

# R U A H A

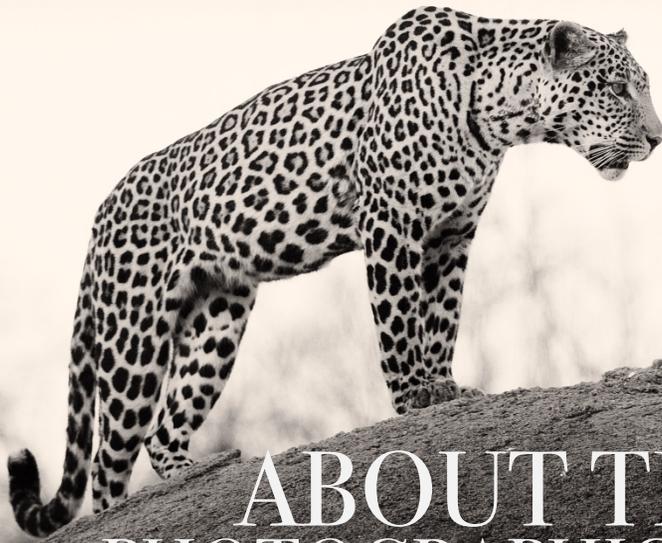
DELUXE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

SIX NIGHTS - FULLY INCLUSIVE - LUXURY ACCOMMODATION  
INCLUDING RETURN INTERNAL FLIGHTS - PRIVATE VEHICLE  
ATTENTIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC GUIDANCE AND TUITION

**DATES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST  
FOR GROUP BOOKINGS**

STARTING FROM  
**£4700**  
(PER PERSON)





# ABOUT THIS PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI

We're lucky to offer this deluxe photographic safari, taking place in the remote Ruaha National Park in central Tanzania. You'll be flown from Dar Es Salaam and transferred to your camp where you'll spend six nights in the blissfulness of untouched and truly wild Africa. The name of the park, Ruaha, is derived from the Great Ruaha River, which flows along its South-Eastern margin and is the focus for game-viewing.

The park is considered a birds' paradise with more than 571 species and some of them are known to be migrants from within and outside Africa. Ruaha is believed to have a higher concentration of elephants than any National Park in East Africa and is also a place where magnificent mammals like kudu, sable and roan antelopes can easily be spotted. The park is also a habitat for endangered wild dogs, home to the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest population in Africa. Other animals in the park include lions, leopards, cheetah, giraffes, zebras, elands, impala, bat eared foxes and Jackals.

You will be guided every step of the way by your Photographic Lead Guide in your own private and exclusive vehicle for all game drives – ensuring extra comfort and photographic tuition and support. The aim is to offer as many outstanding photographic opportunities as possible, especially of predators and large mammals – whilst not forgetting to appreciate the smaller and more common sightings. Whatever your preference might be, we will make sure to accommodate!

**FOR ANY AND ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT US AT**  
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# YOUR LOCATION

*Hot, dry and wild, the untrammelled expanse of Ruaha National Park is Tanzania's best kept wildlife secret.*

In 2008 the Usangu Game reserve merged its borders with Ruaha transforming it into Tanzania's largest national park; it now covers more than 20,000km<sup>2</sup>. Despite the size of the park there are still only a handful of camps found here, which has built Ruaha's reputation as Tanzania's best kept game viewing secret. Ruaha's wild and untrammelled feel is what sets it apart from other reserves, making it a popular choice for regular east African safari-goers.

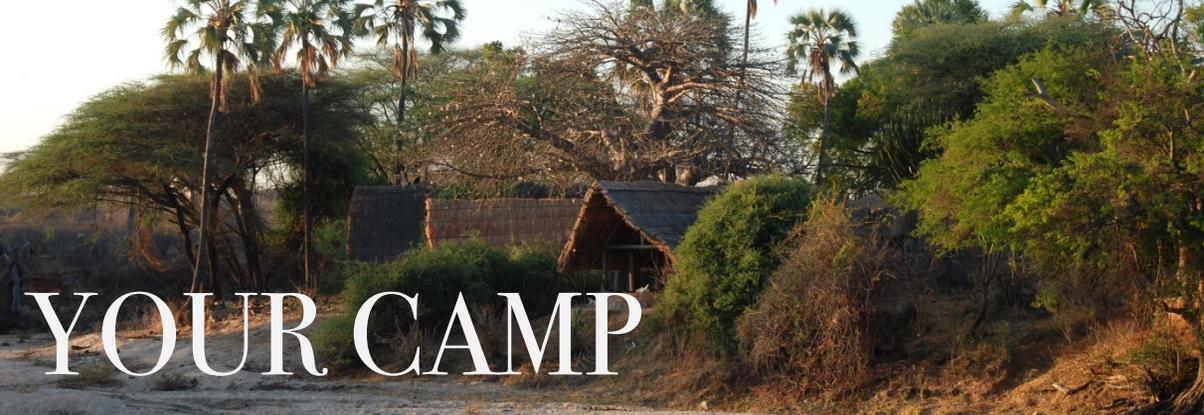
Ruaha is well known for its varied dramatic scenery, including rolling hills, large open plains, groves of skeletal baobabs and along its southern border, the Great Ruaha River. This is by far the most dominant geographical feature of the park and, for the wildlife it is the most important. Ruaha has a hot, dry climate which means the animals don't tend to stray too far from dependable water sources. This makes predicting game movements far easier.



*The average flying distance from Dar es Salaam to Ruaha is 400km (240 miles), the route is covered in approx 1hr 30m.*



*Situated far off the beaten track, away from crazy camera clicking crowds this rough tract of wilderness pulsates the real energy of an Africa long-forgotten.*



# YOUR CAMP

The camp is built almost entirely from organic natural materials with guests being treated to a “unique” tented safari experience. Each en-suite tent is comfortably secured under a cooling thatched roof and nestled snugly into the sandy banks of the Mwangusi River. Each element of the camp has been carefully thought-out and designed to be original, unique and different from any other, with personal touches and a close attention to detail.

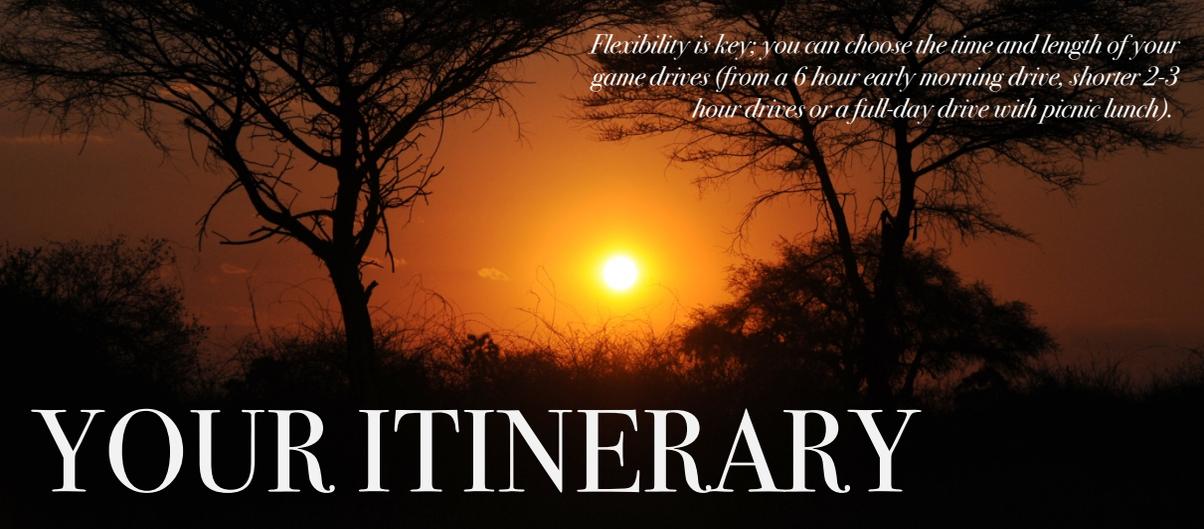
Meals are eaten together with managers and other guests in any of our two main dining areas in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Private dinings can be arranged for large groups or newly-wed honeymoon couples. The main dining area is built looking onto the riverbed and has two large and comfortable seating areas where you can relax with an afternoon drink.



Food is prepared fresh everyday in camp, using local produce supplied by nearby farmers and the nearest town market. An early morning wake-up call includes tea or coffee in bed. Breakfast includes various pastries, the infamous cinnamon bread, fruit, freshly squeezed orange juice, a traditional hot breakfast, toast and confections.



*All the “bandas” are built into the sandy banks of the Mwangusi River providing their own private and secluded view.*



*Flexibility is key; you can choose the time and length of your game drives (from a 6 hour early morning drive, shorter 2-3 hour drives or a full-day drive with picnic lunch).*

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

- **Meet your photographic lead guide outside Dar Es Salaam airport** at designated time (to be confirmed nearer the date) for internal flight to Ruaha.
  - Arrive in Ruaha and be transferred to your lodge. Meet the lodge staff and be shown around the lodge. Make yourself at home, freshen up and enjoy a cold drink whilst we discuss the upcoming week.
  - **16:30** Afternoon game drive with welcoming sundowners.
  - **18:30** Return to lodge for pre-drinks, followed by dinner.
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## DAY 2-6

- **05:30** Early morning wake up.
  - **06:00** Head out for a morning game drive with coffee and rusks.
  - **09:30** Return to lodge for breakfast, followed by some down time.
  - **12:00** Photographic presentations and support.
  - **14:00** Lunch
  - **15:30** Head out for afternoon game drive
  - **18:30** Return to lodge for pre-drinks, followed by dinner.
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## DAY 7

- **05:30** Early morning wake up.
- **06:00** Head out for final game drive.
- **09:30** Return to lodge for breakfast.
- **10:00** Depart lodge for airport.

\*Please note this itinerary is an example of what to expect, final times and durations may be subject to change.



# WHAT TO BRING

## GENERAL

Your accommodation has a laundry service, so there's no need to waste space on extra clothes when you could pack more camera gear or leave space for curios and mementos to take home.

Sunblock, sunglasses, hats and closed-toe shoes are all essential items for protection against the elements. If your trip is taking place during the country's wet season (Jan-Apr), please make sure to bring waterproof clothing for yourself and your camera! Temperatures are consistent at around 30 degrees throughout the year. Mornings and evening can be cold so please bring some warmer clothes such as coats, scarfs and hats. Light, long layers to protect from the heat in the day are recommended. Clothing should preferably be neutral in colour.

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## MALARIA

It is best to consult your local Doctor for advice, although Malaria medication is highly advised.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

Whilst this workshop is open to anyone with any kind of photographic equipment (from smartphones to professional gear) – we do advise bringing out a minimum amount of kit to ensure you get the best out of your time.

- A DSLR or mirrorless camera with:-
  - A wide angle lens
  - A zoom lens (70-300 or longer)
  - Tripod
  - Extra batteries and spare memory cards
  - Battery charger and power adaptor  
(for South Africa outlets)
- Laptop with Adobe Lightroom Classic installed.
- External hard drive is recommended, but not essential.

*Guests are treated to unforgettable bush dinners under the African night sky in surprise idyllic settings.*



# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- Internal flights (Dar Es Salaam – Ruaha) and airport transfers.
- All meals and all drinks.
- Laundry service.
- All game drives utilising exclusive and private vehicle.
- Photographic guidance and tuition throughout.
- Midday workshops and seminars.
- All conservation fees and levies.

## NOT INCLUDED

- International flights.
- Travel insurance.
- Curios and mementos.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Tips and gratuities for lodge / camp staff (cash).
- Loaning or renting of camera equipment or computer / laptop.
- Night drive and walking safari fees (if applicable)



# TRAVELLING IN 2021

# BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

Naturally, there are a lot of concerns regarding travel given the recent Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent travel bans and restrictions.

We want to assure all our guests that our trips are designed to look after them. Safety is our number one priority, especially when working with wildlife, and being able to provide the high standard of experience whilst adhering to strict safety protocols is something that we and our partnering lodges and reserves strictly adhere to.

As such, there will be limits to the amount of guests that can be on any vehicle or inhabiting any lodge at a time. Face masks and hand sanitizing will more than likely be the norm for quite a while, but we're confident that, despite these regulations, we will be able to offer memorable and life changing experiences and photographic opportunities to guests as early as June 2021.

Our terms and conditions for all trips have been updated to incorporate and cover any issues, complications and restrictions that have arisen due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is done for the wellbeing and safety of all our guests, hosts and partners – to again, further ensure that safety is our number one priority for everyone. Our full terms and conditions are sent as a separate PDF document to guests upon enquiry.

As always, if there's any questions or concerns related to travel and our trips, please do not hesitate and we will answer quickly and honestly.

In order to fully book a trip, please contact us via our email address ([info@raw-photographic.com](mailto:info@raw-photographic.com)), or on our website via the *Enquire Now* button on our *Photo Safari* page or through our booking form on the *Contact Us* page.

We will get in touch and supply you with our Terms & Conditions and a Registration Form, which must be filled in, signed and returned to us before we can finalize your booking. This includes details such as medical and dietary requirements, so information must be accurate and honest.

A 40% non-refundable deposit is due within 14 days of booking. This payment must be done via bank transfer.

At this point, your booking is held up until 8 weeks before departure of your safari, by which time you need to have paid the remaining amount. If payment has not been made at this time, RAW Photographic reserves the right to cancel your booking to open the space for another potential guest.

Once final payment has been made, we will confirm your position on our safari and communicate further details of the trip as the need arises. Other than that, it's a case of waiting and we look forward to seeing you in Africa!

The full list of our Terms and Conditions will be sent to you upon enquiry of booking. It's important that the terms and conditions are read, as by signing the Registration Form you confirm that you've read and agreed to all that's listed.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ***Is this trip right for me?***

This trip is great for anyone with a love for photography, but we do cater specifically for amateurs and those wanting to learn. If you're still unsure, get in touch and we can talk more in depth about what would make a safari great for you.

## ***Is it safe to travel?***

We specifically targeted mid-2021 to start running trips to allow as much time as possible for the world to recover from the effects of Covid-19. There are protocols put in place throughout your entire trip, in line with government and official demands, to ensure that safety for everyone involved is the utmost priority. As things change over time, we will adapt and update our protocols and the information we give to our guests. Once again, if you're still unsure, please get in touch so we can more in depth.

## ***How much is my deposit?***

Your deposit is 40% of the inclusive cost of your trip, as advertised. This will need to be paid within 14 days of booking and is non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled from our end.

## ***What payment method do you accept?***

Currently we can only accept payment as a bank transfer to a UK bank account.

## ***Should I bring a laptop? And do I need editing software?***

A laptop with editing software is ideal for this trip, as we do cover cataloging and editing photographs as part of the workshop. We recommend you download and install **Adobe Lightroom Classic**, as that's the specific software we will be using, but we can accommodate those without a laptop or editing program, but it's still recommended to ensure you get the most out of your trip.

## ***Can a non-photographer join this trip? Will they enjoy it?***

Even though we run specialized photographic safaris, we also accommodate those with no knowledge or interest in photography. We believe in putting experience above all else, so any non-photographers will still have a great experience.

## ***How much should I tip?***

Tipping / gratuities is not included in the cost, as it needs to be cash in order to be equally split amongst the lodge staff that look after you during your stay. Whilst there's no set number for a tip, we recommend a minimum of \$100 per guest. This money will be given to the lodge manager at the end of your stay, to be distributed afterwards.



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!**  
**THE RAW PHOTOGRAPHIC TEAM**

