

16 - DAY SOUTHERN TANZANIA WILDLIFE SAFARI

DAY 1 - DEPART

DAY 2 - ARRIVE DAR ES SALAAM

Following your arrival in the port city of Dar es Salaam you are met by your Tanzanian hosts and transferred to the **Royal Palm Hotel** for the night.

DAY 3 - DAR ES SALAAM / ZANZIBAR

After breakfast you fly to the spice island of Zanzibar. Just over one hundred years ago this island was one of East Africa's most important centers of the slave trade. Today Zanzibar is a tranquil paradise where ancient ruins crumble amongst coconut and clove plantations and farmers till the soil and fishermen launch their canoes much as they have done for centuries. Your visit includes a tour of Stone Town's market, the 1874 Anglican Church of Christ, the Zanzibar Museum and to the site where the body of Dr. David Livingstone was kept before being shipped back to Britain. Your accommodations are at the **Zanzibar Serena Hotel**. B/L/D

DAYS 4 & 5 - ZANZIBAR

Today you visit the Mangapwani slave caves, the Chuini and Imzimhani spice farms and the Jozani Forest which provides a habitat for more than 40 species of birds and other wildlife including the endangered Zanzibar Red Colobus (*Ptilocolobus kirkii*). After a stop at the Persian baths, built in 1850 by Syyid bin Sultan for his wife, Princess Shehrzard, you return to the Zanzibar Serena. The self-contained, air-conditioned rooms are ornamented with Oriental and Zanzibar furniture, with hot and cold-water bath/showers and a mini-bar. B/L/D

DAY 6 - ZANZIBAR / SELOUS GAME RESERVE

After breakfast you fly to the Selous, the largest and most remote wildlife sanctuary in the world. No humans live here and animals are free to roam through this living relic of timeless Africa in pristine splendor. Your accommodations are at the luxurious Sand River Camp where each spacious tent is furnished with electric lights, screened windows, beds, luggage racks, private showers and flush toilets. B/L/D

DAYS 7 & 8 - SELOUS GAME RESERVE

The Selous is a diverse land of miombo woodlands, lakes, marshes, sand rivers, savannahs and open plains. It has the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth, including 110,000 Elephant, 150,000 African Buffalo and about 2,000 Black Rhino. It also has Africa's greatest numbers of Wild Dog and Crocodile. Impala, Waterbuck, Wildebeest, Hartebeest and Giraffe are common and Bush Lions are widespread. In addition to game drives in customized vehicles, you may participate in walking, boating and fly camping. B/L/D

DAY 9 - SELOUS GAME RESERVE / RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

In the morning you fly into yet another of the world's truly wild places. Ruaha National Park is a well-wooded and undulating plateau located between the Great Ruaha and Njombe Rivers and has been described as possibly the most beautiful national park in Africa. Your accommodations for the next three nights are at Ruaha River Lodge. B/L/D

DAYS 10 & 11 - RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

Ruaha is well known for its large herds of Elephant which, during the dry season, can often be found digging in the sand rivers to get water. Both Greater and Lesser Kudu and Roan Antelope are often seen amongst the tamarind, acacia and fig trees which line the water courses and the magnificent Sable Antelope, with its scimitar-shaped horns, may be found in the miombo woodlands at higher altitudes. B/L/D

DAY 12 - MONDAY - RUAHA NATIONAL PARK / MAHALE MOUNTAINS

Following breakfast you fly west, to the shores of Lake Tanganyika. There are few places left on earth that may rightfully be called Eden, but the Mahale Mountains could be one of them. These mountains soar to 8,000 feet above the clear waters of Lake Tanganyika, which at 420 miles long and 30 miles wide, is a veritable inland sea. Your luxurious accommodations at Greystoke Mahale are located on a sandy beach shaded by palms, acacia and abyssinica trees. The food is excellent. Sushi and exotically prepared lake fish are common menu items. The service is charming and unobtrusive. Camp life is relaxed. B/L/D

DAYS 13 & 14 – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY - MAHALE MOUNTAINS

The Mahale Mountains rise from the eastern shores of Lake Tanganyika, the longest and least explored body of fresh water in the world. Undiscovered species of fish swim in its mile deep waters and un-described species of butterflies flit along its shores. This is another of Africa's truly remote places. It is more than 120 miles from the nearest road and is home to the largest troupes of free-living Chimpanzees in the world. Due to the research work that has been conducted here for the past 30 years, these Chimps have become habituated to humans and may be approached to within a few feet as they feed, groom and play. In addition the Mahale Mountains provide habitat for eight other species of primates as well as Bushbuck, Warthog, African Buffalo, Bushpig, Brush-tailed Porcupine, African Civet and Genets. The birdlife here includes several species characteristic of the West African rain- forest. The Double-toothed Barbet, Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill, African Grey Parrot and Great Blue Turaco are some of the more spectacular West African birds you may find. B/L/D

DAY 15 - MAHALE MOUNTAINS / DAR ES SALAAM / DEPART

After breakfast you transfer back across the lake to the airstrip and board the flight to Dar es Salaam. Here you check into your dayrooms at the Royal Palm Hotel. Following dinner you transfer to the Dar es Salaam Airport and check in for your return flight. B/L/D

DAY 16 – RETURN

2009 COSTS: (*subject to availability at the time of booking*)

Group Size (no. of participants)	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Per person double occupancy	\$10,450	\$10,950	\$10,350	\$10,500	\$10,650	\$10,750	\$10,995
Single room supplement	\$2,500						
No. of vehicles (6 participants per vehicle)	2	2	1	1	1	1	1

Costs include the services of World Discovery Safaris, all transportation, accommodations and meals in southern Tanzania, as per this itinerary, top-quality, English speaking, naturalist / guide service, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies and entrance fees to parks and sites visited.

Costs of obtaining passports and visas, international air, excess baggage charges, traveler's insurance and items of a personal nature, including souvenirs, excursions and services that are not included in the itinerary, tips to drivers, hotel staff and naturalist guides, drinks that are not included with meals, laundry, faxes, e-mails, and telephone calls are not included.

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