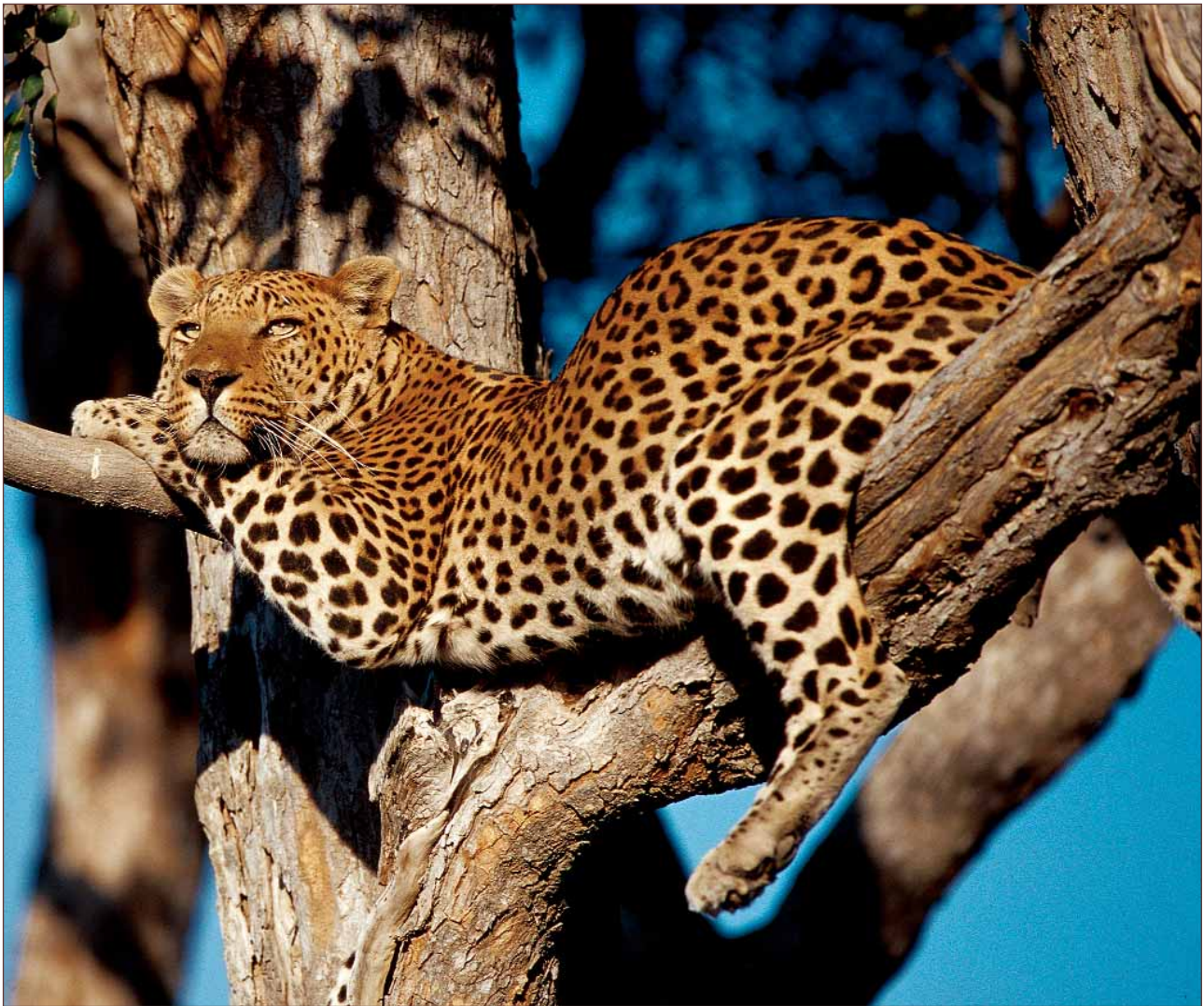


*Tanzania
&
Indian Ocean Odyssey*



*Specialist operators to
Tanzania and the islands of
the Indian Ocean*

About us

We have over a decade of experience creating tailor-made itineraries to the East African land of Tanzania and the islands of the Indian Ocean. Our professionalism and in-depth knowledge allows us to provide accurate, impartial and up to date advice.

Tanzania Odyssey is dedicated to devising the finest holidays that this breathtaking part of the world has to offer, and we provide a comprehensive service that costs no more than if you were to take the trouble to contact each of the individual lodges directly.



Where possible, we encourage clients to visit our offices for a presentation, in which one of our consultants will discuss all the alternatives for your holiday with the help of photographs, videos and brochures of the lodges and locations. For those unable to make it in person, we can quote and discuss your itinerary with you over the telephone. To make it even easier, we have uploaded video and a wealth of other information onto our internet site at www.tanzaniaodyssey.com.

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On Safari, how to book and when to go

Our knowledge of the vast array of possibilities for safaris, holidays and honeymoons in Tanzania puts us in a great situation; we can match your dreams to reality. This brochure is a good starting point for developing ideas, but we need your feedback to tailor the right trip for you.

On Safari

The National Parks and Reserves of Tanzania rank among the best in the world for wildlife viewing, and most people choose to explore them for at least part of their stay - on a safari.



A safari may be as long or short as you wish, although the style and type of your safari experience is somewhat determined by the park or reserve you choose.

Whereas the northern parks are the only place to witness the Great Migration and the spectacle of the Ngorongoro Crater, these parks are many hours driving distance apart

and are accessible only by closed-sided safari vehicle. It is therefore not advisable to plan a short safari - anything less than six nights, as you will simply not have the time to enjoy the best that these parks have to offer and will spend most of your time driving.

The southern parks and reserves are better suited to a shorter safari, as these require a flight direct to your chosen camp or lodge. While the northern parks are largely the domain of well-established big hotels, accommodation in the south is small, personalised and with very high standards of guiding and service.

The best months for watching the Great Migration swathe across the plains of the Serengeti are from May to July when the plains are fresh and green, and November to March when they return to calve. The southern parks are good all year round, although especially in the dry months from July to October.

Making the dream come true

The finest holidays are built on true knowledge of all the possible options and how these may be made into a reality for you. We believe in sharing our knowledge and ensuring that you, the client, have all the latest information at your fingertips - thus the choices that you make will be informed and appropriate to your holiday ideal. For this reason we are committed to keeping our internet site fully updated and informative, including up to date prices, breaking news, photos and more recently, a constantly updated range of digital movies of all the

parks and accommodation options. We will provide you with a number of itineraries that we will discuss and develop with you in person. We invite clients to join us for a private, personal presentation at our offices in London, so that we may fully develop your itinerary to suit you.



It is worth reiterating that we do not charge any mark-up on the prices charged by the lodges, as we get special rates; the price of your holiday will be the same as if you were to contact the lodges directly.

When to go

South of the equator, Tanzania and the islands of the Indian Ocean enjoy a fine tropical climate, though each country has its own distinct weather pattern:

The beaches and islands of Tanzania

Being so close to the equator, temperatures in Tanzania are fairly constant throughout the year, although the rainy season in April and May is best avoided. June to September are delightful months in which to travel, when the climate is hot and dry with very low humidity. November is characterised by the 'short rains', which are often little more than a fresh downpour for a short period each day, followed by clear sunshine. From December to March the weather becomes increasingly hot and humid before

The Seychelles & Mauritius

Neatly situated outside the cyclone belt, the Seychelles enjoy a year-round warm and sunny climate. Despite a chance of tropical rain showers at any time, the driest months are from May until September. The mountains of Mauritius experience more frequent showers than those of the Seychelles, although it is quite common for inland showers to leave the beaches unaffected. The driest months are from April until November.



The islands of Mozambique

The best, warmest and driest months for enjoying Mozambique are during our spring and autumn; from April to June & September to October. From November to January it is hot and humid with showers building up to the rainy season proper in January

Northern National Parks



The rolling, ever-changing landscapes of the Northern National Parks are renowned for some of the best game-viewing in Africa. These wide open distances, made famous by countless wildlife documentaries, are alive with all the intricacies of natural life in the African bush, and provide endless alternatives for varied and inspiring safari experiences.



Serengeti

At the heart of this incredible landscape, the world famous plains of the Serengeti extend over distances comparable in size to small countries, and are entirely unfenced to allow animals free movement through surrounding parks and reserves.

Each year, over one million wildebeest and zebra join in a spectacular Great Migration across this wild expanse, following a time-honoured pathway through the rolling grasslands that reach to each far horizon. These short grass plains are home to an abundance of resident wildlife, and are the hunting grounds for large numbers of predators; lion, leopard and cheetah roam at large, and in the waters of the Grumeti River lie an ever-patient foe; hungry crocodiles waiting for a tasty four-hoofed feast.

Ngorongoro Crater

Nearby, the phenomenon of the Ngorongoro Crater provides a luxuriant haven for wildlife and birds throughout the year. The fertile slopes of the caldera and lush spring-fed crater floor provide little incentive for migration beyond the surrounding green pastures of the crater highlands. This idyllic landscape guarantees memorable game viewing experiences, and picnics amid buffalo, lion, and impala. The crater highlands also provide a rare and wonderful opportunity to watch Maasai tribesmen defying the lion prides as they herd their cattle to the water to drink. As the day draws to an end, vehicles withdraw to lodges perched high on the crater rim, for fantastic views across a wide and starlit African night.

Lake Manyara

The wide soda waters of Lake Manyara, flocked with pink flamingos, lie beneath the sheer escarpment of the Great Rift Valley. Each hidden

corner of its twining pathways reveals unexpected, sunlit encounters; a petulant trotting warthog or cluster of skittish impala, the flashing coloured wing of butterfly or bird. This unusual landscape has a reputation for inspiring its resident lions to climb trees, perhaps to gain a better vantage over their prey, or maybe simply to catch the breeze during the heat of the day.

Tarangire

Just south from Manyara, Tarangire National Park protects a craggy river valley flanked by grassy, baobab-studded slopes.



This is the favourite meeting place for elephant pow-wows towards the end of the dry season, when herds instinctively travel from surrounding parks to congregate and socialise. The wildlife of the northern parks relies on the waters of the Tarangire river as their drinking sources dry up elsewhere, and this park comes alive with creatures great and small.

The landscapes of the northern parks are each so different that it is worth taking time to explore them all, on a 'mobile' itinerary to suit the season. Wildlife viewing in the north is mainly by vehicle, and we ensure that you experience the magic of this stunning natural wilderness in a private open-top 4x4 vehicle, comfortably ensconced with your own dedicated driver-guide. Your accommodation may range from the stylish luxury of a lodge to authentic nights under safari canvas, but whichever you choose, you will always be assured of the utmost in comfort and fine cuisine.



The Ngorongoro Crater

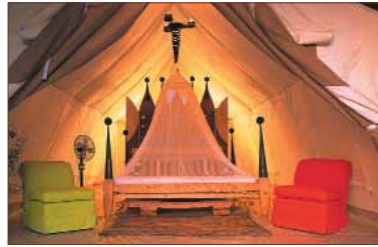


Serengeti, Ngorongoro Grater, Lake Manyara, Tarangire



Ngorongoro Crater Lodge
~ Ngorongoro Crater ~

One of the most romantic options, with an inspirational and stylish design. The lodge is divided into three distinct 'camps', to ensure the utmost in personal service; retire to your own sitting room for cocktails among the branches of an ancient baobab, bathe with awesome views and dine under the stars - by the light of flaming braziers.



Grumeti River Camp
~ Serengeti, Western Corridor ~

Grumeti is a fabulous Conservation Corporation lodge, beautifully crafted in wood, stone and canvas to blend in with its bush surroundings. The ten vast, double tents are specifically designed to create a light and airy atmosphere, and are each completed with wooden floorboards, dinky wooden bathrooms and wide, hand built beds. Well located for the migration in June.



Serena Lodge
~ Serengeti, Central Plains ~

Tucked comfortably in the middle of the wildlife action in the Serengeti, the Serena provides unusual and extremely comfortable accommodation. Guests sleep in thatched rooms, with balconies overlooking the Plains. Even the 'infinity' swimming pool gazes out to the furthest horizon, providing elegant respite in the midst of this incredible stretch of bush.



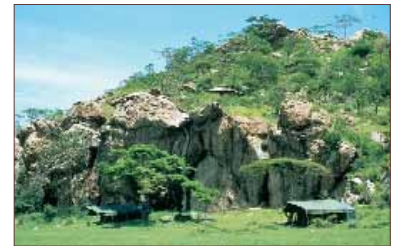
Tarangire Treetops
~ Tarangire ~

This beautifully designed camp takes the prize for the most inspired vantage point for wildlife viewing, being entirely constructed around the upper branches of ancient baobabs and wild fig trees. Its superb location just beyond the park means night drives, walking safaris and mobile camping trips are allowed from this stylish and original lodge.



Kleins Camp
~ Serengeti, North ~

Ranging across a hillside on the far northern border, Kleins is an oasis of luxurious comfort with magnificent views over the Serengeti Plains. Guests enjoy excellent attention to important details, such as their preferred sundowner cocktail at a wild and distant location at the end of a memorable game walk, or a day or night game drive.



Luxury Camping
~ Serengeti ~

For those who dream of the ultimate safari experience; sleeping under canvas beneath a clear African sky, with only the cries of wandering animals to lull you. Also for those who would like to wake up to a cooked breakfast beneath a spreading acacia followed by gallons of hot water for your shower. A lifetime experience to be made much of.

~ Other possibilities include; Kusine, Swala, Migration Camp, the Sopa Lodges, Gibbs Farm, Ndotu, Mbuzi Mawe and Kirawira ~

The Great Migration

Day 1 Arusha; fly to Arusha, o/n Moivaro. Day 2 Private Safari - Lake Manyara; o/n Kirurumu. Days 3 to 5 Serengeti; o/n Serena Lodge. Days 6 to 7 Ngorongoro Crater; o/n Serena Lodge. Days 8 to 13 Zanzibar; fly to Zanzibar, o/n Ras Nungwi. Day 14 Fly to Dar.
From £2,510 per person full board excl. international flights

Sand and Savannah

Day 1 Arusha; fly to Arusha, o/n Moivaro. Days 2 to 3 Ngorongoro Crater; o/n Crater Lodge. Days 4 to 7 Serengeti; o/n Kleins Camp. Days 8 to 12 Mnemba; fly to Zanzibar, o/n Mnemba island. Day 13 Stone Town; o/n Serena Inn. Day 14 Fly to Dar.
From £6,150 per person full board excl. international flights



Southern National Parks



Possibilities for safaris in the Southern regions extend beyond the beaten track to areas where nature reigns unchallenged; places where you are assured of an individual and private safari experience. Camps and lodges here are small and distant, connected by air, and safaris are led by resident experts whose knowledge is unparalleled, their passion infectious.



Selous

The lush riverine waterways, woodlands and savannahs of the Selous Game Reserve combine in a unique and varied landscape. Guided walks and game drives provide opportunities to find lion, leopard, African hunting dog, and other animal and birdlife. Boating safaris - drifting softly amongst honking hippos and cranky crocs - take on a dream-

like quality amid such a vibrancy of colour. Grandiose fish eagles and diminutive kingfishers dive the waters with immaculate skill; wildebeest, zebra and impala dice with death as they come warily to the waters edge and a thriving population of elephant roam unabashed, crossing the waters with playful exuberance. These are the special features of the Selous, culminating in breathtaking sunsets that sweep across the end of each magical day.

Mahale Mountains

The forest trails and inland slopes of Mahale Mountains National Park are the domain of the closest living ancestor to Man, the chimpanzee. Birds and small wildlife also flourish in these shaded forests, which visitors may only explore on foot. The only permanent camp faces over the fresh waters of the world's second deepest lake; snorkelling here provides fine refreshment after a day of walking the mountain trails. The mysteries of Mahale are many, and its inaccessibility ensures that they remain exclusive.

Ruaha

The ancient realms of Ruaha National Park are even less visited than Selous, its distances seemingly shaped by years of creation. The contrast with the greenery of the Selous makes these parks a great combination for a longer safari. Its red earth reflects the heat of a truly African sun, and, at its centre, the



Great Ruaha River wends its winding path. The hillsides are the domain of stately antelope and the dusty distances are covered with ease by packs of hunting dog, vast herds of buffalo and elephant. This park seems to express an essence of the great continent of which it is such a small part. Each day the wonders of the bush play out beneath a changing sky, and guides follow footprints and subtle signs to bring you to the heart of wildlife action.

Katavi

Further west, the wide plains of Katavi National Park attract wildlife throughout the year, first when filled with shimmering floodwaters and later when they ripple with windswept grasses.



There is no permanent lodge here, but intrepid safari travellers may enjoy a luxurious camp throughout the dry months. The sheer effort of getting here sets this stunning landscape a long way off the beaten track, preserving its wild beauty for the few who are prepared to go the distance in search of rare rewards.

The southern parks are characterised by the personal pace of uncharted days; you decide your daily itinerary with the sun rise and set. You might choose to explore up-close and personal, walking, at one with the scents and secrets of the bush, or opt for the gentler vantage point of a boat or vehicle specially adapted for wildlife viewing. The order of the day is small groups, quality attention and the freedom to choose. Bush breakfasts, lunches and sundowners are the speciality of these camps and lodges.

Ruaha National Park



Selous, Ruaha, Mahale, Katavi



Beho Beho
~ Selous ~

This beautiful camp, hidden in the rolling savannah of the northern Selous, harks back to a bygone era, with its comfortable leather armchairs and green baize billiards table. Each of the eight cottages, painstakingly crafted from local stone and deadwood, offers an intimate and comfortable hideaway in which to absorb the surrounding views.



Selous Safari Camp
~ Selous ~

A refreshingly stylish yet relaxed tented camp for an authentic safari experience. Great attention to detail guarantees superb food and wildlife viewing; the dining room is on wooden stilts, for optimum views. Bush breakfasts and fine picnics are popularly combined with walking and boating safaris, followed by a cool swim after wildlife adventures.



Sand Rivers Selous
~ Selous ~

Sand Rivers has a luxurious atmosphere and an inspired wood and stone design, with an elegant swimming pool. Eight spacious thatched bungalows are open at one side to focus on river views. Excellent guiding and fine dining, and a considerate service from the moment that tea appears at your door in the morning to chilled face flannels on return from safari.



Mwagusi
~ Ruaha ~

A true atmosphere of safari passion resides among the thatch and canvas of Mwagusi. Nestled around a curve in a wide sand river, each room commands private views of endless wildlife action throughout the day, and guiding is superb for walking and driving safaris. Supper is laid out under the stars, and the most is made of this very special location.



Jongomero
~ Ruaha ~

In the southwestern corner of Ruaha, Jongomero is one of Tanzania's most remote camps. Eight spacious rooms offer unrivalled privacy and the levels of service and guiding are unbeatable. Huge ensuite bathrooms, large private decking areas, and chunky wooden furniture make this one of Tanzania's most luxurious lodges.



Greystoke
~ Mahale Mountains ~

A distinctive and extravagant tented camp, complete with an Ottoman-style canvas frontage and endowed with rich Turkish rugs and careless good taste. Snorkel and swim in Lake Tanganyika or set out on foot into the forests in search of chimpanzees. All lighting is solar-powered, and bucket showers remain, for a truly authentic experience.

~ Other possibilities include; Rufiji River Camp, Impala Camp, Chada Katavi, Ruaha River Lodge and Mdonya Old River ~

African Sunset

Days 1 to 3 Selous; fly Dar to Selous, o/n Selous Safari Camp. Days 4 to 7 Ruaha; fly to Ruaha, o/n Jongomero. Days 8 to 13 Mainland; fly to Dar and o/n Ras Kutani. Day 14 Fly to Dar.

From £3,270 per person full board excl. international flights
Please see the enclosed price guide to cost your own itinerary

Safari Style

Days 1 to 3 Selous; fly Dar to Selous, o/n Sand Rivers Selous. Days 4 to 7 Ruaha; fly to Ruaha, o/n Mwagusi. Days 8 to 11 Kavati; fly to Katavi o/n Chada. Day 12 to 13 Mahale; o/n Greystoke. Day 14 Fly to Dar.

From £4,930 per person full board excl. international flights
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Indian Ocean coastline and islands



The luminous waters of the Indian Ocean bring joy to many a traveller, and are never more poignant than after the dusty exertions of a safari. Fine coral-sand beaches are shaded by coconut palms, and lapped by a startlingly clear blue sea. Views of the wide horizon are tempered by the gentle pace of wooden crafted dhows, sailing beneath billowing lanteen sails.



Zanzibar

The mysteries of Zanzibar remain as intriguing as ever. These islands with their spice plantations and layered histories of ancient trade offer endless opportunities for memorable sun-blanced days, barefoot beside the Indian Ocean.

But perhaps take time to explore the narrow streets of the historic Stone Town, where elegant

balconies and loggias extend overhead, among the Sultans' Palaces, Persian bath houses and the tall minarets of temples and mosques. At its heart, the market throngs with vendors bearing colourful trophies of the seas, baskets of spices and fresh tropical fruits.

The sweeping coves, bays and sandbanks of this incredibly unspoilt coastline provide a colourful lifeline for the Zanzibari people, who still fish and tend coconut palms as they have for centuries. The beaches are amongst the best in the Indian Ocean and are characterised by aspect, so the sand and sea colours are varied and diverse. To the east, a seemingly endless stretch of the softest rice-flour sand extends for miles; in the north, translucent turquoise waters reflect the rise and set of the sun.

Nearby, offshore, the tiny dream-inspiring island of Mnemba rises in the midst of a wide coral atoll, surrounded by leaping dolphins and all species of reef dwelling fish. This is a divers paradise, a thriving coral garden that grows along the edge of a sheer sea wall. To the south, the marine park of Chumbe is also surrounded by colourful underwater life, and is highly acclaimed for its stylish yet ecological stance.

Mainland

On the mainland, a short and easy flight south of Dar es Salaam, there lies a wide and empty stretch of glorious coral-sand beach nestled between the forest and the ocean.



Its maze of sheltered, woody pathways are perfect for horse rides and bird walks, and with the dusk the echoes of cicadas resound into the night. This is a fine choice for those seeking absolute respite from the world, easily reached and yet hard to leave.

Mafia island

Adventurers are spoilt for sun-bronzing choice on the unspoilt shores of Mafia Island, where each day is easily filled exploring hidden coves and uninhabited islands of the archipelago, while discovering natural and ancient history in abundance.



Traditional dhows are used for daily picnics and trips through the sparkling waters of the Mafia Marine Park, a varied and exciting haven for divers, snorkellers and ocean-lovers generally. These waters, recorded by Hemmingway, are famed for their world class fishing potential, and will charm expert and novice alike.

Pemba island

The green island of Pemba is richly swathed with wide-spreading mango trees and willowy cloves. Clove harvests are traditionally laid out to dry in the sun and their invigorating scent fills the air. This unspoilt, rural island is a world away from the tourist crowds, yet its waters are among the best in the world for diving and fishing. It is said that Captain Cook buried his treasure on a nearby island, but these days this stunning landscape is reward enough, fulfilling even the most romantic aspirations.



Mnemba Island

Zanzibar, Pemba, Mafia, Mnemba, Tanzania mainland



Ras Kutani
~ Mainland ~

Just a short flight from Dar, Ras Kutani provides absolute respite from the world. Each spacious banda has its own private veranda, with views from the hammock over a fantastic stretch of deserted sand beach. Superb food, swimming and surf, although no diving facilities, this is a beach hideaway with great character and style, set in a glorious tropical forest.



Ras Nungwi
~ Zanzibar, North Coast ~

Thatched, whitewashed cottages cluster in mature gardens behind the finest beach on Zanzibar. A fresh, clear pool and spacious restaurant all overlook a stunning seascape and soft coral sands. Diving and snorkelling around the Mnemba Atoll and sunset cruises along this fantastic stretch of coast are the order of the day.



Fundu Lagoon
~ Pemba Island ~

A stylish sanctuary for absolute isolation on the rural coast of Pemba. Highly crafted in wood and makuti thatch with a fantastic bar built on stilts over the sea, accommodation is in spacious tents, built with thatch shade and balconies on a forested hillside. Good food, and a superb location for diving and snorkelling unspoilt reefs.



Mnemba Island Lodge
~ Mnemba Island ~

The ultimate island retreat, Mnemba truthfully promises exclusive 'barefoot luxury' on some of the finest coral sands in the Indian Ocean. This is the only place to snorkel thriving coral reefs just beyond your thatched suite. Enjoy fabulous cuisine under a canopy of stars and relish the finest island life with no one else around to see or care.



Kinasi Lodge
~ Mafia Island ~

This owner-run lodge on Mafia Island continues to exude its own luxurious charm. An atmosphere of rustic sophistication pervades, with daily opportunities to sail, dive, swim, snorkel and explore the surrounding glorious coral reefs and sandbanks of the marine park and islands - or simply relax under the shade of palm trees by the decked pool area.



The Palms
~ Zanzibar, East Coast ~

A luxury retreat on the east coast, Palms provides just six villas, each with a personal Jacuzzi and relaxed personal service. Guests are given a private canopied beach banda overlooking the sea, for scenic relaxation away from the room. The gardens, restaurants, spa and pool all provide a real sense of space and relaxed private luxury.

~ Other possibilities include; Breezes, Beyt Al Chai, Emerson & Green, Zanzibar Serena Inn, Matemwe Bungalows, and Amani Beach ~

Canvas and Cloves

Days 1 to 2 Zanzibar; fly from Dar to Zanzibar, o/n Serena Inn. Days 3 to 7 Selous; fly to Selous, o/n Beho Beho. Days 8 to 13 Mafia; fly to Mafia island, o/n Kinasi Lodge. Day 14 Fly to Dar.

From £3,030 per person full board excl. international flights
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Enchanting Isles

Days 1 to 4 Pemba; fly from Dar to Pemba island, o/n Fundu Lagoon. Days 5 to 8 Zanzibar; fly to Zanzibar, o/n Ras Nungwi. Days 9 to 12 Mnemba; transfer to Mnemba. Day 13 Stone Town; o/n Serena Inn. Day 14 Fly to Dar.

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Indian Ocean islands



Close your eyes and imagine a beach, thousands of miles from the world as you know it, swathed in fine coral sands and dappled with sunshine. The sea is shining azure blue and clear as the sky above. This is the essence of the Indian Ocean Islands scattered across thousands of miles in a chain of volcanic peaks and coral reefs from the Seychelles to Madagascar.



Seychelles

The Seychelles have a slogan that describes their charm; 'unique by a thousand miles'. This is the distance to their closest neighbours on the East African coast and their uncommon character stems in part from a storybook history of spies, pirates and shipwrecked sailors that has brought about the integration of European, African, Indian, Arab and Chinese

islanders with a heady Creole culture.

This land of startlingly fair weather - mercifully free of malarial mosquitoes - is a natural paradise, with glorious tropical forests, woodlands and beaches unspoilt by the rigours of the modern world. As a result, the Seychellois are keen to preserve the extraordinary beauty of their many island home, and have encouraged low impact, high quality opportunities for holidays here. The result is an inspiring choice of small and absolutely private island hideaways, set among deserted beaches and sandy pathways to be explored in dreamy seclusion.

The main islands of Mahe, Praslin and La Digue are characterised by the granite rocks from which they are formed, creating impressive rocky peaks at their centre, and softened boulder sculptures around each coast. Mahe is the largest island, the first contact, and its tiny capital bustles with the business of colourful island life beneath a backdrop of forests and granite outcrops. Praslin is quieter, less populated, and a perfect location for exploring impressively beautiful beaches and nearby islands, such as the smaller, laid back latitude of La Digue.

The numerous outlying islands are mainly coral atolls, natural enclaves for absolute peace and relaxation surrounded by startlingly clear seas that are pure joy to dive, snorkel and swim. These are worlds apart, mostly unpopulated but for the single, small lodge that overlooks their clear coral sands,

and for the masses of birds, turtles and coral reef dwelling creatures that make these colourful islands their home.

This remarkable country is composed of over one hundred tropical islands, arrayed over a million square kilometres of Indian Ocean. Each claims their own natural beauty and brims with distinctive bird, animal and plant species, such as the strange and beautiful Coco-de-Mer, the largest seed in the world, and the signature of



the Seychelles' wealth of endemic natural phenomena. Over 6,000 Coco-de-Mar palms continue to thrive in the startlingly primeval trails of the Vallee de Mai World Heritage site on Praslin, which island visitors may explore at leisure.



The most exclusive island retreats - Fregate, North Island, Cousine, Denis, Desroches and Alphonse - benefit from their own character and feel. North Island is widely considered to be one of the most verdant and fertile of all the islands; this natural gem has become an incredible wildlife sanctuary, thanks to the devotion of Wilderness Safaris, who opened their luxury five star lodge here in 2003. This, the newest and latest Seychellois barefoot paradise, is rapidly earning its reputation as one of the most exclusive eco-hideaways in the world.

All of our Seychelles itineraries are reliably rewarding, with endless possibilities. These glorious islands, brimming with life and Creole colour, are the site of some of the finest, most exclusive beach locations in the world. Without a doubt, the Seychelles is naturally romantic, perfect for memorably wonderful holidays.



Cousine Island

Seychelles



*North island
~ Seychelles ~*

This private island sanctuary has eleven two-room luxury villas with private pool and butler service from which to enjoy its four beaches and verdant charm. Guests elect for private or central dining, or secluded champagne picnics. There is a stunning central pool, a health spa and a wide range of island exploring activities; the latest in barefoot luxury chic.



*The Banyan Tree
~ Seychelles, Mahe ~*

To the south of Mahe island on a wide sweep of beach, the Banyan Tree provides an easily accessible sanctuary retreat with a minimalist, eastern appeal. Each of the sumptuous walled villas have beautifully appointed double beds that overlook their private pool, massage beds and garden; guests cannot help but soak up the sense of self-containment and calm.



*Fregate island
~ Seychelles ~*

The ultimate in romance and style, Fregate fulfils every dream of absolute luxury. The lodge encompasses glorious beaches beneath tropical woodlands, and is designed with clear-sighted grace. Personal outdoor Jacuzzis are set in teak decking, and activities include diving, massage, and a freshwater pool. The atmosphere is absolute, luxuriant peace.



*Lemuria
~ Seychelles, Praslin ~*

Lavishly arrayed around the northwest coastline of Praslin, Lemuria surpasses all expectations for satisfying private dreams on a grand scale. With a palm-studded 18-hole golf course, cascading swimming pools, health spa and choice of restaurants and beaches, Lemuria has a refreshingly relaxed and peaceful sense of personal freedom and choice.



*Taj Denis island
~ Seychelles ~*

An individual and romantic honeymoon hideaway on a stunning private island. Enjoy diving and traditional fishing inside the reef and game fishing in the ocean beyond, followed up with exotic cocktails and cuisine under the stars. Retire to your own cottage for a clear and tropical night. Truly a place for absolute Indian Ocean island respite.



*L'Archipel
~ Seychelles, Praslin ~*

Rambling up a verdant secluded hillside L'Archipel has 22 elegant, private rooms all overlooking the sea. Natural wood furnishings in a refreshingly modern and minimalist style provide a romantic and fine atmosphere from which to make the most of your stay in the Seychelles. L'Archipel has a wonderful pool and beach, and great food.

~ Other possibilities include; Cousine Island, Bird Island, La Reserve, Des Roches, Alphonse and Sainte Anne ~

Colours of the Indian Ocean

Days 1 to 3 Selous; fly to Selous, o/n Selous Safari Camp.
Day 4 Fly to Nairobi, o/n Norfolk. Days 5 to 9 Praslin; Fly to Praslin, o/n L'Archipel. Days 10 to 13 Denis; fly to Denis island, o/n Denis. Day 14 Fly to Mahe.
From £3,120 per person full board excl. international flights
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Footprints in the sands

Days 1 to 5 Praslin; fly from Mahe to Praslin, o/n Lemuria.
Days 6 to 10 Fregate; fly from Praslin to Fregate, o/n Fregate. Days 11 to 13 Mahe; fly from Fregate to Mahe, o/n Banyan Tree. Day 14 Fly to Mahe.
From £8,020 per person b&b excl. international flights
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Indian Ocean islands



Once the playground of the Queen of Sheba, and on the trading route from old Arabia, the island archipelagos of Mozambique are one of Africa's last untouched areas of pristine wilderness. Located just off the East coast of Africa between Tanzania and South Africa, the islands remain blissfully unspoilt; for the most part unexplored by all but the privileged few.



Mozambique

Mainland Mozambique is scattered with small towns and villages where local life remains largely unaffected by modern times. The principal cities of Maputo and Vilanculos, have a fascinating clash of colonial and modern architecture, which when coupled with their bustling street-life creates a vibrant atmosphere in which to explore.

The main attraction of Mozambique, however, is the 2,700km island coastline. Playing host to some of the most luxurious island hideaways to be found anywhere along the African coast, the islands are surrounded by turquoise seas and flour-soft sand. In the south, just off the coast from the southern city of Vilanculos, the Bazaruto Archipelago is a group of islands rising like a mirage from the sea. Isolated by waters brimming with sea life, these islands are predominantly sand dunes, home to flamingos, ospreys, eagles and dugong - 'seacows'. Most lodges in the area have less than 20 rooms. Relaxation, watersports and some of the world's best saltwater fly-fishing are what the area is all about, reminding you how distant from the rest of the world you really are.

The further north you go, the more tropical the climate becomes. The Quirimbas Archipelago, just south of the Tanzanian border, is a dramatic chain of islands extending over an area of nearly 400 kilometres. Very different from Bazaruto, the majority of the islands are formed from rough coral atolls. The resulting hidden bays and private beaches are untouched and simply spectacular.

The diving in Mozambique is world renowned for its incredible unspoilt reefs. Turtles, dolphins, rays and kaleidoscopes of reef dwelling fish abound; divers flock to the area for the migration of whale sharks and

whales each year. The real charm of the region, however, is that it is only now emerging as a top quality destination. In our view there is no doubt that now is the time to visit; Mozambique beach chic is the sign of things to come.

Mauritius

The forests and mountains of Mauritius rise verdant and lush from the midst of the Indian Ocean. The grandeur of the natural scene is echoed by the accommodation; this is an island for absolute relaxation among visionary natural landscapes, and for relishing some of the most sophisticated beach hotels in the world.



White coral sand beaches and clear seas are the backdrop for impressive terraces and dining rooms of long-established hotels, accomplished at providing a reliably luxurious service.

The island culture richly colours any stay, its Creole population an intriguing mix of Indian, African, European and Chinese. The

Mauritian welcome is warm and wide-smiling, making visitors soon feel at home among their swaying palms, sugar cane plantations and surrounding coral reefs.

Walking, watersports, diving, snorkelling, golf and fishing are all available, alongside spas, therapy centres and all other possible options for absolute relaxation.



Islands of Mozambique and Mauritius



Vamizi

~ Quirimbas, Mozambique ~

Vamizi is the flagship of the Maluane Project, a pioneering eco-tourism initiative. Situated on a seven kilometre beach the twelve chalets are set far apart, offering private views over a stunning turquoise ocean. Each of the chalets have four-poster beds, spacious balconies and huge lounge areas that front onto powder-white sand.



Quilalea

~ Quirimbas, Mozambique ~

Lying just off the coast from Pemba, Quilalea is a stunning lodge located on its own private island; emanating an aura of unpretentious luxury. Nine beautifully crafted and well furnished cottages have stunning views out to sea, with fantastic snorkelling mere feet away. A perfect location from which to explore the coves and ragged coral outcrops of the island.



Benqueria

~ Bazaruto, Mozambique ~

Located on a half-moon bay with views of the sand dunes of Bazaruto, this is the archipelago's most luxurious lodge. The fourteen rooms provide unsurpassed luxury and privacy in a truly outstanding setting; reefs are unspoilt and the sand dunes that become exposed at high tide offer fantastic places for picnic lunches. This is a dream-inspiring hideaway.



Marlin Lodge

~ Bazaruto, Mozambique ~

Marlin Lodge is situated on the southwest shore of Bengueria Island commanding superb views over the dunes and ocean beyond. Providing unobtrusive yet top quality service, this is one of the best lodges in the area and has a wealth of activities for the restless to enjoy. A stunning setting for beach lovers to make the most of a fabulous lodge.



Prince Maurice

~ Mauritius ~

One of only 17 hotels in the world to have ever achieved the Relais and Chateaux 'purple' status, Prince Maurice is a cut above the rest; its polished teak floors, furnishings and fine cuisine provide a sumptuous backdrop for endless activities (championship golf course included). All rooms are suites, stilted over the inland lagoon or overlooking the beach.



The Oberoi

~ Mauritius ~

A member of the small luxury hotels of the world, the Oberoi is one of the newest hotels on the island. Set in twenty acres of lush tropical gardens, and within a protected marine park the hotel has every facility that you would expect of a world class hotel. Most of the luxury villas have their own swimming pool, set within a palatial walled garden courtyard.

~ Other possibilities include; Medjumbe, Matemo, Rongui, Le Touessrok, Saint Geran, The Royal Palm, and Le Paradis ~

Unspoilt Eden

Days 1 to 3 Mainland; fly from Dar to Ras Kutani, o/n Ras Kutani. Days 4 to 7 Selous; fly to the Selous, o/n Selous Safari Camp. Days 8 to 12 Mozambique; fly to Quilalea, o/n Quilalea. Day 13 Fly to Dar, o/n Royal Palm.
From £3,300 per person full board excl. international flights
Please see the enclosed price guide to cost your own itinerary

African Skies

Days 1 to 3 Mainland; fly from Dar to Ras Kutani, o/n Ras Kutani. Days 4 to 7 Serengeti; fly to the Serengeti, o/n Kleins Camp. Days 8 Fly Nairobi, o/n Serena Hotel.
Day 9 to 13 Mauritius; fly Mauritius, o/n Prince Maurice.
From £3,700 per person full board excl. international flights
Please see the enclosed price guide to cost your own itinerary



Other Country Combinations



Easily combined with any of the islands in the Indian Ocean, a safari in Tanzania is without doubt one of the very best in Africa. However, we tailor itineraries throughout east and southern Africa; from Kenya to the Cape. Below is a brief overview of some of our other favourite destinations; a taste of what else this exiting continent has to offer.



Namibia

From the spectacular red dunes of the oldest desert in the world at Sossusvlei, to the wild and remote Skeleton Coast, Namibia's distinctive habitat takes in some of Africa's most diverse and beautiful scenery. Vast distances are covered in order to reach some of the most pristine and remote areas, but the reward is

certainly worthwhile; stunning camps are to be found, hidden away in splendid isolation, blissfully free from the madding crowd.

The game rich Etosha National Park is the country's prime safari destination, however, awe-inspiring landscapes and dramatic scenery are what makes Namibia unique; this is definitely not an African destination to be overlooked.

For more information on Namibia please see our internet site at www.namibiaodyssey.com or contact us for a brochure.

Zambia

Often described as the 'real' Africa, Zambia's protected wilderness areas are untouched by the mainstream market and are regarded by many as Africa's most authentic parks. The lodges and camps are small and exclusive, creating an intimate atmosphere with undeniable charm and an emphasis on personal attention.

North and south Luangwa, the birthplace of the walking safari, are areas of undeniable beauty. The mighty Luangwa river crosses the region, providing the lifeline to the large concentrations of wildlife in the area. Just a short flight away lies the Kafue National Park, an area of excellent wildlife viewing dominated by the mighty Kafue River. The Busanga Plains, in the remote far north of the park is also a stunning area, made up of large open plains



alive with game. The mighty Zambezi that marks the boundary of Zambia with Zimbabwe is a must-see for every visitor and there are a few superb lodges tucked away on her banks. Downstream lies the Victoria Falls, a simply staggering waterfall and rightly one of the wonders of the world.

For more information on Zambia please see our internet site at www.zambiaodyssey.com or contact us for a brochure.

Botswana

Home to notably untouched and unspoilt national parks Botswana's safari rates are high, but the rewards of paying Africa's highest price tag are outstanding. The Okavango Delta, a lush nutritious wetland paradise, is a prime game viewing destination;



day and night game drives, walking safaris, and mokoro excursions provide one of the most varied safari experiences in Africa.

The world famous Moremi Game Reserve at the heart of the Delta is widely acknowledged as the 'predator capital' of Africa. Chobe has the largest remaining population of elephant on the continent, and the marshlands of Linyanti and Savuti, are famous for their huge prides of lion. The sheer quality of safari in Botswana is matched by some of the most luxurious and exclusive safari accommodation in Africa.

For more information please see our internet site www.botswanaodyssey.com or contact us for a brochure.



Honeymoons & Special Occasions

Whether it is your honeymoon, holiday of a lifetime, birthday celebration, or a family reunion, we will plan it with you, and ensure that it is a memorably superb trip. From hot-air ballooning over the plains of the Serengeti, diving with whale sharks, tracking lion on foot, chartering your private jet, or simply relaxing on a private island, we will make it happen.



Because we favour intimate properties with atmosphere and specialise in finding unspoilt safari country and exotic hideaways on the Indian Ocean islands, this focus has led us to develop some truly unbeatable itineraries for a special occasion.

Tanzania is wonderful for romantic holidays and honeymoons for so many reasons; it is one of the easiest countries in Africa in

which to combine a first-class safari with beach time on an idyllic Indian Ocean island, while its assorted highlights can be easily combined in a neat itinerary with minimal flying time. Tanzania represents excellent value for money, and its range of differently priced lodges means that there is something for everyone. The safari experience in Tanzania tends to be small, intimate and specialised, and the numerous National Parks and Game Reserves are spectacularly unspoilt. There are many elegant choices offering a private and personal atmosphere for a very small number of clients, ensuring a quiet and exclusive safari or beach experience away from the crowds. A further plus is that the weather between June and October is hot, dry and low in humidity.

Our standards for accommodation are incredibly high, but there are a few choices that go one step beyond to the sublimely romantic. In Tanzania alone, the Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, Beho Beho, Ras Kutani and Mnemba Island provide memorably inspired choices for a honeymoon or a special occasion never to forget.



Canopy of Stars

Days 1 to 3 Mainland; fly from Dar to Ras Kutani, o/n Ras Kutani. Days 4 to 7 Ruaha; fly to Ruaha, o/n Jongomero. Days 8 to 12 Zanzibar; fly to Zanzibar, o/n The Palms. Day 13 Stone Town; o/n Beyt Al Chai. Day 14 Fly to Dar. From £3,485 per person full board excl. international flights. Please see the enclosed price guide to cost your own itinerary.

A very popular option is a 'beach - safari - beach' combination that allows for post-wedding relaxation somewhere utterly idyllic and quiet, followed by the absorbing excitement of a safari and then a longer beach stay to luxuriate by the Indian Ocean.

There is a wealth of choice for beach hideaways in Tanzania and Zanzibar, but possibilities for dream-holiday alternatives abound



when you consider that the islands of the Seychelles, Mozambique and Mauritius are just a short flight away. These are all easily combined in a two or even three-centre itinerary.

Although we always encourage clients to visit us to discuss their requirements, this is especially true for those planning honeymoons. Ensuring that this holiday of a lifetime fulfils your wildest dreams requires meticulous planning and attention to detail, which is why we recommend coming into our offices in London for a private presentation. We carry stocks of every brochure and we now have video footage of just about every lodge and location in Tanzania.

If you can not make it for a presentation we can post you all the individual lodge brochures, a price list and a CD containing videos of all the locations.

We can also talk you through all the possibilities and quote any itinerary on the telephone, or email quotes and video clips to you.

Mosaic of Dreams

Days 1 to 3 Mainland; fly from Dar to Ras Kutani, o/n Ras Kutani. Days 4 to 7 Selous; fly to Selous, o/n Selous Safari Camp. Days 8 to 12 Zanzibar; fly to Zanzibar, o/n Ras Nungwi. Day 13 Stone Town; o/n E&G. Day 14 Fly to Dar. From £2,540 per person full board excl. international flights. Please see the enclosed price guide to cost your own itinerary.



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"Africa is mystic; it is wild; it is a sweltering inferno; it is a photographer's paradise, a hunter's Valhalla, an escapist's utopia. It is what you will, and it withstands all interpretations.

It is the last vestige of a dead world or the cradle of a shiny new one.

To a lot of people, as to myself, it is just 'home'.

It is all these things but one thing - it is never dull."



We hope that this brochure has inspired you with possibilities for holidays, adventures and travel in Tanzania and the Indian Ocean islands,

but please note that these are just some of our favourite lodges and recommended itineraries. No brochure can replace first-hand advice and knowledge, and we strongly recommend that you telephone us to discuss your requirements in detail so that we can tailor an itinerary just for you.

We arrange private presentations at our London offices on weekends and evenings, with brochures, videos and photographs to illustrate all possibilities.

Our sister companies can advise on other African and South American destinations - please telephone us to ask for their brochures.

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