

Traveling in Iringa: What will it cost?

This document includes the most up-to-date cost information for transportation, lodging, safari, and other expenses you and your group will incur over the course of your visit in Iringa. Please visit www.spas-elca.org/bkbtravel or contact begakwabega@spas-elca.org with questions.



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| Transportation | | |
| Tatanca Safaris <i>Ground Transportation</i> www.tatancasafaris.co.tz | \$270 USD per day <i>Coaster bus</i> \$220 USD per day <i>Land Cruiser</i> <i>(4X4 6 or 8 passenger)</i> | Paid in USD. 50% paid six weeks before departure, final balance due upon arrival. When budgeting for vehicles, please remember to account for luggage as well. Additional charges may apply for itineraries that do not begin/end in Dar es Salaam or involve vehicle sitting idle but held by group. |
| Auric Air <i>Flights between Dar and Iringa or Ruaha</i> www.auricair.com | \$200 USD per person <i>One way</i> | Paid in USD, flights can be booked directly through Auric or by Tatanca Safaris and other tour operators. A cost and time competitive alternative for smaller groups and individual travelers. Single propeller, 13 passenger plane. Significant weight restrictions on luggage of 20kg (apprx 40 lbs) - including carry on. |
| Lodging | | |
| Wistas Chalet <i>Dar es Salaam</i> www.wistasinn.co.tz | \$40 USD per night <i>Single room</i> \$45 USD per night <i>Double/Twin room</i> \$55 USD per night <i>Triple room</i> | Night of arrival and night before departure depending on your itinerary. Breakfast included. Paid in USD upon arrival. <u>(Hand carry this payment with you)</u> |
| The Lutheran Centre <i>Iringa</i> www.iringalutherancentre.com | \$25 USD per night per person | Breakfast included with the room rate. It is anticipated most travelers will be accommodated in shared rooms. All extra meals are paid in Tanzanian schillings (Tsh) and must be ordered in advance. Current prices are: Dinner (3 courses): 17,000 TSH Dinner (1 course & dessert): 12,000 TSH Dinner/Lunch (1 course): 10,000 TSH Luggage storage is available for groups larger than 4 people by reserving a single room at \$20/day. |

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| Village Lodging (Homestays) | \$15 USD per person per day <i>Suggested amount for food/lodging</i> | Be sure to include your driver and translator. Parishes often come to the BKB office and request these funds ahead of your visit or money can be left with the parish treasurer. |
| Interpreter | | |
| Diocese Interpreter | 50,000 TSH for first day, 25,000 TSH for each subsequent day | Interpreters from the Diocese Head Office are an important part of your village visit. They help to bridge the language and cultural gaps between guests and hosts. The suggested per diem allows interpreters to provide for their families while they are off accompanying you. |
| Safari Ruaha National Park | | |
| Entrance Fee | \$35.40 USD per person per day. | Paid by Group Leader at Park Gate with BKB Debit Card. Fee is based on 24 hour period. (Example: Groups entering by 12:30pm must be out by 12:30pm the next day or they incur another day's charge). |
| Concession Fee | \$35.40 USD per person per day | New law as of July 2017. Paid by Group Leader at Park Gate with BKB Debit Card. Applies to guests staying inside the park. For those at Mwangusi, receipt should be addressed to Ruaha Safari Camp Ltd and shown to management upon arrival in camp as proof of payment. |
| Driver and Vehicle Fee | \$50.00 USD <i>Land Cruiser</i> \$75.00 USD <i>Coaster Bus</i> \$100.00 USD <i>Large Bus</i> | Paid by Tatanca and included on Tatanca Invoice. |
| Lodging: Mwangusi Camp <i>www.mwagusicamp.com</i> | \$150 USD per person per night | Three meals included per day. Alcoholic beverages and sodas are <i>not</i> included. Extra box lunch can be preordered for \$5 USD. Safari drives: \$35.40 USD per person per drive. (\$30+18%VAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Early morning drive</u> (6:30 a.m.) <i>Breakfast in the bush, return to camp for lunch.</i> • <u>Late afternoon drive</u> (4:00 p.m.) <i>Leave after tea, return in time for dinner around 7:00 p.m.</i> • <u>Gate Transfer</u> (8:30am) *Optional w/Extra Charge* <i>Leave after breakfast. Game drive and transfer to park gate.</i> <p>Preferred payment is in USD, payable in advance in Iringa or at time of check out at camp. Drinks and additional charges paid in TSH or USD at time of check out.</p> <p><i>FYI – Camp Management supports the work of BKB by offering our guests preferred rates for a luxury boutique experience.</i></p> |

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| Lodging: Other www.ruahariverlodge.com www.tandalacamp.com www.ruahatungacamp.com | Varies | BKB-SPAS maintains working relationships with other luxury lodges in the park, including Foxes' Ruaha River Lodge (from \$230/person). Cost-conscious groups looking for alternatives may be well served by seeking lodging outside of the national park. Options include Tandala Tented Camps and Tungamalenga Lodge. Full-day game drives may then be arranged using Tatanca drivers or the lodging vendor. Contact assigned travel coordinator for more information. |
| Day Excursions | | |
| Boma Cultural Museum, Iringa Town | 10,000 TSH per person | Located in the historic Administration Building across from Neema Crafts, this museum tells the story of the people of the Iringa Region. |
| Gangilonga Rock, Iringa Town | 5,000 TSH per person | Offering incredible views over Iringa, Gangilonga Rock is a relatively easy hike from The Lutheran Center. Entrance fee pays for security at the site. Check-in with Lutheran Center or BKB staff before going. |
| Isimila Stone Age Site, Isimila | 20,000 TSH per person | An archaeological and hiking area outside of Iringa town with fascinating rock formations. |
| Additional Meals | | |
| Around Iringa Town | \$5-10 USD per meal | Varies based on preference and taste; suggested cost listed here reflects more expensive 'Western-style' restaurants. See BKB coordinator when you arrive for a list of currently recommended places. |
| Suggested Gratuities | | |
| Drivers | 20,000 Tsh per day | This can vary based on length of trip, etc. |
| Restaurants | 7-8% | For any of the restaurants in Iringa Town |
| Safari Camps | \$15 USD per person per day | Includes: Accommodations, Game drives; Alcoholic beverages and sodas. Tips are shared by all staff. |
| The Lutheran Centre | \$2 USD per person per day | Give directly to Management at check-out. Tips are divided among the whole staff. |