



SELOUS SAFARI
COMPANY



YOUR GUIDE TO EXPLORING
THE SOUTH OF TANZANIA



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NYERERE NATIONAL PARK - TANZANIA

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RUAHA NATIONAL PARK - TANZANIA

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1. WHY TRAVEL TO SOUTH TANZANIA?

For a truly authentic safari of a lifetime, you don't have to look any further than Tanzania. Southern Tanzania is the epitome of unspoilt wilderness and exciting safari adventures. Combined with beautiful white-sandy beaches on a secluded island, it is the perfect ingredients for an unforgettable holiday.

Most people are familiar with the Northern Circuit of Tanzania where the iconic Serengeti National Park is located and the popular beaches of Zanzibar. Many, have not explored Tanzania's southern parts that are highly rated by African specialists as an excellent "off the beaten track" safari destination.

ENJOY OUR REMOTE LOCATIONS

In the South of Tanzania you find incredible, pristine wilderness areas that are off the beaten track away from the crowds. As your light aircraft flies at low altitude over this breathtaking natural landscape, you immediately know you are arriving somewhere truly special.

In the Ruaha National Park our camp, Jongomero is in a remote location on the banks of the seasonal Jongomero River. The park is about 130 kilometers west of Iringa and 625 kilometers from Dar es Salaam. When visiting Jongomero access is by light aircraft to the airstrip very close to our camp.

On your game drives in the Ruaha it is very unlikely you will come across other game drive vehicles. Here you enjoy exclusive wildlife sightings, the animals are relaxed without the presence and noise of other vehicles and with the added advantage of being able to spend as much time as you want at each sighting.

The Nyerere National Park (formerly the Selous Game Reserve) was established in 2019 and is the largest national park in Africa. It covers an area of over 30 000 square kilometers.

It's located in the south of Tanzania about 320 kilometers from Dar es Salaam. The recommended access is by light aircraft flight landing at Siwandu airstrip the nearest airstrip to camp.



Siwandu is located on the palm-lined shores of Lake Nzerakera, part of the water byways of the Rufiji River system. The area is home to Africa's largest population of endangered wild dogs (also known as painted dogs).

Zanzibar, with a magnitude of beach resorts, is a well-known Tanzanian tourist destination. We suggest heading further south along the coast to the unknown and unspoilt Songo Songo Archipelago and exclusive Fanjove Island. A 45 minute light aircraft flight from Dar es Salaam via Mafia lands on Songo Songo Island from where a 40 minute transfer in a traditional dhow sail boat gets you to the shores of Fanjove Island.

New Fanjove Island is an uninhabited, barefoot luxury paradise. It is tiny, covering about one kilometer in length and 400 meters in width, this secluded island is yours to explore and enjoy. Nine new beach suites including 1 new family suite are positioned to maximize magnificent views of the azure blue ocean. This unpretentious island offers an incredible and remote beach experience, laid-back but with the same high levels of service and hospitality of the safari camps of Selous Safari Company.

2. ABOUT SELOUS SAFARI COMPANY

Selous Safari Company is a portfolio of remote African safari camps, refurbished and uniquely-appointed in the game-rich wilderness of Southern Tanzania. Offering both 'bush and beach', with splendid isolation, bespoke experiences and warm hospitality - the quintessential safari, the hallmarks of the Selous Safari Company 30+ years reputation.

From the remote river location of Jongomero in undiscovered Ruaha and Siwandu in the Nyerere National Park (formerly the Selous Game Reserve) to the idyllic new Fanjove Island, this is Africa wild yet adorned.

The Selous Safari Company pays homage to these wilderness conservation destinations, our guests bear witness in nature's wildlife amphitheater.

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OUR VISION

Conservation has always been at the heart of who we are, and we believe conservation starts with inspiration. We invite authentic discovery of the remote wilderness areas of Southern Tanzania, providing personal travel opportunities, exceptional service and unparalleled guiding expertise.

We are committed to the future of Tanzania; by which we mean that whilst we exist to offer our guests incredible, enriching experiences, we can only do so by cherishing and protecting the natural environment which is our lifeblood.

Aiming to share our passion for the environment around us with all those who experience Selous Safari Company - at our camps, and also in our communities – we hope to inspire and empower people to cherish and preserve the natural wonders we have inherited, of which we must all be guardians.

DID YOU KNOW?

Selous Safari Company was established more than 30 years ago in 1988...

3. OUR CAMPS

SIWANDU | NYERERE NATIONAL PARK



Broadly spaced along the shore of Lake Nzerakera, with the BehoBeho Hills in the distance, Siwandu's spacious and stylish safari tents ensure maximum privacy. Soak up the sights and sounds of the African bush, observing animals up close. We offer land based safaris with game drives in open-sided 4WDs and walking safaris, plus the added vantage of thrilling water safaris on our pontoon boat and speedboats.

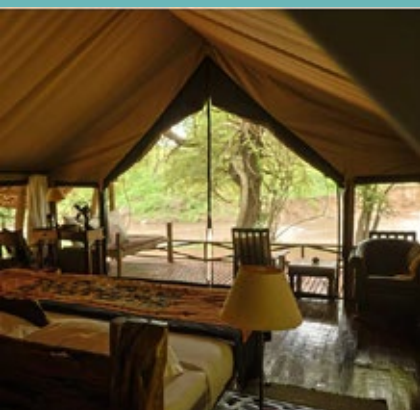
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13 TENTED SUITES

QUICK FACTS

- Thatched roof
- King-sized bed
- Overhead fan
- En-suite bathroom with alfresco shower
- Private wooden deck overlooking Lake Nzerakera
- Lockable safe
- Shaded swimming pool

JONGOMERO | RUAHA NATIONAL PARK



Jongomero camp offers tranquility amongst magnificent shaded trees, right on the banks of the scenic Jongomero sand river. Tucked away in a remote corner of the Ruaha National Park, some 40 km from closest neighbors but with super easy access, just 10 minutes from the airstrip. For a raw African safari adventure, Jongomero offers the option of very basic fly-camping combined with the ultimate adrenaline-rush, a walking safari experience in the big game terrain of the Ruaha NP, Africa's second largest conservation area.

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8 TENTED SUITES &
1 FAMILY UNIT

QUICK FACTS

- Private wooden deck with views across a sand river
- Raised wooden floors
- High thatched roof
- En-suite bathroom
- Lockable safe
- Free standing fan
- River-view swimming pool

FANJOVE ISLAND | SONGO SONGO ARCHIPELAGO



Fanjove is the smallest of six islands in the Songo Songo Archipelago, just off the coast of Tanzania. Barely a kilometer long, it takes less than 40 minutes to circumnavigate on foot. This beautiful, newly built barefoot luxury tropical island is surrounded by azure blue seas with white sandy beaches that are shaded with coconut palm trees. Step off your beach suit deck, toes in the sand and wade right into the lovely tepid ocean. Swim and snorkel straight off the beach. SUP or kayak for a marine safari or explore the beautiful pristine 11 kilometer coral house reef snorkeling or diving.

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QUICK FACTS

- Beach views
- Double bed
- En-suite bathroom with shower
- Private deck with hammock
- Solar powered hot water
- Limited power
- Charger stations
- Wooden chest with lock
- Laundry service available

A. SIWANDU | NYERERE NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION

Siwandu is located on the shores of Lake Nzerakera in the northern section of the Nyerere National Park (formerly known as Selous Game Reserve), Southern Tanzania.

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HOW TO GET THERE

- Driving 4WD

Entering via the Matambwe Gate: We do not take bookings with vehicles and driver/guides. However, if guests go on game drives with our guides, the driver can then be accommodated in our guide tents.

- Flying

Guests are usually collected at Siwandu Airstrip, 5 mins drive from camp. Please advise our reservations team, if flying into Mtemere or Mbuyu, noting the drive to camp is an hour. Approximate flight time from Dar es Salaam, is 45 mins. Coastal Aviation, Auric, Safari Airlink and ZanAir fly to Siwandu Airstrip from Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Zanzibar, Kilwa, Mafia and Ruaha.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Nyerere National Park (formerly the northern part of Selous Game Reserve, is one of the world's largest wildlife sanctuaries. The total area of the park is 30,893 km² (11,928 sq mi) and covers the Matambwe, Morogoro, Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma regions.

The area is larger than 70 countries in the world and is estimated to be twice the size of Costa Rica (Central America) and about twice the size of Belgium (Europe).

This new park was formally gazetted as a National Park in 2019 and now falls under the administration of TANAPA (Tanzania National Parks Authority).

WHEN TO VISIT

Nyerere National Park is wonderful to visit throughout the safari season. June to October are dry and warm (16 °C at night to 35 °C in the day). With dwindling water supplies, the animals are drawn to the lakes. The sparse vegetation is ideal for walking safaris to view the concentration of little things on foot. The 'short' rain season is from November and December, resulting in a spring flush of flora and a stunning variety of birdlife. Game viewing during this greener season can be scattered, but remains good near the water sources. This time of year is ideal for wildlife photography, it is the main reproduction period, with an abundance of baby animals in the verdant landscape. November through to March is hot. From a high of 20 °C at night, into the high 30 °C in the day. Siwandu's shaded swimming pools are deliciously cool oasis. During the longer rain season, mid-March to May, the camp is closed.

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

Due to the topography and the close proximity to water sources, our activities generally start at 8am after a leisurely breakfast, affording more time to explore the reserve before returning for lunch. Earlier morning drives can be arranged in camp on request. Afternoon, to sunset activities start after tea and return for evening drinks around the camp fire. Night drives are not permitted in the NNP. To avoid the midday heat, walking safaris are either at dawn or in the early evening.

GAME DRIVES

Accompanied by our expert driver guides, travel in our comfortable 4WD open sided vehicles around the Reserve. Our game drives are a shared experience with fellow guests, but a group of six guests will automatically be allocated their private vehicle. If preferred a private vehicle can be pre-booked for a day or the duration of your safari at an additional cost (including an expert driver guide). Please enquire upon booking.



GAME WALKS

Walking is a wonderful way to get close to nature and to learn about some of the smaller species and ecosystems in the reserve as well as the flora and fauna. The walk is slow paced, stopping under shade to hear interesting things from your knowledgeable guide. Game Walks are offered to guests aged 16 and over but we do offer Children's Walks within our camp grounds just before afternoon tea. Walking safaris are conducted with both an armed, specialist walking guide and an armed TANAPA guide. An additional walking park fee is payable in camp. Please enquire upon booking.



BOAT CRUISES

Explore the sinuous waterways of the Rufiji River delta, the largest in East Africa. When the rains have fallen, cruises venture into the river but for the rest of the year Siwandu guests boat on Lake Nzerakera both in sturdy metal boats with covered canopies as well as our glorious pontoon boat. This allows guests the ultimate luxury of dining or sipping a sundowner on the move, while watching animals come down to drink and enjoying the wonderful variety of bird life. A complementary pontoon lunch is included during your stay. An additional cost apply to all extra boating activities. Please enquire upon booking.



DIETARY

Guests with specific dietary requests or allergies are to please notify us at the time of booking. Due to our remote locations, it is critical that we receive this information prior to arrival, to make the necessary arrangements.

HEALTH

The Selous Safari Company highly recommends visiting your doctor or travel clinic before travelling to Tanzania. Tanzania is a malaria zone and the best precaution is to be well-prepared.

CHECK OUT TIME

Check out time is at 10h00, departing on the morning flight. Guests who would like to leave in the afternoon need to book the next night or may be charged late departure fees kindly check with the reservations team upon booking).

CHILD POLICY

Due to safety concerns, we accept children from six years old with international bookings and children from 10 years old with resident bookings. At Siwandu we have a limit of two children (aged 6 – 15) in each camp at any one time. The camp is unfenced and children are the responsibility of their parent or guardian, at all times and can not stay in their own room.

RATES & MONEY

Rates include: full room and board, three meals a day, game drives on a shared basis, bush walk & boat trip (*third party fees excluded on activities), vehicle transfers to and from the nearest airstrip, filtered drinking water, local drinks, tea & coffee and laundry service. Please note we are unable to launder underwear, but we do provide washing powder.

The rates exclude premium drinks (cocktails, champagne & premium brands), reserve and park entry fees, conservation and concession fees, private vehicle, third party activity park fees, gratuities of a personal nature and medivac. Final bills are payable in US Dollars, Tanzanian Shillings, Euros and Pounds Sterling. Guests can also pay with credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, Amex, JCB), PayPal or several Mobile Provider Payment Facilities such as Mpesa and Airtel Money. A 3% surcharge is applicable. All tents are fitted with a small safe programmed by the guest.

POWER, PHONE SIGNAL & INTERNET

Power in camp is 240 VAC powered by solar panels and generator. Each tent is lit, there is a fan and two wall sockets (British three-pin) that can be used all day for charging electronics. High electric consumption items (hairdryers) can only be used during generator hours. There is minimal mobile phone signal in the main reception area at Siwandu.

LUGGAGE & SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

There is a strict weight limit of 15kg / 33lbs on all light weight aircraft in Tanzania and soft bags are requested for easy stowage. Suggested pack list:

- Neutral and khaki color safari clothing
- Lightweight cotton shorts and short sleeves for the day, lightweight cotton trousers and long sleeves for the evenings (plus fleece / soft-shell jacket)
- Comfortable lightweight walking shoes
- Lightweight waterproofs
- Swimsuit & sunglasses
- Wide brimmed sunhat – preferably with a head strap for game drives
- Binoculars, camera equipment, including plenty of memory capacity and waterproof cover/ziplock bag
- Plug adaptors (British three pin plug is required)
- Bird and game books
- High SPF sunscreen, insect repellent and a basic personal travel first aid kit. It is advisable to bring antihistamine and hydrocortisone cream

JONGOMERO

RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

B. JONGOMERO | RUAHA NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION

Set along the banks of the seasonal Jongomero River, in the south of the Ruaha National Park.

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HOW TO GET THERE

- Driving 4WD

Enter via the Ruaha Main Entrance Gate. We do not take bookings with vehicles and driver/guides. However, if guests go on game drives with our guides, the driver can then be accommodated in our guide tents.

- Flying

Guests are collected by vehicle at Jongomero Airstrip, 5 mins drive from camp. Coastal Aviation, Auric and Safari Airlink fly to Jongomero Airstrip from Dar es Salaam, Serengeti, Zanzibar, Nyere-re and Mafia. Approximate flight time from Dar es Salaam is between 1hr 20 mins and 2hr 30 mins (depending on type of aircraft and number of stops).



DID YOU KNOW?

Whilst being the largest National Park in Tanzania, Ruaha also holds a special significance as it covers a unique transition zone where the Eastern and Southern biomes intersect offering an extraordinary diversity of animals, plants and birds. There are upwards of 570 species of birds. Indeed, half of all Tanzania's birds may be glimpsed in this park, making it one of the continent's premier birding destinations.

Ruaha also holds one of the greatest populations of elephant in any African park.

WHEN TO VISIT

Ruaha National Park has a different climate and seasonal pattern to our other camps as it is located further inland, west of the Southern Highlands. From June to November, Ruaha has a wonderful fresh climate with cool evenings of 10°C or less and warm days into the high 20°Cs (we recommend packing warm clothes for these evenings and early mornings). As the days become warmer, the water sources in the park diminish and with the bush less dense, it is the ideal time for both game viewing and walking safaris.

Ruaha has one, annual rain cycle that begins in December. With ample water sources the game can be more dispersed, thus harder to spot through the lush vegetation. This time of year offers a stunning safari experience; as the seasonal rivers flow, the park comes alive with a spring flush of vegetation and insects, and the wealth of the Ruaha birdlife awakens. Migratory birds return to the park in their full plumage to breed. Temperatures are warmer, ranging from 15°C to low 30°C. The camp is closed from mid-March to May.

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

The proximity of the seasonal Jongomero river and the Great Ruaha River allows guests to wake at a leisurely pace and enjoy breakfast in camp, before driving into the park for the morning. Early morning, sunrise game drives can also be arranged. Walking safaris leave at dawn. After a lunchtime rest the afternoon activity departs after tea and cake and returns for drinks and safari stories around the camp fire. Most of the year it is possible to enjoy a delicious, lantern-lit dinner, set up in the riverbed in front of camp.



GAME WALKS

Offered to guests aged 16 or over, game walks are probably the most fascinating way to truly experience the wonders of Ruaha. Out of the 4WD vehicle and being on foot is a humbling experience in this vast, untouched land. Set at a leisurely pace, the walks are not intended to find big game, instead it offers guests an education into the lives of the smaller animals as well as the birdlife, insects, flora and fauna. The walking season begins when the bush is less thick approximately late June or July and runs until the beginning of the rains in early December. Walking safaris are conducted with both an armed, specialist walking guide and an armed TANAPA guide. An additional walking park fee is payable in camp. Please enquire upon booking.

GAME DRIVES

The road network around camp was primarily developed by our knowledgeable guides and therefore perfectly placed for superlative game drives, with the blood-pumping thrills of tracking animals and the reverential calm of learning about this incredible environment. With only four seats in the majority of our 4WD open sided vehicles, privacy is easily delivered. However, our game drives are a shared experience with fellow guests, so if you would prefer to be alone, there is an opportunity to hire a private vehicle with a driver guide in advance at an additional cost. Please enquire upon booking. Please note that a group of four guests will automatically be allocated a private vehicle.



FLY CAMPING

For pre-booking only Jongomero also offers fly-camping on one of a three-night stay. Experience the adventure of sleeping in a small, domed tent under the African star canopy, the freedom of showering under the trees and the ultimate adrenaline rush of walking on foot in big game terrain. Our fly-camp operates from mid-July to mid-November.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

A fly camp is simply a mobile camp set up in a remote area. It is a private, unique and adventurous experience offered for guests who would like to try something new and spend a night away from the main lodge, under the stars.

Accompanied by an armed walking guide and local ranger, you will spend the afternoon walking to reach your fly camp set up in a beautiful spot not too far away from our main camp. During your walk you will have the opportunity to learn more about the "little five" the fauna and flora in the area, stop to look at spoor and encounter wildlife sightings. Along the way you might pass some of the iconic baobab trees grown here for hundred or more years. It's a lovely time to learn more about the birds found here in the Ruaha. In fact there are upwards of 570 species here, making it one of the continent's premier birding destinations. Being on foot is a thrilling adventure and you will find all your senses heightened as you get to fully immerse yourself in your immediate surroundings.

As you reach your mobile camp, your dome canvas tent will already be set up with comfortable bedding and crisp white linen. For the ultimate experience your tent's external flysheet can be removed so that you can enjoy the clear night sky view from your bed through the mosquito net. You will have the opportunity to sit under the stars, while you enjoy the campfire and sounds of nature. A dedicated chef will accompany you and will make sure you have a very special dinner, cooked on an open fire. A hot bucket shower all set up in a private location for you to enjoy. Your capable guides will keep a watch over the camp while you drift off to sleep for the night.



The next morning you will have breakfast and then return back to camp by foot getting another opportunity to explore the trails around the camp. If you are after a highly memorable and authentic experience and want to immerse yourself in nature, fly camping is definitely the answer.

- Please enquire about the cost of our camp flying experience upon booking your safari.
- Only available for children older than 16 years of age. Available from 15 July to 15 November.
- No extra equipment is needed.

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RUAHA NATIONAL PARK



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- Lightweight waterproofs
- Swimsuit & sunglasses
- Wide brimmed sunhat – preferably with a head strap for game drives
- Binoculars, camera equipment, including plenty of memory capacity and waterproof cover/ziplock bag
- Plug adaptors (British three pin plug is required)
- Bird and game books
- High SPF sunscreen, insect repellent and a basic personal travel first aid kit. It is advisable to bring antihistamine and hydrocortisone cream

C. FANJOVE ISLAND | SONGO SONGO ARCHIPELAGO



LOCATION

Fanjove Island is the smallest of six islands in the Songo Songo Archipelago, just off the coast of Tanzania. This iconic sand and coral island with its many palm trees, white sandy beaches and shimmering water is only one kilometer long and about 400 meters wide.

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HOW TO GET THERE

- Flying

Guests will fly from Dar es Salaam via Mafia Island to Songo Songo island. Coastal Aviation fly once a day approximately 50 minute flying time. From Songo Songo airport, a short ride to the shoreline for a 45 minute boat/dhow trip across to Fanjove island.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fanjove Island is the smallest of six islands in the Songo Songo Archipelago. Songo Songo island is the closest. It is with the cooperation and support of this particular community that we have been able to successfully introduce several no-fishing zones, rotational reef closures and illegal fishing patrols that have allowed a coral nursery to flourish and the health of the reef to constantly improve.

In 2020 the FTCCC - Fanjove Tourism Conservation Community Committee - was established. This committee is made up of representatives from the SSC team, the Fanjove Island management team, the Songo Songo Village Council, the Songo Songo Divani (village leader), the BMU (Beach Management Unit), the Department of Fisheries and the private sector representing traders, dhow skippers, fishermen and commercial fishing businesses. This committee convenes every quarter to discuss challenges and work together for the greater good of the area.



FANJOVE ISLAND

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WHEN TO VISIT

Fanjove Island is wonderful to visit throughout the safari season. The months from June to October tend to be dry and warm with a temperature range of 16 °C at night to 35 °C in the day.

In this coastal area of Tanzania, the short rains fall during November and December and brings about a spring time on the island. The plant life and flowers burst into life, followed by the insects and stunning variety of birdlife. From November through to March it heats up with a temperature range between the high 20 °C at night and high 30 °C, sometimes low 40 °C during the humid heat of the day.

The lodge is closed during the long rainy season from mid-March to May.

ACTIVITIES

An unforgettable experience awaits you at Fanjove Island as Selous Safari Company offers a wide range of excursions to keep you entertained, relaxed, or both! As the island is host to beautiful shore lines there are plenty of excursions available to go and explore the white sand beaches and pristine waters.

Have an adventurous spirit? Try a sand bank adventure, diving and snorkeling opportunities, dolphin watching or take out a kayak for a marine safari. For those wanting to take a more relaxing approach to your trip there is fishing, a sunset dhow trip, stunningly beautiful beaches to sunbathe on, bird watching, and nature trails to give you a different perspective of the island.

Although Fanjove has a whole host of exciting activities where better to also recharge your batteries than on your own island? Be sure to soak up the sun and enjoy the warm climate that we know you don't always have back home. Whether you're looking to soak up the sun on the breath-taking white sand beaches or relax in the shade under the beautiful and natural palm trees, Fanjove has it all.

DIVING

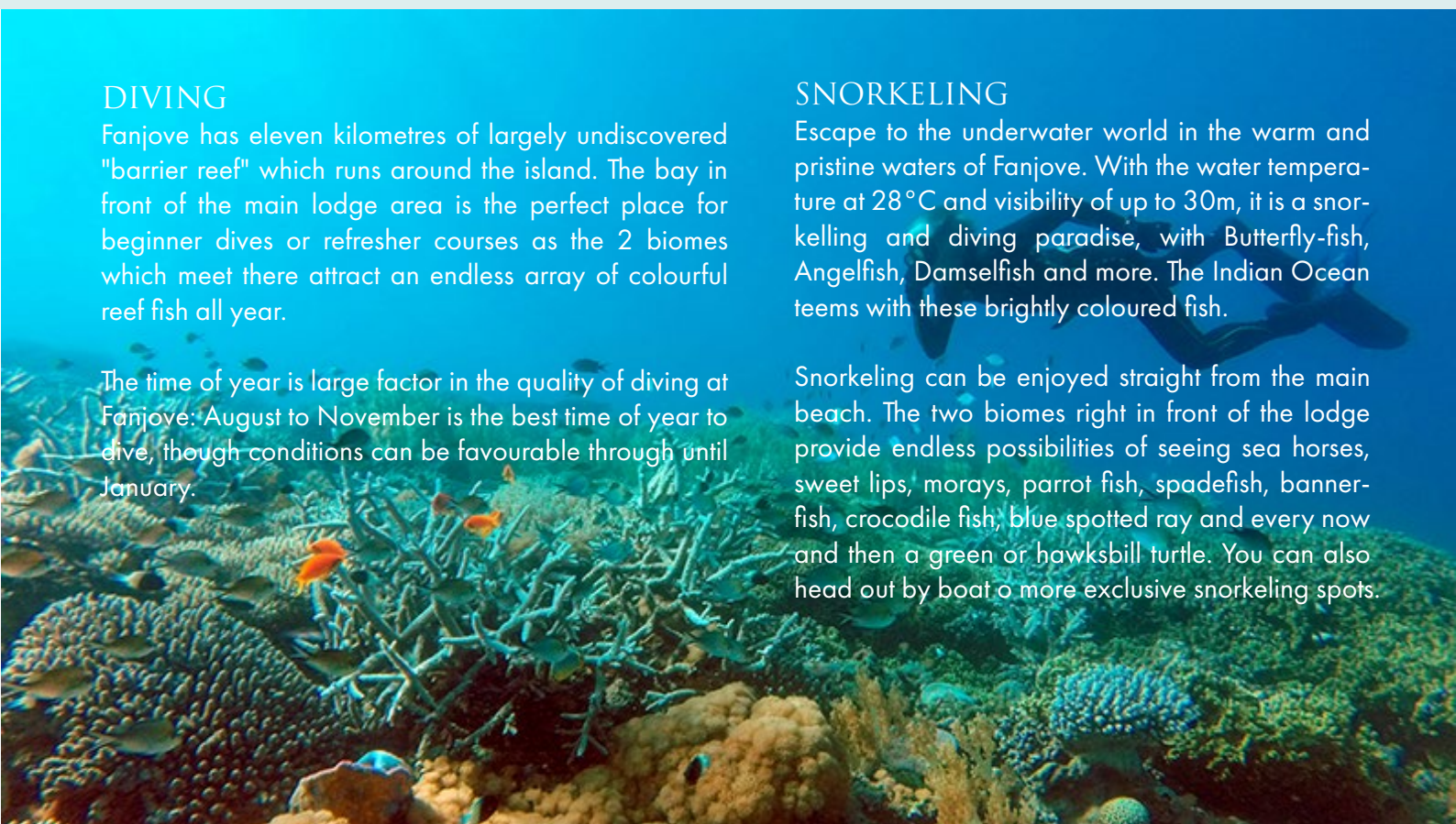
Fanjove has eleven kilometres of largely undiscovered "barrier reef" which runs around the island. The bay in front of the main lodge area is the perfect place for beginner dives or refresher courses as the 2 biomes which meet there attract an endless array of colourful reef fish all year.

The time of year is large factor in the quality of diving at Fanjove: August to November is the best time of year to dive, though conditions can be favourable through until January.

SNORKELING

Escape to the underwater world in the warm and pristine waters of Fanjove. With the water temperature at 28 °C and visibility of up to 30m, it is a snorkelling and diving paradise, with Butterfly-fish, Angelfish, Damselfish and more. The Indian Ocean teems with these brightly coloured fish.

Snorkeling can be enjoyed straight from the main beach. The two biomes right in front of the lodge provide endless possibilities of seeing sea horses, sweet lips, morays, parrot fish, spadefish, bannerfish, crocodile fish, blue spotted ray and every now and then a green or hawksbill turtle. You can also head out by boat to more exclusive snorkeling spots.



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DOLPHIN & WHALE EXCURSIONS

Due to the enticingly warm waters many species of dolphins frequent the ocean surrounding Fanjove. This makes the excursion a truly special experience as species such as Spinner dolphins and Bottlenose dolphins are regularly spotted. With some luck and because of the clear and open waters you may have the opportunity to swim alongside the stunning creatures.

BIRD WATCHING

Not only do the warm waters attract a bountiful amount of marine life but the warm climate on the island is the destination of migratory birds from November to March. Guests often see Crab plovers, Dimorphic Egrets, Madagascar Bee-Eaters, Fish Eagles, Black- Headed Weavers, Terns and Whimbrel.

KAYAK SAFARI

If you want to explore in a more natural and care-free way, then Fanjove has 4 single kayaks that provide a memorable way for guests to circumnavigate the whole island. It also makes it possible to scour the bird island and the cliff system from the water giving you a completely different view.

SAND BANK EXCURSION

Low tide opens a secluded sand bank for further exploration. Fanjove excursions have access to this remote area where there are plenty of activities for everyone. Snorkeling, swimming and watching for dolphins are the highlights from this charming stretch of sand.

FANJOVE NATURE TRAIL

Channel your inner Robinson Crusoe and explore all that the island has to offer on foot. Maps are on hand to guide you should you wish to venture alone. Alternatively, for a more immersive experience a local guide can accompany you.

FISHING

As the warm waters attract an ample amount of fish you can try your hand at catching a Barracuda, Jack, or even a Kingfish. Fanjove works closely with the local population on marine conservation and as part of this, the fishing is catch-and-release to keep the environment and ecosystem thriving.

DHOW SAILING

Appreciate the multi-coloured skies at sunset and views of Fanjove from the traditional East African coast sailing vessel, the dhow. The boat will set sail before sunset and will be skippered by locals from the village nearby giving you a chance to have an insight into authentic local life.

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:

Snorkeling off the beach, kayaking, SUP, Island walk, sand bank trip: half day / full day (lunch included), snorkeling by boat, Sunset dhow trip dolphin/whale excursion.

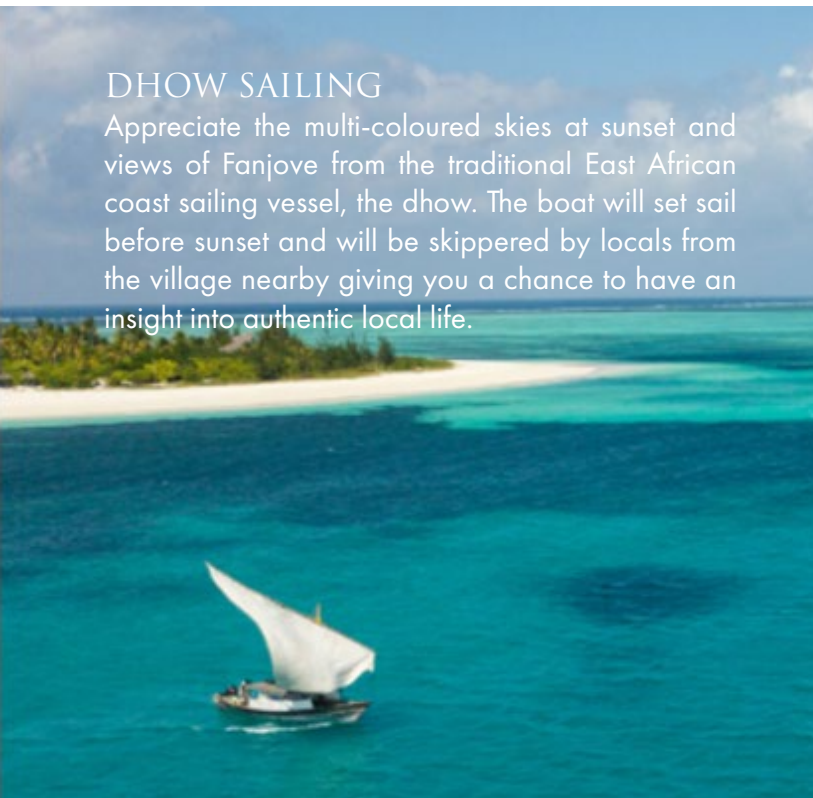
ADD-ON ACTIVITIES (EXTRA COST):

Scuba diving - Single & double dive (Guests do need to be PADI certified in order to dive with our Activity Manager/Dive master) & fishing.

* All activities are to be booked on arrival and are dependent on weather conditions.

* Please enquire about the cost of additional activities upon booking your stay.

* All activities are dependant on ability



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DIETARY

For those guests with specific dietary requests or allergies please notify your tour operators or Selous Safari Company directly on booking for us to make the necessary arrangements. It is critical that we receive this information prior to arrival due to our remote location.

HEALTH

The Selous Safari Company highly recommends visiting your doctor or travel clinic before travelling to Tanzania. Tanzania is a malaria zone and the best precaution is to be well-prepared.

CHECK OUT TIME

Check out time is at 10h00, departing on the morning flight. Guests who would like to leave in the afternoon need to book the next night or may be charged late departure fees (kindly check with the reservations team upon booking).

CHILD POLICY

Due to safety concerns on the island we accept children from six years old with international bookings and children from 10 years old with resident bookings. At Fanjove we have a limit of two children (aged 6 – 15) at any one time. Children are the responsibility of the parent or guardian at all times and can not stay in their own room.

POWER, PHONE SIGNAL & INTERNET

Power in camp is 240 VAC powered by solar panels. In each banda there is lighting and a fan. Hairdryers and other high consumption electrical items cannot be used. Guests are welcome to charge small items at the reception area (British three-pin). On Fanjove island there is minimal mobile phone signal (AIRTEL is the best network).

RATES & MONEY

Rates include full room and board, boat transfers from Songo Songo to Fanjove island, filtered water, tea and coffee, laundry service (please note we are unable to launder underwear, but we do provide washing powder). The rates exclude premium drinks, champagne & cocktails, diving and fishing activities, conservation and concession fees, village fees, gratuities of a personal nature and medivac insurance.

Final bills are payable in US Dollars, (Cash US Dollars post-issue 2006) Tanzanian Shillings, Euros and Pounds Sterling. Guests can also pay with credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, Amex, JCB), PayPal or several Mobile Provider Payment Facilities such as Mpesa and Airtel Money. A 3% surcharge is applicable.

Please note Fanjove island is situated in remote location and therefore after Dar es Salaam you will not have access to an ATM or bank. All 'bandas' are fitted with a wooden box/safe, to be used by guests for their personal belongings.

LUGGAGE & SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

There is a strict weight limit of 15kg / 33lbs on all light weight aircraft in Tanzania and soft bags are requested for easy stowage. Suggested pack list:

- Casual beach wear
- The island can get very hot/humid so we recommend cotton, lightweight shorts and short sleeve shirts.
- Sand shoes, flip flops for when the sand gets too hot to walk on, otherwise barefoot
- Swimsuit and sunglasses
- Wide brimmed sunhat – preferably with a head strap for boating activities
- Binoculars
- Bird books
- Camera equipment, including plenty of memory capacity and waterproof cover/ziplock bag
- Plug adaptors (British three pin plug is required)
- High SPF sunscreen
- Basic first aid kit

5. NEED TO KNOW

Always consult your embassy for the latest information about travelling to Tanzania. Below is a short overview of what you need to know when travelling to Tanzania.

VISA & PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

We advise that you contact the relevant issuing authorities in good time (ideally, several months in advance) to ascertain the entry requirements to Tanzania, and to arrange the necessary permits and visas. You can now apply for an Online Visa to visit the United Republic of Tanzania (both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar). E-visas can take 2 to 3 weeks to be issued.

Visitors to Tanzania must possess a passport that is valid for six months after the initial date of travel.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

It's important that you get the latest information from reputable sources. The World Health Organisation's Situation Reports are our resources for all things COVID-19 related.

>> Please contact our Reservations team before departure to enquire about the latest Covid-19 requirements.

STAYING HEALTHY

Vaccination requirements change from time to time. We suggest you consult your local doctor or health department for information on the latest health precautions.

Currently, shots against Yellow fever and cholera are recommended but not mandatory. As a precaution we advise anti-malarial drugs to be taken before, during and after your visit to East Africa.

If you are on prescription medication, please ensure you have an adequate supply to last the duration of your stay and a copy of your prescription(s).

TIME ZONE

Tanzania Standard Time is
GMT+3 Hours

AIRPORTS

Dar-es-Salaam International Airport is Tanzania's main airport and is the gateway to the South of Tanzania.

Our Reservations team can assist you with booking flights from Dar es Salaam to our camps.



TIPPING

You are travelling on an independent itinerary and the cost of your program does not include gratuities. Tipping is a very personal matter and should only be considered when our staff have gone above and beyond for you. Should you feel you would like to acknowledge their service, as a rough guide we recommend that you tip between USD\$ 10 and USD\$ 15 per person per day.

MONEY

The official currency of Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling (or shilingi in Swahili). One shilling is divided into 100 cents or "senti" in Swahili. However, the currency has been so inflated that "senti" coins are no longer circulated or used.

Our advice is to use US Dollars only – and in cash: credit cards and traveller's cheques (although accepted in most establishments) incur transaction fees. ATMs are found throughout the major towns and cities in Tanzania, but not in the national parks and game reserves where our camps are located.

Note: US Dollar bills printed before 2006 are not accepted in Tanzania.



6. BASIC SWAHILI PHRASES TO LEARN

It is a good idea to learn a few basic words in Swahili before your next safari in Tanzania. The locals in Tanzania are generally very friendly and polite. By attempting a few phrases in Swahili you will certainly gain their appreciation and respect. This not only helps to bridge existing language barriers, but will also enrich your entire experience of Tanzania.

WHY SWAHILI?

Swahili (Kiswahili) is the most widely spoken language in sub-Saharan Africa. This language is spoken in most of the East African region and in countries such as Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique. Although Swahili might not be their first language, many East Africans can speak and understand Swahili. If you are planning on travelling to any of these countries it is a great language to learn.

WHERE DID SWAHILI ORIGINATE FROM?

The Swahili language was formed many years ago. It mostly developed as a trade language used by the Arabs, Persians and coastal natives along the East African Coast. These cultures had the greatest influence on the Swahili culture and language. The word 'Swahili' means 'the coast'. Kiswahili continued to grow in use and popularity and soon after Tanzania's independence in 1962, Julius Nyerere, the first president, declared Kiswahili the national language in Tanzania. Nyerere had a background in teaching and believed that all education should be conducted in Swahili. With this in mind, Nyerere went ahead and translated three Shakespearean plays into Swahili - Macbeth, The Merchant of Venice and Julius Caesar.

IT ALL STARTS WITH A GREETING

In Tanzania you will always get a warm welcome from the locals, whether you arrive at your camp for the first time, sit down for breakfast each morning or return from your game drive. You will soon notice that greeting someone is very important in the Swahili culture. Generally Tanzanians will think that you dislike them or are impolite if you do not greet them. There are a few ways to say 'hello!'



DID YOU KNOW?

The word 'safari' is actually a Swahili word. In Swahili it means 'journey'. This word came from the Arabic adjective 'safar', meaning 'a journey, travelling, touring or voyaging'. The verb 'to travel' in Swahili is 'kusafiri'. These were combined to form the word 'safari'. At the end of the 1850's the word 'safari' was first used in the English language after the explorer Richard Francis Burton made it popular.

By doing so he conveyed a strong message to the world that proved that Swahili was versatile and worthy by being able to convey the intricacies of Shakespeare's artistic expression.

Hello! - jambo / hujambo / salama
 How are you? - habari gani?
 I am fine / good - nzuri
 Goodbye - kwa heri / kwa herini (if there are more than one person)
 See you later - tutaonana
 Nice to meet you - nafurahi kukuona
 Sleep well - lala salama
 Good night - usiku mwena

6. BASIC SWAHILI PHRASES TO LEARN (CONTINUED...)

OTHER HELPFUL PHRASES WHEN YOU ARE ON SAFARI

In addition to greetings, you will also hear the word 'asante sana' many times during your visit. 'Asante' means 'thank you'. An appropriate way to respond is to say 'asante sana', but this might get you another round of 'asante sana', so to break the cycle you may also simply say 'karibu'. This means 'welcome'.

Yes - ndiyo

No - hapana

Thank you very much - asante sana

Please - tafadhali

OK - sawa

What is your name? - jina lako nani?

My name is - jina langu ni

Where are you from? unatoka wapi?

Do you speak Swahili? - unaongea Kiswahili

I don't understand - sielewi

Slowly - pole pole

HOW TO COUNT IN SWAHILI

It is good to have a basic understanding of numbers when learning a new language. When examining Swahili numbers more closely you will note the influence of the Arab cultures here. 'Moja, mbili, tatu, nne, tano, nane and kumi' all originate from the original Bantu language. On the other hand 'sita, saba and tisa', have been borrowed from Arabic. The Arabic word 'tisa' actually replaced the Bantu word 'kenda' for 'nine', but in some cases the word 'kenda' may still be used.

One - moja

Two - mbili

Three - tatu

Four - nne

Five - tano

Six - sita

Seven - saba

Eight - nane

Nine - tisa

Ten - kumi

THE SWAHILI NAMES OF ANIMALS YOU WILL FIND ON SAFARI

During your game drive in Tanzania you will sometimes hear your guides mentioning the names of animals in Swahili. By knowing these words, you might know before anyone else around you that you are currently looking for a 'chui' whose spoor the guide just picked up on. Keep your eyes open and you might just spot that elusive leopard they are searching for. These are some of the animals that you can expect to see on your drive or walk.

THE BIG FIVE:



Elephant - tembo



Buffalo - nyati



Lion - simba



Rhino - kifaru



Leopard - chui

OTHER:



Giraffe - twiga



Hippo - kiboko



Hyena - fisi



Zebra - punda milia



Cheetah - duma