



KICHAKA Kidogo

Ruaha National Park, Tanzania



May 01 - October 31

Perhaps the most raw and traditional way to enhance any safari experience, Kichaka Kidogo brings you right back to the basics of how safari exploration started.

Our well designed and lightweight flycamp allows for a few days foray into the really wild sections of Ruaha Park, it can be erected within a few hours and allows us to drift deeper into the Wilderness once we have familiarised ourselves with the areas around Zumbua camp.

Kichaka Kidogo easily opens up fresh walking and exploration areas without the need to travel big distances several times daily to return to our Zumbua camp.

Set up along the banks of the Ruaha River itself this simple, yet perfectly comfortable flycamp can accommodate 6 guests in 3 tents each with adjoining private bucket showers and toilets. Travel cots ensure a good nights sleep, waking only for the night sounds before a full days exploration.

With a feel of complete informality, meals will be freshly prepared on the camp fire itself while you nurse a cold beer and contemplate how to fill up your next days activities.

RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

A trip to the Ruaha National Park in Tanzania is an exhilarating adventure into the unknown. Very few other wildernesses in Africa can convey the sheer isolation and expanse of this land that epitomises the Africa of 'old' that was felt in times gone by. Far far away from the 'madding' crowds which haunt the famous Northern Circuits, Ruaha lies in an untouched and incredibly remote area of Southern Tanzania, and is visited by relatively few tourists making it one of Africa's wildest Parks for the safari enthusiast.



WILDLIFE

Ruaha's stunning, variable landscapes and habitats have ensured that a wealth of diversity occurs at all levels in its flora and fauna. Its tremendous size which encompasses entire ecosystems also contributes to the wonderful abundance of life that Ruaha possesses.

Many creatures are of specialist habitats and unlike the more common generalists which scatter all of Africa's National Parks, Ruaha boasts many near endemic, and uncommon species not seen in many other areas. This Park also contains one of the highest concentrations of Elephants in the world and during the dry season vast numbers of these pachyderms can be encountered making Ruaha one Africa's greatest Elephant parks.

DRY SEASON

JUNE-NOVEMBER

Without doubt the prime months for game viewing in Ruaha. Water becomes scarce as the rivers and pans begin to dry up forcing the game closer to the more permanent water sources offering great viewing opportunities. Game sightings improve as the grass dies out and all the leaves fall of the trees as they commence their 'hibernation', enabling us to see much deeper into the vegetation. Brown, yellow and barren defines the landscape, a different beauty to that of the rains. Bitter nights can occur, especially in a tent, which have their effects thwarted by roaring fires in the camp and hot water bottles in the beds.

WET SEASON

DECEMBER-MARCH

When it rains it pours!! Ruaha in the rains can receive considerable amounts of water which turns the land into pure paradise. Grass emerges from ground so cracked and bare that you wonder if anything could ever recover from this. But recover it does into every shade of Green imaginable over an incredibly short time. Rivers are flowing, flowers emerging and there is a sense of peace with the animals in the Park. A myriad of numerous little creatures, unseen over the dry periods come to life in this period, as well as a huge influx of birds arriving from pastures far far away, some as far as Russia!

GREEN SEASON

APRIL-MAY

The big rains are over however the land is still lush and green and many of the seasonal rivers still flow, there is a chance of some scattered showers. The Park roads have dried up and are passable over most their range allowing us to push further into the Park. The grass slowly begins to yellow and many of the migrant birds begin to leave and make their way back to the Northern hemisphere. Water is still abundant so the game is scattered over much of the park. It is possible to see the beauty of the land in a state of paradise without the actual heavy rain itself.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS



Suitable for children
16 and above

- Located along the banks of the Ruaha River
- The camp is stripped back to the basics allowing you to get as close to nature as possible.
- Allows exploration of new walking areas even deeper into the wilderness



Tent Facilities

3 Dome style tents each with own short drop loo & bucket shower



Power

Solar Powered Charging available for phones, cameras, & laptops.



Activities

Walking Safaris, Afternoon & Night GameDrives, & Bird Watching

LOCATIONS

Lunda Zone of Ruaha National park.

This location is always changing depending on animal movements.

ACCESS

1 hour 40 minute flight from Dar es Salaam to Ruaha National Park.
Arriving into Msembe Airstrip

