



Baker & Sons Safari Co presents our Stone Lodges, built high on the banks of the Rufiji River flowing from the Great Selous Game Reserve, Tanzania. Located just 4km downriver from the reserve gate, our lodge is a truly wild and beautiful experience. Pods of river hippo surface in view of the guest balconies, with the rare black & white colobus monkeys playing overhead and bush elephants passing below. The evening sun sets over the water without fail.

Established by the Baker Family of Canada, this retreat on the southern-Tanzania safari circuit takes advantage of the natural land formations, with stone paths and a majestic sweeping staircase around tropical gardens where colourful birds gather, all while ensuring the comforts of a destination getaway. The rooms maintain that feeling and function, designed with en-suite bathrooms, hot or cool showers and a large solar system that is more than sufficient to keep the lights on, power camera equipment and fans in the night together with the breezes off the river. The lodge is a family-operated, family friendly destination for all ages.

Our meals are southern-style cooking, delicious BBQ and fixings found nowhere else in the Selous. Coffee and tea, sodas and cold drinks, snacks and desserts are among the small things we do well. Listen to an old record on our player or allow the orchestra of the bush to guide you into the night. We organize game drives into the animal reserve, boat cruises on the river and walking safaris on foot.

Welcome to Baker & Sons Safari Stone Lodge, outside the Selous Mtemere Gate, the largest reserve in all of Africa. Baker & Sons is a great alternative for safari guests desiring to visit Selous but not wanting to pay high prices to stay inside the park.



Lodge Specs: 4 double rooms + 1 large family cabin
Child Policy: safe for all ages, children are welcome



SAFARI ACTIVITIES OF THE GREAT SELOUS AND RUFJI RIVER

*Baker & Sons Video Promo: <https://youtu.be/qoxx71dSJ7I>

The Famous Sunset Riverboat Cruise, typically on the river you'll find basking Nile crocs, beautiful nesting tropical birds and the rare black & white colobus monkeys swinging in the riverbank canopy. The highlight, your boat circles around large pods of river hippopotamus, bobbing and breaking the water's surface – an activity not to be missed – best enjoyed in the evenings as the sun sets without fail for another glorious sky on the Rufiji River | **2.5hrs**

Safari Game Drive of the Selous Reserve, the 'Iconic African Adventure', in the vehicles we'll track the movements of elephant herds and lion prides, more giraffe than one can count. The majestic kudu and impala and almost every animal the continent offers including the elusive wild dog is found in our park, Selous, the largest and oldest reserve in all of Africa | **FULL-DAY**

*Optionally, at no additional charge, during the Game Drive (road conditions permitting) we can take you to the **Selous Hot Water Springs**, a 'Garden of Eden' setting with a number of pools each hotter than the last. Bring your bathing suits and take a dip, Malawian cichlids swim in the lower spring and will gently nip at your toes

Guided Hiking Safari, different from the previous days, this safari is on-foot, following bush trails outside the reserve with a very entertaining local 'bushman' guide dressed in period clothes of a bygone African age. Each walking safari is unique. We find many small and sometimes large animals on our journey, as the bushman teaches about tracking footprints of fauna, identifying homes and scat and medicinal uses of native flora. Up to a two-hour hike that includes a special local tea setup in the bush at the end of your trail | **2hrs**

The Tribal Village Visit + Lion Tour, within a couple hours' drive from our lodge, into more rural villages and tribal settings we've established a new excursion, offered only through Baker & Sons, involving our neighboring Tribe SUKUMA + an INFAMOUS LION. We drive off the bush road to visit this tribe, their farm and little children dressed up in beads. We demonstrate their way of life, livestock, mud-thatched homes and community arrangement. As a company, we built this relationship with these tribal villages in order to offer this unique experience to outside visitors. It's an authentic setting. As such, a portion of the proceeds goes back to the local families involved. *Additionally*, there's an internationally 'famous' gravesite that you'll visit in the village of Ngorongo. Not far from the tribal village, is buried a man-eating lion. Baker & Sons restored his gravesite, a national monument to what it is today. Hear the story of this man-eater as you journey along the river where the lion once stalked. Meet villagers who were alive during the lion's reign of terror to get a firsthand account. This tour and monument, exclusively offered by our company, is dedicated to the locals along the Rufiji River who lost loved ones to this infamous lion | **6hrs**

<https://bakersafari.co/wildshorts/rufijimaneater/>

BAKER & SONS GOOGLE MAPS - <https://goo.gl/maps/1zXHDNx6vNRjbMwQ7>

FB - <https://www.facebook.com/bakersafari/>



All-Day Boat Safari inside the Selous (Nyerere), a brand-new activity, begin at the boat launch in front of Baker & Sons Lodge after breakfast (9:30am), heading up-river and crossing the boundary into the Selous Game Reserve (aka Nyerere National Park). After a quick check-in at the park gate, reboard the boat for this aquatic safari experience! Over the next eight hours you'll navigate the extensive collection of rivers and lakes that flow from the Great Selous. Your boat captain/guide is tasked to locate the wild African animals, from this unique perspective, drifting in on an amphibious approach. Find elephant families cooling off in the pools, long-necked giraffe bending low to take a drink with an eye-out for nearby predators, hippos and buffalo, female lions and adolescent males with tufted manes lapping the water. Meals and drinks are served onboard. If you have time, this is a worthwhile activity that ends with a sunset over the river | **FULL-DAY**

Night Game Drive (6pm – 1am), only until recently did the Selous open to allow game drives under the cover of night; the opportunity to enter the park as the sun drops, capture the last light with the camera lens as the animals pass bracing for the long African night. Not all creatures will see the sun rise again! We send in safari-goers with a vehicle, an armed ranger, a guide and a spotlight. In case the night temperature drops, we supply Maasai blankets. Slowly and carefully the vehicle proceeds through the park. The nightlife is very different from the day. Nocturnal creatures awake. Bush-baby monkeys with their oversized eyes hang with chameleons in the trees, crying in the still air. Impala eyes reflect the spotlight, huddled in large groups with other prey to increase their chances of survival. Hippos on mass exit the waters to graze inland. Elephants with their relatively small eyes and poor night vision continue feeding and crunching vegetation and calling with a low tympanic rumble. The vehicle passes through, in search of predators, hyenas, wild dogs, leopards and lion hunting parties. This activity is a thrilling one | **7hrs**

Sport Fishing in the Reserve, the Selous Game Reserve opens up to travelers and fishermen in this one-in-a-lifetime experience of casting your line in waters shared by hippo, Nile crocs, with a backdrop silhouette of elephants, giraffe, Cape buffalo, kudu and lions. This is sport fishing at its finest! Travel from Baker & Sons, upriver into the untouched lakes and tributaries that form this Tanzanian National Park. You'll be on the water alone, fishing holes that have rarely been visited, out of reach of the local fisherman. The chances of catching are significantly higher. Bait, rod and tackle are provided, or bring your own. Lake tilapia and monster catfish varieties can be hooked. However, the goal of any sport fisherman visiting East Africa is to land a Tiger Fish. This predator fish is equipped with sharp, long teeth, stripes down its meaty frame and an orange tail fin that propels it through the water. A metal leader is a must. Goodluck! | **FULL-DAY**

BAKER & SONS IS A FAMILY-OPERATED, FAMILY FRIENDLY SAFARI LODGE. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! CHILDREN'S RATES AVAILABLE TO BE ADDED TO ANY ACTIVITY OR BOOKING.

The friendly and knowledgeable staff made the stay very enjoyable. The food was top notch, and they were able to cater my trip around my hectic schedule. Great atmosphere at the lodge and Baker & Sons gives back to the community, so you know that when you book your stay here, you are being a part of something bigger. | **TRIP ADVISOR** www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g293748-d23358019-Reviews-Baker_Sons_Safari_Company-Dar_es_Salaam_Dar_Es_Salaam_Region.html?m=19905





SAFARI ACTIVITY PRICE LIST – 2024-25

	Time	ADULTS	CHILD (11-15)	CHILD (5-10)
RiverBoat Cruise	2.5hrs	\$50	\$25	\$10
Hiking Safari*	2hrs	\$40	\$20	\$10
Tribal Village + Lion Tour*	6hrs	\$60	\$30	\$10
GAME DRIVES	*Vehicle Rental + Park Passes, see below			

***Activities require use of a vehicle, personal or rented**

**children under 5years old travel *free* w/parents in all activities and park passes

Vehicle Rental (includes driver): \$250/daily rate

- accommodates 6-7 guests, exclusive use of vehicle + guide

- **Game Drives / Transfers from Dar**

Selous/Nyerere Park Passes, Daily Rate *only applicable on game drive days	ADULTS	CHILD (ages 5-15)
Tourist Rate	\$90	\$30
Resident Rate	\$45	\$15
Tanzania Citizen	\$10	\$5

PREMIUM ACTIVITIES (require individual park passes)

1. ALL-DAY BOAT SAFARI INSIDE RESERVE

- Boat Fee: 1-5 Passengers \$300, 6-8 Passengers \$350

2. NIGHT GAME DRIVE (6PM-1AM)

- Park Passes + \$70/adult and \$35/child
- Vehicle + Ranger + Spotlight: \$350 (up to 7 passengers)

3. SPORT FISHING IN THE RESERVE

- Park Passes + \$35/adult and \$15/child
- Boat (incl. rods/tackle/bait): \$400 (up to 5 passengers)

BAKER & SONS PACKAGE DEAL ***most popular**

3DAY/2NIGHT SAFARI PACKAGE

- Full-Board Lodging
- **Sunset RiverBoat Cruise**
- **1 Day x Game Drive, Selous/Nyerere**
- **Morning Hiking Safari or Tribal Village Visit**
- Depart/Return, Dar Es Salaam

DAY 1 - depart Dar (7am) arrive at Baker & Sons lodge in time for lunch on our balcony overlooking the wild Rufiji River, at 4pm we'll take you on **The Famous Sunset RIVERBOAT Cruise**, typically on the river you find basking Nile crocs, beautiful tropical birds nesting, black & white colobus monkeys swinging in the riverbank canopy and your boat circles around large pods of river hippopotamus, return after sunset for supper and drinks at the lodge

DAY 2 - morning breakfast at the lodge followed by the iconic **Safari GAME DRIVE of the Selous Reserve**, in the vehicles we'll track the movements of elephant herds and lion prides, more giraffe than one can count, the majestic kudu and impala and almost every animal the continent offers can be found in our park boasting the largest reserve in all of Africa, including the elusive African Wild Dog with its beautiful fur coat, found only in rare pockets of the country, you'll take a pack lunch to enjoy while in the reserve and return back to the lodge for a relaxing evening, sunset over the river and supper *with a special show from our staff*

*Optionally, at no additional charge, during the game drive (road conditions permitting) we can take you to the Selous Hot Springs, a 'Garden of Eden' setting with a number of pools each hotter than the last, bring your bathing suits and take a dip, Malawian cichlids swim in the lower spring and will gently nip at your toes

DAY 3 - final morning, we'll take you on a **Guided HIKING Safari**, different and unique from the previous days, this safari is on-foot following bush trails outside the reserve with a guide, each walking safari is different, we find many small and sometimes large animals on our journey as the guide teaches about tracking their footprints, identifying their homes and scat and behaviour, it's up to a two-hour hike that includes a special local tea setup in the bush at the end of your trail

Or, try the **TRIBAL VILLAGE Visit**, offered exclusively by Baker & Sons Safari Co, experience an authentic tribal community and be welcomed into their village, includes a visit to the INFAMOUS MAN-EATING LION GRAVESITE of the Rufiji

