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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. 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, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the **PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour.**

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

Optional Serengeti Excursion Upgrade

The cost of the optional Serengeti excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price or activity package. The cost to participate in the 3-night camping excursion is **R15,250.00 Per Person**. Please pre-book this when you book your tour, should you wish to participate in this activity. Minimum of 2 people required

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.

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems.

We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

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.

Tour departure point

7.00am Kariakoo Hotel, Lumumba Road / Mahiwa Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, +255 22 2183100,
<http://www.sleepinnhoteltz.com/en/kariakoo/index>

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

Tour ending point

Sentrim Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road, Nairobi, Kenya.
Tel: +254 20 315680

What's included

Meals (Breakfast x 12 / Lunch x 2 / Dinner x 5) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Nomad truck), / accommodation/qualified crew / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

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

Countries Visited

Tanzania, Kenya

Day 1 – Dar Es Salaam to Mafia

This morning you will transfer to the Dar es Salaam airport for the short flight to the island of Mafia. On arrival you will be transferred to your accommodation and base for the next five days of diving.

Accommodation	Bustani, or similar www.bustanimafia.com
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Dar es Salaam to Mafia by air

Day 2/3/4/5/6 – Mafia Diving

Over the next five days you will dive twice each day on a selection of the Zanzibar and Mnemba Atoll dive sites. The reef of this small atoll is probably the most popular diving area in Tanzania with its shallow but rich coral reef, incredible water clarity and large species variety.

Accommodation	Accommodation	Bustani, or similar www.bustanimafia.com
Facilities		Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight		2 recreational dives daily
Dive Centre		Coral Divers www.coraldivers.co.za

Whale Shark Watching In Mafia

These beautiful giants are seasonally found just a few hundred metres offshore near Kilindoni Harbour. A short boat ride towards the west brings us to a feeding ground for the sharks. Up to 24 can be seen at any one time: males, females and juveniles, all beautifully marked with stripes and spots. The larger sharks are estimated at over 8 m long, so they are an impressive sight next to the boat, and quite stunning under the water.

The boat is able to move among them quietly and visitors can swim and snorkel to get a closer, underwater view of these gentle, wonderful animals. The sharks remain in a well-defined area and have a repetitive for them. And no crowds to compete with, as with the Kizimkazi dolphins in Zanzibar.

Milimani South

Around 25 minutes away, by boat, you will find a sloping reef of columnar and laminated corals teeming with damselfish, soldier fish and squirrel fish. As you pass around the corner and the depth drops to 18m, you can often see big schools of unicorn fish and fusiliers, with good sized groupers and the occasional bumphead parrotfish swimming past. There is often a hawksbill turtle that is seen in this area. We will also introduce you to the resident giant moray eel and his shrimp buddies if they're at home! Maximum depth 18m.

Milimani North

This dive site is an extension of Milimani South, around 25 minutes away by boat. It is a sloping reef with lots of nooks and crannies for all kinds of things to hide inside. Expect to see big schools of fish like sweetlips, moorish idols, bannerfish etc. hanging around, along with good size groupers. If you're lucky you can also see giant reef rays hanging out under the coral ledges as well as the odd turtle cruising past. Maximum depth 16m.

Milimani Islands

One of our favourites! The Milimani area is also home to a few large cleaning stations, where you can expect to find many different fish species taking advantage of the cleaning services of the local cleaner wrasse and shrimps. Here you can also look for leaf fish, ribbon eels, pipe fish, a variety of nudibranchs and flatworms, morays and the odd ray hanging out under the rocks. Maximum depth 18m.

Shoulder

Right on the edge of Chole Bay, this site is a sloping reef with varied hard and soft coral formations, generally surrounded by big schools of sweetlips, big eye emperors, sea breams etc. This site often has strong currents, so is not suitable for everyone. Look out for lobsters, big groupers, rays and morays hiding amongst the rocks. If you're lucky, this site is also home to 2 different types of guitar shark. Maximum depth 25m.

Jena Reef

A complete mixture of rock formations, hard and soft corals, this reef slopes from the shallows to a deeper sandy bottom. This site can sometimes have difficult diving procedures, so is not suitable for everyone. Look out of the huge school of paddletail snappers that live around here, as well as other schools of reef fish. Inside the rock formations, keep your eyes open for big morays, lobsters, grouper and whiprays. Out into the blue, depending on the season, you can sometimes see reef sharks cruising past. Maximum depth 23m.

Jena Wall

A rock wall with many nooks, crannies and overhangs, covered with soft coral and anemones with a sloping coral reef bottom. This site can sometimes have difficult diving procedures, so is not suitable for everyone. Expect to see big schools of snapper, sweetlips and damselfish surrounding the corals. Into the blue, keep your eyes open for big potato grouper, napoleon wrasse, turtles and sometimes reef shark. Towards the end of the dive, as you reach the sand patches, look out for big rays hiding. Maximum depth 26m.

Dindini South

An impressive rock wall with several small caves and overhangs. By far the most impressive part of this site is the archway that has formed in the rocks and is surrounded by reef fish. This site can sometimes have difficult diving procedures, so is not suitable for everyone. In the caves, you can sometimes see big rays, moray and grouper hiding out. Into the blue, keep your eyes open for big potato grouper, napoleon wrasse, turtles, the occasional reef shark and other pelagics. Maximum depth 26m.

Dindini North

An extension of Dindini South, this dive is another wall dive with several small caves in the shallows. This site can sometimes have difficult diving procedures, so is not suitable for everyone. There is not a large amount of coral on this dive site, so the main aim is to investigate the caves and hang out in the blue hoping for napoleon wrasse, groupers and other pelagics. Maximum depth 30m.

Juani North and South

A sloping reef with a mixture of rock formations, hard and soft coral formations. This site can sometimes have difficult diving procedures, so is not suitable for everyone. Expect to see big schools of snapper, emperor and other reef fish. With luck, there are sometimes schools of milk fish around too. Investigate under the rocks for lobster, big groupers, rays, guitar shark, moray and the small critters. Keep your eyes open into the blue for napoleon wrasse, turtles, the odd shark and other pelagics. Maximum depth 30m.

Day 7 - Mafia – Bagamoyo

After our five days of beach living and diving, today we will head back to the mainland of Tanzania. After a morning flight back to Dar Es Saaam we will transfer to Bagamoyo where we will join our Nomad truck and crew.

Accommodation Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge or similar. <http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/>
Facilities Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam by ferry; Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo

Day 8 - Arusha

Heading north this morning we travel across the northern reaches of Tanzania, our destination tonight is the bustling town of Arusha. Northern Tanzania is home to the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Kilimanjaro. Those who have purchased the optional Serengeti Excursion upgrade package. You will be briefed this evening by our local guide on what to prepare for the coming days.

Accommodation Ngoro Lodge or similar. <http://www.ndorolodge.com>
Facilities Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Bagamoyo to Arusha

Day 9 - Karatu

Although it is short distance to Karatu, we will spend most of the day commuting closer to the Ngorongoro Crater. Upon arrival in Karatu, our guide will brief us on the full day excursion into the crater. Karatu is conveniently situated to allow you the opportunity to participate in various optional activities in the coming days.

Accommodation Kudu Camp. <http://kuducamp.com/>
Facilities Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Arusha to Karatu

Day 10 - Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

We rise early and will be collected from our camp and transferred to the Ngorongoro Crater. We will spend the bulk of our day exploring the Crater floor in search of the animals which roam the plains. We will arrive back in Karatu in the afternoon.

Accommodation Kudu Camp. <http://kuducamp.com/>
Facilities Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Karatu to Ngorongoro Crater and return
Included Highlight Full day 4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

Day 11 - Karatu

Today is free for you to relax at camp or participate in a number of optional activities available from the accommodation establishment. Some of the optional activities include village walking visits or a visit to Lake Manyara National Park. These activities need to be booked directly with the accommodation provide upon arrival in Karatu.

Accommodation Kudu Camp. <http://kuducamp.com/>
Facilities Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Included Highlight Karatu Cultural Tour
 Elephant Caves Hike

Day 12 - Arusha

Returning to Arusha, tonight we will reunite with our fellow travellers who opted for the Serengeti upgrade and we share out experiences of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.

Accommodation Ngoro Lodge or similar. <http://www.ndorolodge.com>
Facilities Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Route Serengeti National Park to Arusha (Serengeti Upgrade Guests) / Karatu to Arusha (Non-Upgrade Guests)

Day 13 - 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
Border Post	Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

USEFUL INFORMATION

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Africa, as it offers truly magnificent views and has an abundance of activities to enjoy. This Southern African country is rich with culture and traditions; with every citizen having a unique heritage, culture and story to tell. Here, guests will find themselves enchanted with a unique vibrancy and absorbed in the freedom of every citizen. The combination of the beauty of the landscape and friendly nature of the locals makes South Africa a truly inspiring and exciting country to explore. Since the 17th century and the arrival of its very first settlers, South Africa has been claimed, to be one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. Not only is the weather warm and mild throughout the year, but locals and visitors enjoying an endlessly beautiful scenery and diversity in landscapes. Undoubtedly, South Africa's main attractions are its beautiful mountain and coastal views, however its cities also attract more than enough tourist attention.

In 2010, South Africa hosted the FIFA Soccer World Cup, putting on an incredible show and proving themselves as one of the world's leaders in the hospitality industry. Guests were made to feel welcome and encouraged to participate in local celebrations and enjoy the sights of each region; a

factor which surely contributed to the Mother City of South Africa, Cape Town, being voted by TripAdvisor to be the most desired tourist destination in the world. Among South Africa's other top attractions are Johannesburg (The City of Gold), Durban (a surfer's paradise), Port Elizabeth (the friendly city), the Garden Route and the Kruger National Park.

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 thieving 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 our accommodation 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.

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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.

DIVING NOTES

Water conditions in South Africa can vary day by day. Temperatures will range from 14-26 degrees Celsius and we recommend a wetsuit of a minimum of 5mm for your comfort. Visibility ranges from 5-20m, with slightly better conditions in the winter months.

Diving is conducted on semi-ridged ribs with launches taking place either straight from beaches or via river mouths. These launches involve breaking through the incoming waves and can get bumpy.

All divers joining a Nomad Africa Dive Tour must hold an Advanced Open Water (or equivalent) certification as a minimum and be confident and comfortable in the water. If you are unsure whether your experience level is sufficient please contact us.

All dives are conducted within no decompression limits to a maximum of 30m and are standard air dives. Nitrox is available to divers at some of our diving locations. This will be at the extra cost of the diver and will require the proof of a Nitrox certification.

All divers must understand that Nomad Africa Dive Tours cannot guarantee any ocean sightings and there will be no financial reimbursement for dives where highlights are not seen. Please note in particular that the Sardine Run is not guaranteed and we can only work to the best of our knowledge with respect to time of year.

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.

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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

SOCIAL PAGES AND MEDIA

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Flickr – (www.flickr.com/photos/nomadtours)

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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.