

FIRETAIL FLY

W E S T E R N T A N Z A N I A

MAY/JUNE: HIGH AND CLEAR

Malagarasi

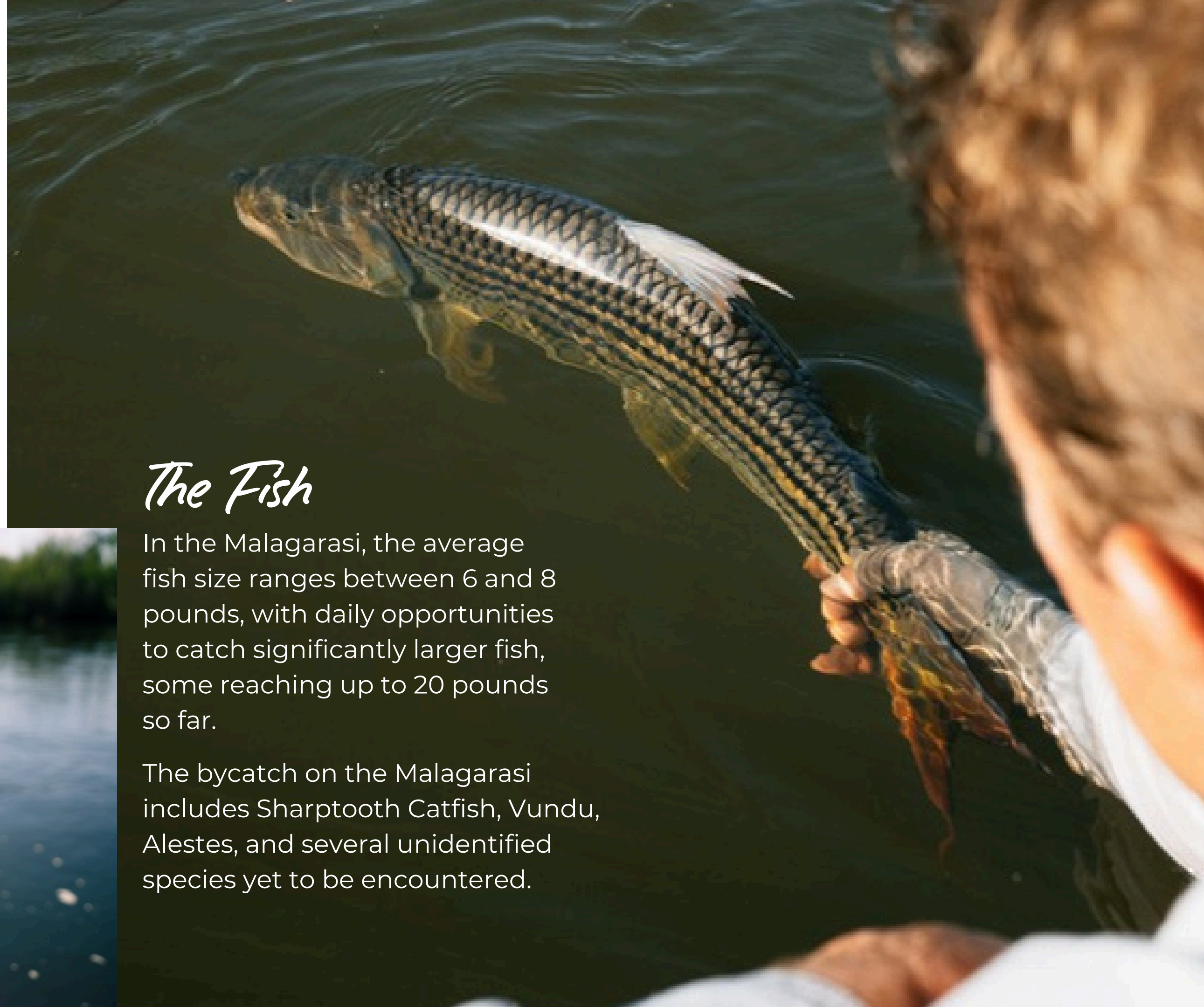
INTRODUCTION

The Malagarasi River embarks on its journey in Burundi, flowing southeastward as it winds through the expansive Moyowosi Game reserve, spanning over 2 million hectares of pristine wilderness, before ultimately emptying into Lake Tanganyika. The landscape along its course is characterised by vast grasslands and swamps, interspersed with Miombo woodland. As the rainy season draws to a close, the river swells, breaching its banks and the surrounding grasslands, marking the onset of the high-water fishing season. This surge of water through the grassy plains serves as a natural filter, so that by the time it rejoins the main channel, its waters are crystal clear.



Hydrocynus Vittatus

In contrast to its cousin, *Hydrocynus tanzaniae*, an endemic species found in Tanzania's east flowing rivers, the Malagarasi River is inhabited by *Hydrocynus vittatus*, a species much more widely distributed across Africa. Genetically, *Hydrocynus vittatus* is capable of growing to sizes of up to 35 pounds.



The Fish

In the Malagarasi, the average fish size ranges between 6 and 8 pounds, with daily opportunities to catch significantly larger fish, some reaching up to 20 pounds so far.

The bycatch on the Malagarasi includes Sharptooth Catfish, Vundu, Alestes, and several unidentified species yet to be encountered.



Itinerary Guideline:

- **Day 1: Arrive in and overnight in Dar Es Salaam**
- Day 2 : Morning flight - Dar - Kigoma -Transfer into camp.
- Day 3 :8 :Fishing the Malagarasi river in total peace .
- Day 9 : Camp - Kigoma. (overnight hilltop lodge)
- Day 10 : Internal flight - Dar Es Salaam - Home

Visitors to The Malagarasi...

will enjoy the comfortable accommodations of Africa's renowned en-suite Meru-style tents. Set against the picturesque riverbank, this intimate camp pampers guests with refreshing cold drinks, exquisite meals, and ample supplies of ice!

With only four guests along a 200km stretch of river, this destination promises an unparalleled level of exclusivity.

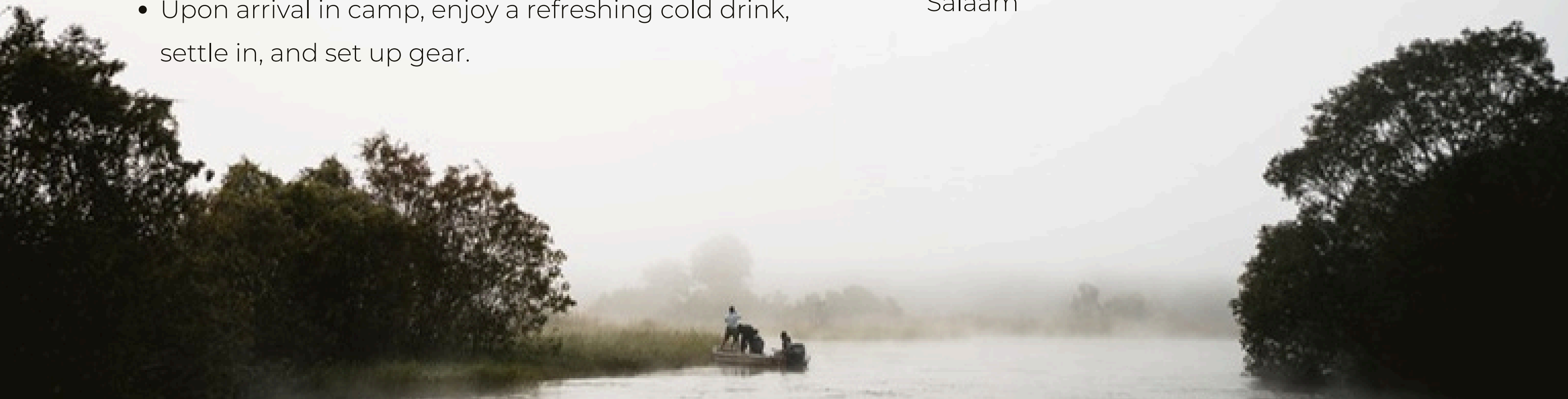
Our boats are river ranger Ali boats, with flat casting decks. During your stay, enjoy leisurely lunches in the cozy confines of camp or at a designated shady spot along the day's chosen beat.

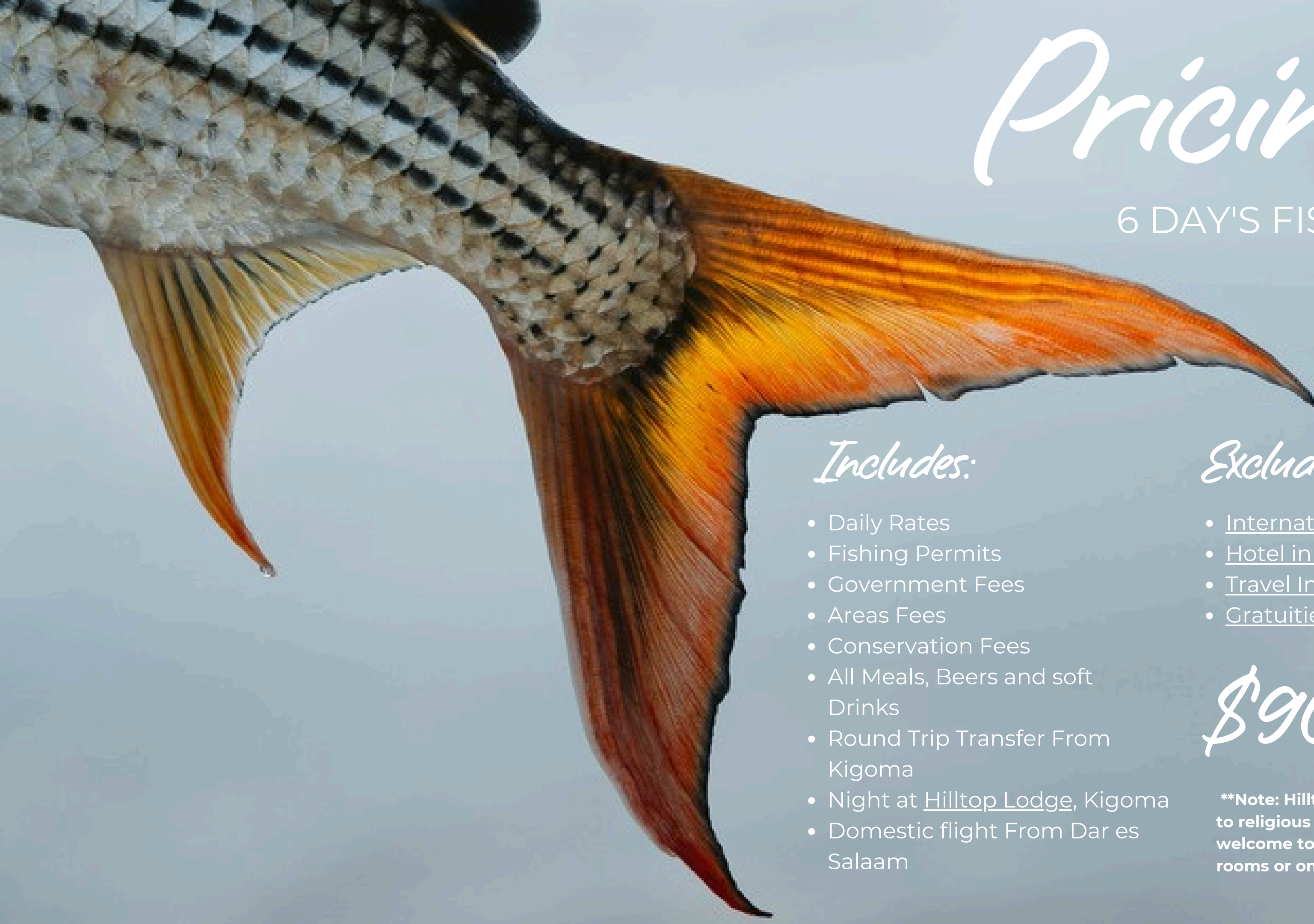
Getting To:

- Arrive in Dar Es Salaam, overnight at Blue Sapphire Hotel (recommended).
- Catch a morning commercial flight from Dar to Kigoma with pre-arranged and paid arrangements.
- Team collected by transfer vehicle at Kigoma airport for an approximate 3-hour drive to the bridge.
- Boats ready at the bridge to complete the journey to the camp.
- Upon arrival in camp, enjoy a refreshing cold drink, settle in, and set up gear.

Getting From:

- Start the day with breakfast in camp.
- Enjoy a boat trip back up the river one last time to the transfer vehicle for the journey into Kigoma town.
- Overnight at the Hilltop lodge in Kigoma, over looking lake Tanganyika.
- Morning internal flight to Dar es Salaam





Pricing:

6 DAY'S FISHING

Includes:

- Daily Rates
- Fishing Permits
- Government Fees
- Areas Fees
- Conservation Fees
- All Meals, Beers and soft Drinks
- Round Trip Transfer From Kigoma
- Night at Hilltop Lodge, Kigoma
- Domestic flight From Dar es Salaam

Excludes:

- International Flights
- Hotel in Dar es Salaam
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities

\$9000 pp

****Note: Hilltop Lodge does not sell alcohol due to religious reasons. However, guests are welcome to enjoy their own drinks in their rooms or on the balconies.**

Travel Requirements

- Passports and Visas:
 - All visitors require a valid passport with a minimum of 6 months validity.
 - All visas can be obtained on arrival at immigration.
- Vaccinations:
 - Yellow fever certificate can be requested on arrival and departure if you have traveled in from a know Yellow fever area.
- Malaria:
 - Most areas of Tanzania are considered malaria-risk regions. Guests are advised to consult their GP or travel clinic well in advance of travel to discuss the appropriate prophylaxis and preventative measures.

Communication & Currency

- Currency
 - Tanzanian shillings
 - US Dollars (accepted universally, country wide). NB: Notes after 2017.
- Phone:
 - Sporadic network on local sim cards.
 - Starlink and backup satellite WiFi.





Clothing

- ▣ Guests can expect pleasantly cool evenings and warm to hot days. Please bring a warm jacket for the boat rides in the morning as well as some light material long pants for the evenings.
- ▣ There is always a chance of unseasonal rains so please bring a rain jacket.

Fishing

- ▣ 8/9 weight rods
- ▣ Smooth large arbor reels
- ▣ 300grain sinktip +spare
- ▣ Floating line
- ▣ 25lb leader
- ▣ 20-30lb knottable wire
- ▣ 20-30lb piano wire
- ▣ Fly pack (info to follow)

Gear

- ▣ Headlamp
- ▣ Sunscreen
- ▣ Pliers
- ▣ Finger protection
- ▣ Insect repellent
- ▣ Binoculars

What to pack!





In African tourism, trust plays a crucial role, particularly with tour operators.

FireTail Fly appreciates the confidence you've placed in us, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to share the experience with you.

 *Blue sapphire hotel*

 *Hilltop lodge, Kigoma*

 *Malagarasi Camp - 4,20243°S, 30,73743°E*

 *Short film*