

CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Nomad Tanzania

Charlie, an Expeditionary Camp

RUAHA | UGALLA | SOUTHWEST SERENGETI | SANJAN, TANZANIA



General Information

CLASSIFICATION	EXPEDITION: Seasonal Roving Camps (Operating July–May; closed in June) Privately managed by Nomad Tanzania
LAND RELATIONSHIP	Charlie operates seasonally across several of Tanzania’s protected wilderness areas, including Serengeti National Park, Ruaha National Park and Ugalla National Park (under TANAPA), as well as the Sanjan area within the greater Serengeti ecosystem in the Rift Valley.
OVERVIEW	<p>Charlie is Nomad Tanzania’s ultra-light, roving expeditionary camp - a contemporary expression of the company’s original walking safaris. Privately booked and seasonally mobile, it moves between Tanzania’s southern, western and northern wilderness areas, positioning itself away from safari traffic in quieter, less-visited landscapes.</p> <p>Designed primarily for immersive walking, with game drives complementing exploration, Charlie offers a flexible, low-impact safari experience. With just four walk-in tents and an experienced crew, it is intentionally simple - no fixed structures, no excess - only what is needed to be comfortably and meaningfully immersed in the wild.</p>
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	<p>LOW MEDIUM HIGH VERY HIGH</p> <p>Nomad Tanzania actively supports local communities and conservation, which provides finance, logistics, and advice to trusted grassroots partners. With this support, initiatives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lifelong Learning: Apprenticeships, scholarships, and school support, including a meal-a-day programme reaching over 1 000 children across 12 schools.• Health & Well-being: Mobile medical and dental clinics hosted at Nomad camps.• Conservation & Environment: Assistance with anti-poaching patrols, environmental clean-ups, and conservation logistics.• Guests may also Pack for a Purpose, bringing useful supplies that benefit community projects during their visit.
ACCESS	<p>Access is by scheduled or private charter flights to nearby airstrips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jongomero (Ruaha National Park) – approximately 1.5 hours by road• Muhuba (Ugalla National Park) – approximately 20 minutes to 2 hours by road• Kusini (Southwest Serengeti National Park) – approximately 1–3 hours by road• Ndutu (Sanjan area) – approximately 3–4 hours by road
CAMPS	4 walk-in canvas tents. Exclusive-use Camp. Per person rate.
CHILDREN	16+ years
HEALTH	Malaria protection is advised. Yellow fever certificate required if arriving from risk areas. Remote location with basic medical kit; medical rescue included in trip cost

Need to know

OPERATING SEASON	Ruaha – 1 Jul to 31 Oct Ugalla – 15 Jul to 15 Oct Southwest Serengeti – 1 Nov to 31 May Sanjan – 15 Nov to 15 May	GYM / KEEP FIT	Through walking.
ELECTRICITY	Solar-powered.	SPA / MASSAGE	No
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	No WiFi or mobile signal.	FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals, & drinks. No Halaal / No Kosher
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	From 13:00 Until 10:00	GUIDE TENT	Yes
CREDIT CARDS	No	OTHER FACILITIES	Main mess area.
SECURITY	Unfenced, Askari escorts.	ACTIVITIES	Game drives & walking safaris.

Weather

Temperatures are warm year-round, with cooler mornings and evenings.

JANUARY – MARCH

16 - 28°C | 61 - 82°F

CALVING SEASON – Warm with occasional rain. Charlie operates in the Southwest Serengeti National Park and Sanjan area – green landscapes and excellent walking conditions.

APRIL – MAY

8 - 22°C | 46 - 72°F

GREEN SEASON – Wetter months in the Serengeti and Sanjan areas. Charlie operates until mid–May and resumes in July in southern Tanzania. Closed in June.

JUNE – SEPTEMBER

15 - 28°C | 59 - 82°F

DRY SEASON – Dry season conditions in Ruaha National Park and Ugalla National Park. Warm days, cooler mornings and excellent walking and wildlife viewing.

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

20 - 32°C | 68 - 90°F

SHORT RAINS – Dry season continues in Ruaha and Ugalla through October. From November Charlie moves north to the Serengeti and Sanjan areas where conditions are warmer with occasional early rains.

CHARLIE EXPEDITIONARY CAMP

WALK-IN CANVAS TENTS - CHILDREN 16+

# TENTS	4	POOL	X
EXTRA BEDS	X	IN-ROOM WIFI	X
TWIN BEDS	✓ All	MINI BAR	X
BATHROOM	✓ Shared	AIR CON	X
SHOWER	✓ Bucket	FAN	X
BATH	X	MOZZIE NET	X Mesh tent
HAIRDRYER	X	LAUNDRY	X
ROOM SAFE	X	DISABLED ACCESS	X

ROOM DESCRIPTION:

Charlie features up to four spacious walk-in canvas tents, accommodating a maximum of six guests on an exclusive-use basis. Each tent is simply and thoughtfully appointed with comfortable cot beds dressed in crisp cotton linen.

Removable flysheets and mesh roofing allow for open-air nights beneath vast, star-filled skies, reinforcing the camp's light footprint and close connection to its surroundings. Two shared bathroom units are positioned discreetly behind the tents, offering bucket showers under the trees and short-drop toilets - authentic, practical and in keeping with camp's expeditionary spirit.

Solar lanterns provide gentle lighting in tents and communal areas, while the small mess awning and fireside create a relaxed gathering space at the heart of camp.

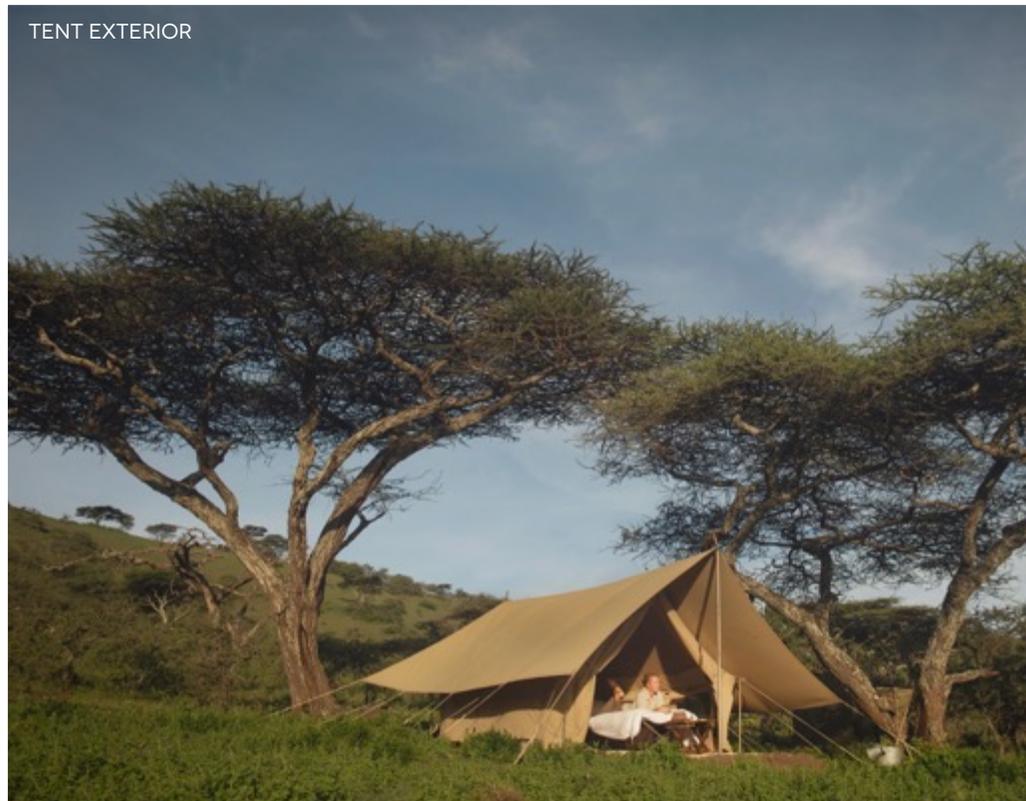
TENTS X 4



CAMP LIFE



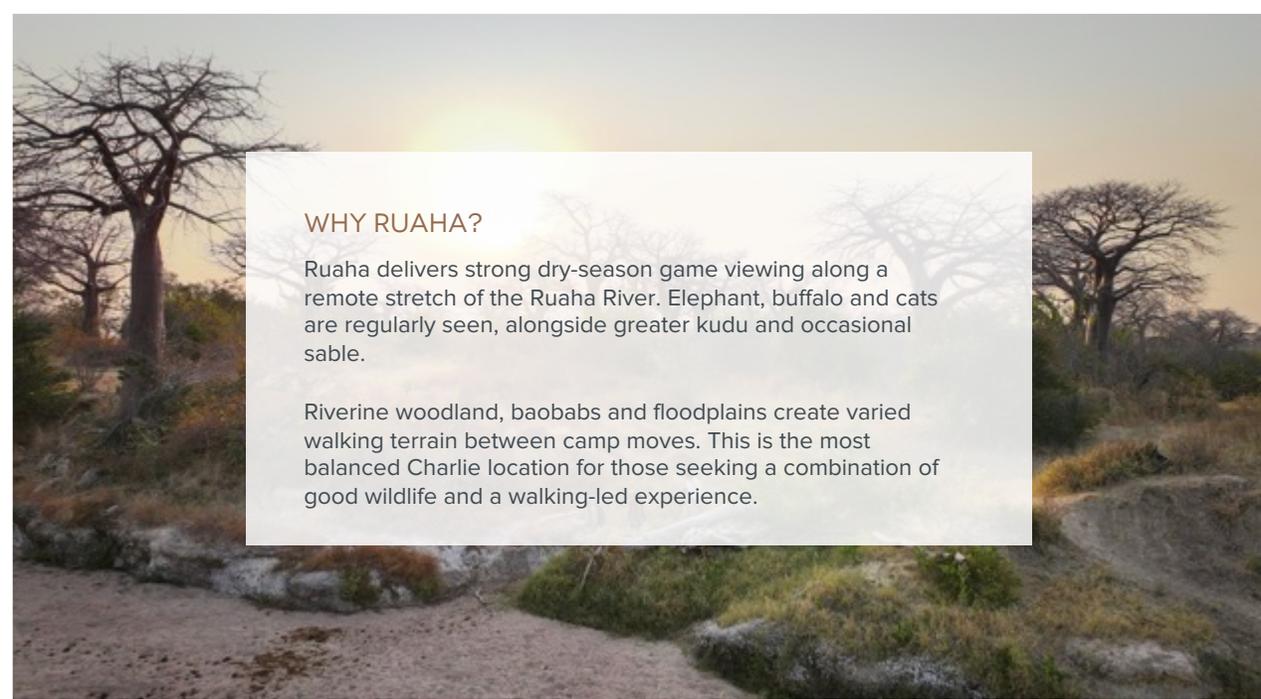
INCREDIBLE VIEWS



TENT EXTERIOR



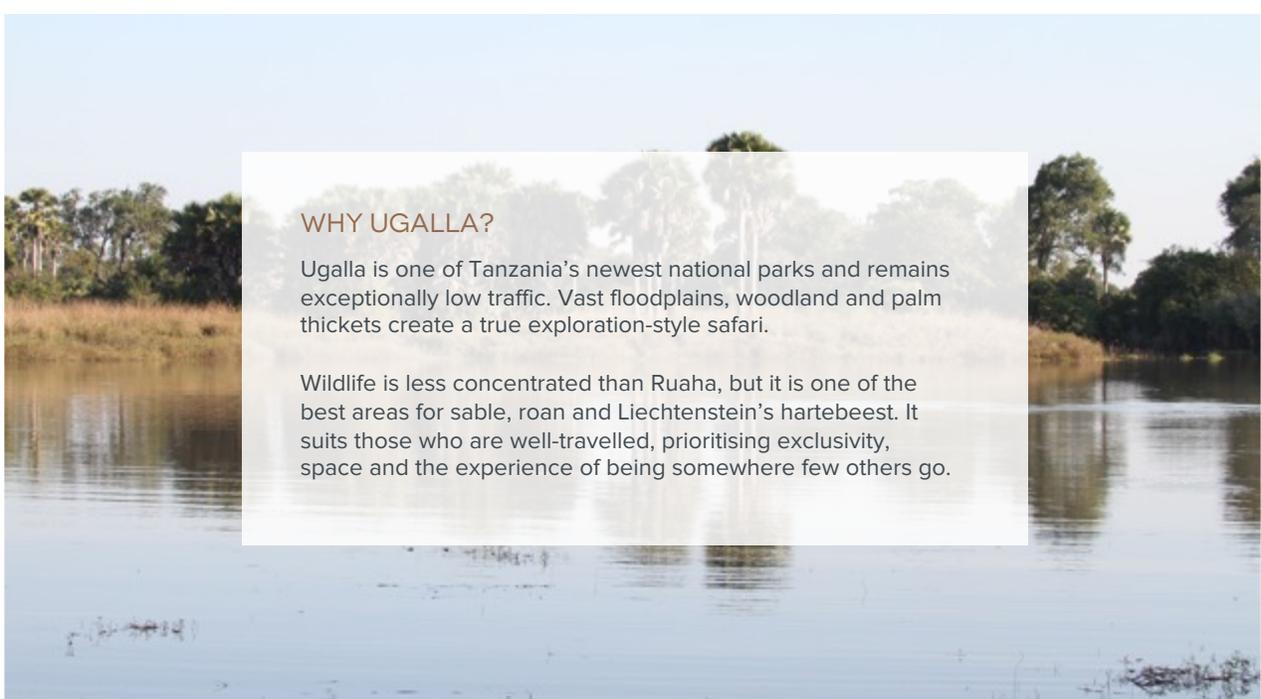
BUSH BATHROOM

A landscape photograph of the Ruaha River region. In the foreground, there are several large, leafless baobab trees. The ground is a mix of sandy soil and sparse green vegetation. In the background, more trees and a hazy horizon are visible under a soft, overcast sky.

WHY RUAHA?

Ruaha delivers strong dry-season game viewing along a remote stretch of the Ruaha River. Elephant, buffalo and cats are regularly seen, alongside greater kudu and occasional sable.

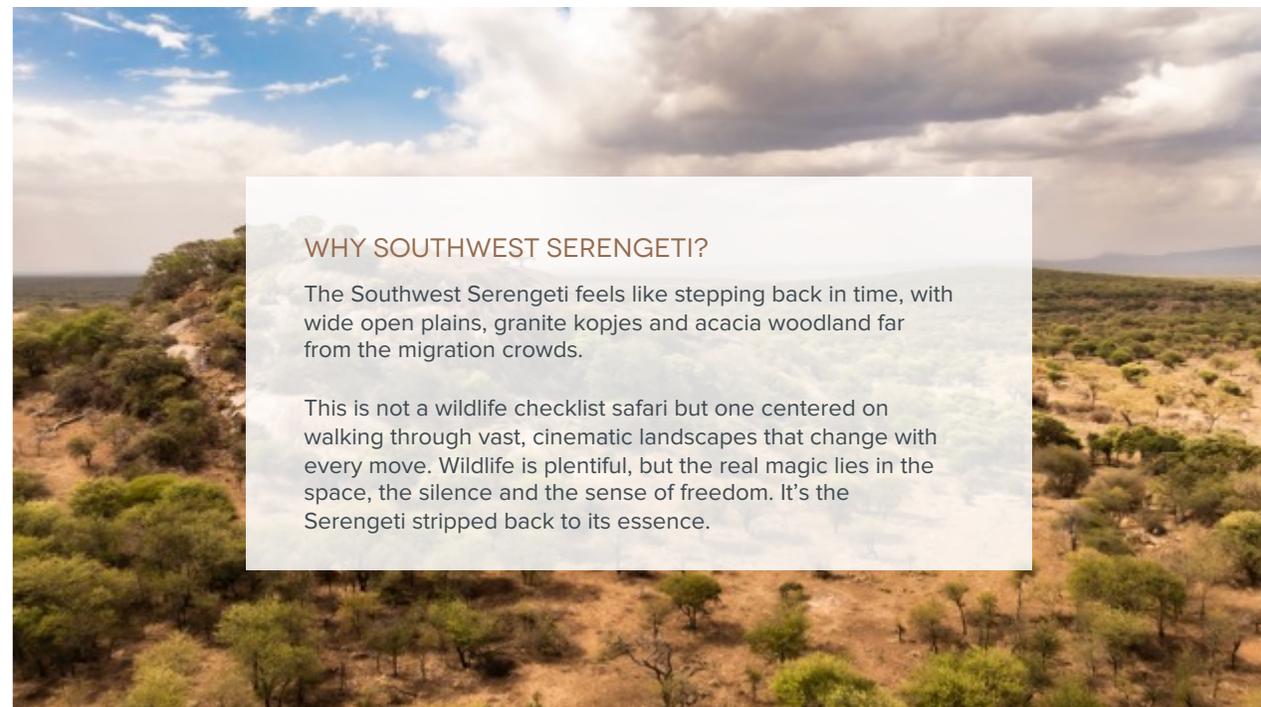
Riverine woodland, baobabs and floodplains create varied walking terrain between camp moves. This is the most balanced Charlie location for those seeking a combination of good wildlife and a walking-led experience.

A landscape photograph of Ugalla National Park. The scene is dominated by a calm body of water in the foreground, which reflects the sky and the surrounding greenery. On the far bank, there is a dense line of trees, including tall palm trees. The sky is clear and blue.

WHY UGALLA?

Ugalla is one of Tanzania's newest national parks and remains exceptionally low traffic. Vast floodplains, woodland and palm thickets create a true exploration-style safari.

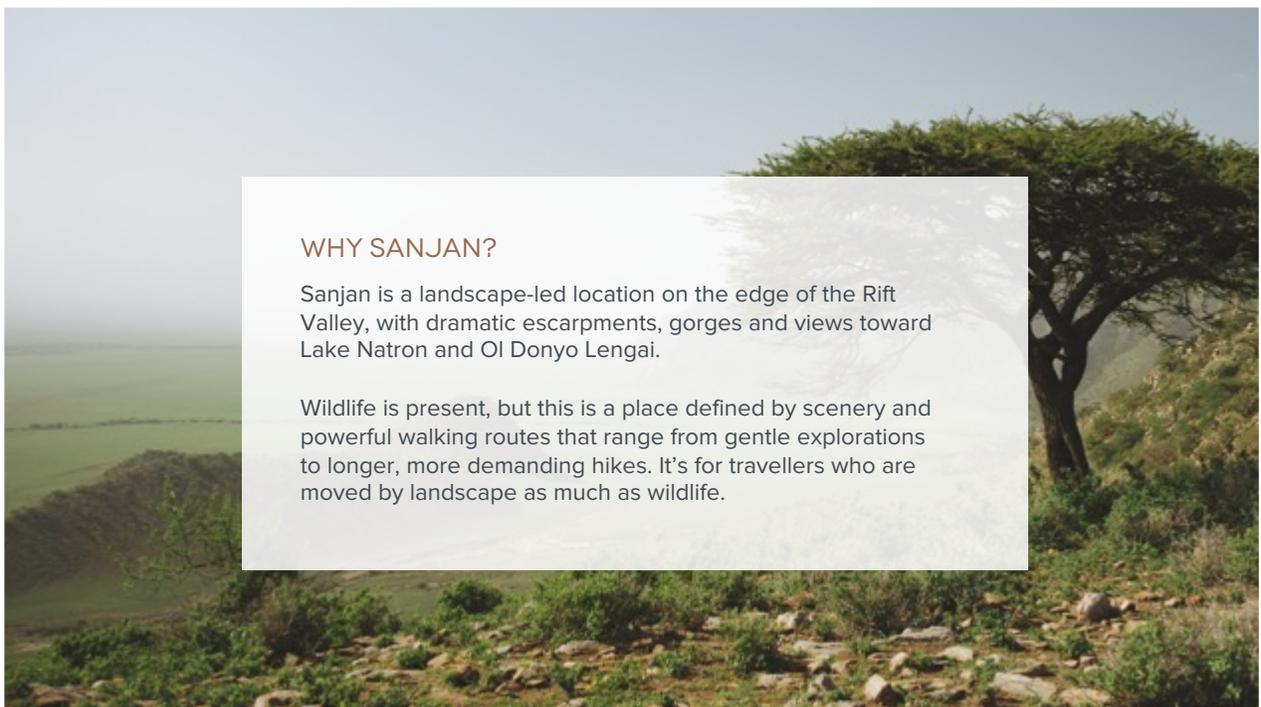
Wildlife is less concentrated than Ruaha, but it is one of the best areas for sable, roan and Liechtenstein's hartebeest. It suits those who are well-travelled, prioritising exclusivity, space and the experience of being somewhere few others go.

A wide-angle landscape photograph of the Southwest Serengeti. The view is from an elevated position, looking down onto a vast, open plain. The terrain is dotted with small, green acacia trees and shrubs. In the distance, a range of low mountains is visible under a sky filled with large, white clouds.

WHY SOUTHWEST SERENGETI?

The Southwest Serengeti feels like stepping back in time, with wide open plains, granite kopjes and acacia woodland far from the migration crowds.

This is not a wildlife checklist safari but one centered on walking through vast, cinematic landscapes that change with every move. Wildlife is plentiful, but the real magic lies in the space, the silence and the sense of freedom. It's the Serengeti stripped back to its essence.

A landscape photograph of Sanjan. The view is from a rocky, elevated vantage point. In the foreground, there are green bushes and a large, spreading tree. In the background, a deep gorge or valley opens up, leading to a large body of water (Lake Natron) under a clear sky.

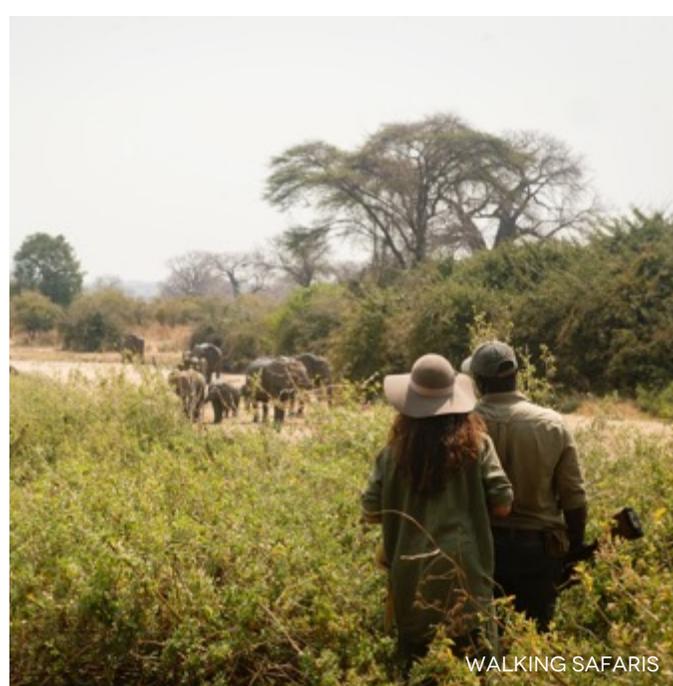
WHY SANJAN?

Sanjan is a landscape-led location on the edge of the Rift Valley, with dramatic escarpments, gorges and views toward Lake Natron and Ol Donyo Lengai.

Wildlife is present, but this is a place defined by scenery and powerful walking routes that range from gentle explorations to longer, more demanding hikes. It's for travellers who are moved by landscape as much as wildlife.

Activities & Experiences

GAME DRIVES	Morning and afternoon. Open-sided vehicle (subject to availability) Max 6 per vehicle Professional safari guides.
GAME DRIVE VEHICLE FEATURES	Three pin plug sockets & USB charging points.
WALKING SAFARIS	Walking lies at the heart of the Charlie experience. Exploring on foot reveals tracks, plants, bird calls and the subtle rhythms of the wilderness, across riverine woodlands, open plains, rocky outcrops and floodplain edges. 1 armed Nomad scout and 1 armed ranger. Max 6 guests per walk. Guests 16+ years.
BUSH MEALS & SUNDOWNERS	Dine in the open with bush breakfasts, picnic lunches & sundowners.
WILDEBEEST MIGRATION	Calving season (Dec–Mar). The migration may pass through at times, but Charlie is not a migration-focused safari.
BIRDWATCHING	Tanzania’s diverse landscapes support exceptional birdlife. Spot a wide variety of resident and migratory species.
STARGAZING	Remote locations offer spectacular night skies, while removable flysheets and mesh roofing allow stargazing directly from your bed.



WALKING SAFARIS



BUSH MEALS

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION	✓			
LEOPARD	✓			
CHEETAH	✓			
ELEPHANT	✓			
RHINO			✓	
BUFFALO	✓			
GIRAFFE	✓			
ZEBRA	✓			
HIPPO	✓			
CROCODILE	✓			
WILD DOG			✓	
HYENA	✓			
AARDVARK			✓	
MIGRATION	✓			
GENERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES	✓			
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTINGS	<p>RUAHA: Large elephant and buffalo herds, strong predator sightings and rare antelope such as greater and lesser kudu.</p> <p>UGALLA: Rare antelope including roan, sable and Liechtenstein’s hartebeest in a remote wilderness setting.</p> <p>SOUTHWEST SERENGETI: Seasonal wildebeest migration and calving season (Dec–Mar), drawing predators to the open plains.</p> <p>SANJAN AREA: Cheetah, oryx, bat-eared fox and golden wolf in dramatic Rift Valley landscapes.</p>			

Location & Access Map

Driving & Flight Access

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WAKE UP WITH A VIEW



TENTS IN THE BUSH



NOTICE THE DETAILS



FOUR UNIQUE LOCATIONS



RELAX BY THE CAMPFIRE



EXPLORE TANZANIA ON FOOT

NOMAD TANZANIA

Ruaha | Ugalla |
Southwest Serengeti | Sanjan

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SAFARI CAMP

CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	EXPEDITION
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	HIGH
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	16+
FAMILY ROOMS	X
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	✓
HONEYMOON OFFER	X
LAND SAFARI	✓
WATER SAFARI	X
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	KOPJE CLIMBING, WALKING SAFARIS & GREAT MIGRATION
GET INVOLVED - CONSERVATION	X
GET INVOLVED - COMMUNITIES	X
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	X

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are often priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- **Transferability:** What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- **Removability:** What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- **Responsibility:** To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- **Fragility:** How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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