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Ruaha National Park - Selous Game Reserve

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Group Size: 2/12 (Min/Max)



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Introduction

A 7-night safari combining Ruaha National Park with the Selous Game Reserve

Starting and ending in Dar Es Salaam

On an all inclusive Game Package Basis with shared 4x4 safari vehicle and guide throughout.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Kigelia Ruaha	Ruaha National Park	FB+	3 Nights
Sand Rivers Selous	Selous Game Reserve	FB+	4 Nights

Key

FB+: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities Daily

Availability

Year round except 16 March to 31 May, when camps are closed.

Price

Prices based on 2 adults sharing. Other combinations quoted on request.

For 2018 per adult sharing:

US\$ 6,725 - (1 July - 31 October)

US\$ 8,255 - (22 - 31 December)

US\$ 5,250 - (1 November - 21 Dec)

NOTE: Prices subject to reconfirmation at time of booking.

Included

Flights and transfers shown in the itinerary, park fees (except where mentioned as an extra), all meals, house drinks, laundry and shared activities (4x4 game drives and short walks).

Excluded

International flights, visa fees for Tanzania (\$50 or \$100 per person), insurance, gratuities, transfers, activities and accommodation before and after the outlined itinerary.

Day 1-3: Kigelia Ruaha, Ruaha National Park

Day Itinerary

Arrival - self booked flight into DAR (international flight details TBC)

Transfer between terminals

Safari Airlink Schedule Flight Dar to Ruaha/Msembe (10h30/13h25)

Transfer by Kigelia to camp

Kigelia Ruaha for 3 nights - shared GP - arrive for lunch Night Drive- Kigelia

Ruaha National Park

Ruaha National Park is the largest national park in East Africa, covering an area of about 20,200 square kilometres in what's called "the southern circuit". It's in the middle of Tanzania and part of an extensive ecosystem which includes the Rungwa Game Reserve, Usangu Game Reserve and other protected areas.

The great Ruaha River runs through the park, flowing along its south-eastern margin; it's here where the game viewing is at its best with the river being the main source of water at certain times of the year. The landscape is vast and wild with hills dotted with baobabs, rocky escarpments and open Savannah; it also has less camps and lodges than most other parks, despite its size.

Ruaha is famous for its large population of elephant, with about 10,000 roaming in the park, and this is believed to be the highest concentration of elephant in East Africa. You can also see both the Greater and Lesser Kudu here, Sable and Roan antelope, as well as other plains game like giraffe, zebras and eland. Other animals in the park include lion, leopard, cheetah, bat-eared foxes and jackals and you might see the endangered wild dog. Crocodiles inhabit the Ruaha and Mzombe rivers, as well as a number of other reptiles.



Ruaha is a paradise for birders, with more than 571 species, some of them known to be migrants from within as well as outside of Africa. Migrating species from Europe, Asia, the Australian rim and Madagascar have been recorded in the park.

Overnight: Kigelia Ruaha [View iBrochure](#)

Kigelia Ruaha is where you go when your soul seeks the humbling solitude of giant baobabs, the exhilaration of encountering Africa's big cats or great herds of elephant; where the focus is on experiencing nature and not the gold taps, and where you can feel at home while simultaneously enjoying the care of a dedicated team.

The camp itself has just six airy tents set beneath the boughs of the Sausage Tree (*Kigelia Africana*) after which it was named. It has a charm and simplicity which means that it highlights the surrounding landscape rather than detracts from it. Falling asleep under canvas to the calls of leopard, and waking in the dappled light of the sun as it peers through the bush is simply magic.

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Included

Includes - all meals, house drinks, laundry and shared activities (4x4 game drives and short walks). 1 night drive is included. Escorted transfer between terminals upon arrival.



Excluded

Excludes - non-house drinks; private guide/vehicle (available at a supplement, subject to availability, must be pre-booked).

Day 4-7: Sand Rivers Selous, Selous Game Reserve

Day Itinerary

Transfer by Kigelia to Msembe Airstrip

Coastal Schedule Flight Ruaha/Msembe to Selous/Kiba (11h45/13h05)

Transfer by Sand Rivers Selous to lodge

Sand Rivers Selous for 4 nights - shared GP - arrive for lunch

Selous Game Reserve

The remote and little-visited Selous Game Reserve covers more than 5% of Tanzania's total area and is the largest of its kind in Africa. At an unbelievable 55,000 km² it is almost twice the size of Belgium and four times larger than the famous Serengeti in the North. The landscape here has remained almost as it was before tourism began and the massive park has only a few accommodation options. The Great Rufiji River and its tributaries are the lifeblood of the reserve, creating a network of forests and woodlands around the lagoons, sandbanks and lakes with tall palm trees adding to the scenic splendor. Boating, walking safaris and fly camping are all available in the Selous.

By air, the Northern Selous is defined by the Rufiji River. A mile wide in places, its courses are deeply carved in the soft sandy soil and visible for miles as you approach by light aircraft. Any tracks here are beaten not by the small number of visitors that come to stay, but by the feet of generations of hippos and elephant whose influence has shaped the landscape, at least as much as the river.

And the scenery changes quickly, in a matter of a few miles Miombo woodland - home to hartebeest, zebra and herds of buffalo - gives way to wide grassy valleys, strangely reminiscent of English park land; thick stands of Doum palms reveal glittering lakes burgeoning with life of all kinds. And sand rivers, literally rivers of dry sand bleached white and littered with the sculptural forms of dead leadwood trees, are one of the most alluring aspects of this area. They are also a magnet to game, drawn to the fresh water that flows beneath the surface.

This area is home to all the major mammal species - lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and even the very illusive black rhino.

Overnight: Sand Rivers Selous [View iBrochure](#)

Sand Rivers is situated in the northern part of the Selous Game Reserve which is the second largest protected wilderness area in the world. Sand Rivers offers stylish, luxurious safari accommodation on the banks of the Rufiji River. This comfortable and stylish lodge features an outdoor pool, an open-air dining room, bar and lounge which have been beautifully constructed on a sweeping curve of the great Rufiji River, offering stunning views across the water.

Sand Rivers Selous has just 8 stone and thatched cottages, all are open-fronted and raised on decks overlooking the river.



There are 5 Riverside rooms - with en-suite bathrooms, hot and cold running water, flush toilets and powerful showers - and 3 Hillside Suites. The Suites all have the same amenities as the Riverside rooms, but with the added extra of a large living space and a small plunge pool.

Activities at River Sands are tailored to suit each guest, whether its game drives, walking safaris, fishing or boating. Sand rivers can also organize fly camping under mosquito nets on dry river beds with in the reserve - however it is highly recommend that this is booked in advance.

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Included

Includes - all meals, house drinks, laundry and shared activities (4x4 game drives and short walks)

Excluded

Excludes - non-house drinks; private guide/vehicle (available at a supplement, subject to availability, must be pre-booked)Day 8: End of Itinerary



Day Itinerary

Transfer by Sand Rivers Selous to Kiba Airstrip

Coastal Schedule Flight Selous/Kiba to Dar (09h15/10h05)

Transfer between terminals

Departure - self booked flight from DAR (international flight details TBC)

Included

Escorted transfer between terminals.

Excluded

Arrangements upon/after arrival in Dar es Salaam

Transport

Flight Information

Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time
Scheduled	Safari Airlink	Julius Nyerere International Airport [DAR]	10:30	Msembe Airstrip	13:25
Scheduled	Coastal Aviation	Msembe Airstrip	11:45	Kiba Airstrip	13:05
Scheduled	Coastal Aviation	Kiba Airstrip	9:15	Julius Nyerere International Airport [DAR]	10:05



Transfers

Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Vehicle
Nomad Tanzania	Msembe Airstrip	Kigelia Ruaha	4x4 (Transfer)
Nomad Tanzania	Kigelia Ruaha	Msembe Airstrip	4x4 (Transfer)
Nomad Tanzania	Kiba Airstrip	Sand Rivers Selous	4x4 (Transfer)
Nomad Tanzania	Sand Rivers Selous	Kiba Airstrip	4x4 (Transfer)

Travel Information

We strongly recommend you review the current travel advice to be found at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html> before booking and ensure you remain up to date with this advice before traveling.