



5 DAYS SELOUS (NYERERE) & RUFJI RIVER SAFARI

5 Days Nyerere Rufiji River Safari

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FROM USD 1,800 Per person	DURATION 5 Days / 4 Nights Southern Tanzania Safari from Dar es Salaam	TRIP STYLE Private Lodge Safari 4x4 Game Drives, Rufiji River Boat Safari and Walking Safari	KEY DESTINATIONS Dar es Salaam, Nyerere National Park (Selous), Rufiji River Southern Tanzania Safari Circuit	BEST FOR Southern Tanzania Safari Travellers Couples, families, photographers and wildlife lovers seeking fewer crowds
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Overview

This 5 Days Selous (Nyerere) and Rufiji River Safari is a southern Tanzania wildlife journey designed for travellers who want a quieter and more varied safari experience from Dar es Salaam. The itinerary explores Nyerere National Park, formerly Selous Game Reserve, with a mix of private 4x4 game drives, a Rufiji River boat safari and a guided walking safari. The route offers excellent chances to see elephants, lions, buffalo, giraffes, zebras, hippos, crocodiles, water birds and the rare African wild dog. With full-board lodge or tented camp accommodation and professional guiding, this package is ideal for couples, families, photographers and wildlife lovers looking for authentic wilderness away from the busiest safari routes.

Highlights

- 5 days Selous (Nyerere) and Rufiji River safari starting from Dar es Salaam
- Explore Nyerere National Park
- formerly part of Selous Game Reserve
- one of Tanzania's most rewarding southern safari destinations
- Enjoy private 4x4 game drives across woodlands
- plains
- riverbanks and lakes
- Experience a scenic Rufiji River boat safari with chances to see hippos, crocodiles and water birds
- Guided walking safari led by an armed ranger for a closer bush experience
- Excellent chances to spot elephants
- lions
- buffalo
- giraffes
- zebras
- impalas and African wild dogs
- Quieter safari atmosphere compared with many northern Tanzania parks
- Comfortable full-board lodge or tented camp accommodation
- Ideal for travellers who want a remote wilderness safari with game drives, boat safari and walking adventure

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Private
- 4x4 safari vehicle
- Professional English-speaking safari guide
- All park entry fees and conservation fees
- Full-board accommodation during the safari
- Boat safari on the Rufiji River
- Guided walking safari
- Drinking water during safari
- Hotel or airport transfers in Dar es Salaam
- Free Wi-Fi available throughout the safari where provided by accommodation or service coverage

EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Tips for guide and lodge staff
- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks
- Personal expenses such as laundry, souvenirs and phone calls
- Optional activities not listed in the itinerary
- Additional accommodation before or after the safari unless arranged

Itinerary

Day 1

Dar es Salaam to Nyerere National Park (Selous)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Selous/Nyerere Lodge or Tented Camp

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up from your hotel in Dar es Salaam. Drive south through coastal villages and miombo woodlands toward Nyerere National Park. Arrive for lunch, then enjoy a relaxing afternoon with time at the lodge and an optional nature walk depending on timing and arrangements.

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Selous/Nyerere Lodge or Tented Camp	—

Day 2

Full-Day Game Drive in Nyerere National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation:
Selous/Nyerere Lodge or Tented Camp

Spend a full day exploring Nyerere National Park by 4x4 safari vehicle. Game drives cover woodlands, open plains, riverbanks and lakes where lions, elephants, buffaloes, wild dogs, zebras and impalas may be seen. A picnic lunch inside the park keeps you close to the wildlife and allows more time for game viewing.

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Day 3

Rufiji River Boat Safari and Afternoon Game Drive

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation:
Selous/Nyerere Lodge or Tented Camp

Begin the day with a boat safari on the Rufiji River, one of Tanzania's most scenic waterways. Look for hippos, crocodiles and abundant birdlife along the river. After lunch, continue with an afternoon game drive to search for predators, elephants, buffalo and other big game.

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Selous/Nyerere Lodge or Tented Camp	—

Day 4

Walking Safari and Game Drive

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation:
Selous/Nyerere Lodge or Tented Camp

Start the morning with a guided walking safari led by an armed ranger. This activity gives insight into animal tracks, plants, insects and the wider ecosystem of Selous and Nyerere. Later, enjoy another game drive or relax at your lodge overlooking the river and surrounding wilderness.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION
Selous/Nyerere Lodge or Tented Camp	—

Day 5

Return to Dar es Salaam

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast, begin the return journey to Dar es Salaam. Your driver-guide will transfer you back to your hotel or airport, marking the end of your southern Tanzania wilderness safari through Nyerere National Park and the Rufiji River region.

FAQs

What is the best keyword for this package?

A strong primary keyword is 5 Days Nyerere Rufiji River Safari because it targets the main duration, destination and river safari experience.

Where does the 5 Days Selous (Nyerere) and Rufiji River Safari start?

The safari starts from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with hotel or airport pickup arranged as part of the package.

What activities are included in this Nyerere safari?

The package includes private game drives, a Rufiji River boat safari and a guided walking safari, depending on local conditions and confirmed arrangements.

What wildlife can I see in Nyerere National Park?

Wildlife may include elephants, lions, buffalo, giraffes, zebras, impalas, hippos, crocodiles, many bird species and African wild dogs. Sightings depend on season and wildlife movement.

Is this safari good for travellers avoiding crowds?

Yes. Nyerere National Park and the Rufiji River area are well suited for travellers who want a quieter southern Tanzania safari compared with the busier northern circuit parks.

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