge baobab trees dominate the landscape here and create a spectacular backdrop. The Tarangire River and the swamps in the southern part of the park attract a variety of wildlife during the dry season. Especially large herds of elephants, for which Tarangire is famous, gather here at that time.

Overnight: Tarangire View Tented Lodge or similar (B/L/D)

Day 15

Morning game drive in Tarangire National Park. Drive to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) for evening return flights or departures from Arusha Airport (ARK) to Zanzibar in the late afternoon. (B/L/-)

Important information

Changes to the travel itinerary for important reasons (force majeure: government restrictions, impassability of routes, extreme weather, etc.) may be applicable. The free baggage allowance on domestic flights is 20 kg including hand luggage. Additional baggage can be booked in advance upon request.

B) Selous/Nyerere National Park

Game package, game drives, boat safari, game walks together with other camp guests

Day 12

Transfer to Msembe airstrip and flight to Selous/Nyerere NP – Africa's largest wildlife reserve. In the late afternoon, you will take part on a boat tour on the Rufiji (together with other guests of the camp) and observe numerous birds, crocodiles, and hippos.

Overnight: Rufiji River Camp, or similar (B/L/D)

Day 13

During morning and afternoon game drives, you often follow the course of the Rufiji River or its numerous loops as this is where many animals can be spotted. Selous/Nyerere is home to elephants as well as the rare wild dogs, crocodiles, hippos, buffalo, giraffes, kudu, and about 440 species of birds.

Overnight: Rufiji River Camp, or similar (B/L/D)

Day 14

In the morning, you can participate in a walking safari. Your guide will explain the tracks and behavior of the animals to you. With a bit of luck, you may spot giraffes, zebras, gazelles, warthogs, monkeys, and numerous birds. Alternatively, another game drive is possible in the morning. Transfer to Mtemere Airstrip and flight to Dar es Salaam. Return flight or extension program on the mainland coast, Zanzibar, Mafia Island. (B/-/-)

C) Beach hotels Dar es Salaam south coast, Bagamoyo, Mafia Island or Zanzibar

Beach hotels on request

Flights DAR-ZNZ: no additional cost

Flights DAR-Mafia: 70 USD per person

Return flight Mafia – DAR: 160 USD per person

D) North & South Combination “Big Tanzania Safari”

For almost all dates, you can book our add-on safari in the north, ‘Safari Highlights’ (Tour Code: FDSNCI) as a pre-program. An intermediate overnight at the African View Lodge will be provided free of charge on B&B basis.

Included in itinerary

- Safari as per program in a 4WD safari vehicle with English-speaking driver-guide (window seat guarantee)
- Airport transfers
- All national park fees as per program (as of 1 July 2025)
- Mbula Rhino Sanctuary entry fee
- 11 Nights in lodges and tented camps as per program or equivalent
- Meals as per program (B = Breakfast / L = Lunch, usually as a lunch box / D = Dinner)
- Hikes in Magamba Forest and Irete Viewpoint with an English-speaking guide, including Magamba Forest fee
- Short waterfall hike
- 1.5 liters of drinking water per person/day on the safari (days 2-11)
- Flight with Auric Air, Ruaha Msembe – Dar es Salaam (DAR) or Zanzibar (ZNZ)

Included in Program Option A

(Flight Ruaha Msembe – Dar es Salaam included in the basic program is omitted)

- Safari as per program in a 4WD safari vehicle with a German or English-speaking driver-guide (window seat guarantee)
- Airport transfers
- All national park fees as per program (as of 1 July 2025)
- 3 Nights in lodges and tented camps as per program or equivalent
- Meals as per itinerary (B = Breakfast / L = Lunch, usually as a picnic pack / D = Dinner)
- 1.5 liters of drinking water per person/day on safari (Days 12-15)

Included in Program Option B

(Flight Ruaha Msembe – Dar es Salaam included in the basic program is omitted)

- Airport transfers
- All national park fees as per the program (as of 1 July 2025)
- 2 Nights at Rufiji River Camp
- Meals as per itinerary (B = Breakfast / L = Lunch, usually as a picnic pack / D = Dinner)
- 2 shared game drives per overnight, alternatively boat safari or guided game walk (game package)
- Flight Ruaha Msembe – Selous Mtemere
- Flight Selous Mtemere – Dar es Salaam

Not included in the programs

- International flights
- Tanzania visa (USD 50)
- Personal insurance
- Meals and beverages not mentioned above
- Gratuities/Tips
- Optional excursions
- Increases or introduction of national park and/or other government fees and taxes after 1 July 2025

Standard Itinerary - 12 days Dates & Prices 2026	
Date Thu – Mon	Price per person in DBL in USD
15.01. - 26.01.2026	4395
19.02. - 02.03.2026	4395
04.06. - 15.06.2026	4395
09.07. - 20.07.2026	4690
10.09. - 21.09.2026	4690
22.10. - 02.11.2026	4690
19.11. - 30.11.2026	4395
Single room supplement	
01.07.-31.10. / 24.12.-04.01.: 790 USD	
05.01.-28.02. / June: 690 USD	
March / 01.11.-23.12.: 540 USD	

Extension B - 2 nights Selous/Nyerere NP Game Package, min. 2 pax
Price on request

Standard Itinerary + Extension A - 15 days Dates & Prices 2026	
Date Thu – Thu	Price per person in DBL in USD
15.01. - 29.01.2026	4695
19.02. - 05.03.2026	4695
04.06. - 18.06.2026	4980
09.07. - 23.07.2026	5055
10.09. - 24.09.2026	5055
22.10. - 05.11.2026	4980
19.11. - 03.12.2026	4695
Single room supplement	
01.07.-31.10. / 24.12.-04.01.: 1050 USD	
05.01.-28.02. / June: 950 USD	
March / 01.11.-23.12.: 640 USD	

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