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# The Retreat Selous

The Retreat is a unique all-suite tented lodge, found in the remote far north of the Selous. It is situated in wild bush on the banks of the wide Great Ruaha River. The centrally situated main house - The Fort - is high up on a rocky hillside, allowing guests one of the best vantage points in the whole reserve. Private space, seclusion and individual services in harmony with nature are the hallmarks of «The Retreat».



## LOCATION

The Selous Game Reserve is an UNESCO World Heritage Site and at 55,000 sq. km is twice the size of Switzerland and just 200 km south west by air of Dar es Salaam. It is the largest protected wildlife sanctuary in Africa and is widely accredited as being the most pristine wilderness. Sumbazi airstrip, 30 minutes

drive from the lodge, is served by several airlines, notably daily scheduled flights (charters also available), from Zanzibar, Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Ruaha. From Dar es Salaam, a 70-minute flight is operated comfortably and efficiently by Safari Air Link, Flight Link and Zanair in the morning and by Coastal in the morning and afternoon, with a personal meet and greet by an open 4WD vehicle and a

personal guide from The Retreat.

## ATMOSPHERE

The spaciouly set tented suites have been constructed to correspond with the surrounding habitat, whilst guaranteeing privacy and romance. The owners have carefully blended ethnic

elements, bespoke furnishings, African antiques, natural materials, and precious stones - to create a unique sense of comfort and natural luxury. Striking views and vistas provide guests with a wonderful direct window into the wilderness and wildlife - an integral part of the master plan. The expansive distance between each suite offers guests the ultimate privacy. The atmos-

pheric main house, The Fort, is based on an ancient military observation point from the First World War and draws upon the influences of the great East African market. The fort has a large infinity pool and its surrounding provide a much favoured vantage point from which clients have a 360 degree view into hundreds of kilometres of untouched land.

## ACCOMMODATION

The customised 100 m<sup>2</sup> luxury tents, mounted on raised teak wood platforms, rise to a height of over 6 metres & are protected by two layers - a strong mosquito net as an inner wall and heavy duty canvas on the outer side.

All tents can be fully opened to the



sounds, breeze and full view of the nature.

An integral part of each suite is its own private outdoor deck with seating and signature outdoor antique copper bathtubs.

A comfortable king size bed surrounded by a silk mosquito net.

Indoor en suite facilities, including separate shower and specially commissioned washbasins made from semi-precious stones.

Carefully designed interiors are complemented by handpicked African antiques and local materials.

#### FACILITIES

**SENSES TO AFRICA SPA** - An enriching, outdoor natural «River Spa», romantically situated on the shores of the Great Ruaha River. The philosophy of the Spa is to enhance the experience of African nature and wildlife with its sights, sounds, smells and taste through body work and balance the needs of body, soul and mind.

**BAR** - The Retreat has three bars serving favourite drinks and snacks: at the Fort, the sunset bar with additional infinity pool and at the Hippo point.

**DINING** - Besides the restaurant at the Fort, there are several attractive areas in which to dine in. Dependent on weather conditions and guests requests, bush dining is a regular feature at The Retreat where freshly prepared food is cooked in situ over an open fire. Local and international cuisine, utilizing fresh produce from coastal regions, is brought in and prepared by The Retreat's skilled chefs, who are trained under Wolfgang Kuchler, a leading 18 point Gault Millau cook from Switzerland.



**BOUTIQUE**

The Retreat runs a small boutique with special African items and some pharmacy products.

**ACTIVITIES**

Guests at The Retreat can observe a spectrum of fauna and wildlife nearby and choose two inclusive activities per day from a choice of:

- Game drives deep into the bush
- Escorted safari walks & hikes
- Escorted boat excursions on the Great Ruaha River
- Line fishing may be rewarded by bagging the likes of Tiger Fish and Catfish
- Spa treatments

**CHILDREN**

A warm welcome awaits families with children enthusiastic for the natural world, whilst also ensuring that guests without children equally enjoy the peace and beauty of The Selous Retreat undisturbed. Children, notably those not yet in their teens, must share a suite with either a parent or an adult guardian. Children can accompany their parents, particularly on game drives. Additionally children can be taken by one of the experienced guides separately onto a game tracking experience and draw their own bush diary. As to accommodation, the spacious Lion's River Suite, with its wonderful outlook, could be particularly suitable for a family with two or three children. Equally to be recommended is the privacy afforded at Hippo Point.

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