

## 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. On this tour, camping and accommodated clients will be travelling together with a maximum number of participants of 20.

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 **07:00am** from Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel – 278 Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – Tel: + 263 13 44583/ 42213-4 – <http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com>

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

### End Point

Kariakoo Hotel, Lumumba Road / Mahiwa Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, +255 22 2183100, <http://www.sleepinnhoteltz.com/en/kariakoo/index>

### Countries Visited

Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania

### 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. 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 Eastern Africa has in store for you. However, you can extend your adventure by adding more tour options... you could continue onward to Zanzibar, the Serengeti and all the way up to Nairobi in Kenya (10 more days) or you could even climb the highest mountain in Africa- Kilimanjaro! 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 tour, but it will be subject to availability and you will have to carry all that cash around with you.

Activity	Price
South Luangwa NP afternoon game drive (safari)	R1 450
Mikumi NP game drive	R1 500
	R2 950

**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 - 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.

**Accommodation Facilities** Eureka Camp or similar. <http://www.eurekacamp.com>  
**Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Route** Victoria Falls to Lusaka  
**Included Highlight** View of Victoria Falls from the Bridge  
**Border Post** Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls Bridge (no telephone number) Open: 06h00-20h00  
Zambia: Victoria Falls Bridge (no telephone number) Open: 06h00-20h00

### **Day 2 - 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.

**Accommodation** Chimwemwe Executive Lodge or similar. <http://www.chimwemwelodge.com>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Route** Lusaka to Petauke

### **Day 3 - 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.

**Accommodation** Wildlife Camp or similar. <http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Route** Petauke to South Luangwa National Park

**Included Highlight** Luangwa Village Tour (Textile visit)

### **Day 4 - 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  
**Camping:** Campsite 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 5 - 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  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**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 6 - 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  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

### Day 7 - 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  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Included Highlight** Malawi Village Tour  
**Route** Central Lake Malawi to North Lake Malawi

### Day 8 - 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  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Included Highlight** Livingstonia Hike

### Day 9 - 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  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**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 10 - 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  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Route** Iringa to Mikumi  
**Activity Package** Mikumi National Park Game Drive (safari)

### Bagamoyo (via Dar es Salaam)

Today we continue onwards to the bustling port of Dar es Salaam, where your tour will come to an end upon arrival in the city. Tonight we have an opportunity to enjoy dinner out on the town as a final farewell to your fellow travellers.

**Accommodation** Own arrangements/ post tour accommodation can be booked through us.  
**Route** Mikumi to Dar es Salaam  
**Optional Activity** Dinner out

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.

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

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	USD35 - USD40
Zambia	South Luangwa	Walking safari outside national park	USD42 - USD60
Zambia	South Luangwa	Morning game drive(incl park fees)	USD66 - USD80
Zambia	South Luangwa	Walking safari inside national park	USD82 - USD90

## 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**

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**

### **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's Hwange National Park and Matopos rock formations are among the country's most famous attractions. Just an hour outside of the town of Bulawayo, the Zimbabwe Ruins of the historical Great Zimbabwe can be found; the kingdom belonging to the first organised community of Zimbabwe during the pre colonial days.

## **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.

**Enjoy your adventure of a lifetime!**