

Tanzania

Selous & Ruaha Camping Safari

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



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ITINERARY

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13 DAYS • 12 NIGHTS

Selous Game Reserve – Rufiji River – Lake Tagalala – Morogoro – Ruana National Park – Mikumi – Dar Es Salaam

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the stunning Selous & Ruaha Game Parks as you see a range of African animals on your personal safari
- Enjoy an evening boat cruise to view wildlife from the Rufiji River from day one!
- Get the ultimate experience by camping in the African 'bush'
- Trek into Udzungwa Park where you will be able to explore the beautiful forest and waterfalls, and even go for a swim in a plunge pool



TANZANIA SAFARI ADVENTURE

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Safari Expedition
Tour Start	Selous
Tour End	Sar Es Salaam
Accommodation	Camping, Hotel, Motel
Included Meals	12 Breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Medium

Away from the masses, this is a great 'bush camping' adventure exploring the stunning Selous, Ruaha & Mikumi game reserves in Southern Tanzania.

The itinerary gives you the opportunity to view a myriad of African animals on your own personal safari away from the masses of tour buses.

TANZANIA SAFARI *an overview*

Selous Game Reserve, Africa's largest protected area uninhabited by man, offers the lucky few visitors an experience in absolutely wild and unspoiled bush. The park varies from rolling grassy plains to open woodlands and rocky outcrops cut by the Rufiji River – the lifeblood of the park, whose tributaries form a network of lakes, lagoons and channels that offer a superb method of game viewing especially during the dry season (from June to October). Selous hosts Tanzania's greatest population of elephants as well as being one of the few areas you can see African wild dogs. You will also get the opportunity to explore Ruaha National Park which derives its name from the Great Ruaha River that flows through the Rift Valley on the eastern part of the Park creating spectacular gorges. Finally visiting Mikumi National park, the 4th largest in Tanzania and a great spot for big game viewing as well as bird watching.

Exploring on foot, by boat and by 4WD and sleeping in tents you will get a true appreciation of the best Southern Tanzania has to offer.

WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

We really are one of the few specialists that really “do” off the beaten track and unique adventures in TANZANIA. We are driven by a passion for adventure travel and wildlife. We know it inside-out, and continuously collaborate with our local partners and tour guides to ensure that you have the best experiences on your dream Tanzania adventure – this focus is reflected in our uniquely wonderful itineraries. Our experts are on hand whether you are looking for a small group trip or a bespoke holiday.

Even better, our small group tours have a maximum of 8 people, making it a much more personal experience. Furthermore, we don't expect you to pay a single supplement, perfect for solo travellers! (*nb. no ss charged as long as you are happy to share a room)

Pioneer work in some of the world's most spectacular, remote and extraordinary places worldwide.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival (D)

Arrive at airport and be met and then drive down south to Selous Game Reserve. Depending on the time of your arrival you will settle in and later depart for evening boat cruise along Rufiji River. Return for your dinner and overnight at Selous Hippo.

Overnight Campsite

DAY 2 & 3: Camping day at Lake Tagalala (B, L, D)

Adventurous camping day! Check out from the camp then drive into the middle of the reserve to set up your camp at the bank of Lake Tagalala. Later in the afternoon drive through the reserve for sunset game drive. Our professional and experienced cook will prepare African dishes for dinner.

Overnight at the campsite



DAY 4: Journey to Morogoro (B, L, D)

An early start, break up your camp and drive to Morogoro, stopping for lunch en-route

Overnight at Morogoro Hotel

DAY 5: Discovering Ruaha National Park (B, L, D)



An early start from your hotel, transfer to Ruaha National Park with lunch enroute. At Ruaha you will stay at Msembe Bandas. These are basic, but clean rooms located on a bend in the Ruaha River. Giraffe and elephants frequently walk between the rooms and cheetahs have been seen on the river bed. Here you will have dinner and overnight.

Overnight Msembe Bandas

DAY 6 – 8: Exploring Ruaha National Park (B, L, D)

Three full days exploring Ruaha National Park. There will still be plenty for you to see in this large, visually stunning park. Look for wild dogs and leopard near the kopje or watch large herds of elephants and buffalo coming down to drink.

Overnight Msembe Bandas



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DAY 9: Ruaha to Udzungwa Mountain Park (B, L, D)

After breakfast drive to Udzungwa Mountain National Park, lunch as you go, dinner and over night at Hondo Forest Campsite.

Overnight Campsite

DAY 10: Wonderful Walking/Hiking in Udzungwa Park (B, L, D)

Breakfast then drive to Udzungwa Mountain National Park. Make final preparations for your trek into the mountains, including a visit to the park HQ to complete the formalities. The hike up to Sanje Waterfalls is relatively short (max 2hrs) but is quite steep in places. This is the park's most popular attraction, although it is unlikely that you will meet any other hikers.

Once at Sanje there will be time to explore the forest and waterfalls, and even go for a swim in one of the plunge pools. There after return to the camp and spend the rest of the day at the Camp.

Overnight Campsite

DAY 11: Udzungwa to Mikumi (B, L, D)



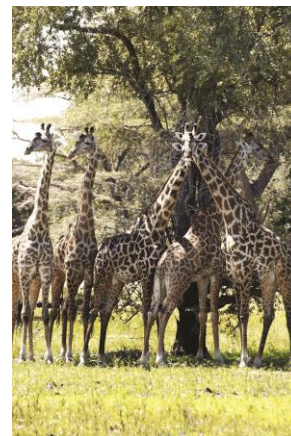
After early breakfast, leave Udzungwa for Mikumi with packed lunch. Proceed with a game drive, dinner and overnight at Bastian Campsite.

Overnight Campsite

DAY 12: Dar Es Salaam (B)

Morning game drive, transfer to Dar and transferred to the Mediterraneo hotel for your overnight stay. Here you will stay on a bed and breakfast basis giving you the choice between the excellent restaurant and local pub for your evening meal.

Overnight Mediterraneo



DAY 13: Departure (B)

Transfer to airport/or why don't you extend your stay with a few days on a beach or one of the lovely island resorts.



WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE SAID

"We had a wonderful time! Loved every minute of it. Thank you for arranging such a good tour at such short notice. We have been very impressed by all involved in the planning and delivery of the tour"

-R. Muirhead

"Thanks for your mail and for your hard work arranging our trip. It was wonderful. All aspects of the trip went like clockwork and all 3 lodges were excellent."

-Andrea G.

"First and most importantly, we had a great time. Thank you for your excellent job in arranging our safari and in answering our never-ending questions. Everything went off without a hitch, the safari experience was magical, and we will have wonderful memories of Tanzania."

-Jim

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INCLUDED

- 🚗 Private safari converted vehicle with driver/guide
- 🎫 All park and entry fees
- 🍽️ Three meals a day while on safari and Bed and breakfast in Dar unless stated otherwise
- 🚰 Bottled drinking water while on safari,
- 🗺️ All activities as per above unless stated otherwise,
- 🍳 All camping equipment with safari cook for preparation of meals where applicable
- 🚗 All transfers as per itinerary above.

NOT INCLUDED

- International or local flights
- Meals not mention
- Tips and gratuities
- Laundry
- Personal items
- Bar tabs/bills etc.



ACCOMMODATION *at a glance*

	Location	Accommodation	Example
Night 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11,	Various Locations; Selous, Morogoro, Hondo Forest, Bastian,	Camping	Bastian Campsite, Hondo Forest Campsite, Selous Hippo Campsite
Night 5,6	Ruaha	Motel	Msembe Bandas
Night 12	Dar Es Salaam	Hotel	Mediterraneo Hotel



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITY DURATION

2 – 5 hours per day

SEASON

This region is best explored between June - December

BEST TIME TO GO

Jun - Nov

GROUP SIZE

This is a tailor-made itinerary and is priced based on 2 people travelling.

GROUP DEPARTURE

This trip is run as a private departure so can be run for a couple, family or group of friends looking for a safari with a difference. We arrange private departures to suit and can tailor the itinerary.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'Medium' level (2 – 5 hours of activities per day). This means that you will need an average level of fitness.



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