



# Tanzania & Zanzibar Convention

12 days | Aug 26 2024—Sep 06 2024

Few experiences are more humbling than observing lions, elephants, and other majestic animals in their natural habitat. Do just that alongside fellow Group Coordinators on this tour of Tanzania, which will take you to some of the country's most breathtaking national parks and to historic Stone Town, Zanzibar, too. Along the way, enjoy some of the fragrant spices, warming flavors, and welcoming locals that make this East African nation so unique. Tour point value: 3,000 for one; 5,400 for two.



## Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 9 lunches
- 9 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 cooking class
- 4 sightseeing tours
- 3 game drives
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- 4x4 Land Cruiser safari vehicle
- 2 on-tour flights

## Included highlights

- Convention Tour meeting and networking
- Mikumi National Park
- Ruaha National Park
- Evening walking safari
- Ismilia Stone Age Site
- Udzungwa National Park
- Swahili cooking class
- Stone Town
- Mnarani Aquarium & Marine Turtle Conservation Pond
- Dhow sunset cruise

## Tour pace

You will walk at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and unpaved trails.

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Dar es Salaam today.

## Dar es Salaam → 1 night

### Day 2: Arrival in Dar es Salaam

*Included meals: light dinner*

Welcome to Tanzania! Transfer to your hotel and get settled in before enjoying a light dinner this evening.

## Mikumi National Park → 2 nights

### Day 3: Convention Tour meeting & transfer to Mikumi National Park

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, welcome dinner*

Join your group for a Convention Tour meeting, a series of presentations and discussions designed with Group Coordinators' questions, experiences, and interests in mind.

- Begin with a keynote address by a senior member of Go Ahead Tours' staff, followed by an insider's view of the company and its tours
- Discuss tour-planning and recruiting best practices with Go Ahead Tours staff and your fellow Group Coordinators
- Get an overview of the many benefits available to you as a Go Ahead Tours Group Coordinator, and learn about new program updates
- Enjoy a break with coffee, tea, and biscuits

Sit down for an included lunch before making your way to Mikumi National Park, Tanzania's fourth-largest national park, in a 4x4 Land Cruiser. Along the way, be sure to keep an eye out for tree-climbing lions and other animals. Tonight, sit down with your fellow travelers to enjoy a welcome dinner with drinks.

### Day 4: Mikumi National Park game drive

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Set off for an adventurous game drive through Mikumi National Park.

- Travel through the Mkata Floodplain, often referred to as the "little Serengeti" because of its abundant wildlife and beautiful landscapes
  - Look for the Big Five—cheetahs, lions, elephants, buffaloes, and rhinos—along with the many other animals who call the park home
  - Savor a scenic picnic lunch within the park
- Head back to your lodge for an included dinner this evening.

## Ruaha National Park → 2 nights

### Day 5: Transfer to Ruaha National Park & evening safari walk

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Spend a free morning at your lodge in Mikumi before driving to Ruaha National Park, the second-largest park in the country. Because of its remoteness, the park offers rewarding game drives and a relatively untouched environment. Upon arrival, enjoy an included lunch at the lodge followed by free time to explore the area and relax.

After this evening's included dinner, join a local guide for an evening safari walk, during which you'll have the opportunity to take in smaller details.

- Learn how to track animals by their footprints
- View some of the more than 570 species of birds while they rest in the trees
- Look for smaller creatures and study their behavior in the quiet of the night

### Day 6: Ruaha National Park game drive

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Climb into your 4x4 Land Cruiser and set out to discover the park's resident animals.

- Learn how the park serves as one of the country's Lion Conservation Units
- Enjoy an included picnic lunch
- Spot herds of elephants, leopards, giraffes, endangered wild dogs, and more as you drive through the park

Sit down for an included dinner back at the lodge this evening.

## Udzungwa National Park → 1 night

### Day 7: Udzungwa National Park via Isimila Stone Age Site

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Make your way to Iringa, where, in the 1950s, archaeologists uncovered some of the world's most significant artifacts from the Stone Age at the Isimila Stone Age Site.

- Join a guide at the small museum for an overview of the site's formation and the artifacts that have been found there
- Descend into the canyon to see where ancient tools, like hammerstones, axe-heads, and more items, were discovered
- Admire the dramatic, eroded sandstone pillars that are unique to the area and can't be found anywhere else in the world

After an included lunch at a local restaurant in Iringa, continue on to Udzungwa National Park for an afternoon game drive through the "Galapagos of Africa."

- Travel into the majestic forests that cover the park's mountains
- Explore the park's impressive biodiversity, from its tropical flora to its animals, among them Red Colobus monkeys

Continue on to your lodge for an included dinner with your group.

## Stone Town → 3 nights

### Day 8: Flight to Stone Town

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Transfer to Morogoro Town this morning for an included lunch.

Then, fly to Stone Town, located on the island of Zanzibar, and sit down for an included dinner.

### Day 9: Swahili cooking class & Stone Town sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Learn how to make authentic Swahili food during today's market visit and cooking class.

- Visit a market in Stone Town to see where locals shop for the grains, meat, and seafood they use in traditional recipes, then visit the spice farm

For more information, contact

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- Hear about the flavors and roots of East African dishes, which are known for their bright and flavorful spices, like turmeric, cumin seeds, and curry powder
- Learn how to cook a meal traditionally served in restaurants and homes across Zanzibar using ingredients such as beans, yams, sweet potatoes, or plantains

Join a local guide this afternoon for a sightseeing tour of Stone Town, a UNESCO-recognized area of Zanzibar City.

- Walk through a local fruit and vegetable market
- Visit Christ Church, which was built on the site of a former slave market, to learn about the enslaved East African people who were forced into the Middle Eastern slave trade
- Enter the Sultan's Palace to learn more about the island's history
- Step inside the House of Wonders, which was designed by the Second Sultan of Zanzibar, Barghash bin Said
- See the colonial mansions and stroll along the narrow alleyways
- Visit Livingstone House, named for the famous explorer David Livingstone, who once stayed there
- Enter the Old Fort of Zanzibar, a military fortification and the oldest building in Stone Town

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

#### **Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Nungwi Village & dhow sunset cruise**

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Head to the northern tip of the island to visit Nungwi village, which is known for its pristine, white-sand beaches.

- See how local fishermen build their boats from scratch
- Visit the Mnarani Natural Aquarium, a coral lagoon that's home to a variety of endangered sea turtles and fish
- Enjoy a Swahili-style lunch in the village before heading back to Stone Town

This evening, make your way to the shores of Stone Town and step aboard a dhow—a traditional Arab pearling boat.

- Sail approximately a half-mile from the coast of Stone Town with a skilled crew
- Enjoy time to sit back, relax, and enjoy the peacefulness of the ocean as you watch the sun set
- Savor a cold drink in view of the city's magnificent shoreline

- Disembark back in Stone Town and celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at tonight's farewell dinner

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### **Overnight Flight → 1 night**

#### **Day 11: Departure**

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Enjoy an included lunch in Stone Town this afternoon. Then, head to the airport and fly to Dar es Salaam, where you'll board your flight home.

*Please note: Depending on the flight schedule, lunch may take place in Dar es Salaam.*

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### **Arrive Home**

#### **Day 12: Arrival at home**

Arrive home today.