

## Mwagusi Ruaha

In the North of Ruaha National Park Mwagusi is a rare gem on the safari circuit. Mwagusi is tucked away in the far north east corner of Ruaha National Park in central Tanzania, on the banks of sweeping bend in the Mwagusi Sand River.

It is an area where all manner of local wildlife dig holes in the sand to drink the clear waters that flow beneath, and the camp brims with a rare passion for the place that is infectious.

Mwagusi is owned and run by Chris Fox, whose knowledge of this area extends back to long holidays spent camping in this area before it even became a National Park, and whose family helped to ensure that the land was gazetted and fully protected in 1964. He developed the camp as an offshoot from the Ruaha River Lodge, originally managing that camp and using the Mwagusi location for extended fly-camping safaris.

It is not unusual to wake in the early hours of morning with the magnetic lure of a sublime sunrise over the sand river, to pad out onto your sandy private balcony to see Chris taking a barefooted morning stroll in the company of a very large and ancient, tuskered elephant.

The camp is designed with all-natural and yet elegant construction that can accommodate 8 couples in absolute safari style. Mealtimes are sociably shared at long communal tables, and laden with a fantastic gourmet spread that enhances the magic, and sets this place as a world apart.



- A serious safari camp.
- Located in the best game area of Ruaha.
- 13 wooden and thatch bandas.
- Absolutely fantastic food.

### Our View

The camp in some peoples' eyes may be looking a little forlorn these days, in need of a little renovation, but they would be missing the point!

Mwagusi is a safari camp that maintains exceptionally high safari standards for which it has become so famous. The camp itself is not for everyone; Mwagusi is a real safari camp, intended to be a camp as opposed to being a hospitality focused safari hotel.

It remains our favorite camp in the park for sheer quality of game. So long as you are happy to forego the opulent luxury of wooden polished floors and copper wash bowls, there is every likely hood that you will have a safari experience to knock you sideways.

