

# THE TRAILBLAZER *Itinerary*

5 NIGHT WALKING & DRIVING EXPEDITION



## **Definition: "A person who makes a new track through wild country."**

For those who want a bit more time in the bush to see as much wild country as possible and who like to have a good game drive experience too, this could be the choice for you. The ultimate walking and driving combination for five nights! Get up close and personal to the animals by means of vehicle, with a decent walking expedition forming the heart of the safari. The first three days are along the lines of the our 'Explorer' Expedition, but the full details are outlined below.



## **DAY 1: KICHAKA** *Frontier*

Pick up from Msembe airstrip or any other camp in the park around lunchtime depending on plane schedules. Your first game drive into the wilderness begins immediately which may take up to 5 hours depending on what animals you see along the way. Jump straight in with both feet, it will not be long before you encounter your first Elephant. With a fabulous bush lunch and refreshments en route we will arrive at the camp late afternoon or early evening to settle in after a warm welcome from our friendly staff.

## **DAY 2: KICHAKA** *Frontier*

The first day will commence with a steaming tray of coffee delivered to your room, sip it as you wake up and enjoy the paling of the African sky as dawn slowly sheds its light on a new day full of anticipation. After a quick but nourishing breakfast we depart camp to tackle our first walking experience lasting about 5 hours and covering approximately 10 Km. Allow yourself to fall into nature's rhythms, test your senses as you begin to learn and observe the natural world on foot, interpret the smells, sounds and signs which all form part of the addictive walking experience. For all Afternoon activities there is a choice, from learning about tracking, short walks into the vast Kopje and Inselberg systems (huge rock outcrops), specialist birding, and normal game drives to name but a few.

## **DAY 3: KICHAKA** *Frontier*

Another early morning departure on foot after breakfast as we push further into Ruaha's wilderness. Armed with our previous days knowledge we now put it to the test. Hone your tracking skills and pit your wits against some of nature's mightiest beasts. Every footprint, bent blade of grass, dropping and urine smell must be analyzed in detail to provide clues as to the current whereabouts of the quarry as we slowly apprehend it. You will learn quickly though, some you win and some you lose but every step is a reward in itself. After lunch in camp the usual afternoon activities will apply and the evening will be spent viewing the African Milky way with our high powered telescope.

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## DAY 4: KICHAKA *Untamed*

This morning we depart the basecamp as normal but this time we do not return. We will be walking to Kichaka Untamed, a walk of around 13 Km through some stunning country to arrive in time for lunch where all your luggage will be waiting in your new home with cold showers waiting. This morning's walk will be a little more walking and a little less talking, however by now you will be familiar enough with tracking to interpret the signs by yourself and make your own deductions about what you see around you. Guests can then choose to doze in the shade of their tents or opt for the usual set of afternoon activities available.

## DAY 5: KICHAKA *Untamed*

Back out on foot again after an early breakfast this morning. We never walk the same route twice so an entirely new habitat and experience will be selected, and a full morning's exploration waits. We will delve deeper into the workings of the ecosystem and cover all aspects from medicinal uses of trees and plants all the way to following Lion footprints for the hope of a glimpse. A fair distance of 10-15 Km will be covered to finish up for lunch back at camp with cooling showers waiting. Guests can then choose to doze in the shade of their tents or opt for the usual set of afternoon activities available.

## DAY 6: DEPARTURE

A more relaxed breakfast today, but departure soon after to commence the long drive back to 'civilization' with arrival at the Msembe airstrip in time for the scheduled flight or a morning drop off at any other camp in the Park.