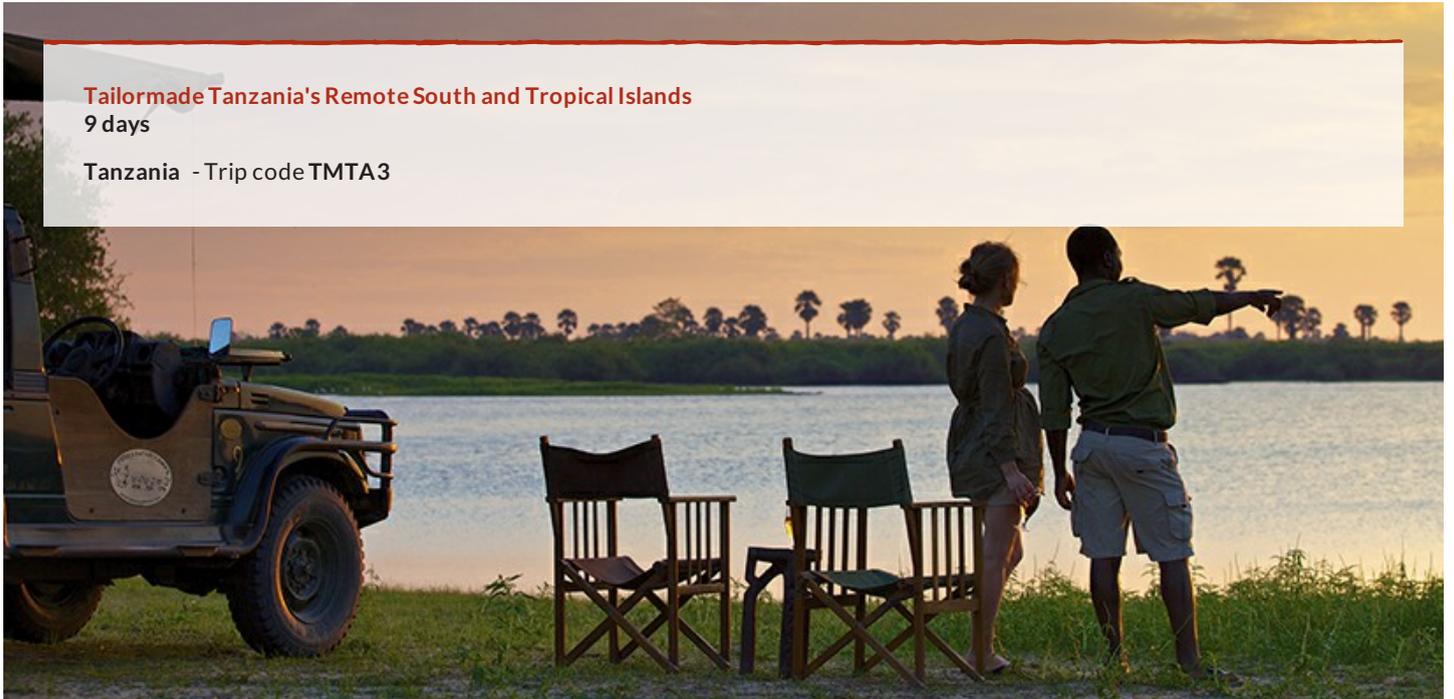


EXPLORE!

Tailormade Tanzania's Remote South and Tropical Islands

9 days

Tanzania - Trip code TMTA3



Tailormade Tanzania's Remote South and Tropical Islands Holidays

The rugged south

The Selous Game Reserve is Tanzania at its most rugged and most beautiful – the hidden side of a country and land of dramatic landscapes that few venture to, allowing you time with the wildlife in the company of few others. Enjoy unique boat safaris on the Rufiji River, see wild dogs roaming and enjoy a slow-paced walking safari. Then spend a couple of days relaxing on idyllic beaches, to recover from your adventures!

Enriching tailormade journeys – for you

This bespoke journey features some of our favourite spots in Tanzania. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches; maybe add a few days in Ruaha National Park or head to the beaches of Ras Kutani or Zanzibar instead. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on 01252 883 184.

Trip highlights

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

TRIP PACE:

Moderate

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Fly to Tanzania

Depart the UK on your flight to Tanzania.

 None

DAY 2 - Fly to the Selous Game Reserve

On arrival in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city, you'll head straight out again on a light aircraft to the Selous Game Reserve. Named after the explorer and hunter Frederick Courtney Selous, the Selous is the largest game reserve in Africa and incredibly is almost the size of Switzerland. Located in the south-east of Tanzania the grassy plains, forests and open woodlands are home to the endangered African wild dog, buffalo, lion, leopard, impala, kudu, eland, zebra and over 50% of Tanzania's elephant population. At the heart of the reserve the Rufiji River cuts through the landscape, creating lakes and swamplands, home to some astounding birdlife including pelicans, storks, waders, kingfishers, eagles, ibises, vultures and much more. Depending on the time of your arrival you may have the opportunity to go on an afternoon game drive.



Accommodation: Rufiji River Camp (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 3 - Safari in the Selous Game Reserve

The Selous is one of the largest undisturbed wilderness areas in Africa and one of the largest wildlife reserves in the world; as such the Selous earned its UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 1982. There are a variety of activities available from your camp, this morning why not head out on a game drive with your expert guide who will help you spot African wild dog, buffalo, giraffe, eland, hyena, sable, hippo, crocodile, kudu, baboon, wildebeest, zebra, impala and hartebeest, the park is also home to over 450 species of bird.



Accommodation: Rufiji River Camp (or similar)



Premium Hotel

 Swimming pool available

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 Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 4 - Walking safari and boat safari on the Rufiji River

Exploring the Selous is exciting however you choose to do it – on foot, in a jeep or from a boat! Venture out on foot early in the morning before the temperatures rise and your safari guide will help you spot smaller wildlife, such as the “Little Five” – elephant shrew, buffalo weaver, leopard tortoise, ant lion and rhino beetle. Look for footprints, insects, birdlife and flora and fauna that may be missed while in a safari truck. Much of the game viewing in the reserve is concentrated in and around the great Rufiji River which attracts a great variety of wildlife activity. This afternoon, head out on a boat safari along the river. You may see pods of hippos, while crocodiles bask on the banks enjoying the golden light of the late afternoon and watch the flame red sunset over the doum palms.



Accommodation: Rufiji River Camp (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 5 - Depart the Selous for Lazy Lagoon

Today you leave the beauty of the game reserve behind and fly to Lazy Lagoon mainland. From here you'll transfer by boat across the water to Lazy Lagoon Island, your idyllic beach resort for the next four nights.



Accommodation: Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 6 - Free day on the beach

Lazy Lagoon is a remote island of white sand beaches stretching along a thin strip of land, 70km north of Dar es Salaam on the Indian Ocean coastline. A remote beach destination, it is off the beaten track and therefore quiet and relaxing – the perfect end to a busy safari holiday. Visitors can swim and snorkel or simply relax and enjoy the peace.



Accommodation: Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 7 - Optional trip to Bagamoyo

Today has been left free for you to relax or explore at your leisure. Perhaps you could take an optional excursion to Bagamoyo on the mainland, the oldest town in Tanzania. Bagamoyo's history has been influenced by Arab and Indian traders, the German colonial government and Christian missionaries and was the major slave trading post in East Africa. Bagamoyo, which means 'lay down your heart' in Swahili, was probably given this name because it was the last place the slaves would stay in Tanzania before being shipped off to foreign lands. Although the slave trade officially ended in 1873, slaves continued to be sold and traded in Bagamoyo through the end of the 19th century. The Holy Ghost fathers established their first mission station in Bagamoyo in 1868, and it was in its chapel that Dr. Livingstone's body was brought from the interior and kept before being shipped back to Europe. Remains of German's colonial buildings as well as those of Arabs are the main attractions in Bagamoyo.



Accommodation: Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 8 - Free day for water sports

Your final day on the island can be spent exploring the surrounding sea; you can snorkel from the shore or take a dhow boat trip (optional) further out to sea, underwater you'll see colourful fish, coral and, at low tide, starfish. You can also explore the coastline from a kayak where mangrove forests and the island's interior are home to bush babies, suni antelope, duiker and bush pig.



Accommodation: Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 9 - Depart Tanzania

Today you depart Lazy Lagoon Island, taking a boat back to the mainland; you'll then transfer by road to Dar es Salaam in time for your flight home.



Breakfast

Tailormade Expert



Meet Sarah Phelps,
Regional Specialist for Tanzania

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What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 8
Lunch: 7
Dinner: 7



Transport

4WD
Boat
Flight



Trip staff

Safari guides
Driver(s)



Accommodation

7 nights premium hotel

Trip information

Country information

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Climate

The climate is tropical but varies greatly with altitude. Coastal areas are hot and humid, the central plateau dry and arid. It can be cold at night, particularly in June & July and at altitude. Generally the long rains arrive April/May and the short rains Nov/early Dec. Although this pattern can be completely erratic. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at <http://www.explore.co.uk/weather>. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

Time difference to GMT

+3

Plugs

3 Pin Flat

Religion

Christian, Islam

Language

Swahili, English

Budgeting and packing

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Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Dinner price
£13

Beer price
£1.6

Water price
£0.7

Foreign Exchange

Local currency
Tanzanian Shilling.

Recommended Currency For Exchange
US Dollars are preferable. Please be aware that any notes issued before 2006 will not be accepted

Where To Exchange
Banks or 'Forex' offices only in main towns/cities. Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

ATM Availability
Major towns and cities will have ATMs available.

Credit Card Acceptance
Credit cards are generally not accepted.

Travellers Cheques
Take some to act as reserve funds.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

Premium

On premium level tailor-made tours you will stay at comfortable mid-range hotels, chosen for their location, ambiance or local character. Your rooms will be clean and well-appointed, with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning or heating as necessary. Standard level hotels normally have restaurants, bars and often other amenities such as a swimming pool and gardens, offering a good level of comfort at a reasonable price.

Rufiji River Camp

Rufiji River Camp has a great location high up on a bank overlooking the Rufiji River, affording fantastic views. Each tent has a large shady thatched roof and outside sitting area from which to enjoy the sights and sounds of the African bush. The camp also has a small pool and offers boat safaris on the Rufiji River, and game drives encompassing the three nearby lakes.

Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge

With 9km of deserted beach, Lazy Lagoon lies in the Zanzibar Channel, offshore from mainland Bagamoyo. The large and airy self-

contained beach bandas have shaded verandas and hammocks overlooking the ocean. With high, open roofs, the buildings catch the cool sea-breeze, therefore air-conditioning is not needed. The main lodge offers a lounge, bar, dining area and swimming pool.

Essential information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Essential Information

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

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Vaccinations

We strongly recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid, polio and yellow fever. Please note you are required to produce a valid yellow fever certificate on arrival in Tanzania if you have spent 10 hours or more transiting through an endemic country. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may also wish to take immunisation against meningococcal meningitis. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure
