10-Day Nyerere Safari & Zanzibar Beach Holiday (Southern Tanzania Escape)

Otto Safari Guide Tanzania

QUICK ADVENTURE

This Southern Tanzania itinerary combines the untamed wilderness of Nyerere National Park with the tropical beaches of Zanzibar.

Formerly part of the Selous Game Reserve, Nyerere National Park is Africa's largest protected wildlife area and offers a more exclusive safari experience compared to the busy northern parks.

This itinerary includes:

Boat safaris on the Rufiji River

Walking safaris with armed rangers

Traditional game drives

Relaxing Zanzibar beach stay

Perfect for travelers seeking a quieter, more authentic Tanzania safari and beach holiday.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day Day 1 — Arrival in Dar es Salaam

Arrival in Dar es Salaam – Welcome to Tanzania

Upon arrival at Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam, you will be welcomed by our safari representative and transferred to your hotel for overnight stay.

Depending on your arrival time, you may relax at the hotel, explore the city coastline, or prepare for your Southern Tanzania safari adventure.

Dar es Salaam serves as the gateway to the remote wilderness areas of Southern Tanzania including

Nyerere National Park and Ruaha.

Day Day 2 — Transfer to Nyerere National Park

Drive or Fly to Nyerere National Park

After breakfast, depart for Nyerere National Park, formerly known as Selous Game Reserve, one of Africa's largest protected wildlife areas.

Upon arrival, enjoy your first safari activity with game viewing around the Rufiji River ecosystem, home to elephants, giraffes, buffalo, hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of bird species.

The park offers a quieter and more exclusive safari atmosphere compared to Northern Tanzania parks.

Day Day 3 — Boat Safari Experience

Boat Safari Along the Rufiji River

Today enjoy one of Southern Tanzania's most unique safari activities — a boat safari along the Rufiji River.

Unlike traditional game drives, boat safaris allow close viewing of hippos, crocodiles, elephants, and water birds directly from the river channels.

Sunset boat safaris are especially popular for photography and wildlife viewing.

Learn more about this activity here:

Boat Safari Tanzania

Day Day 4 — Full-Day Game Drive

Full-Day Game Drive in Nyerere National Park

Spend the day exploring the vast wilderness of Nyerere National Park with your professional safari guide.

Wildlife commonly seen includes:

- Lions
- Leopards
- Wild dogs
- Elephants
- Large buffalo herds

The park’s remote nature provides excellent opportunities for uncrowded wildlife encounters and authentic safari experiences.

Day Day 5 — Walking Safari Adventure

Walking Safari in the African Wilderness

Experience the African bush from ground level during a guided walking safari accompanied by an armed ranger.

Walking safaris offer a completely different perspective of the ecosystem by focusing on animal tracks, plants, insects, and smaller wildlife often missed during game drives.

This activity creates a deeper connection with nature and is one of the highlights of Southern Tanzania safaris.

Read more here:

Walking Safari Tanzania

Day Day 6 — Relaxed Safari & Sunset Experience

Leisure Safari Day & Sunset Wildlife Viewing

Enjoy a flexible safari day with optional morning game drives, relaxation at camp, or photography-focused wildlife excursions.

Many camps in Nyerere overlook rivers or floodplains, allowing wildlife viewing directly from the lodge.

In the evening, enjoy a classic African sunset surrounded by the sounds of the wilderness.

Day Day 7 — Fly to Zanzibar

Fly from Nyerere to Zanzibar Island

After breakfast, transfer to the airstrip for your scenic flight to Zanzibar Island.

Upon arrival, transfer to your beach resort and enjoy the rest of the day relaxing along the Indian Ocean coastline.

Zanzibar is famous for white-sand beaches, turquoise waters, spice farms, and Swahili culture.

Day Day 8 & 9 — Zanzibar Beach Relaxation

Zanzibar Beach Escape

Spend two full days relaxing on Zanzibar’s tropical beaches.

Optional activities include:

- Snorkeling and diving
- Stone Town cultural tours
- Dhow sunset cruises
- Spice farm excursions
- Swimming and beach relaxation

These days are intentionally flexible, allowing you to relax after your safari adventure.

Day Day 10 — Departure

Departure from Zanzibar

After breakfast, transfer to Zanzibar International Airport for your onward international flight.

Depending on your departure schedule, optional late checkout or additional excursions can be arranged.

ACCOMMODATION

This tour is priced using Mid Range accommodations. Budgert and mid-range options are available on request. Similar lodges or camps may be used depending on availability.

GETTING THERE

ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S INCLUDED

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED