

6 Days Mikumi & Mafia Island



A perfect bush and beach experience. This trip offers the best in wildlife viewing in northern Tanzania, as well as introducing you to the local people whose lives are inextricably bound to this land. After your safari, you can relax on the stunning, island of Mafia, off Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean. Mafia island, a place where time stood still, enjoy deserted wind swept beaches infused with wild Africa, white sand beaches, swaying palms and the crystal clear waters of Mafia island marine reserves; a wildlife beach holiday at a slow pace!

Day 1: Dar es Salaam

On arrival at the Dar es Salaam airport, we are met by a Finch Travels representative who will transfer you to your hotel in the heart of Dar es Salaam. Afternoon guided tour of Dar es Salaam. Founded in 1862 by Sultan Seyyid Majid of Zanzibar, present day Dar es Salaam (*House of Peace* in Arabic) origins have been influenced by myriad of Sultans, the Germans and the British. The city started as a fishing village in the mid 19th century, is today Tanzania's largest city, and has become one of East Africa's most important ports and trading centers, With its great atmosphere, mix of African, Muslim, and South Asian influences, picturesque harbour, beaches, chaotic markets and historical buildings. Overnight Movenpick Royal Palm hotel.

Day 2: Mikumi National Park

Today, after breakfast, we pick our picnic lunch boxes and drive to Mikumi National Park for a full day game viewing. Mikumi abuts the northern border of Africa's biggest game reserve - the Selous. The open horizons and abundant wildlife of the Mkata floodplain, the popular centerpiece of Mikumi, draw frequent comparisons to the more famous Serengeti Plains. Lions survey their grassy kingdom - and the zebra, wildebeest, impala and buffalo herds that migrate across it - from the flattened tops of termite mounds, or sometimes, during the rains, from perches high in the trees. Giraffes forage in the isolated acacia stands that fringe the Mkata River, islets of shade favored also by Mikumi's elephants. The floodplain is perhaps the most reliable place in Tanzania for sightings of the powerful eland, the world's largest antelope. The equally impressive greater kudu and sable antelope haunt the miombo-covered foothills of the mountains that rise from the park's borders.



The colorful lilac-breasted roller, yellow-throated longclaw and bateleur eagle joined by a host of European migrants during the rainy season form the over 400 bird species recorded in Mikumi. Hippos are the star attraction of the pair of pools, supported by an ever-changing cast of waterbirds. We return to Dar es Salaam later in the afternoon for overnight stay at the Movenpick Royal Palm hotel (B, L, D)

Day 3: Mafia Island

Breakfast at leisure, then after an early lunch, transfer to Dar airport for your scheduled flight to Mafia departing at 1500hrs. On arrival, we'll be met at the airstrip and transferred to the beautiful Kinasi lodge by the shores of the Indian Ocean. Dinner and overnight at Kinasi Lodge (D)

Day 4 & 5: Mafia Island Lying

close to the Rufiji Delta, Mafia island was a regular stop for two thousand years for Arab and Persian dhows plying the coastal waters from the Gulf to Madagascar and Mozambique. The clear, protected waters offer a great range of corals and fish, excellent for diving and snorkeling. Other activities on Mafia Island include sailing, swimming bird-watching, fishing, visits to the villages, historic archaeological sites, coastal forests, coconut plantations and traditional boat-building yards. Overnight Kinasi Lodge (B,D)



Days 6: Departure Day

Today, we say 'kwaheri' (farewell) to Mafia and our hosts. In the afternoon, 1500hrs, transfer to Mafia airstrip for your scheduled flight to Dar es Salaam departing at 1600hrs. On arrival, we'll be met for assistance to connect with our onward international flight marking the end of a wonderful and relaxing trip(B)



B-Breakfast, L-Lunch and D- Dinner

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| * Prices in \$ U.S. | | |
| Per person, sharing | January 2008–March 2008 | April 2008–May2008 |
| | June 2008-December 2008 | |
| 2 Pax | USD 1,555.00 | - |
| 3-4 Pax | USD 1,490.00 | - |
| 5-7 Pax | USD 1,420.00 | - |

*For a group of 8 persons and more, kindly [contact us](#) for special rates.

Flights (per person)

DAR – MAFIA US\$ 140

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What's included in the Price of this Trip

- 2 night's at Movenpick Royal Palm hotel, Dar es Salaam
- 3 night's at Kinasi lodge, Mafia Island
- Game viewing in customized 4x4 safari vehicle, window seats guaranteed
- All park and conservation area fees
- While on safari, meals as indicated on the itinerary.
- Air Rescue Ambulance emergency medical evacuation services.

Not Included

- Visa fees, Travel and personal insurance
- Items of personal nature
- All International airfares and airline taxes
- All watersports, visits to the villages, historic archaeological sites and any other excursion while at Mafia Island.
- Tips

What to carry:

For a full list of what to carry [click here](#)