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MASAI MARA TO VICTORIA FALLS (25SEA24/A)

Adventure Camping & Accommodated Tour Dossier

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Included Highlights

The Great Rift Valley

Maasai Mara Excursion in Purpose Built Safari Vehicles, Game Drives with Resident Guide

Maasai Village Walk with Resident Guide

Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater Excursion in Purpose Built Safari Vehicles, Game Drives with Resident Guide*

Zanzibar, Return Ferry & Accommodation

Mosi Oa Tunya National Park, Victoria Falls Visit

***Subject to purchasing 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 and/or accommodation at short notice. Driving times are approximate and may vary due to bad weather, traffic, border crossings, police check-points, road works or road conditions and do not include any stops en-route. **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 may form part of a longer tour, which some of your fellow travellers may have joined already or continue afterwards.

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

Duration: 24 Days

Countries visited: Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, and Zambia

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Maasai Mara Reserve

Distance travelled: +/- 300 km

Approx. driving time: 6 - 7 Hours (excluding stops)

We depart the city early and make our way across the Great Rift Valley to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, enjoying views of the vast vista en-route. We travel in small, specialised safari vehicles that enable us to have a more intimate view of wildlife. We spend two nights camping on the edge of the Reserve with time to explore the park on morning and afternoon game drives.

Accommodation: *Enchoro Wildlife Camp (or similar)*

○ **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities*

○ **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *No (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 2: Maasai Mara Reserve

Approx. driving time: Full day including game drives

We have the day to explore the Reserve in search for wildlife including the 'big 5' - lion, rhino, elephant, buffalo, and leopard. The sweeping plains, distant horizons, low slung acacia trees, and plentiful wildlife ensure a deeply evocative few days.

The 'Mara' is crossed every year between July and October by great herds of wildebeest, zebra, and other grazing animals in their migration from the adjoining Serengeti plains to the south (in Tanzania). How long they stay is dependent on rainfall and subsequent grass growth in the rainy season. Predators (such as lion, cheetah, leopard) and scavengers (hyena, vultures) follow the grazing animals, and this enormous congregation of wildlife forms a spectacular display of Africa's natural resource. But the Mara is excellent for game viewing at any time of year and regardless of when you can visit, we hope to see some, if not all, of Africa's 'Big Five' (elephant, lion, rhino, buffalo, and leopard) and an array of other wildlife. We stop for a lunch before returning to our tented camp for the evening.

Accommodation: *Enchoro Wildlife Camp (or similar)*

○ **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities*

○ **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *No (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

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Day 3: Maasai Mara Reserve - Nairobi

Distance travelled: +/- 300 km

Approx. driving time: 6 - 7 Hours (excluding stops)

From the Mara we make our way back across the Great Rift Valley to Nairobi, where we overnight. Tonight, you have the opportunity to head out and explore Nairobi's bustling night life or dine at the famed Carnivore Restaurant.

Accommodation: Hotel Boulevard (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

NB: Some group members may be ending their tour in Nairobi today.

Day 4: Nairobi - Arusha, Tanzania

Distance travelled: +/- 290 km

Approx. driving time: 6 - 7 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

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

After exploring the curio markets, we head to our camp just outside Arusha on the open plains to the west of the city. It is from here that we prepare for our two nights / three-day excursion to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. This afternoon, if time allows, we enjoy a walk to one of the local Maasai villages to enjoy an insight into everyday life and traditions of this colourful culture.

NB: We may enjoy the Maasai walk on day 7 if we are unable to make it today.

Accommodation: Meserani Snake Park (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Rustic twin share rooms with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: No (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Camel Ride

NB: Some group members may be starting their tour in Nairobi today.

Day 5: Arusha - Serengeti National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 300 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 drive around the 'Crater's rim and down onto the Serengeti plains. Green after the rains, brown and burnt in the dry, this is home to an enormous variety of grazing animals, predators, and birdlife. Flatter and larger than the Maasai Mara the Serengeti is simply huge - indeed the name 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: Seronera Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities (cold shower)
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities (cold shower)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: No (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

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Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

Approx. driving time: Full day including game drives

We drive out of the plains, game driving en-route, and after lunch ascend the outer wall of the Ngorongoro Crater. We spend the night camping on the rim (you may need a jacket; it can be cold at night due to the altitude), where wildlife also roams free. At 326 square kilometres, the Ngorongoro is Africa's largest intact caldera and a World Heritage Site. If the view from the rim (2400 metres above sea level) is spectacular, the site from the Crater floor (some 600 metres below) is equally enjoyable.

Accommodation: *Simba Camp (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *No (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha

Distance travelled: +/- 150 km

Approx. driving time: Full day including morning game drive

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

Accommodation: *Meserani Snake Park (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Rustic twin share rooms with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *No (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *See day 4*

Day 8: Arusha - Bagamoyo

Distance travelled: +/- 600 km

Approx. driving time: 12 - 13 Hours (excluding stops)

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

Accommodation: *Firefly Camp (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Twin share rooms with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 9: Bagamoyo - Dar es Salaam

Distance travelled: +/- 70 km

Approx. driving time: 3 - 4 Hours (excluding stops)

Leaving Bagamoyo we make our way south to Dar es Salaam. 'Dar' is Tanzania's main port and is a hub of commerce and industry - a hot, humid and bustling seaport city of high rises, colourful markets and Arab influenced architecture on the coast, accessing one of the most important sea routes in the world. To a majority of travellers, this city is the port of entry to the more exotic island of Zanzibar and other archipelago islands.

We set up camp on the beach just outside of the city, take in the balmy Indian Ocean sea breeze, and prepare for our trip to Zanzibar.

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Accommodation: Kipepeo Beach Village (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin share chalets with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 10: Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar Island, Stone Town

Distance travelled: +/- 20 km & Zanzibar Ferry

Approx. driving time: 4 - 5 Hours including Zanzibar Ferry (excluding stops)

Evocative and exotic, Zanzibar conjures up images of idyllic, sandy, palm fringed beaches, romantic winding cobbled alleys and lush tropical forests. You will find all 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 here is centuries old: Zanzibaris have traded with the people of the Arabian Peninsula for many generations, navigating the ocean in simple dhow sailboats, relying on the annual trade winds for passage. The Arab influence is evident in the architecture and diverse street stall offerings of the capital, Stone Town. This influence can be seen right along the Eastern coast - the Swahili language itself is a result of the mixing of Arab and African languages and cultures over many centuries.

Zanzibar's other history is not so romantic. The island was also a staging post for slaves bought from the African interior, being held before shipping to slave owners in the Middle East. You can still see the places where these men and woman were held - and even a short visit is enough to convey the appalling conditions they had to endure.

Our time on the island over the next 3 nights is not structured and your time is at leisure. Perhaps the best way to see Stone Town is on foot: explore the bazaars for old maritime trinkets, fabrics and wooden carvings, or visit mosques, palaces, courtyards and alleyways of the old town. Spices are grown in plantations nearby and you can take day tours to visit some and have your senses dazzled by the tastes and scents experienced. If it's white sand, sparkling ocean, and hot sun you prefer - head to the northern beaches and enjoy the Indian Ocean at its best. Try snorkelling and diving, indulge in some sumptuous seafood, or simply relax beneath a coconut palm with a cocktail and a good book.

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

Accommodation: Safari Lodge (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Spice Tour, Slave Markets, Arabic Fort, Palace Museum

NB: Some group members may be starting their tour in Dar es Salaam today.

Day 11: Zanzibar Island, Stone Town - Nungwi

Distance travelled: +/- 65 km

Approx. driving time: 1 - 2 Hours (excluding stops)

Enjoy free time on Zanzibar and transfer to the northern beaches from Stone Town. Relax on the sun kissed beaches of Nungwi, in the northern 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: Amaan Beach Bungalows (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Spice Tour, Scuba Diving, Yacht Trip, Snorkelling Safaris, Massages

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Day 12: Zanzibar Island, Nungwi

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: *Amaan Beach Bungalows (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *See day 11*

Day 13: Zanzibar Island, Nungwi - Dar es Salaam

Distance travelled: +/- 85 km & Zanzibar Ferry

Approx. driving time: 5 - 6 Hours including Zanzibar Ferry (excluding stops)

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

Accommodation: *Kipepeo Beach Village (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Twin share chalets with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

NB: *Some group members may be ending their tour in Dar es Salaam today.*

Day 14: Dar es Salaam - Mikumi National Park Area

Distance travelled: +/- 330 km

Approx. driving time: 8 - 9 Hours (excluding stops)

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

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Game Drive*

Day 15: Mikumi National Park Area - Iringa

Distance travelled: +/- 250 km

Approx. driving time: 5 - 6 Hours (excluding stops)

We continue our journey heading to the town of Iringa and the Kisolanza Farm. At an altitude of 1600m Kisolanza ensures a pleasant fresh climate in one of the most scenic areas in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania. Home to the Ghau family for over 70 years, Kisolanza remains a working farm providing organic meat (beef, lamb and chicken) and vegetables to the surrounding markets as well as Dar es Salaam. The farmhouse is a well-known spot to camp and is the overnight near our mid-way point for our journey from the ocean to the Malawi border.

Accommodation: *Kisolanza Farmhouse (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
 - **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** *Twin share rooms with shared facilities*
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Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 16: Iringa - Mbeya Region

Distance travelled: +/- 300 km

Approx. driving time: 6 - 7 Hours (excluding stops)

Heading towards Malawi we make a stop at the tranquil Utengule Coffee Lodge nestled amidst the majestic Mbeya range in Southern Tanzania. Enjoy breathtaking views of the East African Rift Valley, relax by the poolside or enjoy the various activities like squash, tennis, pool, table tennis, or volleyball. For those interested in coffee, an optional guided tour through the coffee plantation is available, including a roasting demonstration and a cup of home-grown coffee.

Accommodation: Utengule Coffee Lodge (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin / triple share rooms with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Coffee Tour

Day 17: Mbeya Region - Chitimba (Lake Malawi), Malawi

Distance travelled: +/- 250 km

Approx. driving time: 5 - 6 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

After our last night in Tanzania, we head to the Songwe border post into Malawi. Lake Malawi formerly 'Lake Nyasa' covers almost a fifth of the country's area and provides the source of livelihood for many of the Malawi people. Fishermen, fish traders, canoe and net makers all ply their trade, and a common sight is that of a fisherman in his Bwato, (dugout canoe made from hollowed out tree trunk) fishing on the lake at the break of day. The lake also has the highest number of endemic freshwater fish species of any in the world.

Relax on the beach, take a leisurely village walk, visit the local craft market where you can enjoy learning the ins and outs of woodcarving your own souvenir, learn to play the game of Bao or haggle for some souvenirs.

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: Chitimba Beach Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Rustic twin share chalets with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 18: Chitimba - Nkhosakota Region (Lake Malawi)

Distance travelled: +/- 300 km

Approx. driving time: 6 - 7 Hours (excluding stops)

Today we take a nice scenic drive through rubber plantations to Mzuzu - the capital of the northern region and the third largest town in Malawi - where we stop for a short while to grab supplies and check out the markets, before arriving to Ngala Beach Lodge.

Accommodation: Ngala Beach Lodge (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: See day 19

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Day 19: Nkhotakota Region (Lake Malawi)

Today you'll have some free time to try some of the optional activities, such as hiring a kayak, snorkelling, village walk, waterfall hike, or simply relax and enjoy the warm, fresh waters of Lake Malawi.

Accommodation: Ngala Beach Lodge (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Kayak Hire, Snorkelling Trip, Ngala Cultural Village Walk, Dwambadzi Waterfall Hike

Day 20: Nkhotakota Region (Lake Malawi) - Petauke, Zambia

Distance travelled +/- 550 km

Approx. driving time: 11 - 12 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

Saying our goodbye's to 'the Lake', we drive through Nkhotakota Game Reserve towards the border where we cross into Zambia. After completing the border formalities, we continue our journey to Petauke, a region known for agriculture, producing maize, cotton, sunflower, soya beans, and other crops.

Accommodation: Chimwemwe Lodge (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 21: Petauke - Lusaka

Distance travelled: +/- 420 km

Approx. driving time: 8 - 9 Hours (excluding stops)

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

Accommodation: Eureka Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 22: Lusaka - Livingstone

Distance travelled: +/- 470 km

Approx. driving time: 9 - 10 Hours (excluding stops)

We head south to Livingstone and set up camp at the Victoria Falls Waterfront campsite on the banks of the Zambezi River, just a few kilometres from the Victoria Falls. At various times of year, the spray from the 'Falls' can be seen from up to 20 or 30 kilometres away, hence the local name Mosi oa Tunya - the 'Smoke that Thunders'. Don't forget your raincoat to keep you and your camera dry! The campsite management provide information on all activities available in the area (typically these include rafting, canoeing, bungee, abseiling, gorge swinging, scenic flights, river cruises), allowing you to plan your time accordingly over the next four nights.

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

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Accommodation: Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: See day 23

Day 23: Livingstone

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

Accommodation: Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SEA24):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (SEA24A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Bungee Jumping, Full Day Abseil, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk, Chief Mukumi Village Tour, Gorge Swing, Zambezi Jet Boat & Cable, Half Day Canoe, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Full Day White Water Rafting, Helicopter/Microlight Flights, Half Day Fishing, Bridge Tour

Day 24: Livingstone

Our tour ends after breakfast, but we highly recommend staying a few more days in the area in order to explore the Victoria Falls area to the full. Apart from the adventure activities already mentioned check out the markets, volunteer a day in some worthwhile local projects, or simply relax at the beautiful waterfront and watch the Zambezi River flow quickly past on its way to Victoria Falls.

Accommodation: Nil

Meals Included: Breakfast

Wi-Fi: N/A

Optional Activities: Nil

Tour Information

TOUR STYLE:

Adventure Tour

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 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 Acacia vehicle 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 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!

YOUR FELLOW TRAVELLERS:

Group Size: Maximum 18

2025 Departures Group Age: 18 - 75

2026 Departures Group Age: 16 - 75

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Adventure Tours' travellers come from all over the world and from all walks of life. *The minimum age requirement will change from the current minimum of 18 years old, to minimum 16 effective on departures from 01 January 2026 onward.*

WHAT'S INCLUDED: All tour highlights, 2-person dome tents / accommodation as indicated, fully equipped adventure vehicle, camping and 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, sleeping bag (camping tour) and items of personal nature. **NB:** Lunches and dinners in Livingstone, Nairobi and on Zanzibar are not included.

ADVENTURE PASS: The Adventure Pass is paid to your tour leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour (or pre-paid by arrangement prior to your tour). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price, which is paid before travel, and is paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 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.

ACCOMMODATION: **Camping Tour (SEA24):** 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, sewn-in ground sheets, zip-up insect screens and foam mattresses. Sleeping bags and pillows are not provided. Accommodation and facilities as indicated.

Accommodated Tour (SEA24A): Accommodation and facilities as indicated. 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, sewn-in ground sheets, zip-up insect screens as indicated. A foam mattress, sleeping bag and pillow is provided on camping nights.

We mainly use campsites / accommodation, which usually have reasonable wash and shower facilities, electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar, or swimming pool.

Wi-Fi ON TOUR: While Wi-Fi is becoming more common in some areas of Africa, we cannot guarantee the availability, coverage, speed, cost, or reliability during your tour.

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 (700mm deep x 330mm height x 540mm wide), 4x4 safari vehicle 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. Nairobi (NBO) and Livingstone (LVI) are well served by several airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in Nairobi. **The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour departs at 08:00 on Day 1 and ends in Livingstone on Day 24.**

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Tour start point in Nairobi: Address: Hotel Boulevard Harry Thuku Rd, Nairobi Contact details: +254 722 200755 +254 733 623727 +254 20 2227568 reservation@hotelboulevard.co.ke Tour start time: 08:00 on Day 1	Tour end point in Livingstone: Address: The Victoria Falls Waterfront Sichango Road Livingstone +260 3 320 606/7/8 waterfront@safpar.com Tour end time: After breakfast on Day 24
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PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Nairobi early 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. 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 extra (after your tour) to make the most of this part of Africa. Accommodation is usually available locally on arrival, but you can pre-book this with Acacia or your agent.

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 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
Kenya	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Tanzania	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Malawi	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	*	R

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 AND ENTRY 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.

NB: Please ensure you check the tour itinerary to determine whether you require a Multiple or Single-Entry visa for the relevant country prior to applying for your visas.

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

KENYA Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA)

All nationalities are required to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) online in advance of arrival. **NB:** This may take up to 7 days to process, please allow sufficient time as delays may occur. Please see www.etakenya.go.ke/en for more information.

TANZANIA

Nationalities requiring a visa can obtain a visa upon arrival. Alternatively, apply for a 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. Please see <https://visa.immigration.go.tz> for more information.

ZANZIBAR Mandatory Inbound Travel Insurance

All nationalities must purchase the Mandatory Inbound Travel Insurance from the Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC) online in advance of arrival. Please see <https://visitzanzibar.go.tz> for more information.

MALAWI E-VISA

Nationalities requiring a visa are required 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. Please see www.evisa.gov.mw for more information.

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\$15-30 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: Kenya - Kenya Shilling; Tanzania - Tanzania Shilling; Malawi - Malawi Kwacha; Zambia - Zambian Kwacha

ATM machines are found in Nairobi, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, and Zanzibar and in Southern Africa. 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 advise on what to use where.

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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)
TANZANIA		MALAWI	
Arusha		Ngala Beach Lodge	
Camel Ride	\$5	Kayak Hire	Free
Zanzibar		Snorkelling Trip (requires transfer - seats 5)	From \$115
Massages (on the beach)	From \$20	Ngala Cultural Village Walk	\$6
Yacht Trips (snorkelling and sunset)	\$120	Dwambadzi Waterfall Hike (requires transfer - seats 5)	From \$65
Snorkelling Day Trip	\$40	ZAMBIA	
Zanzibar Food (per day)	\$30 - \$35	Livingstone	
Spice Tour	\$35	Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$160
Scuba Dive	\$130	Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk	\$110
Slave Markets	\$10	Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50
Arabic Fort	\$5	Gorge Swing	\$95
Palace Museum	\$10	Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$215
Mikumi National Park		Half Day Canoe Safari	\$115
Game Drive	\$150	Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$70
Mbeya Region		White-Water Rafting - Full Day	\$180
Utengule Coffee Tour	\$20	Helicopter/Microlight Flight over the Falls	From \$185
		Fishing - Half Day	\$145
		Bridge Tour	\$65
		Full Day Abseil	\$190

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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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.

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