



11 DAYS Hidden Gems of Africa ACE0836

DAR ES SALAAM TO DAR ES SALAAM

Note:

* Prices for Optional Activities are approximate and are supplied and controlled by the independent activity operators. The operator makes every effort to keep the site accurate and updated, but will not be held responsible for rate changes or inaccuracies in these prices.

* Accommodation and camps used may change from that stated and the operator reserves the right to change these as and when necessary.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Meeting Point:

New Africa Hotel, Dar es Salaam

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Pre Dep Meeting:

18h30 pm on Day 1

Tour Start Time:

Vehicle leaves Dar es Salaam at approx 08h00 am on Day 2

Tour End Time:

Tour ends on Day 11 in Dar es Salaam at approx 14h00 pm

Tour End point:

Same as above

On Day 1, clients should meet at New Africa Hotel at 18h30 pm for the pre-departure meeting. YOU WILL SEE THE OPERATORS SIGN IN THE RECEPTION AREA OF THE HOTEL FOR MORE INFORMATION WITH REGARDS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MEETING.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

Itinerary as specified, highlighted text is also included, fully equipped safari vehicle, services of tour leader and camp courier, all accommodation, all catering equipment and scheduled National Park entrance fees. Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) where specified. Meals not shown will be to the clients account. Occasionally breakfast and lunch may be combined into a brunch where necessary e.g. mornings with early game drives.



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EXCLUDED FROM THE TOUR PRICE:

International airfares, arrival and departure transfers, travel and medical insurance, personal spending money, visas, passports, vaccinations, personal taxes (including departure and border taxes) all optional activities, unscheduled or optional National Parks / Reserves entrance fees, gratuities, restaurant meals and all other items of a personal nature. All drinks, even on days with full board basis.

PRE-DEPARTURE:

The pre-departure meeting will give you all a chance to meet your fellow travellers and get to know your guides. The meeting will cover all the aspects of the trip. Please bring with you to this meeting: your passport with relevant visa's and evidence of medical and personal insurance. Please also bring the Local Payment to the pre-departure meeting. **The local payment is required to cover a wide variety of our on-tour expenses, which can include National Park entrance fees, excursions and activities, certain fresh foods, vehicle tolls and entrance fees, as well as some accommodation costs whilst travelling throughout Africa. The local payment is the final tour fare instalment which must be paid in USD cash to the tour leader at the pre-departure meeting.** If you are unable to attend the pre-departure meeting, please let us know at least one week prior to your arrival in the country so the message can be passed on to all relevant parties.

Most clients arrive a few days prior to day 1 of the tour. Arriving a few days early will give them plenty of time to enjoy all that Dar es Salaam has to offer. We can arrange any accommodation or activities you may require if you want to arrive early or stay on in Africa after your tour ends. Please contact us for assistance.

PLEASE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT ON SUNDAY'S BANKS AND BUREAUX DE CHANGES WILL BE CLOSED.

TANZANIA:

This tour starts in the Capital city of Dar es Salaam. To most travellers, Dar es Salaam is just a convenient port of call on the way to more exotic destinations of Zanzibar, the game parks, Pemba or Mafia Islands. This is a great pity, because "Dar", as it is affectionately called by aficionados of the city, is a fascinating rabbit warren of a tropical port, often surprising you with scenes of great beauty. After the adventures of the big city, we move to Selous Game Reserve. At over 50,000 square kilometers, it is the largest game reserve in Africa. Enjoy a multitude of activities whilst here before moving on to Ruaha and Udzungwa Mountains. Ruaha is considered to be one of the great "undiscovered" wilderness areas of East Africa, and the third largest game conservation area after Selous and Serengeti. Ultimately the tour ends back in Dar es Salaam.

DAY 1 - Dar es Salaam

Life in Dar es Salaam revolves around the huge harbour, with the business district fanning out from here in a series of fascinating side and main streets. There is something irresistible about whiling away a few hours sitting at the water's edge, watching dhows, as traditionally rigged as they have been for centuries, slipping under the bows of huge cruise liners and cargo ships as they skilfully navigate the waters of the port. On the northern arm of the harbour is Kivukoni Front, with its bustling fish market, where every morning at dawn the dhows sail in to offload the night's catch and yelling fishwives compete with each other for the best of the catch. The city itself is an eclectic mix of Swahili, German, Asian and British architecture, reflecting its colonial past and more recent history. It is a relatively new city. Sultan Majid bin Said, then the sultan of Zanzibar, saw the potential of Dar as a deepwater port because of its strategic position at the centre of the East African coast. Wandering the streets of Dar is nowhere more rewarding than in the Asian business district, along India Street and the intersecting Indira Ghandi Street. Here the flavours and smells are of a little Bombay, and if there's anything you need to buy for your holiday, this is where you'll find it. In this concentrated section of the city, you'll find some of the best restaurants in East Africa, notably on Jamhuri, Mkunguni, Zanaki and Kisutu Streets. This day is at your leisure and you can spend it exploring this city. Clients are to meet at the New Africa Hotel at 18h30 pm for the pre-departure. Here you will meet your crew. All meals will be to the clients own account.



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HOTEL

DAYS 2 - 4 - Selous Game Reserve (250 km - 7 hours)

Roughly the size of Switzerland, Selous is Tanzania's largest wildlife reserve and is one of the highlights of East Africa. With rolling grassy plains and miombo woodland, wildlife viewing is good, and there are an estimated 750,000 mammals living in the park, including elephant, crocodile, buffalo and hippo, as well as lion, leopard and cheetah. The park is best known, however, for its population of wild dog, also called African hunting dog. These beautifully patterned predators are highly endangered and Selous is one of the last refuges where they can be seen. Boat safaris on the Rufiji River are a great way of getting close to the wildlife as you can watch the animals come down to the water's edge to drink. Travel to the Selous Game Reserve, an untrammelled tract of wilderness which is the largest reserve in Africa. We enjoy a boat safari on the Rufiji River and two days are spent exploring the reserve. We visit the Maji Moto hot springs, take game drives and also enjoy a walking safari. All meals whilst in Selous are included.

TENTED CAMP

DAYS 5 - 7 - Ruaha National Park (665 km - 11 hours)

Leaving the Selous behind we drive via Morogoro to Ruaha National Park, another giant among parks. Ruaha is one of Tanzania's remotest wildlife areas, thus ensuring that visitor numbers are far lower than the northern safari circuit - as one of the country's best-kept secrets it gets just 6000 visitors a year. The Great Ruaha River Valley offers an area of floodplains, grassland and evergreen forest which is home to a huge array of wildlife. Ruaha has the largest population of elephants out of any park in Tanzania, and is also known for the large numbers of antelope that gather here. With large numbers of herbivores come predators, and lion, leopard, cheetah, jackal and wild dog are all found, as well as the striped hyena. The birdlife is spectacular, with over 480 species. We arrive and take an evening game drive in search of seldom seen nocturnal wildlife. The next two days, we explore the park in 4WD vehicles. All meals whilst in Ruaha are included.

LODGE

DAYS 8 & 9 - Udzungwa Mountains (180 km - 3 hours)

This mountain wilderness of forested hills, waterfalls and streams covers a wide range of altitudes from 200m to 2,500m, and has almost uninterrupted forest canopy, offering the ideal habitat for monkeys. Ten species of primate are found here, including four unique to the area. Hiking trails run through the reserve, many passing small pools and swimming holes. Herds of buffalo are sometimes seen in the area, and elephant scale the escarpment at night. Drive to the Udzungwa Mountains, an area of pristine rainforest which was isolated millions of years ago from the stretches of forest that once covered much of Africa. This area is excellent for spotting primates and has many species of animals and birds which are found nowhere else. On day 22 enjoy a hike through the forest to the Sanje Waterfalls, a series of dramatic falls that drop 170m to the ground. The walk offers good opportunities to spot wildlife, and we have the chance to cool off in one of the nearby pools when we arrive. All meals on both days are included.

LODGE

DAY 10 - Dar es Salaam (480 km - 6 hours)



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Today we travel back to the lively port town of Dar es Salaam to spend the night. Breakfast and lunch are included. Dinner is to the clients own account.

HOTEL

DAY 11 - Dar es Salaam

Our tour ends today after breakfast.

Please note: While it is our intention to adhere to the itinerary described above, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. On Day 1 of your tour, you will be advised of any amendments.



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