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TRIP DOSSIER: 5-Day Ruaha National Park Safari – Revised 19 November 2025

Embark on an unforgettable 5-day safari through Ruaha National Park, Tanzania's largest and most remote wildlife sanctuary. Explore diverse landscapes of baobab-studded plains, rugged escarpments, and the life-rich Ruaha River. Daily game drives offer exceptional sightings of elephants, big cats, buffalo herds, and rare antelope species, all accompanied by expert guides. Evenings are spent around the campfire, where you can unwind under star-filled skies. This immersive journey blends adventure, tranquility, and intimate wildlife encounters for a truly authentic African safari experience.



Ruaha River

NB: While it is our intention to operate the itinerary as printed

below, it may be necessary to make changes due to flight schedules, weather conditions, accommodation availability, or other operational factors. Therefore, the order and location of overnight stops may vary.

Starting Point: Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA), Dar es Salaam

End Point: Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA), Dar es Salaam

Included:

- Transportation
- Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- Services of English speaking driver/guide
- All the activities specified in the itinerary inclusive of applicable entrance fees

Not included:

- International flights
- Optional activities

- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal items and beverages not specified
- Visas for countries visited

Brief Day by Day Description

Day 1: Arrival and transfer to Lodge

Upon arrival at Dar es Salaam International Airport, you will be assisted to board a domestic flight to Ruaha National Park, one of the largest and most untouched wilderness areas in East Africa. On arrival at the airstrip, you will be welcomed by your guide and transferred to your lodge. Depending on the arrival time, enjoy a short afternoon game drive.

Accommodation: Safari Lodge

Meals: Dinner



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Grant's Zebra

Day 2: Full Day Safari in Ruaha National Park

After an early breakfast, set out for a full-day open safari vehicle through the rolling hills, riverbanks, and open plains of Ruaha. The park is a mix of landscapes—woodlands, savannah, and riverine forest—making it a perfect habitat for diverse wildlife. Watching elephants along the Great Ruaha River, Spotting lions, leopards, and cheetahs hunting, large herds of buffalo and zebra Birdlife of over 570 species (excellent for bird lovers) Enjoy a picnic lunch in the bush, then continue exploring until sunset. Return to lodge and enjoy dinner.

Accommodation: Safari Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3: Safari in Ruaha National Park

After breakfast, head out for a game drive inside Ruaha National Park, covering different habitats such as river areas, open plains, and woodland sections depending on wildlife movement for the day.

Enjoy a delicious picnic lunch in the wilderness During this drive, guests can expect to see: Large elephant herds, Lions, leopards, and possibly cheetahs, Zebras, giraffes, impalas, buffalo, Hippos & crocodiles along the river Beautiful birdlife. You will return to the lodge after the drive for relaxation and dinner.

Accommodation: Safari Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



African Buffalo

Day 4: Explore remote Ruaha- Full Day Safari

After breakfast, go and explore the more remote regions of the park. This is where you find untouched terrain, fewer vehicles, and excellent chances to spot rare predators such as African wild dogs, Leopard resting in rocky outcrops, Giant elands and lesser-known antelope species. Enjoy your bush lunch under a baobab tree before continuing your adventure. Continue on your safari, before heading back to the lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5: Last safari and departure

Enjoy breakfast and a last morning game drive before your transfer to the airstrip. Take a flight back to Dar es Salaam.



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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

****END OF SERVICE****



Lioness and cubs



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Terms and Conditions

Price Includes:

- Shared accommodation
- Entrance Fees and park fees
- Transfers and activities, as listed
- Professional Guide
- All meals
- Local Flight

Price Excludes:

- International Flights
- All Beverages
- Optional Activities & Entrance Fees
- Visas, travel insurance, tips and personal expenses

Practical Info

**** Excursions:** A qualified local guide will accompany clients on all excursions except where it is necessary to employ a guide from local parks.

- Please feel free to add on to this tour with any of the other possible tours we offer in the area.
- The accommodation specified in the itinerary is a guide only and subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard if required.
- The Dollar rate is just an indication of the price at the current exchange rate, it cannot be guaranteed

until a confirmed booking is made

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Climate:

Ruaha National Park experiences a hot, semi-arid climate with distinct dry and wet seasons.

Dry season (June–October): Sunny, warm days with cooler nights and almost no rainfall. Vegetation becomes sparse, making wildlife easier to spot.

Wet season (November–April): Hotter, more humid conditions with regular showers that turn the landscape green and vibrant.

Overall, Ruaha is warm year-round, with the biggest differences coming from rainfall rather than temperature.

Baggage:

- 1 soft bag (maximum 20kg)
- 1 daypack

Clothing and Footwear:

- Lightweight cotton, long sleeves for sun protection
- Warm layers for cold nights
- Waterproof jacket and raincoat
- Shoes for wearing in the bush

- Swimwear, sunhat, insect repellent

Equipment:

- Hat for the sun
- Sunglasses, sunscreen
- Binoculars
- Camera and cover for dust
- Basic first aid, and personal medication
- Malaria Prophylaxis Recommended

Visas and Permits:

European travellers (including Dutch, Belgian, German, and most EU citizens) require a visa to enter Tanzania/Zanzibar.

You can obtain a Tourist Visa on arrival at the airport or port of entry, or apply online before travel via the official eVisa website:

<https://visa.immigration.go.tz>
Early applications are advised

The tourist visa costs USD 50 per person and is valid for up to 90 days for single entry. (Please bring cash for this)

Multiple-entry visas and business visas are also available if needed.

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your entry date and have at least one blank page.



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Tip: It's often quicker to apply online in advance, as airport queues for visa on arrival can sometimes be long

Vaccinations & Health Advice: Vaccination requirements & other health advice can change, so please check with a specialized travel clinic for up-to-date information before you depart.

Entry requirement

A certificate of yellow fever vaccination is required for travellers aged ≥ 1 year only if arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

If coming directly from a "non-yellow-fever risk" country, yellow fever vaccine may not be required.

Recommended vaccinations

Yellow fever: Generally not required for travellers arriving directly to Tanzania from low-risk countries. However, if your group is coming from, or transiting through, a country with a yellow fever risk, the certificate is required.

Local costs: 4 Breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinner are included.

Approximate costs are for guidance only and may vary widely according to location and type of establishment.

Soft drink

USD\$2.00

Medium beer

USD\$2.80

*Reasonable Mid-range tourist class restaurant

Tipping and Gratuities :

For better or worse, tipping is an accepted part of everyday life, and - although it is always at your discretion - you will be expected to tip to reward service. Your tour guide will give you an indication of when and how much is appropriate. This can vary widely, but please allow USD 100per person for this tour.

Suggested

Hotel Staff :USD2.00per person per day

Waiters: 10% of bill or equivalent

Safari Guide: \$15.00per person per day

Seasonal changes: Although all rooms/chalets in malaria areas that we use are protected with mosquito netting; there will be insects and mosquitoes about. The camps, lodges and resorts are essentially "al fresco" so you should be prepared with insect repellent and appropriate long sleeved/legged clothing.

Insects are attracted to light at night and are especially prevalent during the rainy season. Switching the lights off and placing a hurricane

lamp a distance from you will remove the problem.

The evenings and mornings will be chilly from about June to

August: so, it is advisable to take a light sweater or fleece

Currency: Official currency is Tanzanian Shilling (ZS)

Other currencies commonly accepted

US Dollars are widely accepted, especially in:

Hotels, resorts, and tourist restaurants

However, smaller local shops, markets, and taxis usually prefer Tanzanian shillings.

Important to note

Newer US Dollar notes only: Many places do not accept notes printed before 2009, and they prefer clean, undamaged \$50 or \$100 bills for the best exchange rate.

Change is often given in shillings, even if you pay in USD.

Euros and GBP can be exchanged, but are not commonly used directly for payment.

ATMs are available in Stone Town and major resorts; they dispense Tanzanian shillings.



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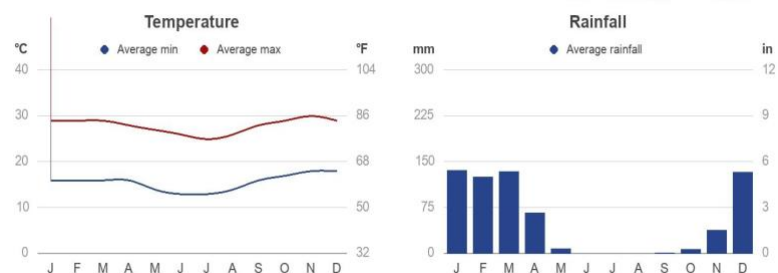
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NB: Pre-2009-dollar bills are not accepted in most African countries

Airport Tax: This should be included in your air ticket. Please confirm with your air carrier

Climate Chart Ruaha National Park - 721-1,863m / 2,365-6,112ft



*Averages based on 50 years of monthly climate data, taken from 1km² (0.39mi²) interpolated climate surfaces.
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