

Beho Beho

Welcome to Beho Beho – we thought that you might like to have a little information about the camp and the Beho Beho experience so that you can be well-prepared for your stay with us.

■ Getting there

We are fortunate to have the Beho Beho airstrip just a five minute drive away from the camp. Scheduled flights from Dar es Salaam take approximately 45 minutes, although flights may call in at other airstrips in the reserve on the way.

What to bring

Beho Beho is situated 7 degrees south of the Equator, so it enjoys very warm sunny days and warm evenings. The hillside location of Beho Beho benefits from cooling breezes most afternoons. In the Selous mid-June to October is the dry season (with the cooler months being June to August) the short rains are likely in the November/December period while January to March is the hot and humid season with occasional rain showers. April and May is the rainy season with heavy rainfall when the camp closes as road are impassable and airstrips are closed.

For most of the year the lightest and most comfortable clothing is recommended, preferably of natural fibre especially sand or khaki colour for safari activities. White clothing is not recommended for safari activities (walks and drives). The heat is dry and the sun can be fierce, so long sleeves and a sun hat or bush hat are essential on safari. Do not forget to bring along sun screen lotions and swimming-suit.

Sometimes in the evenings or early mornings the drop in temperature may require a light sweater to be worn. Shoes or trainers suitable for walking and having a grip sole. Evenings are a time for a little more sophistication (longs rather than shorts) and for the ladies something that looks good by candle light!

Meals

Meals are a 'moveable feast' and are not confined to the formal dining areas - a feature of the camp being that each meal is served at a different venue. All meals are taken 'family style' hosted by the guides and managers. There is no private or 'in room' dining at Beho Beho main camp – everyone sits together. It is nice for us to know if you have any dietary requirements before you arrive in camp so that we can make the necessary arrangements – we try not to make a big fuss about special diets so that our 'special diet' guests can fit in seamlessly with everyone else.

Water

Water is supplied from a bore hole. It is pumped up to tanks above the camp. Guests are advised not to drink the water from the tap - bottled water is provided in the bandas, main camp and on game drives.

Electricity

Beho Beho has its own generator supply giving 240v 50hz electricity. There are light and power points in each banda giving a 24hour electricity output for recharging personal equipment. Plug sockets are the UK square pin type but adaptors are available.

Laundry

There is a same day complimentary laundry service (weather dependent). Laundry placed in the laundry bags will be returned in the evening.

Communications

There is WiFi in all the bandas – but not in the main areas of the camp. The connection can be slow and is not suitable for sending or downloading large amounts of data. There is no telephone signal in the camp.





Safaris

There are three main components of a Beho Beho safari each guarded and guided by highly trained and experienced wildlife guides:

Game Drives

These are taken in our specially adapted 4WD open sided vehicles which offer shaded raised seating for better game viewing.

Game Walks

Only permitted accompanied by our armed guides. Start directly from the camp itself and can last between two and five hours depending on the time of day and weather conditions

<u>Lake Tagalala</u>

All guests will do this activity during their stay. Lake Tagalala is about 45 minutes drive (longer whilst game viewing) across the reserve, the shaded boat trip on the lake takes approximately one and a half hours. Very good, close up sightings of hippos, crocodiles and water birds.

Guiding

Beho Beho has a number of qualified resident guides under the direction of the camp manager/head guide who will plan each individual guest's safari itinerary. Guests are not allocated one guide for their entire stay but have an opportunity to be guided by a number of different guides. The guides also host meals in camp which adds to the family atmosphere.

A typical day

The safari day starts early – the best time to view the animals in the reserve, so we like to be ready for a 06.30 start whether you leave for a game drive or a game walk. Breakfast is taken in the bush except on the morning of your departure. Most morning activities will be finished, and you will be back in camp between 11am and midday. This time of day is too hot for 'man and beast' and the animals will seek shade and so not so easy to see. Lunch is served in camp around midday as this allows sufficient time for a 'siesta' or some private game viewing or wallowing in your plunge pool or visit the main swimming pool. We all reconvene at 4pm for tea and cakes before heading out for the afternoon activity at 4.30pm. Walking or driving usually terminates in a 'sundowner' before returning to camp by 7pm. Time for a shower before congregating in the bar for cocktails followed by dinner. Some guests like to stay up to socialise or play snooker others need their beauty sleep.

Special Occasions

Let us know if you have a birthday or anniversary during a stay at Beho Beho, we love an excuse for a celebration.

