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KRUGER, VICTORIA FALLS & ZANZIBAR (23KVZ23A)

Small Group Adventure Accommodated Tour Dossier

Included Highlights

Kruger National Park, Full Day Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide

Shangaan Cultural Evening

Matobo National Park, Open Vehicle Game Drive and Wilderness Walk with Resident Guide*

Mosi Oa Tunya National Park, Victoria Falls Visit

South Luangwa National Park, Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide*

Zanzibar, Return Ferry & Accommodation

***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.

Your tour starts in **Pretoria**, South Africa's administrative capital. Close enough to Johannesburg to almost be considered a suburb, Pretoria is known as the Jacaranda City, with purple blossoms covering the streets in October each year. Pretoria boasts many sights of interest - such as the 10m bronze statue of Nelson Mandela standing beside the historic Union Buildings. Various cultural sites, shops, bars, and restaurants are within an easy walk of our recommended hotel (and tour start point).

How do I get to Pretoria? Simple. Book a transfer before you leave home to meet you at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International and take you direct to the hotel in Pretoria. Journey time is about 45 minutes depending on traffic. We particularly recommend a pre-booked transfer if you are arriving late. Alternatively, there is a regular low-cost train service called the Gautrain which runs from OR Tambo International to both Johannesburg and Pretoria. If the train interests you, email or ask Acacia for more information.

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

Duration: 23 Days
Countries visited: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, and Tanzania

Day 1:

Pretoria - Hazyview - Kruger National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 390 Km

Approx. driving time: 7 Hours

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

This evening we enjoy Shangaan tribal dancing and singing around an open fire.

Accommodation: Hotel Numbi (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 2:

Hazyview - Kruger National Park

Approx. driving time: Full day with game drives

Waking early, we board our 4x4 game viewing vehicles with a resident guide for an intense but rewarding day in Kruger National Park. The impressive atmosphere of the park enables you to see why it is held in such high esteem amongst visitors from all over the world. We game drive in the morning and afternoon in search for the abundance of wildlife including the 'Big 5' - Rhino, elephant, buffalo, leopard, and lion together with a high density of other mammals and diverse bird species such as eagles, hornbills, vultures, and bee-eaters. We break during the middle of the day to enjoy the peace of the rest camp and wait out the

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hottest part of the day (when wildlife is usually less active). We then continue our game drive through the park exiting in the late afternoon and continue to our accommodation for the night.

Accommodation: Hotel Numbi (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Kruger Night Game Drive US\$60

Day 3:

Hazyview, Greater Kruger - Tshipise, South Africa

Distance Travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx. driving time: 7 Hours

Leaving the Greater Kruger, we travel north through South Africa's lush countryside to Tshipise, a town situated in the northern Limpopo province. Our campsite is located at Forever Resorts at the foot of one of Limpopo's rolling koppies set adjacent the Honnet Nature Reserve. There are hot springs in the resort offering a variety of swimming pools to enjoy. The area is surrounded by dense woodland comprising of Mopani, Red Bushwillow, Jakkalsbessie trees - and the third largest Baobab tree in South Africa.

Accommodation: Forever Resorts (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 4:

Tshipise, South Africa - Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx. driving time: 10 Hours

After a refreshing night's sleep, we make our way across the border to Zimbabwe and on to Bulawayo, a pleasant city with broad tree lined avenues and wide-open spaces. On arrival we stop for supplies before heading to our campsite. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the surrounds at leisure.

Accommodation: Burke's Paradise (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

WIFI: No

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 5:

Matobo National Park

Included Activity: Nature Drive and Wilderness Walk - half day

Matobo National Park is located a short distance outside Bulawayo and knowledgeable guides will take us to this very impressive park. This reserve has the largest concentration of Black and White Rhino in Africa and, provided conditions are right, our guides will lead us on foot to some of the more concealed places in search of these magnificent animals. The park also has the densest population of leopard and black eagle in the world, and we keep our eyes peeled high and low for these creatures. This half day tour will end after the walk and a vehicle will transfer you back to the camp for an afternoon at leisure.

Optional Full Day: The wind sculptured Matobo Hills are home to numerous Bushman paintings of which we get to visit on this optional full day tour. The hills are also home to the grave site of Cecil John Rhodes who chose this as his burial place owing to the intense natural beauty and startling views from the hills. His grave can be visited at World's View - a place of continual debate owing to his involvement in claiming the land and its people for Queen & Country in colonial times.

Accommodation: Burke's Paradise (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes (payable)

Optional Activities: Upgrade to full day tour including Bushman paintings, historical tour, and Cecil Rhodes Grave US\$55

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Day 6:

Bulawayo - Livingstone, Zambia

Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km

Approx. driving time: 10 Hours

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

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

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

Accommodation: *The Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *See day 7.*

Day 7:

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 Victoria Falls Waterfront. The perfect time to catch up on your social media and share your experiences.

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

Accommodation: *The Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite 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 & Cable Car from US\$215, Half Day Canoe US\$115, Zambezi Sunset Cruise US\$70, Full Day White-water Rafting US\$180, Helicopter/Microlight Flights from US\$195, Half Day Fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65*

Day 8:

Livingstone, 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 for the next part of your holiday.

Accommodation: *The Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *See day 7*

Day 9:

Livingstone - Lusaka

Distance Travelled: +/- 450 Km

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Approx. driving time: 9 Hours

We leave Livingstone and head through lush country and small villages to Lusaka, Zambia's capital. 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.

Accommodation: *Eureka Camp (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 10:

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 flourishes in the 20,000 sq. miles of savannah woodland watered by the 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 (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *See Day 11*

Day 11:

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 (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Village Tour US\$35, Walking Safari US\$65, Game Drives from US\$60*

Day 12:

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 officials 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

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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 (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: See day 13

Day 13:

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 (or similar) - Twin share accommodation 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\$15

Day 14:

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 (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 15:

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 (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Livingstonia Day Hike US\$10

Day 16:

Chitimba Beach - Iringa, Tanzania

Distance Travelled: +/- 550 Km

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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 Farmhouse. 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 Farmhouse (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 17:

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 (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

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

Day 18:

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 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 (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 19:

Zanzibar Island

Distance Travelled: Ferry crossing

Evocative and exotic, Zanzibar conjures up images of idyllic, sandy, palm fringe beaches, romantic winding cobbled alleys and lush tropical forests. You will find all 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.

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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: We leave the Acacia vehicle 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 - All Seasons Hotel (or similar) - Twin / triple rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast

WIFI: Yes

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

Day 20:

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

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

Accommodation: Kendwa Northern beaches - Sunset Bungalows (or similar) - Twin / triple rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

WIFI: 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 21:

Zanzibar Island

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

Accommodation: Kendwa Northern beaches - Sunset Bungalows (or similar) - Twin / triple rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: *See day 20*

Day 22:

Zanzibar Island

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

Accommodation: Kendwa Northern beaches - Sunset Bungalows (or similar) - Twin / triple rooms with en-suite facilities

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Meals included: Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: See day 20

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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 where our tour ends.

Accommodation: Nil

Meals included: Breakfast

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Tour Information

TOUR STYLE:

Small Group Adventure Accommodated Tour (Group Size: Maximum 16)

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

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

All tour highlights, twin share accommodation as indicated, fully equipped safari vehicles, cooking equipment, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Adventure Pass activities, visas, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks, and items of personal nature. **NB:** Lunches and dinners in Livingstone and on Zanzibar are not included in the tour price.

ADVENTURE PASS:

Every adventure 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.

EXTENDING YOUR TOUR: This tour can be extended to travel to Nairobi. Ask your agent for more information.

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ACCOMMODATION: Twin share accommodation with facilities as indicated. In most cases rooms are en-suite, but from time to time some rooms may be shared facilities where en-suite is indicated. We mainly use accommodation, which usually have reasonable wash and shower facilities, electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar, or swimming pool.

TRANSPORT: 24-seater, self-contained, custom-built vehicle with on-board tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers, 4 x 4 safari vehicles and fast ferry. 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. Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria and Dar es Salaam (DAR) are well served by several airlines and your travel agent can advise on flights to the start of the tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in Pretoria. **The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour ends in Dar es Salaam on Day 23.**

Tour start point in Pretoria: Address: Court Classique Suite Hotel 743 Francis Baard Street Pretoria, 0007 Contact details: Tel. +27 (0) 12 344 4420 E-mail: reservations@courtclassique.co.za Tour start time: 07:00 on Day 1	Tour end point in Dar es Salaam: Address: Kipepeo Village Kipepeo Beach, Mjimwema PO Box 1530, Dar es Salaam Contact details: Tel: + 255 754 276 178 Tel: + 255 713 757 515 Fax: +245 2 334071 E-mail: info@kipepeo.co.tz Tour end time: Late afternoon on Day 23
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PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour starts in Pretoria on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive at least the day before departure to overcome any jetlag and to acclimatise to Africa and enjoy the array of activities that are available in and around the city. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation and transfers 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 extras (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 Dar es Salaam area you can arrange locally or with your Tour Leader.

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 hold all 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: TANZANIA PLASTIC BAG BAN - Tanzania has 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
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	*	R
Malawi	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Tanzania	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R

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.

COVID-19: International requirements are constantly changing; please contact Acacia for the latest information as it relates to your tour.

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.

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

MALAWI E-VISA

All nationalities are requested to apply for an e-visa online in advance of arrival. **NB:** This may take up to 7 days to process, please allow sufficient time as delays may occur. Supporting letters can be provided upon request within 42 days of departure.

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

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US\$15-30 per day. Also keep US\$ cash for relevant airport taxes and visas needed, optional activities and any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

Spending money is best carried as cash in US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, **post 2008** edition notes), Sterling or Euro which you then exchange into local currency on arrival and as you go. Your guide can advise how and when you can change the rest of your money throughout the tour.

Currencies are as follows: South Africa - Rand, Zimbabwe - United States Dollars, Zambia - Zambian Kwacha, Malawi - Malawi Kwacha, Tanzania - Tanzania schilling.

ATM machines are found in Southern Africa, Lilongwe, Dar es Salaam and on Zanzibar. 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 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 advice 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

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 are subject to change with availability.

Activity	Price (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
Livingstone		Malawi	
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$160	Horse Riding	\$55
Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk	\$110	Village Walk	\$10
Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50	Livingstonia Day Hike	\$10
Gorge Swing	\$95	Snorkelling Day Trips	From \$15
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$215	Fresh Water Scuba Dives	From \$45
Half Day Canoe Safari	\$115	Canoe Hire	From \$15
Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$70		
Bridge Tour	\$65	Tanzania	
Full Day Abseil	\$190	Mikumi Game Dive	\$150
White-water Rafting - Full Day	\$180	Zanzibar	
Helicopter/Microlight Flight over the Falls	From \$185	Massages - on the beach	From \$20
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$160	Yacht Trips (Snorkelling and sunset)	\$120
South Luangwa National Park		Snorkelling Day Trip	\$40
Village Tour	\$35	Zanzibar Food (per day)	\$30 - \$35
Walking Safari	\$65	Spice Tour	\$35
Game Drives	From \$60	Scuba Dive - local	\$130
Zimbabwe - Matobo National Park		Slave Markets	\$10
Upgrade to full day tour	\$55	Arabic Fort	\$5
South Africa		Palace Museum	\$10
Kruger Night Game Drive	\$60		

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

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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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QUALITY & PROTECTION

As a member of ABTA (W4093), we are fully bonded for your financial protection and adhere to the highest standards set by the organisation for quality and service.

Get Connected

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.

FACEBOOK:

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INSTAGRAM:

Find us on Instagram @acaciaafrica and tag us in your amazing travel posts / stories to be featured.

TWITTER:

Follow us on twitter @AcaciaAfrica and get the latest buzz. Or tag us at #AcaciaIsAfrica.

BLOG:

Follow our blog at <http://acacia-africa.com/blog> and get regular updates from our crew on the road as well as other Acacia Travellers.

NEWSLETTER:

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