

FIRETAIL FLY

NYERERE NATIONAL PARK TANZANIA

JULY - NOVEMBER



Nyerere Dam

Introduction

The Nyerere Dam in southern Tanzania marks a major shift in the landscape, where one of Africa's great wilderness rivers has given way to a vast inland freshwater reservoir surrounded by the world-famous Selous. Formed along the Rufiji River within Nyerere National Park, the system is defined by flooded timber, rocky points and long wind-driven shorelines that create ideal ambush water for aggressive tigerfish. Clear water and expansive terrain allow anglers to actively hunt fish, covering ground and targeting structure rather than waiting for opportunity.



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.

Hydrocynus Tanzaniae

This endemic tigerfish species, found within Tanzania's eastern-flowing river systems, has adapted well to the expanding waters of the Nyerere Dam. As one of Africa's newest inland freshwater reservoirs, the dam has created vast areas of structure-rich habitat where this powerful predator continues to establish itself. Aggressive by nature and suited to clear water, *Hydrocynus tanzaniae* presents anglers with a rare opportunity to target a distinctly Tanzanian tigerfish within a young and evolving fishery.

The Fish

In the Nyerere Dam, average fish size currently ranges between 6 - 10 pounds, with regular opportunities to encounter larger *Hydrocynus tanzaniae*.

Fish pushing beyond the 20-pound mark have already been recorded, highlighting the early potential of this young and rapidly developing fishery.





Visitors to Nyerere...

Guests will enjoy extremely comfortable accommodation in an en-suite canvas lodge, with camp situated on one of the many magnificent peninsulas of the Nyerere Dam. Positioned to capture cooling breezes and the full pleasure of both sunrise and sunset, this intimate camp offers a relaxed yet refined atmosphere, with all the comforts of home without losing the essence of the wildness that encapsulates it.

Guests can experience the vastness of the dam each day and return to a comfortable home base every evening. The custom-built aluminium boats feature stable hulls and clean, flat casting decks designed specifically to maximise comfort, safety and practical fishability on the Nyerere Dam. Each day includes relaxed lunches either back in camp or at a carefully chosen shaded spot along the shoreline.

Itinerary Guideline:

<i>Day 1</i>	Arrival in Dar es Salaam and overnight stay.
<i>Day 2</i>	Morning private charter flight from Dar es Salaam to a nearby bush airstrip. Road transfer into camp for lunch, followed by an afternoon fishing session.
<i>Day 3-7</i>	Full days exploring and fishing the vast waters of Nyerere Dam and its surrounding tributaries.
<i>Day 8</i>	Morning transfer from camp to the airstrip. Scheduled charter flight back to Dar es Salaam, followed by onward international travel.



Getting To:

- Arrive in Dar Es Salaam, overnight at Alexander's hotel.
- Catch a morning private charter flight from Dar to nearby bush airstrip.
- Team collected by vehicle at airstrip for an approximate 45 min bush track drive.
- Boats ready at the shoreline 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 to the vehicle waiting to transfer guests to the airstrip.
- Private charter to Dar Es salaam and onto homeward travel.



Pricing: \$ 10,500

5,5 DAY'S FISHING

Includes:

- Daily Rates
- Professional guides
- Domestic charter travel
- Fishing Permits
- Government Fees
- Areas Fees
- Conservation Fees
- All Meals, Beers and soft Drinks

Excludes:

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



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 known 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.





What to pack:

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.

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

There is always a chance of unseasonal rains so please bring a rain jacket.





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



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