



Journeys of a lifetime

SELOUS AND RUAHA ADVENTURE SAFARI



Introduction:

This is a classic flying safari visiting two of Africa's most extensive and pristine wilderness and conservation areas. 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.

We start our Safari with a scheduled flight 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.

We finish our Safari in the Selous Game Reserve a protected area covering most of South East Tanzania and as in Ruaha 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.

There is the option to extend your safari holiday with a few days on your own private palm fringed Island off the coast of Tanzania.

Safari club run this safari in conjunction with our highly experienced Tanzanian Partners Messrs Foxes Safari camps.

Day 1

You will be met from your flight into Dar es Salaam and assisted to the domestic terminal where you will board your scheduled charter flight to Ruaha National Park at 1030 hrs.

You will be met off the flight and transferred to your accommodation for the next three nights at Ruaha River Lodge where you will be staying in a Banda/Cottage.

View at <http://www.tanzaniasafaris.info/ruaha/intro.htm>

Ruaha National Park is the largest Park in Tanzania and lies in the centre of the country. This beautiful park has an abundance of wildlife in an array of landscapes which gives it a character all of its own. The Great Ruaha River is the lifeline of the park as it is the only permanent water source in the park. A full day game drive along the river takes you over rocky kopjes, home to the Greater kudu, Roan antelope and elephant, and winds down along the river bank through open plains, perfect for cheetah and lion, herds of buffalo, warthogs, jackals, bat eared foxes. The river banks are rich with birdlife, hippos and crocs. For the more adventurous, above the escarpment lives the more elusive Sable Antelope. Ruaha has a well developed road network, so there are plenty of different routes to explore on twice daily game drives. A few hours spent at the lodge watching the wildlife coming to drink at the river from the bar or veranda of your tent can also be enjoyable. An afternoon drive to the hippo pool to catch the sunset makes a perfect end to a day.



Day 4

Transfer to the airstrip after lunch for your flight Selous Game Reserve where you will be staying for the next three nights at the recently refurbished Rufiji River 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.

View at <http://www.rufijirivercamp.com/>

Day 7

Today we will transfer to the airstrip for our flight to Dar Es Salaam or Zanzibar.

TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON SHARING ON A DAR ES SALAAM TO DAR ES SALAAM BASIS

5 th Jan 2012 to 31 st March 2012 and 1 st Nov 2012 to 22 nd Dec 2012 US\$2750 (£1840)
1 st June 2012 to 31 st Oct 2012 and 23 rd Dec 2012 to 31 st Dec 2012 US\$3000 (£2000)

Price for family of four with children aged 2 to 12 years sharing with parents.

5 th Jan 2012 to 31 st March 2012 and 1 st Nov 2012 to 22 nd Dec 2012 US\$10872 (£7248)
1 st June 2012 to 31 st Oct 2012 and 23 rd Dec 2012 to 31 st Dec 2012 US\$9093 (£6062)

Optional Beach Extension:

Day 7 Cont

You will board our Flight to Lazy Lagoon Island off the coast of Tanzania where you will be staying for the next five nights in a beach banda on a full board basis.

Accommodation is in 12 large airy natural makuti beach bandas only yards from the Indian Ocean. From the sundowner lounge above the bar, visitors can watch the sunrise over Zanzibar and set over the palm trees of Bagamoyo and feel the Swahili atmosphere as they follow the flotilla of hundreds of local fishing boats tack around the island on route to the fishing grounds.

Individual beach cottages with en suite bathroom – shower, basin, toilet. Towels and beach towels provided. All rooms have full beach frontage, with veranda, hammock and deck chairs. The Lounge, bar, dining area is at tip of the island with views east and west and there is a swimming pool.

The rooms are shady and well ventilated, but there is no air conditioning.

The island has an interesting ecosystem, with many small mammals such as bush babies, (Galagoes) suni antelope and bush pig, plus birds and butterflies. Low tide washes up a plethora of exotically coloured star fish, sea urchins and crabs.

Activities include sailing (laser II dinghies), kayaking, snorkelling, fishing and guided excursions to Bagamoyo town and Kaole ruins.

<http://www.tanzaniasafaris.info/lazylagoon/intro.htm>

Additional Cost:

Low Season US\$747 (£500 pps full board)
High Season US\$867 (£578) pps full board

What's included:

All transfers to and from the International Airports and local airstrips
Internal Flights
Full board accommodation at all properties
Game drives, guided walks and boat rides in Selous
Twice Daily Game activities at Ruaha
Laundry at Lazy Lagoon and Ruaha
Non Motorised activities at Lazy Lagoon Island
All Park and Conservation fees

What's not included:

Visa fees
Tips and gratuities for guides and camp staff
Purchases of a personal nature
Drinks and local airport departure taxes
International Flights
Insurance and Medical Cover

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, 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 best game viewing is during the dry season months from June to November. Also possible from December to March but will be hot.

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.

We Say:

“Selous and Ruaha Adventure Safari” is a really good value safari with good accommodation and experienced guides. 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.

These comfortable mid range safari camps and lodges are in prime locations and are generally a bit bigger than some of the other options in these parks. This combination of camps and lodges provides the best value high quality safari option in Southern Tanzania, the boat safaris in Selous, which are not possible elsewhere in Tanzania, should not be missed.

Why not enhance your safari holiday with a few days on the beach on Tanzania’s undeveloped coast or in exotic Zanzibar.

SAFARI CLUB PROMISE:

Our consultants are dedicated to providing you, our clients, with the safari holiday of your dreams, we will always endeavour to offer you the best value safari and beach holiday in line with the time available and budget guidelines you have supplied.

The camps, lodges and hotels included in our trips are regularly vetted by our consultants to ensure the highest standards are maintained and that every safari and associated beach stay is a unique and authentic African experience.

Safari Club will never compromise the quality of our safaris by offering a knowingly inferior product in the interests of price.

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