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# Nyerere

## YOUR GUIDE TO THE SEASONS

MONTH	RAIN FALL	HI TEMP	WILDLIFE & PARK INFO
JAN	200mm	32°C (89.6°F)	Typically Nyerere is fairly green after December rains. Wildlife may be dispersed from permanent water sources, although in dryer years mammals continue to stay near the lakes and river. Rainfall is erratic. All migratory species of birds have arrived and many begin to display breeding plumage. Fishing is mediocre and heat and humidity are both high. Because January is typically a very hot month, early morning or evening activities are best, especially in the well-shaded miombo areas. Fly camp may be disrupted by rain. Walking can be impossible if the bush is too thick.
FEB	200mm	32°C (89.6°F)	February may have significant rainfall or very little depending on the year. Nyerere may be very green or remain fairly dry. Wildlife is unpredictable because a lot depends on the rain. Wildlife often utilizes woodland habitats and are less frequently seen around the river. February is typically one of the most beautiful months in Nyerere. See January for walking and fly camp conditions.
MAR	200mm	32°C (89.6°F)	Similar to February but with greater rainfall. Roads tend to be in poor condition during stretches of rainfall, especially towards the end of the month. Vegetation growth also means that visibility is reduced, but Nyerere is at its most beautiful when everything is verdant green. The river typically rises during March and sandbanks become submerged. Fishing is usually poor because the river carries more sediment and wildlife is less likely to congregate along the river, but boat safaris are always beautiful and a nice change of pace from game drives. Walking is excellent at this time of year, especially in the cooler woodland areas.
APR	250mm	30°C (86.0°F)	<b>Camp closed.</b> Heavy rainfall in April. Many roads become impassable.
MAY	75mm	29°C (84.2°F)	<b>Camps reopen at the end of May.</b> Signs of the approaching dry season may become apparent, although the rains sometimes last into early June. Wildlife tends to be very dispersed and the river is typically high. Hippos often disperse into side channels. The sand river may be inundated with water. Temperatures start to cool off and weather is often overcast, but high humidity persists.
JUN	25mm	29°C (84.2°F)	Throughout June, signs of the approaching dry season are evident. The water recedes from the sand river, grasses dry out, and leaves begin to fall by the end of the month. Wildlife is in top condition. Fishing is usually superb once the water levels fall. Many birds still have their breeding plumage, although many migrants depart in early June. June is an exciting month because it reveals changes to lion prides during the rainy season. Often new litters of cubs are discovered. June is a common month for many plants to flower. June is typically cool, with some rainfall early in the month. Days are often overcast, which makes for great afternoon and late morning safaris. Good time for fly camping. Walking can be difficult if the grass is still very high.

MONTH	RAIN FALL	HI TEMP	WILDLIFE & PARK INFO
JUL	0mm	28°C (82.4°F)	July is when the dry season begins in earnest. Deciduous trees drop their leaves throughout the month. Wildlife leave the dried out miombo habitats and sightings become concentrated along the river and around the lakes. Fishing and walking are superb and sightings increase as the vegetation opens up and the understory dries up. In particular, the sand river and jungle game drive route comes into season. Fishing and river sightings are excellent. By the end of July, the river has dropped and sand banks are exposed for hippos and crocodiles to sun themselves on. July is typically the coolest month with overcast skies but no rainfall. Guests prefer long clothes for evenings and early mornings, especially on the river. Cool, mornings allow for fantastic walks. Excellent month for fly camps.
AUG	0mm	29°C (84.2°F)	The dry season is in full swing now. Marshes such as the garden are still well watered, however, so they become popular grazing and drinking spots for all the herbivores. This, in turn, draws predators to areas near camp. A number of trees such as figs fruit during August and these trees become popular forage sites for elephants and a host of other animals. Elephant sightings in camp occur regularly or even daily. Predator sightings are typically excellent as are wildlife sightings on the river. Fishing remains very good. The weather remains cool with typically overcast skies in the morning, but begins to warm up by the end of the month. Excellent month for fly camping.
SEP	25mm	30°C (86°F)	As Nyerere becomes ever drier, water sources become even more critical. The garden teems with game in the afternoon, and late morning sightings of wildlife coming to drink at the lakes and rivers become regular. September is an excellent month for predators and game loses condition and becomes vulnerable around drinking spots. Elephants continue to follow the river, and depend on the riverine vegetation as other food sources are depleted. Elephants also begin to dig drinking holes in the dry riverbeds. The weather remains temperate and completely dry. Fishing and boat safaris are excellent, as are fly camps.
OCT	25mm	31°C (87.8°F)	October is very similar to September. By the end of the month, even some of the smaller lakes and the garden become dry. Elephant's resort to stripping bark off the trees for sustenance and their impact on the ecosystem becomes very apparent. The first migratory birds begin to arrive. Fishing and fly camping are good. October often brings isolated storms and rain showers. Temperature and humidity increase considerably. Best month for sunsets.
NOV	100mm	32°C (89.6°F)	November is typically still fairly dry, but stretches of rain may lead to the first green flush of the season. The grasses sprout 5-7 days after the first period of sustained rainfall. Migratory birds begin to arrive in numbers, especially bee-eaters. In dry years, herbivores become desperate and typically do not venture far from their water sources. Fishing remains good. Fly camping depends on rain patterns. Temperatures are consistently warm and rainfall is erratic, with some years bringing isolated showers and other years bringing more sustained rainfall.
DEC	150mm	32°C (89.6°F)	December is typically a month of change. Migratory birds become ubiquitous, trees begin to grow new leaves, and by the end of the month, the green season has set in. Wildlife movements depend heavily on rainfall patterns but by the end of the month, herbivores begin to utilize fresh grass in the woodland habitats. Wildlife sightings along the river decline and fishing is poorer as the river carries more sediment. December is a very hot and humid month. Fly camp may be disrupted by rainfall.