

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 Sentrim Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road, Nairobi, Kenya. Tel: +254 20 315680 www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi

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

End Point

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

Countries Visited

Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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 Johannesburg with our 2 day transfer or even down to Cape Town over 20 days... 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.

* Optional Serengeti Excursion Upgrade - Camping

The cost of the optional Serengeti excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price. The cost to participate in the 3-night camping excursion is R15,800 per person. A minimum of 4 clients are required in order for this excursion to operate.

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

*** All the details of the Serengeti excursion can be found after the tour itinerary.**

Detailed itinerary

Day 1 - Nairobi, Kenya to Arusha, Tanzania

Leaving behind the bustle of Nairobi we travel south to the Tanzanian border. After completing border formalities we continue to the busy town of Arusha, our base for the night. 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: http://www.ndorolodge.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with Shared Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Nairobi to Arusha
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

Day 2 – Karatu

Although it is a 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. *(This morning, those guests who pre-purchased the Serengeti excursion will be collected early and will be separated from the group for the next 4 days).*

Accommodation	Kudu Camp: http://kuducamp.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with Shared Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Arusha to Karatu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	3-Night Serengeti camping Excursion

Day 3 - Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

We rise early and will be collected from our camp and transferred to the Ngorongoro Crater in 4x4 safari type vehicles. 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: <http://kuducamp.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Karatu to Ngorongoro Crater and return
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Full day 4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

Day 4 - Karatu

This morning we rise early for a hike to the Elephant Caves, taking you through untouched forests with amazing wildlife. The rest of the day 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: <http://kuducamp.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Elephant Caves Hike

Day 5 - Arusha

Wrapping up our time in Karatu and Ngorongoro Crater, we board our truck and return to Arusha. Upon arrival in Arusha we are reunited with our fellow travellers who opted for the Serengeti excursion.

Accommodation Ndoro Lodge: <http://www.ndorolodge.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Karatu to Arusha
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Bagamoyo

We head out early this morning as we journey south to our overnight stop in the coastal town of Bagamoyo. Formerly a centre point of the East African slave trade, Bagamoyo lies just north of the port of Dar es Salaam and is a perfect launching point for our upcoming Zanzibar Excursion. While today is primarily a travel day, we experience the hustle and bustle of one of Africa's major travel routes. Road travel in Africa is an experience in itself and the bustling markets, villages and scenic backdrops that line the routes give a window into the lifestyle of rural Africa. This evening we will prepare for our Zanzibar Excursion that begins tomorrow morning.

Accommodation Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge: <http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Arusha to Bagamoyo
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Stone Town (Zanzibar)

We head out early this morning as we journey south to our departure point for our ferry to Zanzibar Island from Dar es Salaam. After arriving at the ferry port we make our way to our hotel located in the heart of Stone Town. Zanzibar is renowned for its spices and fragrances and we have the chance to experience this first-hand today. There are a number of excursions that can be arranged for the coming days in Stone Town and your guide will be on hand to assist.

Accommodation	Ocean View Hotel: http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/zov/zov-accommodation
	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
	Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
Route	Bagamoyo to Stone Town (Zanzibar)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included highlight	Zanzibar Excursion

Day 8 – Stone Town

This morning we enjoy the local scenery by embarking on a spice tour with a local guide. The afternoon is free to enjoy some of the many attraction sand activities on offer. Water sports are the order of the day and you have the opportunity to book activities such as 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	Ocean View Hotel: http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/zov/zov-accommodation
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
	Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Stone Town City Walk / Spice Tour
Optional Activity	Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours, and more

Day 9 – Stone Town

Today we explore the beautiful Jozani Forest. For those wanting to do their last bit of sightseeing, the afternoon is free for optional activities.

Accommodation	Ocean View Hotel: http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/zov/zov-accommodation
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
	Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Route	Stone Town
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Jozani Forest

Day 10 - Mikumi

Leaving the coast behind us we travel inland and make our way to Mikumi where we stop for the night. Mikumi National Park ranks as the fourth largest park in Tanzania and forms part of a 75 000 square kilometre wilderness that centres on Selous, Africa's largest game reserve (wildlife reserve).

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

Day 11 - Iringa

The town of Iringa sits on a cliff overlooking the Ruaha River Valley. The town centre offers the visitor a view into the past with its German colonial buildings and a popular market. The Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery memorializes soldiers who died in local battles during WWI and WWII.

Accommodation	Kisolanza Farm: http://www.kisolanza.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Mikumi to Iringa
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 – Lake Malawi

Leaving Tanzania behind, we descend the Great Rift Valley and cross the border into Malawi. Known as the “Warm Heart of Africa” the lakeside country is blessed with natural beauty and our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi where we look forward to spending the next two days enjoying the attractions of the northern regions of the lake.

Accommodation	Majizuwa: http://www.majizuwa.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with Shared Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Iringa to Chilumba
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Tanzania: Chi'zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00 Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 13 – 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 Shared Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 – Lake Malawi

This morning we board our truck and head further South of Lake Malawi. Our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi. Stretching over 500km along the western boundary of Malawi, the lake 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 Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route North Lake Malawi to Central Lake Malawi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 – Lake Malawi

Today is another day of leisure, relaxing 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 Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Malawi Village Tour

Day 16 – South Luangwa

This morning we enjoy a final sunrise on the shores of Lake Malawi before setting off for Zambia and the South Luangwa National Park. After crossing the border into Zambia we make a short stop in Chipata before continuing to our camp on the banks of the Luangwa River. Having watched the sun rise over Lake Malawi in the morning we enjoy an equally spectacular sunset over the Luangwa River this evening.

Accommodation Wildlife Camp: <http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com>
OR Marula Lodge: <https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Nkhotakota Region to South Luangwa National Park
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Zambia: Mwani Border / Tel: +260(0)21 138 1930
Malawi: Mchinji Border / Tel: +265 (0)12 42215

Day 17 – South Luangwa

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, enjoying a sundowner on the way. 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>
OR Marula Lodge: <https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared 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 in South Luangwa

Day 18 - Petauke

Leaving the Luangwa Valley this morning we make a stop at Tribal Textiles. The Chipata area is a major producer of Cotton and this morning we get a taste of the creativity of the African culture. Those interested can enjoy a tour of their workshops (March to December) to see how these colourful fabrics are crafted. Our destination tonight is the small town of Petauke.

Accommodation Chimwemwe Executive Lodge: <http://www.chimwemwelodge.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route South Luangwa to Petauke
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Textile project visit (full tour available March to December)

Day 19 - Lusaka

As an important link between Lusaka and neighbouring Malawi, the Great East Road winds through rural Zambia and we will cross the Luangwa River on our way to Lusaka. The route today is dotted with villages and subsistence farms and the landscapes serve as a stark contrast to the developed countries, so many of us call home.

Accommodation Eureka Camp <http://www.eurekacamp.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Petauke to Lusaka
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 20 – Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Crossing the Southern reaches of Zambia we make our way to the adventure town of Victoria Falls. This afternoon we get our first look at the mighty Victoria Falls. Crossing the bridge between Zambia and Zimbabwe we get a view of “Musi oa Tunya”, the Smoke that Thunders as the falls are known in the local language. Victoria Falls offers a host of optional activities and these can be booked on arrival in Victoria Falls. Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
Route Lusaka to Victoria Falls
Meals Breakfast, Lunch

*Optional Serengeti Excursion Upgrade - Camping

The cost of the optional Serengeti excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price. The cost to participate in the 3-night (4-day) **camping** excursion is R15800 per person. This rate is based on a minimum of 4 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 15 800
	R 15 800

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 (Ndoro 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
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Ngorongoro to Arusha

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