

SAND RIVERS SELOUS



Sand Rivers Selous is a haven of natural luxury, a small, peaceful yet vibrant safari hub within the vast Selous wilderness. Set on a sweeping curve of the great Rufiji River, the lodge is both an expedition base and a safari retreat that has been well loved by safari buffs for years. It was originally built in 1984 by Richard Bonham who used this area of the Selous for his famous portered walking safaris throughout the eighties, when the area was all but unknown.

Accommodation at Sand Rivers is in spacious open fronted cottages raised on the banks of the Rufiji River. There are 5 open-fronted Standard rooms and 2 Suites (Tagalala & Kipalala, see separate info). All have en-suite bathrooms with flush toilets and powerful showers. The Suite rooms have their own private plunge pool, and lounge area. The standard rooms have also recently been refurbished, and have new river facing bathrooms.

The Rhino House is our new private "honeymoon" house. This exclusive one-bedroom cottage with king-size bed is open fronted and set close to the main lodge. It overlooks the river and has its own plunge pool and lounge area. The Rhino House offers guests private dining, and a private car and guide for game drives (boating and walking activities are shared with guests at the main lodge). Please note that due to space, we cannot accept triples in the Rhino House.

Seasonal highlights - June to September; warm days and cool nights, best time of year for walking safaris. Great elephant and buffalo sightings. October-November: heavy concentrations of game around the inland lakes, weather dry and hot. December-March: prolific bird life, many animals calving, weather starts to get humid, with possibility of rain.

LOCATION - In the northern part of the Selous Game Reserve on the banks of the Rufiji River.

SETTING - Under large Tamarind and Mahogany trees on a rocky peninsula overlooking the Rufiji River.

HIGHLIGHTS - The sight and sound of the river, and the great variety of adventures to be had along it, and in the surrounding woodlands. Fabulous sightings of the river residents (hippos and crocodiles), and great birding. Game drives, fly camps walks and boat trips and walks in a variety of diverse areas from Steiglers Gorge, Kidai Island and Lake Tagallala. Great fishing, and visits to the game viewing platforms at 'The Garden'. See separate fact sheet on Selous Walking Safaris.

ACTIVITIES - Game drives in open 4WD vehicles, walks, fly camping, boating, fishing, birding, picnics and bush lunches.

FLY CAMPING - This is a highly recommended part of any safari to Sand Rivers, and available at an extra supplement. The fly camps are shared, and guests sleep under spacious mosquito nets equipped with safari bedrolls. A bucket shower with hot water, and a short drop toilet is set up behind camp. A full complement of staff provide a full breakfast, light lunch and a three-course candlelit dinner.

HOW TO GET THERE - There are numerous daily flights to Kiba from Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Ruaha, Mafia, Pemba, and northern Tanzania.

OPEN - Sand Rivers Selous, and The Rhino House are closed from 24th March 2008 to 1st June 2008.

CHILD POLICY - We are delighted to accept children of 8 and over at Sand Rivers Selous. This restriction extends to a minimum of 12 years on any walking or fly camping activities. All children stay at their parents' own risk.

