

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 participants 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".

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 or www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl

About this tour

Departure Point

This tour departs at 07:00 am 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, Tel: +255 22 2183100,
<http://www.sleepinnhoteltz.com/en/kariakoo/index>

Countries Visited

Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the overland truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the overland truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, soft drinks, tips, etc.) / entrance fees associated with optional activities / souvenirs and optional activities.

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 (9 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.

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.

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	Eureka Camp: http://www.eurekacamp.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Victoria Falls to Lusaka
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
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: http://www.chimwemwelodge.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Lusaka to Petauke
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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: http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions Camping: Campsite with en-suite Ablutions
Route	Petauke to South Luangwa National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	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: http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with en-suite Ablutions
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	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: http://www.ngalabeach.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	South Luangwa National Park to Lake Malawi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Zambia: Chipata / Nwami, Tel: + 265 622 1652, Open: 06h00-18h00 Malawi: Mchinji, Tel: +265 124 2217, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 6 - Lake Malawi

Today we visit a local village near our lodge with the overland guide. The rest of the day 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: http://www.ngalabeach.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Malawi Village Tour

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 Majizuwa: <http://www.majizuwa.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Central Lake Malawi to North Lake Malawi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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. Your afternoon will be spent walking through the small village of Ngala.

Accommodation Majizuwa: <http://www.majizuwa.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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: <http://www.kisolanza.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Northern Lake Malawi to Iringa
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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 kilometre wilderness that centres on Selous, Africa's largest game reserve (wildlife reserve). Today you will have the opportunity to book a game drive(safari) in Mikumi National Park.

Accommodation Asante Afrika Camp: www.asanteafrikacamp.com
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Iringa to Mikumi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity Mikumi Game Drive (safari)

Day 11 – Mikumi to Dar es Salaam

Today we continue onwards, travelling towards the bustling port town of Dar es Salaam, where your tour comes to an end.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
Route Mikumi to Dar es Salaam
Meals Breakfast

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

Country	Area	Activity	Rate Guideline
Zambia	South Luangwa NP	Walking safari or Gamedrives	USD45 - USD65
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Full Day white water rafting or Bungee Jump	USD150 - USD170
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Helicopter Flights (Min 3 clients)	USD160 - USD180
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Zambezi Sunset Cruise (incl transfers)	USD40-USD70
Malawi	Lake Malawi	Livingstonia Hike	USD15 - 20
Tanzania	Karatu	Lake Eyasi & Tindiga Experience	USD140 - USD270
Tanzania	Karatu	Iraqw Tour walk or Biking Tour	USD20 - USD40
Tanzania	Mikumi	Game Drive (safari)	From 80USD

Enjoy your African Adventure of a Lifetime!