



# Ultimate African Overlander (17UA058) – Tour Dossier

## Introduction

This exciting holiday offers you a comprehensive insight into Eastern and Southern Africa's best attractions. Our tour has been carefully designed to maximize your experiences in the time you have to explore this incredible continent with us. From primate trekking in Uganda to the undulating Maasai Mara and flat plains of the Serengeti, from the majestic Ngorongoro Crater to a glimpse of Mt. Kilimanjaro to sun kissed beaches on tropical Zanzibar, from thunderous Victoria Falls, the serenity of the Chobe River and Okavango Delta, to the giant sand dunes in ancient deserts and the stunning Cape Town – Leaving you with unforgettable memories! Embrace the magic of Africa with a tour that leaves you with a desire to discover more of this dynamic and diverse continent.

## Included Highlights

The Great Rift Valley  
Lake Nakuru NP, Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide\*  
Maasai Mara excursion with small vehicle\*  
Maasai Village Walk with Resident Guide  
Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater Excursion in Purpose Built Vehicles, Game Drives with Resident Guide\*  
Zanzibar, Return Ferry & Accommodation  
Mosi Oa Tunya NP, Victoria Falls Visit

Chobe NP, Fish Eagle Boat Cruise\*  
Chobe NP Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide\*  
Okavango Delta Wilderness Excursion, Mokoro/Walking Safari\*  
Kalahari Bushman Walk  
Etosha NP, Game Drives  
Spitzkoppe, Bushman Paintings  
Sossusvlei shuttle & guided walk\*  
Dune 45  
Sesriem Canyon

**\*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 follows the itinerary with the mandatory Adventure Pass for the tour.

**Duration:** 58 Days

**Countries visited:** Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa

### Day 1:

#### Nairobi – Lake Nakuru National Park

Distance travelled: +/-190 Km

Approx driving time: 4 Hours

Kenya is East Africa's most popular safari destination and has a long tradition of tourism and of welcoming visitors. Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, has seen rapid growth in recent years but still has a comparatively small city centre, interesting city markets, numerous craft shops, book shops and plenty of cafes and restaurants. We recommend you arrive at least one day before the tour departure in order to relax, check out the city and overcome any jetlag.

We depart Nairobi early and descend into the 'Great Rift Valley', an enormous cleft in the Earth's surface stretching from the Red Sea to Madagascar but with particularly marked escarpments here in Kenya. We stop at a lookout point to take in the magnificent views. Our overnight stop is Lake Nakuru National Park, a relatively small park (by African standards) however prolific in wildlife, situated on the Great Rift Valley floor. The shallow soda lake attracts a huge variety of birdlife – especially flamingos, which may gather in such numbers that (when viewed from above) they form a strikingly pink 'fringe' around the lake-shore. However Lake Nakuru is not simply a bird sanctuary, it is also home to

buffalo, lion, rhino (black and white), leopard, warthog, baboon, antelope, and a variety of smaller animals. A delightful introduction to East Africa's wildlife diversity that we search for in an afternoon game drive making use of local guides and smaller safari vehicles for a more intimate experience.

**Accommodation:** *Punda Miliis Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

### Day 2:

#### Lake Nakuru - Eldoret

Distance travelled: +/-150 Km

Approx driving time: 3.5 Hours

From Nakuru we continue northwest and climb in altitude towards the town of Eldoret, en route to the Ugandan frontier. We cross from the Southern Hemisphere to the Northern Hemisphere today over the Equator, enjoying some time here learning a little about its significance and taking photos before moving onwards to Eldoret. The name 'Eldoret' is based on the Maasai word 'Eldore' meaning stony river, due to the stony bed of the nearby Sosiani River. The



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town is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in Kenya and is the fastest growing with a population of approx 194,000. We camp outside of town in a unique campsite created on hilly forest tribal land, once home to members of the ancient Sirikwa tribe. Preserved on the site are excavations with stone sides, commonly called Sirikwa holes, which are believed to have been roofed and occupied by the inhabitants of a bygone age.

**Accommodation:** Naiberi Overland camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 3:

#### Eldoret - Kampala

Distance travelled: +/-400 Km

Approx driving time: 7.5 Hours

We cross into Uganda, Winston Churchill's 'Pearl of Africa', a country with beautiful natural scenery and a rich mosaic of tribes and cultures – and friendly people. Our first night we camp at the capital Kampala, an attractive hilly city, bustling with roadside traders, markets and busy matatu (mini-bus taxi) stands.

Please note that some group members may be starting their tour in Kampala

**Accommodation:** Red Chilli Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 4:

#### Kampala – Queen Elizabeth National Park

Distance travelled +/-240 Km

Approx driving time: 5 hours

From Kampala, we travel west towards Queen Elizabeth National Park, crossing the Equator again, through fertile green terraced hillsides, lush banana plantations, steep mountains and tangled forests. From the truck we should see herds of Ankole cattle with their incredible long curving horns roaming the roads and paddocks. We camp a short distance from the Queen Elizabeth National Park. Here you will have the opportunity to relax and unwind, take a walk in the surrounding areas and mingle with the local community.

**Accommodation:** Simba Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 5:

#### Queen Elizabeth National Park

This morning we enter the Queen Elizabeth National Park and taking in the magnificent views of the mountains that separate Uganda from central Africa as well as Lake Edwards and Lake George. In fact Queen Elizabeth National park has over 500 species of bird and 100 species of mammals, making it one of the most bio diverse national parks in the world. If we are lucky, we may get to spot some of these animals en route to Kyambura Gorge for the trek to see the chimpanzees. Unlike their larger cousins, the mountain gorilla, chimps live mostly in the trees and so our viewing consists mainly of peering high into the forest canopy. Predictably, the experience of seeing man's closest relative in the wild is a memorable one.

Trekking permits are issued by the wildlife authority in groups of up to 8 people at a time, per group. Depending on our group size, this means that we may trek on the afternoon of day 4, morning of day 5 and afternoon of day 5 or morning of day 6.

**Accommodation:** Simba Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** nil

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### Day 6:

#### Queen Elizabeth National Park - Lake Bunyonyi

Distance travelled +/- 240 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

We leave the picturesque hills of the national park and make our way to the lush and stunning Lake Bunyonyi ('Place of many little birds'). This lake is 27km long, 7km wide and at an elevation of 1950 metres above sea level, it is surrounded by undulating hills between 2200m to 2478m high. With a depth of nearly 900m in parts, this lake is the second deepest lake in Africa (the deepest being Lake Tanganyika in Tanzania). With twenty-nine islands that can be visited by local boats, the lake is a great place to unwind, relax and explore on the days that we don't trek to see the mountain gorillas.

Over the next two days the group will be split, with one group trekking to the mountain gorillas while the others stay at Lake Bunyonyi to enjoy the many activities on offer.

#### Lake Bunyoni

There are many activities to do here such as hiring canoes to visit some of the lakes islands, visit local tribes and villages, visiting the local orphanage, as well as bird watching and nature walks. Alternatively just relax around camp, catch up on your travel diary or postcards to home, or sorting through your photos of your trip so far.



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### Mountain Gorilla Trekking

This region of Africa is home to the world's remaining 700 free-roaming mountain gorillas, many of which inhabit the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. [Occasionally we may travel into neighbouring Rwanda to trek for the gorillas.]

On the day of your trek we gather in the early morning to meet our local guide and tracker. Walking in small groups, we trek into the thick rainforest. The trek can be demanding at times - with uneven terrain and hilly rainforest, but the privilege of spending time with a family of these gentle primates makes the effort well worthwhile. To many people the day's trek and time with the gorillas remains their most exciting wildlife encounter in Africa.

The usual procedure, once we have located the gorilla 'family', is to squat or sit down and simply observe them for around an hour – the time set by the Uganda Wildlife Authority (the national body charged with controlling and maintaining the gorillas in Uganda). Gorillas are sociable creatures, living in groups between 12 and 20 individuals, usually led by an alpha male (the 'silverback' - so called because of the silver hair on his back which grows once the male gorillas reach maturity). Most people find that the gorillas are remarkably human-like at close quarters – particularly in the social interaction between family members and in 'play' activity in which the young engage. Photography is permitted (although not with a flash and there are restrictions for those who wish to use a video camera.)

Your permit allows you one trek and gorilla viewing (time limited to one hour). However because the authorities maintain strict limits on the number of visitors allowed to view the gorillas each day we may spend several days in the area while all passengers in our group complete the trek and viewing.

**NB:** Depending on the availability of the chimpanzee and gorilla permits the tour itinerary may vary in day to day running order which is based on the brochure itinerary. From time to time we may have to trek on different days. If at any reason our Gorilla trek should be in another neighbouring country, e.g. Rwanda (instead of Uganda) this may entail extra visa fees although we shall endeavour to advise you before departure of any significant changes to the tour itinerary. Please take the above itinerary as a guideline only.

**This applies to day 6 – 8 of this tour.**

**Accommodation:** Lake Bunyonyi Overland Stop/ Gorilla Trek area - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Island boat trips US\$25 – US80, village walk US5, Traditional dance US\$30, Bird watching US\$5, Canoe hire US\$10

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### Day 7:

#### Lake Bunyonyi rest days or Gorilla trek day

If not trekking, today is free to explore the surrounding area, discover the Islands by boat on Lake Bunyonyi or relax back at camp catching up on some well deserved rest and relaxation.

**Accommodation:** Lake Bunyonyi Overland Stop/ Gorilla Trek area - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Island boat trips US\$25 – US80, village walk US5, Traditional dance US\$30, Bird watching US\$5, Canoe hire US\$10

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### Day 8:

#### Lake Bunyonyi rest days or Gorilla trek day

Today is a trek day or a day at leisure to enjoy the many optional activities in Lake Bunyonyi. Whether relaxing on the shores of this deep Crater Lake with a good book or heading out to the village and orphanage to gain an insight into the everyday life of Ugandans in this area - you'll no doubt wish you could stay in this beautiful part of Africa for longer.

**Accommodation:** Lake Bunyonyi Overland Stop/ Gorilla Trek area - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Island boat trips US\$25 – US80, village walk US5, Traditional dance US\$30, Bird watching US\$5, Canoe hire US\$10

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### Day 9:

#### Lake Bunyonyi - Kampala

Distance travelled +/- 550 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

From Lake Bunyonyi we make our way back across the Equator (stopping for a photo if we have not done so previously) through lush pasture lands and the northern reaches of Lake Victoria (Africa's largest lake) to Kampala where we will overnight. Kampala is a hotspot for great food and entertainment. If time allows, go out to enjoy the nightlife, try the local cuisines and enjoy the hospitality and friendliness of the local Ugandans.

Please note that some group members may be ending their tour in Kampala

**Accommodation:** Red Chilli Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 10:

#### Kampala - Jinja

Distance travelled +/- 80 Km

Approx driving time: 1.5 Hours

Leaving Kampala we drive the short distance to the town of Jinja on the banks of Lake Victoria and the Nile. It was in 1862 that the British explorer John Hanning Speke recognised Lake Victoria as the 'source of the Nile' settling a long running dispute about Africa's (and the world's) longest river. From his modest monument on the banks, the Nile begins its 4132 mile course through Uganda, Sudan and eventually Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea.

Our camp is situated on the grassy banks overlooking the Nile River. It is here that we usually have the option to try river rafting - an exciting day out for those enjoying the thrill of 'whitewater'. There is also the opportunity to make some difference to local children at a local school project: 'Softpower' is a locally run volunteer programme aimed at building and improving schools in the Jinja area to which your contribution of a few hours of painting or plastering is always most welcome. Other activities at Jinja include mountain biking, quad biking, village walks and even bungee jumping!

**Accommodation:** Nile River Explorers - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Bungee Jumping US\$120, Quad biking US\$80, White water rafting US140, Community School Project US\$40, Nile Cruise From US\$25, Nile sup from US\$20, Kayak from US\$20, Fishing trips from US\$80, Mountain biking from US\$30

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### Day 11:

#### Jinja

Enjoy a free day in this magical place or take part in one of the many optional activities on offer. Adrenaline lovers can head to the world class rapids and try rafting - an exciting day out for those enjoying the thrill of 'whitewater'. Those seeking a more relaxing day can visit the local community or simply just relax at camp.

**Accommodation:** Nile River Explorers - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Bungee Jumping US\$120, Quad biking US\$80, White water rafting US140, Community School Project US\$40, Nile Cruise From US\$25, Nile sup from US\$20, Kayak from US\$20, Fishing trips from US\$80, Mountain biking from US\$30

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### Day 12:

#### Jinja

Enjoy a last day on the banks of the Nile exploring the surrounding community, the town of Jinja and discover the beauty of the river Nile as you relax on its banks or indulge in the many optional activities on offer.

**Accommodation:** Nile River Explorers - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Bungee Jumping US\$120, Quad biking US\$80, White water rafting US140, Community School Project US\$40, Nile Cruise From US\$25, Nile sup from US\$20, Kayak from US\$20, Fishing trips from US\$80, Mountain biking from US\$30

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### Day 13:

#### Jinja – Eldoret

Distance travelled: +/- 300 Km

Approx driving time: 6 Hours

Leaving Jinja, we retrace our steps across the border into Kenya and onwards to Eldoret, where we will camp for the evening.

**Accommodation:** Naiberi Overland Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 14:

#### Eldoret - Nairobi

Distance travelled: +/- 250km

Approx driving time: 4 hours

This morning we cross the Equator and make our way south to Nairobi and to our base just outside the city.

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

**Accommodation:** Karen Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 15:

#### Nairobi

Today you are free to explore the city and surrounding area and our Tour Leader can help you arrange these optional excursions locally. Popular excursions include catching a taxi into town to check out the shopping, markets, bars and restaurants; Visit the National Museum of Kenya; chow down



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at Carnivore – a bbq meat eater's paradise; go on safari at Nairobi National Park; Visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, Giraffe Centre or check out the Karen Blixen Museum in the nearby town of Karen. Alternatively the day is yours to simply relax and enjoy some 'downtime'.

**Accommodation:** Karen Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage US\$10, Giraffe Centre US\$10, Karen Blixen Museum US\$20

### Day 16:

#### Nairobi – Maasai Mara Reserve, Kenya

Distance travelled: +/-300km

Approx driving time: 5 hours

We depart the city early and make our way across the Great Rift Valley to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, enjoying views of the vast vista en route. We travel in small specialized safari vehicles that enable us to have a more intimate view of wildlife. We spend two nights camping on the edge of the Reserve with time to explore the park on morning and afternoon game drives. The sweeping plains, distant horizons, low slung acacia trees, and plentiful wildlife ensure a deeply evocative few days. The 'Mara' is crossed every year between July and October by great herds of wildebeest, zebra and other grazing animals in their migration from the adjoining Serengeti plains to the south (in Tanzania). How long they stay is dependant on rainfall and subsequent grass growth in the rainy season. Predators (such as lion, cheetah, leopard) and scavengers (hyena, vultures) follow the grazing animals and this enormous congregation of wildlife forms a spectacular display of Africa's natural resource. But the Mara is excellent for game viewing at any time of year and regardless of when you can visit we hope to see some, if not all, of Africa's 'Big Five' (elephant, lion, rhino, buffalo and leopard) and an array of other wildlife.

**Accommodation:** Maasai Mara: Chronicle Tented Camp

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

**WIFI:** Yes (Nairobi only)

**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 17:

#### Maasai Mara Reserve, Kenya

Approx driving time: Full day including game drives

We have the day to explore the Reserve in search for wildlife including the 'big 5' – lion, rhino, elephant, buffalo and leopard. We stop for a lunch before returning to our tented camp for the evening.

**Accommodation:** Maasai Mara: Chronicle Tented Camp

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 18:

#### Maasai Mara Reserve – Nairobi

Distance travelled: +/-300 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

From the Mara we make our way back across the Great Rift Valley to Nairobi, where we overnight.

Please note that some group members may be ending their tour in Nairobi on this day.

**Accommodation:** Karen Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 19:

#### Nairobi – Arusha, Tanzania

Distance travelled: +/-270 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

After crossing the border into Tanzania at the busy Namanga frontier we arrive at our destination, Arusha, in the late afternoon. Situated mid-way between Cape Town and Cairo, this is very much Tanzania's 'safari capital' - a bustling city with colourful markets, shops, vehicles and people, all nestling in the shadow of the brooding Mt Meru (4556m).

After exploring the curio markets, we head to our camp just outside Arusha on the open plains to the west of the city. It is from here that we prepare for our two night/three day excursion to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater.

This afternoon, if time allows, we enjoy a walk to one of the local Maasai villages to enjoy an insight into everyday life and traditions of this colourful culture.

**Accommodation:** Meserani Snake Park - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 20:

#### 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 enter 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 Maasai Mara the Serengeti is simply huge - indeed the name



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derives from the Maasai 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 - Camping in twin share tents with basic shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 21:

#### 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 altitude), where wildlife also roams free. At 326 square kilometres, 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 - Camping in twin share tents with basic shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Serengeti Balloon Flight –from US\$500*

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### Day 22:

#### 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 large 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 campsite at the Meserani Snake Park.

Note: We may enjoy the Maasai walk on this day if we were unable to make this on day 19.

**Accommodation:** *Meserani Snake Park - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 23:

#### Arusha – Bagamoyo

Distance travelled: +/-560 Km

Approx driving time: 9 Hours

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This morning we wake early and head south via Moshi to Bagamoyo. If the weather is clear we will be afforded a view of the magnificent snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest peak (5895m). The quaint town of Bagamoyo was founded at the end of the 18th century and was one of the most significant trading ports along the East African coast. Our camp for the evening is situated close by to the palm fringed beaches of the Indian Ocean.

**Accommodation:** *Fire Fly Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 24:

#### Bagamoyo – Dar es Salaam

Distance travelled: +/-60 Km

Approx driving time: 2 - 3 Hours

Leaving Bagamoyo we make our way south to Dar es Salaam. ‘Dar’ is Tanzania’s main port and is a 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 in the world. To a majority of travellers, this city is the port of entry to the more exotic island of Zanzibar and other archipelago islands. We set up camp on the beach just outside of the city, take in the balmy Indian Ocean sea breeze, and prepare for our trip to Zanzibar.

**Accommodation:** *Kipepeo Beach Resort - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *nil*

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### Day 25:

#### Zanzibar Island

Distance Travelled: Ferry crossing

Evocative and exotic, Zanzibar conjures up images of idyllic, sandy, palm fringed 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 here is centuries old: Zanzibarians have traded with the people of the Arabian peninsula for many generations, navigating 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.



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Zanzibar's other history is not so 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 3 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, fabrics and wooden carvings, or 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 (B&B) is 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 two 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. Both old and new are invited to join in any group outings.

**Accommodation:** Stone Town – Mazon's 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 US10

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### Day 26

#### Zanzibar Island

Enjoy free time on Zanzibar and transfer to the northern beaches from Stone Town. Relax on the sun kissed beaches of Kendwa, in the 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.

**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 27

#### 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 28:

#### 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 and Dar es Salaam and onwards to our campsite 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 - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 29:

#### Dar es Salaam – Mikumi National park area

Distance travelled: +/-290 Km

Approx driving time: 4 Hours

Leaving the bustling city and warm Atlantic coast, we drive inland through the Mikumi National Park where we may, with luck, spot forest elephant or giraffe feeding near the side of the road. Our campsite is located a short stone's throw from the park and we enjoy sundowners at the local bar/restaurant followed by the evening around the open fire under the blanket of stars.

If time allows we can go on an optional game drive in the late afternoon.

**Accommodation:** Tan-Swiss Lodge - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities



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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Mikumi Game Dive US\$150

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### Day 30:

#### Mikumi – Iringa

Distance travelled: +/-220 Km

Approx driving time: 4 Hours

We continue our journey heading to the town of Iringa and the Kisolanza Farm. At an altitude of 1600m Kisolanza ensures a pleasant fresh climate in one of the most scenic areas in the Southern Highlands 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 Dar es Salaam. The farm house is a well known spot to camp and is the overnight near our mid-way point for our journey from the ocean to the Malawi border.

**Accommodation:** Kisolanza Farm House - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 31:

#### Iringa to Chitimba Beach, Malawi

Distance travelled: +/-550 Km

Approx driving time: 11 Hours

After our last night in Tanzania, we head through lush mountain passes, rich grazing land, and banana and tea plantations to the Songwe border post into 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 Malawi 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. The lake also has the highest number of endemic fresh water fish species of any in the world.

**NB:** Although it is our intention to adhere to the campsites 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 guide line only.

**Accommodation:** Chitimba Beach Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 32:

#### Chitimba Beach, Malawi

Relax on the beach, take a leisurely village walk or do the full day trip to Manchewe Falls where, after an 11km hike, 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 at the campsite, 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 from the beach.

**Accommodation:** Chitimba Beach Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Livingstonia day hike US\$10

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### Day 33

#### Kande Beach

Distance travelled: +/-240 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

Today we take 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 Kande Beach. Try some of the optional water sports typically available, horse riding or else simply relax and enjoy the warm fresh waters of Lake Malawi. There is the opportunity to meet the local people, generally known as some of the friendliest in Africa, to gain insight into their way of life.

**Accommodation:** Kande Beach Camp - Camping in twin share tents 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 34

#### Kande Beach

Today you'll have some free time to try some of the water sports available including diving, snorkelling, and horse riding along the beach. Or simply relax and enjoy the warm fresh waters of Lake Malawi. There is the opportunity to meet the local people, by tradition very friendly, 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 - Camping in twin share tents 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 35:

#### Kande Beach – Chipata, Zambia

Distance travelled +/-440 Km

Approx driving time: 9 Hours

Saying our goodbyes to 'the Lake', we cross the border to Zambia and to Chipata. Formally named Fort Jamerson, the border town has a population of approx 98,000, and is the capital of Zambia's Eastern Province. The town has colourful fruit and vegetable markets and an unexpected number of ornate mosques due to its large Indian community. If time allows, we will stop in Chipata before arriving to our campsite situated a short distance from the town centre.

**Accommodation:** Mama Rula's Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 36:

#### Chipata - Lusaka

Distance travelled: +/-620 Km

Approx driving time: 12 Hours

Today we leave early and take the Great Eastern Road through lush country and small villages, cross the Luangwa River to Lusaka, Zambia's capital. Lusaka is Southern Africa's fastest growing city with approx 1.7m inhabitants. It is located on Zambia's southern plateau at an elevation of 1300m with four main highways running north, south, east and west to different parts of Africa.

Our campsite for the evening is set in a tranquil and relaxing setting on a farm.

**Accommodation:** Eureka Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 37:

#### Lusaka - Livingstone

Distance travelled: +/-520 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

We head south to Livingstone and set up camp at the Waterfront campsite on the banks of the Zambezi River, just a few kilometres from the Victoria Falls. At various times of year the spray from the 'Falls' can be seen from up to 20 or 30 kilometres away, hence the local name Mosi oa Tunya – the 'smoke that thunders'. Don't forget your raincoat to keep you and your camera dry!

The campsite management provides information on all activities available in the area (typically these include rafting, canoeing, bungee, abseiling, gorge swinging, horse riding,

scenic flights, river cruises), allowing you to plan your time accordingly over the next four nights.

**NB** For the sake of practicality, meals in Livingstone are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to take on half day or full day activities (some of which include lunch) without having to be back with the group at mealtimes. The Waterfront camp restaurant overlooks the Zambezi River and offers a good selection of reasonably priced meals and snacks throughout the day (allow US\$15 - \$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy these few days at your own leisure. Alternatively, take a taxi or free shuttle into Livingstone and try the local fare.

**Accommodation:** Waterfront - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** (prices approx) Bungee 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\$200, Helicopter/ Microlight flights From US\$ 185, half day fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65.

### Day 38:

#### 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, bungee jumping, river cruises, flights over the falls, just to name a few.

**Accommodation:** Waterfront - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Bungee 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\$200, Helicopter/ Microlight flights From US\$ 185, half day fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65.

### Day 39:

#### Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia

Today we have a free day to enjoy the many optional activities on offer or spend your day at leisure by the poolside at the Waterfront. The perfect time to catch up on your social media and share your experiences.

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

**Accommodation:** Waterfront - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**WIFI:** Yes



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**Optional Activities:** Bungee 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\$200, Helicopter/ Microlight flights From US\$ 185, half day fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65.

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### Day 40: Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia

We have a free day in Livingstone today to explore the town. 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 Southern Africa part of your holiday.

**Accommodation:** Waterfront - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Bungee 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\$200, Helicopter/ Microlight flights From US\$ 185, half day fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65.

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### Day 41: Livingstone – Kasane, Botswana

Distance travelled: +/-80 Km

Approx driving time: 1.5 Hours

Moving on from Livingstone, we travel a short distance to the Botswana border and on to the town of Kasane - the gateway to Chobe National Park. By size, Chobe is the third largest park in the country and is the most diverse - home to elephant, lion, buffalo, hippo and abundant birdlife, including the famous African fish eagle. We take a Fish Eagle cruise on the Chobe River – a great opportunity to see hippo and perhaps elephant or buffalo coming to the river to bathe and drink. The Chobe River is a major watering spot for large breeding herds of elephants, as well as families of giraffe, sable and buffalo. The flood plains are the only place in Botswana where the puku antelope can be seen. Birding is also excellent here. When in flood, spoonbills, ibis, and various species of stork and other waterfowl flock to the area.

**Accommodation:** Thebe River Lodge - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 42:

#### Chobe National Park – Elephant Sands, Nata

Distance travelled: +/- 270 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

This morning we head out to explore the Chobe National Park in an open vehicle game drive where we may have the opportunity to spot not only elephant that are so prolific in the park, but also lion and different antelope species. Moving on from Chobe we continue south and may still encounter elephant and buffalo alongside the road. We arrive to our camp in the afternoon. There are no fences and wildlife roams freely. Many groups report seeing elephant and antelope at close proximity from the campsite - a very relaxing way to view wildlife!

**Accommodation:** Elephant Sands Lodge - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 43:

#### Elephant Sands, Nata - Maun

Distance travelled: +/-360 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

We leave Elephant Sands and make our way to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Maun is an eclectic mix of modern buildings and native dwellings. Although officially still a village, Maun has developed rapidly from a rural frontier town to a community that has spread along the wide banks of the Thamalakane River. This is an area where red lechwe antelope can still be seen grazing alongside local donkeys, goats and cattle. Since Maun's founding in 1915 it has had a reputation as a hard-living 'Wild West' town helping the local cattle ranching and hunting operations. Maun today is a thriving tourist town famous for its donkey population and to a lesser extent, goats. These animals can be seen standing around town as they are used by local traders and farmers alike to transport their wares to sell on the curb side.

**NB:** If time allows, we have the opportunity to take an optional scenic flight over the Delta in the afternoon.

**Accommodation:** Delta Rain's Sitatunga Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Okavango Delta scenic flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time US\$600

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### Day 44:

#### Okavango Delta

Leaving the campsite in Maun we begin our excursion into the Okavango Delta in an open 4x4 truck to the mokoro station. Here we will be introduced to the local Tswana Polers who



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will be our guides for our overnight expedition. We travel by mokoro (dugout canoe) amongst the giant lily pads, tall grasses and labyrinthine channels in search of resident wildlife, making our way to our tented camp. The Okavango is a natural wetland spreading over some 1.6 million hectares and offers a perfect habitat for the many species of wildlife that roam here freely. The Okavango River rises in Angola (farther to the north) and flows south, dividing repeatedly after crossing into Botswana to form an intricate floodplain of channels, which spread out into a broad flat inland delta – the only one of its kind in the world. We enjoy the afternoon wilderness experience and overnight listening to the sounds of the African night - an unforgettable experience!

**Accommodation:** *Elephant Camp – Twin share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities (basic-style bucket shower & toilet)*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 45:

#### Okavango Delta - Maun

Distance travelled: 50 Km

Approx driving time: transfer 2 hours

This morning we take an easy paced mokoro ride out of the Okavango Delta back to the polers' station from where we will drive back to Maun. We aim to get back to camp around lunch time to allow for the opportunity to enjoy an optional scenic flight over this spectacular UNESCO world heritage site. Alternatively the afternoon can be spent at leisure at the camp's pool.

**Accommodation:** *Delta Rain's Sitatunga Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Okavango Delta scenic flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time US\$600*

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### Day 46:

#### Maun - Ghanzi

Distance travelled: +/-260 Km

Approx driving time: 4 Hours

We leave Maun to make our way to Ghanzi, which skirts the Kalahari Desert. Here, in this midst of (seemingly) barren terrain - we meet the San/Bushman and have a guided bush walk for a cultural experience and insight into these ancient people's way of life. We learn how they work with nature and manage the renewable resources found in their natural surroundings without damaging the fragile balance of this ecosystem - something we can all learn from. Your support of this ecotourism venture gives the San/Bushman a sustainable income and helps keep their culture alive.

Around the campfire at night, you can experience the ancient dance rituals of the San/Bushman. On special occasions this could be a healing or trance dance, which can continue all

night, and is an intense spiritual experience for participants and visitors alike.

**Accommodation:** *Ghanzi Trailblazers - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *traditional dancing US\$15*

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### Day 47:

#### Ghanzi – Windhoek, Namibia

Distance travelled: +/-480 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Today we leave Botswana behind and travel to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. Situated in a basin between the Khomas Highland, Auas and Eros Mountains, Windhoek (population approx 200,000) is small capital by global standards. The city centre is characterised by a proliferation of German style buildings, a lasting reminder of Namibia's early colonial history. Take the opportunity to enjoy a night out at one of the local restaurants or visit the famous 'Joe's Beer House'

**Accommodation:** *Urban Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 48:

#### Windhoek – Etosha National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km

Approx driving time: 8.5 hours

We make our way north to Etosha National Park, a vast reserve of over 20,000 sq km surrounding a central salt depression or pan. The pan is seasonally full of water but specially managed waterholes sustain some 114 mammal and 340 bird species throughout the rest of the year. We spend two nights here, usually making camp near a floodlit waterhole. Observers frequently see a range of night visitors including elephant, giraffe, zebra, even lion and hyena, making it one of the most memorable wildlife encounters in Namibia - a truly African experience and a highlight of any trip to Namibia. We have a short afternoon game drive on entering the park on our way to the camp.

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

**Accommodation:** *Okaukuejo or Halali or Namutoni Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 49:

#### Etosha National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 250 Km



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Approx driving time: Full day including game drives

Today, we enjoy a full day game driving in this magnificent animal kingdom - taking in the park's main characteristic, the salt pan. Despite the dry nature of the terrain, the park sustains a wide variety of bird species including the large kori bustard, secretary bird and many other seed & insect eaters, as well as birds of prey.

After a full day game driving we return to camp, or onto the next camp and enjoy our last evening around the floodlit watering holes, observing natural animal behaviour at its best.

**Accommodation:** *Okaukuejo or Halali or Namutoni Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 50:

#### **Etosha National Park – Spitzkoppe**

Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km

Approx driving time: 6 hours

We game drive out of Etosha National Park, and turn south making our way to the beautiful Damaraland region where we explore the eerie Spitzkoppe where ancient bushman paintings are still visible. The giant boulder-like rock formations reach a peak at some 1800m above sea level, and create a spectacular view. Take your time to explore the area and its delightful calmness. Keep an eye on the ever changing colour of the rock, especially during sunrise and sunset, when they acquire intense red shades. The most impressive rock painting is "Bushman Paradise" and the natural rock bridge is a favourite viewpoint.

NB: Please take care if climbing onto the rocky outcrops. The surfaces have been smoothed by aeons of sun, wind and blown dust: they can be extremely slippery especially if you are not wearing suitable footwear.

The Spitzkoppe Rest camp lies at the base of the mountain and is owned and maintained by the local community to which all proceeds from our visit to Spitzkoppe go.

**Accommodation:** *Spitzkoppe Community Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared basic toilet facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 51:

#### **Spitzkoppe - Swakopmund**

Distance travelled: +/- 150 Km

Approx driving time: 3 Hours

Departing the granite infused Spitzkoppe, we make our way to the Atlantic coast and to Swakopmund. Swakopmund

makes for a refreshing change with cooler Atlantic sea air, a taste of civilization and a swathe of exciting things to do and places to explore. Try some adventure desert based activities like quad biking, sand boarding, skydiving (weather permitting). For those seeking a quieter life, enjoy the other side of Swakopmund: shops, restaurants, museums, the aquarium, art galleries or simply walk along the promenade admiring the ocean, the quaint German-style architecture and indulge in the town's café culture.

**N.B:** For the sake of practicality, meals in Swakopmund are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to take on half day or full day activities (some of which include lunch) without having to be back for meal times. Swakopmund town offers a variety of bakeries and cafes with a selection of reasonably priced meals (allow ZAR 70-120 per meal). Relax and enjoy these days at your own leisure.

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

**Accommodation:** *Amanpuri Dorm Bed*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast x 1*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities** – *Sandboarding US\$50, Quad Biking US\$65, Skydiving US\$240, Deep sea fishing US\$120, scenic flights US\$300, Swakopmund Township Tour US\$40*

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### Day 52:

#### **Swakopmund**

Today is a free day to enjoy all this quaint seaside town has to offer - from the many optional activities to the German patisseries, cafés and restaurants.

**Accommodation:** *Amanpuri Dorm Bed*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast x 1*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities** – *Sandboarding US\$50, Quad Biking US\$65, Skydiving US\$240, Deep sea fishing US\$120, scenic flights US\$300, Swakopmund Township Tour US\$40*

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### Day 53:

#### **Swakopmund to Sossus On Foot Camp**

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving time: 4.5 Hours

Continuing south, we cross over the Tropic of Capricorn, stopping for a photo opportunity en route to our stunning desert campsite in the Khomas region of Namibia.

**Accommodation:** *Sossus On Foot Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

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

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Desert experience \$25*



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### Day 54:

#### Sossus On Foot Camp – Sesriem area

Distance travelled: +/- 280 km

Approx driving time: 4.5 Hours

This morning we leave our desert camp early and enter the National Park to trek to the top of famous Dune 45. It's a spectacular sight but be warned, it's not an easy feat to reach the top as some dunes are over 300m high! After a well-earned breakfast we continue deeper into the park for a short shuttle ride and nature walk to 'Dead Vlei', amidst the giant sand dunes – a real glimpse of Namibia's unspoilt natural environment. Bring your camera – the shifting colours of the desert as the sun climbs throughout the mid/late morning offer some brilliant photographic opportunities. Departing from the dunes, we stop off at the smaller Sesriem Canyon where the multiple layers of rock and pebbles make for an interesting insight to what lies beneath the mountains of sand. Thereafter we make our way to our camp for the night.

**Accommodation:** Little Sossus Lodge - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 55:

#### Sesriem area- Fish River Canyon

Distance travelled: +/- 430 km

Approx driving time: 6 Hours

Today we drive south through barren and rocky landscapes, dotted with quiver trees, to the world's second largest canyon. Fish River Canyon is one of the natural wonders of Africa, some 500m deep and over 160km long. Again, there are plenty of opportunities for keen photographers as we spend time around this area and visit the canyon's infamous sharp river bend known as 'Hell's Corner.

**Accommodation:** Canyon Road House - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Day 56:

#### Fish River Canyon – Orange (Gariiep) River, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 180 Km

Approx driving day: 3.5 Hours

Leaving the mighty Fish River Canyon we travel south to the Gariiep (Orange) river. Our campsite lies on the banks of the river on the Namibia side. On arrival we have the opportunity to partake in an optional canoe safari on the river to see the striking Richtersveld scenery, or simply relax on the water's edge at camp.

**Accommodation:** Felix Unite - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Canoe safari US\$40

### Day 57:

#### Orange (Gariiep) River – Cederberg Region

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx driving day: 8 Hours

This morning, we cross the border into South Africa and continue south passing through Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of wildflowers that occur in spring (best seen between August – September). We camp at a picturesque campsite nestled near the Olifants River. Here we have the opportunity to sample some of the beautiful wines of the region.

**Accommodation:** Highlanders Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Wine tasting US\$10

### Day 58:

#### Cederberg Region – Cape Town

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving day: 4.5 Hours

We leave the scenic Cederberg area and travel south, passing the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal and the spectacular views as we meander down the Picketberg Pass to the Western Cape Province. We continue to cosmopolitan Cape Town - without a doubt one of the world's most beautiful cities, where our tour ends. If time allows we recommend you spend a few days exploring the city and surroundings. Take advantage of the variety of activities normally available here.

**Accommodation:** None

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**WIFI:** Yes (Cape Town Accommodation)

**Optional Activities:** Nil

## Tour Information

### TOUR STYLE:

Camping Overland Tour

Travelling on an overland is great fun, but it can also be challenging! This is a *participation* tour and your help will be needed in setting up the camp each night and assisting (usually on a rota basis) with the various day to day campsite duties, such as shopping, cooking and keeping the truck and camp



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tidy. 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 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 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, 2- person dome tents, fully equipped safari vehicles, camping and cooking equipment, mattresses, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Adventure Pass Activities and Excursions, visas, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks, sleeping bag and items of personal nature. NB Dinner in Windhoek, lunches and dinners in Swakopmund, Livingstone, Nairobi, and on Zanzibar are not included.

**ADVENTURE PASS:** Every 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.

**GORILLA & CHIMPANZEE TREK:** Depending on the availability of the chimpanzee and gorilla permits the tour itinerary may vary in day to day running order which is based on the brochure itinerary. From time to time we may have to trek on different days. If at any chance our Gorilla trek should be in another neighbouring country, e.g. Rwanda (instead of Uganda) this may entail extra visa fees although we shall endeavour to advise you before departure of any significant changes to the tour itinerary. Please take the above itinerary as a guideline only. **This applies to day 6-8 of this tour.**

**ACCOMMODATION:** We use 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, sewn-in groundsheets, zip-up insect screens and foam mattresses. We mainly use campsites, which usually have reasonable wash and shower facilities, electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar or swimming pool. In Maasai Mara we use multi shared tented camp with en-suite facilities. In the Okavango Delta we use twin share pre-erected tents with basic en-suite facilities. In the Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater there are basic facilities. On Zanzibar we use basic tourist class local hotels. In Swakopmund we use multi shared accommodation (dorm).

**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, mokoro (dugout canoe), river boat, 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



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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.

### 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. Cape Town and Nairobi are well served by a number of airlines and your travel agent can advise on flights to the start of the tour.

#### GORILLA AND CHIMPANZEE PERMITS

The Uganda Wildlife Authority imposes strict regulations regarding the gorilla trekking permits. One of these is that permits must be booked and paid in advance. In order for us to do this we must collect your permit money, in addition to your normal deposit, at the time of booking. Like your deposit, the permit money is not refundable if you cancel your tour. The Gorilla and Chimpanzee Permits currently (Sept 2016) cost US\$690 per person. Please ask your agent or Acacia for the equivalent amount in your own currency. On rare occasions, subject to permit availability, we may purchase trekking permits to view the gorillas in neighbouring Rwanda.

#### JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in **Nairobi**. The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour departs at 08:00 on day 1 and ends in Cape Town on day 58.

Meeting point in **Nairobi**:

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

**Contact details:** Tel. +245 2 337221/ 227567/ 8/ 9  
Fax: +245 2 334071  
E-mail: [hotel@hotelboulavardkenya.com](mailto:hotel@hotelboulavardkenya.com)

**Pre Departure meeting:** 18:00 prior to departure day 1

**Tour start time:** 08:00 on day 1

Tour end Point in **Cape Town**:  
**Address:** **Ashanti Lodge, Green Point**  
23 Antrim Rd, Three Anchor Bay,  
Cape Town, 8005

**Contact Details:** Tel +27 21 433 1619  
E-mail: [info@ashanti.co.za](mailto:info@ashanti.co.za)

**Tour end time:** late afternoon/ early evening on day 58

#### PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Nairobi 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 prebook this with Acacia or your agent. There is a variety of activities and excursions in the Cape Town area's that can be arranged locally.

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>Nairobi</b>		<b>Cape Town</b>	
Pre tour accommodation – Twin/ double pp\pn	\$65	Post tour accommodation – Twin/ double pp\pn	\$40
Pre tour accommodation – Single pp\pn	\$90	Post tour accommodation – Single pp\pn	\$60
Pre tour accommodation – triple pp\pn	\$50	Post tour accommodation – Dorm pp\pn	\$25

#### 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.

Lake Nakuru NP Excursion	√
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Maasai Mara Excursion	✓
Serengeti/Ngorongoro Crater Excursion	✓
Chobe NP Fish Eagle Cruise	✓
Chobe NP Game Drive	✓
Okavango Delta Excursion	✓
Sossusvlei 4x4 Shuttle & guided walk	✓

### 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 recommend 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.

### 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
Kenya	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Uganda	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	C	R
Tanzania	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Malawi	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
Namibia	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
S. Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R

**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.**

### 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.

**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.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Kenya	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uganda	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
Malawi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	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





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Botswana	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Namibia	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
S. Africa	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

### TOURISM LEVY

#### NB: May 2017

We have recently been informed by Botswana authorities that as from the 1 June 2017 a mandatory tourism levy (tax) of US\$ 30 per person will be payable by all visitors to Botswana, except citizens of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The levy is payable at port of entry and must be completed before immigration formalities are begun. A receipt will be issued for the payment which must be shown to immigration officials. This notice affects ALL passengers visiting Botswana (except those travelling on South African or SADC community passports). We understand that in due course payment will be accepted by debit / credit card and eventually may be able to be completed online, but our advice initially is that it is payable in cash only (USD clean unturned post 2006 currency notes recommended).

### 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 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** Spending money is best carried as cash. South African Rand can be used throughout South Africa & Namibia only and can be obtained from an ATM on arrival. 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; Namibia – Namibian Dollar; Botswana – Botswana Pula; Zambia – Zambian Kwacha; Malawi – Malawi Kwacha; Tanzania – Tanzania Schilling; Kenya – Kenya Schilling; Uganda – Uganda Schilling. Please note that Rand is legal tender in Namibia at the same rate of exchange as the Namibian Dollar.

**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).



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Activity	Price (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
<b>Uganda</b>		<b>Malawi</b>	
<b>Lake Bunyoni</b>		Horse Riding	\$45
Boating on the lake (islands)	\$25-80	Village Walk	\$10
Village Walk/Nature walk	\$5	Livingstonia Day Hike	\$10
Traditional dance	\$30	<b>Livingstone</b>	
Bird Watching	\$5	Vic Falls bungee (single/tandem)	\$160
Canoe Hire	\$10	Mosi Oa Tunya National Park game walk	\$100
<b>Jinja</b>		Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50
Bungee Jumping	\$120	Gorge Swing	\$95
Quad Biking	\$80	Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$120
Nile sup	From \$20	Half day Canoe Safari	\$110
Fishing Trips	From \$80	Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$55
Kayak	From \$20	White Water Rafting – full day	\$200
Mountain biking	From \$30	Helicopter /Microlight flight over the Falls	From \$185
White Water Rafting	\$140	Fishing – Half day	\$145
Community Schools Project	\$40	Bridge Tour	\$65
<b>Nairobi</b>		Full day abseil	\$180
Daphne Sheldrick Elephant orphanage	\$10	<b>Botswana</b>	
Giraffe Centre	\$10	Okavango scenic flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time	\$600
Karen Blixen Museum	\$20	Bushman Traditional dancing	\$15
<b>Arusha</b>		<b>Namibia</b>	
Camel ride	\$10	Quad Biking	\$65
Serengeti Balloon flight	From \$500	Sand Boarding	\$50
		Deep Sea Fishing	\$120
<b>Tanzania, Zanzibar</b>		Scenic flights	\$300
Scuba Diving (Mnemba Island)	\$170	Tandem skydive	\$240
Zanzibar food (per day)	\$30-35	Swakopmund Township Tour	\$40
Spice Tour	\$30	Kayaking	\$70
Scuba dive – local	\$130		
Slave Markets	\$15	<b>South Africa</b>	
Arabic Fort	\$10	Orange River Canoeing	\$40
Palace Museum	\$10	Wine Tasting	\$10

### **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 environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites 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.

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