



9 DAYS

TANZANIA · WILDLIFE SAFARI

9-Day Southern Tanzania Safari: Mikumi, Ruaha & Nyerere

Three southern parks in nine days: open plains in Mikumi, lions and baobabs in Ruaha, and boat safaris on the Rufiji River in Nyerere.

DURATION

9 days

DESTINATIONS

4

ROUTE

Dar Es Salaam › Nyerere
National Park

AT A GLANCE

The journey

This itinerary covers three of the southern parks, each very different from the others, and returns you to Dar es Salaam by air.

You drive from Dar es Salaam to Mikumi for game viewing on its open floodplain, then continue west to Ruaha, whose rocky hills, baobabs and river support big lion prides and antelope that are rare in the north. From Ruaha you fly to Nyerere National Park, where the Rufiji River and its lakes are explored by boat, among hippos, crocodiles and elephants at the water's edge.

Good for: travellers who have seen the northern parks, and those looking for wilderness and few vehicles. June to October is the best season.

DURATION

9 days

DESTINATION

Tanzania

TRIP STYLE

Wildlife Safari

DESTINATIONS

Dar Es Salaam · Mikumi National Park · Ruaha National Park · Nyerere National Park

Highlights

- Three different southern parks
- Ruaha's lions, elephants and kudu
- Flight back to Dar es Salaam
- Open-plain game viewing in Mikumi
- Boat safari on the Rufiji River in Nyerere



TANZANIA

Your route

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



Dar Es Salaam Days 1–2 ➔ **Mikumi National Park** Days 3–4 ➔ **Ruaha National Park** Days 5–6 ➔ **Nyerere National Park** Days 7–9



S Dar Es Salaam

DAYS 1–2 • START

Overnight: Southern Sun Dar es Salaam



1 Mikumi National Park

DAYS 3–4 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Mikumi Wildlife Camp



2 Ruaha National Park

DAYS 5–6 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Ruaha River Lodge



3 Nyerere National Park

DAYS 7–9 • ARRIVE BY FLIGHT

Overnight: Rufiji River Camp

9 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 your hotel by the sea.

DESTINATION Dar Es Salaam

OVERNIGHT Southern Sun Dar es Salaam



DAY 02

Dar es Salaam

A free day, with the option of a city tour: Kivukoni fish market, the National Museum and the Village Museum.

DESTINATION Dar Es Salaam

OVERNIGHT Southern Sun Dar es Salaam



DAY 03

Dar es Salaam to Mikumi

An early drive of about five hours west to Mikumi. Afternoon game drive on the Mkata floodplain.

DESTINATION Mikumi National Park

OVERNIGHT Mikumi Wildlife Camp



DAY 04

Full day in Mikumi

Game drives across the floodplain and to the hippo pools for elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and lion.

DESTINATION Mikumi National Park

OVERNIGHT Mikumi Wildlife Camp



DAY 05

Mikumi to Ruaha

A long drive west via Iringa, arriving at your lodge on the Great Ruaha River in the late afternoon.

DESTINATION Ruaha National Park

OVERNIGHT Ruaha River Lodge



DAY 06

Full day in Ruaha

Game drives along the river and into the hills, for lion, leopard, elephant and kudu.

DESTINATION Ruaha National Park

OVERNIGHT Ruaha River Lodge



DAY 07

Fly to Nyerere National Park

A light-aircraft flight to Nyerere and a transfer to your camp on the Rufiji River. Afternoon boat trip.

DESTINATION Nyerere National Park

OVERNIGHT Rufiji River Camp



DAY 08

Nyerere: boat and game drive

A morning game drive looking for wild dogs and lion, and a sunset boat safari on the lakes.

DESTINATION Nyerere National Park

OVERNIGHT Rufiji River Camp



DAY 09

Fly to Dar es Salaam and depart

A sunrise boat trip, then the 45-minute flight back to Dar es Salaam.

DESTINATION Nyerere National Park

AFRICAN QUEEN ADVENTURES

Where you stay

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



Southern Sun Dar es Salaam

DAY 1-2 · 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 3-4 · 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 5-6 · 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



Rufiji River Camp

DAY 7-8 · TENTED CAMP · MID-RANGE

A tented camp on the banks of the Rufiji River in Nyerere National Park, the former Selous. Boat safaris on the river, game drives and walks with an armed ranger, and hippos callin...

Restaurant · Bar · Private bathroom · Panoramic views



9-DAY SOUTHERN TANZANIA SAFARI: MIKUMI, RUAHA & NYERERE

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