

**ITINERARY 3 – SOUTH:  
SELOUS and RUAHA  
- 9 days and 8 nights -**

DAY	SCHEDULE Ruaha National Park - Selous Game Reserve	STANDARD LODGES		LUXURY LODGES	
		OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 1	OPTION 2
<b>1 Selous Arrival</b>	<p>Arrival of the flight from Dar El Salaam at the Mtemere Airstrip airport early in the morning where you'll be met by our driver and guide, who will be with you for the entire tour.</p> <p>The Selous Reserve, with a surface area of 48.000 Sq Km, is mostly deserted and is the biggest park in Africa, as well as one of the biggest in the world.</p> <p>Along the Rufiji river, which winds through woods, forests and prairies, it will be possible to spot the animals living near its banks, in a higher concentration than inside the reserve. A boat photo safari is quite an experience which can take you eye to eye with hyppos, crocodiles and elephants living there. Absolutely not to be missed are the impressive colours of the sunsets, really unforgettable.</p> <p>A packed lunch will be available at noon, whereas dinner will be served at the lodge where you'll return in the late afternoon.</p> <p>No other activities are scheduled for the day.</p>				
<b>2-3 Selous</b>	<p>After breakfast, photo safari in an off-road vehicle to discover the local fauna, particularly abundant in the reserve.</p> <p>The Selous Reserve hosts the highest number of mammals on earth: first of all elephants and giraffes, followed by hyppos. Big predators are also present in great numbers, particularly wild dogs, which here are almost half the world's population.</p> <p>With little less than 450 species of birds, the area around the river is a Mecca for birdwatching: herons, storks, fish eagles, white-fronted bee-eaters and a lot of other birds that flutter among the river's many plants.</p> <p>Additionally, you can go on a walking photo safari, usually lasting 2/3 hours, accompanied by an armed park ranger,.</p> <p>A packed lunch will be available at noon, whereas dinner will be served at the lodge where you'll return in the late afternoon.</p> <p>No other activities are scheduled for the day.</p>				
<b>4 Ruaha Arrival</b>	<p>After breakfast, early in the morning, departure for the Ruaha National Park on a domestic flight connecting the two airports.</p> <p>Upon arrival of the Mtemere Airstrip flight from Dar Es Salaam early in the morning, you'll be met by our driver and guide, who will be with you for the entire tour.</p> <p>In the heart of Tanzania, the Ruaha park still has some completely unexplored areas, so more often than not you'll be the only visitors. Its surface area of 22.000 Sq km makes it such a big place that coming across some other tourists is rare.</p> <p>Its physical features vary a lot according to the area taken into account.</p> <p>The forests near the great Ruaha river give way to the semi-desertic lands in the Rift Valley, in the same way as the forests on the plateaux slowly change into the iconic savannah landscape with many acacia trees.</p>				

	<p>Animals are in great numbers along the whole river. The water, flowing all year round, is very precious for the big mammals and it is right here that the big predators lie in ambush, making this territory the stage for the all-out fights subjects of the numberless nature documentaries. A packed lunch will be available at noon, whereas dinner will be served at the lodge where you'll return in the late afternoon.</p> <p>No other activities are scheduled for the day.</p>				
<b>5-6 Ruaha</b>	<p>After breakfast, the day begins with a photo safari in an off-road vehicle through the park. Along the river banks are about 12.000 elephants, together with a great number of hyppos, giraffes, lions, cheetas and wild dogs, not found in any other park in Tanzania except for the Selous reserve. Across immense prairies and through thick woods, a multitude of black and eland antilopes, weighing up to 700 kg (1500 lbs) are always on the go...</p> <p>On the hills, in the shadows of the baobabs and the acacia trees, both lesser and greater kudus can be seen mostly foraging or seeking shelter from the sun.</p> <p>A walking photo safari, which usually lasts 2/3 hours, is another great experience we highly recommend.</p> <p>A packed lunch will be available at noon, whereas dinner will be served at the lodge where you'll return in the late afternoon.</p> <p>No other activities are scheduled for the day.</p>				
<b>7 Mikumi Arrival</b>	<p>After breakfast, mid-morning departure for the Mikumi National Park. It will take some hours to get there, with arrival scheduled in the afternoon.</p> <p>A packed lunch will be available or, alternatively, lunch can be at a typical restaurant.</p> <p>Arrival at the Mikumi National Park in the afternoon and free time until dinner.</p> <p>No other activities are scheduled for the day.</p>				
<b>8 Mikumi</b>	<p>After breakfast, visit to the fourth biggest reserve in Tanzania which, together with the Selous Game Reserve, is one of the largest wild areas on the entire planet. The park is known for the exclusive vegetation that covers most of its surface, namely the myombo.</p> <p>The landscape is made up of clearing, savannah, trees and low plants, chiefly Brachystegia and Julbernardia.</p> <p>This diversity has been the perfect place for exceptionally rich wildlife which includes a large number of big herbivores: elephants, giraffes, hyppos, buffaloes, antilopes and zebras among others.</p> <p>Where there's abundance of preys, there are loads of predators: lions, leopards, cheetas and wild dogs. There are also 400 different bird species.</p> <p>The whole day will be spent spotting these animals, which are typical of the north-western parts of the Country.</p> <p>There will be a packed lunch, whereas dinner will be served at the lodge where you'll return in the late afternoon.</p> <p>No other activities are scheduled for the day.</p>				
<b>9 Departure</b>	<p>After breakfast, if there's enough time, photo safari in a jeep or on foot for a perfect ending of your vacation.</p> <p>Once back at the camp, lunch and subsequent transfer to the airport for your return flight to Dar El Salam.</p>				

### **This package includes:**

- Transfer on a domestic flight from Dar El Salaam to the Selous Game Reserve ;
- Transfer on a domestic flight from the Selous Game Reserve to the Ruaha International Park;
- Transfer by car from the Ruaha International Park to the Mikumi National Park;
- Transfer by car from the Mikuni National Park to the Dar El Salam Airport;
- Exclusive use of a 4-wheel-drive off-road vehicle equipped for all the tours. Snacks, water, coffee and wi-fi are available;
- Full board, drinks excluded. A packed lunch will be available when lunch is not at the lodge;
- Entrance fees to the parks and protected areas;
- All the aforementioned excursions and activities;
- Guide speaking Italian and/or English;
- Insurance policy with air transport in case of injury. See relevant section for further information.

### **This package DOES NOT include:**

- International flights, but we will provide you assistance in finding the best flights;
- Flights to and from Zanzibar;
- Additional night stay in Dar El Salam before the photo safari;
- Additional night stay in the National Ruaha Park;
- Additional night stay in the Selous Game Reserve;
- Additional night stay in the Mikuni National Park;
- Air transfer from the Ruaha National Park to the Mikumi National Park
- Entry visa (for UE citizens, an additional sum of 50\$ will have to be paid upon arrival at the airport);
- Gratuities (it is advisable to tip the guide);
- Everything not included in "This package includes".