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FOUR DAYS MIKUMI SAFARI

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If you want a real bush experience, then you should include some of the parks of the Southern Circuit in your itinerary. Here you can spend more time in “private” with the wild animals of Africa.

Most safaris in Tanzania include parks in the north of the country, such as the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro crater. But Tanzania's southern parks are more of the right choice for you, if you want to travel of the beaten tracks, into the real wilderness, and to get a feeling of the real authentic Africa.

The southern national parks offer a truly wild experience. If you're flying into Dar es Salaam, then Mikumi National Park is easily accessible by road. Gigantic Selous Game Reserve and Ruaha National Park, the home of giant elephants and predators, are also very accessible by road or small planes.



#4 – FOUR DAYS SAFARI TO MIKUMI AND UZUNGWA NATIONAL PARK

This trip takes you to the park which is easiest to access from Dar es Salaam. A five-hour drive on tarmac takes you straight to the gate of Mikumi National Park where you can see elephants, lions, giraffes, buffaloes, zebras, elands, greater Kudu, wildebeest, roan, hippos and sable antelope. The open plains surrounded by mountains is making a beautiful scenery, and the peak of the day is usually by the hippo pool as the sunset is painting the skies in beautiful colors inspiring both professional and hobby photographers. In addition, we take you on a daytrip to Udzungwa Mountains National Park where you can go for a refreshing walk in the rain forest.

- Starting point and starting time – Anywhere you wish to be picked up in Dar, 6 am
- Is it every day possible – yes
- Is it private – yes
- How long is it – two days
- How hard is it – easy
- Suitable for all ages – yes, children will love it as they can move around inside the car, they get to stand up in the seats
- Guided or not – Guided, English – other languages upon request for an extra fee
- What should the clients bring – Money, passport, sunglasses, sunscreen, soft bag with the needed clothes for the duration of your safari
- What to wear – What to wear – socks and shoes, as you will have lunch in the bush, and there might be a few safari ants which can bite if you are not wearing. Also, please mind the strong sun, especially the months from November to March, and it may be rough on your shoulders you may dress accordingly. From May to September it may be a bit chilly in the evenings and early mornings.
- Mode of transport – 4x4 car with hatch in the roof ideal for the game viewing
- What is drop-off point – Where you stay

Day 1

Leaving town in the morning we take you for about 5 hours' drive to Mikumi National Park where you go for a tasteful lunch with a view of the open fields where animals are strolling around throughout the day. After lunch you go for an afternoon game drive and enjoy the wild animals as you are driving around Mikumi, Tanzania's fourth largest national park, often referred to as little Serengeti as the area of Mkata flood plains which resembles the world-famous savannahs of Serengeti.

Destination: Mikumi National Park

Accommodation: Mikumi Wildlife Camp

Day 2

Full day Game drive in Mikumi National Park. Enjoy the full day in Mikumi National park where the animals are roaming the open plains and lions are hiding in the bush. You may go back to the lodge for lunch, or bring a packed lunch if you wish to spend the whole day in the park. Agree with your driver, per today's temperature, weather and what you like to experience. Before sunset you are back at the lodge enjoying a nice sunset.

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Day 3

After a good breakfast, we bring the packed lunch and set course for mountains. In Udzungwa Maintains National Park we start our 4 to 6 hour walk up and down the three Sanje Waterfalls. You have a packed lunch which you can enjoy on the peak or in the bottom of one of the waterfalls. Please feel free to bring your swimming costume in case you want to take a dip in the fresh and cool mountain water. After the walk the driver now take you back to Mikumi National park for a short afternoon game drive and overnight.

Destination: Mikumi National Park

Accommodation: Mikumi Wildlife Camp

Day 4

This day you start early in the morning with some fruits, biscuits and some coffee or tea before you head back into the wild before even the birds wake up. This is the best chance to find the nocturnal animals, and some people may be lucky enough to find them “in action” hunting or eating at these hours. Around eight or nine you go back to the lodge for breakfast (if you did not bring it with you). After breakfast, you go back into the wild for a couple of hours before you head back to Dar es Salaam. You must leave Mikumi National Park at midday to be back in Dar es Salaam before dark.

Recommendation:

Add one more night to do both a full day game drive in Mikumi and do the Udzungwa walk.

Price per person sharing:

1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people
\$2 045	\$1 545	\$1 310	\$1 193	\$1 142	\$1 095





Included in the price:

- Accommodation
- One full and two half days' safari
- Walking safari in Udzungwa
- Alternative to change the full day safari to go to Udzungwa and sundowner game drive.
- Transport
- Park fees
- Drinking water in the car during the game drive
- English speaking driver/guide
- Medical evacuation insurance
- Meals from lunch the first day including lunch the last day

NOT included in the price:

- Tips
- Drinks
- Expenses of personal nature, laundry, telephone calls etc.
- International airfares and Visa entry to Tanzania and travel insurance

MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK

If you have chosen the Southern circuit for your adventure safari, then a visit to Tanzania's fourth largest national park, Mikumi is likely to be on your program. 4 to 5 hours' drive on comfortable roads will take you to this park which have most of the wildlife available, and are most known for many of Tanzania's national animal, the giraffe.

When you visit Mikumi National we will also recommend you to combine your safari with hiking in the rainforests of Udzungwa Mountains National Park, in addition to the more remote wilderness of Ruaha National Park or the gigantic Selous Game Reserve.

Mikumi National Park is bordering Africa's biggest game reserve - the Selous – to the north and is split by the surfaced road between Dar es Salaam and Iringa. It is thus the most accessible part of a 75,000-square kilometre tract of wilderness that stretches east almost as far as the Indian Ocean.

Mikumi is the first and closest access point to the southern circuit which is growing more and more up as a rival to the internationally known Serengeti and the snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro. The open horizons and abundant wildlife of the Mkata Floodplain, the popular centrepiece of Mikumi, draw frequent comparisons to the more famous Serengeti Plains.

Lions survey their grassy kingdom – and the zebra, wildebeest, impala and buffalo herds that migrate across it – from the flattened tops of termite mounds, or sometimes, during the rains,



from perches high in the trees. Giraffes forage in the isolated acacia woods along the Mkata River, giving shade also favoured by Mikumi's elephants.

Mikumi has some good circuits of game-viewing roads which are expanding; the Mkata Floodplain is perhaps the most reliable place in Tanzania for sightings of the powerful eland, the world's largest antelope. The equally impressive greater kudu and sable antelope haunt the miombo-covered foothills of the mountains that rise from the park's borders.

More than 400 bird species have been recorded, with such colourful common residents as the lilac-breasted roller, yellow-throated longclaw and bateleur eagle joined by a host of European migrants during the rainy season. Hippos are the star attraction of the pair of pools situated 5km north of the main entrance gate, supported by an ever-changing cast of water birds.

Park facts

Size: 3,230 sq km (1,250 sq miles), the fourth-largest park in Tanzania, and part of a much larger ecosystem centred on the uniquely vast Selous Game Reserve.

Location: 283 km (175 miles) west of Dar es Salaam, north of Selous, and en route to Ruaha, Udzungwa and (for the really adventurous) Katavi National Park.

How to get there: A good surfaced road connects Mikumi to Dar es Salaam via Morogoro, a roughly 5 hour drive. Scheduled flights from Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar or Selous.

What to do: Game drives and guided walks. Snake park in Mikumi village. You should visit nearby Udzungwa Mountains, or travel on for more wildlife safari in Selous or Ruaha.

When to go: Accessible all year round.

UDZUNGWA NATIONAL PARK

Udzungwa Mountains National Park is one of the most special wilderness areas in Tanzania. The ancient rainforest will show you several species which are unique to the area, such as the Iringa red colobus and the Sanje crested mangabey monkeys. Your hike here will show you a magnitude of nature, primates, birds, butterflies, and you get an impression about what these forests mean to research and to traditional medicine.

Rising majestically from the flat coastal scrub of eastern Tanzania is the largest and most bio diverse chain of a dozen large forest-swathed mountains that Udzungwa is a part of. Known collectively as the Eastern Arc Mountains, this archipelago of isolated massifs has also been dubbed the African Galapagos for its treasures of endemic plants and animals, most familiarly the delicate African violet.



Udzungwa is the only one among the ancient mountains of the Eastern Arc that has been chosen to be a national park. It is also unique within Tanzania in that its closed-canopy forest spans altitudes of 250 metres (820 feet) to above 2,000 metres (6,560 ft) without interruption.

Udzungwa is a magnet for hikers, not a conventional game viewing destination. An excellent network of forest trails will take you a popular half-day hike to the Sanje Waterfall, which plunges 170 metres (550 feet) through a misty spray into the forested valley below.

You can also go for the options for overnight hikes, which increases your chances of spotting some of the wildlife existing in the park, like elephant, buffalo, hippopotamus, lion and leopard. On these hikes you will be with an armed ranger, but still your chances of spotting the big game are small, you are more likely to meet some of the smaller species like primates, antelopes and bushbabys.

Ornithologists are attracted to Udzungwa for an avian wealth embracing more than 400 species, from the lovely and readily-located green-headed oriole to more than a dozen secretive Eastern Arc endemics. Four bird species are peculiar to Udzungwa, including a forest partridge first discovered in 1991 and more closely related to an Asian genus than to any other African fowl.

Of six primate species recorded, the Iringa red colobus and Sanje Crested Mangabey both occur nowhere else in the world – the latter, remarkably, remained undetected by biologists prior to 1979. Undoubtedly, this great forest has yet to reveal all its treasures: ongoing scientific exploration will surely add to its diverse catalogue of endemics.

Park facts

Size: 1,990 sq km (770 sq miles).

Location: Six hours (350 km/) from Dar es Salaam; 65 kms (40 miles) southwest of Mikumi Village.

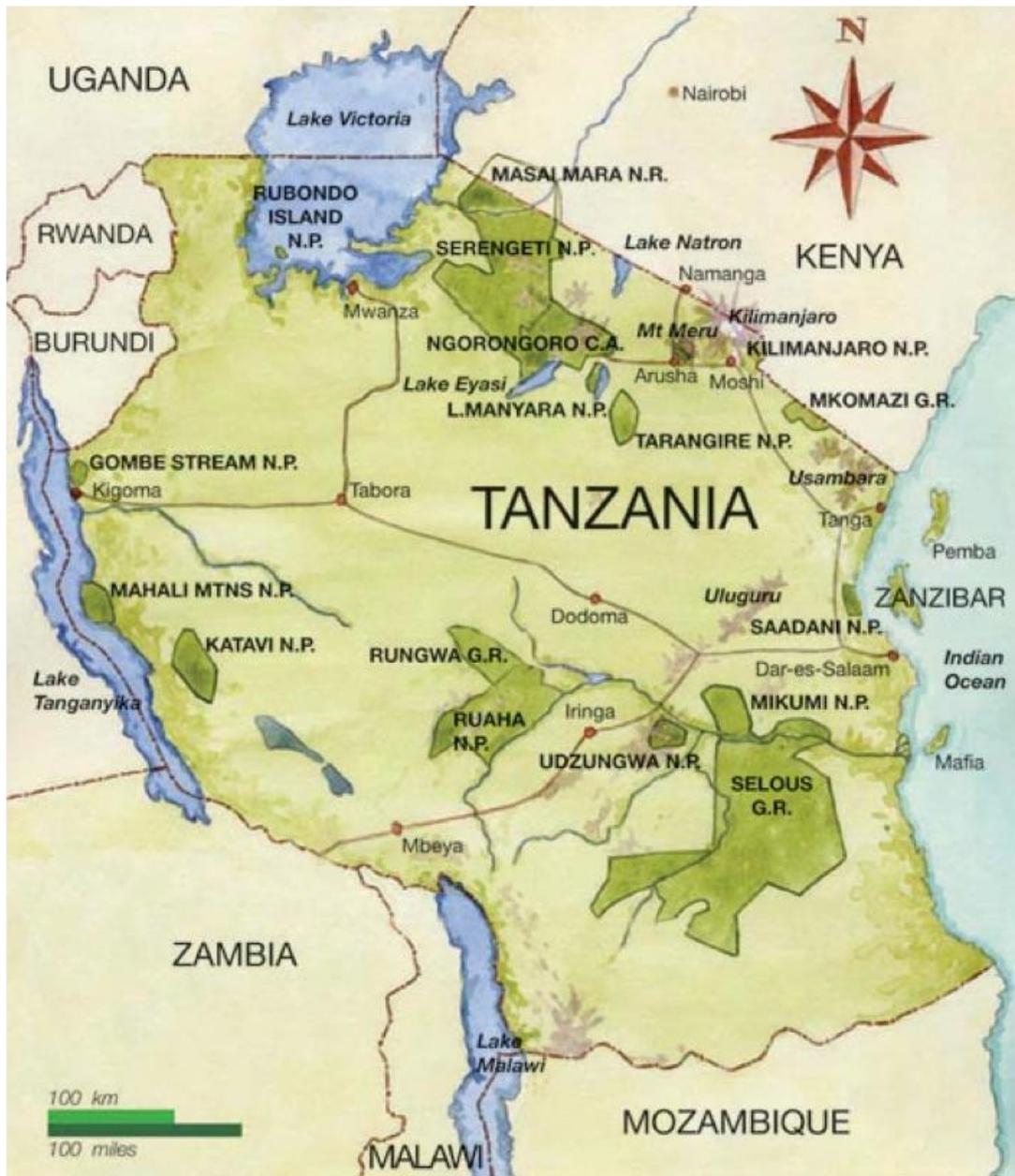
How to get there: Drive from Dar es Salaam or Mikumi National Park.

What to do: From a two-hour hike to the waterfall to camping safaris. Combine with nearby Mikumi National Park, Selous Game Reserve or en route to Ruaha National Park.

When to go: Possible year around although slippery during the rainy season. The dry season is June to October before the short rains, but be prepared for rain anytime.



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