



Tanzania Explorer

Selous Game Reserve, Ruaha National Park, Mikumi National Park, Usambara Mountains, Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area

Highlights

Game-viewing in the spectacular Ngorongoro Crater, Selous Game Reserve, Ruaha and Serengeti National Parks. Trekking in the Usambara Mountains and Tarangire Ecosystem.

Safari Type

A high-end 22 day package combining mobile camping, luxury private lodges and tented camps, fully guided in specially equipped 4wd landrovers with experienced guides and support crews.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Clients are met in Dar es Salaam and transferred to the Seaciff Hotel for briefing and overnight.

Day 2 - After breakfast, to the airport for flight to the Selous Game Reserve where we will be met by our Guides. The rest of the day is spent gameviewing in the Selous. Dinner and overnight is at our mobile camp at Beho Beho Camp or Rufiji River Tented Camp.

Day 3 & 4 - Full days gameviewing within the Selous where we expect to see Africa Hunting dogs and Greater Kudu. We will explore the Selous by vehicle, with additional foot safaris and boat trips on the Tagalala Lake. Dinners and overnight at Beho Beho Camp.

Day 5 - After breakfast we depart from Selous and head towards the town of Morogoro, nestled at the foot of the Uluguru Hills. Dinner and overnight is at the Morogoro Kolo Hills Motel.

Day 6 - This morning we continue on our journey to the Ruaha National Park, Ruaha has one of the largest populations of elephants and African Hunting Dogs in East Africa. Dinner and overnight is at the superbly-located Ruaha River Lodge.

Day 7 & 8 - We spend a couple of days gameviewing and exploring Ruaha National Park. At this time of the year the game is concentrated around the river and local watering holes, with large concentration of elephant, hippo and crocodiles. Dinners and overnight are spent at the Ruaha River Lodge.

Day 9 - After breakfast we depart for Mikumi National Park, nestled in the horseshoe of the Uluguru and Lumango mountains on the Mkata River.



Dinner and overnight is at our mobile campsite within the Park,

Day 10 - Full day viewing within Mikumi National Park, where we hope to see the very endemic and very rare Iringa Red Colobus as well as over 300 species of birds. Dinner and overnight at Campsite.

Day 11 - After an early breakfast we leave Southern Tanzania and drive towards the Usambara Mountains, a verdant and fertile range of hills in Northern Tanzania. Dinner and overnight is at Grants Lodge in Lushoto.

Day 12 - Today is spent walking in the Usambaras with local Guides. The area is renowned for its endemic birds and plants set against a back drop of spectacular rainforests and mountain vistas. Dinner and overnight at Grants Lodge.

Day 13 - After breakfast we leave the Usambaras and continue our expedition towards the twin peaks of Kilimanjaro and Meru. We will stop for lunch in the town of Moshi at the foot of Kilimanjaro before heading on to Tarangire Conservation Area and our overnight stop at Naitolia Camp.

Days 14 & 15 – Over these two days we explore the Tarangire ecosystem and its wildlife on foot and by vehicle. We will also take the opportunity to observe some of the areas' nocturnal animals such as bat-eared foxes, genet cats and white-tailed mongooses on a night-drive one evening. Dinners are taken at Naitolia Camp.

Day 16 - Early this morning we set out on our last walk within the Tarangire area before returning to Naitolia for lunch. After Lunch we depart for the Ngorongoro Highlands and our stay at the opulent Ngorongoro Crater Camp.

Day 17 - We spend the day game viewing within Ngorongoro Crater, a spectacular caldera teeming with as wide a cross-section of African wildlife as you will find on the continent. Here, we hope to catch sight of the black rhino in one of its last refuges in Tanzania. Dinner and overnight at the Ngorongoro Crater Lodge.

Day 18 - After breakfast we depart for Serengeti plains, game-viewing on the way. En-route we will stop and visit the archaeological site of Olduvai George where Dr. Louis Leakey discovered the fossilized remains of the “nutcracker man” in the early 50's. Dinner and overnight at our camp in the Seronera Valley.



Day 19 - Today is spent exploring the short grass plains of the Serengeti and the acacia forests of the Seronera Valley. Amidst this are the kopjes, the rocky outcrops celebrated in countless wildlife documentaries, and home Dinner and overnight is at our campsite in the Seronera valley.

Day 20 - We break camp after breakfast and drive north towards the Kenyan border and the Grumeti River area of the Northern Serengeti. Unlike the Serengeti plains and Seronera valley, the Grumeti River area is wooded valleys and riverine habitat. Dinner and overnight is at Migration Camp, a permanent tented camp built overlooking a bend in the Grumeti River.

Day 21 - Full day exploring the Grumeti River area and northern Serengeti. Dinner and overnight is at Migration Camp.

Day 22 - This morning we transfer to the flight to Arusha where we connect with transfers to Nairobi or onwards to Zanzibar.

Included

All transfers, game drives, walking safaris, all accommodation as indicated, all park fees, Conservation area fees, all meals as indicated, camping equipment and unlimited use of a 4WD safari vehicle with English-speaking Guide.

Not Included

Visas, insurance, tips, items of personal nature, soft and alcohol drinks, departures taxes or Airfares.

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