

Tanzania

Nyerere National Park & Ruaha

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



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ITINERARY

Tanzania • Nyerere National Park & Ruaha Camping Safari

13 DAYS • 12 NIGHTS

Nyerere National Park (formerly Selous) – Rufiji River – Lake
Tagalala – Morogoro – Ruana National Park – Mikumi – Dar Es
Salaam

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the stunning Nyere National Park (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	Dar Es Salaam
Tour End	Dar Es Salaam
Accommodation	Camping, Hotel, Motel
Included Meals	13 Breakfasts, 11 lunches, 11 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Medium

Away from the masses, this is a great 'bush camping' adventure (not luxury fly camping) exploring the stunning Nyerere National Park (formerly 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.



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TANZANIA SAFARI *an overview*

Nyerere National Park (formerly 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.

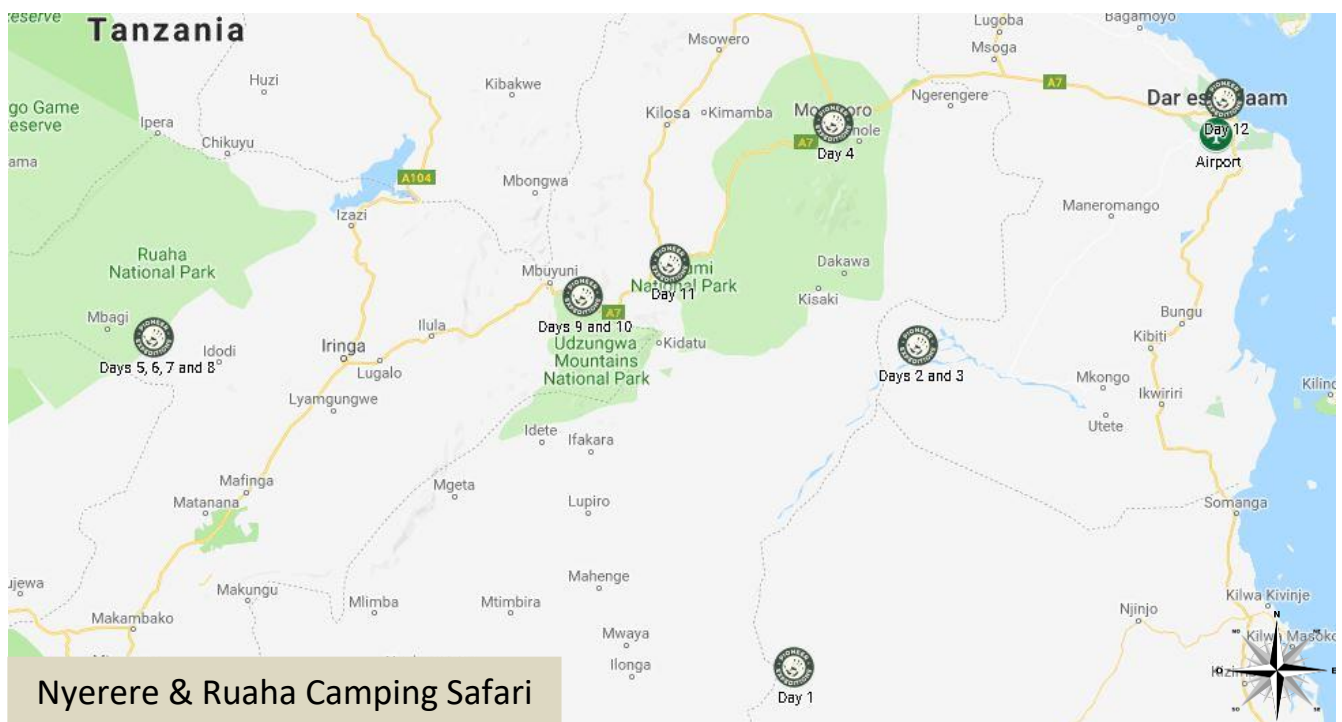
WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

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.

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DAY 1: Arrive into Tanzania and start your adventure



Arrive at airport and be met and then drive down south to Nyerere National Park (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 Mapumziko Campsite.



Overnight:
Campsite



Meals:
B, L, D



Driving distance:
Approx. 6hr drive



Activity:
Arrival

DAY 2 & 3: Enjoy a couple of relaxing camping days at Lake Tagalala

Adventurous camping days! 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:
Campsite



Meals:
B, L, D



Driving distance:
Approx. 4hr drive



Activity:
Wildlife

DAY 4: Journey to Morogoro

We leave early morning to the park gate where we can enjoy a walking safari in the wilderness accompanied with an armed ranger and a guide. You will learn how to walk in order to get close to the animals, as well as identify plants, animal prints and droppings. We return to our camp for breakfast before driving to Morogoro town for dinner and overnight at Morogoro hotel. and we can enjoy a walking safari. We are



Overnight:
**Morogoro
Hotel**



Meals:
B, L, D



Driving distance:
Approx. 6-7hr drive



Activity:
Transfer

DAY 5: Discover the stunning Ruaha National Park: "Tanzania's best kept secret"



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



Meals:
B, L, D



Driving distance:
Approx. 7hr drive



Activity:
Transfer



DAY 6 – 8: Explore Ruaha National Park: the largest National Park in Tanzania

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

One evening you will get to go on a night game drive around Ruaha National Park. Night game drives are a perfect opportunity to see nocturnal wildlife when they are more active.

Ruaha National Park:

Straddling the Rift Valley and covering thirteen thousand square kilometers; Ruaha National Park is one of Tanzania's wildest and most remote parks. The park's inaccessibility means that it receives few tourists and has a vast amount to offer. Ruaha consists of miombo woodland highlands, broken by isolated hills and the Great Ruaha River Valley.



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Overnight:
Msembe
Bandas



Meals:
B, L, D



Driving distance:
Varies



Activity:
Exploring and wildlife

DAY 9: Head to Udzungwa Mountain Park and start the hike to Sanje Falls



After breakfast drive to Udzungwa Mountains National Park, lunch as you go. Upon arrival you will 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. Near here we will camp at the Sanje Campsite.



Overnight:
Campsite



Meals:
B, L, D



Driving distance:
Approx. 4-5hrs drive



Activity:
Hiking



DAY 10: Discover forests, waterfalls and plunge pool in Udzungwa Park

After breakfast we set out for a hike up to the top of 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 leisure in the Camp.



Udzungwa Mountains National Park: Udzungwa Mountains National Park is Tanzania's newest terrestrial wildlife park. It's mountains are part of the Eastern African Arc, a chain of ancient mountains which runs from the Taita Hills in Kenya to Udzungwa in central Tanzania. Udzungwa is one of the only ranges of the Eastern African Arc that remains in pristine condition, whereas the others have suffered from major environmental damage. Due to its exceptionally well-preserved forest, this park contains Tanzania's largest variety of primates, including 4 that cannot be found anywhere else. So keep your eyes peeled...



Overnight:
Campsite



Meals:
B, L, D



Driving distance:
Varies



Activity:
Hiking

DAY 11: Udzungwa to Mikumi

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

Mikumi National Park:

Framed by the Uluguru Mountains to the northeast, the Udzungwa Mountains to the southeast and Sabah Game Reserve to the south, Mikumi National Park is the perfect place to try and spot any wildlife you might have missed.

The park consists mainly of miombo woodland, and sightings of plains game like impala, buffalo, crocodile, giraffe, wildebeest, and small migratory herds of zebra in the swamps and grassland of the Mkata floodplain.

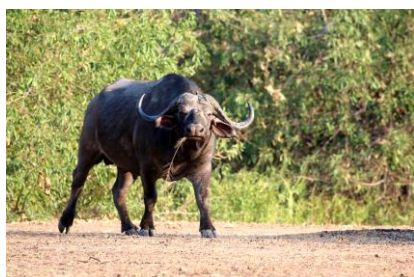


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Overnight:
Campsite



Meals:
B, L, D



Driving distance:
Approx. 1hr drive



Activity:
Wildlife



DAY 12: Dar Es Salaam



Enjoy a morning game drive before you leave Mikumi Park and head to Dar Es Salaam. Here you will be 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.

Dar Es Salaam:

Dar Es Salaam ("Dar" for short) has grown in the last century to become one of Africa's largest cities. Barely a century old, the city remains a vibrant blend of traditional tribal cultures and immigrant communities, from Europe and Asia.



Overnight:
**Mediterraneo
Hotel**



Meals:
B



Driving distance:
Approx. 6-7hrs drive



Activity:
Wildlife

DAY 13: Departure

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. After breakfast at the hotel you will be transfer to airport where you will get your return flight, or onto other destinations.

Don't want this adventure to end? Why not extend your trip with a few days on the beach or one of the lovely island resorts.



Overnight:
N/A



Meals:
B



Driving distance:
Approx. 1hr drive



Activity:
Depart



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
- All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- 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 internal flights
- Meals not mention
- Tips and gratuities
- Laundry
- Personal items
- Soft and alcoholic drinks



ACCOMMODATION *at a glance*

All accommodation is subject to availability

Camping

Bastian Campsite, Sanje Campsite, Selous Hippo Campsite



Morogoro Hotel

Morogoro

<http://www.morogorohotel.com/>



Msembe Bandas

Ruaha



Mediterraneo Hotel

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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.

THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at info@pioneerexpeditions.com if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website www.pioneerexpeditions.com to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

1. Contact us -

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

2. Leave everything to us -

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

3. Wait for your adventure to begin -

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

If you feel like altering this itinerary to suit your personal preferences, we can arrange all of that and more – just get in contact with us and let us know your requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

