
Southern Tanzania

Dar es Salaam / Nyerere / Ruaha

8 Days / 7 Nights

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Embark on a 7-night safari in Southern Tanzania, taking you off the beaten path. Dubbed the "Real Tanzania," the Southern Circuit gives unparalleled access to remote wilderness.

Cruise the Rufiji in Nyerere National Park on Tanzania's only boat safaris, enjoy game drives and nature walks, then unwind on the banks of the Ruaha River. This captivating safari uncovers the untamed beauty of Tanzania's Southern Circuit.

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Brief itinerary:

Day 1	Transfer from DAR airport to hotel for overnight.
Days 2/3/4	Flight to Nyerere National Park. Overnight 3 nights at Rufiji River Camp including activities.
Days 5/6/7	Flight to Ruaha. Overnight 3 nights Ruaha River Lodge including activities.
Day 8	Transfer to airport for flight back to DAR.

Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: CBD Hotel, Dar es Salaam OR SIMILAR

On arrival at Dar es Salaam Airport, you'll be met by our representative who will transfer you to your hotel and help you check-in.

Dar es Salaam is a vibrant city with a lot to offer, from its bustling markets to its beautiful coastline. Whether you choose to dive into the local culture right away or take some time to unwind from your flight, your Tanzania adventure has begun!

Overnight: CBD Hotel OR Best Western OR SIMILAR

Day 2-5: Rufiji River Camp, Nyerere National Park

Pick up from hotel at 9am and head back to the airport for the Safari Air Link flight to Nyerere National Park.

You'll be met on arrival, with a short game drive to camp.

Nyerere National Park, formerly Selous, is Tanzania's largest national park. Shaped by the mighty Rufiji River, its lakes and channels make it the only place in Tanzania where you can enjoy boat safaris alongside classic game drives and guided walks.

Home to around a third of Tanzania's African hunting dogs, this park is a predator haven where lions and leopards also roam. Flat miombo woodlands stretch across the landscape, dotted with wildebeest, buffalo, impala and warthog. Along the Rufiji River, birdlife thrives, from nesting bee-eaters to darting kingfishers.



Head off in the afternoon and immerse yourself in the wonders of the park; return to camp as the sun begins to dip. There's time to freshen up before gathering around the campfire for sundowners.

The camp manager will help you plan your days, with plenty of activities to choose from:

- Early a morning nature walk or game drive with packed breakfast
- Game drive or boat safari before lunch
- Full-day game drive with picnic lunch
- Afternoon game drive or boat safari, perfect for golden hour

For those seeking exclusivity, private game drives with a private guide and vehicle are an optional extra.

Overnight: 3 nights at Rufiji River Camp, all meals included.

Rufiji River Camp perches on the banks of the Great Rufiji River in Southern Tanzania, offering guests an intimate gateway to Nyerere National Park, Africa's largest conservation area. Eleven luxury tents and three family tents with plunge pools, each with spacious river-view verandas and en-suite bathrooms, provide comfort amid unfenced surroundings where elephants splash in the river and hippos wallow in the shallows.

Days here are alive with adventure: guided game drives reveal abundant wildlife, walking safaris bring you up close to the intricate details of the bush, and boat trips along the river showcase hippos, crocodiles, and flocks of vibrant birds in their natural habitat.



Perhaps you'll be lucky enough to spot the world's largest population of endangered African Wild Dogs, a rare encounter. Between excursions, guests can relax by the swimming pool, stroll along the riverbank, or watch the sun set over the shimmering waters with a sundowner in hand.

Day 5-8: Ruaha River Lodge, Ruaha National Park

An early walk or game drive brings you back in time for breakfast and the departure back to the airstrip for your flight to Ruaha National Park. One of Ruaha River Lodge's guides will greet you at the airstrip.

Ruaha, Tanzania's second-largest national park, is a wild crossroads where northern and southern hemisphere species meet — boasting 530 bird species, 1,400 plants, and a rich variety of mammals. The Ruaha River is its lifeline, drawing lions (the largest population in Tanzania), elephants, kudu, roan, and buffalo to its banks, where hippos and crocs wallow in the water.

With a superb road network, you can explore different routes by day and spend leisurely afternoons unwinding on your veranda, watching wildlife wander past before ending with a sunset game drive to the hippo pool.

As the first and original lodge in Ruaha National Park, Ruaha River Lodge enjoys a prime position along a bend of the river, where wildlife gathers year-round. Built from stone and thatch, it blends seamlessly into rocky kopjes and acacia forest, with two atmospheric dining bandas — one riverside, the other perched high on a kopje with panoramic views.

The lodge offers 24 spacious stone bandas, each with sweeping river views, private decks and elegant interiors designed for comfort and immersion in nature.

Days are filled with game drives and guided nature walks through one of Africa's great biodiversity hotspots, where elephants, lions, wild dog and countless bird species roam. Evenings bring sundowners by the firepit, starlit private dinners, and the serene, remote elegance of Tanzania's best-kept safari secret.



During your stay you can opt for a choice of game drives.

- Start your day with an early morning game drive with picnic breakfast
- Prefer a later start? Join a morning game drive
- Head out on an afternoon game drive, returning for sundowners
- Make a day of it with a full-day game drive, returning for afternoon tea

Overnight: 3 nights at Ruaha River Lodge, all meals included.

Day 8: End of Itinerary

After breakfast, enjoy one last game drive through Ruaha, soaking in the sights and sounds of the wilderness as you slowly journey to the airstrip for your flight back to Dar es Salaam.

As you touch down in Dar es Salaam, a friendly staff representative awaits your arrival to help transfer you to your international flight or check in to your hotel if you are staying a little longer in the city.

Please contact us on reservations@wildfrontiers.com for a detailed quotation.

Included:

- Arrival transfer DAR to Hotel
- 1 night accommodation in Dar Es Salaam CBD Hotel or similar including breakfast
- Transfer hotel to DAR airport for flight to Nyerere
- Scheduled domestic flights (times may vary with schedule requirements) and airstrip transfers:
 - Flight Dar es Salaam to Mtemere Airstrip | Nyerere NP 10:30 - 11:00
 - Flight Mtemere Airstrip to Msembe Airstrip | Ruaha NP 11:10 - 13:00
 - Flight Msembe Airstrip to Dar es Salaam 13:15 - 15:30
- 3 nights at Rufiji River Camp Fully Inclusive basis (breakfast, lunch, dinner, shared activities)
- 3 nights at Ruaha River Camp Fully Inclusive basis (breakfast, lunch, dinner, shared activities)
- Shared game drives in an open vehicle with a guide
- Park and Concession fees

Excluded:

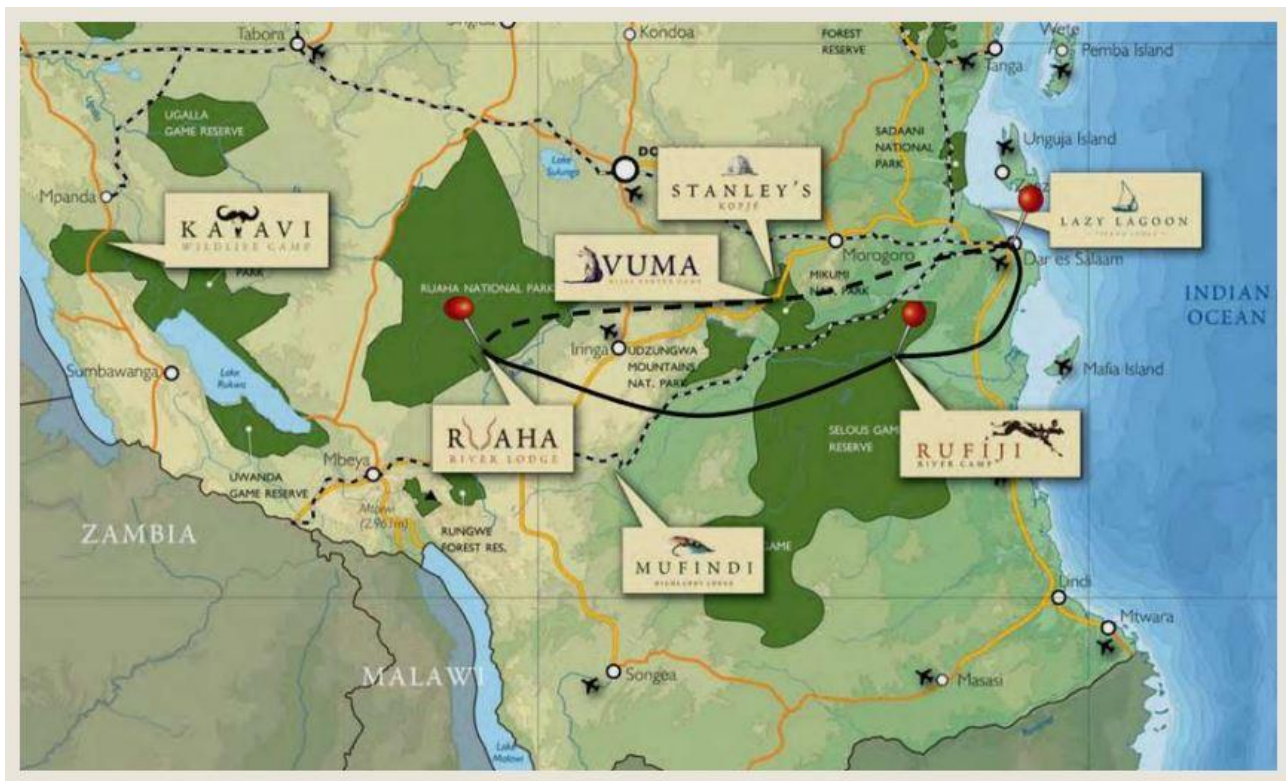
- International flights and airport taxes
- Visas and Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, health requirements
- Services/activities/meals not included above
- **Private game drives are available as an optional extra that will incur additional costs.**

VISA REQUIREMENTS: All visitors to Tanzania must have a valid passport which needs to be valid for 6 months after return date of travel and have at least 3 blank pages in it. Except for exempted countries all visitors require a visa to enter Tanzania. South Africans visiting on holiday currently do not require a visa. Visas are currently US\$ 50 per person, single entry for most other nationalities. An exception is US citizens for whom a single-entry visa is US\$100. Visitors should apply via the e-visa portal:

<https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>. Visas are issued within 2 - 3 weeks.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Precautions against Malaria are recommended. Yellow fever vaccines are no longer required to enter Tanzania unless you have been via an endemic area. However, it often differs on the ground and you may be asked for Yellow Fever certificate, even if you have only been in transit via Nairobi. We strongly suggest you have a Yellow Fever vaccination, as regulations can change and often staff at border posts have the incorrect information on this, which can cause delays. (For a list of countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring yellow fever vaccination click [here](#)).



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