



Grand African Adventure (19GAA56) – Tour Dossier

Included Highlights

Cape Town Township Tour*
Sesriem Canyon
Sossusvlei 4x4 Shuttle*
Dune 45
Spitzkoppe, Bushman Paintings
Etosha NP, Game Drives
Kalahari Bushman Walk
Okavango Delta Wilderness Excursion, Mokoro/Walking Safari*
Chobe NP, Fish Eagle Boat Cruise*
Chobe NP Open Vehicle Game Drive 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*
The Great Rift Valley
Lake Nakuru NP, Open Vehicle Game Drive 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. This is a participation tour. Our accommodated tour option travels together with the camping counterpart.

The description below follows the itinerary with the mandatory Adventure Pass for the tour.

Duration: 56 Days
Countries visited: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda

Day 1:

Cape Town – Western Cape, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving time: 4.5 Hours

Our overland safari begins in cosmopolitan Cape Town, overlooked by Table Mountain and bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, one of the world's most picturesque cities. Before we leave the city, we take a tour of the Cape Flats, at one of Cape Town's intriguing townships, visiting some of the local people and community projects in the area. The townships illustrate both South Africa's tumultuous history and its hope for the future which makes for a fascinating visit. From here we head north through South Africa's Western Cape and through the fruit growing regions of Citrusdal. Our campsite is located near the Olifants River overlooking the stunning Cederberg Mountains. After setting up camp there is an option to sample some of the local wines of the region, properly meet the rest of the group and enjoy our first night under the African sky.

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

Meals included: *Lunch included on township tour, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Wine Tasting US\$10*

Day 2:

Western Cape – Gariep (Orange) River

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx driving time: 8 Hours

Continuing north, the landscape gradually turns drier and rockier as we head towards the Namibian border crossing at Violsdrift. We set up camp tonight on the Namibian side

of the Gariep (Orange) River, a stunning backdrop. Our camp provides you with the necessary comforts like hot showers, flush toilets, grassy campsites, swimming pool, bar facilities and the Orange River is safe for swimming! You will be briefed on an optional Orange River canoe safari for later this afternoon or the following morning. The camp by night is showered with stars of the Richtersveld – a truly peaceful and tranquil experience.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Canoe Safari US\$40*

Day 3:

Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon, Namibia

Distance travelled: +/- 180 Km

Approx driving time: 3.5 Hours

This morning we have the opportunity to partake in an optional canoe safari on the river, or simply relax on the water's edge before making our way to the majestic Fish River Canyon. One of the natural wonders of Africa, the canyon is some 500m deep and over 160km long and often referred to as the second largest canyon in the world. There are plenty of opportunities for keen photographers this afternoon especially at the canyons infamous sharp river bend known as 'Hells Corner'. A great opportunity to find a quiet spot and marvel at the sheer beauty of the Fish River Canyon.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*



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WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: *Canoe Safari US\$40*

Day 4:

Fish River Canyon – Sesriem Area

Distance travelled: +/- 600 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

After a night near the canyon we continue north to the Sesriem Area, the gateway to the Namib Naukluft National Park, containing the world's oldest desert and highest sand dunes. The Namib-Naukluft National Park contains part of the Namib Desert and the Naukluft mountain range. With an overall area of 49,768 km² it's larger than Switzerland and is the second largest game park in Africa and the fourth largest in the world. Here we set up camp for the evening under the starry Namibian sky.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 5:

Namib Naukluft National Park – Sossus On Foot Camp

Distance travelled: +/- 240 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

This morning we enter the National Park to trek to the top of famous Dune 45. 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-deserved 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 via Namibia's smallest town, Solitaire to our camp for the night.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: *Desert Experience US\$25*

Day 6:

Solitaire - Swakopmund

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving time: 4.5 Hours

Leaving our desert camp, we head for the Atlantic coast for the next two nights, crossing over the Tropic of Capricorn, and stopping for a photo opportunity en route. 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. Be daring and try some desert-based adventure activities – quad biking, sand boarding, skydiving (weather permitting) and more! For those not seeking adventure enjoy what the town has to offer: shopping, restaurants, museums, aquarium, art galleries – or else 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 80-150 per meal). Relax and enjoy these days at your own leisure.

Accommodation: *Amanpuri - Dorm Bed with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: *See day 7*

Day 7:

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 with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: *Sandboarding - Stand Up US\$50
Sandboarding - Lay down US\$40, Quad Biking US\$55,
Skydiving US\$200, Deep Sea Fishing US\$120, Scenic Flights
US\$360, Swakopmund Township Tour US\$40, Dolphin and
Seal Cruise US\$60, Kayaking US\$60*

Day 8:

Swakopmund – Spitzkoppe

Distance travelled: +/- 150 Km

Approx driving time: 3 Hours

Leaving the coast, we turn inland to the beautiful Damaraland region and explore Spitzkoppe where we admire ancient bushman paintings still visible on peculiar rock formations. The giant boulder-like rock formations peak at approx. 1800m above sea level and form a spectacular view. Take your time to explore the area and its delightful calmness. Keep an eye on the ever-changing



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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.

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

Please note that some group members may be starting their tour on this day.

Accommodation: *Spitzkoppe Community Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared toilet facilities*
Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*
WiFi: *No*
Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 9:
Spitzkoppe – Etosha
Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km
Approx driving time: 6 Hours

From Spitzkoppe we turn north again making our way 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 mammals and 340 bird species. 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 and heading to the camp.

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*

Day 10:
Etosha National Park
Distance travelled: +/- 250 Km
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 which can be seen from space - in search of elephant, rhino, zebra, giraffes and the numerous grazing animals frequently spotted around the water holes. 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*

Day 11:
Etosha – Windhoek
Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km
Approx driving time: 8.5 Hours

Heading south, we arrive in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, which is located in a basin between the Khomas Highland, Auas and Eros Mountains. Windhoek (Windy-corner in English) is home to approximately two hundred thousand people, an extremely small capital by global standards. The city centre is characterized by a proliferation of German style buildings, a lasting reminder of Namibia's early colonial history and atmosphere. Take the opportunity to enjoy a night out at one of the local restaurants.

Please note that some group members may be ending or starting their tour in Windhoek. Both old and new are invited to join for the group outing.

Accommodation: *Urban Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch*
WiFi: *Yes*
Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 12:
Windhoek – Ghanzi, Botswana
Distance travelled: +/- 530 Km
Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Leaving Windhoek, we travel east into the Kalahari region and cross into Botswana. Our first stop is at the town of Ghanzi. 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 found in 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



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can continue all night, and is an intense spiritual experience for both 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*

Day 13:

Ghanzi – Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 280 Km

Approx driving time: 5.5 Hours

Maun is the fifth largest town in Botswana and 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 distributed along the wide banks of the Thamalakane River where red lechwe antelope can still be seen grazing next to 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 Okavango Delta, either this afternoon or on Day 15 on our return from the Delta excursion

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 from US\$650, Maun Horse Riding (2 Hours) US\$50*

Day 14:

Maun - Okavango Delta

Distance travelled: +/- 50 Km

Approx driving time: transfer 2 hours

Leaving the campsite in Maun we begin our excursion into the Okavango Delta by an open 4x4 truck to the mokoro station. Here we will be introduced to the local Tswana Polers that will be guiding us on this expedition. We travel by mokoro (dugout canoe) amongst the giant lily pads, tall grasses and labyrinthine channels in search of resident wildlife and a variety of birds, to our tented camp from which we can explore the area on a walking safari. The Okavango is a natural wetland spreading over some 1,600,000ha of northern Botswana that 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 and which spreads 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*

Day 15:

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, our overnight stop. 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: *See Day 13*

Day 16:

Maun – Elephant Sands, Nata

Distance travelled: +/- 380 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

Today, we make our way towards Nata travelling through a wide-open wildlife corridor between the Nxai and the Makgadikgadi Pans. We stop off to see one of Africa's most iconic trees - the Baobab along the way and arrive at the Elephant Sands Lodge during the late afternoon. The camp has no fences, so all wildlife can roam freely from one waterhole to another and one can expect to see a variety of antelope and other wildlife during your stay at Elephant Sands. It is one of the most unique and amazing experiences to watch wild elephants and their behaviour at such close proximity.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*



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Optional Activities: *Morning Bush Walk US\$20, Evening Game Drive US\$25*

Day 17:

Elephant Sands, Nata - Kasane

Distance travelled: +/- 270 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

We make our way to the northern corner of Botswana to Kasane, the gateway to Chobe National Park. By size, it 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 cape 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, 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*

Day 18:

Kasane – Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia

Distance travelled +/- 80 Km

Approx driving time: 1.5 Hours

This morning we head out to explore the Chobe National Park on an open vehicle game drive where we 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 Kasane we take the ferry across the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers into Zambia. Zambia, formerly known as Northern Rhodesia took its name from the Zambezi River at independence in 1964. The Zambezi River is the fourth longest in Africa (after the Nile, Congo and Niger) and the largest flowing into the Indian Ocean. Home to one of the world's largest waterfalls, we visit Victoria Falls and try to take in the immensity of one of nature's Wonders of the World. 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'.

We set up camp at the Waterfront campsite on the banks of the Zambezi, just a few kilometres from the Victoria Falls and the small town of Livingstone. We will give a full briefing on the various optional activities available in the area (typically these include rafting, canoeing, bungee,

abseiling, gorge swinging, scenic flights and river cruises), allowing you to plan your time accordingly.

NB For the sake of practicality, meals in the Livingstone/Victoria Falls area 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 into Livingstone to try local fare.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *See day 19*

Day 19:

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.

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

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\$190, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk US\$110, Chief Mukumi Village Tour US\$50, Gorge Swing US\$95, Zambezi Jet boat and Cable car from US\$120, Half day Canoe US\$110, Zambezi Sunset Cruise US\$75, Full Day White-water Rafting US\$160, Helicopter/ Microlight flights from US\$185, Half day Fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65*

Day 20:

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

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: *Yes*



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Optional Activities: See day 19

Day 21:

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 campsite 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 - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 22:

Lusaka – South Luangwa

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 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 km². 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 camp and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the many optional activities from walking safaris and village walks.

*Driving times vary dependent on the number of stops en route. While we try to get to the camp in daylight, today is a long day on the road and we may arrive in the early evening.

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: See day 23

Day 23:

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 - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Village Tour US\$35, Walking Safari US\$60, Game Drives from US\$55

Day 24:

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. Please be patient as the official's process the group's visas as this may take some time to complete. 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 camp 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 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 guideline only.

Accommodation: Kande Beach - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: See day 25



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Day 25: 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 - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Horse Riding US\$55, Village Walk US\$10, Snorkelling Day Trip from US\$15, Fresh Water Scuba Diving from US\$45, Canoe Hire from US\$10

Day 26: 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 to enjoy a game of beach volleyball or relax in the various lounge areas at this beach-side camp.

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 27: 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 at the campsite, there is a local craft market where you can enjoy learning the ins and outs of woodcarving your own souvenir, or learn to play the game of Bao, haggle for some souvenirs or enjoy a relaxing day admiring the shimmering waters on the beach.

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Livingstonia Day Hike US\$10

Day 28: 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.

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 29: Iringa – Mikumi National park area

Distance travelled: +/- 200 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

Leaving the Southern Highlands, we make our way east to Mikumi National Park. 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 afternoon to explore the magnificent park – Tanzania's 5th largest. Expect to see Elephant, hippo, crocodiles, antelope and with some luck some buffalo or lion.

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Mikumi Game Drive US\$150

Day 30: Mikumi National Park area – Dar es Salaam

Distance Travelled: +/- 300 Km

Approx driving time: 8 Hours

We continue towards the Indian Ocean coast and the port city of Dar es Salaam ('Haven of Peace'). This route runs



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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 most travellers, this city is the port of call to the more exotic Zanzibar and the remaining of the Archipelago islands. We set up camp at our campsite 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 - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 31:

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 these here – and an intriguing history. Zanzibar was the base of the great 19th 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

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Spice Tour US\$35, Slave Markets US\$15, Arabic Fort US\$5, Palace Museum US\$10

Day 32

Zanzibar Island

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

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

Meals included: Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Spice Tour US\$35, Scuba Diving local US\$150, Yacht Trip US\$120, Snorkelling Safaris from US\$40, Massages from US\$20

Day 33

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: Yes

Optional Activities: See day 32



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Day 34 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: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *See day 32*

Day 35: 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 campsite on the coast for the evening.

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

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 36: Dar es Salaam – Marangu

Distance Travelled: +/- 570 Km

Approx driving time: 11 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 camp 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 - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 37: 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 camp just outside the city at the edge of the Maasai plains.

This afternoon we enjoy a walk to one of the local Maasai villages, a local school and clinic, a small but highly interesting Maasai 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 - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Camel Ride US\$5. Guided Walk US\$7*

Day 38: 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 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 (no shower, pit latrine)*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*



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Day 39: 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 - Camping in twin share tents with basic shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 40: 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 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 campsite at the Meserani Snake Park where we will overnight.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 41: 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, Kenya's capital and to our camp for the evening.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 42: Nairobi

Today is 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 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 43: Nairobi – Lake Nakuru National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 190 Km

Approx driving time: 4 Hours

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, sited 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.

Please note that some group members may be ending or starting their tour in Nairobi. Both old and new are invited to join in any group outings.

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

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*



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Day 44:

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, enjoy 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 town is the 5th largest in Kenya and is the fastest growing with a population of approx 194,000. We camp outside of the town in a unique campsite. It is created on a hilly forest tribal land, which was 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

Day 45:

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. Travelling through Uganda you will be captivated by its sheer overwhelming beauty and friendly people. Our first night we camp in the capital city Kampala, which is 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

Day 46:

Kampala – Queen Elizabeth National Park

Distance travelled +/- 400 Km

Approx driving time: 8 Hours

From Kampala, we travel west towards Queen Elizabeth National Park, across the Equator again, through fertile green terraced hillsides, lush banana plantations, steep mountains and tangled forests with 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

Day 47:

Queen Elizabeth National Park

This morning we enter the Queen Elizabeth National Park and take in the magnificent views of the mountains that separate Uganda from central Africa as well as Lake Edwards and Lake George. 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 and if we are lucky, we may get to spot 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 is usually peering high into the forest canopy. However, the experience of seeing man's closest relative in the wild is a memorable one.

Chimpanzee Trek permits are issued by the wildlife authority in groups of up to 8 people per group. Depending on our group size, we may trek on the afternoon of day 46, morning of day 47 and afternoon of day 47 or morning of day 48.

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 48:

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 27 km long, 7km wide and at an elevation of 1950 metres above sea level is surrounded by undulating hills between 2200m to 2478 m 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



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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 relax 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 lake's islands, visit local tribes and villages, visit the local orphanage, bird watching and nature walks. Alternatively, just relax around camp, catch up on your travel diary or postcards to home.

Mountain Gorilla Trekking

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

On the day of our 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 gorilla attains 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 gorilla permits the tour itinerary may vary in day to day running order in relation to the brochure itinerary. From time to time we may have to trek on different days. If at any chance our

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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 48 – 50 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: See day 49

Day 49:

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 – US\$80, Village Walk US\$10, Traditional Dance US\$60, Bird Watching US\$20, Canoe Hire US\$10

Day 50:

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: See day 49

Day 51:

Lake Bunyonyi - Kampala

Distance travelled +/- 550 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Leaving Lake Bunyonyi we make our way back across the Equator (stopping for a photo opportunity if we did not



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stop on route to Queen Elizabeth National Park) through lush pasture lands and the northern reaches of Lake Victoria (largest lake in Africa) to Kampala where we will overnight. Kampala is a hotspot for great food and entertainment. If time allows, take the night out and 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

Day 52:

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 this modest monument 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 'white-water'. There is also the opportunity to make some difference to local children at a local school project: 'Softpower' is a locally run voluntary 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 Nile cruises!

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: See day 53

Day 53:

Jinja

Enjoy a free day in this magical place and 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 'white-water'. 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: Yes

Optional Activities: Quad Biking US\$80, White-water Rafting US\$140, Community School Project US\$45, Nile Cruise from US\$25, Nile SUP from US\$20, Kayak from US\$20, Fishing Trips from US\$80, Mountain Biking from US\$30

Day 54:

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: Yes

Optional Activities: See day 53

Day 55:

Jinja – Eldoret

Distance travelled: +/- 300 Km

Approx driving time: 6 Hours

After our refreshing stop at Jinja, we retrace our steps across the border to the Kenya's frontier and onwards to Eldoret, where we will camp for the evening. Tonight, you can celebrate the last evening of your Gorilla Encounter with your fellow travellers and exchange stories, emails and laughter around the campfire one last time.

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 56:

Eldoret - Nairobi

Distance travelled: +/- 250kms

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

This morning we make our way south to the Capital city 'Nairobi' where our incredible tour ends in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Nil

Meals included: Breakfast

WIFI: Yes (Nairobi accommodation)



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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 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. Our accommodated tour option travels together with the camping counterpart.

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, 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 (optional), 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 at the time of booking). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price. The Adventure Pass is paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 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 48 – 50 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 the Okavango Delta on Day 14 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.



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TRANSPORT: 24-seater, self-contained, custom-built safari truck with on-board tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers, mokoro (dugout canoe), river boat, 4x4 safari vehicle and fast ferry. Truck changes may occur on this route. Travel times indicated are approximate and do not include stops en-route.

GAME PARK VISITS: 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.

Tour Preparation

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent the 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 (CPT) and Nairobi (NBO) are well served by several 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 permit currently (Sept 2018) cost US\$780.00 per person. Please ask your agent or Acacia for the equivalent amount in your own currency. Please note: To ensure we obtain gorilla permits we may have to adjust the itinerary slightly from the published route. Any such adjustment will be explained to you where-ever possible before you leave for Africa. Our focus at all times will be to ensure everyone has the opportunity to do the treks and enjoy the very Africa experience.

JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in Cape Town. **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 Nairobi on Day 56.**

Meeting point in **Cape Town**

Ashanti Lodge, Gardens

Address: 11 Hof Street
Gardens
Cape Town, 8001

Contact Details: Tel +27 21 423 8721
E-mail: info@ashanti.co.za

Pre-dep. meeting: 18:00 prior to departure day

Tour start time: 08:00 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

Tour end time: late afternoon/ early evening on Day 56

PRE-TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Cape Town 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.**



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Description	Price (USD)	Description	Price (USD)
Cape Town – Ashanti Lodge, Gardens		Nairobi - Hotel Boulevard	
Pre tour accommodation – Twin/ double pppn	\$ 50	Post tour accommodation – Twin/Double pppn	\$ 60
Pre tour accommodation – Single pppn	\$ 70	Post tour accommodation – single	\$ 90
Pre tour accommodation – Dorm pppn	\$ 35	Post tour accommodation – triple	\$ 50

ADVENTURE PASS

Paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 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.

Cape Town Township Tour	√
Sossusvlei 4x4 Shuttle	√
Okavango Delta Excursion	√
Chobe NP Fish Eagle Boat Cruise	√
Chobe NP Game Drive	√
South Luangwa NP Game Drive	√
Serengeti/Ngorongoro Crater Excursion	√
Lake Nakuru NP 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.

NB KENYA PLASTIC BAG BAN - All forms of plastic carrier bags are banned in Kenya; including 'Airport Duty Free' plastic bags, airport security plastic bags for liquids, shopping bags, storage bags, zip-lock plastic bags. The strict ban applies to everyone and it is mandatory that you leave any form of plastic bag/s at your country of origin.

NB TANZANIA AND UGANDA PLASTIC BAG BAN – Both Uganda and Tanzania have a ban on single-use plastic. Prohibited items include single-use plastic carrier bags, shopping bags/packing plastic carrier bags. Ziplock bags and storage compartment bags (e.g toiletries) will be permitted as they are expected to remain in possession of traveller. We do however suggest that you leave these items behind in your country of origin.

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
Namibia	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
Botswana	R	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



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Tanzania	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Kenya	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Uganda	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	C	R	

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

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 advice 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. For other nationalities several travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

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.

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: <https://acacia-africa.com/travel-info> for more details.

In the UK the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (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 2008** 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.



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ATM machines are found in Southern Africa, Lilongwe, 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 several 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)
South Africa, Wine Tasting	\$10	Malawi	
Orange River Canoeing	\$45	Snorkelling Day Trips	From \$15
Namibia		Fresh Water Scuba Dives	From \$45
Desert Excursion Walk	\$25	Canoe Hire	From \$10
Sand Boarding – Stand Up	\$50		
Sand Boarding – Lay Down	\$40	Tanzania	
Quad Biking	\$55	Mikumi Game Drive	\$150
Kayaking	\$60	Zanzibar	
Deep Sea Fishing	\$120	Massages – on the beach	From \$20
Scenic Flights	\$360	Yacht Trips (Snorkelling and sunset)	\$120
Tandem Skydive	\$200	Snorkelling Day Trip	\$40
Swakopmund Township Tour	\$40	Zanzibar Food (per day)	\$30 - \$35
Dolphin and Seal Cruise	\$60	Spice Tour	\$35
Botswana		Scuba Dive – local	\$130
Okavango Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time	From \$650	Slave Markets	\$10
Bushman Traditional Dancing	\$15	Arabic Fort	\$5
Elephant Sands Bush Walk	\$20	Palace Museum	\$10
Elephant Sands Game Drive	\$25	Arusha	
Livingstone		Camel Ride	\$5
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$160		
Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk	\$110	Uganda	
Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50	Lake Bunyonyi	
Gorge Swing	\$95	Boating on the Lake (islands)	\$25 - \$80
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$120	Village Walk/Nature Walk	\$10
Half day Canoe Safari	\$110	Traditional Dance	\$60
Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$75	Bird Watching	\$20
White-water Rafting – Full Day	\$160	Canoe Hire	\$10
Helicopter/Microlight Flight over the Falls	From \$185		
Fishing – Half Day	\$145	Jinja	
Bridge Tour	\$65	Quad Biking	\$80



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Full Day Abseil	\$190	Nile SUP	From \$20
South Luangwa National park		Fishing Trips	From \$80
Village Tour	\$35	Kayak	From \$20
Walking Safari	\$60	Mountain biking	From \$30
Game Drives	From \$55	White-water Rafting	\$140
Malawi		Community Schools Project	\$45
Horse Riding	\$50		
Village Walk	\$10		
Livingstonia Day Hike	\$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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