

Included Highlights

The Great Rift Valley
 Maasai Mara Excursion, Game Drives in Purpose-Built Safari Vehicles with Resident Guide
 Maasai Village Visit
 Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater Excursion, Game Drives in Purpose-Built Safari Vehicles with Resident Guide *
 Zanzibar, Return Ferry & Accommodation
 Mosi Oa Tunya National Park, Victoria Falls Visit
 Chobe National Park, Fish Eagle (Sunset) Boat Cruise*
 Chobe National Park, Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide*
 Okavango Delta Excursion, Mokoro/Walking Safari*
 Kalahari Bushman Walk
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 Spitzkoppe, Bushman Paintings
 Sossusvlei Shuttle & Guided Walk
 Dune 45
 Sesriem Canyon
 Fish River Canyon

***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 follows the itinerary with the optional Adventure Pass for the tour.

Duration: 43 Days
Countries visited: Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa.

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Maasai Mara Reserve

Distance travelled: +/- 300 km
 Approx. driving time: 6 - 7 Hours (excluding stops)

We travel in small, purpose-built safari vehicles, giving you a closer, more immersive view of wildlife. Departing the city early, we cross the Great Rift Valley en route to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, with sweeping views along the way. In the afternoon, we visit a local Maasai village for a cultural encounter.

Accommodation: Enchoro Wildlife Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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

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 (KTC43):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 night/three-day excursion to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. This afternoon, if time allows, we have the option to enjoy a walk to one of the local Maasai villages for an insight into everyday life and traditions of this colourful culture.

Accommodation: Meserani Snake Park (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Rustic twin share rooms with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: Camel Ride, Maasai Village Walk with Resident Guide

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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities (cold shower)
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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

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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Rustic twin share rooms with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: See day 19

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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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.

Accommodation: Kipepeo Beach Village (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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

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 (KTC43):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 26

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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 Ghaui 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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: See day 19

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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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, Dwambazi 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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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.

Accommodation: Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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 (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** 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

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

Accommodation: Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast

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

Optional Activities: See day 23

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

Day 25: Livingstone

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 Victoria Falls Waterfront. The perfect time to catch up on your social media and share your experiences before heading off into the Southern Africa part of your holiday.

Accommodation: Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast

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

Optional Activities: See day 23

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

Day 26: Livingstone - Kasane, Botswana

Distance travelled: +/- 80 km

Approx. driving time: 2 - 3 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

Moving on from Livingstone, we travel a short distance to the Botswana border and on to the town of Kasane - the gateway to Chobe National Park. By size, Chobe is the third largest park in the country and is the most diverse - home to elephant, lion, buffalo, hippo, and abundant birdlife, including the famous African fish eagle.

Later in the afternoon we take a Fish Eagle cruise on the Chobe River - a great opportunity to see hippo and perhaps elephant or buffalo coming to the river to bathe and drink. The Chobe River is a major watering spot for large breeding herds of elephants, as well as families of giraffe, sable, and buffalo. The flood plains are the only place in Botswana where the puku antelope can be seen. Birding is also excellent here. When in flood, spoonbills, ibis, and various species of stork and other waterfowl flock to the area.

Accommodation: Thebe River Lodge (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Wi-Fi:** Yes (availability may change without notice)**Optional Activities:** Nil**Day 27: Kasane - Elephant Sands, Nata**

Distance travelled: +/- 270 km

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

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

Accommodation: Elephant Sands Lodge (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms or pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Wi-Fi:** No (availability may change without notice)**Optional Activities:** Bush Walk, Game Drive**Day 28: Elephant Sands, Nata - Maun**

Distance travelled: +/- 380 km

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

We leave Elephant Sands and make our way to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Maun is an eclectic mix of modern buildings and native dwellings. Although officially still a village, Maun has developed rapidly from a rural frontier town to a community that has spread along the wide banks of the Thamalakane River. This is an area where red lechwe antelope can still be seen grazing alongside local donkeys, goats and cattle. Since Maun's founding in 1915 it has had a reputation as a hard living 'Wild West' town helping the local cattle ranching and hunting operations. Maun today is a thriving tourist town famous for its donkey population and to a lesser extent, goats. These animals can be seen standing around town as they are used by local traders and farmers alike to transport their wares to sell on the curb side. **NB:** If time allows, we have the opportunity to take an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta, either this afternoon or on day 30 on our return from the Delta excursion.

Accommodation: Delta Rain Sitatunga Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Wi-Fi:** Yes (availability may change without notice)**Optional Activities:** Okavango Delta Scenic Flight (5-seater plane - 45 min flight), Helicopter Scenic Flight (3-seater - 22 min flight)

Day 29: Maun - Okavango Delta

Distance travelled: +/- 50 km

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

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

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

We enjoy the afternoon wilderness experience and overnight listening to the sounds of the African night - an unforgettable experience!

Accommodation: Delta Rain Elephant Bush Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Twin share pre-erected tents with camp beds and basic en-suite facilities (bucket shower)
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share pre-erected tents with camp beds and basic en-suite facilities (bucket shower)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 30: Okavango Delta - Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 50 km

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

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

Accommodation: Delta Rain Sitatunga Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: See day 43

Day 31: Maun - Omaheke Region, near Gobabis, Namibia

Distance travelled: +/- 520 km

Approx. driving time: 10 - 11 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

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

NB: Due to a long travel day and a border crossing into Namibia, the Bushman walk may move to the morning of day 32.

Accommodation: Zelda's Guest Farm (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 32: Omaheke Region, near Gobabis - Windhoek

Distance travelled: +/- 310 km

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

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

Accommodation: *Urban Camp (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** *Twin share pre-erected tents with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch***Wi-Fi:** *Yes (availability may change without notice)***Optional Activities:** *Nil***NB:** *Some group members may be ending their tour in Windhoek today.***Day 33: Windhoek - Etosha National Park**

Distance travelled: +/- 420 km

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

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

Accommodation: *Okaukuejo or Halali or Namutoni Camp (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** *Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner***Wi-Fi:** *No (availability may change without notice)***Optional Activities:** *Nil***NB:** *Some group members may be starting their tour in Windhoek today.***Day 34: 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. 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 (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** *Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner***Wi-Fi:** *No (availability may change without notice)***Optional Activities:** *Nil***Day 35: Etosha National Park - Spitzkoppe**

Distance travelled: +/- 420 km

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

We game drive out of Etosha National Park and turn south making our way to the beautiful Damaraland region where we explore the eerie Spitzkoppe where ancient bushman paintings are still visible.

The giant boulder-like rock formations reach a peak at some 1800m above sea level and create a spectacular view. Take your time to explore the area and its delightful calmness. Keep an eye on the ever-changing colour of the rock, especially during sunrise and sunset, when they acquire intense red shades. The most impressive rock painting is “Bushman Paradise”, and the natural rock bridge is a favourite viewpoint. **NB:** Please take care if climbing onto the rocky outcrops. The surfaces have been smoothed by aeons of sun, wind and blown dust: they can be extremely slippery especially if you are not wearing suitable footwear.

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

Accommodation: *Spitzkoppe Community Camp (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** *Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities (no shower, pit latrine)*
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** *Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities (no shower, pit latrine)*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

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

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 36: Spitzkoppe - Swakopmund

Distance travelled: +/- 150 km

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

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

NB: 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 mealtimes. 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 (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** *Dorm beds with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** *Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast*

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

Optional Activities: *See day 52*

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

Day 37: 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 (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** *Dorm beds with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** *Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast*

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

Optional Activities: *Sandboarding - Stand Up / Lay down, Quad Biking, Skydiving, Deep Sea Fishing, Scenic Flights, Swakopmund Township Tour, Dolphin and Seal Cruise, Kayaking*

Day 38: Swakopmund - Solitaire Area

Distance travelled: +/- 260 km

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

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

Accommodation: Sossus on Foot Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: Desert Experience

Day 39: Solitaire Area - Namib Naukluft National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 200 km

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

This morning, we leave our camp early and enter the National Park to trek to the top of famous Dune 45. It's a spectacular sight but be warned, it's not an easy feat to reach the top as some dunes are over 300m high!

After a well-earned breakfast we continue deeper into the park for a nature walk to 'Dead Vlei', amidst the giant sand dunes - a real glimpse of Namibia's unspoilt natural environment. Bring your camera - the shifting colours of the desert as the sun climbs throughout the mid/late morning offer some brilliant photographic opportunities. Departing from the dunes, we stop off at the smaller Sesriem Canyon where the multiple layers of rock and pebbles make for an interesting insight to what lies beneath the mountains of sand. Thereafter we make our way to our camp for the night.

Accommodation: Sossus Oasis Overland Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 40: Sesriem Area - Fish River Canyon

Distance travelled: +/- 550 km

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

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

Accommodation: Canyon Roadhouse (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 41: Fish River Canyon - Gariep (Orange) River

Distance travelled: +/- 180 km

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

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

Accommodation: Felix Unite (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** Twin share cabanas with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Optional Activities: Canoe Safari

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Day 42: Gariep (Orange) River - Cederberg Region, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 400 km

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

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

Accommodation: *Highlanders Camp (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (KTC43):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (KTC43A):** *Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

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

Optional Activities: *Wine Tasting*

Day 43: Cederberg Region - Cape Town

Distance travelled: +/- 260 km

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

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

Accommodation: *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

Group Age: 16 - 75

Adventure Tours' travellers come from all over the world and from all walks of life.

NB: *Sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds must be accompanied by at least one parent / legal guardian for the duration of their tour.*

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: Dinner in Windhoek, lunches and dinners in Swakopmund, Livingstone, 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 (KTC43): 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, sewn-in ground sheets, zip-up insect screens and foam mattresses. Sleeping bags and pillows <u>are not</u> provided. Accommodation and facilities as indicated. Accommodated Tour (KTC43A): 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, USB charging station, drinks cooler box, freezer for food, external water tank, small library, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers (700mm deep x 330mm height x 540mm wide), mokoro (dugout canoe), river boat, purpose-built safari vehicle and fast ferry. Acacia vehicle 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. Nairobi (NBO) and Cape Town (CPT) 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 Cape Town on Day 43.

Meeting 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 Cape Town: Address: Cresta Grande 66 Strand St, Cape Town City Centre Contact details: +27 21 431 7500 reservations@crestagrandehotel.com Tour end time: Late afternoon on Day 43
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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
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
Namibia	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, ***** = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

NB: To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice. Alternatively, contact Acacia for any queries or 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 a number of 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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zambia	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Botswana	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Namibia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Africa	No	No	Yes	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:** Online applications can 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 one on arrival. Alternatively, apply for a visa online in advance. **NB:** Online applications can take up to 7 days to process, please allow sufficient time as delays may occur. Supporting letters are available on 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://visitanzibar.go.tz> for more information.

MALAWI E-VISA

Most nationalities requiring a visa can obtain one on arrival. Alternatively, apply for an e-visa online in advance. **NB:** Online applications can take up to 7 days to process, please allow sufficient time as delays may occur. Supporting letters are available on request within 42 days of departure. Please see www.evisa.gov.mw for more information.

BOTSWANA

Travelling with children: Please note that Botswana Immigration requires for all children under the age of 18 to travel with an unabridged birth certificate to enter this country. Specific requirements apply if the minor is not travelling with both parents listed on the certificate. Please contact <https://www.gov.bw/contact-us> for more information.

NAMIBIA

Most nationalities requiring a visa can obtain one on arrival. Alternatively, apply for a visa online in advance. **NB:** Online applications can take up to 7 days to process, please allow sufficient time as delays may occur. Supporting letters are available on request within 42 days of departure. Please see <https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na> for more information.

SOUTH AFRICA

Certain nationalities requiring a visa are required to apply for a visa in advance of arrival.

Travelling with children: Please note that South Africa Immigration requires for all children under the age of 18 to travel with an unabridged birth certificate to enter this country. Specific requirements apply if the minor is not travelling with both parents listed on the certificate. Please see <https://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/types-of-visas> for more information.

SARS Traveller Declaration - Mandatory from 1 July 2026: All travellers entering or leaving South Africa must complete the SARS Online Traveller Declaration within 24 hours before departure or arrival. This digital form replaces the old paper customs slip. Travellers will receive a QR code to present at customs. If not completed in advance, it can be done at airport kiosks, but delays may occur. Please see www.sars.gov.za/travellerdeclaration 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; Botswana - Botswana Pula; Namibia - Namibian Dollar; South Africa - Rand; Please note that Rand is legal tender in Namibia at the same rate of exchange as the Namibian Dollar.

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.

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

Activity	Price (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
KENYA		Livingstone continues...	
Nairobi		Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$215
SWT Elephant Nursery (+ Nairobi NP Entrance Fee)	\$20 + \$43	Half Day Canoe Safari	\$115
Giraffe Centre	\$10	Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$70
Karen Blixen Museum	\$20	White-Water Rafting - Full Day	\$180
TANZANIA		Helicopter/Microlight Flight over the Falls	From \$185
Arusha		Fishing - Half Day	\$145
Camel Ride	\$5	Bridge Tour	\$65
Maasai Village Walk with Resident Guide	\$10	Full Day Abseil	\$190
Zanzibar		BOTSWANA	
Massages (on the beach)	From \$20	Elephant Sands	
Yacht Trips (snorkelling and sunset)	\$120	Bush Walk	\$20
Snorkelling Day Trip	\$40	Game Drive	\$25
Zanzibar Food (per day)	\$30 - \$35	Maun	
Spice Tour	\$35	Okavango Scenic Flight (5-seater plane - 45min flight)	From \$650

Scuba Dive	\$130	Okavango Scenic Helicopter Flight (3-seater - 22min flight)	From \$450
Slave Markets	\$10	NAMIBIA	
Arabic Fort	\$5	Swakopmund	
Palace Museum	\$10	Desert Excursion Walk	\$25
Mikumi National Park		Sand Boarding - Stand Up	\$50
Game Drive	\$150	Sand Boarding - Lay Down	\$40
Mbeya Region		Quad Biking	\$45
Utengule Coffee Tour	\$20	Kayaking	\$60
MALAWI		Deep Sea Fishing	\$120
Ngala Beach Lodge		Scenic Flights	\$360
Kayak Hire	Free	Tandem Skydive	\$200
Snorkelling Trip (requires transfer - seats 5)	From \$115	Swakopmund Township Tour	\$40
Ngala Cultural Village Walk	\$6	Dolphin and Seal Cruise	\$60
Dwambazi Waterfall Hike (requires transfer - seats 5)	From \$65	SOUTH AFRICA	
ZAMBIA		Cederberg Region	
Livingstone		Wine Tasting	\$10
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$160	Gariiep (Orange) River	
Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk	\$110	Canoe Safari	\$40
Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50		
Gorge Swing	\$95		

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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