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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.

07:00am Kariakoo Hotel, Lumumba Road / Mahiwa Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: +255 22 2183100

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

Tour ending point

Hotel Boulevard, Harry Thuku Rd, Kenya, Nairobi

Tel: +254 722 200 755 <https://www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/>

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

Countries Visited

Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda

Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

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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. *You will have the opportunity to leave your main luggage with the driver in the truck while you are on Zanzibar. If you so wish to do so, please ensure you pack a smaller backpack before meeting the crew.*

Accommodation	Paradise Inn https://iparadiseinn.com/ OR Shangani Hotel https://www.shanganihotelnz.com/ Or Shaba Boutique https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/shaba-boutique-hotel/
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	No meals
Included highlight	Zanzibar Excursion

Day 2 – 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 3 – 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 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	FireFly Lodge https://www.fireflybagamoyo.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	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.

Accommodation	Njiro Legacy www.njirolegacy.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	Bagamoyo to Arusha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 6 - Karatu

Although it is short distance to Karatu, we will spend most of the day commuting closer to the Ngorongoro Crater. Before our arrival in Karatu, we will visit the Mto wa Mbu Market which is situated in the little village of Mto wa Mbu. Known for crops such as rice and their distinctive red bananas, the town sits on the main road that leads directly to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater Conversation Area. Tonight, our guide will brief us on our 2-night excursion.

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
Included Highlight	Mto wa Mbu Market

Day 7 - Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti National Park (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 morning exploring the crater floor in search of the animals which roam the plains. In the afternoon, we will arrive at our 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	Seronera Private Tented Camp http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/ OR Serengeti Wilderness Camp Central https://serengetiwildernesscamps.com/camps/serengeti-wilderness-camp/
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 - Serengeti

This morning we rise early to enjoy a full day's game drive 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.

Accommodation	Seronera Private Tented Camp http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/ OR Serengeti Wilderness Camp Central https://serengetiwildernesscamps.com/camps/serengeti-wilderness-camp/
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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Route	Seronera
Included Highlight	Full day game Drive through Seronera, Serengeti National Park
Optional Activity	Hot Air Balloon Safari (pre-booking required, subject to availability & weather conditions)

Day 9 - Arusha

We depart the Serengeti National Park with amazing memories, and make the return journey to Arusha where we will spend the night reminiscing about our experiences of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.

Accommodation	Njiro Legacy www.njirolegacy.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	Seronera (Serengeti National Park) to Arusha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Kenya – Nairobi

We cross the border into Kenya this morning and make our way to Nairobi where we will overnight. You will have the afternoon free to repack your bags in preparation for your excursion into the Masai Mara. 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	Hotel Boulevard www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Route	Arusha to Nairobi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Border Post	Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs

Validity: 2024

Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

Day 11 – 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.

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 12 - 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 13 - 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 14 - Jinja

This morning we cross the border into Uganda and make 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
Border Post	Kenya: Busia +254 20 2649524; Open 24 hours Uganda: Busia; +256 414 423 2645; Open 24 hours

Day 15 - 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 16 - 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 17 – 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 18 - 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 https://mbzgroup.africa/
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	Lake Kikorongo to Lake Bunyonyi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19 - 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	Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort https://mbzgroup.africa/
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	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 20 - 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	Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort https://mbzgroup.africa/
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>

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Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity

Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour

Day 21 - Lake Mburo

We depart the beautiful Lake Bunyonyi for another of Uganda's beautiful water bodies – Lake Mburo. Lake Mburo is situated in the Ankole sub-region of Uganda, near the town of Mbarara, and spans an area of approximately 260 square kilometers and is surrounded by rolling hills, open grasslands, and patches of woodland. With over 350 recorded bird species, Lake Mburo National Park is a paradise for birdwatchers. The park's diverse ecosystems, which include acacia woodlands, savannahs, and wetlands, provide optimal habitats for numerous bird species, including the rare and odd looking shoebill stork.

Accommodation

Leopard Rest <http://www.leopardrestcamp.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

Lake Bunyonyi to Mburo

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 22 - Jinja

This morning we leave the Ankole region and set off on our return journey to Jinja. Jinja offers many exciting optional activities which 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

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

Route

Mburo to Jinja

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

Crossing of the Equator

Optional Activity

Quad biking, kayaking, rafting (time dependent, could happen the following day)

Day 23 - Jinja

Jinja offers many optional activities for the adventurous and for the not so adventurous. Today you'll have at your leisure, and your guide will assist you to plan for this day.

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

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity

Quad biking, kayaking, river rafting, source of the Nile Cruise

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

Naiberi River Camp <http://www.naiberi.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.*

Route

Jinja to Eldoret

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Border Post

Kenya: Malaba +254 20 2649524; Open 24 hours

Uganda: Malaba; +256 779 201 347; Open 24 hours

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, Lunch

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.

