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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

Tour departure point

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

07:00 am Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: [+27 \(0\)11 392 1062](tel:+27(0)113921062) <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Tour ending point

Kariakoo Hotel, Lumumba Road / Mahiwa Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania,

Tel: +255 22 2183100, <http://www.sleepinnhotelz.com/en/kariakoo/index>

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

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.

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.

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / 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 and optional activities).

Countries Visited

South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania

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TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Johannesburg to Palapye

Leaving behind the city of Johannesburg, we travel through the North-West Province to the Botswana border. After completing border formalities we continue on the Trans-Kalahari highway to our overnight stop.

Accommodation	Cresta Palapye https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-botsalo
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: 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	Johannesburg to Palapye
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Botswana Pioneer Gate Tel: +267 533 3992, Open: 06h00 – 24h00 South Africa Skilpadshek Tel: +27 0800 00 7277, Open: 06h00 – 24h00

Day 2 – Palapye to Maun

Today we head north through the stark yet striking landscapes of the Central Kalahari desert towards the gateway of the Okavango Delta. Along the way, you'll pass by several smaller towns and villages, offering glimpses into everyday life in Botswana. A notable point of interest on our route is the Orapa Diamond Mine, an imposing testament to Botswana's mineral wealth. This mine, which is a collaborative venture between De Beers and the Botswana government, is counted among the world's most extensive diamond mines. It serves as a critical economic pillar, contributing considerably to Botswana's GDP and export earnings. Beyond Orapa, our journey skirts the southern end of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park before reaching our overnight destination in Maun, so keep an eye out for an array of wildlife that moves between the watering holes.

Accommodation	Sedia https://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Island Safari Lodge https://www.islmaun.com/the-lodge/accommodation/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Palapye to Maun
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Namibia: Mohembo Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mohembo, Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 3 – Khwai Conservation Area

You will be separated from your Nomad truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart for Maun today as there is limited time in Maun for re-packing and storing. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta. Early risers will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected from Maun and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area in smaller safari type vehicles. Our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our afternoon mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta. *(Please note: It is possible that the mokoro activity could take place the following morning, depending on the season).*

Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Maun to Khwai Conservation area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight
Included Highlight	Sunset Mokoro Excursion (could take place the following morning)

Day 4 – Moremi Game Reserve

Today is a full day game drive as we spend most of our day on safari in the Moremi Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This evening we arrive back at Khwai to share and compare all the amazing sightings while on safari.

Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Moremi Game Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full Day Game Drive Moremi Game Drive

Day 5 – Khwai to Nata

Today's journey from Khwai to Nata passes the Botswanan salt pans. You will pack up camp and depart at first light on the open 4x4 safari vehicles before meeting the Nomad truck in Maun. The scenic drive from Maun to Nata showcases some of Botswana's breathtaking landscapes and the

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rich cultural heritage. Keep an eye open as there is always a chance of a wildlife encounter or two before reaching your overnight destination near Nata.

Accommodation	Elephant Sands https://elephantsandsbotswana.business.site/ OR Nata Lodge https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Khwai Conservation Area to Nata (long day ±6-8 hours)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Views of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans

Day 6 – Nata to Kasane - Chobe National Park

We journey from Kalahari sands of Nata to Kasane and arrive in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com OR Kwalape Safari Lodge https://kwalapesafarilodge.co.bw/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nata to Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

Day 7 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of “Mosi-oa Tunya” (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation	Shearwater Explorers Village http://explorersvillage.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Optional Activity	Chobe National Park Game Drive, Victoria Falls National Park Entry
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 8 - Victoria Falls / Livingstone

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and Livingstone (Zambia), today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suites your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls. *As your tour continues tomorrow from Livingstone, your accommodation for tonight has been booked in Livingstone. You can however spend the day in Victoria Falls and transfer over to Livingstone in the late afternoon. The transfer from Victoria Falls to Livingstone is included in your tour. You have the choice of booking a morning transfer (08:00) or afternoon transfer (16:00). Please indicate your preferred time with your booking agent and/or Nomad at the time of booking.*

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Waterfront, Livingstone, Zambia https://safpar.com/lodges/victoria-falls-waterfront/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: 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>
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activity	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

Day 9 – Livingstone - Chirundu

Setting off early from Livingstone, we catch a last sighting of the mighty falls before we head off on a long day travelling. We get our first impressions of East Africa through the window of our truck: colourful markets, busy villages and rural scenes form the backdrop of our journey as we travel through Zambia. We enjoy a prepared meal on arrival as our guides brief us on the days ahead.

Accommodation	Gwabi River Lodge https://www.gwabiriverlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Livingstone to Chirundu

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 – Chirundu

As our lodge is situated along the banks of the Kafue River, today is free for you to participate in some of the activities on offer. Fishing on the Zambezi River is one of the most popular activities, or book a full day safari experience in the Lower Zambezi National Park. Other optional activities include a river safari, birding and an excursion to the baobab forest and bat cave.

Accommodation	Gwabi River Lodge https://www.gwabiriverlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activities	Fishing, Birding, Baobab forest & bat cave, Lower Zambezi National Park game drive, River Safari

Day 11 - Petauke

This morning we drive through Zambia's busy capital Lusaka before turning east towards Petauke, our destination for the night. As an important link between Lusaka and neighbouring Malawi, the Great East Road winds through rural Zambia and we will cross the mighty Luangwa River along the way. Dotted with villages and subsistence farms, today's landscapes serve as a stark contrast to the developed countries so many of us call home. We make a delightful stop at Luangwa Market, a bustling hub where local Zambian vendors showcase their wares. Among the treasures on display are masau and masaku, delectable fruits that are available year-round and renowned for their mouth-watering taste. In addition, other African curios catch our eye, from charming miniature hippos to intricately woven baskets and papyrus carpets, adding to the colourful tapestry of this vibrant marketplace.

Accommodation	Chimwemwe Executive Lodge http://www.chimwemwelodge.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Chirundu to Petauke
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Market visit

Day 12 - South Luangwa National Park

We look forward to the tranquillity of South Luangwa and this morning we make our way to the banks of the Luangwa River. We make a stop at Mulberry Mongoose to view their local jewellery and curios, these accessories are hand crafted by local ladies from South Luangwa using organic materials originating from the African bush. The Chipata area is a major producer of cotton and we get a taste of the creativity of the African culture. One of the finest sunsets is surely that enjoyed on the banks of the Luangwa River, so grab a cold drink and watch the day fade away.

Accommodation	Wildlife Camp http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Petauke to South Luangwa National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Mulberry Mongoose Curio Visit

Day 13 - South Luangwa National Park

South Luangwa National Park is a world-class safari destination and we have a full day to explore the park in search of the variety of wildlife found in the park. This morning you can partake in an optional morning safari or during the dry season (April to December) you can join one of the iconic walking safaris on offer in the park. This afternoon we will enjoy a sunset drive in the park including a sundowner stop. The unique opportunity to explore the park at night gives us a chance to spot the elusive nocturnal species that are rarely seen in the day.

Accommodation	Wildlife Camp http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Sunset Game Drive in South Luangwa National Park
Optional Activity	Safari Walk (seasonal) or Morning Game Drive in South Luangwa

Day 14 - Lake Malawi

This morning we board our truck and set off for Malawi, the warm heart of Africa. Our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi, the southernmost lake in the East African Rift system. As one of the ten largest lakes in the world, the lake stretches for over 500km along the western boundary of Malawi and is home to more species of fish than any other lake. We spend the night on the shores of the lake this natural wonder.

Accommodation	Ngala Beach Lodge http://www.ngalabeach.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

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Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route South Luangwa National Park to Lake Malawi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post Zambia: Chipata / Nwami, Tel: + 265 622 1652, Open: 06h00-18h00
Malawi: Mchinji, Tel: +265 124 2217, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 15 - Lake Malawi

Today is all about the lake and this day is set aside for you to relax at the lake. Use the time to read a book, soak up the sun or indulge in the many attractions that are on offer. If you wish, an optional hike can be done with a local guide to the nearby Dwanbazi Waterfall. Located a short 30-minute drive from Nglala Beach Hotel, the waterfall offers a breath-taking panorama from the summit. Depending on the weather, we may even have the opportunity to take a refreshing swim in the pristine waters surrounded by the lush greenery and natural splendour of the surrounding landscape.

Accommodation Ngala Beach Lodge <http://www.ngalabeach.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity Waterfall Hike

Day 16 - Lake Malawi

Today we are back on the road for most of the day travelling further north and will overnight once again on the banks of Lake Malawi. Our Nomad guide will lead us on a village walk through a nearby village in the afternoon. After the walk, enjoy the sunset over the lake from the beach.

Accommodation Chitimba <https://edpeeters.wixsite.com/chitimbacamp>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Central Lake Malawi to North Lake Malawi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Village Walk with Nomad Tour Leader

Day 17 - Mbega

We depart this morning and continue north, heading for the Utengule Coffee Lodge where we will overnight.

Accommodation Utengule Coffee Lodge <https://www.utengule.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Shared bungalow with shared ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00
Tanzania (Kasumulu border): Chi'zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 18 - Tanzania – Iringa

Before heading to Iringa, we will make a stop at a local coffee plantation where we have the opportunity to see the process of growing and harvesting coffee beans and will be able to sample some of the beans. We then ascend the Great Rift Valley and make our way further into Tanzania.

Accommodation Kisolanza Farm <http://www.kisolanza.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Northern Lake Malawi to Iringa
Included Highlight Morning Coffee Plantation Tour
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19 - Mikumi

This morning we complete our journey to the doorstep of Mikumi National Park. We have a quick stop at the Baobab Valley, Tanzania. A mesmerizing landscape dotted with ancient, towering baobab trees that have stood the test of time. These iconic trees create a surreal and breath-taking scene, casting dramatic shadows against the African savannah, the perfect backdrop to stop for a group picture. We then reach Mikumi, which ranks as the fourth largest park in Tanzania, but forms part of a 75 000 square kilometre wilderness that centres on Selous, Africa's largest game reserve. Today you will have the opportunity to book a game drive in Mikumi National Park.

Accommodation Camp Bastian <http://www.campbastian.com/> OR Mantis <https://www.mantislodge.co.tz/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

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Route	Iringa to Mikumi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Mikumi Game Drive

Day 20 – Dar es Salaam

We overnight in Dar es Salaam before an early start the following morning to catch our ferry to Zanzibar Island.

Accommodation	Kariakoo Sleep-Inn http://www.sleepinnhoteltz.com/en/kariakoo/index
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: 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	Mikumi to Dar es Salaam
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch

Day 21 – Stone Town (Zanzibar)

We head out early to catch our ferry to Zanzibar Island from Dar es Salaam. After arriving at the ferry port we make our way to our hotel located in Stone Town.

Accommodation	Paradise Inn https://iparadiseinn.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: 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 Stone Town (Zanzibar)
Meals	Breakfast
Included highlight	Zanzibar Excursion

Day 22 – Zanzibar Beaches

Boasting a rich history this busy port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes. Our morning begins with a walking tour of Stone Town to discover the more well known landmarks, including the birthplace of Freddy Mercury. After our city tour, we travel by road to our base for the next 2 nights. Before our arrival, we will stop along the way to enjoy a guided walking spice tour, which passes through villages and spice plantations. You will be able to witness first-hand how spice farm workers climb the trees and seek out specific plants and will have the opportunity to purchase fresh spices directly from these farms.

Accommodation	Zanzibar Bay https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/zanzibar-bay-resort/ OR Paradise Beach https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/paradise-beach-resort/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Route	Stone Town to Marumbi
Included Highlight	Stone Town walking city tour, Spice Tour

Day 23 – Zanzibar Beaches

Today is a free day to enjoy some of the many attractions and activities on offer. Water sports are the order of the day. Whatever it is you chose to do today, you will have ample opportunity to create some island memories. Explore the many attractions on offer or simply relax on the beach and soak up the sun.

Accommodation	Zanzibar Bay https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/zanzibar-bay-resort/ OR Paradise Beach https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/paradise-beach-resort/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 24 – Dar es Salaam

We bid farewell to the island and board our return ferry to Dar es Salaam where your tour comes to an end upon arrival.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam
Meals	Breakfast