



Journeys of a lifetime

HEART AND SOUL OF TANZANIA WITH ZANZIBAR BEACH



Introduction:

This is a classic flying safari visiting two of Africa's most extensive and pristine wilderness and conservation areas and the exotic Indian Ocean Island of Zanzibar.

Both of the huge and varied Parks and reserves featured have rugged and beautiful scenery and spectacular wildlife. These areas receive only a tiny fraction of the visitors to Tanzania's justifiably famous Northern parks and provide a glimpse of Africa as it was when the first explorers set foot on African soil.

The first stage of our journeys takes us to Ruaha National Park, now Tanzania's biggest park following its recent extension. This truly vast area contains a large cross section of Tanzania's wildlife with both Northern and Southern species found here in healthy numbers. Despite its size there are presently only a few small camps and lodges, ensuring exclusive game viewing in most areas of the park.

A short flight from Ruaha takes us to the Selous Game Reserve a protected area covering most of South East Tanzania and as in both the parks on this safari you can expect superb game viewing and few other tourists. The big attraction of the Selous is the possibility of fly camping, guided walks and game viewing by boat on the magnificent Rufiji River. Activities which are not possible in most of Tanzania's other parks.

The next stage of our odyssey to East Africa takes us to the North East of Zanzibar and a lovely little hotel where we can relax after our safari, or for the more active, use this as base for trips for snorkeling, diving or exploring this fascinating Island.

Day 1 10 th January to 16 Th March 2012

You will be met off your early Morning flight at Dar Es Salaam International Airport at 0700 hrs you will transfer to the domestic terminal where you will board your scheduled charter flight with Coastal Air to Ruaha National Park departing at 0830 hrs.

You will be met off the flight in Ruaha and transferred to your accommodation for the next four nights at Kwihala Camp where you will be staying in a tented room.

Ruaha, one of the largest National Parks in Africa, is comparatively unknown and, due to its remoteness, remains unspoilt.

This vast wilderness is rich in wildlife and contains a wide variety that includes greater and lesser kudu, roan, and sable antelope and huge herds of elephant and buffalo. Nearly 500 bird species have been sighted within the park. The exciting Great Ruaha River features large numbers of hippo and crocodile and attracts lion, leopard, hunting dog and numerous other species such as waterbuck impala, giraffe, warthog and eland. Grants gazelle, ostrich and cheetah may be seen on the plains.

KWIHALA CAMP

Kwihala is a refreshing combination of adventure and style, designed for those who would like to be that little bit closer to the wildlife and the excitement of Africa, but who still crave the creature comforts to which they have become accustomed. The camp moves once a year to take advantage of seasonal game movements and is usually about 45 minutes drive from the airstrip at Msembe and also close to the river and the best game driving circuits in Ruaha.

It is a small camp of just six, well-spaced tents giving guests a very private opportunity to enjoy this magnificent park well off the beaten track of the main 'big game' circuits of East Africa.

The spacious tents are fully furnished with comfortable beds, integral bathrooms (bucket showers) and flushing toilets. Each tent has a covered veranda area, is mosquito proofed and protected from the elements by a heavy duty 'fly' sheet.

Very unusually the camp is hosted and personally guided by a rotating team of three experts all of whom share a passion for wildlife and are fully qualified and licensed safari guides.

Kwihala has specially adapted open sided 4x4 vehicles, with raised seating for excellent game viewing. The drives take place in the early morning and late afternoon. The area around Kwihala is abundant in game, with lion, leopard, hyena, elephant, buffalo and zebra commonly seen. This is also a great region for bird watching, with some 220 species of birds. This is one of the few camps located within a National Park in Tanzania where both guided game walks and night drives are possible (Extra Cost payable locally)

View at <http://www.adventurecamps.co.tz/kwihala.htm>

Day 5

Today you will transfer back to the airstrip in time for your light aircraft flight with Coastal Airways to Selous Game Reserve at 1145 hrs.

You will be met off the flight and transferred to your accommodation for the next four nights at the excellent Selous Impala Camp

The Selous Game Reserve, Africa's largest area of unspoilt wilderness is a World Heritage Site and named after Frederick Courteney Selous who died in the reserve.

The lifeblood of the Reserve is the huge and very beautiful Rufiji River. The river is a myriad of wide open water, lakes and channels and Selous is the only reserve in Tanzania that offers boating safaris in addition to the more classic vehicle and walking safaris.

Selous has the highest concentration of elephant of any park in Tanzania and is estimated to have one third of all Tanzania's African Wild Dog and as such is possibly the best place on the continent to see these highly endangered animals. The landscape is predominantly flat and covered with miombo trees. Lions and leopards are the other prevalent predators in the reserve and there is a good variety of prey animals from wildebeest and buffalo to smaller animals like warthog and impala. The river supports a rich and varied bird life, the banks providing a nesting bank for the bee eaters and fishing grounds for Kingfishers.

SELOUS IMPALA CAMP

Selous Impala has just seven, luxury tents set on high wooden decking with magnificent views of the river and of the forest beyond. The colonial period furniture enhances the atmosphere of exploration and adventure. Each tent at Selous Impala has a dressing room, an en-suite bathroom, and its own veranda overlooking the Rufiji. The tents are spread over a large area, ensuring maximum privacy.

Maasai askaris (guards) guide visitors to and from their tents at night, or if there are animals around. Within the large and comfortable thatched low-slung main building there is a relaxed open plan area with a well stocked bar, dining room and plenty of planters' chairs and sofas so that guests can scan the river and banks for game, drink in hand. They might even have to share their table with a curious elephant!

Selous Impala has a sheltered, crystal clear blue swimming pool; just the thing after returning from a game drive in the heat of the day, or to enjoy a sundowner and bathe in the evening.

The large meandering Rufiji with its network of channels, connecting lakes and lagoons offers visitors the opportunity to go on safari by boat and experience the spectacular concentration of wildlife on the river from an unusual perspective, especially during the dry season when animals congregate. Game drives and walking excursions are also very rewarding, as is birdwatching – there are over 300 species of birds in the Selous and these are amazingly visible especially while out walking or boating.

View at <http://www.adventurecamps.co.tz/selousimpalacamp.htm>

Day 9

Morning game drive before transferring to the airstrip for your flight over the mountains and plains to Zanzibar for your beach extension.

You will be met off the flight and transferred to the North East Coast and to the Kasha Boutique Hotel where you will be staying for the next three nights in a Seafront Villa on a half board basis.

KASHA BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Kasha Boutique Hotel is situated on the beautiful north east coast of Zanzibar Island, enjoying spectacular views of the lagoon of Mnemba Atoll coral reef and the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean.

Stylish and contemporary decor mix with traditional Swahili and Arabic architecture, creating a classic Zanzibari atmosphere.

Each of the 11 luxury villas have their own spacious baraza terrace, private splash pool and incredible sea views.

There is an infinity swimming pool for common use by all the villas.

Kasha Boutique Hotel is exclusively situated on a small cliff overlooking the sea, and has a private path down to the beach which can be accessed at low tide. When the tide is high, a natural sea pool is flooded with salt water, making it a wonderful place for a cooling afternoon swim.

One of the main attractions is the Lala Spa, offering holistic treatments and therapies aimed at enhancing physical and mental well-being. All the treatments are performed outdoors, ensuring a truly tropical experience.

The hotel is ideally located for access to probably the best diving and snorkeling in Zanzibar at Mnemba Atoll which has recently been declared a marine reserve, whale sharks, green turtles and bottle nosed dolphins are frequently sighted.

The hotel opened in 2009 and is ideal for couples wanting a romantic break, or those wanting to explore Zanzibar Island from a relaxed and luxurious base

View at <http://www.kasha-zanzibar.com/>

Day 12

You will transfer to Zanzibar Airport by road in time for your flight to Dar Es Salaam and onward connections.

TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON ON A DAR ES SALAAM TO DAR ES SALAAM BASIS £3300

International Flights:

You are very welcome to book your own international flights. Should you wish us to book the flights for you the additional cost is £730 per person based on economy return scheduled flights on BA from London. (Subject to confirmation at time of booking)

What's included:

All transfers to and from the International Airports and local airstrips

Internal Flights

Zanzibar to Dar Es Salaam flight

Full board accommodation at all safari properties,
Half Board Accommodation at Kasha Boutique Hotel
Game drives, guided walks and boat rides in Selous
Twice Daily Game Drives at Kwihala
Laundry at Ruaha
All Park and Conservation fees

What's not included:

Visa fees
Tips and gratuities for guides, camp and hotel staff
Purchases of a personal nature
Local airport departure taxes
Lunch and Drinks at Kasha Boutique Hotel
Drinks at all properties
Night Drives (US\$70 pp) and Guided walks (US\$35 pp) at Kwihala (Payable locally)
Laundry in Selous and in Zanzibar
Insurance and Medical Cover
International Flights (See Note)

Wildlife Sightings

Africa's wildlife is free ranging and moves according to seasonal availability of food and water therefore no sighting is guaranteed. The following species can be found in the areas visited on this safari and guests can expect to see many of them.

Elephant, Giraffe, Black Rhino, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Wild Dog, Spotted Hyena, Jackal, African Wildcat, Serval, Caracal, Civet, baboon, Vervet Monkey, Bush Baby, Genet, Mongoose, Porcupine, Aardvark, Pangolin, Wart Hog, Bush Pig, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, Wildebeest, Impala, Bushbuck, Eland, Duiker, Roan Antelope, Sable, Waterbuck, Greater and Lesser Kudu, Hippopotamus, Crocodile, Monitor Lizard, Ostrich, Bat Eared Fox. Also many bird and reptile species.

When to go:

The game viewing in both parks is usually good during the shoulder season between January and March. It is quite warm at this time of year and some occasional rain is possible. Beach weather on Zanzibar should be sunny and warm.

Who should go:

A great introduction to Southern Tanzania for first safari or first time visitors to Tanzania and also for clients looking for a more intimate experience in areas where there are few tourists.

This safari is also an excellent choice for clients who have previously visited other parts of Africa and who would like to see something different.

A few relaxing nights at the beach in Zanzibar complements this exciting and adventurous safari perfectly.

We Say:

“The Heart and Soul of Tanzania” is a really good value safari which uses smaller tented camps where the emphasis is on the wildlife viewing rather than the luxury of the camps. The combination of these two excellent wildlife areas ensures both spectacular and very varied wildlife viewing and scenery with a wide range of differing safari activities.

Kwihala and Selous Impala Camp provide a competitively priced, high quality safari option in Southern Tanzania with excellent guiding.

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