# Southern Tanzania: Off the Beaten Path

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### TRIP DATE

**2024** June 1-12, 2024 October 31 - November 11, 2024

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Tanzania's true wild side is in its southern reaches, where legendary wildlife reserves like Ruaha National Park and the great Selous (now Nyerere National Park) stretch for thousands of square miles relatively undisturbed by human activity. Selous and Ruaha have been protected for more than a hundred years and they shelter globally important populations of wildlife: massive prides of lions (10 percent of Africa's lions reside here), plenty of crocodile, lion, leopard, cheetah, hippo, elephant, black rhino, buffalo, and more than 400 bird species. And southern Tanzania is absolutely the best place in Africa to watch packs of African wild dogs on the hunt. Yet these remote reserves see a fraction of the tourists that visit the northern parks!

With our long-time Tanzania safari leader Goodluck Urassa, we'll set off for exciting game drives, off-road tracking, bush walks, river safaris, and even a rainforest hike. Urassa is known for his keen spotter's eye and extensive knowledge of African wildlife, and he'll be joined by local guides at all our camps. We'll explore Nyerere National Park, Tanzania's second largest wildlife sanctuary, watered by the photogenic Rufiji River, Mikumi National Park, with its plains game and African hunting dogs, and the immaculate rainforest of the Udzungwa Mountains National Park, home to a wide array of endemic birds and plants—and even two endemic species of primates! Our grand finale finds us in immense Ruaha National Park, Tanzania's best kept secret, with 7,800 square miles of wildlife-rich wilderness spanning both the eastern and southern African biomes. There are but a handful of safari camps in this vast region, and we've chosen the most comfortable and best located ones, where we'll enjoy a warm welcome. Join us for an unforgettable off-the-beaten-path safari!





### TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

| Length:     | 12 days                   |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| Arrive:     | Dar es Salaam, Tanzania   |
| Depart:     | Dar es Salaam, Tanzania   |
| Lodging:    | 10 nights safari camps, 1 |
|             | night hotel               |
| Meals:      | All meals included except |
|             | 1 lunch and 1 dinner      |
|             | (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch,    |
|             | D=Dinner)                 |
| Activity:   | Safaris, Walking          |
| Trip Level: | 1 2 3 4 5 6               |

Wildlife viewing, easy to moderate walks and hikes, boat safaris

# Itinerary

### DAY 1 DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

Late evening arrival in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's commercial capital on the Indian Ocean. Trip members arriving on Day 1 are met and transferred to our accommodation, the Salaam Serena Hotel in the heart of the city center. Dinner is on your own.

### DAY 2 NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

A quick morning flight from Dar brings us to Nyerere National Park (the former Selous Game Reserve), where we'll drive to Roho ya Selous, one of the handful of safari camps in this immense park, the largest wildlife preserve on the African continent. The Nyerere sanctuary is the size of Switzerland, yet here, you can go out for an entire day on a game drive and never see another human soul! After a late lunch at camp and a rest, we'll head out for an afternoon game drive to spot resident wildlife. Roho ya Selous has eight en suite canvas tents set on the edge of the lake in the park's very best wildlife area. We'll gather for our Welcome Dinner around a roaring fire at camp. Overnight at Roho ya Selous...BLD

Approximate Driving Time: 2 hours

### DAYS 3-4 NYERERE NATIONAL PARK / GAME DRIVES / GAME WALKS

We'll fill each day with exploration by 4WD vehicle and, because of the network of lakes in the park, wildlife spotting by boat, including a ride on Lake Nzerakera, an opportunity to see huge pods of hippos and enormous basking crocodiles. Early mornings will be our best time for game walks. The Selous-Nyerere is thought to be home to Africa's largest populations of both lion and the African wild dog. There are also important populations of leopard, spotted hyena, buffalo, elephant, eland, sable antelope, and hippo, plus more than 400 species of birds, including African spoonbill, African open-bill stork, and Goliath heron. Nyerere National Park sees relatively few visitors compared to its northern counterparts so we will enjoy our explorations without crowds of other safari vehicles. The habitats are extremely diverse, from open grasslands dotted with baobab to miombo woodlands, riverine forest, wetlands, and lakes. The mighty Rufiji, East Africa's largest river, winds through the park on its way to the Indian Ocean.

The Selous Game Reserve was established in 1922 and named for the "great white hunter" Frederick Courteney Selous, a 19th century British explorer and big game hunter who later helped lay the foundation stones of African conservation. In 2019, Tanzania's government upgraded two thirds of Selous to national park status (naming it Nyerere National Park in honor of Tanzania's first president, Julius Nyerere), with the remaining area continuing to be called Selous Game Reserve. Overnights at Roho ya Selous...BLD each day

### DAY 5 UDZUNGWA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

A 50-minute private charter flight brings us to Kilombero airstrip. We are met by our safari vehicles and set off for an hour's drive to Udzungwa Mountains National Park, a forestcloaked wilderness of lowland rainforest, montane rainforest, and miombo woodland, which is one of the lesser-known parks in Tanzania. They are a remarkable biodiversity hotspot, with some 2,500 plant species, of which 25% are endemic. More than 400 bird species have been recorded here, plus six primate species, two of which are endemic (the Iringa red colobus and Sanje crested mangabey). Our camp, Hondo Hondo, is rustic, with basic amenities, but it is welcoming and offers a wonderful opportunity for hikes, canoe safaris, and a cultural visit to a local village. Right from the dining table at this camp, it's easy to spot wildlife such as banded mongoose, several species of monkeys, and plentiful birdlife.

After lunch and a chance to settle in, we'll take a leisurely afternoon canoe safari and visit the market town of Ifakara. The town has a "wild west" kind of feel, with two-story wooden buildings and ox-drawn carts sharing the bustling main street with the cars and bicycles. The large open market is full of produce, and here we'll meet the women of the Ifakara Womens Weavers Association and see their looms and locally made kikoi cloth and tablecloths. We then start our canoe trip right at the edge of the famous ""Magufuli Bridge" that crosses the Kilombero River for a stretch of half a mile. This starting point is a popular docking point for fishermen and there is a fish market here, too. Our canoe is built from a single log and could easily carry 10 people with their luggage, but despite the size we think only six people will be ideal! As we head along the river, we'll observe local fishermen and their activities, and we may stop and talk to them, and see their temporary fishing villages set on small islands within the river. Birdlife is interesting, including the Kilombero weaver and other waterbirds, and we may see African monitor lizards basking in the sand and the possibility of crocodiles (mainly at night); hippos are possible but rare. We return to camp for



Approximate Driving Time: 1 hour (to camp) Approximate Driving Time: 2 hours (to/from canoe safari)

### DAY 6 UDZUNGWA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK / HIKES AND CULTURAL VISIT

This morning, we can choose between two hikes. The shorter hike (about three hours) brings us up through the forest canopy to Sanje Falls, the highest waterfall in Tanzania. There is wonderful birdlife along the trail and we should spot small primates, possibly including the endemic Iringa red colobus monkey. At the base of Sanje Falls, we'll rest and have a chance for a refreshing dip in waterfall's pool before heading down to camp. The longer hike (about five hours) requires an early start but offers an opportunity to track Udzungwa's rare Sanje crested mangabey—the first new species of primate to be discovered in East Africa in many years. This longer hike is through dense, sometimes steep and muddy forest, and should only be considered by those who are confident and stable in such terrain.

The Udzungwa Mountains are home to the Hehe people, and the name Udzungwa comes from the Kihehe word "wadzunga," or people of the mountains. The local people have traditionally held the Udzungwa forests to be sacred, so the environment has long been protected, which has contributed to its biodiversity. Overnight at Hondo Hondo Camp...BLD Approximate Hiking Time: 3 hours (or 5 hours for longer hike)

### DAYS 7-8 MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast at camp, we head out for our 2-hour drive to Mikumi National Park. Mikumi borders Selous Game Reserve, and together, the two areas share a vast and unique ecosystem of open savanna, dense forests, and water holes that attract wildlife. Wildlife ranges freely between the two parks. Mikumi is the Swahili name for the borassus palm, which grows profusely in this idyllic setting. Early morning and late afternoon game drives are the perfect way to experience Mikumi. The centerpiece of Mikumi is the Mkata Floodplain, which draws frequent comparisons to the famed Serengeti Plains, but with only a fraction of the visitors. Here lions rule their grassy kingdom and stalk the wildebeest, impala, zebra, and buffalo herds that migrate across it. Giraffe forage in the acacia stands along the Mkata River, a setting also favored by Mikumi's elephants. We'll seek out areas where Mikumi's wild dogs often hunt, such as along the Mbugayaga and Mwanamgogo pools, depending on seasonal water levels. The park is also the best place in Tanzania to see eland, the world's largest antelope. Overnights are at Vuma Hills Tented Camp, with 16 comfortably furnished tents, each with en suite facilities and a shaded wooded deck...BLD each day

### DAY 9 RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

A morning 30-minute transfer brings us to the airstrip for our scenic flight to Ruaha National Park. The flight gives us





a thrilling aerial view over Ruaha, the second largest national park in Tanzania and a peaceful realm with plentiful wildlife yet many fewer visitors than Tanzania's other parks. Ruaha has the largest elephant and giraffe population of any African reserve. It's also home to 40 percent of Tanzania's lions, 10 percent of the world's lion population, and the third largest wild dog population in all of Africa.

Ruaha's history dates back to 1910 when it was established as Saba Game Reserve as part of German East Africa. The park's current name is derived from the Ruaha River, which meanders through the park and provides a reliable water source for wildlife. The addition of the Usangu Game Reserve and other important wetlands to the park in 2008 increased the park's size to a remarkable 7,800 square miles. The very few camps in this vast park make for an authentic and uncrowded safari experience. From the airstrip, we'll drive to camp, with a picnic lunch en route. Our camp is Jabali Ridge, an eight-room retreat set among granite boulders and close to prime game viewing areas of Ruaha. Overnight at Jabali Ridge...BLD

Approximate Flight Duration: 1 hour Approximate Driving Time: 2 hours

### DAYS 10-11 RUAHA NATIONAL PARK / GAME DRIVES / BUSH WALKS / NIGHT DRIVE

In this remarkable land of towering baobabs and dense forests, we'll head out on game drives to see elephants (Tanzania's largest population is here), lion, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, and less common animals such as kudu, and the sable antelope, with its impressive curving horns. And of course, Ruaha National Park is the place to watch fascinating packs of African wild dogs on the hunt. On foot, we'll discover the smaller inhabitants of the bush and learn how to identify animal prints and dung. One night, we'll venture out on a night drive with a spotlight to find nocturnal animals like bush babies and hyenas. Our evenings finish off around the campfire with a glass of wine and dinner under the glittering Milky Way—with luck, we may even see a meteor shower in the clear sky. We'll have a festive Farewell Dinner on Day 11....BLD each day

#### DAY 12 DAR ES SALAAM / DEPART

Drive to the airstrip for the return flight to Dar es Salaam. A day room will be held for you at the Salaam Serena Hotel in Dar until you transfer to your departing flight...B

Approximate Driving Time: 2 hours Approximate Flight Duration: 2 hours

# Trip Details

### TRIP COST

### Prices are per person, valid through 2024

\$11,995 (8-10 members)
\$12,795 (4-7 members)
Single supplement: \$1,400
Internal airfare: \$1,450-\$1,850 (subject to change)

#### 2025 Trip Costs: Please call for details

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-intraining, are not included in the tier pricing count.

### **CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE**

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

### **TRIP COST INCLUDES**

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations, based on double occupancy
- Guaranteed window seating in safari vehicles
- All meals included except 1 lunch and 1 dinner as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Drinks and snacks available daily in the vehicle
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- Park fees
- Land transportation and airport transfers, baggage handling

### TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare to and from Africa, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, cost of medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, and other expenses of a personal nature (laundry, alcoholic beverages, etc.). Optional side trips and excursions are also at your own expense.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

At time of reservation: \$600 90 days prior to departure: Balance

### CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge! 61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost 46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost 45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: <u>www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance</u>

### Accommodations



### SALAAM SERENA HOTEL Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Day 1 (1 night)

The Salaam Serena Hotel is in the heart of the city center, moments from Indian Ocean beaches, a bustling fish market, and eclectic crafts markets. It offers comfortable and spacious rooms, excellent restaurants, and a lovely swimming pool amid manicured laws and gardens. The Kibo Bar and Terrace is a local hotspot and a great place for a drink.



ROHO YA SELOUS Nyerere National Park, Tanzania Days 2 to 4 (3 nights)

Roho ya Selous means "heart of the Selous" and this lovely camp is set in the very best wildlife area of the park. Each slate-floored tent has hot and cold running water, a flush toilet, an indoor and outdoor shower, tall screened walls, and its own private, shady veranda. The swimming pool is the place for a refreshing dip, and the camp's dining area is arranged around a central fireplace. At this camp, you can watch elephants wander by as you enjoy your outdoor shower and fall asleep to a chorus of hippos and hyenas.



### HONDO HONDO CAMP

Udzungwa Mountains National Park, Tanzania Days 5 to 6 (2 nights)

We've chosen Hondo Hondo, the only accommodation with direct access to Udzungwa Mountains National Park, for its proximity to the park. It is welcoming but basic, with canvas tented rooms. Meals, while not the fine culinary creations of our other properties, are simple, based on locally available ingredients, and served in a thatched, open-air bar and dining area. The camp's grounds are often visited by troops of colobus monkeys, and more than 80 species of birds have been identified on site.





### VUMA HILLS TENTED CAMP Mikumi National Park, Tanzania Days 7 to 8 (2 nights)

Vuma Hills Tented Camp is perched above the seemingly endless wilderness southwest of Mikumi National Park. The 16 tents are comfortably furnished, with en suite bathroom facilities and shaded wooden verandas. The cozy bar area centers around an open fire and leads onto a large deck from where you can take in the setting sun over the Mkata Plains below. Under the same thatch, the dining area offers wide views through the trees, and the camp has a swimming pool.

### **JABALI RIDGE**

Ruaha National Park, Tanzania Days 9 to 11 (3 nights)

Jabali means "rock" in Swahili, and, indeed, this elegant, 8-room retreat is perched on a rocky outcrop in a great location close to prime game-viewing areas of Ruaha National Park. It's a great base for game drives, night drives, and nature walks in this relatively untouristed park. Guest rooms are nestled among granite boulders and feature an en suite bathroom with indoor shower and a private outdoor lounge (with hammock, of course!). Lodge amenities include an infinity swimming pool and spa, and the food is consistently excellent.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Southern Tanzania: Off the Beaten Path* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

# Extend Your Adventure

To help you make the most of your adventure, we've created several exciting trip extensions. For detailed information, including full itineraries and complete pricing, please visit our webpage and click on "Extend Your Trip": <a href="http://www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/tanzania-southern-selous-ruaha-safari/">www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/tanzania-southern-selous-ruaha-safari/</a>



### ZANZIBAR EXTENSION

Just 22 miles off the coast of Tanzania lies the spice-scented isle of Zanzibar, with its ancient Swahili-Arab culture. For centuries, the Sultans of Oman ruled this tiny island and the Arabic influence is still very strong. Snorkeling, diving, bicycling, windsurfing, and the amenities of the resort's spa are just a few of the many optional activities available. Accommodations in Stone Town are at the Serena Inn; on Days 2-3, enjoy the relaxing atmosphere and the sounds and sights of the Indian Ocean with a stay at The Palms or upgrade to the elegant Baraza Resort and Spa. Early booking is recommended due to limited availability. *4 days. From \$2,195.* 

### GORILLA TRACKING IN RWANDA'S PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS EXTENSION

Join your ranger-guide for the exhilarating experience of tracking and observing the mountain gorilla clans that reside in the spectacular montane forests of Parc National des Volcans, where researcher Dian Fossey was based for 13 years. The hiking terrain ranges in altitude from 3,800 to 8,500 feet and preserves one of the largest natural forests in East Africa. *5 days. From \$3,395.* 



# Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

If you have booked extra services before or after the trip, an Extra Services Confirmation will be sent with your Final Documents.

### ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Suggested Airport: Julius Nyerere International Airport (DAR) Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, anytime

Arrival Notes: A complimentary transfer is provided from Julius Nyerere International Airport to the Salaam Serena Hotel for all trip members. Your Trip Leader or a WT representative will meet you outside the customs area and will be holding a Wilderness Travel sign.

### DEPARTURE

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Suggested Airport: Julius Nyerere International Airport (DAR) Suggested Date & Time: Day 12, anytime after 6:00 pm

On Day 12, we fly to Dar es Salam and transfer to the Salaam Serena Hotel, where day rooms are held for the group. A complimentary transfer will be provided from the hotel to Julius Nyerere International Airport for evening flights.

### INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Tanzania. There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found at <u>www.</u> <u>exitotravel.com</u>.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

**Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip.** Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

### Our Guides MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

The skilled guides at Wilderness Travel transform your safari from amazing to absolutely life-changing. As you look for game alongside these delightful masters of safari, you will be astounded by their vast knowledge, keen eyes (how do they see so incredibly far?), boundless energy, and warm personalities. Our extraordinary guides are a vital component of this adventure. They focus on all the details, from keeping you safe in the bush to finding wildlife in places our untrained eyes would miss, answering your every question, and even helping you set up your camera for the best shot. All native Tanzanians who have been with WT for years, they have an immense love for their country and a belief in the positive impact safaris can bring to supporting conservation. They are the true treasures of our safari, and you will certainly leave the trip calling them not just "friends," but "family."



### GOODLUCK URASSA

Goodluck Kilesi Urassa, known as Urassa, is a member of the Meru tribe from the southern slopes of Mount Meru, near Arusha. He knew from an early age that he wanted to become a safari guide, and after attending Mount Meru Tour Guiding College, he entered the profession, rising through the positions of camp crew, support vehicle driver, assistant guide, and now safari guide. His interests include mammal behavior, a particular favorite, and ornithology, a close second. Urassa gives back to his community by doing environmental work in his home area, for example, planting indigenous trees with school children on the slopes of Mount Meru, and educating them about environmental issues. Urassa has a keen spotter's eye, a love of the bush, and a wit and gentle manner that make him a great safari companion. He lives near his home village with his wife Stella and his three children.

# What the Trip is Like

### WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated Level 2+, Easy to Moderate, according to our trip grading system. It is a game viewing safari by 4WD vehicle with hikes and walks that can be enjoyed by anyone in reasonably good health who has recent hiking experience.

### TERRAIN

The game-tracking walks are accompanied by a professional tracker and are conducted at a pace that allows an intimate exploration of the African bush.

The longer optional mountain hike on Day 8 follows a track through montane forest, but our group will likely leave the trail for periods of time to track the mangabey monkeys. This hike can be steep, slippery, and have loose footing at times, and therefore it is only recommended for travelers in good physical conditioning and with confidence in their stability on rough trails. The shorter option follows a more established trail and can be taken at a slower pace.

### **GETTING IN SHAPE**

Although this is not a particularly rigorous trip, we recommend that each participant undertake a preparatory program of physical conditioning. Daily walking or regular hiking, jogging, and stair-climbing are excellent ways to prepare for the trip. Any African safari is an adventure, and the traveler to Africa should bring along flexibility, a sense of humor, curiosity about new peoples and places, and an openness to the unexpected.

### WEATHER

December to March is East Africa's "summer" with daytime temperatures from 80°-90° and evenings from 50° to 60°. June, July, and August are the coolest months, with lows around 40° and highs of 70°-80°. September, October, and November are warmer, with lows around 65° and highs of 75°-85°. Scattered rains occur in November and early December, which help to lay the dust.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Our safari camps, while not deluxe, are very comfortable, with private en suite facilities, a peaceful setting, and a high level of service. We choose them for their excellent locations near the best wildlife viewing.

### TRANSPORTATION

Our game drives and road travel throughout the safari will be in 6-passenger Land Rovers with a guaranteed window seat for all. We carry water and snacks in the vehicles. There is one very long, challenging driving day (Day 5) over rough roads and rugged dirt tracks, but we will break the drive up with rest stops and a picnic or restaurant lunch along the way.

### CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Africa Manager or email us at <u>africa@</u> wildernesstravel.com.

### REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

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### YOUR FIRST TRIP

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### YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel insulated stainless steel water bottle by CamelBak and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia (\$130 value).

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You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of \$500.

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### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Toucan Club travel discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, unless otherwise specified. Discounts are deducted from the base trip cost and shown on the final invoice. The base trip cost is the main land/tier cost and does not include single supplement fees, extensions, internal airfare, or other additional charges. Bonus gifts (T-shirts, luggage tags, vests, water bottles, and pullovers) will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to trip departure. Terms and conditions of Toucan Club bonuses are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of Wilderness Travel, Inc.

# **Travel Notes**







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