

Asilia

GENUINE SAFARIS | GENUINE DIFFERENCE



Usangu Expedition Camp
ACTIVITIES

Set on the outskirts of the Usangu floodplains, deep in the remote southern corner (6,000 km²) of Ruaha National Park, Usangu Expedition Camp offers adventurous clients an immersive, conservation driven experience with a variety of activities. These include boating, open vehicle day and night game drives, fishing, and walking safaris led by highly experienced guides.

In addition to the Usangu Expedition Camp, the Trails Camp offers an exciting sleep out under the stars experience within walking distance from camp. Enjoy fresh brewed coffee on an open fire in the mornings, look for shooting stars in the infinite night sky, and marvel at the untouched beauty of the Usangu Wetlands.

Further enhance this unique experience by setting your own camera trap and viewing the results during your stay, or book a presentation with one of our Positive Impact partners (*at an additional charge*) for increased understanding of the critical conservation aspect.

Usangu Expedition Camp offers an intimate and unforgettably authentic safari experience.

Activity Season: 1 June - 30 November | **Children's age:** 12 years and older | **All activities are included**



PRIVATE VEHICLE AND GUIDE

Each group at Usangu Expedition Camp will have a private vehicle and guide at its disposal for the duration of their stay, ensuring full flexibility and adventure. Regular game drives can be combined with any of the below experiences to customize the Usangu adventure to your groups' preferences.

NIGHT DRIVE

Night-time in the bush is very different from the day. A whole new world opens up with nocturnal species unseen in the day. Equipped with thermal cameras to ensure optimal viewing, with no disruption to the wildlife, Usangu offers night game drives like no other.

Join your guide on this nocturnal experience to learn more about this hidden world.

GAME DRIVE

With your private vehicle and guide, you have the flexibility to explore any (accessible) area of the Usangu wetlands. Usangu has five biozones and offers many different habitat types that are waiting to be explored.

BOAT EXCURSION

Usangu is a seasonal wetland and combines riverine areas with a swamp/lake. Using the boat provides you access to areas not reachable by car. This activity is available year-round but varies with the seasons. This activity can be combined with bait fishing while out on the water. Whether experienced at fishing or trying it for the first time, guests have the opportunity, often during sundowners, to participate in this casual catch-and-release activity,

WALKING SAFARIS

Walking safaris give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in nature, away from the noise of the land cruiser and closer to the ground to observe the smaller and less obvious parts of the African wilderness.

As part of your walking safari, you can receive an introduction to tracking where our specialist walking guide will teach you the basics of tracking, which will come in handy when setting your camera traps.

YOUR PERSONAL CAMERA TRAP

All Usangu visitors will be allocated a camera trap for the duration of their stay (one per couple/tent). Place it in the surrounding area with the assistance of the camp guides and explore what animals have visited the camp during the night.

Use your new tracking skills to place the camera trap in areas most likely to capture wildlife.



USANGU STAR CUBES

The Usangu star cubes are set up in a private setting within easy reach of your tent at the expedition camp. This offers a unique sleep-out experience, where you can sleep under the stars in the African wild, protected from critters and wildlife alike in a mesh cube, whilst keeping the comforts of your tent close at hand.

USANGU TRAILS CAMP

A one-night sleep out in the wild, where the Usangu star cubes are set in a remote area. You will also have a back-up canvas dome tent for privacy as well as in case of rain. We suggest this experience is combined with a walking safari, but this is not essential as it can also be combined with boating and/or game driving. This activity can be planned with our walking guide in camp and does not have to be pre-booked.

DOUGLAS BELL INFORMATION CENTRE

Usangu Expedition Camp is home to the Douglas Bell Information Centre which houses interesting details on the history and significance of the area. Guests can hear the story of the camp and spend time in the centre to understand the past, present, and future of the wild space of Usangu. The Information Centre will also be used for presentations from Asilia's Positive Impact partners. Guests can visit at their leisure between activities to get a taste of the various conservation efforts in the region.

BECOME A GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY CONTRIBUTOR

Learn how to use the iNaturalist app to log any species (fauna and flora) worldwide. We use this app to record all findings in Usangu for record-keeping and distribution mapping. You will receive training on how to identify and log sightings of species during your stay. As Usangu is still relatively unstudied there are still species to be discovered.

