

# Amara Selous

## 'Bush - Times'

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### Bush News

- Our lioness has her cubs
- George, our ele gains new friends
- Harry the hippo reigns champion once more
- Wild dogs on the move
- Rhino Mama with her youngster seen and photographed



### Amara News

- Special Resident and non Resident rates on offer
- Attending WTM and PURE
- New brochure out now—call for your copy
- Read Travel Africa Magazine's latest issue



Saying of the month

*Without new experiences, something inside of us sleeps. The sleeper must awaken*

Frank Herbert

### Amara Selous

Karibu to our first Amara Selous Bush Times. The Selous, The largest game reserve in Africa and a UNESCO World Heritage site is somewhere one gets the powerful sense of the scale of the African wilderness. For us here at Amara its not just a destination—its an experience of a lifetime and one that we are very proud of so join me now as I take you on a short journey.

Amara Selous opened in March this year with 12 river facing tented suites with air-conditioning. Our river suites offer unimpeded views over the Great Ruaha River.

All suites are widely spaced apart each with an enclave of wild bush around it to ensure the utmost privacy and seclusion.

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Each room has en-suite indoor bathroom but additionally attached is an outdoor shower where guests have the option to continue their encounter with the wilderness even whilst they shower. Each suite comes with beautiful outside seating areas with a wooden viewing deck, sun-beds, and a private natural plunge pool - a blessed relief when one wants to cool down after a dusty game drive or bush walk!



Our lounges and dining areas are built up affording spectacular views over the busy river. Whilst your thirst is quenched by ice cold drinks

served by butlers, your meals are freshly prepared



and served by the pool or the rivers edge. Bush dinners and candle-light dining make

this an ideal choice for a romantic or special occasion.

### Our Guiding

We pride ourselves with our resident team of professional and seasoned guides and rangers that passionately track the wildlife in the area, seek out surprises of hidden cats and shy plains game, and engage our guests with their deep understanding of the natural world that surrounds them. The team is

lead by our manager, Peter Gordon, himself a seasoned guide with special interests in birding, photography and astronomy (he has a wealth of fascinating knowledge which he shares with guests as they star-gaze from our telescopes). Phillip and Jeremy are our Zimbabwe-trained guides - Phillip, our

resident guide leads our walks and boat trips and will fascinate you with his wealth of knowledge and his genuine love of the wilderness. Then there is Isaiah, our resident Tanzanian guide, who knows the Selous bush like the back of his hand and has a keen eye for the shyest creatures and game scuttling .....

## Recent guest comments

What a way to finish off a trip to Tanzania, this truly is a magnificent setting, thank you

**Moira and Roy Mannerings UK**  
To wake up to the sound of the river and the smells of freshly brewed coffee awaiting me on the verandah made this stay difficult to beat

**Cat and Matt USA**  
To be swimming and then called by Isaih my guide to go and track lions just shows to what extent you go to deliver service to your guests, well done

**Shelagh Kenya**  
The surprise bush dinner was unexpected but unbelievable. Thank you for sharing this piece of wilderness with us and making my birthday so memorable, We will be back

**Jason and Kiera USA**  
Philip our guide—is there anything he doesn't know? His sense of humor and his ability to track those lions will forever live with me, Thank you for showing me your Africa

**Megan and Keith UK**



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## Amara Selous

## 'Where endless dreams awaken the soul'

...or lurking around the corners of the bush. Safaris with us focus on exploring and experiencing the wildlife under the expert guidance of our resident guides. Guests' days with us are tailor designed to afford the best wildlife viewing opportunities whether they embark on guided walks, game drives in open sided vehicles, fishing excursions from our boats or late afternoon birding expeditions. With Amara, our guides passionately follow the tracks, sights, sounds and smells of wildlife big and small to provide the best Selous Wilderness Experience where every day is about the discovery of the untamed wild. There is no set itinerary

for our guests and each guests' stay with us is tailor made to ensure we provide the best of what the wilderness has on offer.

ECO-FRIENDLY is something Amara Selous believes in strongly and we are proud to state that we have installed a state of the art waste water treatment plant to recycle our water. We have also installed an inverter system based on battery banks that ensures not only do you have power all day long but it means our hours of use of the generator is cut down by over half.

### The Team

Peter and Anita, from South Africa manage the Amara Selous. Both bring with them a wealth of experience having

worked in Southern and Eastern Africa. Their passions range from photography to birding, wildlifetracking and astronomy They have made Selous their home and cant wait to share with you their piece of wild Selous. Phillip, our resident guide trained in Zimbabwe and has a wealth of experience and knowledge. His love of nature not just the wildlife but the flora and fauna ensures that the walks are filled with knowledge and experience. Isaiah, our resident Tanzanian guide, who knows the Selous bush like the back of his hand and has a keen eye for the wildlife handles our game drives and shares with you his passion and vision for the selous.

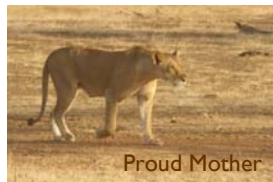


Sunsets at Amara Selous

## Recent Bush activity Selous .....

The war with the hippos by room no 9 is finally over. Peter and Anita witnessed an extraordinary 'fight to the death' and Harry reigns champion once more. George - our ele - has decided to bring some friends to camp and they are nearly daily seen quenching their thirst by the river and meandering through camp via the office to see who they can offer a complimentary dust bath too! Some wonderful news received is that Peter and Anita saw our leopard tracks again outside their room so hes back once more marking his territory and leaving his tracks. We shall find him. With it being so dry, the senna are blooming and some of the trees are getting their leaves back and the grass starts to grow but the hippo and impala around camp ensure its kept very short—no need for a lawn mower here! The river is full of fish with guest catching some great catches including tilapia, squeekers, catfish and bream.

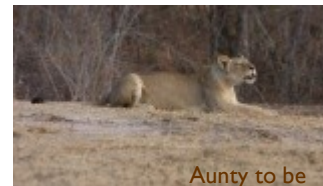
Breaking News.... We have received word that our lioness who some of you witnessed the mate whilst others have seen her very pregnant, well shes had her cubs just south of the camp. She is keeping them strictly out of the paparazzi eyes and is enjoying her time with them. She still has company of the young male and female whom everyone in camp are seeing often.



Proud Mother



The Father



Aunty to be

Well that's it from us all at Amara, hope you enjoyed and if you are in our area, Karibu, we would love to meet you otherwise safe travels and speak to you all again in the next issue.

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