

EXPLORE!

Tailormade Tanzania's Remote South and Tropical Islands
9 days

Tanzania - Trip code TMTA3



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Combine the rugged south of Tanzania with idyllic Zanzibar

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 for great wildlife experiences 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 turquoise beaches in Zanzibar.

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. One of the itineraries is based around remote luxury tented camps offering excellent service. Tailor this itinerary by adding a few days in Ruaha National Park or head to the beaches of Ras Kutani or Mafia Island instead. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on 01252 883 184.

Trip highlights

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

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 Selous Game Reserve

On arrival in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city, you'll head straight out again on a light aircraft to 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 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: Sable Mountain Lodge (or similar)



Standard Lodge



Swimming pool available



Lunch Dinner

DAY 3 - Safari in 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, today why not head out on a full day 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. You may also have time to take a boat trip on Lake Tagalala where you should see hippos pods, crocodile and many bird species.



Accommodation: Sable Mountain Lodge (or similar)



Standard Lodge



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 4 - Walking safari and afternoon game drive

Exploring the Selous is exciting however you choose to do it – on foot, in a four-wheel drive 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. This afternoon, head out on a game drive or perhaps visit the lodge's tree house to see if there is anyone at the waterhole.



Accommodation: Sable Mountain Lodge (or similar)



Standard Lodge



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 5 - Depart the Selous for Zanzibar

Today you leave the beauty of the game reserve behind and fly to Zanzibar, via Dar es Salaam. On arrival you'll transfer north-east to your beach hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax on the beach or by the pool.



Accommodation: Zanzibari (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Dinner

DAY 6 - Free day on the beach

Today has been left free for you to explore or relax as you wish. There are plenty of excursion which can be prearranged, including romantic sunset dhow cruises, snorkelling excursions to nearby islands or simply snorkel straight off the beach.



Accommodation: Zanzibari (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Dinner

DAY 7 - Optional trip to Stone Town

Today is free for you to explore. Perhaps take a trip to Stone Town where you can enjoy a walking tour around the historic centre. Stone Town is a maze of winding alleys with beautifully decorated ornate doors, houses made of stone, mosques, churches and temples stand side by side in the narrow streets. Explore the labyrinth of streets, see the site of the slave market, the large food market and the former Sultan's Palace. Contact your Tailormade Regional Specialist to include this on your itinerary.



Accommodation: Zanzibari (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Dinner

DAY 8 - Free day on Zanzibar

Your last day on Zanzibar is free to relax or explore at your leisure. Your Tailormade Regional Specialist can suggest some excursions, such as a Spice Islands tour to discover how the rural farms grow and cultivate spices, or perhaps enjoy relaxing by the pool and soaking up the sun.



Accommodation: Zanzibari (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Dinner

DAY 9 - Depart Tanzania

Today you will depart Zanzibar on your flight back to the UK.



Breakfast

Tailormade Expert



Meet Sarah Phelps,
Regional Specialist for Tanzania

Call on 01252 883 184

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 8
Lunch: 7
Dinner: 7



Transport

4WD
Boat
Flight



Trip staff

Safari guides
Driver(s)



Accommodation

4 nights standard hotel
3 nights standard lodge

Trip information

Country information

Tanzania

Climate

The climate is tropical but varies greatly with altitude. Coastal areas and islands are hot and humid, while the central plateau is dry and arid. Tanzania can be visited all year round and its seasons can be defined as green and dry. The dry season is generally from June to October and January to February, with most days being fine and sunny weather with temperatures and humidity rising throughout the day. It can be cold at night, particularly in June & July. The green season includes the rains of March to May (with the peak in April – generally during the afternoon) and November to early December. This pattern can be unpredictable. The weather system during these periods refreshes the landscape creating lush green scenery which is not witnessed during the dry season. The Zanzibar archipelago is a year-round destination but does have dry and rainy seasons. The dry season is between June to October and January to February. The 'short rains' are between November to December, when a short, afternoon rainstorm can be a daily occurrence. The 'long rains' occur between March to May, when days can be humid and rainy, however, sunshine is still often frequent. The changing weather patterns does mean the 'rainy' season is becoming less predictable. Weather at altitude can vary to the above seasons, with the evenings being cold. Kilimanjaro features its own array of climates and biomes; between 1,800 to 2,800 metres is a rainforest climate (humid and hot), from 2,800 to 4,000 metres is dry mountain vegetation – please note night time temperatures can fall to below 0 degrees from this level. A cold desert climate with a strong equatorial sun during the day but cold nights is found between 4,000 to 5,000 metres. The summit generally has clear days though the evenings can be very cold featuring snow. 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 (as per the UK), best to travel with an adapter as some lodges have 2 pin sockets.

Religion

Christian, Islam

Language

Swahili, English

Budgeting and packing

Country Information

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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.

Standard

Light on your pocket but long on authentic experiences, these tours are based in simple, sometimes local-style accommodation. If your idea of adventure travel is to experience real, everyday life then you will enjoy our authentic style of tour. You will have the chance to stay at simple, family-run hotels and guesthouses where the lack of luxury is more than compensated for by the warm welcome and genuine insight into local life

Sable Mountain Lodge

Sable Mountain Lodge is set in the Beho Beho hills just outside Selous Game Reserve. The canvas and thatch bandas are comfortable, with wonderful views and outdoor baths. The main lodge has a relaxed and informal atmosphere, there is a small shaded swimming pool and the Landrover's Return bar is the perfect place to enjoy a gin and tonic after your safari.

The Zanzibari

Located on a cliff above the beach at the northern tip of Zanzibar island, The Zanzibari is a small boutique property offering guests an ideal retreat to relax after a busy trip. The hotel prides itself on providing high levels of service and is set within peaceful, landscaped gardens. Guests may enjoy stunning ocean vistas from the seafront swimming pool, walk along the sandy beaches or try a spa treatment before dining in the hotel's Dhow restaurant and bar. A range of activities are also offered, including sea kayaking, snorkelling and scuba diving, plus a Zanzibar spice tour, forest treks and sunset dhow cruises. Rooms are spacious and airy with stone and wood features, combining modern amenities with a natural feel.

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. Premium 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.

Selous Riverside Safari Camp

Selous Riverside Safari Camp is a small, upmarket property which offers attentive service in a peaceful bush camp setting. The well-appointed tents are spacious with en suite bathrooms, flush toilets and hot showers. The private decks overlook the banks of the Rufiji River perfect for spotting hippos and crocodiles. The outdoor pool also overlooks the river and is a great place to enjoy a sundowner before dinner.

Z Hotel

The Z Hotel is a lovely boutique property located on the northern tip of Zanzibar, on the idyllic beach of Nungwi. Rooms are set within lush tropical gardens with direct access to the white beaches and warm waters of the Indian Ocean. All of the well decorated rooms are furnished with bespoke furniture and have private balconies with a garden or sea view. The hotel has a pool, spa, restaurant and cocktail bar and also offers a choice of activities that can be arranged for you.

Indulge

If you are looking for the best of both worlds, with adventurous days and indulgent nights, our Indulge level tailor-made tours may be just the answer. On these tours you can enjoy busy days packed with adventure and activity, followed by relaxing evenings unwinding in the comfort of accommodation hand-picked for its high level of comfort and service. Some hotels are full of historical interest too: a converted palace in India for example, or a restored colonial mansion in Latin America.

Selous Serena Camp

Located in the Selous Game Reserve, not far from the Rufiji River, Selous Serena Camp is in a prime location for wildlife viewing and the expert guides will ensure you have a magical safari experience. The canvas tents are decorated in a colonial style, with Edwardian features, including four-poster beds and roll-top baths. Each tent has a ceiling fan and large private deck where guests can take in the fabulous views. The main area has an open dining room and lounge, plus a deck and split-level pool, perfect for cooling off on a sunny afternoon.

Zanzibar Serena Hotel

The Zanzibar Serena Hotel is a prestigious beach front property full of Swahili style and Arabic elegance. All rooms are spacious, with ocean views from the balconies. Guests can relax around the swimming pool or on the public beach, however we don't recommend swimming here, there are better beaches on the island for swimming. The Baharia restaurant serves international cuisine and the rooftop restaurant specialises in seafood. The hotel is in the perfect location for discovering Stone Town, just steps away. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the property.

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.

Price Guarantee

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](#)

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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, Polar, 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. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. 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. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. 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 [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.
