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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.**

<https://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information-2020.pdf>

Tour departure point

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

14.00pm Kariakoo Hotel,

Lumumba Road / Mahiwa Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, +255 22 2183100,

<http://www.sleepinnhoteltz.com/en/kariakoo/index>

Tour ending point

Sentrim Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road,

Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: +254 20 315680

<http://www.sentrimhotels.net/index.php/sentrim-boulevard-hotels-in-nairobi-kenya>

Gorilla Permit – USD730 – USD830

The cost of a permit to visit the gorillas is currently as above. Please check actual amount with us closer to departure. You will be pre-invoiced for this non-refundable amount.

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.

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, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs and optional activities

Countries Visited

Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with a number of our other tours that cover Namibia and Botswana beforehand. If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

Nomad has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Nomad Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a “Green Seat”. If you would like to help Nomad making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the rest. The Nomad African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Stone Town (Zanzibar)

After meeting our crew and fellow passengers, 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	Forodhani Park Hotel https://www.forodhaniparkhotel.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	Lunch, Dinner
Included highlight	Zanzibar Excursion

Day 2 – Stone Town - Nungwi

Boasting a rich history this busy port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes. This morning we will travel by road to the north of the island, Nungwi and our base for the next 2 nights. Before our arrival in Nungwi, 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	Amaan Bungalows http://oceangrouphotel.com/amaan-bungalows/
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 Nungwi
Optional Activity	Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours, and more
Included Highlight	Prison Island boat trip/ Walking Spice Tour

Day 3 - Nungwi

Today is a free day to enjoy 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://oceangrouphotel.com/amaan-bungalows/
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 4 - Bagamoyo

We bid farewell to the island and board our return ferry, on arrival back at the Dar es Salaam port, we reunite with our truck and return to Bagamoyo where we spend the night.

Accommodation	Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-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	Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam by ferry; Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - 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. You will be briefed this evening by our local guide on what to prepare for the coming days.

Accommodation	Meru Mbega Lodge http://www.mt-meru.com/mbega.html
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	Bagamoyo to Arusha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - 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 our overnight excursion into the crater.

Accommodation	Kudu Camp http://kuducamp.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	Arusha to Karatu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activities	Local Brewery Tour, Karatu Iraqw Market, local coffee plantation tour

Day 7 - Ngorongoro Crater & Seronera Excursion

We rise early and will be collected from our camp and transferred to the Ngorongoro Crater in 4x4 safari type vehicles. We will spend the bulk of our day exploring the crater floor in search of the animals which roam the plains. In the afternoon, we will arrive at our overnight camp in the Seronera region, located in the heart of the Serengeti National Park. The camp is surrounded by spectacular views and abundant wildlife and this evening, while sipping on a cold beverage, we will enjoy the sights and sounds of nature passing right in front of your meru style tent.

Accommodation	Private Tented Camp http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Karatu to Seronera via Ngorongoro Crater
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day 4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater and afternoon drive into Seronera

Day 8 - Karatu

This morning we rise early to enjoy our time game driving through Serengeti National Park. Famous for the abundant wildlife that exists in the park, we will spend most of our day in search of the animals that reside here. We will arrive back in Karatu in the late afternoon and will spend our evening reminiscing about our encounters of the past two days.

Accommodation	Kudu Camp http://kuducamp.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
Route	Seronera to Karatu
Included Highlight	Game Drive through Seronera, Serengeti National Park

Day 9 - Arusha

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

Accommodation	Meru Mbega Lodge http://www.mt-meru.com/mbega.html
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	Serengeti National Park to Arusha (Serengeti excursion guests) / Karatu to Arusha (Non-excursion guests)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Kenya – Nairobi

We cross the border into Kenya this morning and make our way to Nairobi.

Accommodation	Sentrim Boulevard Hotel or similar http://www.sentrimhotels.net/index.php/sentrim-boulevard-hotels-in-nairobi-kenya
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	Arusha to Nairobi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch

Border Post

Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs
Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

Day 11 - Nairobi

Today is free for you to explore the streets of Nairobi. A number of optional day trips can be booked including a visit to the Giraffe Centre and the Nairobi National Park.

Accommodation	Sentrim Boulevard Hotel or similar http://www.sentrimhotels.net/index.php/sentrim-boulevard-hotels-in-nairobi-kenya
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	Giraffe Centre / Nairobi National Park

Day 12 – Masai Mara National Reserve

We leave the capital of Nairobi and travel to the Masai Mara, world renowned for its endless plains of wild animals and spectacular beauty. The visit to the Masai Mara is operated in safari type vehicles and not the Nomad truck. For this reason, you are asked to pack a small overnight bag to travel with. You will need your towel, clothes, toiletries and camping essentials.

Accommodation	Masai Mara Excursion http://www.keniatours.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Permanent tent with shared ablutions Camping: Permanent tent with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nairobi to Masai Mara
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Masai Mara Excursion

Day 13 - Masai Mara National Reserve

The rolling grasslands of the Masai Mara offer ideal game viewing and photographic opportunities. Some of the animals that could be found here include elephant, black rhino, buffalo, leopard, cheetah, wildebeest, zebra and gazelle. Hippo and crocodile abound in the muddy brown waters of the rivers, which traverse this reserve. Today we will spend the entire day game driving through the Mara in search of all the animals.

Accommodation	Masai Mara Excursion http://www.keniatours.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Permanent tent with shared ablutions Camping: Permanent tent 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	Masai Mara Excursion

Day 14 - Lake Nakuru National Park

This morning we bid the Mara farewell before heading to Lake Nakuru National Park where we will enjoy an afternoon game drive through the park. Lake Nakuru is home to large flocks of flamingos and pelicans as well as black & white rhino, leopard, lion and numerous buck. Originally created as a bird sanctuary, Lake Nakuru was upgraded to National Park status in 1968.

Accommodation	Waterbuck Hotel https://www.waterbuck.co.ke
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite Camping: Two per room with en-suite <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Masai Mara Reserve to Lake Nakuru National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Lake Nakuru NP Game Drive

Day 15 - Jinja

This morning we not only cross the border into Uganda, but shortly after setting out this morning we cross the Equator on our way to Jinja. Jinja is Uganda's second largest city and most famous as the point where the Nile (officially the Victoria Nile) flows out of Lake Victoria and begins the 6695 kilometre journey to Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Accommodation	Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with shared ablutions Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Lake Nakuru to Jinja

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Crossing of the Equator

Day 16 - Masindi – Murchison Falls National Park

After a quick stop in the city of Kampala, we head in the direction of The Murchison Falls National Park. Also referred to as the Kabaraga Falls, Murchison Falls is a waterfall found on the course of the great Nile and is located within the Murchison National Park. The park is recognized as one of the best National Parks in Uganda. After settling into our accommodation in Masindi, your guide will brief you on the activities for the following day.

Accommodation	Kabalega Resort http://www.kabalegaresort.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite ablutions Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Jinja to Masindi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Ziwa Rhino Walk

Day 17 - Masindi – Budongo Central Forest Reserve

Budongo Forest is the biggest Mahogany forest found in the whole of East Africa and is home to the largest number of chimpanzees throughout Uganda. It is believed that there are between 600 – 700 chimpanzees in Budongo and this morning we will meet up with our chimp guide who will take us on our trek through the forest in search of the chimps. We will also enjoy a boat cruise in the park. Note: As the Chimp trekking is limited to 12 guests per trek, should there be more than 12 guests on a tour the trekking will be split between the morning and the afternoon. Therefore you may find that you will first do the game drive activity followed by the Chimp trekking or vice versa. Please allow for flexibility.

Accommodation	Kabalega Resort http://www.kabalegaresort.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite ablutions 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	Chimp trekking (half day) / Nile River Cruise

Day 18 – Lake Kikorongo

This morning we depart Masindi and transfer towards the edges of the Queen Elizabeth National Park. Our accommodation for the night is nestled atop a hill overlooking Lake Kikorongo.

Accommodation	Simba Safari Camp https://ugandalodges.com/simba/
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	Masindi to Lake Kikorongo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19 - Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

Crossing the Equator once more we travel south to the beautiful scenery of Lake Bunyonyi. With eager anticipation we prepare for the upcoming Gorilla trekking excursion and tonight we will receive a briefing on what to expect.

Accommodation	Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort http://www.bunyonyioverland.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	Kampala to Lake Bunyonyi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 20 - Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

The mountain gorilla is extremely endangered and while exact numbers vary it is widely assumed that there are only around 650 left. Visiting the gorillas is a great way to support their future on earth as the money spent on permits is used for their protection. An extremely important part of the future conservation of the remaining gorillas rests in the community development work – as local communities change their attitudes towards wildlife and start to protect rather than poach, the future of the mountain gorilla is assured.

As permits granting permission to visit the gorillas are extremely limited we require flexibility in both the tour itinerary and where we actually visit them. The home of the mountain gorillas is completely at odds with man-made borders and so their range encompasses Uganda, Rwanda and the DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo). Whenever possible we choose to make use of the National Park in Uganda, but this depends on the availability of permits. Should we not obtain permits to visit the mountain gorillas in Uganda then we will inform all passengers beforehand that the tour will travel to Rwanda or DRC.

On your free day in Bunyonyi you will have the opportunity to participate in certain optional activities. You can also go hiking or explore the area on a mountain bike.

Accommodation Facilities	Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort http://www.bunyonyioverland.com 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	Lake Bunyonyi National Park to the starting point of the gorilla trek (in safari or smaller vehicles)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour

Day 21 - Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

Although there are 2 days allocated to Gorilla Trekking you will only spend one day on the trek. The other days are there to provide a large enough window in which to obtain permits and to allow the entire group to trek if there are more than 6 of you on the tour.

Accommodation Facilities	Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort http://www.bunyonyioverland.com 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 Activity	Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour

Day 22 - Lake Bunyonyi – Kampala

This morning we set off on our return journey to Kampala and make a third crossing of the Equator along our way. Tonight your guide will brief you on the activities available in Jinja so that you can plan your day tomorrow. We overnigh in Kampala.

Accommodation Facilities	Hillside Plaza Hotel http://www.hillsideplazahotel.co.ug/ 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	Lake Bunyonyi to Kampala
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 23 - Jinja

A short distance from Kampala, Jinja offers many exciting activities and your guide will assist you to plan for this day. Most activities are focussed around the waters of the Nile and these include rafting, kayaking and a variety of cruises on Africa's largest river. While those who may be less inclined to water sports can enjoy horse riding or a quadbike adventure on dry land.

Accommodation Facilities	Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp Accommodated: Two per room with shared ablutions Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kampala to Jinja
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Quad biking, kayaking, rafting

Day 24 - Kenya – Eldoret

Returning to Kenya we visit Eldoret, the country's 5th largest city. The Great Rift Valley is still the dominant geographical feature of this region and the altitude at Eldoret is 2100 metres above sea level.

Accommodation Facilities	Naiberi River Camp http://www.naiberi.com Accommodated: Two per room with shared ablutions Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Jinja to Eldoret
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Kenya: Busia 09256 454 3482 Uganda: Malaba

Day 25 - Nairobi

Returning to Nairobi this afternoon we reflect on many memories that we have gathered together and brace ourselves for a return to the busy streets of Nairobi. Your tour ends upon arrival in Nairobi.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Eldoret to Nairobi
Meals	Breakfast

The Itinerary is flexible and can be changed without notice in order to accommodate the best possible viewing of the Mountain Gorillas. The Permit price to visit the Gorillas can also change without notice.

