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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. /

7.00am Sentrim Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road,
Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: +254 20 315680 www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi

Tour ending point

Belvedere Estate, 87 Belvedere Road,
Glen Austin, Midrand, South Africa

Tel: 083 741 5240, www.belvedereestate.co.za

Optional Serengeti Excursion

The cost of the optional Serengeti excursion package is not included in the tour price. The cost to participate in the 3-night camping excursion is R15 800 per person. Please pre-book this when you book your tour if you wish to participate in this optional excursion. Minimum of 4 people are required in order for this excursion to operate.

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

Countries Visited

Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arusha

Leaving behind the bustle of Nairobi we travel south to the Tanzanian border. After completing border formalities we continue to the busy town of Arusha, our base for the night. Northern Tanzania is home to the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Kilimanjaro. Those who have purchased the optional Serengeti Excursion upgrade package 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	Nairobi to Arusha
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

Day 2 – Karatu

Although it is a 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. *(This morning, those guests who pre-purchased the Serengeti excursion will be collected early and will be separated from the group for the next 4 days).*

Accommodation	Kudu Camp http://kuducamp.com/
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	Arusha to Karatu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	3-Night Serengeti camping Excursion

Day 3 - Ngorongoro Crater 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. We will arrive back in Karatu in the afternoon.

Accommodation	Kudu Camp http://kuducamp.com/
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	Karatu to Ngorongoro Crater and return
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day 4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

Day 4 - Karatu

This morning we rise early for a hike to the Elephant Caves, taking you through untouched forests with amazing wildlife. The rest of the day 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	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	Elephant Caves Hike

Day 5 - Arusha

Wrapping up our time in Karatu and Ngorongoro Crater, we board our truck and return to Arusha. Upon arrival in Arusha we are reunited with our fellow travellers who opted for the Serengeti excursion.

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	Karatu to Arusha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Bagamoyo

We head out early this morning as we journey south to our overnight stop in the coastal town of Bagamoyo. Formerly a centre point of the East African slave trade, Bagamoyo lies just north of the port of Dar es Salaam and is a perfect launching point for our upcoming Zanzibar Excursion. While today is primarily a travel day, we experience the hustle and bustle of one of Africa's major travel routes. Road travel in Africa is an experience in itself and the bustling markets, villages and scenic backdrops that line the routes give a window into the lifestyle of rural Africa. This evening we will prepare for our Zanzibar Excursion that begins tomorrow morning.

Accommodation	Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/
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	Arusha to Bagamoyo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Nungwi (Zanzibar)

We complete the short journey into Dar es Salaam this morning and board our ferry for the two hour trip to Zanzibar. After arriving at the ferry port we board make our way to Nungwi on the northern shores of the island. There are a number of excursions that can be arranged and your guide will be on hand to assist.

Accommodation	Amaan Bungalows http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/amaan-bungalows/ab-about-us/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Bagamoyo to Nungwi (Zanzibar)
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Included highlight	Zanzibar Excursion

Day 8 – 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://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/amaan-bungalows/ab-about-us/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours and more

Day 9 – Nungwi - Stone Town

This morning we explore the beautiful Jozani Forest before our visit to Nungwi comes to an end as we transfer by road to Stone Town. Boasting a rich history this busy port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes. Our afternoon will be spent visiting Prison Island, which was once a place where slaves were detained. The trip to Prison Island is about 20 – 30 minutes (per way) by boat transfer. We spend our final night on the island on the beaches south of the port city.

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	Nungwi to Stone Town
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Jozani Forest, Prison Island boat trip

Day 10 - Mikumi

Leaving the coast behind us we travel inland and make our way to Mikumi where we stop for the night. Mikumi National Park ranks as the fourth largest park in Tanzania and forms part of a 75 000 square kilometre wilderness that centres on Selous, Africa's largest game reserve.

Accommodation	Camp Bastian http://www.campbastian.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	Zanzibar via Dar es Salaam to Mikumi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Mikumi Game Drive

Day 11 - Iringa

The town of Iringa sits on a cliff overlooking the Ruaha River Valley. The town centre offers the visitor a view into the past with its German colonial buildings and a popular market. The Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery memorialises soldiers who died in local battles during WWI and WWII.

Accommodation	Kisolanza Farm http://www.kisolanza.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	Mikumi to Iringa
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 – Mbeya Region

Leaving Tanzania behind, we descend the Great Rift Valley and cross the border into Malawi. Known as the “Warm Heart of Africa” the lakeside country is blessed with natural beauty. This afternoon 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.

Accommodation	Utengule Coffee Lodge https://www.utengule.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	Iringa to Chilumba
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Tanzania: Chi’zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00 Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 13 – Lake Malawi

Our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi where we look forward to spending the night enjoying the attractions of the northern regions of the lake. Snorkelling in the crystal waters offers the chance to see first-hand the brilliantly coloured tropical cichlids, tiny fish often found in colourful aquariums around the world.

Accommodation	Majizuwa http://www.majizuwa.com/
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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 – Lake Malawi

This morning we board our truck and head further South of Lake Malawi. Our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi. Stretching over 500km along the western boundary of Malawi, the lake is home to more species of fish than any other lake. We spend the night on the shores of this natural wonder.

Accommodation	Ngala Beach Lodge http://www.ngalabeach.com/
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	North Lake Malawi to Central Lake Malawi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 – Lake Malawi

Today is another day of leisure, relaxing at the lake. Use the time to read a book, soak up the sun or indulge in the many attractions that are on offer.

Accommodation	Ngala Beach Lodge http://www.ngalabeach.com/
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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Malawi Village Tour

Day 16 – South Luangwa

This morning we enjoy a final sunrise on the shores of Lake Malawi before setting off for Zambia and the South Luangwa National Park. After crossing the border into Zambia we make a short stop in Chipata before continuing to our camp on the banks of the Luangwa River. Having watched the sun rise over Lake Malawi in the morning we enjoy an equally spectacular sunset over the Luangwa River this evening.

Accommodation	Wildlife Camp http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com OR Marula Lodge https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/
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Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent 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	Nkhotakota Region to South Luangwa National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border	Zambia: Mwani Border / Tel: +260(0)21 138 1930 Malawi: Mchinji Border / Tel: +265 (0)12 42215

Day 17 – South Luangwa

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, enjoying a sundowner on the way. 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 OR Marula Lodge https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent 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>
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 18 - Petauke

Leaving the Luangwa Valley this morning we make a stop at Tribal Textiles. The Chipata area is a major producer of Cotton and this morning we get a taste of the creativity of the African culture. Those interested can enjoy a tour of their workshops (March to December) to see how these colourful fabrics are crafted. Our destination tonight is the small town of Petauke.

Accommodation	Chimwemwe Executive Lodge http://www.chimwemwelodge.com
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	South Luangwa to Petauke
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Textile project visit (full tour available March to December)

Day 19 - Lusaka

As an important link between Lusaka and neighbouring Malawi, the Great East Road winds through rural Zambia and we will cross the Luangwa River on our way to Lusaka. The route today is dotted with villages and subsistence farms and the landscapes serve as a stark contrast to the developed countries, so many of us call home.

Accommodation	Eureka Camp http://www.eurekacamp.com
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	Petauke to Lusaka
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 20 – Victoria Falls

Crossing the Southern reaches of Zambia we make our way to the adventure town of Victoria Falls. This afternoon we get our first look at the mighty Victoria Falls. Crossing the bridge between Zambia and Zimbabwe we get a view of “Musi oa Tunya”, the Smoke that Thunders as the falls are known in the local language. Victoria Falls offers a host of optional activities and these can be booked on arrival in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation	(01 Jan to 31 March 2020) Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel https://rtgafrica.com/victoria-falls-rainbow/ (From 01 April 2020) Shearwater Explorers Village http://explorersvillage.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	Lusaka to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 21 - Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park

This morning we leave the rumble and adventure of Victoria Falls behind us as we make the journey south to Hwange National Park. Hwange is the largest of Zimbabwe’s national parks and offers excellent opportunities for viewing the diversity of wildlife that calls the park home.

Accommodation	Hwange Main Camp http://zimparks.org
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	Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Victoria Falls National Park Entry, Hwange Sundowner Drive

Day 22 – Hwange National Park

Home to the big-5, Hwange National Park also offers a wide variety of plains game and birdlife. We will spend the day game driving (in open 4x4 vehicles) through Hwange in search of the animals.

Accommodation	Hwange Main Camp http://zimparcs.org
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	Hwange National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day Hwange National Park game drive

Day 23 – Matopos National Park

After breakfast we continue south towards Bulawayo, the second largest city in Zimbabwe. Our afternoon will be spent exploring the Matopos National Park with a local guide. The park received recognition as a UNESCO natural World Heritage Site in 2003 and includes an intensive protection zone that is home to both Black and White Rhinoceros. Named after the Ndebele word “Matobo”, whose meaning “bald heads” refers to the rounded granite hills that surround it. We return to Bulawayo and our overnight stop for the night.

Accommodation	Travellers Guest House http://www.travellerszim.net/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with Shared Ablutions Camping: Two per Room with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Hwange National Park to Bulawayo to Matopos National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Matopos National Park

Day 24 – Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Our journey today takes us to Masvingo and the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. This afternoon we will enjoy a guided walking tour of this historic site. Dating back to the Late Iron Age, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was once the capital of the Kingdom of Zimbabwe. We take time this afternoon to marvel at the intricate stone work and experience the heritage of this monument to early Zimbabwean civilisation.

Accommodation	Norma Jeans Lake View Resort http://www.normajeanslakeview.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	(Bulawayo) Matopos National Park to Great Zimbabwe Ruins (Masvingo)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Day 25 - Tshipise

Leaving the sites of Zimbabwe behind we cross the Limpopo River and enter South Africa this afternoon. Our overnight stop allows us an opportunity to end the day with a swim in the hot springs of Tshipise.

Accommodation	Forever Tshipise Resort http://www.forevertshipise.co.za
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	Great Zimbabwe Ruins (Masvingo) to Tshipise
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Tshipise Hot Springs
Border Post	Beitbridge Border Post +263 862 2303 / 2366 +27 (015) 530-0066 / 71 website: http://www.zimra.co.zw

Day 26 - Johannesburg

This morning we take the highway south to Johannesburg, we arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to join us for a traditional meal tonight. This can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared and tonight is for celebrating the many wonders of African travel.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Tshipise to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Optional Activity	Traditional meal at Belvedere Estate

