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Jabali Private House's pool and wraparound terrace



The house has three ensuite bedrooms and an open kitchen-living-dining room

Private houses are going stronger than ever in the bush, particularly in east Africa. The remoter the place, the more gratifying the creature comforts of the model. Case in point: Ruaha, in east-central Tanzania – a national park of 20,000sq km, with only a handful of lodges. And Jabali Private House, in the concession of Jabali Ridge, one of the excellent lodges in the Asilia Africa portfolio. The design is sleek and light and vaguely midcentury, floating among baobabs, with three ensuite bedrooms, a huge wraparound terrace and an open kitchen-living-dining room (manned by chefs and a private staff – you get your own set of guides as well). [asiliaafrica.com](http://asiliaafrica.com), from \$4,375 per night based on four sharing



Cheetah are among the wildlife that can be spotted in Ruaha National Park