



## East African Explorer (17EAE29A) – Tour Dossier

### Introduction

This exciting holiday offers you a touch of Southern Africa and a comprehensive insight into some of Southern and Eastern Africa's best adventure attractions. Our unique itinerary has been carefully designed to maximize your experiences in the time you have exploring this incredible continent with us. Following your arrival, your epic journey covers a variety of territories including the lush prolific beaches of Zanzibar, the vast wonders of Kruger, Hwange and the South Luangwa National Parks, the thundering Victoria Falls, the majesty of the Ngorongoro Crater to the vast Serengeti plains – find those unforgettable memories. Embrace the magic of Africa with a tour that will leave you with an everlasting desire to discover more of this amazing and diverse continent.

### Included Highlights

Kruger NP, Full Day Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide  
Shangaan Cultural Evening  
Matobo National Park, Open Vehicle Game Drive and Wilderness Walk with Resident Guide\*  
Mosi Oa Tunya NP, Victoria Falls Visit

South Luangwa NP, Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide\*  
Zanzibar, Return Ferry & Accommodation  
Maasai Village Walk with Resident Guide  
Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater Excursion in Purpose Built Vehicles, Game Drives with Resident Guide\*

**\*Highlights are included in the Adventure Pass**

### Intended Itinerary

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only.

The description below assumes you have purchased the optional Adventure Pass for the tour.

**Duration:** 29 Days  
**Countries visited:** South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya

#### Day 1:

##### Johannesburg – Hazyview – Kruger National Park

Distance travelled: +/-390 m  
Approx driving time: 7 Hours

From Johannesburg - South Africa's commercial capital - we travel via the panoramic region of Mpumalanga with its beautiful scenery and dramatic escarpment views, to South Africa's famed national park – Kruger. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form Greater Kruger, an area of some 24000 sq km. Wildlife is free to roam the whole enormous area and it has become incredibly diverse in both fauna and flora. From the dwarf mongoose to the famed 'Big Five', almost every major African mammal (148 species) is present. There is also prolific birdlife (over 505 species) and over 330 varieties of trees. This evening we enjoy Shangaan tribal dancing and singing around an open fire.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Numbi – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities  
**Meals included:** Dinner  
**WiFi:** No  
**Optional Activities:** Nil

#### Day 2:

##### Hazyview – Kruger National Park

Approx driving time: Full day with game drives

Waking at sunrise, we board our open 4x4 safari vehicles ready for our full day game drive. Kruger is home to over 505 species of birds, 148 species of mammals and many reptiles which we enthusiastically search for during the morning and afternoon. The impressive atmosphere of the park enables you to understand why it is held in such high esteem amongst explorers from all over the world who visit this park. We take a well-deserved lunch break en-route before game driving out of the park to our accommodation for the night.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Numbi – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**WiFi:** No  
**Optional Activities:** Nil

#### Day 3:

##### Hazyview, Greater Kruger – Tshipise, South Africa

Distance Travelled: +/-400 Km  
Approx driving time: 7 Hours

Leaving Greater Kruger we travel north through South Africa's lush countryside to Tshipise, a town situated in the northern Limpopo province. Our accommodation is located at Forever Resorts at the foot of one of Limpopo's rolling



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koppies set adjacent the Honnet Nature Reserve. There are hot springs in the resort offering a variety of swimming pools to enjoy. The area is surrounded by dense woodland comprising of Mopani, Red Bushwillow, Jakkalsbessie trees – and the third largest Baobab tree in South Africa.

**Accommodation:** Forever Resorts – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**WIFI:** No  
**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 4:

#### Tshipise, South Africa, - Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Distance travelled: 400 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

After a refreshing night's sleep we make our way across the border to Zimbabwe and on to Bulawayo, a pleasant city with broad tree lined avenues and wide open spaces. Our campsite is located on the outskirts of town. The Matopos Area is surrounded by the interesting hills and rock formations. The area is revered as a historical, geological and natural heritage site which we will have a chance to explore fully tomorrow.

**Accommodation:** Burke's Paradise - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 5:

#### Matobo NP

**Approx driving time: Game Drive & Wilderness Walk - half day**

Matobo National Park is located a short distance outside Bulawayo and knowledgeable guides will take us to this very impressive park. The wind-sculptured Matobo Hills are the site of numerous Bushman paintings and the area holds a special cultural and spiritual importance to the indigenous people here. The reserve has the largest concentration of Black and White Rhino in Africa and, provided conditions are right, our guides will lead us on foot to some of the more concealed places in search of these magnificent animals. The park also has the densest population of leopard and black eagle in the world and we keep our eyes peeled high and low for these creatures. The hills are also home to the grave site of Cecil John Rhodes who chose this as his burial place owing to the intense natural beauty and startling views from the hills. His grave can be visited at World's View - a place of continual debate owing to his involvement in claiming the land and its people for Queen & Country in colonial times

**Accommodation:** Burke's Paradise - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Optional Activities:** Upgrade to full day tour including historical tour and village tour US\$40

### Day 6:

#### Bulawayo – Livingstone, Zambia

Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Moving on from Bulawayo we continue north, and pass through the town of Victoria Falls, before crossing the border into Zambia, We travel the short distance to the Waterfront Resort a few kilometres from Livingstone. Situated on the banks of the Zambezi River, the Waterfront has a restaurant and small deck/terrace overlooking the river, and is a base and booking point for the numerous optional activities available in the area. Staff will give a full briefing on what can be booked (typically including rafting, canoeing, bungee, abseiling, gorge swinging, horse riding, scenic flights and river cruises). Choose your activity at leisure, if time allows or else simply relax and enjoy the mighty Zambezi as it flows past your vantage point.

But whatever you do, don't leave Africa without seeing the Victoria Falls themselves! A visit to the Mosi Oa Tunya National Park is included in your tour – be sure not to miss it - at over a mile wide and some 100 metres deep the Falls at high water form the largest curtain of falling water in the world with spray visible from 20 kilometres away (hence the local name Mosi Oa Tunya, or 'smoke that thunders'). At low water the Zambezi dries so much that it is possible to walk out onto the river bed itself!

**N.B:** For the sake of practicality, meals in Livingstone/Victoria Falls area are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to enjoy the optional activities without having to be back with the group at mealtimes. The Waterfront restaurant overlooks the Zambezi River and offers a selection of simple and reasonably priced meals and snacks throughout the day (allow US\$15-\$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy at your own leisure, or alternatively, take a taxi into Livingstone to try local fare.

**Accommodation:** Victoria Falls Waterfront – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Bungy jumping US\$160, Full day absail US\$180, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park, game walk US\$100, Chief Mukumi village tour US\$50, gorge swing US\$95, Zambezi jet boat and cable car US\$120, Half day canoe US\$110, Zambezi sunset cruise US\$55, Full day white water rafting US\$160, Helicopter/ Microlite flights From US\$170, half day fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65.



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### Day 7:

#### Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia

We have a free day in Livingstone today to explore the town, pop over to neighbouring Zimbabwe or enjoy the many optional activities on offer such as rafting, bungy jumping, river cruises, flights over the falls, just to name a few.

Please note that some group members may be finishing their tour in Livingstone today.

**Accommodation:** Victoria Falls Waterfront – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Bungy jumping US\$160, Full day abseil US\$180, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park game walk US\$100, Chief Mukumi village tour US\$50, gorge swing US\$95, Zambezi jet boat and cable car US\$120, Half day canoe US\$110, Zambezi sunset cruise US\$55, Full day white water rafting US\$160, Helicopter/ Microlight flights from US\$ 170, half day fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65.

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### Day 8:

#### Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia

Spend your leisure day in Livingstone exploring the activities, town and markets or simply relax poolside at the Waterfront. The perfect time to catch up on your social media and share your experiences before heading off into the East Africa part of your holiday in the morning.

**Accommodation:** Victoria Falls Waterfront – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Bungy jumping US\$160, Full day abseil US\$180, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park, game walk US\$100, Chief Mukumi village tour US\$50, gorge swing US\$95, Zambezi jet boat and cable car US\$120, Half day canoe US\$110, Zambezi sunset cruise US\$55, Full day white water rafting US\$160, Helicopter/ Microlight flights from US\$ 170, half day fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65.

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### Day 9:

#### Livingstone – Lusaka

Distance Travelled: +/- 450 Km

Approx driving time: 9 Hours

Relaxed and revitalized from the wonderful stay in Livingstone, we head through lush country and small villages to Lusaka, Zambia's Capital city. Lusaka is Southern Africa's fastest growing city with approx 1.7 million people and is located on the southern plateau at an elevation of

1300m with four main highways running north, south, east and west to different parts of Africa. This city is the commercial hub as well as the centre for the government. Our accommodation for the evening is set in a tranquil and relaxing setting on a farm.

Please note that some group members may be starting their tour in Livingstone today.

**Accommodation:** Eureka Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 10:

#### Lusaka - Chipata

Distance Travelled: +/- 600 Km

Approx driving time: 12 Hours

We leave early and take the Great Eastern Road through lush countryside and small villages, crossing the Luangwa River to Chipata. Chipata formally named Fort Jamerson has a population of approx 98,000, and is the capital of the Eastern province of Zambia. This unique town has colourful fruit and vegetable markets and an unexpected amount of ornate mosques due to its large Indian community.

**Accommodation:** Mama Rula Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 11:

#### Chipata – South Luangwa National Park

Distance Travelled: +/- 180 Km

Approx driving time: 3.5 Hours

Today we head to the South Luangwa National Park, which is known to be one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the world. The concentration of animals around the Luangwa River, and its oxbow lagoons, is among the most intense in Africa. There are 60 different animal species and over 400 different bird species inhabiting the area. Hippo's, elephants, lions, leopards, buffalo, giraffe with many other species flourish in the 20,000 sq miles of savannah woodland watered by this 500 mile-long river. The river itself is the most intact and unaltered major river system in Africa and covers 9059 km<sup>2</sup>. The changing seasons add to the Park's richness, ranging from; dry, bare bushveld in the winter, to lush green lands in the summer months. On arrival we set up and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the many optional activities from walking safaris and village walks.

**Accommodation:** Wildlife Camp - Pre-erected tents with shared facilities



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**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Village tour US\$35, Walking Safari US\$55, game drives from US\$75

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### Day 12:

#### South Luangwa National Park

Relax around the pools edge, which is the best place to be in the hot hours of the day. Later that afternoon we embark on an open vehicle game drive with a local ranger along the river's edge to see the abundance of animal and birdlife inhabiting the area. Your tour includes one guided game drive during our stay. Additional walks and drives can be booked on arrival.

**Accommodation:** Wildlife Camp - Pre-erected tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Village tour US\$35, Walking Safari US\$55, game drives from US\$75

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### Day 13:

#### South Luangwa National Park – Kande Beach, Malawi

Distance Travelled: +/- 420 Km

Approx driving time: 8 Hours

Leaving Zambia behind, we cross the border to Malawi. Lake Malawi formerly 'Lake Nyasa', covers almost a fifth of the country's area and provides the source of livelihood for many of the Malawian people. Fishermen, fish traders, canoe and net makers all ply their trade, and a common sight is that of a fisherman in his *Bwato*, (dugout canoe made from hollowed out tree trunk) fishing on the lake at the break of day or with lanterns by night

The lake also has the highest number of endemic freshwater fish species of any in the world and attracts divers globally to seek out the many colourful Cichlid species. We arrive at our accommodation on the lake's shore in the afternoon and have the rest of the day to swim and explore the beach and surrounding area.

**NB:** Although it is our intention to adhere to the accommodation described, a certain amount of flexibility is built into our time in Malawi and the crew may make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the Malawi section of the dossier as a guideline only.

**Accommodation:** Kande Beach - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Horse riding US\$45, Village walk US\$10

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### Day 14:

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### Kande Beach

Today you'll have some free time to try some of the water sports available including diving and snorkelling, take a horse ride along the beach or simply relax and enjoy the warm fresh waters of Lake Malawi. There is the opportunity to meet the local people, generally known as amongst the friendliest in Africa, to gain insight into their way of life on an optional guided Village Walk, or you can simply head out and explore the lakeside, craft market and meet some of the locals.

**Accommodation:** Kande Beach - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Horse riding US\$45, Village walk US\$10

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### Day 15:

#### Kande Beach – Chitimba Beach

Distance Travelled: +/- 240 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

Taking a nice scenic drive through rubber plantations to Mzuzu – the capital of the northern region and the third largest town in Malawi, where we stop for a short while to grab supplies and check out the markets before arriving to Chitimba Beach where time is at leisure in the afternoon and evening to enjoy the picturesque Lake Malawi.

**Accommodation:** Chitimba Beach - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 16:

#### Chitimba Beach

Relax on the beach, take a leisurely village walk or do the full day trip to Manchewe Falls where after 11km of hiking you can cool off in a natural bath. The surrounding hills are home to the Livingstonia Mission where David Livingstone worked from for a time while staying in Malawi. The views from here are simply magnificent and well worth the effort of hiking to. For those staying, there is a local craft market where you can enjoy learning the ins and outs of the game of Bao, haggle for some souvenirs or enjoy a relaxing day admiring the shimmering waters on the beach.

**Accommodation:** Chitimba Beach - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Livingstone day hike US\$7

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### Day 17:



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### Chitimba Beach – Iringa, Tanzania

Distance Travelled: +/- 550 Km

Approx driving time: 11 Hours

Leaving Chitimba Beach, we travel the short distance north to cross the border into Tanzania. We steadily climb in altitude through Tanzania's Southern Highlands all the way to Kisolanza Farm House. This farm is at an altitude of 1600m ensuring a pleasant fresh climate in one of the most scenic areas of Tanzania. Home to the Ghau family for over 70 years, Kisolanza remains a working farm providing organic meat (beef, lamb and chicken) and vegetables to the surrounding markets as well as further afield in Dar es Salaam. This farmhouse is famous for their hot showers, chocolate brownies and hot chocolate that can be bought at their quaint candlelit bar.

**Accommodation:** Kisolanza Farm House - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 18:

#### Iringa – Dar es Salaam

Distance Travelled: +/- 500 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

We continue towards the Indian Ocean coast and the port city of Dar es Salaam ('Haven of Peace'). This route runs through the Mikumi National Park and we may, with luck, spot forest elephant or giraffe feeding near the side of the road. 'Dar' is Tanzania's hub of commerce and industry – a hot, humid and bustling seaport city of high rises, colourful markets and Arab influenced architecture on the coast accessing one of the most important sea routes on earth (with an interesting history too). To a majority of travellers, this city is the port of call to the more exotic Zanzibar and the remaining of the Archipelago islands. We set up at our accommodation on the beach just outside of the city centre, usually having time to browse curio markets - best known for ebony wood - and prepare for our trip to Zanzibar.

**Accommodation:** Kipepeo Village - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 19:

#### Zanzibar Island

Distance Travelled: Ferry crossing

Evocative and exotic, Zanzibar conjures up images of idyllic, sandy, palm fringe beaches; romantic winding cobbled

alleys and lush tropical forests. You will find all of these here – and an intriguing history. Zanzibar was the base of the great 19<sup>th</sup> century explorers such as John Hanning Speke, Richard Burton and David Livingstone and once was a major trading centre of spices. Indeed the spice trade is centuries old: Zanzibaris have traded with the people of the Arabian peninsula for generations, plying the ocean in simple dhow sailboats relying on the annual trade winds for passage. The Arab influence is evident in the architecture and diverse street stall offerings of the capital, Stone Town. This influence can be seen right along the Eastern coast – the Swahili language itself is a result of the mixing of Arab and African languages and cultures over many centuries. Zanzibar's other history is not romantic. The island was also a staging post for slaves bought from the African interior being held before shipping to slave owners in the Middle East. You can still see the places where these men and woman were held – and even a short visit is enough to convey the appalling conditions they had to endure.

Our time on the island over the next 4 nights is not structured and your time is at leisure. Perhaps the best way to see Stone Town is on foot: explore the bazaars for old maritime trinkets, cloths, wooden carvings, visit mosques, palaces, courtyards and alleyways of the old town. Spices are grown in plantations nearby and you can take day tours to visit some and have your senses dazzled by the tastes and scents experienced. If it's white sand, sparkling ocean and hot sun you prefer – head to the northern beaches and enjoy the Indian Ocean at its best. Try snorkelling and diving, indulge in some sumptuous seafood, or simply relax beneath a coconut palm with a cocktail and a good book.

**NB:** As we leave the truck on the mainland, basic tourist class accommodation and breakfast on Zanzibar are included in the tour price, but for the sake of flexibility other meals are left for your own account. Typically we spend one night in Stone Town and the next three nights in the north of the island at one of the beaches. Your tour leader will be available to assist if you if you have any questions or need activities arranged.

Please note that some group members may be starting their tour in Dar es Salaam today.

**Accommodation:** Stone Town - Safari Lodge or similar – twin/ triple rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Spice Tour US\$30, Slave markets US\$15, Arabic Fort US\$10, Palace Museum US 10

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### Day 20:

#### Zanzibar Island



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Enjoy free time on Zanzibar and transfer to the northern beaches from Stone Town. Relax on the sun kissed beaches of Kendwa, northwest part of the island, take an optional diving trip to the rich colourful reefs or grab a snorkel and goggles to explore these from above

Please note that some group members may be starting their tour in Dar Es Salaam. Both old and new are invited to join in any group outings

**Accommodation:** Kendwa Northern beaches – Sunset Bungalows or similar – twin/ triple rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Spice Tour US\$30, Scuba Diving local US\$130, Mnemba Island US\$170, Dhow snorkelling safaris from US\$65, massages from US\$15

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### Day 21: Zanzibar Island

Browse markets or enjoy hanging in a hammock with a cocktail and a good book. The beach is a great place to catch up with the locals who will pass by selling their wares, offering henna tattoos and inexpensive massages. Round the day off with a sunset dhow cruise or chilling to the tunes from the nearby beach bars.

**Accommodation:** Kendwa Northern beaches – Sunset Bungalows or similar – twin/ triple rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Spice Tour US\$30, Scuba Diving local US\$130, Mnemba Island US\$170, Dhow snorkelling safaris from US\$65, massages from US\$15

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### Day 22: Zanzibar Island

Adjusting to the lazy ways of the northern beaches is easy to do in such picturesque surroundings. Enjoy your last day on the island swimming in the warm ocean, snorkelling in the crystal turquoise waters and enjoy time at leisure in this tropical haven.

**Accommodation:** Kendwa Northern beaches – Sunset Bungalows or similar – twin/ triple rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Spice Tour US\$30, Scuba Diving local US\$130, Mnemba Island US\$170, Dhow snorkelling safaris from US\$65, massages from US\$15

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### Day 23: Zanzibar – Dar es Salaam

Distance Travelled: Ferry crossing

We have the morning to do any last minute shopping or enjoy one last swim before catching the ferry back to the African mainland to Dar es Salaam and onwards to our accommodation on the coast for the evening.

Please note that some group members may be ending their tour in Dar Es Salaam. Both old and new are invited to join in any group outings.

**Accommodation:** Kipepeo Village - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 24: Dar es Salaam – Marangu

Distance Travelled: +/- 570 Km

Approx driving time: 9 Hours

Departing early from Dar es Salaam, we head north past the Usambara and Pare Mountains in the Eastern Arc Mountain Range to Marangu, nestled at the base of the famed Kilimanjaro. The accommodation takes its name from the surrounding area. "Marangu" means "full of water" in the local Chagga language, and the lush green surroundings demonstrate the truth of this. If weather is clear we will gain a view of the magnificent snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain (5895m).

**Accommodation:** Marangu Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 25: Marangu - Arusha

Distance Travelled: +/- 120 Km

Approx driving time: 2.5 Hours

We drive past the town of Moshi and eventually reach Arusha; a city situated exactly mid way between Cape Town and Cairo. This is Tanzania's 'safari capital', a city of some 2 million people, a bustling melting pot of markets, vehicles and people – all nestling in the shadow of the brooding Mt Meru (4556 m). With time to explore town we head out to our accommodation just outside the city at the edge of the Masai plains.



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This afternoon we enjoy a walk to one of the local Masai villages, a local school and clinic, a small but highly interesting Masai museum, and the snake enclosure at the Meserani Snake Park.

It is from here that we prepare for our two night/three day excursion to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater.

**Accommodation:** *Meserani Snake Park - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Camel ride US\$10*

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### Day 26:

#### **Arusha - Serengeti National Park**

Distance Travelled: +/- 250 Km

Approx driving time: Full day including game drives

This morning we transfer to smaller more 'game park friendly' vehicles and drive west across the Great Rift Valley, passing through Mto Wa Mbo ('mosquito creek') and enter the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area. We pass into the park and drive around the 'Crater's rim and down onto the Serengeti plains. Green after the rains, brown and burnt in the dry, this is home to an enormous variety of grazing animals, predators, and birdlife. Flatter and larger than the Masai Mara the Serengeti is simply huge - indeed the name derives from the Masai word *Siringitu* – 'the place where the land moves on forever'. We game drive to our designated (but unfenced) campsite for the evening where lion and hyena roam nearby for an unforgettable experience.

**Accommodation:** *Serengeti National Park: Bush Camp - Twin shared canvas tents with mattress, sleeping bag and pillow provided with basic facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

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### Day 27:

#### **Ngorongoro Crater**

We drive out of the plains, game driving en route, and after lunch ascend the outer wall of the Ngorongoro Crater. We spend the night camping on the rim (you may need a jacket; it can be cold at night due to the high altitude here), where wildlife also roams free. At 326 square kilometres in

area the Ngorongoro is Africa's largest intact caldera and a World Heritage Site. If the view from the rim (2400 metres above sea level) is spectacular, the site from the Crater floor (some 600 metres below) is equally enjoyable.

**Accommodation:** *Simba Camp - Twin shared canvas tents with mattress, sleeping bag and pillow provided with basic facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Serengeti Balloon Flight –from US\$550*

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### Day 28:

#### **Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha, Meserani Snake Park**

Distance Travelled: +/- 250 Km

Approx driving time: Full days including morning game drive

We wake early and descend the steep dirt road of the Ngorongoro Crater for a morning of game driving in this spectacular wildlife haven. All of the major mammals are present except giraffe (which cannot manage the steep slopes leading down onto the Crater floor). After our game drive we ascend to our campsite on the rim for a final view over the Ngorongoro Crater, pack up our camp and have lunch before retracing our steps to Arusha and our accommodation at the Meserani Snake Park where we will overnight.

**Accommodation:** *Meserani Snake Park - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 29:

#### **Arusha – Nairobi, Kenya**

Distance Travelled: +/- 270 Km

Approx driving time: 5.5 Hours

After a last night in Tanzania, we make our way across the Masai Steppe to the Kenyan frontier. Completing formalities at Namanga border post, we drive the last stretch of road to Nairobi where our tour ends.

**Accommodation:** *None*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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## Tour Information

### TOUR STYLE:

Accommodated Overland Tour

Travelling on an overland tour is great fun, but it can also be challenging! This is a *participation* tour and your help will be needed in assisting with the various day to day duties, such as shopping, cooking and keeping the truck tidy (usually on a rota basis). But don't worry it's not all hard work and it's a great way to meet the local people and get to know your fellow travellers. Your contribution benefits



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the success of the tour - most people find the greater their involvement, the greater their enjoyment of the whole trip.

Africa is an adventure destination and travelling here is not always predictable so be prepared to 'expect the unexpected' in difficulties or delays which might come our way! However, you'll soon find that the diversity of the African landscape, the wildlife and the communities we pass on our way, make the sometimes rough travel and long driving days worthwhile. Come with a sense of adventure and a flexible attitude and you will be sure to enjoy your Acacia overland tour across this amazing continent.

Africa provides an ever-changing environment, power failures, water and fuel shortages, temperature fluctuations, and other uncontrollable / unplanned situations do occur. You will need to remain flexible, understanding and good-humoured. "African time" can be difficult and frustrating for those who are used to a very structured life, so this is something to keep in mind!

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** All tour highlights, twin share accommodation (26 nights), twin share tents (2 nights), fully equipped safari vehicles, cooking equipment, mattresses, sleeping bag and pillow for camping nights, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Adventure Pass Activities and Excursions (optional), visas, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks and items of personal nature. NB Lunches and dinners in Livingstone and on Zanzibar are not included.

**ADVENTURE PASS:** Every Accommodated Overland tour has an Adventure Pass which is paid to your tour leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour (or pre-paid by arrangement prior to your tour). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price, which is paid before travel, and is paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2006 edition notes). The Adventure Pass covers selected park entries, activities and excursions along the way where payment goes directly to the supplier. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from the income.

**ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS:** These are optional activities that are booked during your holiday and paid directly to the provider while on tour. These options offer a variety of experiences and allow you the freedom to decide what activities you would like to do.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Twin share accommodation with facilities (26 nights) twin share tents with sleeping bag, pillow and mattress (2 nights) some camps may have a bar or swimming pool. In the Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater there are basic facilities. On Zanzibar we use basic tourist class local hotels.

**TRANSPORT:** 24-seater, self-contained, custom-built safari truck with on-board tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, i-pod jack, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers, 4x4 safari vehicle and fast ferry.

**GAME PARK VISITS:** In order to maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as enhancing our experience using local guides and smaller vehicles it also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit.

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### ***Tour Preparation***

#### **BOOKING INFORMATION**

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent your booking documents and a pre-departure booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for your trip. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving details of your joining hotel. Johannesburg and Nairobi are well served by a number of airlines and your travel agent can advise on flights to the start of the tour.

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### JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in Johannesburg. The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour departs at 07:00 on day 1 and ends in Nairobi on day 29.

Meeting point in **Johannesburg:**

**Mo Afrika Lodge**

**Address:** 120 Sandham Road  
Norton Home Estates,  
Bernoni, Johannesburg 1501

Contact details: Tel. +27 825069641

E-mail: [bookings@moafrika.com](mailto:bookings@moafrika.com)

Tour start time: 07:00 on day 1

Tour end point in **Nairobi:**

**Hotel Boulevard, Nairobi**

**Address:** Harry Thuku Rd  
PO Box 42831, Nairobi

Contact details: Tel. +245 722 200 755

E-mail: [hotel@hotelboulevardkenya.com](mailto:hotel@hotelboulevardkenya.com)

Tour end time: late afternoon/ early evening on day 29

### PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Johannesburg early on day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and to acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements. However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of this part of Africa. Accommodation is usually available locally on arrival but you can also pre book this with Acacia. There is a variety of activities and excursions in the Nairobi area you can arrange locally or with your Tour Leader.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guide line only and are subject to change so please check with Acacia or your agent for current prices.**

Description	Price (USD)	Description	Price (USD)
<b>Johannesburg</b>		<b>Nairobi</b>	
Pre tour accommodation – twin pp/pn	\$45	Post tour accommodation – Twin/Double pp/pn	\$65
Pre tour accommodation – single pp/pn	\$70	Post tour accommodation – single	\$90
Pre tour accommodation – dorm pp/pn	\$40	Post tour accommodation – triple	\$50
*includes breakfast and airport transfer		Pp/pn = Per person, per night	

### ADVENTURE PASS

Paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2006 edition notes) directly to your Tour Leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour, or pre-paid by arrangement, the Adventure Pass of this tour covers the following.

Matobo NP Game Drive	√
South Luangwa NP Game Drive	√
Serengeti/Ngorongoro Crater Excursion	√

### LUGGAGE

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. It should be brought in a soft holdall or rucksack along with a smaller day bag. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings and early morning game drives. You also need a sleeping bag (and small pillow if preferred). We recommended you pack a small torch or headlamp, mosquito spray and a money pouch/ belt that can be easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. A power bank is useful for recharging electronic devices. A full 'What to Bring' list is included in our **pre-departure booklet**, issued when you book.



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### VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial**. We strongly recommend you seek professional medical advice for the appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
S. Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	*	R
Malawi	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Tanzania	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Kenya	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk) For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
S. Africa	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Malawi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tanzania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kenya	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**UPDATE Kenya E-VISA:** Should you wish to have your visa before arrival, Kenya now offers the option to pre-apply for an e-visas online. This may take up to 7 days to process. Alternatively, qualifying passport holders can obtain an entry visa on arrival in Kenya. To check whether you qualify, please check with the Kenyan Embassy or Mission in your country of origin.

**C** = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, \* = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required. **NB: To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice. Alternatively, contact Acacia for any queries or advise regarding vaccination requirements.**

### INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please refer to:

[http://www.acacia-africa.com/travel\\_info/travel\\_documents.php](http://www.acacia-africa.com/travel_info/travel_documents.php) for more details.

In the UK the Foreign & Commonwealth Office ([www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)) issues free up to date travel advice for all countries visited on tour. Most other governments offer a similar service to citizens. We recommend you review this information before you book your tour. Naturally we welcome any questions you may have about security and safety on tour.

### Money Matters

#### PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for Activities and Excursions, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest



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you budget US\$15-20 per day. Also keep US\$ cash for relevant airport taxes and visas needed, optional activities and any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

**Spending money** is best carried as cash. US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, post 2006 edition notes) is also accepted for many optional activities & at markets throughout Africa. We have an on-board passenger safe for security and your guide will advise how and when you can exchange money (US dollars, Sterling or Euro) to local currency throughout the tour.

- **Currencies** are as follows: South Africa – Rand; Zimbabwe – US Dollars; Zambia – Zambian Kwacha; Malawi – Malawi Kwacha; Tanzania – Tanzania Schilling; Kenya – Kenya Schilling
- **ATM machines** are found in Southern Africa, Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Arusha and Nairobi Please note they are sometimes unreliable (and therefore should not be relied upon).
- **Credit cards** can be used to pay for optional activities although charges may be may be high by western standards (+/- 5%).

We recommend you bring your spending money in several different ways (some cash and some cards); your guide can best advise on what to use where.

### TIPPING

This is always a matter for your own individual discretion but as in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your tour leader and driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
<b>Livingstone</b>		<b>Malawi</b>	
Vic Falls bungy (single/tandem)	\$160	Horse Riding	\$45
Mosi Oa Tunya National Park game walk	\$100	Village Walk	\$10
Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50	Livingstonia Day Hike	\$10
Gorge Swing	\$95	Snorkelling day trip	From \$35 - \$65
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$120	Zanzibar food (per day)	\$30-35
Half day Canoe Safari	\$110	Spice Tour	\$30
Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$55	Scuba dive – local	\$130
White Water Rafting – full day	\$160	Slave Markets	US\$15
Helicopter /Microlight flight over the Falls	From \$170	Arabic Fort	\$10
Fishing – Half day	\$145	Palace Museum	\$10
Bridge Tour	\$65	<b>Arusha</b>	
Full day abseil	\$180	Lake Manyara National Park – day safari	From \$200
<b>South Luangwa National park</b>		Arusha National Park – half day safari	From \$200
Village Tour	\$35	Camel ride	\$10
Walking Safari	\$55	Serengeti Balloon flight	From \$550
Game Drives	From \$75	<b>Nairobi</b>	
<b>Tanzania</b>		Daphne Sheldrick Elephant orphanage	\$100
<b>Zanzibar</b>		Giraffe Centre	\$10
Scuba Diving (Mnemba Island)	\$170	Karen Blixen Museum	\$20

### Responsible Travel

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the



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environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites and accommodation we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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#### **WIFI on tour:**

**While WIFI is becoming more common in some areas of Africa we cannot guarantee the speed, cost or reliability during your tour.**

Join our Facebook group [www.facebook.com/AcaciaAfrica](http://www.facebook.com/AcaciaAfrica) and get connected with other Acacia travellers, check out the pictures, videos and feedback from their tours and meet up with other people booked on your tour

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