

# 8 Days Katavi-Mahale Treat

This safari gives clients the opportunity to experience Africa off the beaten path as well as view incredible wildlife in the spectacular Parks of southern Tanzania!



## Day1:Arusha-Kitavi

07h00hrs, we'll be picked up from our hotel in Arusha together with our picnic lunch and transferred to Arusha airstrip for our shared charter flight to Katavi National Park. On arrival, we'll be met by our camp staff who will transfer us to Chada Katavi tented camp set on a wooded promontory overlooking the plains of [Katavi](#); you cannot get much more "bush" than this! Check in, relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Later in the afternoon as the sun slowly goes down, we depart for a gamedrive to explore the intrigues and fascinations of Katavi. Dinner and overnight at Chada Katavi tented camp (L, D)



## Day 2: Katavi National Park

Isolated, untrammelled and seldom visited, Katavi is a true wilderness, providing the few intrepid souls who make it there with a thrilling taste of Africa as it must have been a century ago. During our exploratory morning and evening game drives in this Tanzania's third largest national park, we expect to catch a glimpse of the substantial but elusive populations of the localized eland, sable and roan antelopes, a myriad water birds on the flood plains and Tanzania's densest concentrations of hippo and crocodile. In the dry season, the flanking floodplains support game concentrations that defy belief. An estimated 4,000 elephants might converge on the area, together with several herds of 1,000-plus buffalo, while an abundance of giraffe, zebra, impala and reedbuck provide easy pickings for the numerous lion prides and spotted hyena clans whose territories converge on the floodplains. Katavi's most singular wildlife spectacle is provided by its hippos. Up to 200 individuals might flop together in any riverine pool of sufficient depth. And as more hippos gather in one place, so does male rivalry heat up – bloody territorial fights are an everyday occurrence, with the vanquished male forced to lurk hapless on the open plains until it gathers sufficient confidence to mount another challenge. All meals and overnight at Chada Katavi tented camp (B, L, D)

## Day 3: Katavi National Park

We wake up to the exhilarating sights and sounds of wild Africa. After a sizzling breakfast by our camp chef, we set out to explore the marvelous bird diversity of Katavi in the company of a professional bird watching guide. We visit the various habitats of Katavi from the high plains grassland, which becomes swampy wetland during the rains, to the fringes of miombo woodland and scattered acacia. We see a considerable numbers of waterfowl including many pelicans. About 400 different species of birds have been noted in this region. Return to camp for lunch and a free afternoon to relax, enjoy the fresh ambiance of Katavi or simply update your journal. Meals and Overnight at Chada Katavi tented camp (B, L, D)



## Day 4: Mahale Mountains

Today, after breakfast, we must bid farewell to our friendly camp staff. Then, it's time to transfer to the Katavi airstrip for departure by shared charter to Mahale Mountains. We are met on arrival and transferred to our exclusive camp, Greystoke Mahale luxury camp. Check in, relax and get acquainted with our marvelous environment. Later in the afternoon, we proceed for Chimpanzee tracking in the forest. Observing the chimpanzees in their natural habitat, one cannot help but be touched by their natural grace and anthropomorphic features. Tracking chimps from Greystoke is very professional; you're always accompanied by one of the camp's expert guides and a scout from the park. Crucially, your guide is someone who knows all of these chimps individually, by name, and can explain their behavior with reference to what's happened to that particular chimp in the past. This raises your whole experience beyond simply watching wildlife, and into the realm of watching individuals and their social conduct. This makes it, for us, one of the most riveting wildlife spectacles in Africa. Dinner and overnight at Greystoke Mahale luxury camp (B, L, D)

## Day 5: Mahale Mountains

After breakfast, it's another day of Chimpanzee tracking in the forest. The hikes takes you to the chimp's habitation areas are accessible and not strenuous, although being in good physical condition will ease the strain of walking through the jungle! Up close, observing the endangered primates is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The chimpanzee population of the park is estimated at about 1000 which can be seen, in groups of five and 30 at a time, in their natural habitat. Other primates such as baboons and columbus monkeys can also be seen. Elephants, buffalo, bushpig, porcupine and other animals are found in the north; while to the south live various antelope species, lions and giraffe. Meals and overnight at Greystoke Mahale luxury camp (B, L, D)



### Days 6 and 7: Mahale Mountains

Two more full days to explore Mahale. After trying to understand the chimps, spend a two lazy days kayaking on Lake Tanganyika, or sailing on a beautiful old dhow, snorkeling, swimming, fishing and drinking as the sun sets in the company of a great staff team, superb food and an idyllic location. Meals and overnight at Greystoke Mahale luxury camp (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Departure Day

Today, we bid farewell to the awesome Mahale. After breakfast, transfer to Mahale airstrip for departure by shared charter flight to Kilimanjaro or Dar es Salaam. On arrival, we'll be met for assistance to connect with our onward international flight marking the end of a memorable sojourn (B)

*B-Breakfast, L-Lunch and D- Dinner*

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\* Prices in \$ U.S.

Per person, sharing	January 2008–March 2008	June 2008–October 2008
	November 2008–December 2008	
2 Pax	USD 4,125.00	USD 4,885.00
3-4 Pax	USD 4,040.00	USD 4,800.00
5-7 Pax	USD 4000.00	USD 4,775.00

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

#### Flights (shared charter per person)

Arusha – Mahale US\$ 745  
 Mahale – Katavi US\$ 375  
 Katavi – Arusha US\$ 750

#### What's included in the Price of this Trip

- 2 night's at Chada Katavi Tented Camp, Katavi National Park
- 4 night's at Greystoke Mahale luxury camp, Mahale Mountains
- Ground transportation in customized 4x4 safari vehicle, window seats guaranteed
- Nature walks, Chimpanzee tracking in the forest, forest walks, birding, boat trips, snorkeling, swimming, fishing and kayaks
- 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

- Tips

**What to carry:**

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