ZANZIBAR & SERENGETI TREK 2017: 10 Days | N(A)DN – North (Camping / Accommodated)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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. Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier, which can be downloaded from our website as Nomad is 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. During our peak season (traditionally July to end October), your tour might be operated on a subcontracted truck and / or vehicle. These subcontracted vehicles will be of a similar standard to the Nomad truck. There are a maximum of 20 participants travelling on this tour. Please ensure that you download the most up to date version of this tour dossier one week prior to your tour departure date, you can find the dossier on this link:


Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres 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 1 kilometre. 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”!

We will stop for shopping, bathroom breaks, photo stops, activities and a whole lot more. If you are looking to only experience specific destinations and are not interested in the journey, perhaps adventure touring is not for you. As circumstances change in the destinations that we visit, our tour dossiers do change from time to time as we constantly improve our offering based on feedback about these changes that we receive from our guests and guides on tour. Please ensure that you download this dossier again within a week of your tour departing to ensure that you have all of the correct information regarding the tour.

Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?
If not please contact us at nomad@nomadtours.co.za and we will e-mail you the document; alternatively visit us at 39 Castle Street, (Corner Castle & Burg Streets), Cape Town, to collect one. You can also download the Pre-Departure Information from our website at:

http://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information.pdf

After hours contact: number: +27 (0) 82 578 2199

Activity Package
This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be ‘essential activities’ on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking. We cannot always guarantee availability of the activities if you only book on the morning of your tour departing. 

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This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.

What’s included
Meals (Breakfast x 9 / Lunch x 6 / Dinner x 9) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Nomad truck), accommodation, guides and transport. We also include some of the highlights. These highlights are listed below in the day-by-day descriptions as “included highlights”.

What’s excluded
All items of a personal nature, entrance fees, alcohol, soft drinks, bottled water, snacks, souvenirs, tips, activity package and optional activities.

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Vehicle
Adventure 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 – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

Arrival / Departure
Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. As the activities on your tour can be moved to any day during your tour, we also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends.

Departure Point
Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.
07:00am Kariakoo Hotel, Lumumba Road / Mahiwa Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, +255 22 2183100, http://www.sleepinhotelzt.com/en/kariakoo/index

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

Countries Visited
Tanzania, Kenya

Insurance (Compulsory)
All clients participating in a Nomad tours are required to have sufficient Medical Travel Insurance. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Medical Insurance is not provided. Travel insurance can be purchased via the Nomad website. (World Nomads travel insurance is in no way affiliated with Nomad Tours). www.nomadtours.co.za/page/travel-insurance.

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 by visiting this page: http://nomadtours.co.za/before-you-go/currency/

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 (http://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information.pdf) 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 Nomad Adventure Tours 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, Nomad will always advise you to get your visas prior to your trip if possible.
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Malaria
Malaria prophylactics are required throughout this route.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Zanzibar Excursion
Boarding the ferry to Zanzibar this morning we make the ocean journey to the island of Zanzibar. On arrival we will partake in a Spice Tour before reaching Nungwi on the northern point of the island. Our home for the next two nights, Nungwi offers a perfect stop to enjoy the beaches and activities on offer.

Accommodation
Amaan Bungalows http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/amaan-bungalows/ab-about-us/

Facilities
Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Route
Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar by ferry

Included Highlight
Zanzibar Excursion (including Spice Tour and City Tour)

Optional Activity
Sunset Sailing Trips, Snorkelling and more

Day 2 - Zanzibar Excursion
Today is a free day for enjoying some of the many attractions and activities on offer. Water sports are the order of the day and Nungwi offers 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
Amaan Bungalows http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/amaan-bungalows/ab-about-us/

Facilities
Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Route
Stone Town to Nungwi Beach

Optional Activity
Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours, Jozani Forest and more

Day 3 - Zanzibar Excursion
Our visit to Nungwi comes to an end today as we travel to Stone Town this afternoon. Boasting a rich history this bustling port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes. We overnight here before returning to Dar es Salaam in the morning.

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
Dar es Salaam to Stone Town

Optional Activity
Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours, Jozani Forest and more

Day 4 - Dar es Salaam – Bagamoyo
This morning we have some time to explore the sights of Stone Town, the rich history and vibrant markets are some of the highlights of any visit to Zanzibar. We bid farewell to the island this afternoon and board our return ferry, on arrival in Dar es Salaam make the short journey north to Bagamoyo where we make our stop for the night.

Accommodation
Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/

Facilities
Accommodated: Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route
Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam by ferry; Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo

Day 5 - Arusha
Heading north this morning we travel across the northern reaches of Tanzania, our destination tonight is the bustling town of Arusha which is our launching point for the Serengeti. Northern Tanzania is home to the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Kilimanjaro. This evening we will briefed on our optional excursion to Serengeti by our local guide as we 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

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Route

Bagamoyo to Arusha

Day 6 - Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

The following days are set aside for the 3-night camping excursion into the Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater. This area has one of the most densely inhabited large animal populations in Africa. The Serengeti excursion is in open topped 4×4 safari vehicles in order to tackle the challenging side roads in the parks. We leave our accommodation in the morning and drive to the Serengeti. On arrival we will start with our first game drive.

Accommodation


Facilities

Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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

Route

Arusha to Serengeti National Park

Activity Package

Serengeti Camping Excursion (min. 4 people)

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 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.

For those not taking part in the optional Serengeti Excursion, you will remain behind at the accommodation, take this chance to absorb some of the fascinating local culture. Optional Activities available to be booked at the accommodation: Various Serengeti & Ngorongoro Excursion packages, Lake Manyara game drives, day hiking & village tours and many more various day trips. Meals are not included for those not participating in the Serengeti excursion.

Accommodation

Ndoro Lodge [http://www.ndorolodge.com]

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per Room with Shared Ablutions

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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

Day 7 - Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

We spend the entire day game driving through the Serengeti. Our route is depending on the movement of the game and sightings.

Accommodation


Facilities

Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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

Day 8 - Serengeti & 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


Facilities

Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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

Day 9 - Arusha

Returning to Arusha tonight we share out experiences of the Serengeti and prepare for the trip to Nairobi tomorrow.

Accommodation

Ndoro Lodge [http://www.ndorolodge.com]

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per Room with Shared Ablutions

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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Route

Serengeti National Park to Arusha

Day 10 - Kenya – Nairobi

We cross the border into Kenya this morning and make our way to Nairobi where our journey ends on arrival.

Accommodation

Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.

Route

Arusha to Nairobi

Optional Activity

Dinner

Border Post

Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs
Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs
Tanzania
Tanzania can be found in Eastern Africa, surrounded by Kenya and Uganda to the north, Rwanda, Burundi and the Republic of Congo to the west and Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique to the south. It also has an Indian Ocean border to its east; its own seaport which imports and exports for surrounding landlocked nations. Dodoma has been the country’s capital since 1996 as it’s government and parliament offices can be found there, however Dar es Salaam, the nation’s capital since independence and until 1996, remains the centre of business and the principle commercial city in Tanzania. Tanzania lies just south of the equator and is thus almost always sunny. Its terrain is incredibly beautiful, lush from the sun and scattered winter showers, and alive with an abundance of wildlife. Tanzania’s magnificent wildlife is one of its strongest attractions as tourists can embark on idyllic game drives seeing a variety of different wildlife. Undoubtedly, the country’s most popular national park is the Serengeti as it’s over 14 500 square kilometres of endless rolling plains offers guests a world of splendour and tranquillity. Tanzania is home to the beautiful, formidable and majestic Mount Kilimanjaro; Africa’s highest peak and the world’s second tallest free standing mountain. Hiking and exploring the mountain is not for the faint-hearted, however every year thousands of adventurers travel to summit the mountain. A trip to Tanzania will treat you to some of the most beautiful attractions in Africa; not only will you be able to set your sights on the beautiful plains and wildlife of the Serengeti and magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro, but you’ll be enchanted by the local culture and traditions, gain an inside perspective into a truly African nation, and have the chance to listen to their unique African style rumba music.

Kenya
Kenya is one of the most popular African countries, renowned for its beautiful game reserves, endless lush plains and abundance of wildlife. It lies on the equator and can be found just under the horn of Africa, nestled between Somalia, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania, with an eastern Indian Ocean coast. For a country of its size, Kenya successfully manages to pack in a variety of attractions, destinations and activities for both locals and tourists to enjoy. Kenya’s geography is as diverse as the heritage of its people. It has a warm and humid climate which hardly ever reaches below the double digits. 73% of Kenya’s population is under 30 years of age, most of which speak either English or Swahili. The idyllic African safari is based on the very landscapes and culture of Kenya; with novels and films such as “Out of Africa” capturing its magical atmosphere and unique beauty. Here, you’ll find yourself relaxing in a truly enchanting landscape, while observing the African wildlife and learning the local customs and lifestyle. Safaris in Kenya allow guests to enjoy a piece of this paradise while staying in luxurious or tented Kenya accommodation. Kenya’s largest and capital city is Nairobi; a city that has watched the story of this beautiful nation unfold. It is known as the Green City in the Sun and is alive with locals and wildlife. It became a popular destination during the colonial times as the single rail way depot between Uganda and Mombasa, and today it one of Africa’s hubs for business and education. Kenya’s Masai Mara game reserve and Maasai people attracts thousands of tourists every year, as does it’s beautiful and majestic Mount Kenya, Mombasa south coast and Lake Nakuru – a truly astounding lake which stretches for miles

MEALS ON TOUR
Included on your tour are three meals a day (unless otherwise specified on your tour dossier). We are able to cater for specific dietary requirements to a degree, however please keep in mind that you are travelling with a group and the guides generally prepare meals on two gas burners so it is not possible for them to prepare regular meals, gluten intolerant, lactose intolerant and vegetarian meals all at the same time. Where possible, our guides will accommodate clients who have indicated their dietary requirements prior to the tour departing. We unfortunately cannot cater for requests at the start of the tour.

If you are vegan, the guides will provide you with salads, vegetables, fruits, rice, beans, pasta, cereals and breads however their budget and time does not allow them to shop for quinoa, seeds, nuts, tofu, soya milk and other protein substitutes. Please keep this in mind when going to the supermarket so that you can supplement these foods for yourself, it will be at your own expense, the guides will however store it for you in their fridge.

When travelling through Africa, the guides are briefed to shop at supermarkets as far as possible, as shopping at street vendors could be a health risk to the guests as there is no indication as to where or how the vendors grow, harvest and transport their produce. Guides have to be responsible and ensure that their produce comes from reliable sources and this can generally only be done by shopping at the supermarkets. The prevalence of street vendors also means that there is thefting from local farms who support the local industry, and this in turn means that the farms become unsustainable, leaving the community in a worse off position.

Breakfast: As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.
Lunch: Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling.

Dinner: This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional campfire cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes. All meals (on both accommodated and camping tours) that are included as per the dossier are prepared at the full service adventure truck. This is a unique adventure in itself where you get to dine under the stars with your new found friends and experience the real sights and sounds of Africa!

Most evenings are spent at camp talking about Africa. Your tour dossier will have details of where you will be each night and the prices of meals if we are spending an evening at leisure in a city or town. After or during dinner, guides will do briefings, please use this opportunity to discuss things with them.

Standards of food in East Africa are not as high as they are in Southern Africa as there is much less time for preparation (the days on the road are longer in East Africa), food is a lot more expensive and there is not as much variety available.

Special Requirements
Please confirm to us in writing if you are a vegetarian or if you suffer from any allergies (i.e nuts, milk, fish) (i.e. vegetarian), allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish). Where possible our guides do try and accommodate clients with intolerances (i.e. gluten, lactose), however we cannot guarantee the availability of speciality foods en-route and we therefore recommend you to bring these items with you or purchase them prior to departing on your tour. Likes and dislikes in food preferences cannot be accommodated; only allergies and life threatening situations will be regarded.

TIPPING ON TOUR
In general tipping in restaurants is expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides. It is expected to tip porters and car guards etc. Ask your guides how much is appropriate in local currency. Our Crew can be tipped if you feel that they have done a good job and/or gone above and beyond the call of duty. The best way to arrange tips is to elect one person in the group to collect the money. We recommend USD2-3 (or about R25-R30) per day per person, per guide as a fair tip. So if you have 3-crew on a tour, we would recommend that 3 envelopes are used and each crew member’s name written on one. Place what you feel is fair into each envelope and the elected person can give these to the crew at the end of the tour. If you do not feel that the crew deserve a tip, please, do not tip them. You must remember that tipping is only for exceptional service and is not at all compulsory or expected.

THE NOMAD AFRICAN TRUST www.nomadafricantrust.co.za
At Nomad we are passionate about the people, places and wildlife of Africa that make our tours so special. In order to give back, we have set up the Nomad African Trust. If you would like to find out more about the Trust, our beneficiary projects and how you can help, visit the website (above) or contact us on info@nomadafricantrust.co.za.

GREEN SEATS – TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY IN AFRICA
Nomad gives you the opportunity to offset your carbon footprint by purchasing a “Green Seat”. If you would like to help Nomad making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box on your booking form and we will take care of the rest. The Nomad African Trust, with partner projects will plant Spekboom, which are ecologically viable and that have a very high carbon absorption rate. You will receive a certificate of your contribution towards offsetting your carbon footprint while on tour with Nomad. Green Seats can be purchased at departure or on tour with your guide. For more information on our “Green Seats”, please visit www.nomadtours.co.za/about-nomad/green-seats.

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Youtube – (www.youtube.com/NomadAdventureTours)
Flickr – (www.flickr.com/photos/nomadtours)
Twitter – (twitter.com/nomadtours)
LinkedIn – (www.linkedin.com/company/nomad-tours)

We would like to offer you the opportunity to share your experiences on tour with your friends and family at home. We have setup a blogging environment for you, free of charge! All you have to do is sign in and then upload your stories and pictures and get sharing. Log on to: http://blogs.nomadtours.co.za/ to start your journey and please feel free to contact handrick@nomadtours.co.za if you have any questions.

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At the end of your tour you will be provided with feedback forms. These forms are confidential and should be given to your crew in a sealed envelope. If you are not sure of the confidentiality of the feedback form please feel free to email us as well on ops@nomadtours.co.za. Please make sure to also complete the feedback form as we use the answers on these forms to improve and maintain our service levels. 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.