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# FOUR DAYS SAFARI TO SELOUS

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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.



## #5 – FOUR DAYS SAFARI TO SELOUS GAME RESERVE – Hunt for the perfect picture

*With the perfect picture as the main goal for this safari, we must plan accordingly. What kind of environment do you require, what motive you want, and what location will be the best fit for this profile? With arrivals in Dar es Salaam, this will be the natural start for your safari. When you as an example like to get, picture showing the perfect reflection from the still water in the small lakes in Selous Game Reserve, this safari will be the natural choice.*

- 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 to medium
- 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

We pick you at your house/hotel in Dar es Salaam and head out of time by daybreak. A five hours' drive will take you to Selous Game Reserve, Africa's largest protected wildlife area. As you arrive the mighty Rufiji River we will park the cars by the river bank and place your luggage in the boat for the transfer over to the other side of the river. Lunch will be prepared, but you may want to check in first before you can relax with a tasty lunch overlooking the river. In the afternoon, we take you for a boat safari, up the river to find the hippopotamus, crocodiles, birds and nests in the river wall. You may also see the local fishermen swimming in the river, or the ladies doing laundry while the children are taking a bath. The boat safari has been called; romantic, exciting, relaxing and even amazing as the hippopotamus is very photogenic and the sunset is painting the skies in the brightest romantic colors.

Destination: Selous Game Reserve

Accommodation: Selous Wilderness Camp/Rufiji River Camp/Lake Manze

### Day 2

Today you enjoy a full day of safari in Selous Game Reserve, the land of the elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, zebras, antelopes as well as lions and other predators. This area is more than 50 km<sup>2</sup>, that is larger than Belgium. A UNESCO world heritage site, Selous gives you extraordinary possibilities for wildlife experiences. Since Selous is a game reserve (not a



national park), we have the options of following the herds of animals outside the roads, into their natural habitats which give you the best chance for getting you the “million dollars” picture. You will return to the lodge before the sun sets. At the lodge, you can enjoy some snack around the fire as you watch the sun setting over the mighty Rufiji River. You will be served a delicious dinner before you go back to your tent/bungalow. In the evening, you can enjoy the safari stories around the fire or you can just relax in the cozy sitting area before you enjoy a tasty dinner.

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### Day 3

Today you start the before daybreak entering the reserve with both breakfast and lunch to get the best safari experience. In the morning, you may see the hippopotamus on land, running towards the river before the sun starts heating. The predators may still be wandering around before they go to rest in a tree, or a shady bush. For both breakfast and lunch you will enjoy in the shade of a tree, maybe even overlooking some animals strolling the open planes, or the hippopotamus hiding under the water in the lake.

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### Day 4

Before breakfast you take some tea or coffee and some fruits before heading in to the woods by foot. Together with a guide and an armed ranger you will explore the nature and the smaller habitants in the bush of Selous. This exciting morning, you will be working up an appetite and as you return to the lodge they will have prepared a solid breakfast for you to enjoy. After breakfast, you return to Dar es Salaam, or fly over to Zanzibar depending on your program.

### Recommendation:

If you are continuing your trip to Zanzibar we advise to fly over to Zanzibar. Also, we can recommend one extra night in the lodge to relax and enjoy the swimming pool and a village walk, as well as enjoying the closeness of the wild.

### 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
- Two full days of game drive in Selous
- Boat safari and walking safari
- 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





## SELOUS GAME RESERVE

Selous Game Reserve as one of the world's largest protected wildlife areas, larger than Belgium, should be on your destination list if you want to combine extraordinary wildlife, boat safari on the famous Rufiji River and a fantastic nature.

Selous can easily be combined with Mikumi, Udzungwa Mountains and Ruaha National Parks. This can form a varied and adventurous roundtrip in the southern circuit.

Located south in Tanzania, along the Indian Ocean, Selous are with its size of 50.000 square kilometres one of the largest wildlife protection areas in the world. The history of the reserve is varied from the early trading routes passing the area, to the famous European explorers journeying through the Selous in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

During the First World War, the area was involved in the fight for East Africa. It's named after the British explorer Fredrick Courtney Selous, who was killed here during the war. The famous Selous Scouts were also named after him.

In 1982 the Selous was made to be World Heritage site by the UN, but still this is a wildlife destination without the largest tourist crowds. Those facts are giving you a unique opportunity for a stimulating and peaceful wildlife adventure.

Selous offer a magnitude of adventure possibilities, the most popular one will be the boat safari on one of the many lakes, or on the Rufiji River. From a "rolling" boat seat you'll see simmering bird life and animal activities, with hippos, waterbucks, buffaloes and crocodiles along with all the bird species.

But if you really want to explore this enormous area and its wildlife, you have to be in a good safari vehicle and you'll get close to the most known animals of Eastern Africa. All visitors hope to see the lions, which is spectacular, and if your one of the enduring viewers, you might be rewarded with a glance of the leopard, and extremely rare the cheetah.

Elephants and buffaloes can be seen in large quantities, and the elegant antelopes; impala, sable antelope, greater kudu, eland, wildebeest and hartebeest, a selection who reflects the richness and magnitude of wildlife in Selous Game Reserve.

### Park Facts

**Size:** 54.600 sq km (21.081 sq miles)

**Location:** South of Dar es Salaam, just east of the known Rufiji-delta.

**How to get there:** Plane from Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Zanzibar. 240 km by car from Dar es Salaam, 7 to 8 hours drive. 4WD vehicle needed.

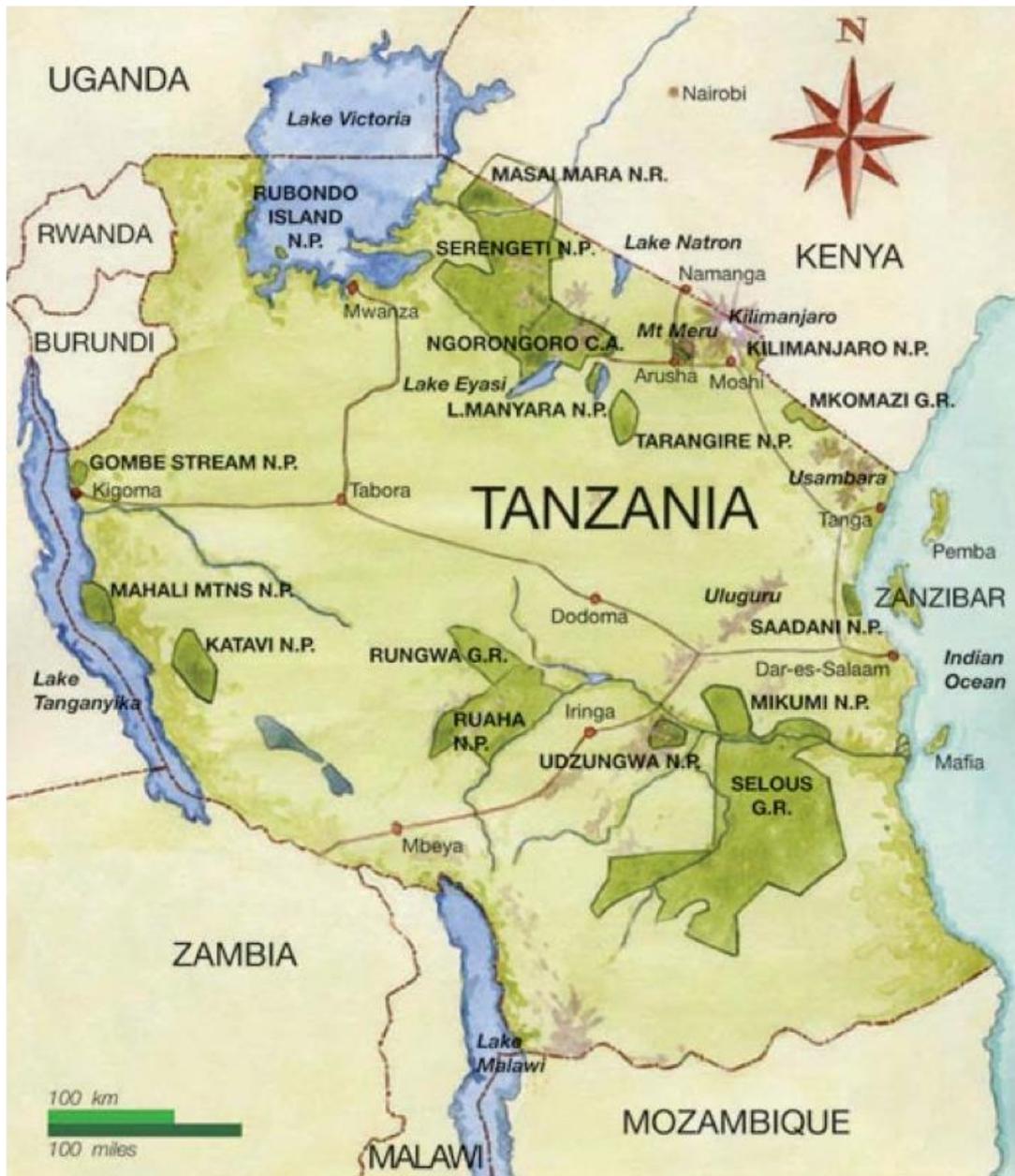
**What to do:** Game drive, boat safari, walking safari and guided excursions. Visit the memorial site of Fredrick Courtney Selous or the hot springs close to Lake Tagalala.

**When to go:** The dry season between June and November and January to March are best for big game viewing. Closer to the rainy season in April are fantastic if you want bird watching.

Most lodges close between March and May.



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