

Mwiba & Matemwe

Spend 3 days exploring the exclusive Mwiba Wildlife Reserve in the southern Serengeti followed by 4 nights on the northern coast of Zanzibar on this luxury safari & beach combo



New for 2021/22: Private helicopter excursions exploring the southern Serengeti, Lake Natron, the Ngorongoro Highlands, and more. Additional costs apply – please see below for more info.

Day 1: Arrive Tanzania and fly to Mwiba Wildlife Reserve (Mwiba Lodge, fully-inclusive basis)

You will be met on arrival into Kilimanjaro Airport this morning and transferred to Arusha domestic airport for the one-hour flight to Mwiba airstrip (10:45-11:45). On arrival at Mwiba, meet your guide and transfer the short distance to Mwiba Tented Lodge, where you stay three nights on fully inclusive basis.

Arriving in Tanzania

This programme commences in Arusha with a mid-morning flight to Mwiba Wildlife Reserve. We can help with booking your international flights from the UK to connect with the morning flight to Mwiba, or with overnight accommodation in Arusha should your flight schedule require it.

Mwiba Tented Lodge

Mwiba is an exclusive safari lodge situated on a private 129,000-acre reserve south of the Serengeti National Park. The terrain in this region is rugged and dense with vegetation, and defined by its boulder-strewn hills and rocky kopjes, in contrast to the open savannah plains of the central Serengeti. Its great appeal is its remoteness – only Mwiba Lodge and its sister property, Mila Tented Camp, occupy the reserve – and the spectacular views it offers of the Rift Valley and Lake Eyasi. Between the months of December and March, the annual seasonal wildebeest migration can typically be seen in nearby Ndutu region, which is easily accessed from Mwiba.

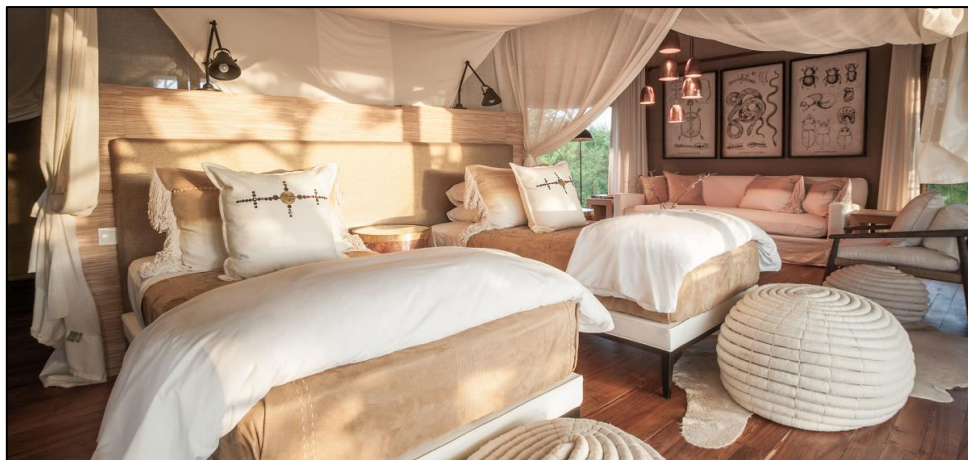


Mwiba has another impressive distinction of being the game reserve featured in the BBC2 series, 'Waterhole – Africa's Animal Oasis', with presenters Chris Packham and Ella Al-Shamahi. The waterhole near Mwiba is surrounded by hidden cameras, which reveal a fascinating insight into wildlife behaviour and established hierarchy. Only guests staying at Mwiba Lodge and sister camp, Mila, can visit the waterhole and spend time quietly observing the wildlife.

With a private vehicle and guide, guests at Mwiba may choose from half-day or full-day game drives within the private reserve. Mwiba's location also allows for a number of activities not possible within the Serengeti National Park, including bush and escarpment walks, night game drives, fly camping (at additional cost) and helicopter rides (also at additional cost).

Mwiba Lodge sits atop a rocky gorge formed by the Arugusinyai River. It comprises ten luxurious tented suites. Each suite is equipped with a sophisticated cooling system, a lavish king-size bed, indoor and outdoor showers, freestanding bathtub, and a private verandah with a view onto the surrounding wilderness (each suite enjoys a view down into the valley or waters below the camp, where game can often be seen.)

Facilities at Mwiba Lodge include a swimming pool and heated jacuzzi, spa, gym and library.



Days 2-3: Exploring Mwiba Private Game Reserve and the Southern Serengeti

The next 2 days will be spent exploring the Mwiba Wildlife Reserve on a mixture of game drives and walks. You will have your own private guide and vehicle while at Mwiba, meaning you can set your own pace and schedule as you explore this vast wilderness region. Full-day drives with a picnic lunch can be arranged, or you may prefer to explore at a more relaxed pace on morning and afternoon game drives interspersed with guided walks within the reserve.

During your stay at Mwiba, you will also have the opportunity to travel beyond the boundaries of the reserve and into the southern Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Highlands. At the start of the year, between January and March, the wildebeest herds can typically be found in the Ndutu region where they return during the calving season. This is an especially wonderful time to visit the southern Serengeti and by extension Mwiba Lodge!



In addition to game drives and guided walks, fly camping and helicopter air safaris can also be arranged during your stay at Mwiba (at additional cost).

Helicopter Journeys

Indulge in the exhilarating experience of your own private helicopter excursion over the north Tanzanian wilderness, with open doors and nothing but the wind at your feet. Starting from Mwiba Lodge, you can choose to focus your helicopter excursion on a number of different locations, including the southern Serengeti plains, the Ngorongoro highlands, Lake Natron, and the Great Rift Valley escarpment. Journeys last 1½-3 hours depending on the route taken, and cost £2,200 per hour. Please enquire for more information.

Optional Excursion

Days 4-7: Zanzibar (Matemwe Lodge, half-board basis)

Enjoy a final early morning game drive followed by breakfast at Mwiba Lodge, before transferring to the airstrip to catch the late morning flight to Zanzibar (11:00-14:20). On arrival, meet our driver for transfer to Matemwe Lodge, where you stay 4 nights on half-board basis.



Matemwe Lodge

Matemwe Lodge enjoys a peaceful perch on a coral cliff on the northern coast of Zanzibar, from where it overlooks a beautiful stretch of white sand beach directly opposite the Mnemba Atoll.

Matemwe consists of just twelve guest rooms, an open-air restaurant overlooking the sea and a laidback lounge and bar. The lodge also has two swimming pools (one of them a beautiful infinity pool) with deck chairs, and a poolside bar where refreshing cocktails are daily whipped up.

It's the location that makes Matemwe Lodge special. Its high vantage point allows for wonderful views—of the ocean, of traditional dhow and ngalawa boats sailing by—while the beach directly below it is one of Zanzibar's finest. Matemwe's location also grants it a degree of peace and quiet not apparent on some other corners of the island, where much larger and busier resorts preside.

Matemwe Lodge is small and intimate, its twelve guest rooms set in stone and thatch chalets each with private terrace with double hammock to enjoy wonderful ocean views. The rooms are furnished with large double beds and bright, Zanzibari fabrics. The bathrooms are generously sized and feature standalone bathtubs and separate showers.

Activities include some of the best snorkelling and diving on the African coast. Visits to Stone Town



The pleasant atmosphere, rustic but stylish accommodation, lovely gardens, and ideal location make Matemwe Lodge one of our favourite of Zanzibar's small beach retreats.

Day 8: International departure

After a leisurely breakfast, you will be transferred to Zanzibar Airport to begin your international journey home.

Price Guide:

*The cost of this itinerary is from **£5,500 per person**, based on two travellers in shared double accommodation and travel in peak season (Dec-Mar). For family rates, and for travel during shoulder and low season, please [contact us](#).*

Includes:

- All accommodations and board as specified
- Concession fees
- Safari activities at Mwiba Tented Lodge
- Transfers
- Internal flights and taxes.

Excludes:

- International flights – please ask us for a quote
- Visas
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips