



## FACT SHEET - Selous Game Reserve, Tanzania

### TANZANIA MAP



**Azura Selous** is located on the banks of the Great Ruaha River, in the south of Tanzania. The Selous is known for its private and exclusive game sightings, where there is typically only a single vehicle at any viewing. The camp is surrounded by indigenous vegetation and stunning flora and fauna, the tented villas are spread along the river with magnificent views. The large decked area and infinity pool at the heart of the lodge overlooks the rapids of the Great Ruaha River and resident noisy hippos.

The Selous Game Reserve is one of the largest faunal reserves of the world, some twice the size of South Africa's Kruger National Park, and 3 times the size of the Serengeti National Park. The landscape is generally flat with rolling hills and alluvial valleys with a range of woodland communities, thickets, gallery forests, swamps and alluvial floodplains. It supports vast herds of elephants, buffaloes, giraffe, hippopotamuses, ungulates, crocodiles and other species.



The area surrounding Azura Selous comprises of open grasslands, thickets, forests, ravines, sand rivers, and higher altitude plains, which along with the Great Ruaha River flowing through it, makes for a thrilling and diversified game viewing experience. Azura Selous is particularly known for its predators, being home range for 3 packs of wild dog and some 6 prides of lion.

The climate has warm temperatures year-round with very hot days January to March but also some welcome rain showers. The long dry season is from June to October. Light rains November to December are wonderful and never last for more than an hour. Unlike safaris elsewhere in Africa, you will never have need of a blanket or hot water bottle on the vehicle for our game drives.

Unlike most safari lodges we don't group our guests together for meal times unless you specifically request to eat together. The concept here is that each meal time is a special occasion, it is a relaxed experience and a gourmet one. Guests receive Azura's trademark Tanzanian Host service, where dining experiences are different through a range of unique and special venues and set-ups.

Children aged 6 and above are welcome at Azura Selous, and the wildlife paradise offers numerous possibilities for children and families. Where possible we will endeavour to place families on a private game viewing vehicle. Our guides are specially trained in how to host children, and we offer a range of children's activities including tracking, spore identification, walks within our concession area, general bush craft, and fishing. Our tented villas are very spacious and can easily accommodate 2 extra beds and children sharing with parents stay free of charge.

## ACTIVITIES

- Tailor made game drives; We offer half day and full day game drives
- Night drives; experience the nocturnal wildlife
- Walking safaris; Follow the tracks, sights, smells and sounds of animals big and small
- Boating safaris on the Ruaha River are a wonderful way to see the African game.
- Birding; The Selous is a spectacular birding destination with over 440 bird species recorded
- Fishing; the Great Ruaha is home to many species of fish, including the Electric Catfish, & sought-after Tiger Fish.
- Stargazing; enjoy the star talk at the bush dinner
- Spa treatments; relax and unwind with a spa treatment
- Family safaris: We personalise your stay as a family, providing your own guide and vehicle whenever possible. As well as taking game drives, our guides will offer a variety of educational activities including tracking lessons.

## SUMMARY

- Game drives in largest game reserve in Africa, with no other cars or people around
- Personalised safari itineraries, with activities scheduled to guests' wishes
- Lots of activities to do besides game drives; walking safaris, boating, safaris, fishing, spa treatments
- Dining in different locations each day, no communal dining
- Azura's signature trademark offers you a Tanzania butler-host to look after you during your stay
- Fantastic for families, kids stay free on the Family Fun offer
- Recommended length of stay is 4 nights





## TABLE OF FACTS

Number of rooms	Total of 12 villas; 11 Tented Villas and 1 Villa Twiga
Maximum guests	24
Children	6 years and older
Childminding	Available
Family Fun special offer	Children stay free of charge when sharing with parents
Twin beds	All villas can be made into twins
Air conditioning	Yes
Overhead fans	Yes
Mosquito nets	Yes
Bath	Only Villa Twiga (outdoor)
Outdoor shower	yes
Separate WC	Yes
In-room safe	Yes
Telephone	no
Hairdryer	On request, at reception
Laundry included	No
Wheelchair access	No

Check in / check out	14:00/ 10:00
Weddings	Blessings can be arranged on request
Power	Generator & solar power
Internet access	Wi-Fi in public areas
Private villa dinners	Yes
Credit cards	Visa, Mastercard
Massage & Health treatments	Yes, in villa treatments
Weather	Apr – May rainy season, Nov small rains
Temperature	42C/108F – 18C/ 65F
Currency	Tanzania Shillings, but US Dollars widely accepted
Malaria	Suitable prophylactics
GPS Coordinates	S07°52'23.45 E37°44'11.45
Visas	\$100 for USA, \$50 pp for other nationalities, except SADC. Available on arrival
Medical	Medical evacuation insurance included in rate, basic first aid supplies stocked at hotel

## GIVING BACK

Azura will undertake a number of initiatives at Azura Selous, including steps to further protect the pristine natural and wildlife environment, aided by the eco energy control initiative, and the grey water recycling plant (the only one of its kind in the Selous). The Rainbow Fund also assists the nearby communities with donations and events like World Children's Day. A discretionary donation of \$10 per villa per night will be added to guest bills.

## ACCESS

The Sumbazi airstrip in the Upper Selous is located 5 minutes from camp. There are several scheduled daily flights connecting from Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, the Serengeti and other. Dar es Salaam can be accessed from all over the world as it is an international airport.