

8 Days Southern Tanzania Circuit Safari

📍 Tanzania Dar es Salaam, Nyerere National Park, Ruaha National Park



Tanzania's **southern regions** offer a unique and exclusive safari experience. These parks are far less crowded than their northern counterparts. This **8-day Southern Tanzania Circuit Safari** takes you through **Ruaha National Park** and **Nyerere National Park** (formerly Selous), two of the country's most spectacular wildlife destinations.

The journey begins in **Dar es Salaam**, from where you will fly or transfer to the parks. In **Ruaha National Park**, you will encounter **dramatic landscapes** with rocky outcrops, rolling hills, and vast savannah plains. Ruaha is home to one of Tanzania's **largest elephant populations**, as well as lions, leopards, cheetahs, giraffes, and abundant antelope species. Its rugged scenery also provides **excellent photographic opportunities**.

Next, explore **Nyerere National Park**, where the Rufiji River and its lakes create a contrasting environment of waterways and floodplains. Here, enjoy **walking safaris, game drives, and boating excursions**. Spot hippos, crocodiles, elephants, and a wide variety of birds. Each activity allows you to see the park from a different perspective and immerse yourself in its natural beauty.

This safari is ideal for **adventurers and wildlife enthusiasts** seeking diversity in landscapes and experiences. From the **rugged bush of Ruaha** to the **tranquil waterways of Nyerere**, each day offers new wildlife encounters and stunning scenery. Along the way, stay in **luxurious lodges**, including **Jabali Ridge in Ruaha** and **Roho ya Selous in Nyerere**, ensuring comfort in the heart of the wilderness. Experience the **southern treasures of Tanzania** in an intimate and exclusive way. This 8-day circuit combines **adventure, relaxation, and unforgettable wildlife experiences**, making it a journey you will never forget.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
2-7
Duration:
8

Language:
English, France, Germany, Spain
Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival in Dar es Salaam



Upon arrival at **Dar es Salaam International Airport**, you will be warmly welcomed by your safari team. From the airport, transfer to **Serena Hotel** for your overnight stay.

Take time to **relax and recover** from your flight. If your schedule allows, explore the city's **vibrant markets, shops, and cafés**. Discover the **culture, cuisine, and history** of Tanzania's largest city, or arrange a short guided tour to experience the local atmosphere.

Dar es Salaam serves as the **gateway to southern Tanzania's hidden safari gems**, providing a comfortable and convenient stop before your wildlife adventure begins.

Accommodation: Overnight at Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro

Meals Included: Dinner

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DINNER,

Duration
1 Hour

Day 2-4 : Water and Walking Adventures in Nyerere National Park



After breakfast at **Jabali Ridge**, transfer to **Dar es Salaam International Airport** for your **light aircraft flight to Nyerere National Park**. Upon arrival, your guide will transfer you to **Roho ya Selous**, located in the heart of the park's core game-viewing area.

Settle into your **luxurious canvas tent**, then enjoy a **delicious lunch** with panoramic views of **Lake Nzerakera**. In the afternoon, relax before tea, followed by your **first game drive**. Nyerere is home to a **high density of wildlife**, including giraffes, elephants, hippos, crocodiles, and, if lucky, wild dogs.

Your safari experience is **flexible and customizable**. Options include:

- **Walking safaris** through the Miombo woodlands to discover wildlife and bird species up close.

- **Boating safaris** to explore the lakes and rivers, observe hippos and crocodiles, and watch bird colonies.
- **Catch-and-release fishing** for those who enjoy angling.

Each day begins with a morning safari activity, followed by lunch and relaxation at the camp. In the afternoon, embark on another **game drive, walking, or boating excursion**. Sundowners on the water's edge offer the perfect way to end each day, with the sounds and sights of the African bush all around.

Accommodation: Overnight at **Roho ya Selous, Nyerere National Park**

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Meals Included

LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration

6 Hours

Day 5-7 : Explore Ruaha's Diverse Wildlife Wonders



After breakfast at **Roho ya Selous**, you will board a **light aircraft flight to Ruaha National Park**, offering stunning aerial views of Tanzania's southern wilderness. Upon arrival, your guide will take you on a **game drive to Jabali Ridge**, a luxurious camp perched atop a rocky kopje overlooking a breathtaking valley dotted with iconic **baobab trees**. The dramatic scenery here provides the perfect backdrop for your safari adventure and incredible photographic opportunities.

Your days at Jabali Ridge are highly **flexible and tailored to your preferences**. Start your mornings with **walking safaris**, exploring the bush on foot with a knowledgeable guide to observe wildlife up close, or embark on **morning or full-day game drives** across Ruaha's vast landscapes, spotting **elephants, lions, leopards, giraffes, and diverse antelope species**. Picnic lunches in the bush can be arranged for a more immersive experience, or enjoy a relaxed lunch back at camp overlooking the valley.

Afternoons offer time to **relax and rejuvenate**—loungue by the **infinity pool**, indulge in a spa treatment, or simply soak in the tranquility of the surrounding wilderness. As the afternoon turns to evening, set out on a **second game drive**, culminating in **sundowners** in the bush, where you can enjoy drinks as the sun sets over Ruaha's rugged plains. For an unforgettable perspective, nocturnal drives reveal some of the park's **elusive night creatures**, such as leopards and owls, adding an exciting dimension to your safari.

Evenings at Jabali Ridge are equally memorable. Dine under the stars with **gourmet cuisine** prepared by expert chefs, accompanied by the sounds of the African bush. Over three days, your stay at Jabali Ridge combines **adventure, luxury, and wildlife immersion**, offering a deep connection with Tanzania's **untamed southern wilderness**.

Accommodation: Overnight at **Jabali Ridge, Ruaha National Park**

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

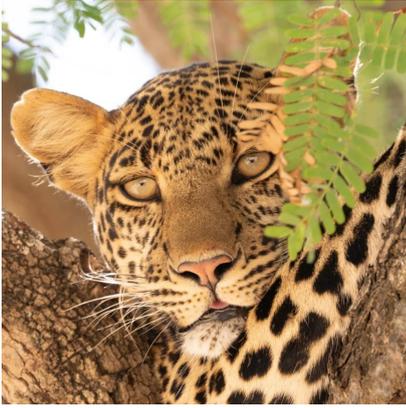
Meals Included

LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration

8 Hours

Day 8 : Departure from Southern Tanzania



On your final morning, enjoy a **leisurely breakfast at Jabali Ridge**, taking in the last views of Ruaha's dramatic landscapes and the wildlife roaming the valley below. After savoring the tranquility of the bush, your guide will transfer you to **Ruaha airstrip** for your light aircraft flight back to **Dar es Salaam International Airport**.

Upon arrival in Dar es Salaam, you will be assisted with your **international departure formalities**. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have a chance to enjoy a brief stopover in the city for a last taste of **Tanzanian culture and cuisine**, or simply relax and reflect on the unforgettable safari experiences of the past week.

This marks the conclusion of your **8-day Southern Tanzania Circuit Safari**, leaving you with **memories of exclusive wildlife encounters, stunning landscapes, and luxurious accommodations**. From the high density of elephants and lions in Ruaha to the waterways and walking safaris of Nyerere National Park, this safari has offered a **unique and intimate view of southern Tanzania's hidden wilderness**.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Departure: Dar es Salaam International Airport, Tanzania

Meals Included
LUNCH, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours