



## Southern Circuit National Parks



### Ruaha national Park Summary:

**Ruaha national park** is located in the southern central part of Tanzania and is one of the best parks at the moment. The main reason being that you can see all the big five at easy. It has its own geographical diversity, which are from rivers to hill tops. You can still see prides of lions of up to 30 at one moment. Dar es Salaam to Ruaha is 7 hrs drives passing through Mikumi national park to Iringa town. This road is tarred and is the link between Tanzania and its other neighbors. Iringa to Ruaha road is not tarred and needs 4x4 drive vehicles.

**Going there** can be by bus up to Iringa or drive the safari car from Dar or use a smaller car up to Iringa. From Iringa town use a 4 wheel drive to the park which will be 120 km from Iringa town.

**What you expect to see** you will see the big five at easy, the small five at a difficulty, different trees and their different use treating magic's humans and domestic animals, different grass types and different bird life from the hunter birds to the weaver birds, hills Mt ranges, rivers and ponds, insects, spiders and reptiles, crocos, monitor lizards snakes are not very easy to come across but you might see one or two. Learn Kiswahili language.

**Accommodation is easy** and nice in the area, there is camping facilities in the park, Banda's in the park or if one likes to stay outside that park there are dotted lodges to book for nights while moving from one place to the other hotel or lodge costing is on a bed and breakfast bases while full board is there also. Cost for your accommodation depends on what kind of rooms you need but the spectrum is that rates starts from 25 USD per person per night to 400 USD per person per night. This is up to one self to choose the class of place you might need to sleep in. Most of these lodges are privately run and offer competitive services like food, and other activates.

**Activities** are full day game drive, walking safaris, boat safaris, and cultural tours in the local

areas, mt hiking, and swimming. For more contact Costing for the safari to this park is advisable to be done as it comes but the general cost is 170USD per day for one person excluding accommodation. If it is accommodated safari then you have to choose the type of rooms you need and then we put the cost.

**What is in this price?** Included here is 4x4 safari game drive vehicle , 2 drinking water, 2 soft drinks, medical evacuation cover, entry fees, English speaking guide fees, transport from Dar to Ruaha and back to Dar.

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## Ruaha national Park 6 Days Itinerary

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### Day 1: Dar es Salaam

Honeybadger Tours will pick you form the hotel you would have stayed after your breakfast with lunch boxes on the journey to Ruaha national park. This trip will give us a chance to view Tanzania communities as we drive for almost the whole day to Iringa town. Lunch will be served along the way. We will also have chances to stop along the way on all interesting points either in scenic viewing or villages for cultural tours. We arrive in Iringa by 4 or 5 evening and proceed to your hotel, like Sunset lodge or we go for the Banda's in the park. Dinner and over night at the place of your choice.

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## Day 2: Ruaha National park

The most interesting safari starts from here onwards please seat back and relax as we take you to the park full of wildlife which is beatified by the flora of many types of grass type and tree types. Early morning games drive giving us a very good opportunity to see the retreating animals mostly the cats' family that hunt during the night. This is also a good chance for your sunrise photos. After which we come back for our breakfast and take again to the park for a full day game drive with our packed lunch boxes. Lunch will be served in the park and continue with game drive up to sunset. Dinner and over night at the hotel or camp of your choice mostly in the park.



## Day 3: Ruaha national park

This day is the activities day after a morning game drive. We take a morning game drive and then come back for lunch after which we have to go for activities like game walking and boat safaris. This is another chance to do bird watching and tree and grass scrutinizing. This is not compulsory those that who do not want to be on this can go back for game drive. Dinner and over night at the hotel.



## Day 4: Ruaha national park

Early morning game drive but this time is going to be a river based drive as we pursue the drinking animals .This day again is a full day game drive but concentrating on the rivers and drinking points so that we catch up with the animals we did not see in the open areas. This is the most in testing one since it give a very easy and great chance to see animals not in a hurry but drinking water from a point. Very nice photos can be taken as we gaze at the animals enjoying the drink or cooling their bodies.





### Day 5: Ruaha national park

Morning game drive to the hill tops and enjoys the scenic view of the park, while hunting for the unseen and interesting small five animals, and then later return for lunch. After lunch we go to the villages for cultural tours while those who need to rest can rest. If there is any other thing to be done suggestion are welcome of this day .After our cultural tours we take to rest early in the preparation of the next day travelling to Dar .



### Day 6: Ruaha to Dar

After breakfast we drive back to Dar for you relaxing and route to other destination or flight back home .This could be that day evening or the following day. Dinner and overnight is as your hotel. If you are sleeping we can have a city tour in the night or walking around to the craft points where you can buy present to show off back home. This end of the safari we wish to thank you all for travelling and having your safari with us Honeybadger Tours.

### Mikumi national park 4 days

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Is the closest parks to Dar es Salaam just about 300km from the city centre .As soon as you pass Morogoro Town you enter Mikumi National park .Main highway passes through the center of the national park giving a better chance to free watching of game animals that are close to the road as you continue with your journey you are not allowed to stop. Transfer from the airport to a local hotel like my best hotel is Peacock Hotel right in the city centre. Dinner and overnight there enjoying the Tanzania cuisines.





## Day 1: Dar to Mikumi National park

After breakfast Honeybadger Tours will take to a safari by driving from Dar to Mikumi using safari vehicle. We use a tarred road up to Morogoro Town where we should have a rest at a farm house if time is with us and sleep there. It is with new excitement that we venture back into the new bush. Driving through the Uluguru Mountains on our way towards Mbuyuni Farm land, where we will spend the entire late afternoon exploring the mountaineering beauty and surrounding farm in search of some small five families with the likes of; (Lion Ant, Buffalo Beetle)

**Excursion:** farm visit, cycling safari, etc. (own expense)

**Accommodation** at Mbuyuni Farm on full board basis



## Day 2: Mbuyuni Farm Retreat

Set off for Mbuyuni Farm to explore by bike, and experience mountain life in this wonderful village. The experience will involve some replanting of trees, and farm duties, either for the extension and protection of the natural forest, or, in an area set aside as consumptive for village use. Accommodation at Mbuyuni Farm on full board basis



## Day 3: Mikumi

After breakfast, depart for Mikumi National Park with lunch served on the way. Arrival time in Mikumi will be past noon and straight our driver / guide will book for afternoon game drive, thereafter will drive to the Mikumi Tan-Swiss lodge for dinner and overnight, the lodge owned by Swiss couple and famous for serving Swiss cuisine menu!!

**Accommodation** at Tan – Swiss Lodge on Half board basis



## Day 4: Dar es Salaam

After a morning relaxing around the Farm Lodge, set off towards Dar es Salaam through the lush Mountains scenery of the Uluguru Mountains to Dar es Salaam. Lunch will be served on the way and arrived in Dar es Salaam late afternoon and dropped at your hotel or transfer to Airport for your onwards travel arrangements. Accommodation in Mikumi ranges from as low 30 USD up to 300USD you have to remember that value goes hand in hand with price, while price goes hand in hand with service quality.

**Price on camping** bases 170USD per day per person and trips goes on with not less than two pax other than that prices do change

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## Selous game Reserve 5 days stay

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## Day 01: Dar es Salaam

From Julius Nyerere International Airport we meet our representative from Honeybadger Tours and Travel and head towards Peacock Hotel in the city of Dar es Salaam for dinner and overnight. After breakfast on the next day, we will be a pre-departure meeting of our expedition for the next 13 days. Accommodation at Peacock Hotel on Bed & Breakfast (Dinner own expense)



### Day 02: Selous Game Reserve

Setting off from the capital, Dar es Salaam at 07:00hrs, we travel southern region towards the only true Game Reserve in East Africa, Selous Game Reserve. Arriving at the Sable Mountain Lodge for Lunch and then late afternoon game drive till sundown. Return to the camp and welcomed with a traditional meal, enjoyed under the coastal skies. **Accommodation** at Sable Mountain Lodge on Half board basis.



### Day 03: Selous Game Reserve

After breakfast you can stretch your legs and enjoy the thrills of a safari on foot. After this refreshing walking safari return to the Camp for lunch. After lunch, we head back into the bush for game drive till sundown which is one of the best times to have a game drive. It is only at this time when you are easy to see the big cats starting their hunting and pray stalking. **Accommodation** at

Sable Mountain Lodge on full Board basis.

#### **Excursions:**

(walking safari then game drive until sundown).



### Day 04: Selous Game Reserve

Morning boat safari on the Lake Tagalala which will give you a very relaxing and challenging

river and water life, crocos are getting out of water to kick start the day by heating their engines. This unique safari will allow you to experience the wildlife along the river banks and have close up views with Crocodiles and Hippopotamus. Return to the Camp for Lunch. After lunch game drive in the Selous animals spotted areas.

**Accommodation** at Sable Mountain Lodge on Full board basis

**Excursions:** (boat safari then game drive until sundown)



### Day 05: Selous to Dar

***After breakfast we take to the road and drive Dar for relaxing and city tour and craft visits*** . Price on camping bases 200USD per day per person and trips goes on with not less than two pax other than that prices do change What is in this price? Included here is 4x4 safari game drive vehicle , 2 drinking water, 2 soft drinks, medical evacuation cover, entry fees, English speaking guide fees, transport from Dar to Ruaha and back to Dar , [info@honeybadgertours.com](mailto:info@honeybadgertours.com) Excluded are hotel accommodations in Dar on day of arrival and departure date, extra activates like walking, boat, and other activates, medical insurance, tips, beers, gifts or souvenirs, translating into other languages other than English. Transfer from airport to your hotel and back to airport.

### Kilombero Valley Tanzania's Delta 6 days

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This is the only adventurous safari and is the most interesting one of all I have done in Tanzania. The land is an open area and has its good and better things to do other than being in any national park. Staying will be at Mbega lodge in Ifakara, camping at points, Mahenge lodges and Orphanage center in the community. Mode of transport to this place is by air, road, and train.







## Day 1: Ifakara

After breakfast Honeybadger Tours take to Ifakara town which is a farming town as we drive to this town we will have a very last chance to see the unseen animals from the great park. We will have a night in this town having refreshments of allsorts and have our dinner and overnight at Kilombero Mbega Resort which is situated just outside town. See web site [www.kilombero-resort.com](http://www.kilombero-resort.com).



## Day 2: Kilombero valley

Expedition to the Delta starts. After our traditional breakfast we drive towards Kilombero River. It will take 20 min to get to the great river. We are going to have a great challenge to cross over to the other side of the river. This point is the only place we can cross and there is no bridge so we do not know how we are going to cross but definitely we will cross over by using what..... The river is at least 30 wide during rainy season. Before we cross everyone will have a chance to catch a fish and roast it before and after the crossing point otherwise superstition will make it difficult to cross over. We have to make it to Mahenge the oldest fort by the Germans in Tanzania. It is about 2000m altitude. Our dinner and overnight at local hotel while we enjoy the cool breeze of this chosen sight which will be fed from the river. As we enjoy the beers and coffee we will be entertained by the district officer who will be outlining the very conflict that is experienced in this part of the world between wild life and the settlers who just came to do some communal farming.



## Day 3: Mahenge

Early in the morning we have chance to view sunrise which will be coming from Selous Game Reserve. After that we take a walk to down to the valley through the single street in this town. After our breakfast we relax enjoying again a very close up of the area. After lunch we take to the delta with a game scout to escort us as this place is a game controlled area. The whole expedition is going to be a camping one and no other services are there only the good music of the night. The game scout will lead us to any place deep into the wilderness for camping. We will enjoy a night fire plus a cool night out there.



## Day 4&5: Kilombero valley.

After breakfast we take to the adventure of walking into these thicket areas. We expect to meet lions, buffalos, Puku and Zebra at easy. After lunch we drive to further north or south depending on the trend of the presence of animals. Since this is not a national park we can continue exploring even in the deep night. Get a sound and we wake up to investigate. These two days are as unique as you will discover. During the day we take to bird watch and butterfly discover. The plains are as hot as you are on the beach but the nights are as cold as you might not imagine. It is also during these days that we can take to the waters to see the big crocs, hippos and fishing with the local fisherman. You can be lucky to catch the catfish, tiger fish and other types not recoded. During these days we will move from one camp to the other depending on what would have made our night a memorable one. Nights are full of music from different species and they try to dominate the territories they conquer. It is in this place where you can easily measure the distance of a lion roar. We will have a chance to mix with locals for their traditional music galas done almost every day night. We can also meet the Sukumas one of the pastoralist tribe still existing to date.



### Day 6: Dar

***After breakfast WE DRIVE TO DAR FOR YOUR CRAFTS SEVOUNIRS AND CITY TOUR this is going to be an interesting drive since we will pass through sugar cane farm, teak tree plantations and other farming activities in the area mostly rice fields*** Price on camping bases 170USD per day per person and trips goes on with not less than two pax other than that prices do change

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**Please note that for a safari to be cheaper the only factors that reduce prices are, number of pax and moderate accommodation demands the two plays a very crucial role in pulling down cost because of sharing the expenses. For more information please feel free to visit us on**