



Cape Town to Nairobi  
41 days | Accommodated

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## Information guidelines

All information provided in this document is subject to change without prior notice. Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier as we are continually striving to improve the standards and quality of our tours and itineraries are subject to change. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system. There are a maximum of 20 clients travelling on this tour.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometers in a truck, and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time in the truck to talk to your fellow travellers, play card games, have a drink, walk around, take note of the world passing by your window and make the most of this unique opportunity to step out of your comfort zone.

Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover one kilometer. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours in the truck, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average".

In this tour dossier you see an indication of a distance to be covered on a particular day. Please don't assume that your travel time will be equal to that which you can travel in your car on the autobahn... no, it will be much, much slower. We will stop for shopping, bathroom breaks, photo stops, activities and a whole lot more. If you are looking to only experience specific destinations and are not interested in the journey, perhaps adventure touring is not for you.

As circumstances change in the destinations that we visit, our tour dossiers do change from time to time as we constantly improve our offering based on feedback about these changes that we receive from our guests and guides on tour. Please ensure that you download this dossier again within a week of your tour departing to ensure that you have all of the correct information regarding the tour.

### **Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?**

If not, please contact us and we will e-mail it to you - alternatively you can also download the document from our website at [www.CheapAfricaTours.com](http://www.CheapAfricaTours.com) or [www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl](http://www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl)

## About this tour

### Departure Point

This tour departs at **7.00 am** from 40onBurg, 40 Burg Street, Cape Town, South Africa.

Tel: +27 (0)21 426 4338, [www.40onburg.co.za](http://www.40onburg.co.za)

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point **at least 30 minutes before** the scheduled departure time.

### End Point

This tour ends at the Sentrim Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road, Nairobi, Kenya. Tel: +254 20 315680

[www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi](http://www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi)

### Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya

### What's included

Meals as indicated on the itinerary (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Overland truck), accommodation, registered guides and transport. We also include some of the highlights. These highlights are listed below in the day-by-day descriptions as "included highlights".

### What's excluded

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, soft drinks, snacks, souvenirs, tips, activity package and optional activities (see list for an indication of prices).

### Vehicle

Overland Truck

### Climate

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information.

### Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers. For more information, have a look on our website under "Hotels and Transfers"

## **Arrival/ Departure**

Please be sure to arrive at least 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will help avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart at least one day after the tour officially ends.

## **I Want More**

This tour will give you a good taste of what Southern and Eastern Africa has in store for you. However, you can extend your adventure by adding more tour options... such as our 14 day tours to Uganda to see the mountain gorillas, or you could even climb Mount Kilimanjaro- the highest mountain in Africa!. You are welcome to contact us via email to discuss more options.

## **Insurance (Compulsory)**

All clients require adequate Medical Insurance. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Medical Insurance is not provided.

## **Currency and Banking**

As your tour may pass through multiple countries, we have prepared information on the use of local and foreign currencies, ATMs and Credit Cards for each country. This information is available on our website under FAQ (frequently asked questions).

## **Health**

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disabilities that you may have.

## **Vaccinations**

A Yellow Fever Certificate might be required for this tour depending on your nationality. Please see the Pre-Departure Information booklet for detailed information on vaccinations in Africa.

## **Visas**

As visa requirements vary considerably from country to country and nationality to nationality, please contact the various embassies or a visa service agent in your home country to re-check your visa requirements at least 4 weeks prior to travelling. Please note that visas are the responsibility of the traveller and that ShapShap Travel and its partners will not be held responsible for guests being denied entry should they not be in the possession of the relevant visas.

All travellers must be in possession of a valid onward/return air ticket or proof of other means of transport enabling the traveller to leave the country in which your adventure tour passes or terminates. You should also have proof of sufficient funds (e.g. credit card) to see you through your

time in the country. Should the adventure tour you are joining be re-entering a country, be sure to have a multiple entry visa that enables you to re-enter the country. In some cases visas are available on entry into a country and may be cheaper to do so, however for peace of mind and to speed up the border crossing process, ShapShap Travel will always advise you to get your visas prior to your trip if possible.

## **Malaria**

Malaria prophylactics are required throughout this route.

## **Accommodation providers**

Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice, the accommodation listed in this dossier is our preferred supplier, but sometimes due to availability, we are unable to make use of the property listed in this dossier. If we cannot use the accommodation provider as listed we will substitute another property of similar standards, however, en-suite facilities are not always guaranteed.

## **Activity Package**

This is an **optional payment** that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The best option is to pre-book and pay for the whole Activity Package when you book your tour. You can also book and pay for these activities while on one tour, but it will be subject to availability and you will have to carry all that cash around with you.

*If you are travelling as a single supplement guest and have purchased the single supplement, please note that the single supplement does not cover any Activity Package items which include accommodation. All items booked under the Activity Package are booked on a per person sharing basis and you will not be entitled to a single room during these activities.*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Price</b>
Rooibos tea farm visit	<b>R 180</b>
Guided desert walk with local expert	<b>R 370</b>
Makgadikgadi Pans excursion	<b>R 400</b>
Chobe National Park boat cruise	<b>R 620</b>
Chobe National Park game drive (safari)	<b>R 620</b>
South Luangwa NP afternoon game drive (safari)	<b>R 1 450</b>
Mikumi NP game drive	<b>R 1 500</b>
3-Day Zanzibar excursion	<b>R 6 200</b>
	<b>R 11 340</b>

### **\* Okavango Delta Excursion Upgrade - Accommodated**

Included in the tour price is a full day excursion into the Okavango Delta. An upgrade package is available for purchase, should you wish to spend 2 nights in the Okavango Delta.

**Okavango Delta upgrade cost:** R 13200 per person.

**\* Optional Serengeti Excursion Upgrade (Only available as camping)**

The cost of the optional Serengeti excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price or activity package. The cost to participate in the 3-night camping excursion is R15250 per person

Please pre-book this when you book your tour, should you wish to participate in this activity.

**\* All the details of the Okavango Delta excursion and the Serengeti excursion can be found after the tour itinerary**

**This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.**

## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town this morning we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. The Cederberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush and today we will visit a working Rooibos tea farm and see the plants of Rooibos and Buchu that occur naturally in the wild. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cederberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea.

A dinner at our overnight stop offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Marcuskraal Campsite or similar: <a href="http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html">http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Cape Town to Citrusdal
<b>Activity Package</b>	Rooibos tea farm visit

### Day 2 - Namaqualand – Gariep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, we travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River.

If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this day's travel.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Felix Unite Cabanas or similar: <a href="http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas">http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Citrusdal to Orange River
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

### **Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon**

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch Royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means “river” in the indigenous Khoekhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Around midday we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Ai Ais Resort or similar: <a href="http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotsprings-spa">http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotsprings-spa</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Orange/Gariep River to Ai-Ais

### **Day 4 – Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground**

We rise early this morning and drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon. We will have time to watch the morning sunrises filter through the canyon. After stretching our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, we turn west and head for Keetmanshoop.

Our afternoon will be spent meandering through the Quiver Tree Forest and The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Maritz Country Lodge or similar: <a href="http://www.maritzcountrylodge.com.na/">http://www.maritzcountrylodge.com.na/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathrooms
<b>Route</b>	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop
<b>Included Highlights</b>	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon/ Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

### **Day 5 - Namib-Naukluff National Park**

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko (small lizard).

<b>Accommodation</b>	Namib Naukluff Lodge or similar. <a href="http://www.namib-naukluff-lodge.com/">http://www.namib-naukluff-lodge.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluff NP

### **Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluff National Park**

A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a

4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei.

Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.

**Accommodation** Namib Naukluft Lodge or similar <http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/>  
**Facilities** Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom  
**Included Highlight** Sesriem Canyon / Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei

### Day 7 - Swakopmund

Our final day in the desert comes to an end as we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion. Reluctantly we leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, we continue to the Atlantic coastline. We make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, where we hope to catch a glimpse of the flamingo's that feed in the shallows. Arriving in Swakopmund we will have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer.

**Accommodation** Stay@Swakop or similar: <http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/>  
**Facilities** Two per room with en-suite bathroom  
**Route** Naukluft Area to Swakopmund  
**Included Activity** Tropic of Capricorn, Walvis Bay Lagoon  
**Activity Package** Guided desert walk with local expert

### Day 8 - Swakopmund

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more. Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.

**Accommodation** Stay@Swakop or similar. <http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/>  
**Facilities** Two per room with en-suite bathroom  
**Optional Activity** Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking, Dinner

### Day 9 – Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

Leaving early, we make our way to the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe which tower 700 metres above the desert plains below. The presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

**Accommodation** Brandberg Rest Camp or similar: <https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/home>  
**Facilities** Two per room with en-suite bathroom  
**Route** Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)

**Included Highlight** Visit and explore Spitzkoppe with a local guide

### **Day 10 – Brandberg White Lady**

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. This morning we will make the 1-hour hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. *(Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River)*. After our exploration, our journey continues to the area of Kamanjab.

**Accommodation** Toko Lodge or similar: <http://www.tokolodge.co/>

**Facilities** Two per room with en-suite bathroom

**Route** Brandberg to Kamanjab

**Included Highlight** Brandberg White Lady hike

### **Day 11 - Etosha National Park**

Rising early this morning we drive to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. This afternoon we reach the park and begin with our first game drive (safari) as we make our way to the rest camp.

**Accommodation** Halali or similar: <http://www.nwr.com.na>

**Facilities** Two per room with en-suite bathroom

**Route** Kamanjab to Etosha National Park

**Included Highlight** Afternoon game drive (safari) in overland truck

### **Day 12 - Etosha National Park**

Our second day in Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

**Accommodation** Okaukuejo or similar: <http://www.nwr.com.na>

**Facilities** Two per room with en-suite bathroom

**Route** Etosha National Park

**Included Highlight** Full day game drive (safari) in overland truck

### **Day 13 - Windhoek**

It is an early rise as we take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Upon arrival in Windhoek, we will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some of its better known landmarks. *(Our accommodation for the night is situated halfway between the city and the airport)*.

**Accommodation** Heja Game Lodge or similar: <http://www.hejalodge.com>

**Facilities** Two per Room with en-suite bathroom

**Route** Etosha National Park to Windhoek

**Included Highlight** Walk through Windhoek with your guide



## Day 14 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Ghanzi Trail Blazers or similar: <a href="http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw">http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Windhoek to Ghanzi
<b>Included Highlight</b>	San Tribal dance in evening
<b>Border Post</b>	Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

## Day 15 – Okavango Delta

Before departing Ghanzi we will enjoy an informative guided walk with the San community. After our walk, we head towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect on our full day excursion into the Okavango Delta.

**\* Those guests who have pre-purchased the upgrade package will be transferred into the Delta upon arrival in Maun and will re-join the group on the morning of day 17. See description after itinerary.**

<b>Accommodation</b>	Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar: <a href="http://sedia-hotel.com/">http://sedia-hotel.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Ghanzi to Maun
<b>Included Highlight</b>	San Guided Walk
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Okavango Delta scenic flight

## Day 16 - Okavango Delta Excursion

The most rewarding and enjoyable way to explore and experience the beauty and serenity of this intricate system of lily covered channels and lagoons is by mokoro (dugout canoe). Heading out early, we will be transferred by safari vehicle to the poling station (approximately 1 hour transfer) where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your poler. After the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the poling station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar: <a href="http://sedia-hotel.com/">http://sedia-hotel.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Maun – poling station – Okavango Delta - Maun
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Okavango Delta Day Excursion

## Day 17 – Nata

Leaving Maun behind us this morning (and re-uniting with those that chose the upgrade package) we make our way towards the town of Nata. We will spend most of the day in our truck as we journey across the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans.

Our activity package will afford us the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon guided game drive to the Nata Sanctuary, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nata Lodge or similar: <a href="http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/nata-lodge.php">http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/nata-lodge.php</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Maun to Nata
<b>Activity Package</b>	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

## Day 18 – Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration in 4x4 vehicles, which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons. The afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise and a meal served around the campfire.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Thebe River Safaris or similar: <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Nata to Kasane
<b>Activity Package</b>	Chobe National Park Game Drive, Chobe National Park boat cruise

## Day 19 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of “Mosi-oa Tunya” (the smoke that thunders).

While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel or similar: <a href="http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com">http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Kasane to Victoria Falls
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting
<b>Border Post</b>	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

## Day 20 - Victoria Falls

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suits your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel or similar. <a href="http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com">http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Visit the Vic Falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner: <a href="http://www.shearwatervictoriafalls.com">http://www.shearwatervictoriafalls.com</a>

## Day 21 - Lusaka

Setting off early from Victoria Falls, we catch a last sighting of the mighty falls before crossing the border into Zambia. While we have a long day travelling today, we get our first impressions of the Africa that awaits us. Colourful markets, busy villages and rural scenes form the backdrop of our journey to the outskirts of Lusaka. We enjoy a prepared meal on arrival as our guides brief us on the days ahead.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Eureka Camp or similar. <a href="http://www.eurekacamp.com">http://www.eurekacamp.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Victoria Falls to Lusaka
<b>Included Highlight</b>	View of Victoria Falls from the Bridge
<b>Border Post</b>	Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls Bridge (no telephone number) Open: 06h00-20h00 Zambia: Victoria Falls Bridge (no telephone number) Open: 06h00-20h00

## Day 22 - Petauke

This morning we drive through Zambia's busy capital Lusaka before turning east towards Petauke, our destination for the night. As an important link between Lusaka and neighbouring Malawi, the Great East Road winds through rural Zambia and we will cross the mighty Luangwa River along the way. Dotted with villages and subsistence farms, today's landscapes serve as a stark contrast to the developed countries so many of us call home.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Chimwemwe Executive Lodge or similar. <a href="http://www.chimwemwelodge.com">http://www.chimwemwelodge.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Lusaka to Petauke

## Day 23 - South Luangwa National Park

With two days of travel behind us we look forward to the tranquillity of South Luangwa and this morning we make our way to the banks of the Luangwa River. Our first stop though is the town of Chipata, home of Chipata Cotton and an important centre for the cotton farmers of the region. Tribal Textiles represents the creativity of the African culture and those interested can enjoy a tour of their workshops (March to December). One of the finest sunsets is surely that enjoyed on the banks of the Luangwa River, so grab a cold drink and watch the day fade away.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Wildlife Camp or similar. <a href="http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com">http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com</a>
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**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Petauke to South Luangwa National Park  
**Included Highlight** Luangwa Village Tour (Textile visit)

### Day 24 - South Luangwa National Park

South Luangwa National Park is a world-class safari destination and we have a full day to explore the park in search of the variety of wildlife found in the park. This morning you can partake in an optional morning safari or during the dry season (April to December) you can join one of the iconic walking safaris on offer in the park. This afternoon we will enjoy a sunset drive in the park including a sundowner stop. The unique opportunity to explore the park at night gives us a chance to spot the elusive nocturnal species that are rarely seen in the day.

**Accommodation** Wildlife Camp or similar. <http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions  
**Activity Package** Sunset Game Drive (safari) in South Luangwa National Park  
**Optional Activity** Safari Walk (seasonal) or Morning Game Drive (safari) in South Luangwa

### Day 25 - Lake Malawi

This morning we board our truck and set off for Malawi, the warm heart of Africa. Our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi, the southernmost lake in the East African Rift system. As one of the ten largest lakes in the world, the lake stretches for over 500km along the western boundary of Malawi and is home to more species of fish than any other lake. We spend the night on the shores of this natural wonder.

**Accommodation** Ngala Beach Lodge or similar. <http://www.ngalabeach.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** South Luangwa National Park to Lake Malawi  
**Border Post** Zambia: Chipata / Nwami, Tel: + 265 622 1652, Open: 06h00-18h00  
Malawi: Mchinji, Tel: +265 124 2217, Open: 06h00-18h00

### Day 26 - Northern Lake Malawi

Today is set aside for you to relax at the lake. Use the time to read a book, soak up the sun or indulge in the many attractions that are on offer.

**Accommodation** Ngala Beach Lodge or similar. <http://www.ngalabeach.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions

### Day 27 - Lake Malawi

Today we are back on the road for most of the day travelling further north and will overnight once again on the banks of Lake Malawi. Enjoy the sunset over the lake from the beach. Your guide will assist you to plan your activities for the coming days, or you can simply slow your clock to Africa time relaxing on the lake shore.

**Accommodation** Majjuwa or similar. <http://www.majjuwa.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Included Highlight** Malawi Village Tour

**Route** Central Lake Malawi to North Lake Malawi

### Day 28 - Lake Malawi

Snorkelling in the crystal waters offers the chance to see first-hand the brilliantly coloured tropical cichlids, tiny fish often found in colourful aquariums around the world. For the more adventurous amongst us, use today to participate in the Livingstonia hike. This is a strenuous hike that takes between 8 – 12 hours to complete. Your guide will provide additional information on the hike.

**Accommodation** Majizuwa or similar. <http://www.majizuwa.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Included Highlight** Livingstonia Hike

### Day 29 - Tanzania – Iringa

Today as we leave Malawi, we ascend the Great Rift Valley and make our way into Tanzania. We round the northern extremes of the lake as we turn east and continue to our overnight stop in Iringa.

**Accommodation** Kisolanza Farm or similar. <http://www.kisolanza.com>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Northern Lake Malawi to Iringa  
**Border Post** Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00  
Tanzania: Chi'zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00

### Day 30 - Mikumi

This morning we complete our journey to the doorstep of Mikumi National Park. Mikumi ranks as the fourth largest park in Tanzania, but forms part of a 75 000 square kilometer wilderness that centers on Selous, Africa's largest game reserve. Abutting the northern border of this vast wilderness, Mikumi offers us an opportunity for an afternoon of game viewing.

**Accommodation** Asante Afrika Camp or similar. [www.asanteafrikacamp.com](http://www.asanteafrikacamp.com)  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Iringa to Mikumi  
**Activity Package** Mikumi National Park Game Drive

### Day 31 – Bagamoyo (via Dar es Salaam)

Today we continue onwards, travelling past the bustling port town of Dar es Salaam towards the historical town of Bagamoyo where we will overnight. Tonight we prepare for our upcoming excursion to Zanzibar.

**Accommodation** Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge or similar.  
<http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Mikumi to Bagamoyo

### Day 32 - Zanzibar Excursion

We rise early and travel the short distance to Dar es Salaam where after a brief stop in the city to collect guests joining us, we board the ferry to Zanzibar and make the ocean journey to the island of

Zanzibar. On arrival we will partake in a Spice Tour before reaching Nungwi on the northern point of the island. Our home for the next two nights, Nungwi offers a perfect stop to enjoy the beaches and activities on offer.

**Please note:** Those who have not opted for the Zanzibar Excursion will remain in Bagamoyo for the next three nights.

**Accommodation** Amaan Bungalows or similar.  
<http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/amaan-bungalows/ab-about-us/>

**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

**Route** Bagamoyo via Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar by ferry

**Activity Package** Zanzibar Excursion

**Included Highlight** Spice Tour and City Tour (as part of your activity package)

### Day 33 - Zanzibar Excursion

Today is a free day for enjoying some of the many attractions and activities on offer. Water sports are the order of the day and Nungwi offers fishing, snorkelling, scuba diving and a variety of ocean safari options. Whatever it is you chose to do today, you will have ample opportunity to create some island memories. Rent a scooter and explore the many attractions on offer or simply relax on the beach and soak up the sun.

**Accommodation** Amaan Bungalows or similar.  
<http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/amaan-bungalows/ab-about-us/>

**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

**Activity Package** Zanzibar Excursion

**Optional Activity** Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours, Jozani Forest and more

### Day 34 - Zanzibar Excursion

Our visit to Nungwi comes to an end today as we travel to Stone Town this afternoon. Boasting a rich history this bustling port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes. We overnight here before returning to Dar es Salaam in the morning.

**Accommodation** Ocean View Hotel or similar.  
<http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/zov/zov-accommodation>

**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

**Route** Nungwi to Stone Town

**Activity Package** Zanzibar Excursion

### Day 35 - Dar es Salaam – Bagamoyo

This morning we have some time to explore the sights of Stone Town, the rich history and vibrant markets are some of the highlights of any visit to Zanzibar. We bid farewell to the island and board our return ferry, on arrival back at the Dar es Salaam port, we reunite with our truck and return to Bagamoyo where we spend the night.

**Accommodation** Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge or similar.  
<http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam by ferry; Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo  
**Included Highlight** Stone Town

### Day 36 - Arusha

Heading north this morning we travel across the northern reaches of Tanzania, our destination tonight is the bustling town of Arusha. Northern Tanzania is home to the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Kilimanjaro. Those who have purchased the \* **optional Serengeti Excursion upgrade package** will be briefed this evening by our local guide on what to prepare for the coming days.

**Accommodation** Ndoro Lodge or similar. <http://www.ndorolodge.com>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Bagamoyo to Arusha

### Day 37 - Karatu

Although it is short distance to Karatu, we will spend most of the day commuting closer to the Ngorongoro Crater. Upon arrival in Karatu, our guide will brief us on the full day excursion into the crater. Karatu is conveniently situated to allow you the opportunity to participate in various optional activities in the coming days.

**Accommodation** Kudu Camp or similar. <http://kuducamp.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Arusha to Karatu

### Day 38 - Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

We rise early and will be collected from our camp and transferred to the Ngorongoro Crater. We will spend the bulk of our day exploring the Crater floor in search of the animals which roam the plains. We will arrive back in Karatu in the afternoon.

**Accommodation** Kudu Camp or similar . <http://kuducamp.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Karatu to Ngorongoro Crater and return  
**Included Highlight** Full day 4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

### Day 39 - Karatu

Today is free for you to relax at camp or participate in a number of optional activities available from the accommodation establishment. Some of the optional activities include village walking visits or a visit to Lake Manyara National Park. These activities need to be booked directly with the accommodation provide upon arrival in Karatu.

**Accommodation** Kudu Camp or similar. <http://kuducamp.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Included Highlight** Karatu Cultural Tour, Elephant Caves Hike

#### Day 40 - Arusha

Returning to Arusha, tonight we will reunite with our fellow travellers who opted for the Serengeti upgrade and we share out experiences of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.

**Accommodation** Ndoro Lodge or similar. <http://www.ndorolodge.com>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Serengeti National Park to Arusha (Serengeti Upgrade Guests)/  
Karatu to Arusha (Non-Upgrade Guests)

#### Day 41 - Kenya – Nairobi

We cross the border into Kenya this morning and make our way to Nairobi where our journey ends on arrival.

**Accommodation** `Own Arrangements/ Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.  
**Route** Arusha to Nairobi  
**Border Post** Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs  
Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

#### \* **Optional Okavango Delta Upgrade - Accommodated**

The cost of the optional Okavango Delta excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price or activity package. The cost to participate in the 2-night excursion is **R13,200** per person. In order to ensure availability of this optional activity, we request that you pre-book and pre-pay this activity together with your tour purchase. Single supplement charges paid on the overland tour do not cover the Okavango Delta excursion and are not available at all during this excursion. Therefore please expect to share with a fellow guest for the duration of the Okavango Delta excursion.

Optional Activity	Price
2-Night Okavango Delta excursion upgrade	<b>R 13 200</b>
	<b>R 13 200</b>

The accommodated Okavango Delta upgrade excursion is operated with a combination of small charter planes and in 4x4 safari vehicles. The overland truck and crew (and fellow guests who have not purchased the upgrade) will be based in Maun and you will be separated from the group for the 2 nights. You will be required to pack an overnight bag for your excursion – please ensure your valuables and luggage which you are not taking is locked in your locker in the overland truck.

Mopiri Camp, which means "little island " in the local Bayei language, is hidden away on the north western side of the Okavango Delta and offers the perfect water based camp experience. The camp is situated approximately 280kms from Maun and at certain times of the year when the waterways are in flood, access to camp will be by boat to / from the landing strip. Long winding board walks between the main area and the rooms offer guests privacy and the opportunity to stretch their legs and explore the island. Mopiri camp's main area consists of a large dining room with a separate lounge area. There is a large deck overlooking the lagoon and a fire pit perfect for stargazing. The swimming pool is positioned with views over the floodplain. All meals are included during your stay in the Okavango Delta.



## \* Itinerary: Okavango Delta excursion - Accommodated

### Day 1 – Maun – Okavango Delta

Upon arrival in Maun this afternoon your guide will drop you off at the Maun airport to board your flight into the Okavango Delta and upon landing you are met by a representative of the lodge and will be transferred to the camp. Once you have checked in to your accommodation, a high tea is served at camp and this is followed by a boat trip and a short island walk. It could be that depending on the season, your island walk may not be possible and you will enjoy a boat cruise on the barge with sundowners.

**Accommodation** Mopiri Camp: <http://www.mopiricamp.com/> OR Nguma (no website available)  
**Facilities** Two per permanent tent including en-suite facilities  
**Route** Maun into the Okavango Delta

### Day 2 – Okavango Delta

We rise early, enjoying a continental breakfast at the lodge before heading out on a full day trip through the waterways, which will include a boat safari, nature walk, mokoro trip and lunch on one of the islands. We will return to camp in the afternoon for high tea before settling in for the night.

**Accommodation** Mopiri Camp: <http://www.mopiricamp.com/> OR Nguma (no website available)  
**Facilities** Two per permanent tent including en-suite facilities  
**Route** Maun into the Okavango Delta

### Day 3 – Okavango Delta to Maun

After a leisurely breakfast you will be returned to the airstrip for your flight back to Maun. Upon arrival in Maun, your guide will be waiting for you at the airport, being re-united with your fellow travellers and overland truck.

## \* Optional Serengeti Excursion Upgrade

The cost of the optional Serengeti excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price or the activity package. The cost to participate in the 3-night (4-day) **camping** excursion is R15250 per person. This rate is based on a minimum of 2 guests booking and is subject to increase if there is only 1 guest participating in this activity.

In order to ensure availability of this optional activity, we request that you pre-book and pre-pay this activity together with your tour purchase. Single supplement charges paid on the tour do not cover the Serengeti excursion, therefore please expect to share with a fellow guest for the duration of the Serengeti excursion.

Optional Activity	Price
4-Day Serengeti excursion upgrade	R 15 250
	R 15 250

The Serengeti excursion is operated in 4x4 safari vehicles in order to tackle the challenging side roads in the parks. The overland truck and crew (and fellow guests who have not purchased the upgrade) will be based in the town of Karatu and you will be separated from the group for the 3 nights. You will be required to pack overnight bags for your excursion – please ensure your valuables and luggage which you are not taking is locked in your locker in the overland truck.

The campsites we visit are fully owned by the Tanzania National Parks Board. Over 90,000 tourists visit the Serengeti National Park annually. These facilities are sadly not always sufficiently maintained by the Parks Board and we have attempted to offer our services to improve the situation, however our offers were not accepted. We do ask that you have an open mind when visiting the ablutions in the Serengeti National Park. Please supply your own wet wipes and toilet paper.

## Serengeti excursion itinerary

### Day 1 - Arusha - Serengeti National Park

The Serengeti is most famous for the annual migration when over a million wildebeest and about 200,000 zebras flow south from the northern hills to the southern plains for the short rains every October and November, then swirling west and north after the long rains in April, May and June. While the migration is heavily dependent on the rains and viewing of the spectacle cannot be guaranteed, we will make the most of our time in the Serengeti in search of the various animal species that frequent the plains. After a short briefing at the accommodation in Arusha, we depart in 4x4 safari vehicles and set off for the Serengeti National Park, enjoy our first game drive (safari) as we enter in the afternoon and make our way to our camp.

**Accommodation** Bush Camp: Seronera Campsite or similar.  
<http://www.tanzaniaparks.com/serengeti.html>

**Facilities** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

**Route** Arusha (Ngoro Lodge) to Serengeti National Park

### Day 2 - Serengeti National Park

Our route today depends on the movement of the game (wild animals) and sightings, however, we spend the entire day game driving (safari) through the Serengeti. Apart from the annual migration, the Serengeti is also home to the “big five”, and it is claimed that the Serengeti is home to the highest population of lions anywhere in Africa.

**Accommodation** Bush Camp: Seronera Campsite or similar.  
<http://www.tanzaniaparks.com/serengeti.html>

**Facilities** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

### Day 3 - Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

Today we explore more of the Serengeti and make our way to the famous Ngorongoro Crater. We drive down to the bottom of the Crater, where we try and see as many animals as possible.

**Accommodation** Bush Camp: Simba Campsite or similar.  
<http://www.tanzaniaparks.com/serengeti.html>

**Facilities**

Campsite with Shared Ablutions

**Day 4 - Arusha**

We pack up early and leave our camp to enjoy our final game drive in the Ngorongoro area as we make our way to the exit. We should reach Arusha early evening where we will reunite with our truck, crew and fellow guests.

**Accommodation** Ndoro Lodge or similar. <http://www.ndorolodge.com>

**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions

**Route** Ngorongoro to Arusha

## More optional activities which can be booked on this tour

There are more optional activities being created every day – we have listed only the most popular. If there is something specific you would like to do then speak to your guide as they will be able to assist you if possible.

Country	Area	Activity	Guideline
Botswana	Okavango	Tips for Polers - Per Day Per Person	Clients Discretion
Botswana	Ghanzi	Craft Making	P240 - P300
Botswana	Ghanzi	Rope Making & Trap Setting	P240 - P300
Namibia	Orange River	Half day canoe adventure (Min 4 Clients)	R250 - R300
Namibia	Swakopmund	Quadbiking	R650 - R750
Namibia	Swakopmund	Sandboarding	R350 - R 450
Namibia	Swakopmund	Skydiving	R2300 - R2800
Namibia	Swakopmund	Dolphin Cruise (incl transfer & light lunch)	R700 - R800
Namibia	Swakopmund	Dinner at local restaurant	R150- R300
Namibia	Windhoek	Dinner at local restaurant	R150 - R300
Botswana	Ghanzi	Bushman Walk	USD15 - USD25
Botswana	Maun	Scenic Flight minimum 5 pax (group rate)	USD600 - USD800
Botswana	Maun	2Hr Horseriding incl transfer ( min 2 guests )	USD95 - USD150
Botswana	Kasane	Chobe National Park Game Drive	USD50 - USD70
Malawi	Lake Malawi	Lake Cruise & Swim (1 hour)	USD35 – USD45
Malawi	Lake Malawi	Chiwi Hot Springs (2.5 hours)	USD70 – USD 80
Malawi	Lake Malawi	Unaka Lagoon (2 hours)	USD60 – USD70

Malawi	Lake Malawi	Snorkelling / Village walks	Free
Malawi	Lake Malawi	Kayak Rental (per hour)	USD3 – USD10
Malawi	Lake Malawi	Livingstonia Hike (Full day, min 3 guests)	USD10 – USD30
Malawi	Lake Malawi	Livingstonia Transfer (Full day, min 6 guests)	USD20 – USD120
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Dinner at local restaurant	USD25 - USD60
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Full Day white water rafting	USD150 - USD170
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Helicopter Flights (Min 3 guests )	USD160 - USD180
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Zambezi Sunset Cruise (incl transfers)	USD100 - USD110
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Bungee jump	USD160 -USD190
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Entry to Victoria Falls	USD 35 - USD 40
Kenya	Nairobi	Dinner at local restaurant	USD25- USD60
Zambia	South Luangwa NP	Walking safari outside national park	USD42 - USD60
Zambia	South Luangwa NP	Morning game drive(incl park fees)	USD66 - USD80
Zambia	South Luangwa NP	Walking safari inside national park	USD82 - USD90
Tanzania	Nungwi Beach	Snorkelling	USD27 - USD60
Tanzania	Zanzibar	Half day dolphin trip	USD35 - USD170
Tanzania	Zanzibar	Lunch (per meal)	USD20 - USD50
Tanzania	Serengeti	Tips for guides (per person)	Clients Discretion
Tanzania	Serengeti	Arusha National Park day trip	USD 165 - USD320
Tanzania	Serengeti	Tangire National Park day trip	USD177 - USD420
Tanzania	Serengeti	Lake Manyara National Park day trip	USD 177 - USD420

## More about this tour

### MEALS ON TOUR

**Breakfast:** As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.

**Lunch:** Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta

salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling. Guides have meal plans which they should stick to, to ensure that there is variety on a day to day basis.

Dinner: This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes. All meals (on both accommodated and camping tours) that are included as per the dossier are prepared at the full service adventure truck. This is a unique adventure in itself where you get to dine under the stars with your new found friends and experience the real sights and sounds of Africa!

## **TIPPING ON TOUR**

African countries: In general tipping in restaurants is expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides. It is expected to tip porters and car-guards etc. Ask your guides how much is appropriate in local currency.

Our guides do work hard but they are also paid at (and often above) industry levels for this work. Our Crew can be tipped if you feel that they have done a good job and/or gone above and beyond the call of duty. The best way to arrange tips is to elect one person in the group to collect the money. We recommend USD1-2 (or about R10-R20) per day per person, per guide as a fair tip. So if you have 3-crew on a tour, we would recommend that 3 envelopes are used and each crew member's name written on one. Place what you feel is fair into each envelope and the elected person can give these to the crew at the end of the tour. If you do not feel that the crew deserve a tip, please, do not tip them. You must remember that tipping is only for exceptional service and is not at all compulsory or expected.

## **Countries visited**

### **South Africa**

South Africa is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Africa, as it offers truly magnificent views and has an abundance of activities to enjoy. This Southern African country is rich with culture and traditions; with every citizen having a unique heritage, culture and story to tell. Here, guests will find themselves enchanted with a unique vibrancy and absorbed in the freedom of every citizen. The combination of the beauty of the landscape and friendly nature of the locals makes South Africa a truly inspiring and exciting country to explore.

Since the 17th century and the arrival of its very first settlers, South Africa has been claimed, to be one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. Not only is the weather warm and mild throughout the year, but locals and visitors enjoying an endlessly beautiful scenery and diversity in landscapes. Undoubtedly, South Africa's main attractions are its beautiful mountain and coastal views, however its cities also attract more than enough tourist attention.

In 2010, South Africa hosted the FIFA Soccer World Cup, putting on an incredible show and proving themselves as one of the world's leaders in the hospitality industry. Guests were made to feel welcome and encouraged to participate in local celebrations and enjoy the sights of each region; a factor which surely contributed to the Mother City of South Africa, Cape Town, being voted by TripAdvisor to be the most desired tourist destination in the world.

Among South Africa's other top attractions is Johannesburg (The City of Gold), Durban (a surfer's paradise), Port Elizabeth (the friendly city), the Garden Route and the Kruger National Park. A trip through this stunning country will show you just how far it's come since the days of Apartheid and will showcase the diversity, vibrancy and freedom which makes South Africa a pleasure to visit today.

## **Namibia**

Namibia is Southern Africa's most westerly nation and is home to some of the most beautiful desert plains and sand dunes. This nation has a truly unique landscape; completely unlike Angola, South Africa and Botswana which are its neighbours. Namibia is also one of the largest countries in Africa, covering 824,000 square kilometres. While it covers a seemingly endless amount of space, at every turn you'll find yourself facing a truly magnificent sight and rugged beauty.

Although Namibia's deserts may look lifeless, they're in fact buzzing with life and activity. Home to the African wildlife that tourists travel miles to observe, as well as their very own wild horses and snakes, Namibia has several game reserves for their visitors to visit. The most popular and established being the Etosha National Park where guests can either choose to camp or stay in luxurious accommodation.

If you're planning an adventure into this beautiful and inspiring country, make sure you land up in Swakopmund, visit the Fish River Canyon, Damaraland and the Kaokoveld. A trip to the Skeleton Coast will show you the beauty of a desert meeting a coast. The Kalahari however, is one of the most astounding aspects of this nation, as its endlessly beautiful terrain and wildlife will take you to a mysterious and enchanting new world.

The capital city of Namibia is Windhoek, a city which is heavily influenced by Namibia's previous colonial ruler, Germany. Today, however the country has close ties to South Africa; its currency linked to that of the rainbow nation.

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## **Botswana**

Botswana is a southern African landlocked nation, surrounded by Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, Namibia and is one of Africa's most popular inland tourist destinations. Despite being quite a large country, Botswana remains to be one of the world's smallest communities with just over two million people calling themselves citizens. Most of the locals can be found working in the nation's capital city, Gaborone, however many others work on game reserves and with the country's tourism industry.

Over seventy percent of Botswana is covered by the Kalahari Desert; the largest desert in southern Africa and one of Botswana's largest claims to fame. Here, guests are enchanted of the beauties within the desert and will find a new appreciation towards the tribes that called this rugged terrain home.

Botswana's Okavango Delta is the world's largest inland delta and is alive with vibrant bird species and wildlife. In comparison to the vast Kalahari Dessert, the delta is lush and green; a true magical world where life is simple and relaxation is unavoidable.

A trip to Botswana isn't complete without a visit to the Makgadikgadi Pan, an incredibly large salt pan where you'll delight in peace and quiet. There is hardly any live here, as the salt pan makes it hard for nature flourish, however exploring the pan will show you another wonder unlike any other, a true escape from civilization and a surreal, beautiful place.

Botswana is truly a unique country with a landscape and beauty unlike any other; from deserts to delta, bushveld to grasslands, savannas to salt pans, Botswana is a true joy to explore and offers a world of adventure to all tourists.

## **Zimbabwe**

Zimbabwe is an incredibly beautiful, land-locked nation in the centre of Southern Africa. Despite its political and economic struggles, it remains a country of breath-taking beauty and lush landscapes. Famously bordering on the magnificent Victoria Falls and stunning Zambezi River, this is a country of astounding beauty and is by no means short of attractions and activities.

Zimbabwe, previously known as Rhodesia during its colonial days, has been the focus of many explorers during the last few centuries. It was Rhodes that orchestrated the building on the first railway line through the country which stretches across the entire African continent, and David Livingstone was the explorer to hear the thunderous sound and say the spray of the world's largest natural waterfall, the Victoria Falls; named after his sovereign Queen Victoria.

Zimbabwe received its independence in 1980 and has struggled to maintain a democratic state ever since. However, despite its unstable economy and the fragile political state, thousands of tourists make their way to the country every year, wishing to explore its African roots and be spellbound by its beauty.

Zimbabwe has a unique landscape, atmosphere, community and culture which set it apart from its fellow Southern African nations. The beauty of this country will easily allow you to forget it's complicated structure; indulge yourself in the magnificent Victoria Falls, astounding structures of Motopas, observe the African wildlife and take yourself back in time to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins.

## **Zambia**

The Republic of Zambia is a landlocked Southern African country with eight neighbouring nations and a central capital city, Lusaka – which is called home by most of the country's population. The nation today has a variety of people with various African backgrounds. The official language in

Zambia is English as all business is conducted through it; however most of the locals speak Nyanj and Bemba among themselves.

Undoubtedly, one of Zambia's main attractions is the magnificent Victoria Falls which are shared by bordering Zimbabwe. With the spectacular falls comes an endless list of exciting outdoor activities to participate in. Bunjy jumping, white water rafting, canoeing and house boating are just some of the exciting adventures which can be enjoyed. However, throughout the country you'll come across game reserves offering game drives, luxurious accommodation or camping, and the chance for you to meet the locals and explore their communities.

Culture, traditions and customs plays a vital part of the lives of Zambians as their culture is made up from the heritages of over seventy ethnically diverse people. Over the last centuries, communities have moved into Zambia in search of better pastures, political climates and job opportunities; today there is a blend of all these cultures, creating a vibrant and rich national culture.

For centuries its beauty has astounded both locals, settlers and tourists, with the likes of Lake Kariba, Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River. For tourists venturing into the centre of the country, they can see the site of David Livingstone's last breath, the Livingstone memorial and can even visit the Chimp Sanctuary.

## **Malawi**

Malawi, previously known as Nyasaland during colonial times, shares a border with Tanzania, Zambia, and Mozambique and is one of Africa's smallest nations, being 118 000 square kilometres in size. For such a small nation, Malawi has an incredibly large population; 13 900 000 people call this land "home". Malawi is an elongated country which can be divided into three sections, known as the north, central and southern regions.

The beauty of travelling to Malawi is that you can see something of everything that the country has to offer. For instance, whether you're in the North, Central or South you'll be able to tour the magnificent Lake Malawi, and regardless of where you find yourself staying in Malawi accommodation, you'll learn something exciting about the local tribes and custom, see it's beautiful plains and mountains, and be able to observe the countries abundance of wildlife.

Lilongwe is the capital city of Malawi despite Blantyre being the largest. Both cities however offer fantastic tourist opportunities for tourists to explore, experience the local cuisine and learn something about the lifestyle of the locals. Malawi is however, one of the world's most under-developed countries, with most of its citizens making their lives in rural parts as farmers. The beautiful attractions, landscape and wildlife entices thousands of tourists every year, aiding to the country's economy.

Malawi is known to be The Heart Of Africa; showcasing not only their own beauty and lifestyles, but representing so many other African nations through their political and economic structure and idyllic scenery.



## **Tanzania**

Tanzania can be found in Eastern Africa, surrounded by Kenya and Uganda to the north, Rwanda, Burundi and the Republic of Congo to the west and Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique to the South. It also has an Indian Ocean border to its east; its own seaport which also imports and exports for surrounding landlocked nations. Dodoma has been the country's capital since 1996 as it's government and parliament offices can be found there, however Dar es Salaam, the nation's capital since independence and until 1996, remains the centre of business and the principle commercial city in Tanzania.

Tanzania lies just south of the equator and is thus almost always sunny. Its terrain is incredibly beautiful, lush from the sun and scattered winter showers, and alive with an abundance of wildlife. Tanzania's magnificent wildlife is one of its strongest attractions as tourists can embark on idyllic game drives seeing a variety of different wildlife. Undoubtedly, the country's most popular national park is the Serengeti as it's over 14 500 square kilometers of endless rolling plains offers guests a world of splendour and tranquillity.

Tanzania is home to the beautiful, formidable and majestic Mount Kilimanjaro; Africa's highest peak and the world's largest free standing mountain. Hiking and exploring the mountain is not for the faint-hearted, however every year thousands of adventurers travel to summit the mountain.

A trip to Tanzania will treat you to some of the most beautiful attractions in Africa; not only will you be able to set your sights on the beautiful plains and wildlife of the Serengeti and magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro, but you'll be enchanted by the local culture and traditions, gain an inside perspective into a truly African nation, and have the chance to listen to their unique African style rumba music.

## **Kenya**

Kenya is one of the most popular African countries, renowned for its beautiful game reserves, endless lush plains and abundance of wildlife. It lies on the equator and can be found just under the horn of Africa, nestled between Somalia, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania, with an eastern Indian Ocean coast. For a country of its size, Kenya successfully manages to pack in a variety of attractions, destinations and activities for both locals and tourists to enjoy.

Kenya's largest and capital city is Nairobi; a city that has watched the story of this beautiful nation unfold. It is known as the Green City in the Sun and is alive with locals and wildlife. It became a popular destination during the colonial times as the single rail way depot between Uganda and Mombasa, and today it one of Africa's hubs for business and education.

Kenya's Maasia Mara game reserve and Maasia people attracts thousands of tourists every year, as does it's beautiful and majestic Mount Kenya, Mombasa south coast and Lake Nakuru – a truly astounding lake which stretches for miles.

**Enjoy your adventure of a lifetime!**