



57 Day Nairobi to Cape Town with Gorillas Adventure Tour

From Kenya's bustling capital Nairobi to Table Mountain, this epic fifty-seven-day safari covers all the highlights of nine countries in east and southern Africa. Stare into the soft brown eyes of a gorilla, watch thousands of animals trample the plains of the Masai Mara and the Serengeti, bask on palm-backed beaches on Zanzibar, and idle away sunny days on the banks of Lake Malawi. Further south is the thundering Victoria Falls, the vast wilderness of the Okavango Delta, the giant sand dunes in Namibia's Namib Naukluft National Park, and dynamic Cape Town, easily one of the most beautiful cities in the world.



INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Masai Mara National Reserves & Great Rift Valley
- Kampala & Lake Bunyoni
- Lake Nakuru National Park & Lake Naivasha
- Meserani Snake Park & Masai Cultural Museum
- Serengeti National Park
- Zanzibar Excursion & Spice Tour
- Sunset Dhow Cruise
- Lake Malawi
- South Luangwa National Park
- Victoria Falls National Park
- Chobe Overnight Excursion
- Okavango Delta Excursion
- Etosha National Park
- Spitzkoppe
- Swakopmund
- Sossusvlei
- Namib Naukluft National Park
- Fish River Canyon



Itinerary

57 DAYS

SOUTH AFRICA - NAMIBIA - BOTSWANA - ZIMBABWE - ZAMBIA - MALAWI – TANZANIA – KENYA - UGANDA

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

Accommodation style:	Camping
Length of trip:	57 Days
Starts in:	Nairobi, Kenya
Finishes in:	Cape Town, South Africa
Pre-departure Meeting:	Held at the Departure Point at 17h00, Day 1 of the tour
Departure point:	Kenya Comfort Hotel - Muindi Mbingu Street & Monrovia Street
Check-In Time:	08h45 am
Departure Time:	09h30 am

DAY 1 NAIROBI

We start our first day in the busy Kenyan city of Nairobi. Today is an arrivals day – You can arrive anytime and make your way to the departing lodge where your accommodation is included for the night. We do offer a free airport transfer if needed, please ask your agent to arrange it for you. Tonight, there will be a pre-departure meeting at the departing lodge.

If you arrive early take some time to explore Nairobi. Your booking consultant can help arrange pre-night's accommodation if needed and advise on trips to do in Nairobi to places of interest.

Meals: None

KENYA

Upon entering this beautiful east African country, you may be greeted with the words of “jambo” (hello) or “hakuna matata” (no problem) by the friendly locals. With a population of nearly 42 million and land area of more than 580 000 sq km Kenya is home to an abundance of animals and colourful tribes people, making it the perfect getaway for a once in a lifetime safari.

DAY 2 NAIROBI TO MASAI MARA

Leaving the hustle and bustle of Nairobi we climb the escarpment to our first stop, a viewpoint overlooking a section of the spectacular Great Rift Valley. Descending into the Rift Valley, we enter Masai land where these habitual pastoralists are often seen tending their cattle from the side of the road. We pass through the town of Narok, and continue our drive possibly getting a glimpse of some wildlife along the way. We arrive at our campsite, Acacia Camp in the late afternoon. Acacia Camp looks on to the Meguarra hills and the stream that meanders by on the bottom end forms a natural border to the Masai Mara National Reserve.

Meals: Lunch and Dinner
Included Activity: Masai Mara Nature Reserve Excursion

DAY 3 MASAI MARA

We depart shortly after sunrise on our game drive into the Masai Mara Reserve. The Masai Mara is well known as one of East Africa's best National Reserves and is home to a wide variety of wildlife species. Most famous for the Annual Migration, that consists of the impressive herds of over 1 million wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelle



that cross over from the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania; the Masai Mara is most popular between July and October when these vast herds feast on the fresh grazing here. Following these herbivores are Africa's predators that are often seen at a kill during this period. We game drive through a section of the park in search of the 'Big 5'- elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion & leopard; along with the many other species of animals, reptiles and birds who make call this wilderness home.

After our game drive, we have the option to visit one of the nearby Masai Manyatta's – this is a traditional hamlet where the Masai still live in their traditional way. This evening we sit around the campfire, and watch the sun set over this "Garden of Eden".

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4 MASAI MARA TO ELDORET

Leaving the Masai Mara early, we head out of Masai Land pass through the scenic tea plantations of Kericho before descending the Rift Valley Plateau, on our way to Eldoret.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5 ELDORET TO KAMPALA (UGANDA)

This morning, we cross the border into Uganda where we overnight it the capital city, Kampala. Uganda is a small country of striking physical beauty. Its landscapes vary from the fertile green areas around the northern shores of Lake Victoria to the snow-capped Ruwenzori Mountains in the west and the semi-desert region in the north. The political instability that has haunted Uganda in the past has actually had the positive effect of leaving the country free of the over commercialism so common in other parts of Africa. The current administration under President Museveni has devoted considerable effort and funds to return Uganda to its former status as one of Africa's most prosperous and, from a tourist's point of view, one of the most appealing and interesting countries to visit.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

UGANDA

The "Pearl of Africa" as it is referred to by its people, is home to some of Africa's major attractions. This country contains four of Africa's seven great lakes, including Lake Victoria which is the second largest body of fresh water in the world. Lake Bunyonyi is one of these spectacular lakes with its mythical landscapes and hidden bays. The source of the Nile at Jinja allows you the opportunity to tame the mighty waters with some of the world's best white water rafting. And to top it all, this breath-taking country has the largest population of primates anywhere in Africa.

DAY 6 TO 9 KAMPALA TO LAKE BUNYONI

After an early morning departure from Kampala we drive west into the depths of Uganda to our base at the tranquil Lake Bunyoni. Lake Bunyoni, the deepest Crater Lake in Africa and home to a large and varied number of beautiful birds, is the base from which the optional Gorilla trek takes place. Dependant on where trekking permits are available, we trek in the Magahinga or Bwindi National Parks in Uganda, the Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo, or the Ruhengeri National Park in Rwanda.

The prices of trekking permits fluctuate and may change without prior notice –they are currently priced at approx.. USD 800 excluding transfer and bank fees (both of these amounts need to be prepaid). For trekking in the DRC or Rwanda (the trip leader will advise at the pre-departure meeting as to where the permits have been secured, and will assist with the online visa application for Rwanda en-route if needed), we will also have to purchase an additional visa to enter either country, as well as renewing our Ugandan visa upon re-entry. We also advise budgeting a little extra for tips for the local guides and rangers.



Trekking Procedures: The mountain gorilla (Gorilla Berengei), of which there are still only about 700 remaining, are one of our closest living relatives. A visit to these gentle giants in their natural environment is a unique and wonderful experience - one you'll never forget. The park rangers monitor the gorillas on a daily basis and have a fairly good idea of where they are. However, they are free roaming animals, and their sighting cannot be guaranteed. As the gorillas share much of our DNA, anyone with even the slightest cold or transferable illness will not be permitted to trek. Trekking is also only open to people over 16 years old.

Due to the restrictions on the daily numbers of visitors to these incredible animals, we depart from our base in Bunyoni in small groups over 3-4 days, depending on the group size. We wind our way through arguably some of the most picturesque scenery in Africa en-route to the National Park. Dependant on where permits are available, we may spend a night in either Kisoro or in Rwanda. The following morning, after packing our picnic lunch, we are transferred to a ranger's station where the trek commences. Your rangers will lead you through the cultivated lands and then into the dense rain forest and on to a gorilla family. Trekking can take anywhere from 45 minutes to 8 hours (not including transfer time) and it can be quite strenuous, so a reasonable level of fitness is required.

To ensure the gorillas do not get too used to the presence of humans and because they share many of our genes (and therefore able to catch our diseases), the maximum time permitted to spend with them is 1 hour. You will have plenty of time to watch their activity and to take photographs. The rangers will be able to provide you with a background to the family you are visiting. Once your hour is up, you trek back out of the rain forest to your meeting point where you will be transferred back to the Lake Bunyoni campsite.

You needn't feel like you're exploiting these animals. The ever-growing number of tourists trekking them each day play a vital role in their survival. For years they have been ruthlessly hunted for their hands and heads, which have been sold as ashtrays and lampshades! In addition, large numbers have been killed whilst trying to stop poachers stealing the babies for sale to zoos, where they have never lived long. 100% of the gorilla permit cost is used to by the parks authorities to finance patrols that are instrumental in protecting the gorillas from poachers and their lethal snares and on promoting these wonderful animals.

Depending on where the trek takes place you may also pass through some of the local villages that have settled in this region due to the high number of refugees fleeing from the Rwandan Genocide, or from the continued unrest in the DRC. The villagers in this area are mostly subsistence farmers, and families that farm against the slopes of the volcanoes. It is impressive to see how they have ploughed, planted and harvest their crops in such an unlikely landscape.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Optional Activity: Gorilla Trekking

DAY 10 LAKE BUNYONI TO KAMPALA

After marvelling at the experience of our gorilla encounters and enjoying the peaceful Lake Bunyoni, we begin our drive back to Kampala. We cross the Equator for the second time and stop for the classic "one foot in each hemisphere" photo opportunity. We overnight in Kampala and have the opportunity to sample its night life!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 11 KAMPALA TO JINJA

Today we have the option of visiting the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary or heading to Jinja for a selection of adventure activities including white water rafting at the source of the White Nile, quad biking or visiting a volunteer and community project. Spend the afternoon relaxing on the banks of the river or ticking off the wide variety of water birds in this area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 12
JINJA TO NAKURU (KENYA)

Departing early, we head back to Kenya, stopping for lunch and supplies en route. We overnight outside Nakuru. Nakuru is Kenya's 4th largest town and capital of the Rift Valley Province and lies adjacent to the small but wildlife rich Lake Nakuru National Park.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 13
LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK

This morning we begin our exploration of the Lake Nakuru National Park. The park was established as a sanctuary for black and white rhino, which are often seen.

We spend the day searching for these pre-historic looking beasts as well as the elusive leopard, encountering buffalo, giraffe, various antelope and the occasional hippo along the way. After our game drive, we head to our campsite, arriving in the late afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Included Activity: Game drives through Lake Nakuru National Park in Tour Vehicle

DAY 14
LAKE NAKURU TO LAKE NAIVASHA

Lake Naivasha, is home to a multitude of bird life, the most magnificent being the African Fish Eagle with his regal cry. At 1880 m, this is the highest of the Rift Valley lakes. We spend the day enjoying optional excursions like Elsamere (former home to Joy & George Adamson of Born Free fame), a boat ride to the Crescent Island Game Sanctuary or a bike ride around Hell's Gate National Park.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Included Activity: Lake Naivasha

DAY 15
LAKE NAIVASHA TO NAIROBI

After breakfast, we head back to Nairobi usually arriving by late morning, or early afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 16
NAIROBI TO ARUSHA (TANZANIA)

This morning we leave the hustle and bustle of Nairobi, travelling south and crossing the border into Tanzania at Namanga. Tonight, we stay in a lovely campsite in Meserani on the outskirts of Arusha, before heading out on our Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater excursion tomorrow.

Meals: Lunch and Dinner

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 17
ARUSHA TO KARATU

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 pleasant campsite in Karatu (campsite has ablution facilities).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Included Activity: Serengeti & Ngorongoro Excursion

DAY 18
KARATU TO NGORONGORO CRATER & SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

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 freshwater 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!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 19
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK TO ARUSHA

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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 20
ARUSHA TO PANGANI

We head to Arusha this morning to stock up on supplies before continuing on towards Dar es Salaam. On the way, we drive through the town of Moshi situated at the magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro – Africa's highest mountain. 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! We pass through vast sisal plantations surrounded by The Usambara and Pare Mountain ranges, before reaching our lovely campsite nestled between these mountains, midway between Arusha and Dar es Salaam.

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

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 21
PANGANI TO DAR ES SALAAM

Today we continue on to Dar es Salaam. Travelling through lush scenery and palm trees, we near the warm Indian Ocean. Today's drive time is extended due to the heavier amount of traffic heading into 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 22
DAR ES SALAAM TO ZANZIBAR

A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the "Spice Island," where we 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: 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 will arrange your activities, while meals can be enjoyed from a wide selection of restaurants. There are also a wide variety of optional excursions on offer.

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

Meals: None
Included Activities: Spice Tour, Dhow Excursion and Zanzibar Excursion

DAY 23 TO 24
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.

Meals: None

DAY 25
ZANZIBAR TO MIKUMI

This morning we leave Dar es Salaam and head south. 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.

Meals: Lunch and Dinner



DAY 26
MIKUMI TO IRINGA

From Mikumi, we travel towards Iringa where we spend the night in a beautiful rustic campsite famous for its Amarula Hot Chocolates and its steamy showers!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 27 TO 29
IRINGA TO LAKE MALAWI

Winding our way through the beauty of the Tukuyu tea and banana plantations, we head towards Malawi entering the 'Warm Heart of Africa' through the border post at Songwe.

Malawi is a landlocked country with 20% of its total area made up of beautiful Lake Malawi. We travel the length of the western side of the lake, stopping off at various bays and inlets over the next 3 days.

Optional activities vary; however, we do recommend that you do the village tour. Please note that you can bring along with you pens, notepads, pencils and dry starch foods for the village tour. For more information please speak to your crew.

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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

MALAWI

A variety of attractions can be found in this exquisite country such as, forest, mountains and many rural villages, but there is one major attraction – Lake Malawi. There are many small rustic resorts along this freshwater lake. 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 freshwater diving after meeting and greeting all the welcoming locals. 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.

DAY 30 TO 31
LAKE MALAWI TO LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Included Activity: Game Drives through South Luangwa National Park

DAY 32
LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK TO LUSAKA

Today we depart this amazing National Park and make our way down south. 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 33 LUSAKA TO LIVINGSTONE

Heading further south, we journey through the southern Zambian towns mostly supporting local agriculture and farming on our way to Livingstone. The Victoria Falls or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders) is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and it's not difficult to see why. 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! The Falls can be viewed from the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia - a fantastic photo opportunity. Tonight, we have the option of enjoying an optional sunset dinner cruise on the mighty Zambezi.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Optional Activity: Zambezi Sunset Boat Cruise

DAY 34 LIVINGSTONE TO CHOBE NATIONAL PARK (BOTSWANA)

We leave Zambia and cross the border into Botswana at the Kazangula Ferry. 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. We then continue on 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Included Activity: Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile Excursion

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 35 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK TO VICTORIA FALLS (ZIMBABWE)

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 Waterfall, 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 short 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, the afternoon is spent relaxing at the campsite, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town!

Meals: Brunch
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.

DAY 36 TO 37 VICTORIA FALLS

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.

Meals: Breakfast
Optional Activities: 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 38 VICTORIA FALLS TO CHOBE NATIONAL PARK (BOTSWANA)

After breakfast, we cross the border into Botswana and head to Kasane where we have a chance to explore the town of Kasane.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 39 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK TO KASANE

At camp, we have a bit of free time to relax at leisure. You can either partake in the boat cruise on the Chobe River which is an optional excursion, or you can just spend your time relaxing at the swimming pool.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 40 KASANE TO 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 overnight excursion. We suggest bringing along a smaller daypack on your trip which 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 into the Delta.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 41
MAUN TO OKAVANGO DELTA

Here we have the opportunity to take the included overnight 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, we arrive at our mobile tented camp situated in the heart of the Okavango.

On arrival, you will meet the local staff who will be your host during your stay. A brief introduction to the camp will show you your dome tent with twin beds and a bush en-suite bathroom – long drop toilet and a bucket shower. Relax in the tent with a cold drink or take a paddle in the Delta in a canoe. The activities at the camp include Mokoro trails and guided walking.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Included Activity: Overnight Delta Excursion

DAY 42
OKAVANGO DELTA TO MAUN

After our Mokoro ride and vehicle transfer, we arrive back around lunch time and have the chance to complete our experience of the Okavango Delta by taking an optional scenic flight over the Delta.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Optional Activity: Scenic Flight over the Delta (dependent on weather conditions & availability)

DAY 43
MAUN TO GHANZI

Today we head towards the small village of Ghanzi which will be our last night in Botswana. Ghanzi is home to the San / Bushman and you can learn more about them by partaking in the Bushman experience offered by the campsite.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Optional Activity: Bushman Experience

DAY 44
GHANZI TO WINDHOEK (NAMIBIA)

Today's drive will take us through small rural towns and scenic landscapes. Nestled between the hills, Windhoek is a rather small capital city but has many places of historical interest. This afternoon is spent at your leisure with time to visit the local museum or haggling at the street side markets. There are also many shops for those in need of a bit of retail therapy.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
Optional Activities: Dinner at Joe's Beer House

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 45
WINDHOEK TO ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

From Windhoek, we head to the Etosha National Park. Covering 22 270 km², 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 northern area. Keep an eye out for the striking Oryx and Springbok as these are endemic to desert National Parks! After dinner why not head to the waterhole where you can sit and observe the animals may come to drink in the evenings.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Optional Activity: Night Game Drives with Etosha National Park

DAY 46
ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

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 exit the park through Anderson gate and head to our camp just 10kms away; perhaps the chance for a quick dip in the pool before dinner, followed by a relaxing evening in this very interesting bar.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Included Activity: Game Drive through Etosha National Park in Tour Truck

DAY 47
ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK AREA

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

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Included Activity: Game Drive through Etosha National Park in Tour Truck
Optional Activity: Night Drive

DAY 48
ETOSHA TO BRANDBERG

Today we head down south to the area of the Brandberg. All depending on the time of arrival we will have the opportunity to explore the area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 49
BRANDBERG (UIS) TO SWAKOPMUND

Today we head for Swakopmund, via Spitzkoppe. 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!

Meals: Breakfast
Included Activity: Brief stop at Spitzkoppe



DAY 50 SWAKOPMUND

The next day can be spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of Optional Excursions.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional Activities: Skydiving, Quad biking, Sand Boarding, Scenic Desert Flights, Dolphin Cruises, Fishing, Golf, Horse Riding and more. An activity briefing will be held on arrival in Swakopmund

DAY 51 TO 52 SWAKOPMUND TO SESRIEM

Leaving Swakopmund, we head south to the industrial Walvis Bay before turning inland and toward the desert. Continuing our journey, we enter the Namib-Naukluft Park in one of the oldest deserts in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a great 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. We spend the afternoon exploring this amazing area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Included Activities: Visit to Dune 45 & Sossusvlei

DAY 53 SESRIEM TO FISH RIVER CANYON

Heading out early, we see the sunrise over this beautiful area, and we leave the serenity of the dunes to head south to 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 can take in the spectacular vistas.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Included Activity: Visit to Fish River Canyon

DAY 54 FISH RIVER CANYON TO GARIEP RIVER (SOUTH AFRICA)

This morning we continue south, where, after a short drive, we reach the Gariep River - the natural land border between Namibia and South Africa. We camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river. Tonight, there's a chance for some fun at the awesome camp bar overlooking the river!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

SOUTH AFRICA

With picturesque natural landscapes and game reserves, diverse cultural heritage and highly regarded wines, South Africa will most definitely make you stop in your tracks and go – WOW!

DAY 55 ORANGE RIVER TO CEDARBERG

An early morning start see us travel south through the Richtersveld and the mining town of Springbok, before reaching the region known as Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of Namaqua wildflowers that occur each spring. We spend tonight in a picturesque campsite surrounded by local wine farms. Tonight, is our last night under the stars!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 56
CEDARBERG TO CAPE TOWN

We leave the scenic Cedarberg area and travel south towards Cape Town. We travel through the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal before crossing the Piekenierskloof Pass to the Cape's wine growing regions. Our first sighting of the Mother's City Table Mountain across Table Bay means we've reached our final destination. Tonight's accommodation is in dormitories in one of Cape Town's best loved hostels.

Meals: Breakfast

CAPE TOWN

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, breath 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 57
CAPE TOWN

This morning we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

There are a wide range of activities available in Cape Town and the surrounding areas, including day trips, short tours and longer tours travelling up the beautiful coast of South Africa. We suggest you extend your stay by a few days to participate in some of the exciting activities available here. Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.

Meals: None

Tour Information

On Booking your Overland Tour, your consultant will send you a full detailed pre-departure information document that will help you prepare. Below is a couple of points on key subjects.

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 – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

What's included

Meals as listed which are prepared and served at the tour truck / accommodation / qualified crew / transport in the tour truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks as listed.

What's excluded

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

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. 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 and BBQ's!

Transport on tour

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage area for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 28-30 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 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.

General

All information is subject to change without prior notice, changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better-quality experience. This would be where we are able to make improvements, sometimes last-minute decisions due to the nature of the tour/event. 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.

The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with us.

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