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The Untamed Sanctuaries

“Private, fully tailor-made departures — available year-round”

14

DAYS

3

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Solo

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Overview

This is not a safari for the casual traveller. This is a journey for those who have already seen the Serengeti — and who now seek something deeper, wilder, more remote. Over fourteen extraordinary days, The Untamed Sanctuaries moves through three of Tanzania's least-visited wilderness areas: Ruaha National Park, where predator densities rival the Serengeti but crowds do not; Nyerere National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where walking safaris and boat safaris reveal the African bush from entirely different perspectives; and Mahale Mountains National Park, where habituated chimpanzees live in the wild forests cascading down to the turquoise shores of Lake Tanganyika. Three extraordinary lodges. Every detail anticipated. Every meal, drink, flight, activity and photograph included in one single, transparent price. No hidden costs. No surprises. Only the journey.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ruaha National Park — Tanzania's largest park with lion prides of twenty or more, wild dogs, leopards, cheetah and virtually no other vehicles
- Hot air balloon safari over the Great Ruaha River at dawn, followed by a champagne bush breakfast on the plains
- Boat safari on the Rufiji River in Nyerere — hippos surfacing beside the vessel, crocodiles sliding off the banks, elephants crossing at sunset
- Greystoke Mahale — one of Africa's most remote lodges, on a white-sand beach beneath the mountains above Lake Tanganyika
- Complimentary spa session at Element by Marriott Dar es Salaam upon return — flexible departure on any date you choose
- Four nights at Jabali Ridge — eight suites on a rocky kopje, private concession, night drives permitted, exceptional guiding
- Walking safari on foot through Ruaha with an armed ranger — tracking lion, elephant and leopard across dry-season bush
- Chimpanzee tracking — two full permits in Mahale Mountains, spending an hour each day with habituated wild chimpanzees
- Professional guide photography throughout — your guide carries professional-grade camera equipment and edits all images for you at no charge

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The Itinerary

01

DAR ES SALAAM

Day 1 | Arrival in Dar es Salaam — Welcome to Tanzania

Your Tanzanian adventure begins the moment your aircraft touches down at Julius Nyerere International Airport. A Finders & Keepers Safaris representative greets you in the arrivals hall — no searching for signs, no waiting in long queues. You are escorted through VIP formalities and into a waiting luxury transfer vehicle for the journey to the Element by Marriott Hotel. For arrivals between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, a complimentary private city tour awaits — the National Museum of Tanzania (home to the famous Olduvai Gorge hominid fossils), the Village Museum, the Kivukoni Fish Market, the Askari Monument, and the St. Joseph's Cathedral. As evening approaches, a welcome dinner celebrates Tanzanian cuisine: grilled Indian Ocean seafood, coconut-infused curries, and fresh tropical fruit. Your guide joins you to brief you on the days ahead.

- Element by Marriott Hotel , Dar es Salaam »
- Dinner

02

RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

Day 2 | Charter Flight to Ruaha — Arrival at Jabali Ridge

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Julius Nyerere International Airport for your private charter flight to Ruaha National Park (approximately 2 hours). From above, baobab-dotted hills and open savannah stretch to the horizon. Wildlife is visible from the air. On landing, your guide and vehicle are waiting. The drive to Jabali Ridge becomes your first Ruaha game drive immediately — elephants with curving tusks, a resting lion pride, giraffes at the acacia canopy. Jabali Ridge appears on a rocky kopje, its eight suites designed to blend into the landscape. After lunch on the main deck, a 4 PM game drive reveals a pride of twenty-two lions on the banks of the Great Ruaha River. A sundowner overlooks the river at sunset, followed by a bonfire dinner on the main deck as lions roar in the distance.

- Jabali Ridge , Ruaha National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

03

RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

Day 3 | Ruaha National Park — The Predator Capital

Dawn game drive from 6 AM — Ruaha's predator densities are extraordinary. Within the first hour, a pack of twelve African wild dogs rests in the shade of a baobab after a morning hunt: brown, black and white coats, each individual unique. Your guide has tracked this pack for years and knows each animal by name. A full bush breakfast is prepared on white linen beneath an acacia tree as zebra graze a hundred metres away. After a lodge siesta, the afternoon drive finds a female leopard draped across a branch above a wedged impala carcass — watched for twenty minutes with no other vehicles in sight. Sundowner overlooking the river, then a bonfire dinner as the fire crackles and a hyena calls across the plains. Throughout the day, your guide captures photographs of you: your laughter, your wonder, your joy.

- Jabali Ridge , Ruaha National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

04

RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

Day 4 | Ruaha National Park — Walking Safari

Today you experience Ruaha on foot. Accompanied by an armed ranger and your guide, you set out across the park. The sounds, smells and textures of the bush are amplified entirely. Your guide reads the tracks: an elephant passed here last night. A lion rested under this tree. A leopard dragged its kill across this path. He points out medicinal plants used by local communities for generations and explains the relationship between trees, soil, water and the animals that depend on them. Two hours of walking, stopping often to observe and absorb. A bush breakfast is served under a large baobab — white linen, silverware, eggs prepared to order as zebra graze nearby. An afternoon game drive closes with a sundowner as elephant families gather at the Great Ruaha River.

- Jabali Ridge , Ruaha National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

05

RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

Day 5 | Ruaha National Park — Hot Air Balloon Safari

4:00 AM. The balloon inflates in darkness, burners casting an orange glow across the savannah. You climb into the basket. The ground falls away. The Great Ruaha River winds below, glittering in first light. Elephant families move in single file along the banks. Lions return from night hunts. The sun breaks the horizon and the plains turn gold. An hour above Ruaha as only a bird sees it. A champagne bush breakfast awaits on the plains — white linen flapping in the morning breeze. After breakfast, the morning drive finds a mother cheetah with three cubs on a rocky outcrop, the cubs tumbling and chasing each other in circles. A gourmet picnic lunch at a river viewpoint is followed by a final afternoon game drive, sundowner and bonfire dinner.

- Jabali Ridge , Ruaha National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

06

NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

Day 6 | Charter Flight to Nyerere — Arrival at Sand River Selous

After breakfast, farewell to Jabali Ridge and a charter flight to Nyerere National Park (approximately 1 hour 15 minutes). The baobab hills of Ruaha give way to dense woodland and the winding waterways of the Rufiji below. Your new guide meets you at the airstrip. Sand River Selous — an elegant tented camp on the banks of the Rufiji River — becomes home for three nights. An afternoon game drive reveals over a hundred elephants drinking and bathing in the river, a young calf practising with its trunk. Sundowner at the riverbank as the sky turns violet.

- Sand Rivers Selous , Nyerere National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

07

NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

Day 7 | Nyerere National Park — Boat Safari on the Rufiji River

After breakfast, you board a private boat and set out along the Rufiji River. Hippos surface beside the vessel, their enormous yawns revealing teeth the size of a man's fist. Crocodiles slide off sandbanks. Elephants wade into the water to drink, cross and bathe. A pod of thirty or more hippos rests in the shallows. African fish eagles, saddle-billed storks, goliath herons and kingfishers of every colour line the banks. A bush breakfast is served on a mid-river sandbank — table, umbrella, eggs to order, hippos surfacing behind you. After a lodge siesta, an evening boat safari watches an elephant family crossing the river, the matriarch leading as her calf swims close beside her. A sundowner is served on a sandbank in the middle of the river.

- Sand Rivers Selous , Nyerere National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

08

NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

Day 8 | Nyerere National Park — Walking Safari

One of the few places in Tanzania where walking safaris are permitted, Nyerere reveals itself entirely on foot. Accompanied by an armed ranger, you walk inland through open woodland and grassland, your guide reading the tracks — an elephant, a lion at rest, a crocodile entering the river at dawn. A bush breakfast is laid in the shade of an acacia tree. After the lodge siesta, an evening game drive finds a lion pride in the shade — a sundowner overlooking the river as the plains settle into evening. Bonfire lit on the riverbank.

- Sand Rivers Selous , Nyerere National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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MAHALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Day 9 | Charter Flight to Mahale — Arrival at Greystoke

After breakfast, farewell to Sand River Selous and a charter flight to Mahale Mountains National Park (approximately 2 hours, with a brief refuelling stop). The woodlands of Nyerere give way to the dramatic peaks of the Mahale Mountains rising steeply from Lake Tanganyika. On landing at the Mahale airstrip, a boat waits to take you across the water to Greystoke Mahale — a collection of driftwood and palm-thatch bandas scattered along a white-sand beach. The staff sings a welcome song. Your banda is private and romantic, with a king-sized bed, a bucket-shower bathroom and a veranda overlooking the world's longest freshwater lake. Dinner and a bonfire on the beach by lantern light.

- Greystoke Mahale , Mahale Mountains National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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MAHALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Day 10 | Mahale Mountains — Chimpanzee Tracking

5:30 AM. After a briefing, you set out into the Mahale forest with your guide. The mountains are steep and the forest dense. After an hour of walking, he stops — he has heard a pant-hoot rising in pitch. You move quickly but quietly, and then you see them: a family of chimpanzees feeding in a fig tree. A mother with an infant on her back. A large dominant male watching you with intelligent eyes. Juveniles chasing each other through the branches. One hour with the chimpanzees — the time passes too quickly. Your guide explains their behaviour, family dynamics and individual relationships, knowing each by name. The walk back through the forest is quiet and reflective. An afternoon lake cruise at 4 PM ends with a sundowner on a sandbank in the middle of Lake Tanganyika.

- Greystoke Mahale , Mahale Mountains National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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MAHALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Day 11 | Mahale Mountains — Second Chimpanzee Tracking

The chimpanzees have moved during the night. You set out in a different direction, climbing higher into the mountains. After two hours, you find them again — today on the ground. A mother grooms her infant. A male displays, beating his chest and charging through the undergrowth. Juveniles chase each other in circles. Another hour passes too quickly. Today your guide captures photographs of you with the chimpanzees — rare and precious images. The afternoon is free for lake swimming, beach walking, or a guided nature walk through the forest. A beach bonfire closes the evening.

- Greystoke Mahale , Mahale Mountains National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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MAHALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Day 12 | Mahale Mountains — Forest Walk & Lake Relaxation

Today is intentionally unscheduled — a day of rest and reflection in one of Africa's most beautiful settings. Options include a guided forest walk for colobus monkeys and birds, swimming in Lake Tanganyika, kayaking along the shoreline, a visit to the nearby Tongwe village, or simply resting in your banda listening to the sounds of the forest and the lake. A final lake cruise at 4 PM ends with a sundowner on a sandbank as the sky turns violet. A special farewell dinner is prepared by the chef — stories of chimpanzees and mountains shared around the beach bonfire.

- Greystoke Mahale , Mahale Mountains National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

13

MAHALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Day 13 | Mahale Mountains — Final Full Day at Greystoke

Your final full day at Greystoke Mahale. You may choose one last optional chimpanzee tracking excursion (additional permit fee applies), a guided forest walk, swimming in the lake, kayaking, or simply resting on the beach. Breakfast and lunch are served on the sand. A farewell sundowner is served on the beach as the sun drops behind the Mahale peaks. Dinner by lantern light. A final bonfire on the sand as the stars of Lake Tanganyika fill the sky above.

- Greystoke Mahale , Mahale Mountains National Park »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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DAR ES SALAAM

Day 14 | Mahale to Dar es Salaam — Spa, Farewell & Flexible Departure

After a final breakfast, the staff gather to sing a farewell song. A boat transfer crosses Lake Tanganyika to the Mahale airstrip, and your charter flight returns you to Dar es Salaam (approximately 2 hours). A Finders & Keepers Safaris representative transfers you to the Element by Marriott Hotel, where a complimentary spa session awaits: full body massage, aromatherapy, deep tissue treatment, steam room and sauna. The remainder of the day is unscheduled. A farewell dinner celebrates the completion of your journey across Tanzania's three most remote wilderness areas. From this night onward, the Element by Marriott becomes your home for as long as you wish — you choose your departure date and time, and Finders & Keepers Safaris arranges your airport transfer accordingly. There is no rush. You leave when you are ready.

- Element by Marriott Hotel , Dar es Salaam »
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$32,500

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

This is a fully tailor-made, private journey — pricing depends on travel dates, group size and lodge selections. Speak to us for a personalised quote.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$29,250
Green season — newborn wildlife, quiet camps		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$37,400
Peak dry season & the Great Migration		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$33,150
Migration moves south, short rains begin		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » All accommodation, Full Board (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- » All private charter flights between destinations
- » Private luxury transfer vehicle & dedicated driver-guide throughout
- » VIP airport meet, greet & fast-track through formalities
- » All park, game reserve & conservancy entry fees
- » All game drives, walking safaris, boat safaris & cultural visits
- » Hot air balloon safari with champagne bush breakfast
- » Daily bush sundowners with premium beverages
- » Evening bonfires with storytelling & traditional music
- » Bush breakfasts & gourmet bush lunches served in the wild
- » All alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages throughout
- » Complimentary spa session at Element by Marriott, Dar es Salaam

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Dar es Salaam
- Additional optional activities beyond those specified
- Premium champagne beyond the balloon breakfast inclusion
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional (third) chimpanzee tracking permit on Day 13 — available at extra cost

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This itinerary is a starting point, not a fixed departure. The pace, the lodges, the length, the dates and the party travelling can all be reshaped around you.

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