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11 NIGHT REMOTE GAME AND WALKING SAFARI SELOUS AND RUAHA – SOUTHERN TANZANIA



DAY ONE

On arrival into Dar es Salaam you are met and assisted to board your light aircraft flight to the Selous Game Reserve. On arrival at Kiba Airstrip you will be met by Sand Rivers Camp and transferred to camp for 4 nights.

Sand Rivers Selous is located in the remote heart of the Selous Game Reserve in Southern Tanzania – perched on the banks at the mile-wide point of the Rufiji River. Just 8 spacious open-fronted cottages are raised on high platforms - there are 5 Standard Riverside rooms and 3 Hillside Suites. All have en-suite bathrooms, with flush toilets, powerful showers and hot and cold running water. The 3 Hillside Suites have an additional lounge area and private plunge pool and all rooms have standing fans and epic views out over the river.

The area around Sand Rivers Selous affords great opportunities for game viewing by vehicle, on foot and by boat. The area is quiet without many other camps and is perfect for full immersion in the bush. Enjoy picnics, fishing, trips to the hot springs and fly camping.

June to September: warm days and cool nights, best time of year for walking safaris. Great elephant and buffalo sightings.

October – November: heavy concentrations of game around the inland lakes, weather dry and hot.

December – March: prolific bird life, many animals calving, weather starts to get humid, with possibility of rain.

Overnight at Sand Rivers Camp on an all-inclusive basis.



DAY TWO

Today you will enjoy a full day of game drives – a full day to explore the delights of the Selous and discover the wonderful wildlife around the camp.

Overnight at Sand Rivers Camp on an all-inclusive basis

DAY THREE

This morning you will enjoy a boat safari on the Selous River – a chance to watch hippos and see wildlife coming down to the river to drink.

A little later, after afternoon tea and accompanied by your guide, you will walk out of the lodge and into the bush. You'll feel a genuine sense of adventure as you go further and further away from the lodge and deeper into the bush, observing larger mammals on foot. A little later you will arrive at your camp-out spot and home for the night. The fire is lit, your bed is made and dinner is cooking!

If you really want to connect with the African bush just spend a night with only the finest line drawn between yourself and wild Africa – it is safe, comfortable and one of the best experiences on the planet.

The camp is a simple affair and includes all the basic necessities to get you as close to the African wilderness as you'll ever want to be: a bedroll, with fresh clean linens, laid out in a mosquito-net tent; a swinging bucket converted into the best bush hot shower; something to sit on; something to eat off; a shady tree; a light breeze; and a night sky full of stars.

After a dinner under the stars and a good night's sleep under the African sky you will enjoy a hearty, cooked breakfast before starting your walk back to the lodge in time for lunch.

Overnight at Sand Rivers Fly Camp for one night on an all-inclusive basis



DAY FOUR

Another full day to enjoy the Selous Reserve and Sand Rivers Camp – 4 x 4 games drives, walking safaris and boat safaris.

Overnight at Sand Rivers Camp on an all-inclusive basis.

DAY FIVE

This morning you will be transferred back to Kiba Airstrip in time for your light aircraft flight to Msembe Airstrip in the Ruaha National Park. On arrival you will be met by Kichaka Safaris and transferred to Kichaka Frontier Camp for 4 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

Ruaha is well known as having one of the highest populations of lions left in Africa. It is also home to sizeable elephant and buffalo herds, not to mention a variety of other plains game and predators. Big prides of lion have specialised in hunting giraffe and elephant.

Your first game drive into the wilderness begins immediately which may take up to 5 hours depending on what animals you see along the way. With a fabulous bush lunch and refreshments en route you will arrive at the camp late afternoon or early evening to settle in after a warm welcome from the friendly staff.

Overnight at Kichaka Frontier Camp on an all-inclusive basis.

DAY SIX

The first day will commence with a steaming tray of coffee delivered to your room, sip it as you wake up and enjoy the paling of the African sky as dawn slowly sheds its light on a new day full of anticipation.

After a quick but nourishing breakfast you will depart camp on your first walking experience lasting about 5 hours and covering approximately 10 Km. Allow yourself to fall into nature's rhythms, test your senses as you begin to learn and observe the natural world on foot, interpret the smells, sounds and signs which all form part of the addictive walking experience.

For all Afternoon activities there is a choice, from learning about tracking, short walks into the vast Kopje and Inselberg systems (huge rock outcrops), specialist birding, and normal game drives to name but a few.

Overnight at Kichaka Frontier Camp on an all-inclusive basis



DAY SEVEN

Another early morning departure on foot after breakfast as we push further into Ruaha's wilderness. Armed with our previous day's knowledge we now put it to the test. Hone your tracking skills and pit your wits against some of nature's mightiest beasts. Every footprint, bent blade of grass, dropping and urine smell must be analysed in detail to provide clues as to the current whereabouts of the quarry you are following.

After lunch in camp the usual afternoon activities will apply and the evening will be spent viewing the African Milky way with our high powered telescope.

Overnight at Kichaka Frontier Camp on an all-inclusive basis.

DAY EIGHT

You will be back out on foot again after an early breakfast this morning. We never walk the same route twice so an entirely new habitat and experience will be selected and a full morning's exploration on foot awaits.

We will delve deeper into the workings of the ecosystem and cover all aspects from medicinal uses of trees and plants all the way to following lion footprints for the hope of a glimpse. A fair distance of 10-15 Km will be covered to finish up for lunch back at the basecamp after a cooling showers. You can then choose to doze in the shade of your tents or opt for an afternoon activity.

Overnight at Kichaka Frontier Camp on an all-inclusive basis.

DAY NINE

This morning we depart the basecamp as normal but this time we do not return. We will be walking to Kichaka Untamed - a walk of around 13 Km through some stunning country to arrive in time for lunch where all your luggage will be waiting in your new home and with cold showers waiting.

This morning's walk will be a little more walking and a little less talking, however by now you will be familiar enough with tracking to interpret the signs by yourself and make your own deductions about what you see around you. In the afternoon you can then choose to doze in the shade of your tent or opt for the usual set of afternoon activities available.

Overnight at Kichaka Untamed on an all-inclusive basis



DAY TEN

Depending on how you feel by this stage of the safari, the walking can continue as normal. However we often recommend for this day to try a full day game drive to rest tired legs. Armed with a bush lunch cooked en-route and unlimited by time you can spend the day roaming the vastness of the park by vehicle getting up close and personal to the wildlife.

It is always so interesting to feel the comparison between walking and driving and the difference in animal behaviour. With the ability to travel longer distances today you can see several different parts of the Ruaha and still return home feeling that you have only just scratched the surface of this amazing park.

Overnight Kichaka Untamed on an all-inclusive basis

DAY ELEVEN

You will rise early as normal to escape the heat and your final morning's walk as always will be somewhere new. No good walk actually ends up going to plan and your time will be spent wandering in whichever direction offers the best opportunities. Should you follow the fresh buffalo sign to the east or head to the river in the west and watch elephants coming down to drink?

After the normal afternoon activity choice you will end up round the fire at camp to discuss the trip highlights in the company of a cold refreshing gin and tonic before retiring to your bed for your last night under the stars.

DAY TWELVE

A much deserved lie-in greets you on your last day and there is no hurry to make your way to a leisurely breakfast. You will then say your farewells to the camp crew and make your way slowly to the Msembe

area for your scheduled flight back to Dar es Salaam. On arrival you will be met by our representative and assisted to check in for your international flight home.



Not ready to go home yet? Then why not extent your safari and explore the little visited wilderness of Katavi National Park. Alternatively fly back to Dar es Salam and on to the Indian Ocean islands of Zanzibar, Pemba or Mafia Island for some time at the beach – please ask!





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