



8 Days Journey To The Southern Tanzania

Brief Description

Southern Circuit Safaris

The Southern Circuit Safari includes some of the most amazing and less visited attractions in Tanzania. Normally there are fewer tourists because it is less well known than the Northern Circuit. As you will be in these gigantic and wild protected areas with different status probably your vehicle will frequently be the only vehicle on the landscape and it is easy to imagine that the rest of the world no longer exists as you take your tour at the incredible sights of this remarkable area.



Day 1: Arrival

Pickup at the Dar es Salaam airport by your Lindo Travel driver. He will have a sign with your name on it and be waiting for you when you clear customs. Our driver will transport you to the New Africa Hotel located near the city Centre for night stay. Dar es Salaam (the house of peace) formerly Mzizima is Tanzania's most prominent city in arts, fashion, media, music, film and television, and a leading financial center. The city is the leading arrival and departure point for most tourists who visit Tanzania, including the national parks for safaris.

Day 2: Journey from the largest city in Tanzania to the southern Savannah.

After early breakfast at New Africa hotel, your driver will take you to the small airport in Dar es Salaam for your morning flight which will depart Dar es Salaam at 8:30 am. Arrive Msembe airstrip at 9:15 am. As you leave Dar es Salaam, you will fly south towards Ruaha into southern Tanzania where few safari travelers go. While you are in southern Tanzania you will be accompanied by Lindo Travel guides who have expertise and knowledge of the wildlife in these wilderness areas.

Pickup at Msembe airstrip by Lindo Travel staff. Check in at Mufindi Highland Fishing Lodge, have lunch, and get used to the lodge. Later you will join one of Lindo Travel guides for an afternoon game drive into this vast national park and begin seeing the variations in game species and ecosystems of southern Tanzania. As you come across the Great Ruaha River be sure to check for the elephant clans that come down to drink and later in the evening you will be taken back to the lodge for dinner and a night stay

Day 3: Game Drive at Ruaha National Park

Breakfast at Mufindi highland fishing lodge. The joy of Ruaha is that there are hardly any people. The word Ruaha means "great" in the local HeHe language. The park straddles the Eastern Rift Valley, making for some amazing landscapes. The Savannah and bush ecosystems of Ruaha National Park hold one of the largest elephant populations in all of Africa.

The horizon is dotted with baobabs in some areas of the park. Surroundings are good for seeing predators, particularly lion and leopard. Rivers and swamps are alive with crocodiles and hippos. The dry open hillsides allow buffaloes and antelope to gather in large herds. All of these herd animals, as well as zebra and giraffe, can be watched as they make their way to the Great Ruaha River to drink.

Get your species checklists ready for possible sightings of greater and lesser kudu, sable and roan antelope, bushbuck, and African wild dog. Ruaha is the only park in East Africa that has both greater and lesser kudu. This day will be accompanied by both morning and afternoon game drives of which lunch boxes will be provided during lunch time at the picnic site then later dinner and night stay at the Lodge.

Day 4: Walking Safari at Ruaha National Park

A full day of wildlife viewing. Consider adding a walking safari to your wildlife viewing. A walking safari in Ruaha allows you to follow tracks and scat, as well as view game on foot and experience wildlife at a closer range. You will walk with an experienced guide who can interpret both the small and big parts of the ecosystem. Before starting the walking safari you will receive instruction about how to stay safe on foot, the weapon carried by your guide, as well as some simple instructions for you to follow during the walking safari, ensure that you have a great experience.

During afternoon lunch will be served at Mufindi highland fishing lodge whereby the walking safari will proceed in the late afternoon after a short rest at the lodge and later dinner with a night stay at the lodge

Day 5: Travelling from Ruaha National Park to Selous Game Reserve

You will have Breakfast at Mufindi highland fishing Lodge. Arise early for a morning game drive or spend the morning packing and getting ready for your flight to Selous. Our driver will take you to Msembe bush strip for your flight. Whereby the flight will depart Ruaha Msembe airstrip at 11:45 am and expected to arrive at Selous airstrip at 13:05

As the plane arrives at Selous game reserve our staff will pick you with transport to the Selous Mapumziko lodge for lunch and check-in. You will be able to get in an afternoon of wildlife viewing or a river wildlife viewing safari so you can begin to enjoy the Reserve.

In Selous, you can do what you want when you want. Each day you choose from river safaris, walking safaris, wildlife viewing from a vehicle, or just relaxing around the lodge.

The huge area within the boundaries of Selous Game Reserve represents five percent of the land mass of Tanzania. The remote nature of the reserve ensures a wilderness experience. Only the northern section of Selous, north of the Rufiji River, is developed for tourism, but even this area is huge and wild.

The name Selous originates from Frederick Courtney Selous who was one of the great African and wrote a book, African Game Trails hence the reserve is named in his honor. This amazing day in the wild will end up with dinner and a night stay at the campsite.

Day 6: Getting used to Selous Game Reserve

After having breakfast at Selous Mapumziko lodge you will be able to experience Selous's™ ecological environments contain open woodlands, plains, and dense thick forests. But the highlight of Selous for most people is the Rufiji River ecosystem with its meandering streams, swamplands, and ox-bow lakes. Boat safaris on the Rufiji take you through pods of hippo and more crocodiles than you ever thought possible. Buffalo, waterbuck, impala, and other herd animals are frequently sighted in the water edge meadows.

Birding is spectacular along the Rufiji with an abundance of water birds including kingfishers, goliath herons, fish eagles, storks, and several varieties of egrets. Our company will provide river guides and land guides. Schedule your next day game viewing on the river or on land as you choose with our experienced staffs.

Safaris away from the river allow viewing of an uncommon range of animals including antelope, wildebeest, elephant, lion, giraffe, hyena, eland, kudu, and African wild dog. You may encounter either of the two resident species of wildebeest, the black-bearded gnu or the Nyasa wildebeest.

Make sure you ask about Selous's™ role in World War I when German forces fought the British Fusiliers. A ½ day adventure can take you to the old battlefields and to the grave of Selous, who was killed by a German sniper during a battle in the park.

Day 7: Exploring the Selous Game Reserve

After having breakfast at Selous Mapumziko lodge, visitors to Selous have the freedom to take walking safaris and boating safaris, in addition to traditional game viewing. Set your schedule of these activities as you choose with our staff at the camp. All activities are available to you each day.

Selous accounts for almost half of all of the elephant in Tanzania. With many young calves being born. The woodland and dense miombo forest environments require more patience for elephant viewing than in the plains ecosystems of Ruaha.

Day 8: Travelling from Selous Game Reserve to Dar es Salaam

Early breakfast at the Selous Mapumziko lodge in order for the driver to get you to the airstrip on time. The flight will depart Selous airstrip at 9:45 am Arrive in Dar es Salaam at 10:20 am. And as you arrive at Dar es Salaam there will be a Pickup by our driver and transport to New Africa hotel for day room check-in, lunch, and dinner. You'll have a room available through the evening so you have time to shower and pack for your international flight.

Arrange your pickup time with your driver for transport to Dar es Salaam International Airport for your international flight.