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## Beautiful Africa Safari in South Tanzania - Selous- Mikumi and Undzungwa Mountains 6 Days / 5 Nights

Private accommodation - full board provides - full breakfasts, dinners and lunch either onsite or packed lunches for day trips+ drinking water during safaris.

Often overlooked by many safari operators the Selous, Mikumi and Udzungwa are worth serious consideration and are the preferred destination for most who are really keen on their safari, a true paradise for the amateurs of the wild nature. The benefits of heading to the south is that, that the southern parks are still noticeably less busy (they also feature the same spread of species as the north, but more like a thousand, rather than 2 million). The second important point is that the lodges in the south offer a similar experience but are much cheaper. On this Safari we present beautiful animals against a unique and isolated backdrop, far away from the crowds and creature comforts of the more popular Northern Circuit.

### **Your Itinerary:**

#### Day 1- Dar Es Salaam - Selous

Early morning pick up am from hotel or agreed point and start safari to the Selous Game Reserve. In the Selous pause for lunch and start afternoon boat trip. Usually the afternoon boat trip leaves camp at 4pm and returns at 6.30pm. It is an ideal trip if you would like to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Rufiji River with its many hippos, crocodiles, and beautiful birdlife. The sunset can also be stunning from the boat. There is nothing quite like the serenity of the river while the sun dips below the horizon.

The Rufiji is a large wide river with several lakes branching off it for you to explore, gaining a unique view of the river's largest inhabitants: crocodiles and hippos.

Boat Safaris are also the best excursions for bird enthusiasts. The Selous has over 350 bird species, and the river is the place where they congregate in great numbers and are easily seen in the open environment.

You might also want to try your luck with the ferocious tiger fish, and weighty catfish that live in the waters in abundance.

Accommodation: Selous Jimbiza Camp , River facing Safari Tent or Bungalow

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Day 2- Selous - morning bush walking and full day game drive.

At 6:00-6:30 am after having a cup of tea and some home-made biscuits or doughnuts leave Camp for bushwalking. The walks take about 2-3 hours long.

The sights and sounds (and smells!) of a walking safari will long live in the memory. The thrill of creeping up to animals and then to "shoot" the animal not with a gun but with your camera, is a great experience. On a Walking safari, you are accompanied at all times by an expert tracker or Ranger. Walking safaris are a fantastic way to get close to nature and learn more about the smaller species and the bush itself. It's an unforgettable experience to walk within such a vast and untamed area of the natural reserve. Back to the Camp for breakfast and next game drive in the Game Reserve. The safari guide points out rare species of animals like the Wild Dogs, Sable antelopes, black rhinoceros, Nile Crocodile, hippopotamus along the banks of the Rufiji river, Cape buffalo, hartebeest and Eland. Picnic lunches and drinks will be served in the wilderness before heading back to camp for dinner and overnight.

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Day 3- Selous - Mikumi

After a breakfast trip to Mikumi. You will spend around 7 hrs on the way admiring beautiful landscapes. First 2-3 hours the way pass by Selous.

Accommodation: Matembezi Lodge or Camp Bastian

Day 4 -Mikumi-full day game safari.

Full day in Mikumi game viewing -Mikumi NP is one of Tanzania's larger parks and has excellent bird life as well, as being good for viewing predators, there is a rich variety bird species as well as large numbers of giraffes, buffaloes and elephants and close to the water holes also lions, leopards and hippos. Furthermore, you can see zebras, lions, wild dogs, pythons, hartebeest, wildebeest, elephants, impala, warthog, eland and other antelopes. Several observation towers enable you to overview the park in its entirety. Mikumi National Park is mostly miombo woodland with gently rolling hills. After game drive depart to the Mikumi for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 -Udzungwa hiking

Morning after breakfast drive to the Udzungwa and start Wonderful Walking in Udzungwa Park, enjoying and experience the stunning natural beauty of the park; exploring the area wonderful Sanje waterfall endemic Red Colobus Monkey and beautiful scenery, evening experience the Sun Set. A visit to Sanje Falls is a truly magnificent experience. You will never forget standing at the base of a 180 m waterfall or jumping through one of the smaller 30 m

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falls into a plunge pool for a swim. On the top of the waterfall and get up in time to watch the spectacular sunrise over the Kilombero Valley whilst you are sitting on the rocks in the middle of the plunge pools.

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#### Day 6 Back to Dar Es Salaam

After breakfast transfer to Dar Es Salaam to origin point.

#### **Included:**

Safari vehicle, 4x4, open roof  
Door-to-door transport  
Accommodations & Meals  
Listed activities  
Professional guide  
Park fees, driver/guide in the safari  
Transport within the park  
Drinking bottled water  
Game drive in the park

#### **Not included**

Tips to driver/guide  
Food and Drinks (alcohol and nonalcoholic), unless specified  
Items of Personal nature  
Hotels before and after Safari (book with us), unless specified  
International airfare & Internal flights / Airports taxes  
Travel Insurance  
Visa and Passport fees

*\*These are current rates as published by Game Department and are subject to change without prior notice.*

*Any increase to reserve entry fees, taxes and concession fees will be charged even if booking has been previously confirmed and invoiced.*