



The unspoiled southern Tanzania

11 day trip for an off-the-beaten-track experience

A beautiful tour of the unknown and pristine south of Tanzania! Because the parks are so large and with relatively few visitors, you get that real bush feeling off an adventurer who is all alone travelling in an isolated region. The journey takes place at a leisurely pace and gives a lot of room to discover the parks. Not only from the safari jeep but also walking and by boat. You will visit Tanzania's largest wildlife park, Selous, where elephants, giraffes, hippos and crocodiles gather around the many rivers and lakes. In the raw and ferocious Ruaha you have a great chance to witness an exciting hunt of a big cat on its prey. Mukimi and Udzungwa are much smaller but the green savannas and mysterious forests offer a huge variety of flora and fauna. You will stay in lodges and tented camps in the middle of nature, where larger and smaller visitors from the animal world regularly walk in. And where you share the experiences of the day in the evening with a drink by the campfire. Afterwards you can extend this adventure with a few days on an abandoned beach at Kilwa or on Zanzibar, Pemba or Mafia.

Highlights



Fully catered private tour



Own guide and safari vehicle



Small lodges and tented camps



Boat safari in Selous



Walking safaris in Selous and Ruaha



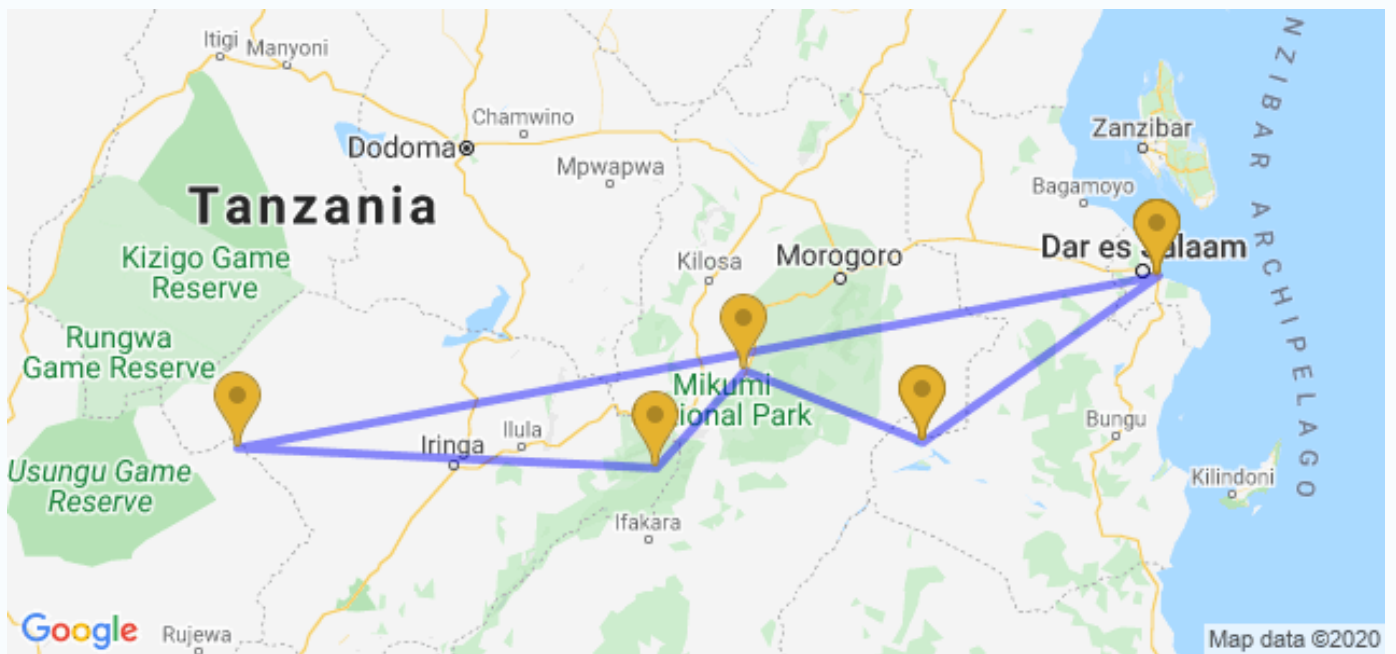
Swimming in the Udzungwa waterfalls



Domestic flight back to Dar



Day by day



Day 1: Dar es Salaam .

Thu, 19 Mar

Days 2-4: Dar es Salaam Ruaha National Park .

Fri, 20 Mar - Sun, 22 Mar

Day 5: Ruaha National Park Udzungwa National Park .

Mon, 23 Mar

Days 6-7: Udzungwa National Park Mikumi National Park .

Tue, 24 Mar - Wed, 25 Mar

Days 8-10: Mikumi National Park Selous Game Reserve .

Thu, 26 Mar - Sat, 28 Mar

Day 11: Selous Game Reserve Dar es Salaam .

Sun, 29 Mar



Your detailed itinerary

Day
1

Welcom in Tanzania!

Thu, 19 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

Into the countryside

Fri, 20 Mar

Flight from Dar es Salaam to Ruaha: Early today you board the plane that takes you to Iringa in 1 1/2 hour, where your driver and guide for this trip will welcome you. In Iringa, you first visit Neema Crafts Center. Beautiful handicrafts such as fabrics, covers, woodwork and clothing are created here, which stand out clearly from other souvenir shops in terms of quality. The special thing is that everything here is made by physically impaired people who receive educational and work opportunities in the Neema Crafts project. After lunch at the attached café, drive to the national park in a few hours. Enjoy the camp and surroundings, where elephants and other wildlife often gather by the waterhole or make a guided walk in the bush. The national park is situated on a plateau, 1200 meters above sea level. As a result, the temperature is about 10 degrees cooler than on the coast.



[Tandala Tented Camp](#)

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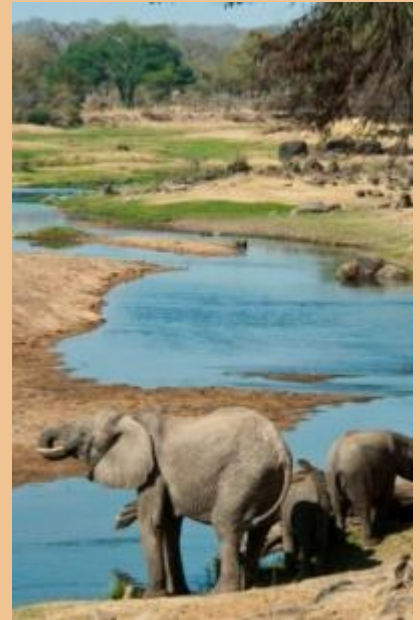
- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day
3

Pure wilderness in Ruaha

Sat, 21 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.



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Price includes:

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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day
4

A full day of game driving

Sun, 22 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! If you want more adventure, you could participate in an unforgettable hot air balloon ride (optional with additional payment). Floating over the treetops and savannahs you can see the monkeys looking up at you from their trees and animals running in front of you. The balloon safari concludes with a luxurious bush breakfast with champagne! For the remaining of the day, you'll continue to search for wildlife from your safari vehicle. With any luck you will even witness a true "kill", the hunt of a big cat on its prey.



[Tandala Tented Camp](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day
5

From Ruaha to Udzungwa

Mon, 23 Mar

Off the beaten track: Today's 250 km long route goes to a large extent along the riverbed of the Rufiji River. Along the banks are thousands of baobab trees. Some do have a circumference/thickness of 15 meters. In the afternoon you arrive in the Udzungwa mountains, a small park known for its many endemic plant and animal species, including several primates. The landscape of Udzungwa National Park is spectacular, with the rainforest spread over hills, valleys and mountains.

[Hondo Hondo Forest Camp](#)



Price includes:



- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day
6

Green lush mountains

Tue, 24 Mar

Walking through the rainforest to the waterfalls:

In the morning you visit the park. The landscape of Udzungwa National Park is spectacular, with the rainforest scattered over hills, valleys and mountains. The park has some impressive waterfalls, including the Sanje Waterfalls, the highest waterfall in a national park in Tanzania with 170 meters. A walk of about 5 kilometres to the falls will be rewarded with a wonderful fresh dip in the pools under the waterfalls. You can also enjoy the many colourful birds, more than 400 species!

In the afternoon you proceed to Mikumi National Park, for a sundowner safari to the Hippo Pool.

[Mikumi Wildlife Camp](#)



Price includes:

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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day
7

De savannah of Mikumi

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 savannahs, 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.



[Mikumi Wildlife Camp](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day
8

From Mikumi to Selous

Thu, 26 Mar

An adventurous trip through misty mountains: Today your ride is a real expedition through the Uluguru Mountains, via Morogoro to Selous. It is a beautiful ride that leads you through rivers, villages, narrow bridges and the tropical rainforest of Uluguru Mountains. Your picnic lunch will be taken in this beautiful scenery; the ride takes six to seven hours with a stop at the colorful market of Morogoro. Late afternoon you arrive at your lodge in Selous. A lovely shower, dining under the stars and stories by the campfire, while in the distance the hyenas laugh and the lions roar.



[Selous Wilderness Camp](#)

Price includes:



- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day
9

Wildlife spotting around the Rufiji River

Fri, 27 Mar

In search of Selous' wild animals: In the morning, 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 Wilderness Camp](#)



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- ✓ Dinner



Day
10

A last fabulous day in Selous

Sat, 28 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.

Boat safari on the Rufiji River: In the afternoon you will take 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 Wilderness Camp](#)

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Day
11

Goodbye Tanzania

Sun, 29 Mar

Back to Dar es Salaam: Unfortunately, your safari finishes here, and you drive back to Dar airport. With many pictures in your pocket and hopefully a lot of beautiful memories you get on the plane back to Europe. 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.

Tandala Tented Camp on days 2, 3 & 4



Tandala Tented Camp is located just outside the entrance to Ruaha National Park. The camp is surrounded by large acacia and baobab trees, which provide cooling shade. The camp is often visited by wild animals such as elephants, wild dogs and kudu, to which the camp is named ('tandala' means 'kudu'). The central lounge area is decorated with colonial leather furniture and has an open restaurant and bar. When possible, dinner is outside under the stars. In the shade of a huge baobab tree is the pool. You can visit local villages from the Tandala Tented Camp and do game drives, both during the day and at night. From June to November there are also walking safaris possible. The camp has 11 spacious, raised tents, equipped with solar energy and with en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet overlooking the bush. Each tent has a spacious porch with comfortable chairs and views of the Mdweka Sand River, where often wildlife is spotted.



Hondo Hondo Forest Camp on day 5



Hondo Hondo Udzungwa Forest Tented Camp is a charming lodge/tented camp on the outskirts of Udzungwa Mountains National Park, in the Kilombero Valley in southern Tanzania. From every part of Hondo Hondo Udzungwa Forest Tented Camp you have beautiful views towards the lush wooded slopes of the park. 'Hondo Hondo' means hornbill in Swahili, many of which are here. Hondo Hondo Udzungwa Forest Tented Camp consists of six permanent tents and five simple bandas. It has a restaurant which serves tasty dishes and a cozy bar. The camp's lush green terrain sits on the edge of the pristine rainforest. The forest is home to the endemic Udzungwa red colobus monkey, the Sanje crested mangabey and the Black and White Colobus. Every night at sunset, the calls of the hornbills reverberate through the valley.

Mikumi Wildlife Camp on days 6 & 7



Mikumi Wildlife Camp is located inside Mikumi National Park, very close to the main gate. At the Camp are 6 big banda's, with in total 12 spacious rooms. The banda's are spread out on the property of the Camp, all overlooking the African open plains dotted with Sausage-trees, Tamarind Trees and paper-bark acacias. Because the Camp is inside the national park, the wildlife is never far away. Since we have been here for so long and never posed a threat to the wildlife, we have become part of it. Big herds of impala and buffalo are roaming around in between the rooms and on a regular base you might be able to see elephants from your veranda. All rooms are en-suite, each with a large veranda and individually decorated in African style. The rooms are equipped with fans, safe boxes and mosquito nets. In each banda, the two rooms are adjoining, which makes it a perfect option for families and children.



Selous Wilderness Camp on days 8, 9 & 10



Tucked safely away from the mainstream safari route the Selous Wilderness Camp, located on the southern shores of the Rufiji River, offers attentive, yet unpretentious personalized service, exquisite dining and fantastic tents with amazing views of the Rufiji River and its wildlife. The home comforts of the Selous Wilderness Camp with its seven traditionally styled and spacious tents, the plush mess area with an eclectic mixture of solid wood furniture and leather sofas, and the attentive Tanzanian hospitality and service provided to the guests belies the isolation and wilderness of the camp's location. The seven spacious en-suite tents are under expansive makuti thatch structure, all with views over the Rufiji River. There is a 20 m distance between the tents ensuring privacy and exclusivity. Each tent is traditionally styled and equipped with a fan and outside shower.

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We wish you a great trip!
