

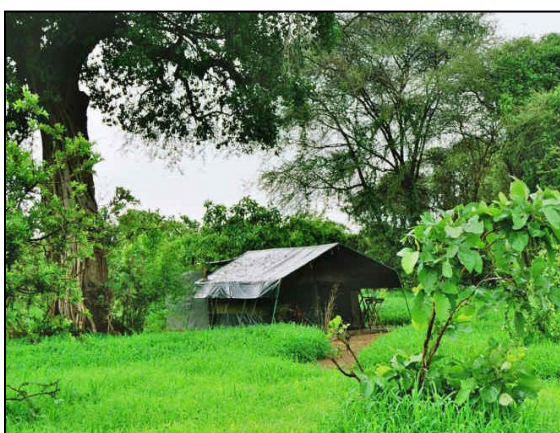
Southern Tanzania

Safari and beach itinerary



Days 1-3: Ruaha National Park (3 nights, Mdonya Old River Camp)

You will be met on arrival in Dar es Salaam and transferred to the nearby domestic airport for the flight to Ruaha. (NB. Depending on your international flight schedule, it may be necessary to include a night in Dar es Salaam or Arusha at the start of your itinerary.)



Your driver/guide from Mdonya Old River Camp will be waiting at the Ruaha airstrip to greet you with a picnic lunch – ready to start your safari as soon as you land!

Ruaha is the second largest game park in Tanzania, and offers a game-viewing experience equal to its size. It has one of the largest populations of elephant of any park in Africa, while the densely forested environment also attracts various antelope, as well as plentiful giraffe and buffalo. The terrain is particularly good for sighting predators, including lion, occasionally leopard, and very occasionally African wild dog.

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Enjoy a short game drive en route to Mdonya Old River Camp, a small bush camp set in the western region of Ruaha, and your home for the next three nights.



Mdonya Old River Camp

Mdonya Old River Camp is a classic tented bush camp, situated within the heart of the Ruaha and close to a number of prime game-viewing spots. The facilities, it should be noted, are limited, with no electricity, but the atmosphere and location are marvellous.

Mdonya Old River Camp allows you to get very close to the wildlife – animals, including lion, are known to wander close to camp (Maasai guards escort guests to and from their tents at night for safety). The tents are spread out over a large area, under the shade of sycamore figs, and nestled in the curved banks of the Ruaha sand-river. They are traditional safari tents, comfortably furnished with double or twin beds. All the tents at Mdonya Old River have ensuite bathrooms with dressing areas, open-roofed showers and separate flush toilets.

At either end of Mdonya Old River Camp are two game-viewing hides, where you can sit and watch the game wildlife by between game drives.

Guests are invited to relax around the campfire in the evening. The dining and lounge tents are under acacia and sycamore fig trees, overlooking the mostly-dry river bed. Weather-permitting, dinner is taken outdoors under the stars.



The experience of dining by candlelight to the sound of crickets and the occasional hyena or lion is unforgettable. Other guest facilities include a comfortable lounge tent with a small library.

Days 4-7: Ruaha to Selous Game Reserve (3 nights, Impala Camp)

After breakfast in camp, you will be transferred back to the airstrip, leaving early to allow time for a game drive en route. Your flight arrives into the Selous early afternoon. On arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to Impala Tented Camp in time for a late lunch and afternoon game activity.



The Selous contains some of the greatest concentrations of big game left on earth. It is the largest game reserve in Africa, and encompasses a hugely varied landscape of rolling savannah, woodland, grassland plains and numerous lakes. The Rufiji River system, which cuts through the heart of the reserve, is a magnet for wildlife big and small. Birding is equally good, with over 500 bird species identified within the reserve.

Impala Tented Camp

Impala Camp is situated on a wooded stretch of the Rufiji River. The camp is simply though stylishly designed with a breezy lounge and dining area that sits on spacious wooden decking and is open to the spectacular views across the river. It is a lovely spot to sit and watch the animals come down to the water to drink. There is also a swimming pool and open-air bar for relaxing between game drives.

Accommodation is in private Meru-style tents on raised wooden platforms. Each faces out onto the river and is furnished in vintage safari style with large beds and an en-suite bathroom.



When walking to and from your room at night you are escorted by Maasai guards as the camp is not fenced and wildlife does occasionally pass through. Safari activities at Impala Camp

include game drives in open sided 4WDs, boat safaris along the Rufiji River and the lakes. For keen anglers, fishing on the river is also a possibility!

Days 8-11: Selous to Pangani (5 nights, the Tides)

Wake early and transfer to the airstrip to catch the morning flight to Pangani, departing 07:30. As you'll be setting off just after dawn, you'll be given a packed breakfast.

On arrival in Pangani, meet with your driver and transfer to the Tides Lodge.



The Tides Lodge

The Tides Lodge is a remote, low-key beach resort situated some 10km south of Pangani on Ushongo Beach, on Tanzania's unspoilt northern coastline. Ushongo has been rated one of the Top Secret Beaches of the World by the Sunday Times travel magazine, and the Tides was the first and, to this day, the best lodge to open in the area.

The Tides offers just seven makuti-thatch chalets and two suites. The rooms are decorated in a fresh and simple manner, and cooled by the ocean breeze. The standard rooms are spacious, and feature twin/double bedrooms with Swahili-style carved wooden furnishings, large en-suite bathrooms, and private verandahs overlooking the beach and sea.



Activities available at the Tides include snorkelling & diving, kayaking, fishing, beach walks and cycling.

Day 12: Pangani to Dar es Salaam; international departure

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before transferring to the airstrip to board the flight to Dar es Salaam. In Dar es Salaam, connect with your international flight home.

Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is **£2,995** per person in high season (June to October; late Dec to mid-Jan) or **£2,600** in low season (mid-Jan to mid-March; Nov to 21 Dec), based on two travellers in twin/double accommodation. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).

Includes:

- Accommodation as described
- Activities as outlined in itinerary, accompanied by English-speaking guides.
- All transfers as outlined in itinerary
- All entrance and park fees

Excludes:

- International flights
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Travel insurance – ask us for a quote

Low-season special: For travel in low season, one free night can be added at each property (Tides, Impala, Mdonya) at no additional cost. The longer stay will, however, mean a small increase in park fees of approx. £87.

