



# Fly-in Safari in southern Tanzania with beach extension at the Indian Ocean

14 day trip for a luxury experience

Discover the highlights of southern Tanzania in a comfortable way and experience the beautiful and diverse nature of Selous Game Reserve and Mikumi and Ruaha National Parks on this Fly-In Safari. The south of Tanzania is still an insider tip for many, which is why you can experience breathtaking wildlife encounters in a very intimate and private way, even in the absolute high season.

A Fly-In Safari allows you to visit the more remote areas of southern Tanzania without arduous and long journeys. Small bush planes will take you comfortably from point to point, so that nothing stands in the way of your unforgettable experience in the wilderness!

During the flight you have a phenomenal view over land, rivers, plains, forests and wildlife. On the airstrips you will be welcomed by an experienced guide who will take you to the property. From your luxury tent or lodge, you do two game activities per day. Depending on the park, you can choose between game drives in open-sided vehicles, safaris on foot, by boat or hot air balloon.

Guests can relax between safari activities by the pool or on their own veranda. Often with a view of the bush and wildlife. Excellent meals are served in cozy restaurants or under the starry sky.

At the end of the safari you can rest far from the tourist beaches on a pristine island off the coast of Bagamoyo, about 75 kilometers above Dar es Salaam.



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# Highlights



Off the beaten track



Flying from park to park



Game drives in open-sided safari vehicles



Boat safari in Selous Game Reserve



Walking safaris in Selous en Ruaha



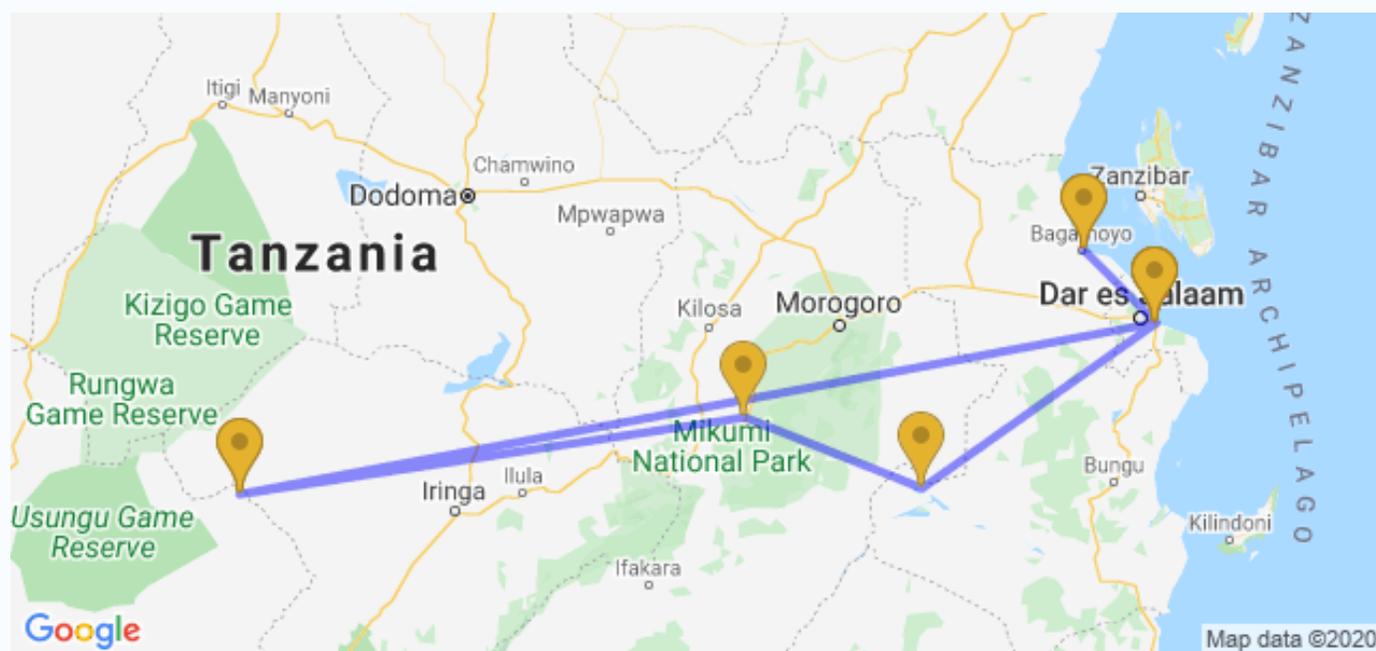
Sleeping in luxury tents in the bush



Lounging on a private island



# Day by day



**Day 1: Dar es Salaam .**

Fri, 20 Mar

**Days 2-4: Dar es Salaam Selous Game Reserve .**

Sat, 21 Mar - Mon, 23 Mar

**Days 5-7: Mikumi National Park .**

Tue, 24 Mar - Thu, 26 Mar

**Days 8-10: Ruaha National Park .**

Fri, 27 Mar - Sun, 29 Mar

**Days 11-13: Ruaha National Park Dar es Salaam Bagamoyo .**

Mon, 30 Mar - Wed, 1 Apr

**Day 14: Bagamoyo Dar es Salaam .**

Thu, 2 Apr



# Your detailed itinerary

Day  
**1**

## Welcome in Tanzania!

Fri, 20 Mar

**Transfer from the airport to your hotel in Dar:** Today you fly to Dar es Salaam Airport where you are met by one of our colleagues, who takes you to your hotel in the city. The rest of the day you can rest from the long flight, take a dip in the pool or explore the surroundings of your hotel. Dar is a bustling city of 3 1/2 million inhabitants where all 120 tribes of Tanzania are represented. The architecture is a mix of Swahili, colonial and Asian influences but is now dominated mainly by high-rise buildings and skyscrapers. You can find nice artisanal markets, busy fruit and vegetable stalls, excellent restaurants and beautiful beaches.



[The Slipway Hotel](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast

Day  
**2**

## Das Safari Abenteuer beginnt!

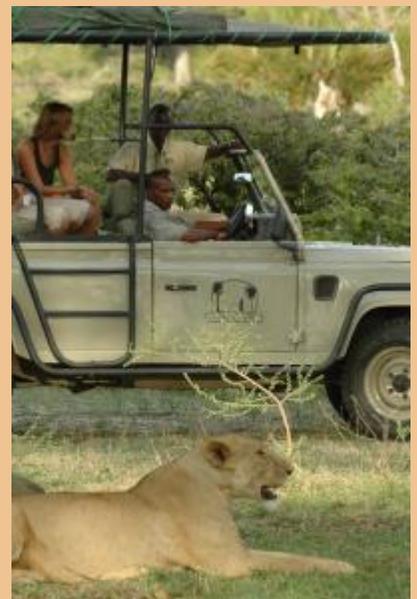
Sat, 21 Mar

### Flight from Dar es Salaam to Selous:

Today you fly in half an hour to Selous Game Reserve. Upon arrival at the Selous airstrip, your safari guide will take you to the camp for lunch.

### In search of Selous' wild animals:

Then you'll make your first game drive in the Selous Game Reserve, Tanzania's largest protected nature reserve, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a pristine uninhabited area larger than Switzerland! Rolling wooded savannas, vast grassy plains and rock formations are crossed by the Rufiji River and its many tributaries. With a specially adapted safari all-terrain vehicle you get very close to the fantastic African animal world. You will drive to some of the lakes where the animals quench their thirst and where the hippos and crocodiles spend their days lazy in the water. In the open spots in the forest you can meet elephants, gazelles, lions, cheetahs and even wild dogs.



[Selous Impala Camp](#)

### Price includes:



- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day

3

## The Rufiji River

Sun, 22 Mar

### Boat safari on the Rufiji River:

Today you make a boat safari on the Rufiji River. From the water you can see beautiful birds, but also hippos, crocodiles, elephants, giraffes and zebras. See the hippos near your boat and photograph the crocodiles that bask on the sand banks in the warm sun, with their mouths wide open in which birds peck the remaining of their food from between their teeth. Larger waterfowl scour the banks of the river for food, on the swaying reed stems hang the small round nests of the yellow weaver and in the trees on the steep walls the kingfisher is on lookout.

[Selous Impala Camp](#)



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- ✓ Dinner



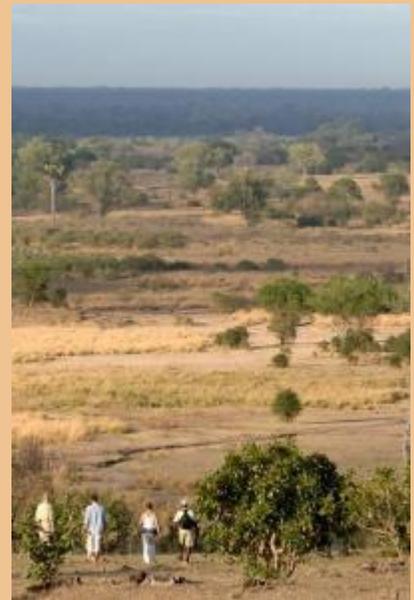
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## Another spectacular day in Selous

Mon, 23 Mar

**On foot among the wild animals!:** Get up early for an adventurous walking safari! Accompanied by an experienced armed guide, you will learn about the flora & fauna and how the indigenous peoples live and survive in this wilderness. The guide tells a lot about the vegetation and the special birds that live here. Black and white colobus monkeys sway in the trees. In open spaces in the forest you can just come face to face with a group of impalas, but also elephants and sometimes even predators.

[Selous Impala Camp](#)



### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
5

## Flight to Mikumi National Park

Tue, 24 Mar

**Sundowner at the Hippo Pool:** With a last game drive, you will be taken to the airstrip for a short flight to Mikumi National Park. You check in at the camp and in the late afternoon you go for the first time exploring the park. You drive to the hippo pool, a water basin, home to many hippos. Enjoy a magical sunset with a glass of wine or beer, and a snack. In the shelter of the night, return to the camp for dinner.

[Stanleys Kopje](#)



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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

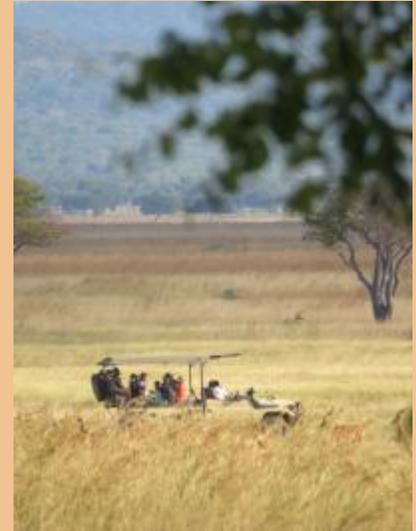


Day  
**6**

## Mikumi National Park

Wed, 25 Mar

**Grazers and predators on the floodplains of Mikumi:** An entire day to explore this smaller wildlife park! Mikumi is also called "little Serengeti", because the long vast savannahs show similarities to the more famous wildlife park in northern Tanzania. Apart from the distinctive savannas, Mikumi consists of the Mkata floodplains. These plains, dotted with acacia and palm trees, flood during the rainy season and dry when the dry season arrives. The months that follow (July to February) these floodplains are full of wildlife eagerly grazing from the (fresh) grass. Besides the gazelles, warthogs, giraffes, zebras etc., Mikumi also attracts predators including lions, hyenas and leopards. Mikumi has several viewing towers with beautiful views over the landscape. You can choose to spend the whole day with picnic lunch on the road or come back to the camp for a delicious hot lunch.



[Stanleys Kopje](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day  
7

## Savannah and wildlife

Thu, 26 Mar

**Keep on searching for game on the plains of Mikumi:** Another spectacular day to discover the splendor of Mikumi and all its wildlife. Together with your guide, you can organize the program yourself: a full day on the road with a picnic lunch; or a game drive early in the morning with back in the camp a late breakfast, and in the afternoon again on the road. You drive through a varied landscape, often in the wide savannah with hundreds of impalas, but also through wooded hills and along *hippo pools*, small lakes or rivers full of hippos.

[Stanleys Kopje](#)



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- ✓ Dinner



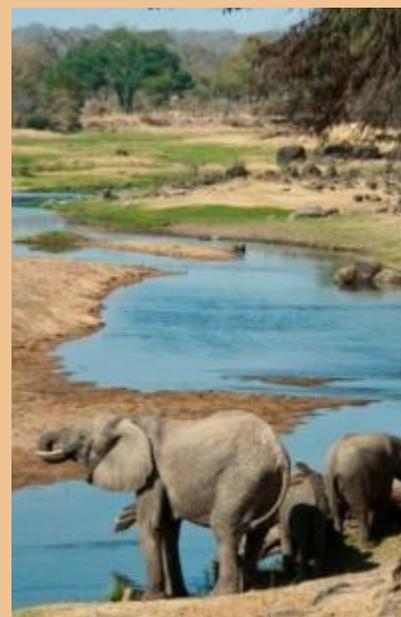
Day

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## Pure wilderness in Ruaha

Fri, 27 Mar

**Ruaha, the park that you have all to yourself:** Tucked far away from the beaten path is Tanzania's largest national park, Ruaha. This park is one of the best safari parks in all of Africa, with high concentrations of wildlife while there are almost no visitors. Ruaha, together with Selous, is one of the most beautiful safari gems of the southern safari circuit in Tanzania. But precisely because Ruaha is more open and has vast plains, spotting wildlife and birds here is easier than in the denser Selous. Ruaha is characterized by many large groups of elephants who pass charmingly along the riverbanks. In addition, Ruaha is also known as home to the most beautiful gazelle species, the large kudu with its beautiful spiral horns. This is also a true paradise for bird lovers, as there are more than 500 different species of exotic birds here. This park is best explored by car. After all, there are a huge number of safari trails, routes and regions to discover. Along the river are places where you can get out of the car to use your lunch sheltered in a rondavel, while you enjoy the view over the river and the countless hippos.



[Mwagusi Safari Camp](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day

9

## Game drive and walking safari

Sat, 28 Mar

### Another spectacular day in Ruaha:

On this second day in Ruaha you are again all day exploring the park, mainly by jeep. But another surprising way to experience Ruaha is by a walking safari. It depends on the accommodation where you are staying if you can do this, as not all offer walking safaris. Under expert guidance you will come (very) close to the wild. The emphasis is primarily on safety during the walking safari. In addition, the interest is on what you will find along the way. These are traces, flora, birds and who knows, an antelope or even a predator!

[Mwagusi Safari Camp](#)



#### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day

10

## A third day in Ruaha

Sun, 29 Mar

### Start the day with an unique balloon safari (Optional with supplement):

Experience the beauty of Ruaha National Park from above. A hot air balloon safari over Ruaha offers a birds-eye view of the rolling plains of East Africa. Take in the sights of the wildlife and landscapes below as the balloon gently floats through the crisp air. A hot air balloon safari provides excellent photographic opportunities from a unique perspective. Along with the incredible photos come memories that will last a lifetime; being thousands of meters above this famous park in Tanzania is definitely an unparalleled, once in a lifetime safari experience.

[Mwagusi Safari Camp](#)



#### Price includes:



- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
**11**

## From bush to beach

Mon, 30 Mar

### Back to the coast:

Your wonderful safari finishes here. With a last ride through the wilderness you will be taken to the Ruaha airstrip for the flight back to Dar es Salaam.

### From Dar to Bagamoyo:

From Dar you travel to a very special destination in Tanzania. Bagamoyo, 80 km north of Dar es Salaam, is located directly on the Indian Ocean. The place radiates a special tranquility when the numerous fishermen go out with their traditional Dhows for fishing. The beach is still unspoiled and dilapidated old colonial buildings serve as a beautiful photo background. Relax on the beautiful beach of Lazy Lagoon, which invites you to long beach walks and offers breathtaking sunsets. In addition to Lamu and Mombasa, Bagamoyo is also one of the most historic places in East Africa. Due to its location on the trade routes of the caravans, it was for a long time an important slave trading place.

Lazy Lagoon is only accessible by boat. After a short ride with the ferry you will reach this dream island for a few days of total relax.

[Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge](#)



### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
12

## At the Indian Ocean

Tue, 31 Mar

**And then just nothing...:** Today you can relax at the Indian Ocean, by the pool or by the beach. Snorkelling is also a possibility; the hotel can provide equipment and show you the most beautiful places on the coral reef. Walking, swimming, kayaking, sailing or a cultural excursion to Bagamoyo... The hotel staff are happy to assist you.

[Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge](#)



### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
13

## An optional excursions

Wed, 1 Apr

**Culture and history in Bagamoyo:** From the island you can also make an optional excursion to Bagamoyo, the main commercial centre of East Africa in the 19th century and briefly capital of the German colony East Africa. Bagamoyo is one of the most historic places in East Africa and has been in discussion for several years as part of a new UNESCO World Heritage Site "East African Slave and Trade Route". In no other city in East Africa are the ancient testimonies of Islam, Christian missionary work, the foreign domination of the Persians and Arabs, slavery, the great European explorers and German and British colonialism as close together as in Bagamoyo. There are still dozens of wooden dhows (traditional sailing boats) in which, as centuries ago, the local fishermen go out for fishing every day.

[Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge](#)



### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day

14

## Back home

Thu, 2 Apr

**Time to say goodbye...:** Unfortunately, your holiday ends here and after breakfast you will be brought back to Dar es Salaam airport. With beautiful pictures in your pocket and hopefully many wonderful memories you fly back home. Kwa heri!



### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast



# Accommodations

## The Slipway Hotel on day 1



Hotel Slipway is ideally located just 7km from the Dar es Salaam city center on the posh Msasani peninsula, right on the Indian Ocean overlooking Msasani Bay. It offers best value for money accommodation in this upmarket neighborhood. The hotel is integrated into the Slipway complex, which provides a wide range of amenities including various dining options and everything a traveler need. Within its vicinity are a selection of popular shopping, dining and nightlife destinations.

## Selous Impala Camp on days 2, 3 & 4



Selous Impala Camp is located directly on the Rufiji River. The camp has nine tents erected on wooden platforms (including two family tents), a large lounge area covered by huge roofs, a restaurant, a cozy bar and a swimming pool. If you are lucky, you will be greeted by the camp elephant upon your arrival. The highly trained guides accompany the guests in their open-sided vehicles, during boat safaris and on walking safaris. For an extra fee, you can go fishing from a sandbank. The food is very good, varied and is served in different places, depending on the weather. In the evening, the guests gather with the manager of the campfire to share the experiences of the day. Each of the tents has every comfort you need, from comfortable beds, to an en-suite toilet and a solar-heated shower. A generator provides power so you can charge cameras and mobile phones in your tents.

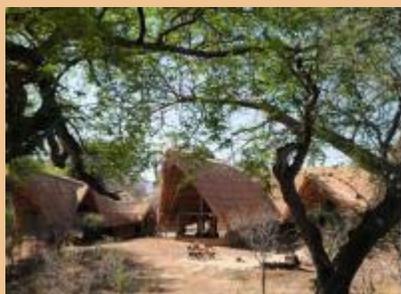


## Stanleys Kopje on days 5, 6 & 7



Stanley's Kopje Tented Camp is located in the northern part of Mikumi National Park and is built on a hill in the Mkata Plain. It offers views of a waterhole where giraffes and elephants gather to quench their thirst. The restaurant and bar are decorated in typical Swahili style and are centrally located on the hill. From here you can enjoy a beautiful 360-degree view of the savannahs of Mikumi National Park. By the pool you can relax after a busy safari day and take a refreshing dip in the cool water. The 12 spacious tents are built on stilts and form a circle on the slopes of the hill. You can enjoy the beautiful views of African nature from your large porch in front of the tent. All tents are located under a traditional thatched roof, which offers you protection from the sun. The tents are comfortably furnished and have an en-suite bathroom with water heated by solar energy.

## Mwagusi Safari Camp on days 8, 9 & 10



The Mwagusi Safari Camp nestles on the banks of the Mwagusi Sand River in the northeastern part of Ruaha National Park. Ideally located to observe birds and wildlife, guests can see more than 80 species of animals and more than 400 species of birds. The thirteen bandas are built on the banks of the Mwagusi River and offer beautiful views of the mostly dry riverbed. Each room has a large veranda with lounge corner and an inviting hammock. From here you can see the events along the river in the best possible way. Guests have a central bar and dining areas under a thatched roof. There is comfortable outdoor seating, from which you can enjoy a great view of a waterhole that attracts many wild animals. One of the most moving experiences at Mwagusi Safari Camp is an outdoor dinner under the African night sky – the dining table is in a dry riverbed and the drinks are served in the glow of the flickering campfire on the steep riverbank.



## Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge on days 11, 12 & 13



Small lodge on a peninsula with Robinson Crusoe atmosphere. The hotel is located on a beautiful, secluded and unspoiled 9 km long island with white sandy beaches, located in the Zanzibar Canal, just an hour's drive north of Dar es Salaam. This makes it an ideal place to relax before or after your safari in Tanzania. The island is all yours and you only share it with the lodge's guests. The lodge offers 12 stylishly furnished and comfortable bungalows and a charming service. The bungalows have a private and shaded veranda and are just a few meters from the Indian Ocean. They have a traditional straw roof and are high and airy, so that natural ventilation with fresh air is guaranteed at all times. The upper rooms can be used either as a lounge or as a children's room. At the beach of the lodge you can swim without any disturbance by the tides and feel like on a Robinson Crusoe island. The slightly higher swimming pool offers a fantastic view over the Indian Ocean and is a beautiful place to relax. In the morning you can see the sunrise over Zanzibar and in the evening, you can watch the sun go down at Bagamoyo. If you want to be a little more active, you can explore the island on foot, dive, surf, sail, explore the mangroves with a kayak, sail with a dhow to coral reefs. If you want to escape solitude, you can go on excursions to Bagamoyo or the Kaole ruins.

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We wish you a great trip!

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