

Hondo Hondo



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## Udzungwa Forest Camp

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Also known as Hondo Hondo, is located in the Kilombero Valley at Mang'ula Village on the way to Ifakara. It is set on large piece land and is an eco-lodge, bordering the Udzungwa Mountains National Park. It is well situated as a base from which to explore the often overlooked Udzungwa Mountains, and is suited to those who want something a little different from the standard safari experience. We employ local people from the nearby villages and we use suppliers and goods from nearby, in order to support our community and neighbourhood.

### ACCOMMODATION:

There are **six luxury en-suite tents** offering a variety of twin or double bed arrangements. Extra beds are available for children or to accommodate a third adult. Each tent has solar-powered lighting, a socket for charging phones and camera batteries and a solar fan. At the back of the tent, the open-air bathrooms have flush toilets and a solar-heated shower.

The **five thatched huts** are much simpler offering a variety of double, twin, triple and even quad bed arrangements. Each hut has walk in mosquito nets, solar lighting, wall socket, table and chair. A toilet and two showers are situated outside in the quad and more toilets and showers are down a path in the camper's area.

A **large campsite** is also available, with clean toilets and solar-heated showers as well as a kitchen for self catering. As we are solar powered no fridges or electric appliances are allowed to be used. Campers may also book meals at the restaurant.

### MEALS:

Meals are prepared with available fresh local ingredients. The set menu changes daily and with advance notice we cater for dietary requirements as best as we can. Each morning is a breakfast

feast, served with Tanzanian coffee or tea. The lunch can be served at the camp or a picnic lunch is provided while on a hike and a three course dinner is served in the restaurant. Note: There are no other facilities close by, therefore it is better for us to provide a Full Board or Half Board service.

The “Canopy Bar” is well stocked and provides a great venue for sun-downers with a view of the forest. Also a great place to relax after a long drive or a hike and be entertained by the yellow baboons playing in the glade.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

There’s a great range of activities to do here. Hiking to the beautiful waterfalls is done through TANAPA and their HQ is 1km from camp. Mountain-biking around the villages or rice/sugar fields. Canoeing in a traditional dugout canoe on the Kilombero river, guided village tours, a visit to the Magombera Forest or a rubber plantation are also possible. The camp, the forest and the Kilombero river are said to be very good for birders, with several endemics, some easy, some more difficult to spot. There are several species of primates, including the endemic Udzungwa Red Colobus, the remarkable Sanje Crested Mangebey.

### **HOW TO GET HERE:**

Self Drive, bus, safari vehicle as well as flying are your options. Auric Air offer daily flights into our area, (Kilombero Sugar Airstrip) this is part of their Dar/Iringa route so it's ideal for a connecting safari between Dar and Iringa. To connect with Ruaha, Selous, Dar, Mafia and Zanzibar, Safari Air Link flies daily to/from Mikumi National Park. We can arrange transfers between both airstrips and the camp. The buses run daily from Dar es Salaam and a couple from Mbeya, Iringa or Dodoma heading down to Ifakara, passing our entrance.

### **PACKING:**

Good pair of hiking shoes, hat and swimwear as it's possible to swim in plunge pools of the waterfalls. Casual clothes for dining. Something warm and light for evenings from June to September. A torch for walking around the camp at night. Shirts with sleeves and shorts covering the knees for visits to our local village. Bring any personal medication with you, remembering to include mosquito repellent, antihistamine and sunblock.

### **COMMUNITY:**

Make a Big Impact when you stay at Hondo Hondo with Pack for a Purpose!

If you are able to bring out any pencils, books, sports equipment, educational items or clothing for our local primary and secondary schools, they will be grateful.

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