

Safari Extension: Selous Safari Camp – Selous Game Reserve

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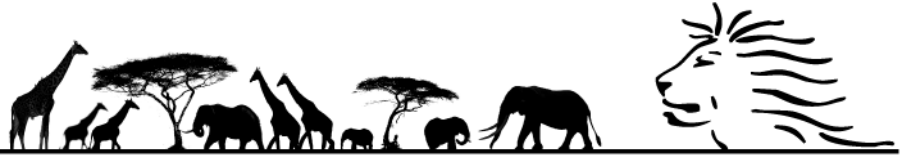
This itinerary is intended to be integrated at the end of your core safari in Tanzania’s northern circuit. Day 1 correlates with the last day of your core safari. Please refer to the core safari itinerary for specific information on that segment.

Safari Extension Overview:

Date	Regions Explored	Accommodations	Notes
Day 1*	Arusha/Selous	Selous Safari Camp	Coastal Aviation flight: Arusha to Selous (Siwandu Airstrip) 12.15pm-3.15pm
Day 2	Selous	Selous Safari Camp	
Day 3	Selous	Selous Safari Camp	
Day 4	Amboseli / Nairobi	Kempinski Dar es Salaam	Coastal Aviation flight: Selous to Dar es Salaam - 2.25pm- 4.40pm

* Day 1 of this Extension correlates with the last day of the Tanzania safari

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Day 1: Lake Manyara / Selous Game Reserve

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Lodge before departing to Lake Manyara.



Expect superb views of the Lake Manyara basin as you descend the steep rift escarpment into the Rift Valley. Spend the morning exploring Lake Manyara and enjoy a picnic lunch in 'the bush'.



Lake Manyara is a beautiful little park and is well known for its tree-climbing lions, elephants and large troops of baboons. The park is home to an amazing variety of birds and animals considering its small size. A short visit to this serene park will greatly diversify your safari experience as the lush ground water forest is of stark contrast to the other habitats you will encounter. Lake Manyara is 125 square miles but the shallow, alkaline lake consumes the majority of this area. The land portion of the park is tucked between the lake and the sheer rock walls of the rift valley escarpment that tower 2,000 feet above. The park is home to three distinct habitats including open floodplains, acacia woodlands and a groundwater forest.



Game drive your way out of the park towards Arusha (option to stop by a local market or rural school). You may wish to stop in Arusha to shop for souvenirs, arts, crafts, etc. Ask your driver to stop at a few shops if you are interested. Say goodbye to your expert guide who has been there for you every step of your journey. This is a great time to tip him based upon the quality of his performance.



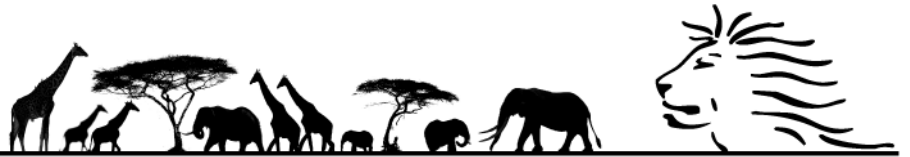
Depart Arusha on your scheduled flight to Selous. ("Selous" is pronounced *Se-loo*.) On arrival you will be met by a lodge representative and transferred to Selous Safari Camp. It is a 10 minute transfer by road from the airstrip to the Camp (pictured left).



Tucked beneath a canopy of shade trees, on the sandy shores of a quiet bend in the Rufiji River in the Selous Game Reserve, lies the elegant and exciting Selous Safari Camp. The Camp consists of only 12 sleeping tents, which are further subdivided into two separate camps with dedicated facilities and staff. An isolated island of luxury in the middle of the great wilderness of the Selous Game Reserve, this safari camp offers the best of everything: beautiful surroundings, close proximity to wildlife, exciting activities, intimate atmosphere, exquisite accommodations, sophisticated dining and friendly service. Relax in your private safari tent until it is time for the afternoon activities. Choose between a walking safari, boat safari or game drive in the late afternoon, starting around 4pm.

Dinner and overnight at Selous Safari Camp.

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Day 2-3: Selous Game Reserve

Enjoy your time here at the Selous Safari Camp exploring the wilds of the Selous Game Reserve by foot, boat and vehicle!



The Selous Game Reserve is a treasure of Tanzania and one of the largest protected areas in the world. ("Selous" is pronounced *Se-loo*.) At over 45,000 sq kilometers, Selous comprises 5% of Tanzania's entire land surface. At an estimated 5,000 visitors per year, the area is uninhabited and mostly untouched by man. Selous was declared a 'World Heritage Site' in 1982 due to its unique ecological importance in the world.



Activities at Selous Safari Camp are shared with other guests and are conducted twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Activities for guests to choose from include game drives, boat trips and walking safaris. Game drives are conducted in an open-sided vehicle and the morning drive usually begins around 8am. Boat safaris are conducted in sturdy motor-boats covered by a shade canopy, and they also begin around 8am. Guided walking safaris are also conducted earlier, around 6.30am, to avoid the heat of the day. These typically last till lunch at 1pm. There's then time to relax at Camp before the afternoon round of activities begin, which start at 4pm and last till sunset.



Selous is at a lower elevation than Tanzania's northern circuit, much closer to sea level, and temperatures are elevated accordingly. This, combined with the myriad of rivers, tributaries and oxbow lakes creates a sultry and almost tropical environment.

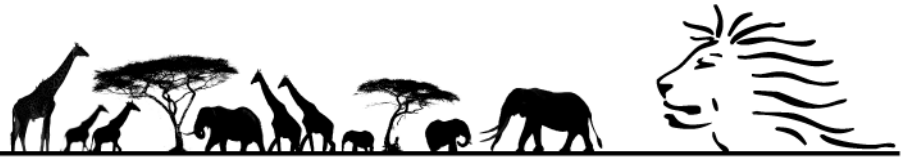


Not only is the area beautiful and pristine, but it is also home to some spectacular wildlife. The concentration of wild dogs, elephants, crocodiles, hippos and buffalo here are some of the largest in all of Africa. Wild dogs are one of the most famous of the protected populations here, due to their extreme rarity throughout most of Africa. In addition to wild dogs, Selous offers visitors a realistic chance to glimpse some of the other large African predators, namely lion, leopard and hyena. Selous is one of the few places where the leopard population actually outnumbers the lion population, although leopards still remain difficult to spot because of their elusive nature. Cheetah sightings have been reported here, but remain very rare. The Selous is also home to many other animals, including black rhino, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, impala, bush buck, water buck, eland, sable antelope and the greater kudu. Selous is definitely a bird watchers paradise, sporting over 440 different species!



A patchwork of grassland and miombo forest blanket the reserve's interior, heavily dominated by the latter. Groves of impressive *Borassus* palm trees,

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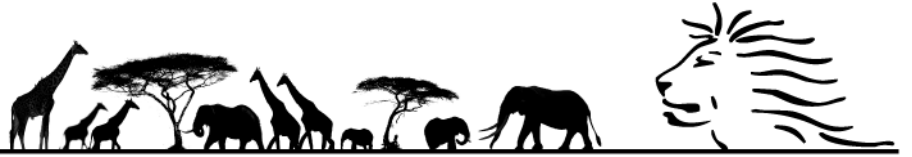
some over 25 meters tall, hem in a watery labyrinth of channels and canals that weave their way through a network of emerald swamps and glassy lakes. The watery wonderland opens up possibilities for a whole new way to explore that is completely unique to Selous – safari by boat. There is just something very special about floating within a few feet of a massive crocodile basking eye-level to you on a sandbank, jaws slightly cracked open in a mock smile, pearly whites to glistening in the sun. Or drifting in silence down a watery canal while groups of submerged hippos bob silently all around, eyes just barely breaking the surface of the water with a long stare that continues to follow you long after you pass by. The boat engine allows you to change speed as needed. You can move quickly out of the way when that burly male hippo splashes violently towards you in a mock charge. Or you can putter along at a more leisurely pace, the gentle hum of the motor purring behind you while your gaze skims the horizon for wildlife. Rather you might turn the engine off completely and simply drift down a watery canal to the subtle chorus of chirps, cries, wails, splashes, croaks and a myriad of other unidentifiable noises that are the life of the Selous.

Although Selous is a beautiful reserve and has a lot to offer, it is good to know what to expect before making the trek here. It's true that Selous covers a massive area of wilderness, but touting uninhibited exploration of the entire area would be misleading. The Rufiji river (Tanzania's largest river) and the mighty Ruaha (a mighty tributary) divide the Selous into two disproportionate sections. Approximately 90% of the Reserve lies south of the river and is set aside exclusively for controlled hunting safaris through privately leased concessions. Part of the northern section has also been reserved for hunting. That only leaves 5% or so of the reserve's total area for the photographic safari, while the rest of the reserve is more or less "off limits" to the casual safari enthusiast. Luckily, wildlife is plentiful in the area which has been set aside for photographic safaris. However, since much of the Selous is covered in dense overgrowth, impenetrable forest or impassible swampland, the wildlife still has lots of nooks and crannies in which to hide. Therefore, game viewing can be a bit more difficult here compared to some of Tanzania's more open parks of the North, such as the Serengeti. It is also worth noting that some of the animals here tend to be a bit shy and more difficult to approach. Even the photographic area of Selous sees very few visitors annually, so most animals here don't ever become habituated to the presence of humans. Also, animals that have been exposed to those areas of the Reserve where hunting is allowed may be more skittish and wary of humans. For these reasons we only recommend Selous as an *extension* to enhance a solid itinerary that already includes some of Tanzania's northern parks to ensure the quality of our guests' overall safari experience.

Overnights and all meals at the luxurious Selous Safari Camp.

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Day 4: Selous Game Reserve / Dar es Salaam

Enjoy breakfast at the lodge and enjoy a morning game drive, boat safari or walking safari before being transferred to the local airstrip for your prescheduled morning flight from the nearby Siwandu airstrip to Dar es Salaam.

You will be met at the Dar es Salaam Airport transferred to your day room at the Kempinski in Dar es Salaam. Relax in your room before your transfer to the international terminal for your late night international flight.

Selous Safari Inclusions:

- All accommodations
- All meals
- Laundry service
- All internal airfare including Arusha to Zanzibar and Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam
- All airport - hotel transfers
- All national park and reserve entrance fees
- Guided game drives in an open-sided 4x4 vehicle on a shared basis
- Guided boat safaris on a shared basis
- Guided group walking safaris

Selous Safari Exclusions:

- International Airfare
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance
- Laundry, soft drinks, beer, wine and spirits not specified above
- Items of a personal nature (souvenirs, incidentals, etc.) and Travel Insurance
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- Non-scheduled activities at lodges