

### Included Highlights

The Great Rift Valley

Lake Nakuru National Park, Game Drive in Purpose-Built Safari Vehicles with Resident Guide\*

Chimpanzee Trekking\*\*

Mountain Gorilla Trekking\*\*

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

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

Shangaan Cultural Evening

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

**\*Subject to purchasing the Adventure Pass**

**\*\*Subject to purchasing the Gorilla & Chimpanzee Trekking Permit**

### 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.

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

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

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

**Duration:** 46 Days

**Countries visited:** Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa

#### Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Lake Nakuru National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 190 km

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

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

We depart Nairobi early and descend into the 'Great Rift Valley', an enormous cleft in the Earth's surface stretching from the Red Sea to Madagascar but with particularly marked escarpments here in Kenya. We stop at a lookout point to take in the magnificent views. Our overnight stop is just outside Lake Nakuru National Park, a relatively small park (by African standards) however prolific in wildlife, situated on the Great Rift Valley floor. The shallow soda lake attracts a huge variety of birdlife - especially flamingos, which may gather in such numbers that (when viewed from above) they form a strikingly pink 'fringe' around the lakeshore. However, Lake Nakuru is not simply a bird sanctuary, it is also home to buffalo, lion, rhino (black and white), leopard, warthog, baboon, antelope, and a variety of smaller animals. A delightful introduction to East Africa's wildlife diversity that we search for in an afternoon game drive making use of local guides and smaller safari vehicles for a more intimate experience.

**Accommodation:** Punda Milias Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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#### Day 2: Lake Nakuru - Eldoret

Distance travelled: +/- 150 km

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

From Nakuru we continue northwest and climb in altitude towards the town of Eldoret, en-route to the Ugandan frontier. We cross from the Southern Hemisphere to the Northern Hemisphere today over the Equator, enjoying some time here learning a little about its significance and taking photos before moving onwards to Eldoret. The name 'Eldoret' is based on the Maasai word 'Eldore' meaning stony river, due to the stony bed of the nearby Sosiani River. The town is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in Kenya and is the fastest growing with a population of approx. 194,000. We camp outside of town in a unique campsite created on hilly forest tribal land, once home to members of the ancient Sirikwa tribe. Preserved on the site are excavations with stone sides, commonly called Sirikwa holes, which are believed to have been roofed and occupied by the inhabitants of a bygone age.

**Accommodation:** Naiberi River Campsite & Resort (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms 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: Eldoret - Kampala, Uganda

Distance travelled: +/- 400 km

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

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

**Accommodation:** Red Chilli Hideaway (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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#### Day 4: Kampala - Chimpanzee Trekking Area

Distance travelled +/- 400 km

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

From Kampala, we travel west crossing the Equator again, through fertile green terraced hillsides, lush banana plantations, steep mountains, and tangled forests. From the Acacia vehicle we should see herds of Ankole cattle with their incredible long curving horns roaming the roads and paddocks. Arriving at our accommodation you will have the opportunity to relax and unwind, take a walk in the surrounding areas, and mingle with the local community.

**Accommodation:** Craters Campsite & Country Lodge or Simba Safari Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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 Kampala today.

**Day 5: Kalinzu Forest or Kyambura Gorge**

Distance travelled +/- 50 km (each way)

Approx. driving time: 1 - 2 Hours (each way / excluding stops and trekking)

This morning, we trek to see the chimpanzees. Unlike their larger cousins, the mountain gorilla, chimps live mostly in the trees and so our viewing consists mainly of peering high into the forest canopy. Predictably, the experience of seeing man's closest relative in the wild is a memorable one. Chimpanzee trek permits are issued by the wildlife authority in small groups. Depending on our group size, this means that we may trek on the afternoon of Day 4, morning of Day 5 and afternoon of Day 5 or morning of Day 6.

**Accommodation:** Craters Campsite & Country Lodge or Simba Safari Camp (or similar)

○ **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

○ **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

**Day 6: Chimpanzee Trekking Area - Lake Bunyonyi**

Distance travelled +/- 200 km

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

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

**Lake Bunyonyi**

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

**Mountain Gorilla Trekking**

This region of Africa is home to the world's remaining 700 free-roaming mountain gorillas, many of which inhabit the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

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

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

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

**NB:** Depending on the availability of the gorilla permits the tour itinerary may vary in day to day running order in relation to the brochure itinerary. From time to time, we may have to trek on different days. Please take the itinerary as a guideline only. **This applies to day 6 - 8 of this tour.**

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**Accommodation:** Lake Bunyonyi Overland Stop (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 7

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**Day 7: Lake Bunyonyi or Gorilla Trekking**

Distance travelled +/- 80 km (each way)

Approx. driving time: 2 - 3 Hours (each way / excluding stops and trekking)

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

**Accommodation:** Lake Bunyonyi Overland Stop (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Island Boat Trips, Village Walk, Traditional Dance, Bird Watching, Canoe Hire

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**Day 8: Lake Bunyonyi or Gorilla Trekking**

Distance travelled +/- 80 km (each way)

Approx. driving time: 2 - 3 Hours (each way / excluding stops and trekking)

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

**Accommodation:** Lake Bunyonyi Overland Stop (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 7

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**Day 9: Lake Bunyonyi - Kampala**

Distance travelled +/- 550 km

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

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

**Accommodation:** Red Chilli Hideaway (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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

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**Day 10: Kampala - Jinja**

Distance travelled: +/- 80 km

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

Leaving Kampala, we drive the short distance to the town of Jinja on the banks of Lake Victoria and the Nile.

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

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

**Accommodation:** Nile River Explorers (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 11

#### Day 11: Jinja

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

**Accommodation:** Nile River Explorers (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Quad Biking, White-Water Rafting, Community School Project, Nile River Cruise, Nile SUP, Kayak, Fishing Trips, Mountain Biking

#### Day 12: Jinja

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

**Accommodation:** Nile River Explorers (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 11

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

#### Day 13: Jinja - Eldoret, Kenya

Distance travelled: +/- 300 km

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

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

**Accommodation:** Naiberi River Campsite & Resort (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms 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 14: Eldoret - Nairobi

Distance travelled: +/- 250 km

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

This morning, we cross the Equator and make our way south to Nairobi and to our accommodation in the city.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Boulevard (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 15

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

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##### Day 15: Nairobi

Today you are free to explore the city and surrounding area, and our Tour Leader can help you arrange these optional excursions locally. Popular excursions include catching a taxi into town to check out the shopping, markets, bars, and restaurants; Visit the National Museum of Kenya; chow down at Carnivore - a BBQ meat eater's paradise; go on safari at Nairobi National Park; Visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Nursery, Giraffe Centre or check out the Karen Blixen Museum in the nearby town of Karen. Alternatively, the day is yours to simply relax and enjoy some 'downtime'.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Boulevard (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

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

**Optional Activities:** SWT Elephant Nursery, Giraffe Centre, Karen Blixen Museum

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##### Day 16: Nairobi - 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 (UAAJ46):** Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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

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

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##### Day 17: 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.

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**Accommodation:** Enchoro Wildlife Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Twin / triple share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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 18: 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.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Boulevard (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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.

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**Day 19: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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.

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**Day 20: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities (cold shower)
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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 21: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with very basic shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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 22: 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 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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 23: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

**Day 24: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share chalets with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

#### Day 25: 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 19<sup>th</sup> century explorers such as John Hanning Speke, Richard Burton and David Livingstone and once was a major trading centre of spices. Indeed, the spice trade here is centuries old: 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 in the tour price but for the sake of flexibility other meals are left for your own account. Typically, we spend one night in Stone Town and the next two nights in the north of the island at one of the beaches. Your tour leader will be available to assist if you if you have any questions or need activities arranged.

**Accommodation:** Safari Lodge (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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 26: 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 (UAAJ46):** Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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 27: 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 (UAAJ46):** *Twin / triple share rooms with en-suite facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** *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*

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**Day 28: 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 (UAAJ46):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** *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.*

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**Day 29: 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 (UAAJ46):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** *Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities*

**Meals Included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

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

**Optional Activities:** *Game Drive*

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**Day 30: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

#### Day 31: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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 32: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Rustic twin share chalets with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

#### Day 33: Chitimba - Nkhosha 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 34

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**Day 34: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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

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**Day 35: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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**Day 36: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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**Day 37: 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 provides 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 38

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#### **Day 38: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** 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

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#### **Day 39: 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 38

**NB:** Some group members may be ending their tour in Livingstone today. We may be changing crew and vehicles; a pre-departure meeting will be held by your new crew. Please ask your current crew for more information.

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#### **Day 40: 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 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 (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

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

**Optional Activities:** See day 38

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

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#### **Day 41: Livingstone - Matobo, Zimbabwe**

Distance travelled: +/- 460 km

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

Departing Livingstone, we cross the border to Zimbabwe and pass through Victoria Falls town and head to Matobo. We stop in Bulawayo for supplies before heading to our campsite.

**Accommodation:** Wanderers Rest (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
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- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share pre-erected tents with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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#### Day 42: Matobo National Park

Approx. driving time: Half day including game drive and wilderness walk

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

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

**Accommodation:** Wanderers Rest (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share pre-erected tents with shared facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Upgrade to full day tour including Bushman paintings, historical tour, and Cecil Rhodes Grave

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#### Day 43: Matobo - Tshipise, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 400 km

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

Leaving Matobo, we continue south to the border at Beitbridge. Completing formalities, we cross the Limpopo River -the second largest in South Africa and an important water source for this arid region. The Limpopo also acts as a natural boundary between South Africa and its neighbours Botswana and Zimbabwe before it flows through Mozambique to the Indian Ocean. We continue to Tshipise, a town situated in the northern Limpopo province. Our campsite is located at Forever Resorts at the foot of one of Limpopo's rolling koppies set adjacent the Honnet Nature Reserve. There are hot springs in the area which are surrounded by dense woodland comprising of Mopani, Red Bushwillow, Jakkalsbessie trees - and the third largest Baobab tree in South Africa.

**Accommodation:** Forever Resorts (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms 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 44: Tshipise - Hazyview (Greater Kruger)

Distance travelled: +/- 420 km

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

From Tshipise, we head for southern Africa's premier game reserve, the Kruger National Park. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form the Greater Kruger, an area of some 24,000 sq. km. Wildlife is free to roam the whole enormous area, and it has become incredibly diverse in both fauna and flora. From the dwarf mongoose to the 'Big Five', almost every major African mammal (148 species) is present. There is also prolific birdlife (over 505 species) and over 330 varieties of trees. We spend two nights within the Kruger area, enjoy Shangaan tribal dancing and singing on our first night and take a full day game drive in the National Park itself to spot as many animals as possible the next day!

**Accommodation:** Hotel Numbi (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
  - **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities
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**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

#### Day 45: Hazyview (Greater Kruger) - Kruger National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 15 km (each way)

Approx. driving time: Full day including game drives

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

**Accommodation:** Hotel Numbi (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities
- **Accommodated Tour (UAAJ46A):** Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

**Optional Activities:** Nil

#### Day 46: Hazyview (Greater Kruger) - Pretoria

Distance travelled: +/- 380 km

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

We leave the Kruger behind and make our way to South Africa's administrative hub of Pretoria, where our tour ends late afternoon / early evening.

**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:** 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.

**GORILLA &  
CHIMPANZEE TREK:**

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

**ACCOMMODATION:**

**Camping Tour (UAAJ46):** 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 (UAAJ46A):** 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), 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 Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria are well served by several airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

### GORILLA AND CHIMPANZEE PERMITS

The Uganda Wildlife Authority imposes strict regulations regarding the gorilla trekking permits. One of these is that permits must be booked and paid in advance. In order for us to do this we must collect your permit money, in addition to your normal deposit, at the time of booking. Like your deposit, the permit money is not refundable if you cancel your tour. Please ask your agent or Acacia for the equivalent amount in your own currency. Please note: To ensure we obtain gorilla permits we may have to adjust the itinerary slightly from the published route. Any such adjustment will be explained to you where-ever possible before you leave for Africa. Our focus at all times will be to ensure everyone has the opportunity to do the treks and enjoy the very Africa experience.

### JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in **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 Pretoria on Day 46.

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| <b>Meeting point in Nairobi:</b><br><b>Address:</b> Hotel Boulevard<br>Harry Thuku Rd, Nairobi<br><b>Contact details:</b> +254 722 200755<br>+254 733 623727<br>+254 20 2227568<br><a href="mailto:reservation@hotelboulevard.co.ke">reservation@hotelboulevard.co.ke</a><br><b>Tour start time:</b> 08:00 on Day 1 | <b>Tour end Point in Pretoria:</b><br><b>Address</b> Court Classique Suite Hotel<br>743 Francis Baard Street<br>Pretoria, 0007<br><b>Contact details:</b> +27 (0) 12 344 4420<br><a href="mailto:reservations@courtclassique.co.za">reservations@courtclassique.co.za</a><br><b>Tour end time:</b> Late afternoon/early evening on Day 46 |
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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 AND UGANDA PLASTIC BAG BAN** - Both Uganda and Tanzania have a ban on single-use plastic. Prohibited items include single-use plastic carrier bags, shopping bags/packing plastic carrier bags. Ziplock bags and storage compartment bags (e.g toiletries) will be permitted as they are expected to remain in possession of traveller. We do however suggest that you leave these items behind in your country of origin.

### VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial**. We strongly recommend you seek professional medical advice for the appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

| Country      | Tetanus | Diphtheria | Polio | Hepatitis A | Hepatitis B | Typhoid | Meningitis | Rabies | Yellow Fever | Malaria |
|--------------|---------|------------|-------|-------------|-------------|---------|------------|--------|--------------|---------|
| Kenya        | R       | R          | R     | R           | R           | R       | R          | R      | C            | R       |
| Uganda       | R       | R          | R     | R           | R           | R       | -          | R      | C            | R       |
| Tanzania     | R       | R          | R     | R           | R           | R       | R          | R      | C            | R       |
| Malawi       | R       | R          | R     | R           | R           | R       | R          | R      | C            | R       |
| Zambia       | R       | R          | R     | R           | R           | R       | -          | R      | *            | R       |
| Zimbabwe     | 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](http://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 |
| Uganda       | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Tanzania     | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Malawi       | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Zambia       | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | No  | Yes | No  |
| Zimbabwe     | Yes | Yes | No  | 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](http://www.etakenya.go.ke/en) for more information.

#### UGANDA E-VISA

All nationalities must apply for an e-visa 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 <https://visas.immigration.go.ug> 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](http://www.evisa.gov.mw) for more information.

#### ZIMBABWE

We recommend all nationalities who require a visa to obtain their visa upon arrival, payable in US\$ cash.

#### 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](http://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](http://www.fco.gov.uk)) issues free up to date travel advice for all countries visited on tour. Most other governments offer a similar service to citizens. We recommend you review this information before you book your tour. Naturally we welcome any questions you may have about security and safety on tour.

### Money Matters

#### PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for Activities and Excursions, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips, and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 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** Spending money is best carried as cash. US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, post 2008 edition notes) is also accepted for many optional activities & at markets throughout Africa. We have an on-board passenger safe for security and your guide will advise how and when you can exchange money (US dollars, Sterling, or Euro) to local currency throughout the tour.

**Currencies** are as follows: Kenya - Kenya Shilling; Uganda - Uganda Shilling; Tanzania - Tanzania Shilling; Zambia - Zambian Kwacha; Malawi - Malawi Kwacha; Zimbabwe - US Dollars; South Africa - Rand

**ATM machines** are found in Nairobi, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, and 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

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).

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| Activity                                         | Price (USD) | Activity                                              | Price (USD) |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>UGANDA</b>                                    |             | <b>TANZANIA continues...</b>                          |             |
| <b>Lake Bunyonyi</b>                             |             | <b>Mikumi National Park</b>                           |             |
| Boating on the Lake (islands)                    | \$25 - \$80 | Game Drive                                            | \$150       |
| Village Walk/Nature Walk                         | \$10        | <b>Mbeya Region</b>                                   |             |
| Traditional Dance                                | \$60        | Utengule Coffee Tour                                  | \$20        |
| Bird Watching                                    | \$20        | <b>MALAWI</b>                                         |             |
| Canoe Hire                                       | \$10        | <b>Ngala Beach Lodge</b>                              |             |
| <b>Jinja</b>                                     |             | Kayak Hire                                            | Free        |
| Quad Biking                                      | \$85        | Snorkelling Trip (requires transfer - seats 5)        | From \$115  |
| Nile SUP                                         | From \$20   | Ngala Cultural Village Walk                           | \$6         |
| Fishing Trips                                    | From \$80   | Dwambazi Waterfall Hike (requires transfer - seats 5) | From \$65   |
| Kayak                                            | From \$20   | <b>ZAMBIA</b>                                         |             |
| Mountain Biking                                  | From \$30   | <b>Livingstone</b>                                    |             |
| White-water Rafting                              | \$160       | Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)                      | \$160       |
| Community Schools Project                        | \$50        | Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk                 | \$110       |
| <b>KENYA</b>                                     |             | Chief Mukumi Village Tour                             | \$50        |
| <b>Nairobi</b>                                   |             | Gorge Swing                                           | \$95        |
| SWT Elephant Nursery (+ Nairobi NP Entrance Fee) | \$20 + \$43 | Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car                       | From \$215  |
| Giraffe Centre                                   | \$10        | Half Day Canoe Safari                                 | \$115       |
| Karen Blixen Museum                              | \$20        | Zambezi Sunset Cruise                                 | \$70        |
| <b>TANZANIA</b>                                  |             | White-Water Rafting - Full Day                        | \$180       |
| <b>Arusha</b>                                    |             | Helicopter/Microlight Flight over the Falls           | From \$185  |
| Camel Ride                                       | \$5         | Fishing - Half Day                                    | \$145       |
| Maasai Village Walk with Resident Guide          | \$10        | Bridge Tour                                           | \$65        |
| <b>Zanzibar</b>                                  |             | Full Day Abseil                                       | \$190       |
| Massages (on the beach)                          | From \$20   | <b>ZIMBABWE</b>                                       |             |
| Yacht Trips (snorkelling and sunset)             | \$120       | <b>Matobo National Park</b>                           |             |
| Snorkelling Day Trip                             | \$40        | Matobo Upgrade to Full Day Tour                       | \$55        |
| Zanzibar Food (per day)                          | \$30 - \$35 |                                                       |             |
| Spice Tour                                       | \$35        |                                                       |             |
| Scuba Dive                                       | \$130       |                                                       |             |
| Slave Markets                                    | \$10        |                                                       |             |
| Arabic Fort                                      | \$5         |                                                       |             |
| Palace Museum                                    | \$10        |                                                       |             |

#### ***Responsible Travel***

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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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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