

## 42 day Cape Town to Nairobi Overland Safari

This trip begins in Cape Town, South Africa and travels north through Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi and Tanzania, before ending in Nairobi, Kenya

This trip departs from Cape Town early on a Sunday morning. Should you wish to explore Cape Town, our office can assist you, in booking additional activities as well as accommodation. However, costs due to earlier arrival, will be for your own account.

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| <b>Accommodation style:</b>   | Camping  |
| <b>Length of trip:</b>        | 42 Days  |
| <b>Starts in:</b>             | Cape Town, South Africa  |
| <b>Finishes in:</b>           | Nairobi, Kenya   |
| <b>Pre-departure Meeting:</b> | Held at the Departure Point at 17h00, the day before your departure.       |
| <b>Departure point:</b>       | Ashanti Lodge & Travel Centre : 11 Hof Street, Gardens, Cape Town          |
| <b>Check-In Time:</b>         | 07h30  |
| <b>Departure Time:</b>        | 08h00  |
| <b>Breakfasts included:</b>   | 36   |
| <b>Lunches included:</b>      | 31   |
| <b>Dinners included:</b>      | 33   |
| <b>Brunches included:</b>     | 2  |
| <b>Countries visited:</b>     | South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya |

### PLEASE NOTE:

- This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.
- All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.
- Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.
- Your arrival transfer and pre-trip accommodation in a dorm bed is included in your trip price. Should you choose not to make use of these, or in the event that we were not updated with your arrival details, no refund will be paid for services not used.
- Please ensure you've received a copy of our pre departure information document with information on what to expect on this overland safari.

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This trip offers culture, wildlife and some of the most spectacular scenery to be found in Africa. We travel from the mother city of Cape Town to the bustling capital of Nairobi. We leave the breath taking Table Mountain behind us as we go on search for the mighty big 5 after exploring the beauty of Namibia. Relax on the white sands of Zanzibar before entering some of the world's best game parks.

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## **INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:**

Township Tour, Wine Tasting, Half day canoeing on the Gariep (Orange) River, Fish River Canyon, Namib Naukluft National Park, Transfer to Sossusvlei, Swakopmund, Spitzkoppe (**day trip**), Etosha National Park, Okavango Delta Excursion, Chobe Overnight Excursion, Victoria Falls Entry, South Luangwa National Park, Lake Malawi, Zanzibar Ferry, Dar Es Salaam & Meserani Snake Park and Cultural museum.

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## **SOUTH AFRICA**

With nine different provinces, 11 official languages and 3 capital cities, South Africa will most definitely make you stop in your tracks and go – WOW.

### **Cape Area**

Starting in the mother city, Cape Town has much to offer, such as the flat topped Table Mountain, which is awesome for hiking and providing you with an aerial view of Cape Town. Then there is the pulse of the city – Long Street, which will provide you with all the food and entertainment needed on holiday. If that does not fulfil your holiday needs, the Cape area can provide you with a full day of education, sightseeing, breathe taking views and wine when partaking in a Winelands tour. A saying that will forever stick by us Capetonians – You don't need a holiday, you need Cape Town.

### **DAY 1: Cape Town to Cederberg Area (Lunch / Dinner)**

Before leaving Cape Town, we depart on a township tour in and around Cape Town. This is an included highlight allowing everyone to experience it. From here we head around Table Bay and continue north through the wheat growing 'bread basket' of South Africa. We cross the Piekensklou Pass into the rich fruit growing area along the Olifants River, named for the vast Elephant herds that used to roam in this fertile valley.

**Included Activity: Cape Town Township Tour**

**Included Activity: Wine tasting at campsite**

### **DAY 2: Cederberg Area to the Gariep River (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

From the Cederberg we travel further north through the region known as Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of Namaqua wildflowers that occur each spring. After stopping for supplies in the small mining town of Springbok, we continue on through the desert area of the Richtersveld to the Gariep River, the natural land border between South Africa and Namibia, where we camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river.

## **NAMIBIA**

This sandy yet spectacular country gained its independence from South Africa in the year of 1990 and its largest city, also the capital city, is Windhoek. This is a country of compelling beauty and wide horizons dominated by the brooding and desolate Namib Desert, which has the highest sand dunes in the world.

### **DAY 3: Gariep River to Fish River Canyon (Namibia)** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning we partake in a half-day canoe trip on the beautiful Gariep River, affording us the opportunity of some bird watching or just a scenic and relaxing paddle. After lunch we cross into Namibia where, after a short drive, we reach the Fish River Canyon. At 161 km long, 27 km wide and about 550 m deep, it's the second largest canyon in the world. The outer canyon was formed by tectonic activity, while the erosion of the Fish River formed the inner canyon. A road follows the eastern rim, giving us access to several viewing points from where we enjoy the spectacular vistas.

#### **Included Activity: Canoeing on the Gariep River**

### **Fish River Canyon**

Located in the South of Namibia, the Fish river Canyon claims the title of the largest canyon in Africa and the second largest in the world. Being approximately 160km long, 27km wide and just over 550m deep only allows for the brave and fit to take on the hikes and walks it has to offer.

#### **Included Activity: A visit to the Fish River Canyon**

### **DAY 4: Fish River Canyon to Sesriem** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

An early start today, heading north we enter the area of the Namib-Naukluft desert, one of the oldest in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a good place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes reputed to be the highest in the world. Magnificent views of the desert can be seen from the top of the dunes, some over 300 m high. Make sure you look up at the stars tonight; the desert puts on a show like nowhere else in the world!

#### **Included Activity: Namib Naukluft National Park**

### **DAY 5: Sesriem** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning we enter the Namib-Naukluft National Park where we spend the morning exploring this amazing area. We take some time to climb to the top of Dune 45 - a truly memorable experience. Following our once in a lifetime experience you will take the desert shuttles a further 5kms into the desert where you can take a walk to Sossusvlei and explore the surrounding area.

## **Sossusvlei – Sesriem Canyon**

This salt and clay pan is surrounded by never ending sand dunes which form part of some of the highest dunes in the world. If all these dunes had the ability to be jealous, then they would all be jealous of Dune 45, due to its stunning view of the sunrises and sunsets and its photo genality. Not being one of the largest or most popular canyons, Sesriem Canyon makes up for it with character. The name Sesriem was given to it by the settlers and is Afrikaans, it can be translated into “six belts”. After coming back from their treks, the settlers would have to tie six belts together, attached to a bucket, in order to scoop water from the canyon.

**Included Activity: Climbing Dune 45**

**Included Activity: A Visit to Sossusvlei**

### **DAY 6: Sesriem to Swakopmund (Breakfast)**

After breakfast we head off in a north-westerly direction to meet the Atlantic Ocean at Walvis Bay. Our drive takes us across the Tropic of Capricorn – the ‘imaginary line’ that shows the southernmost point of direct sun, and signals the southern hemisphere’s mid-summers day. From Walvis Bay, we follow the coast for some 35 km to arrive at Namibia’s prime holiday resort - Swakopmund where we enjoy 2 nights of rest, relaxation and a little bit of adrenalin for those that are keen! Accommodation will be in dormitories for the next 2 nights, upgrades into private rooms are possible, but depend on availability and can be booked with your trip leader.

### **Solitaire – Tropic of Capricorn – Swakopmund**

Consisting of a fuel station, post office, small general dealer and a bakery, Solitaire may be small, but it sure lacks no character. After filling your belly with some of the best apple pie, your next stop is the Tropic of Capricorn. The board marking the tropic may be one of the most photographed boards in Namibia, followed closely by the Namibian border signs (which are technically prohibited), but people manage to sneak one or two in. Swakopmund has become the adventure capital of Namibia, while the city of Windhoek is the Capital. Any adventure junkie will be attracted to Swakopmund, whether they want to jump out of a perfectly good plane or try their luck at sand boarding.

### **DAY 7: Swakopmund (Breakfast)**

Founded by the Germans in 1892, their colonial influence is still evident today. Swakopmund has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. There are fine beaches to walk along as well as a great museum, aquarium and galleries to visit. Alternatively, the lovely beach and promenade make for a great relaxing walk – though bathing in the ocean waters may be somewhat chilly! Some of our fellow passengers may leave us in Swakopmund, to be replaced by new passengers joining us for the rest of our trip.

**Optional Activities:** Sky diving, quad biking, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, fishing trips, golf, horse riding and more. An activity briefing will be held on arrival in Swakopmund (see price guide at the end of this document).

**DAY 8: Swakopmund to Brandberg (UIS)** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Our departure from Swakopmund takes through the 'Matterhorn of Namibia' – Spitzkoppe (**day trip**). The 1728m high rock formation, one of Namibia's most recognised landmarks, is well known as an ancient San sacred site. Explore the surrounding area and its San rock paintings or simply enjoy the magnificent views. After our visit to Spitzkoppe we head off to our next destination – Brandberg.

**DAY 9: Brandberg (UIS) to Etosha National Park Area** ((Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today's drive takes us further north through the Namibian countryside to our campsite, located in the vicinity of the National Park.

**DAY 10: Etosha National Park Area** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

We head to the area of Etosha National Park. Covering 22 700 km<sup>2</sup>, Etosha is Namibia's premier nature and wildlife reserve. Situated around the Etosha Pan with a large variety of animal and bird life, the extensive network of gravel roads affords us the opportunity of accessing even the most remote areas of the park. After lunch, and once it has cooled off a bit, we spend the remainder of the day exploring the park's southern area. Keep an eye out for the striking Oryx and Springbok as these are endemic to desert National Parks! Tonight's camp is situated just outside the parks boundaries, only 10kms from Anderson Gate. Perhaps a quick dip in the pool or a sun downer on the deck before dinner, followed by a relaxing evening in this interesting bar.

**Optional Activity: Game Drive**

**DAY 11: Etosha National Park** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today we make our way across the park, keeping a look out for the many different mammals, reptiles, birds and insects in the various regions. As the vegetation types change, so does the animal and bird life that relies on it, and so different sections of the Park offer a variety of different game options. After a full day of game viewing, we spend the evening relaxing at our camp in the north of the park, Namutoni. After dinner why not head to the waterhole where you can sit and observe the animals may come to drink in the evenings.

**Included Activity: Game Drive in our own Truck**

**Optional Activity: Night Drive**

## **DAY 12: Etosha National Park to Grootfontein** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After our breakfast we head out of the park while doing a game drive. Today is a short driving day to our next destination where we set up camp for the night. Tonight's campsite has a Thatched dining area, bar, swimming pool & curio shop.

## **DAY 13: Grootfontein to Divundu** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

From Grootfontein, we head in a north-easterly direction toward Namibia's Caprivi Strip, and the lush Kavango region of northern Namibia. After which we head to our spectacular campsite located on the banks of the Kavango River – Watch the sun go down from the deck over the river, but keep a watch for the occasional hippo grazing on the lawn!

## **BOTSWANA**

The size of this successful country can be compared to countries such as Kenya or France, and fairly smaller than Texas. Botswana is a landlocked country with borders such as South Africa, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe which can all be crossed overland. For such a small country it boasts an array of spectacular game viewing opportunities such as, hundreds of elephants splashing in the Chobe River and the Okavango Delta and its maze of lagoons.

## **DAY 14: Divundu to Maun (Botswana)** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Following the Kavango River south, we enter Botswana and travel east along the course of the Okavango River to the southern reaches of the Okavango Delta and our destination, Maun. Maun is the starting point for travel into the Delta and it is from here that we set off to explore the Okavango Delta. Tonight we prepare our provisions and packs for our 2 night excursion. We suggest bringing along a smaller daypack on your trip as this can be used to pack the supplies needed for this short excursion. Your trip leader will brief you fully on what is needed, and what to expect prior to your trip to the Delta.

## **DAY 15: Maun to Okavango Delta** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

The Delta is a huge expanse of water, which has travelled from the Angolan highlands, spreading out to form the largest inland delta in the world. Studded with exotic islands, The Delta is renowned for its incredible variety of bird life and animals and is unique to Southern Africa.

## **Included Activity: 3 Day / 2 Night Drive In / Mokoro Excursion**

### **Okavango Delta**

All you have to do is sit back, relax and have your camera as you get guided through the dozens of mazes. The Okavango Delta is a bird lover's paradise enjoyed by all, best explored by foot and mokoro, and if you wish you can take a scenic flight and have a bird's eye view from the open skies.

With over 400 species of birds, 70 species of fish and an abundance of wildlife, your experience in the delta will leave you wanting to explore the whole of Africa.

Here we have the opportunity to take the included 3 Day / 2 Night Drive In/Mokoro Excursion into the Delta. After an early rise, we pack our expedition vehicle and from Maun we drive north for a couple of hours to reach the mokoro poler's station. The Delta region is studded with many local villages where many families live in a traditional way. Some of the villages are very remote and can only be reached by the traditional mode of transport – the Mokoro. Mokoros are dugout canoes manoeuvred through the waterways by local guides who “pole” them through the reeds. At the Mokoro station, we meet our ‘Polers’ and pack our supplies before heading out into the waterways. After a couple of hours along the waterways, our guides find us a place to camp, and later in the afternoon we set off on an afternoon game walk, allowing us to experience The Delta wilderness. The camp is situated in an open wilderness area with no ablution facilities.

**DAY 16: Okavango Delta** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

A day of rest, relaxation and Delta experiences await. Today we have the opportunity to partake in a number of activities including swimming, game walks, mokoro cruises and even a chance to try our hands at poling our own mokoro! There is also ample time to relax and rest during the hotter hours of the day, so challenge your new friends to a game of cards, or chat with your guides about their culture and lifestyle, or simply lie back and enjoy the sounds of the surrounding wilderness...

**DAY 17: Okavango Delta to Maun** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning affords us a final opportunity for a game walk before packing up and setting off back to Maun. After our Mokoro ride and vehicle transfer, we arrive back in the afternoon and have the chance to complete our picture of the Okavango Delta by taking an optional scenic flight over The Delta (dependent on weather conditions & availability).

**DAY 18: Maun to Chobe National Park** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

We travel east and then north to the town of Kasane where we set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia and is the main water source to the Chobe National Park. Elephant, hippo and many bird species can be viewed from the campsite while we watch another glorious African sunset. Listen out for the resident hippos!

**DAY 19: Chobe National Park** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning we have a chance to sleep in or explore the town of Kasane. When we are packed and prepared, we leave for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the

local wildlife. Look out for the rare Sable and Roan Antelope on your game drive, with their majestic backward slanting horns, or try keep a count of the Lilac Breasted Roller's that swoop by! After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before packing up the camp and heading back to Kasane, and Victoria Falls.

### **Included: Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion**

#### **DAY 20: Chobe National Park to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (Brunch)**

Once returning to camp, we get back on our truck and continue to the border of Zimbabwe. Once we've completed border formalities, we have a short drive to the nearby Victoria Falls. Named after the famous World Heritage site and Water Falls, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park. Our campsite is conveniently situated in the centre of town, and within walking distance of the adventure booking agents, restaurants and shops. A 20 minute walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders), was named by David Livingstone on his explorations, and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari! After our adventure activities briefing (see price guide at the end of this document for options), the afternoon is spent relaxing at the campsite's swimming pool, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town!

### **Included Activity: Entrance to Victoria Falls**

#### **ZIMBABWE**

This landlocked country is situated in the southern part of Africa, between the mighty Zambezi and Limpopo Rivers. The word Zimbabwe is believed to have two meanings, 1) it is believed the word Zimbabwe is derived from dzimba-dza-mabwe, which means "large house of stone" in the Shona (Karanga Dialect) language. 2) It is also believed to be derived from the word dzimba-hwe which means venerated houses in the Zezuru dialect of Shona.

#### **Victoria Falls**

With so many exiting areas to explore within this beautiful country along with its enjoyable weather it makes it difficult to decide where to begin. The adventure activities in the town of **Victoria falls** along with the Victoria Falls itself are an absolute must. Hwange National Park offers spectacular game viewing, while the Great Zimbabwe Ruins offers you a chapter out of Zimbabwe's history.

#### **DAYS 21 & 22: Victoria Falls (Breakfast on both days)**

The next 2 days are spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of Optional Excursions. Some of our fellow passengers will leave us in Vic Falls, to be replaced by new passengers joining us for the next leg of our trek.

**Optional Activities:** Elephant back safaris, horseback safaris, walking with lions, a visit to the crocodile ranch, boat cruises and golf at The Elephant Hills Resort. Adrenalin junkies can bungee from the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia or abseil down the Batoka Gorge - neither activity is for the faint hearted! All year round, flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra light aircraft or helicopters provide an aerial perspective over this magnificent World Heritage Site. White water rafting on the Zambezi is world class. Beside the excitement of the Grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats," where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and the occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.

**DAY 23: Victoria Falls to Chobe National Park, Botswana** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

We head out from Victoria Falls to the border crossing to Botswana. Once we've completed the border formalities, we continue to the town of Kasane, situated on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia and is the main water source to the Chobe National Park. After lunch, we have time at leisure to relax. In the afternoon, we leave for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife. Look out for the rare Sable and Roan Antelope on your game drive, with their majestic backward slanting horns, or try keep a count of the Lilac Breasted Roller's that swoop by! After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before packing up the camp and heading back to Kasane.

**DAY 24: Chobe National Park to Livingstone (Zambia)** (Brunch / Dinner)

Once returning to the camp at Kasane, we get back on our truck and continue to the town of Livingstone. This afternoon we have the opportunity to view The Falls from the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia or partake in an optional sunset boat cruise on the Zambezi River. Another fantastic photo opportunity!

**Optional Activity: Zambezi Sunset boat cruise**

**DAY 25: Livingstone to Eastern Zambia** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

An early morning start sees us head north through southern Zambia. As we drive, we pass through a few of the villages and towns of Zambia along the way. Prosperous during the copper boom in the 60's, Zambia was able to build infrastructure at the main mining and farming communities. After the fall of the copper industry, the country was left virtually bankrupt and existing infrastructure was left to fall to ruin. Due to foreign investment and a rise in the mining industry, Zambia is today once again starting to prosper. The difference is evident in the cities with the availability of foreign stores, banks and imported cars, while the villages and smaller towns are still to catch up. Our campsite is home to some local wildlife including the largest antelope – Eland.

## **DAY 26: Eastern Zambia to South Luangwa National Park (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

This breath taking park is situated on the Luangwa River in the Eastern part of Zambia, and it is the southernmost of three national parks in this region. South Luangwa was founded in 1938 as a game reserve, 1972 was the year it was declared as a national park, and today it covers over 9000 kilometres squared. Animals such as Giraffe, buffalo and Elephants can be found in abundance. The Luangwa river is home to many a hippo and croc.

### **Included Activity: South Luangwa National Park**

## **DAY 27: South Luangwa to Chipata (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

From Luangwa we head north east on the old 'East Road' to a beautiful little campsite located just 10 km before the Zambia/Malawi border. In the days of old, the route from Cairo to Cape Town passed through Lusaka and it's along this route to Malawi we travel today. While today is mostly spent driving, we do cross the impressive Luangwa River Bridge which is heavily guarded due to its close proximity to the Zimbabwean & Malawian borders. We'll also stop off to purchase some fresh produce and coal from the local sellers along the way.

## **DAYS 28 - 30: Chipata to Lake Malawi Beaches (Malawi) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Leaving Zambia we cross into Malawi, the 'Warm Heart of Africa'. Malawi is a landlocked country with 20% of its total area made up of beautiful Lake Malawi. We camp first at the central Lake, and then in the northern area over the next 3 days.

Spend the days learning the game of bao from the locals, scour the markets for a bargain or simply relax on the pristine beaches. Malawi's temperate climate allows for swimming in the clear blue fresh-water lake all year round. Explore the beautiful shore where you'll happen upon the local fishermen sorting their catch. Traditional fishing techniques are still practiced and to appreciate their boating skills, try to paddle a dugout canoe yourself! At night you'll see the 'fairy' lights of the fishermen out on the lake. The various beachside campsites along Lake Malawi's shores offer many optional Excursions including a variety of water sports, horseback rides and a visit to the local village and school (see pricing guide at the end of this document).

## **MALAWI**

A variety of attractions can be found in this exquisite country such as, forest, mountains and many a rural village, but there is one major attraction – Lake Malawi. There are many small rustic resorts along this fresh water lake where you can kick back on the sand, and enjoy the perfect sunset over this lake. Malawi will offer you the perfect sub-tropical climate, allowing you ample time to soak up the sun and work on that tan. Lilongwe is the largest city in Malawi, as well as the capital city. Malawi plays host to just over 12 million people, with English and Chichewa being the main languages.

## **Lake Malawi**

Most your time in Malawi will be spent enjoying the white beaches and warm waters of Lake Malawi. Lake Malawi is also known as “the lake of stars”, offering an abundance of water activities. With the staggering amount of 500 species of fish, this lake makes for an excellent spot for fresh water diving after meeting and greeting all the welcoming locals.

### **DAY 31: Lake Malawi to Iringa (Tanzania) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

After a relaxing 3 days, we leave Malawi, entering Tanzania through the border post at Songwe. Winding our way through the beauty of the Tukuyu tea and banana plantations, we head towards Iringa where we spend the night in the beautiful rustic ‘Farmhouse’ campsite famous for its Amarula Hot Chocolates and its steamy showers!

## **TANZANIA**

Tanzania’s natural environment and geographical features have made it one of the best tourist destinations in Africa. Being the biggest country in east Africa, Tanzania has heaps to offer her visitors, including 13 game reserves and national parks. Tanzania also forms part of the world’s largest animal’s movements, the great migration. Inland are the vast Serengeti National Park and the animal-packed Ngorongoro Conservation area, and thousands of people every year fulfil their lifetime achievement of climbing to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, which is the highest mountain in Africa. On the coast, Zanzibar is exotic, intriguing and steeped in the unique Swahili culture.

### **DAY 32: Iringa to Dar es Salaam (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

This morning we head off early and make our way to Dar es Salaam. We pass through the Mikumi National Park where it is possible to view a range of wildlife from the roadside, totally impervious to the passing traffic. Today’s drive time is extended due to the heavier amount of traffic heading in to the city, but the sights and sounds of Dar’s vibrant outer suburbs are sure to keep you entertained. Look out for the colourful shop-fronts with their sometimes humorous ‘catch phrases’. On arrival in Dar es Salaam, we make our way to our lovely seaside campsite and prepare for our departure to Zanzibar the next morning.

### **DAY 33: Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar (OPTIONAL) (Breakfast)**

A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the “Spice Island,” where we have the option to spend the next 3 nights. Zanzibar is steeped in history and was one of the major starting points for most East African explorers in their quest for new lands. New passengers may join us to replace those that’ll leave us at the end of our excursion to Zanzibar.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Accommodation and Meals are for your own account whilst on Zanzibar, as it is our experience that passengers prefer to explore the island on their own, and in accordance with their own budget. The Trip Leader joins you and can arrange your accommodation, while meals can be

enjoyed from a wide selection of restaurants. There are also a wide variety of optional excursions on offer – please see the price guide on the end of this document for more details.

For those not opting to visit the island of Zanzibar, the next 3 days are spent at leisure at the beach campsite in Dar es Salaam. There are various optional excursions available from the camp including diving, snorkelling and fishing trips. The driver and cook remain behind in Dar es Salaam during the excursion.

**PLEASE NOTE:** New legislation prohibits the taking of photographs during the Zanzibar ferry ride. Spot fines can be issued, if legislation is not obeyed.

### **DAYS 34 & 35: Zanzibar**

History aside, Zanzibar offers a wealth of experiences for the visitor. Today the quiet streets of the old Stone Town still retain their Arabic influence, from the Medina-like shops to the palaces of the Sultans, who founded their vast empires on the spoils of the slave and ivory trade. The island is famous for its spices and an excursion around a spice plantation is always a fascinating experience. Other options include a trip to the beautiful beaches and giant tortoises of Prison Island, a full day scuba dive in Nungwe or a fishing trip in a traditional dhow. Mopeds are available for hire if you'd like to explore the more remote areas of the island. Zanzibar is a seafood lover's paradise. Numerous restaurants offer a great variety of the freshest catch from the ocean - crayfish being a popular speciality. Alternatively, mingle with the locals for dinner at the Forodhani Gardens seafront market, where delicious, inexpensive seafood is on offer.

### **DAY 36: Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam (Dinner)**

Leaving Zanzibar in the afternoon, we return to the mainland and another night in Dar es Salaam. Arrival back to camp is usually in the late afternoon, or early evening.

### **Day 37: Dar Es Salaam to Pangani\* (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

This morning we leave early and leave the hustle and bustle of this major Tanzanian city, and head towards the farmlands of this beautiful country. Today is used as a transit day to get us closer to Serengeti.

\* Some trips may choose to forego this night at their own cost.

### **DAY 38: Pangani to Arusha (Brekfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

From Dar es Salaam we have a long day's drive through vast sisal plantations and African bushveld to Arusha. On the way, we pass The Pare and Usambara Mountain ranges before driving through the town of Moshi. Moshi is the base for Mount Kilimanjaro climbing expeditions and weather permitting; we may even catch a glimpse of this magical mountain's snowy summit - a photo opportunity not to be missed! Tonight we stay at a campsite in Meserani on the outskirts of Arusha, before heading out on our Optional Excursions to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater tomorrow.

### **DAY 39: Arusha to Karatu (Optional)\* (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

This morning we visit the Meserani Reptile Park and Masai Cultural Museum. A few minutes' walk from the campsite is a gallery selling the bright and iconic Tinga Tinga paintings. Alternatively the town of Arusha is nearby to explore. After enjoying lunch at our camp against the backdrop of Mount Meru we meet our Tanzanian guides and transfer into locally operated 4WD vehicles. These vehicles have been adapted for safari use and allow excellent viewing and photographic opportunities through the opening roof hatches.

Leaving our camp we travel via the Masai town of Mtu Wa Mbu (Mosquito River) that lies adjacent to the Lake Manyara National Park and then up the Rift Valley Escarpment to the higher lying village of Karatu. Karatu offers magnificent views over the surrounding hills and has many well established wheat farms that add to the picturesque panoramas. Tonight we spend the evening at a very pleasant campsite in Karatu (campsite has ablution facilities).

### **DAY 40: Karatu to Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

This morning we depart early for the Ngorongoro Conservation area and head into the wildlife rich Ngorongoro Crater. The Ngorongoro Crater is the largest unbroken, unflooded caldera in the world. Comprising of open savannahs, acacia forests and both soda and fresh water lakes, the Ngorongoro Crater is truly a miniature 'Garden of Eden'. This World Heritage Site boasts some of the best game viewing in Africa – including the elusive Black Rhino.

After our game drive in the Crater, we head down the Crater rim and past the 'Cradle of Mankind' on our way to the Serengeti National Park. We cross the vast plains as we game drive through the southern and central areas in the park. Tonight we camp (no ablution facilities) in the bushveld surrounded by the sounds of the African wilderness. Without any fences surrounding our campsite we are truly in the midst of nature!

### **DAY 41: Serengeti National Park to Arusha (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

In the morning, we head off for another game drive and explore the landscape in search of the resident game. With some luck, we may see some of Africa's 'Big 5'! Following our morning drive, we retrace our journey back across the plains and along the lush Crater rim to our truck at Arusha, where we spend the evening musing over our thrilling wildlife experience.

**If you choose not to do the optional Serengeti / Ngorongoro Crater you will remain at the campsite. Please contact us for more information.**

## **DAY 42: Arusha to Nairobi (Kenya) (Breakfast)**

We set off early this morning and make our way to the Tanzania/ Kenyan border and the small border town of Namanga. After completing the border formalities, we continue on our journey to the Capital City Nairobi and our campsite on the outskirts of the city.

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### **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?**

International flights, Airport departure taxes, Departure transfer, Visas, Meals unless otherwise stated, Travel Insurance, Laundry, Personal Items, and Tips, Sleeping bag & pillows.

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### **Meals on tour**

Meals and menu's vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menu's with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home.

The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus are on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQ's and even roasts!

### **Transport on tour**

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted Mercedes Benz or MAN trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage areas for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 27-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. Vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

### **Participation on tour**

All of the tours operated by us are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

| <b>SOUTH AFRICA:</b>  |   |
|---|---|
| Various Activities in Cape Town   | Dependant on the choice of activity           |
| <b>NAMIBIA:</b>   |   |
| <b>SWAKOPMUND ACTIVITIES:</b>   |   |
| Quad Biking – 1Hr/2 Hr  | 100US\$                                       |
| Sand Boarding – Lie Down/ Stand Up  | 55US\$ / 70 US\$                              |
| Township Tour   | 80 US\$                                       |
| Tandem Skydive  | (Weather Permitting) 350 US\$                 |
| Horse Riding (2Hrs)   | 100 US\$                                      |
| Fishing   | 145 US\$                                      |
| Dolphin Cruise  | 80 US\$                                       |
| Kayaking  | 95 US\$                                       |
| Paragliding   | (Weather Permitting) 150 US\$                 |
| Scenic Flight (various)   | (Weather Permitting) As per Operator          |
| Hot Air Ballooning  | (Weather Permitting) 450 US\$                 |
| <b>BOTSWANA:</b>  |   |
| Scenic Flight Over Delta (300-350US\$ per plane max 5 pax)                        | 100 US\$                                      |
| Chobe NP Game Drive   | 70 US\$                                       |
| <b>ZIMBABWE:</b>  |   |
| <b>Please ensure that you pay for activities in Victoria Falls with US\$ CASH</b> |   |
| Trip T-Shirt  | 30 US\$                                       |
| <b>VICTORIA FALLS:</b>  |   |
| White Water Rafting-Full Day  | 140 US\$                                      |
| River Boarding combo Raft & Board   | 180US\$                                       |
| Canoeing on the Zambezi-Half Day/ Full Day  | 140 US\$                                      |
| Half Day Adrenaline - George Swing,ZipLine & Flying Fox                           | 165 US\$                                      |
| Bungee Jump (111m)  | 150 US\$                                      |
| Tandem Bungee Jump  | 180 US\$                                      |
| Micro Light over the Falls-15mins   | 170 US\$                                      |
| Helicopter Flight over the Falls 12 mins  | 155 US\$                                      |
| Helicopter Flight over the Falls 19 – 25 mins                                     | 265 US\$                                      |
| Zambezi River boat cruise   | From 50 US\$                                  |
| <b>MALAWI:</b>  |   |
| Freshwater Diving at Kande Beach  | 55US\$ (Additional dives 30 US\$ each)        |
| Horse Riding at Kande Beach 2Hr / 3Hr (Bush, Beach & Swim)                        | 70 US\$ / 100 US\$                            |
| Village Walk & Meal at Kande Beach  | 20 US\$                                       |
| Traditional Healer Visit  | 10 US\$                                       |
| Livingstonia Mission Hike - 30km return   | 10 US\$                                       |
| Carving Lessons & Local Fishing.  | *Price to be negotiated on arrival            |
| <b>TANZANIA:</b>  |   |
| Serengeti / Ngorongoro Crater   | From 500 US\$                                 |
| Masai Village Visit   | 15 US\$                                       |
| From  |   |
| Olduvai Gorge   | 10 US\$                                       |
| <b>Zanzibar:</b>  |   |
| Transfer to Nungwe  | 20 US\$                                       |
| Zanzibar Accommodation  | From 40 US\$ - 60 US\$ per day                |
| Spice Tour including lunch  | 40 US\$                                       |
| Prison Island Snorkeling Trip   | 30 US\$                                       |
| Diving, Snorkeling & Fishing  | From 40US\$                                   |
| Dhow Sunset Cruise  | 40 US\$                                       |
| Motorbike/ Car Hire   | 60 US\$ - 80 US\$                             |
| From  | +local driver's license / insurance at 5 US\$ |

**PLEASE NOTE:** That this is not a full list of available activities. There are many more to choose from.

Prices are approximate and can change at any given time. Only to be used as a guideline.