



See More Tanzania #1: Mikumi National Park x 3 nights and Ruaha National Park x 4 nights

Facts:

- Transport: light aircrafts between the camps and to and from Dar es Salaam.
- Accommodation: permanent tented camp and lodge
- Departing from: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Adventure meter: moderate to high
- Suitable for: everyone
- When to go: dry season, mid- June to end of October, which is high season on the southern and western circuits.

Summary:

See the best of Tanzania's southern circuit, beginning with three nights in Mikumi National Park, which allows enough time for a full day visit with picnic lunch to the nearby and recently created Udzungwa National Park. Here you can trek under a rainforest canopy to the Sanje waterfalls, which has spectacular views over the rift valley below. You hope to glimpse Udzungwa's endemic primates and birds along the way. Although not as well known as its immediate neighbour, the Selous Game Reserve, Mikumi is home to significant numbers of diverse wildlife including big cats, elephants, zebra, giraffe and antelopes such as kudu and sable. Your last four days on this safari are spent in Ruaha National Park, some of the prettiest bush in Africa and Tanzania's largest park. Ruaha has diverse habitats to explore which makes for an abundance of game drive choices. Alternatively, you can arrange a half or full day accompanied walking safari to get you out of the vehicle and to feel Africa beneath your feet.

Price: estimated \$2845 USD pp, based on two people sharing. Includes: flights Dar – Mikumi - Ruaha – Dar; all accommodation and food on safari; guide fees; park fees; two daily game drives in open 4 x 4 vehicles or full day drives. Excludes: additional activities such as a walking safari; gratuities; items of a personal nature.



See More Tanzania #2: Selous Game Reserve x 3 nights and Ruaha National Park x 4 nights

Facts:

- Departing from: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Transport: light aircrafts between the reserve and the park and to and from Dar es Salaam.
- Accommodation: tented camp and lodge
- Adventure meter: moderate to high
- Suitable for: everyone
- When to go: dry season, mid-June to end of October, which is high season on the southern and western circuits.

Summary:

Your bush plane swoops low over the Rufiji River on its approach to the Selous Game Reserve, a dramatic arrival to the World Heritage Site and one of the largest conservation areas in Africa. During your three day stay in the Selous, you can choose between walking, boating and vehicle safaris. Selous is the only place in Tanzania where boating safaris are available and one of the few places in Tanzania where such excellent bush walking is available. Your last four days are spent in Ruaha National Park, some of the prettiest bush in Africa and Tanzania's largest park. Ruaha has diverse habitats to explore which makes for an abundance of game drive choices. Alternatively, you can arrange a half or full day accompanied walking safari to get you out of the vehicle and to feel Africa beneath your feet again before the safari ends. You return to Dar es Salaam early afternoon on Day Eight.

Price: estimated \$3190 USD pp, based on two people sharing. Includes: flights Dar – Mikumi - Ruaha – Dar; all accommodation and food on safari; guide fees; park and reserve fees; two daily game drives in open 4 x 4 vehicles or full day drives. Excludes: additional activities such as walking safaris in Ruaha; gratuities; items of a personal nature.



See More Tanzania #3: Ruaha National Park x 3 nights and Katavi National Park x 4 nights

Facts:

- Departing from: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Transport: light aircraft between reserve and parks and to and from Dar es Salaam
- Accommodation: tented camp and lodge
- Adventure meter: high
- Suitable for: everyone
- When to go: dry season, June through October
- Customizable?: longer and shorter programs are possible

Summary:

Ruaha National Park is some of the prettiest bush in Africa. It is also Tanzania's largest park. Ruaha has diverse habitats to explore which makes for an abundance of game drive choices. Alternatively, you can arrange a half or full day accompanied walking safari to get you out of the vehicle and to feel Africa beneath your feet. The flight from Ruaha to Katavi, Tanzania's remotest park, takes just over two hours. With East Africa's highest concentrations of hippos and crocodiles, and defined by the large numbers of its wildlife, Katavi can not fail to disappoint anyone looking to go the distance to experience one of Africa's last remaining pristine tracts of wilderness. You return to Dar late morning on Day Eight.

Price: \$4300.00 USD pp based on two people sharing. Includes: flights Dar – Ruaha – Katavi – Dar; all accommodation and food on safari; guide fees; park fees; two daily game drives in open 4 x 4 vehicles or full day drives. Excludes: additional activities such as walking safaris in either Ruaha or Katavi; gratuities; items of a personal nature.



**See More Tanzania #4:
Ruaha National Park x 3 nights, Katavi National Park x 4
nights, Mahale National Park x 3 nights and
the Selous Game Reserve x 4 nights**

Facts:

- Departing from: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Transport: light aircraft between parks and reserves and to and from Dar es Salaam
- Accommodation: tented camps and lodges
- Adventure meter: high
- Suitable for: everyone; physical fitness required for chimpanzee tracking in Mahale.
- When to go: dry season, June through October, which is high season on the southern and western circuits.

Summary:

This fourteen day safari leaves no stone unturned on the southern and western circuits. Beginning in Ruaha, some of the prettiest bush in Africa, you move next to Katavi, easily some of the remotest bush, followed by Mahale National Park on Lake Tanganyika. Mahale is like nowhere else in Tanzania: after spending a vigorous day chimpanzee trekking in the rugged mountains of the park you relax on the peaceful sandy shores of the lake. Swimming, snorkelling, canoeing and fishing are all popular activities at Mahale. You complete the safari with four days in the Selous Game Reserve, one of Africa's largest conservation areas, and home to a diversity of wildlife. Selous is the only place in Tanzania where boating safaris are available and one of the few places in Tanzania where such excellent bush walking is available. Safaris don't get any better than this. You return to Dar es Salaam on Day Fifteen.

Price: \$8525.00 USD pp based on two people sharing. Includes: flights Dar – Ruaha – Katavi – Mahale – Selous - Dar; all accommodation and food on safari; guide fees; park fees; two daily game drives in open 4 x 4 vehicles or full day drives. Excludes: additional activities such as walking safari in Ruaha; gratuities; items of a personal nature.



See More Tanzania #5: Mahale National Park x 4 nights

Facts:

- Departing from: Arusha, Northern Tanzania
- Transport: air
- Accommodation: lodge
- Adventure meter: high
- Suitable for: everyone; physical fitness required for chimpanzee tracking
- When to go: This lodge is closed 1st March to 15th May due to the rainy season. High season is May through December, leaving a short low season of January/February.

Summary:

Mahale National Park and its chimpanzees make a wonderful safari extension to any northern circuit safari. Depart Arusha Thursday for Mahale National Park and the NKungwe Beach Lodge and return Monday.

Price: \$3146.00 USD pp based on two people sharing. Single supplement is \$400.00 USD. Includes: flights Arusha – Mahale – Arusha; park entrance fees; full board accommodation; chimp tracking; forest walks; snorkelling; kayaking; soft drinks and non-alcoholic beverages; laundry; lodge's guide fees; camp fees, airstrip transfers, airport tax and aviation safety fees. Excludes: boat hire; fishing and boat safaris; alcoholic drinks; insurance; tips; items of a personal nature.



See More Tanzania #6: Gombe Stream National Park

Facts:

- Departing from: Dar es Salaam, Southern Tanzania
- Transport: by air and boat
- Accommodation: lodge
- Adventure meter: high
- Suitable for: everyone; physical fitness is required for chimpanzee tracking.
- When to go: The lodge is closed 15th February to 15th May due to the rainy season. High season is May through December, leaving a very short low season of January.

Summary:

Gombe Stream National Park, on the shores of Lake Tanganyika but to Mahale National Park's north, is the site of Dr Jane Goodall's chimpanzee research dating back to the 60s and one of the world's longest continuous animal studies. For a long while there were few facilities for visitors. Now there is the Gombe Forest Lodge. Getting there requires flying to the town of Kigoma with Precision Airways and taking a boat to the park from there. Ideally, you will need to set aside two days for travel; a day to sightsee around Kigoma (the nearby village of Ujiji is where the famous meeting between Stanley the explorer and Livingston the missionary took place); and at least two days, preferably three, in the park.

Price: Gombe Forest Lodge: \$445 USD pp per night; single supplement is \$100 USD pp pn: rate includes full board accommodation; chimp tracking; forest walks; laundry; soft drinks and non- alcoholic beverages; professional guide fees; camp fees. Excludes: park entrance fees of 100 USD pp pd; airfare to Kigoma; hotel and airport transfers in Kigoma; boat hire from Kigoma; tips; items of a personal nature.



See More Tanzania #7: Customized Northern Circuit Classics

Facts:

- Departing from: Arusha, Northern Tanzania
- Transport: private 4 x 4 vehicle; flying Serengeti National Park – Arusha at the end of many programs is a recommended option.
- Accommodations: lodges, guesthouses, permanent camps, seasonal luxury tented camps, private camping, fly-camping are all options.
- Adventure meter: low to high
- Suitable for: you can rough it or be pampered
- When to go: Late December through mid- March for the wildebeest migration and foaling season in the Southern Serengeti with February being the most ideal time; the dry season June through early November.
- Watch for it: MT escorted migration/hiking safari every February which includes all the best locations in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the Southern Serengeti.

Summary:

Your itinerary depends on where you go, when you travel, and your safari length. If you have thirteen days then you can fit in some off the beaten path locations – like Lakes Eyasi and Natron – or a few days of hiking and fly-camping in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. There are many choices. It is best to contact me so we can work together on customizing your perfect Northern Circuit safari.

Price: 3400 – 4500 USD pp for a 10 day + safari, based on two people sharing.



See More Tanzania #8: Yaeda Valley

Facts:

- Departing from: Arusha, Northern Tanzania
- Transport: private 4 x 4 vehicle
- Accommodation: mobile camping
- Adventure meter: high
- Suitable for: those prepared to rough it a little
- When to go: dry season, June through October. You might catch Datoga festivals if you travel in May.
- Watch for it or request it: MT escorted trip to Yaeda.

Summary:

Yaeda can be visited in five days, the most comfortable pace, or in four days if absolutely necessary. You travel in a circular route, beginning in the town of Karatu (two hours drive from Arusha), through the Yaeda Valley to the top of the ancient escarpment of Endesh which overlooks the southern end of Lake Eyasi, and finally down the to the lake's peaceful shores itself where a relaxing and pampered finish to the previous three nights of fly-camping can be two nights at the wonderful Kisima Ngede Tented Camp. (Or you can continue to bush camp.) I suggest that you time your arrival at Lake Eyasi to coincide with the colorful, once-monthly market in Mang'ola town. Since you pass through Karatu town going to and from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the Serengeti, Yaeda provides an ideal extension for travelers seeking a rewarding cultural component to their wildlife safari program. This is not a destination for everyone. Camping must be kept simple. Tsetse flies can be a nuisance. However, the trade-off is that you will be truly remote and have an opportunity to encounter the Datoga and Hadzabe peoples as they struggle to live their traditional lives.

Price: begins at \$2268.00 USD pp, based on two people sharing. Includes transportation in private 4 x 4 vehicle; separate supply car; all camping equipment and food; guide fees. Excludes: gratuities.