

# 12 DAYS LUXURY – SELOUS, MIKUMI, RUAHA & UDZUNGWA.



### HIGHLIGHTS

During your 12 day luxury safari in Southern Tanzania you'll stay at some of the finest luxury safari accommodation Tanzania has to offer including exclusive lodges like the ultra-private Beho Beho Luxury Camp where you'll stay in a stone built, palm thatched cottages and Siwandu Private Camp on the shores of Lake Nzerakera where you can watch the wildlife from your king size bed and star gaze while enjoying an open air shower.

At both Siwandu Camp and Vuma Hills Tented Camp you'll experience the ultimate luxury tented safari where you can sleep under canvas while being totally pampered and staying in total comfort. Highlights of your luxury tour include having your own personal safari vehicle and guide so you can set your own schedule as you visit:

- Selous Game Reserve;
- Ruaha National Park;
- Udzungwa Mountains National Park;
- Mikumi National Park.



# ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL DAY

On arrival at Mwalimu Nyerere International Airport, you will be met by your Daigle Tours guide and transferred to your hotel in Dar es Salaam. This is the perfect place to relax by the pool and recover from your journey.

Accommodation: Dar es Salaam Serena Hotel. Meals:

Dinner & Breakfast.

#### DAY 2: DAR – SELOUS GAME RESERVE

In the morning, you'll be picked up from your hotel and driven to Selous Game Reserve, arriving at Siwandi Private Camp in time for a delicious hot lunch. In the late afternoon, you'll go on a thrilling boat safari on the Rufiji River where you'll see hippos and crocodiles in their natural habitat. Your guide will also be able to point out interesting birds and plant species during this trip.

Accommodation: Siwandu Private Camp. Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

#### DAY 3 & 4: SELOUS FULL DAY

Each morning after breakfast you'll have a full day of game viewing in Selous Game Reserve taking a packed lunch with you if you wish to maximize your game drive time. Selous Game Reserve is bigger than Switzerland and Denmark so it takes a long time to explore properly but your guide will know the best places to go. These will be special days spent exploring the wilderness in the biggest game reserve in Africa and viewing the diverse wildlife which includes lion, giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, elephant, wild dog and so much more.

Accommodation: Siwandu Private Camp. Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

#### DAY 5: WALKING SAFARI – HALF DAY GAME VIEWING

In the early morning and before breakfast we'll go on a three hour walking safari (or as long as you're comfortable with) in the wilderness, accompanied by your guide and an armed ranger. By going on foot you'll have a chance to see various bird and plant species as you explore this heavenly sanctuary. We'll go back to camp to clean up then after breakfast we'll leave Siwandu Camp and take a packed lunch to enjoy on our a game drive on the way to Mikumi National Park.

Accommodation: Behobeho luxury Camp. Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

#### DAY 6: SELOUS – MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, leave for Mikumi National Park with a packed lunch. Mikumi National Park is nestled between the Uluguru Mountains to the northeast, and the Rubeho Mountains, Udzungwa Mountains and Rift Valley escarpment to the southwest. As



part of the Selous ecosystem, it benefits from the highest game density of the entire conservation area. The landscape here is beautiful and the wildlife prolific. You can expect to see animals like elephant, giraffe, zebra, eland, kudu, wildebeest, antelope, leopard, wild dog, jackal and an amazing array of colorful birds.

Accommodation: Vuma Hills Tented Camp. Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

#### DAY 7: MIKUMI – RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, drive to Ruaha National Park. If you wish your guide will take you on an evening game drive through this remote area with a dramatic topography of mountains, rivers and plains. Its ragged beauty is only outmatched by the variety and density of wildlife and exotic birdlife. Ruaha National Park is <u>home</u> to the largest population of elephants in any East African natural reserve as well as many other animals and birds all attracted to the Great Ruaha River.

Accommodation: Ruaha River Lodge. Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

#### DAY 8 & 9: RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

You will have two full days of game activities in Ruaha National Park. The park covers 12,950 square kilometers, with a large area of dry savanna. The forest contains Miombo woodlands, Acacia woodlands, Riverine forests and Terminalia scrub. Ruaha and Rungwa areas are home to 450 bird species. Ruaha River Lodge is set on one of the most stunning stretches of the Great Ruaha River so you can see game throughout the day from the comfort of your veranda if you want to have a break from driving and simply enjoy your surroundings and be pampered at camp.

Accommodation: Ruaha River Lodge. Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

#### DAY 10: RUAHA – UDZUNGWA NATIONAL PARK

In the early morning after breakfast you'll depart for Udzungwa Mountains National Parks with a packed lunch. On arrival, we will go mountain hiking on the Campsite 3 trail taking in the amazing sights of forest including waterfalls, birds, primates, butterflies, bush-buck, dikdik, baboons and monkeys.

Accommodation: Udzungwa Falls Lodge. Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.



#### DAY 11: UDZUNGWA – MIKUMI

After breakfast, we will drive to Mikumi National Park where you'll enjoy a full day of game viewing in Mikumi National Park with a packed lunch. During today's game viewing, you'll see the open horizons and abundant wildlife of the Mkata floodplain and we may be able to find lion, giraffe, zebra, impala, elephant, wildebeest and birds such as hornbill, lilac breasted roller, crowned crane and many more.

Accommodation: Vuma Hills Tented Camp.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner,

#### DAY 12 MIKUMI – DAR ES SALAAM

After breakfast we'll drive you back to Dar es Salaam where you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight back home. It's been an amazing trip and you'll have some incredible photos and stories to share with your friends and family back home. DAY

#### 12: ARUSHA TOWN – AIRPORT

You'll be transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight back home.

# ACCOMMODATION

#### DAR ES SALAAM SERENA HOTEL



after a long journey.

An oasis of luxury at the very heart of Dar es Salaam, the elegant and cosmopolitan Dar es Salaam Serena is one of the best hotels in Dar. Surrounded by tropical gardens and just minutes from the broad sweep of Indian Ocean beaches that characterize this vibrant city, the 230room hotel offers a unique mix of panAfrican style and world-class professionalism. This is a great place to acclimatize to Tanzania and rest

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#### SIWANDU PRIVATE CAMP



Sheltered in a grove of palms on the shores of Lake Nzerakera, part of the watery byways of the Rufiji River system, Siwandu is perfectly situated to fully experience the breathtaking landscape and abundant wildlife of Selous Game Reserve. In fact it's considered the undisputed prime position for superlative game viewing.

Broadly spaced along the lakeshore, Siwandu's superbly appointed accommodation ensures maximum

privacy and every opportunity to soak up the sights and sounds of Selous. From either of the wooden decked verandas sit with a cup of tea at sunrise watching the bush come to life, or relax with a gin and tonic as the bush blushes under sunset.

The breezy, spacious octagonal tents of canvas and secure mosquito netting are topped in thatch and you can see the animals as they saunter past from your bed. Siwandu will allow you to forget the modern world and immerse yourself totally in unspoilt nature and bush luxury.

#### BEHOBEHO LUXURY CAMP



The ultra-exclusive Beho Beho was the first camp to be sited in the Selous highlands so as to enjoy the 'cooling breezes' from which its name derives. This private camp has fiercely protected its individuality and privileged location making it one of the most magical places to visit during your safari in Africa.

Beho Beho's stone built and palm thatched cottages, are not only a

refuge from the equatorial sun, the bouncy seat of a game vehicle and the red dust of Africa nor are they just for sleeping, these spacious 'suites', which open up to reveal unrivaled vistas of the African bush, are designed as private 'homes' with individuality and flair. The open sided lounges and dining areas together with the cocktail bar and

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'billiards room' provide a sophisticated setting for post safari relaxation and the swimming pool and deck are an ideal place to cool off.

#### **RUAHA RIVER LODGE**



Perfectly situated on one of the most stunning stretches of the Great Ruaha River you can see game throughout the day from the comfort of your veranda when you stay at Ruaha River Lodge. Built out of local stone and thatch, the lodge is built around natural kopjes and capitalizes on its exceptional position on a bend in the river.

Ruaha River lodge is the only lodge in

the Ruaha consisting of 24 stone chalets stretching along the river bank. Each chalet has stunning views from a large veranda out the front, while the huge interiors feature a sitting area, writing desk and either twin or double beds. At the rear of each chalet is a large bathroom decorated with found timber, a shower and double basins. There are two dining areas one of which is imperiously-positioned atop the largest kopje in the area with commanding views down two sections of the river. This is surely the best sundowner spot in Ruaha.

#### UDZUNGWA FALLS LODGE



Graciously located on the slopes of Udzungwa Mountains National park this beautiful lodge is renowned for its warm hospitality, fine service and delicious food. The lodge has been carefully constructed to cause minimal impact on the surrounding Udzungwa forest and a delicious meal and warm comfy room awaits you after you mountain hike.

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#### **VUMA HILLS TENTED CAMP**



Nestled in the forests of the Vuma Mountains that overlook the Mkata Plains of the Mikumi below, Vuma is a cool retreat from the heat after a day's game drive. Your spacious and comfortable tent will have a colonial décor. The cosy bar area has a roaring log fire and opens onto a large deck where you can watch the sun set over the Mkata plains below. Under the same thatch, the dining area has wide views across the swimming pool and the lush

trees.

Sleeping under canvas at Vuma Hills is a far cry from the discomfort usually associated with camping. Complete with shaded wooden veranda at the front and en suite bathroom facilities at the back all your comforts are provided for. Vuma Hills Tented Camp is a fitting place to end your luxury safari.



# COSTS AND BOOKING

# PACKAGE IS INCLUSIVE OF:

- · Park fees;
- Full board accommodation (based on double occupancy);
- · Professional Tanzanian guide;
- · Boat & walking safari in Selous;
- Outfitted Land Rovers with roof hatches, fridge, charging sockets and Bluetooth radio for music;
- One bottle of mineral water per day;
- Daily safari briefing;
- All transfers.

### PACKAGE IS EXCLUSIVE OF:

- Tourist visas;
- International flights;
- Insurance;
- · Alcoholic beverages unless described on the itinerary;
- Tips;
- All items of a personal nature.

# COST: \$8,406 PER PERSON

#### BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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