



7 DAYS

TANZANIA · WILDLIFE SAFARI

7-Day Southern Tanzania Safari: Mikumi & Ruaha

A week in the south: drive from Dar es Salaam to Mikumi's open plains, continue to the wild baobab country of Ruaha, and fly back.

DURATION

7 days

DESTINATIONS

3

ROUTE

Dar Es Salaam › Ruaha
National Park

AT A GLANCE

The journey

This route pairs the most accessible park in southern Tanzania with one of its wildest.

Mikumi is five hours by road from Dar es Salaam, and its Mkata floodplain is open grassland where elephants, buffalo, giraffe and zebra are easy to see. After two nights you continue west to Ruaha, the country's second-largest national park. Here the Great Ruaha River winds through rocky hills and baobab woodland, and the lion prides are among the biggest in Africa. You have two full days there, with the chance of greater and lesser kudu, sable and roan antelope and wild dogs, before flying back to Dar es Salaam.

Good for: travellers who want space and solitude, and anyone returning to Tanzania after a northern safari. June to October is best.

DURATION

7 days

DESTINATION

Tanzania

TRIP STYLE

Wildlife Safari

DESTINATIONS

Dar Es Salaam · Mikumi National Park · Ruaha National Park

Highlights

- Open-plain game viewing in Mikumi
- Large lion prides and big elephant herds
- Flight back to Dar es Salaam
- Two full days in Ruaha
- Kudu, sable and roan antelope



TANZANIA

Your route

Where the journey takes you, from the first day to the last.



Dar Es Salaam Day 1 › Mikumi National Park Days 2-3 › Ruaha National Park Days 4-7



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Dar Es Salaam

DAY 1 • START

Overnight: Southern Sun Dar es Salaam



1

Mikumi National Park

DAYS 2-3 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Mikumi Wildlife Camp



2

Ruaha National Park

DAYS 4-7 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Ruaha River Lodge

7 DAYS

Day by day

Your journey through Tanzania, one day at a time.



DAY 01

Arrive in Dar es Salaam

Transfer from the airport to a hotel by the sea. Evening briefing on the southern parks.

DESTINATION Dar Es Salaam

OVERNIGHT Southern Sun Dar es Salaam



DAY 02

Dar es Salaam to Mikumi

An early drive of about five hours through the Uluguru foothills, arriving for lunch and an afternoon game drive on the Mkata floodplain.

DESTINATION Mikumi National Park

OVERNIGHT Mikumi Wildlife Camp



DAY 03

Full day in Mikumi

Game drives through the miombo woodland and the floodplain, with a visit to the hippo pools. Look for elephant, buffalo, lion and sable antelope.

DESTINATION Mikumi National Park

OVERNIGHT Mikumi Wildlife Camp



DAY 04

Mikumi to Ruaha

A morning game drive, then a drive of five to six hours via Iringa to Ruaha, arriving at your lodge above the river in the late afternoon.

DESTINATION Ruaha National Park

OVERNIGHT Ruaha River Lodge



DAY 05

Full day in Ruaha

Game drives along the Great Ruaha River, where elephants, buffalo and the predators that hunt them gather in the dry season.

DESTINATION Ruaha National Park

OVERNIGHT Ruaha River Lodge



DAY 06

Ruaha: the hills and woodland

A full day with a packed lunch, exploring the baobab hills away from the river for kudu, sable, roan and, with luck, wild dogs.

DESTINATION Ruaha National Park

OVERNIGHT Ruaha River Lodge



DAY 07

Fly to Dar es Salaam and depart

A sunrise game drive, then the flight of about an hour and a half from the Msembe airstrip to Dar es Salaam for your international flight.

DESTINATION Ruaha National Park

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Where you stay

Lodges and camps chosen for their setting, comfort and service. (or similar, depending on availability)



Southern Sun Dar es Salaam

DAY 1 · HOTEL · MID-RANGE

A comfortable, modern hotel next to the botanical gardens in central Dar es Salaam. A reliable overnight before or after the southern parks, with a pool and easy transfers to the a...

Restaurant · Bar · Swimming pool · Wi-Fi in public areas · Private bathroom



Mikumi Wildlife Camp

DAY 2-3 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

Simple, comfortable bandas facing the open Mkata floodplain in Mikumi National Park, where zebra, buffalo and elephants graze in view of the camp. A relaxed stop on the road betwee...

Restaurant · Bar · Private bathroom · Panoramic views



Ruaha River Lodge

DAY 4-6 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

Stone cottages built among the rocks beside the Great Ruaha River, inside Ruaha National Park. Elephants and hippos are regular visitors, and the river views from the rooms and din...

Restaurant · Bar · Private bathroom · Panoramic views · Evening campfire



7-DAY SOUTHERN TANZANIA SAFARI: MIKUMI & RUAHA

Make this journey yours

Every itinerary can be changed: dates, pace, lodges and the parks you visit. Tell us how you like to travel and we will shape this trip around you.

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