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

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

Activity Package

This is a compulsory payment on this tour that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking.

If you are travelling as a single supplement guest and have and have purchased the single supplement, please note that the single supplement does not cover any Activity Package items which include accommodation. All items booked under the Activity Package are booked on a per person sharing basis and you will not be entitled to a single room during these activities.

Activity Package	Price
Rooibos tea farm visit	R 180
Guided desert walk with local expert	R 370
Makgadikgadi Pans excursion	R 400
Chobe National Park boat cruise	R 620
Chobe National Park game drive	R 620
South Luangwa NP afternoon game drive	R 1 450
Mikumi NP game drive	R 1 500
3-Day Zanzibar excursion	R 6 200
Kenyan Park highlights excursion	R 10 350
Chimp Trekking Murchison Falls	R 1 750
Ziwa Rhino walk	R 950
	R 24 390

Okavango Delta Excursion

Included in the tour price is a full day excursion into the Okavango Delta. An package is available for purchase, should you wish to spend 2 nights in the Okavango Delta. **Cost: R 2,800 per person**

Optional Serengeti Excursion Upgrade

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

This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.

Maximum Number of Passengers

24

After hours emergency contact

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

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

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

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

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

Tour departure point

07:00 am 40onBurg, 40 Burg Street, Cape Town, South Africa.

Tel: +27 (0)21 426 4338, www.40onburg.co.za

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

Tour ending point

Sentrim Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road, Nairobi, Kenya.

Tel: +254 20 315680

What's included

Meals (Breakfast x 52 / Lunch x 29 / Dinner x 46) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Nomad truck), / accommodation/qualified crew / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

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

Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda.

Meals Included on Tour

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Breakfast	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lunch	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Dinner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Day	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	
Breakfast	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	52
Lunch	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	29
Dinner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	46

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town this morning we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. The Cederberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush and today we will visit a working Rooibos tea farm and see the plants of Rooibos and Buchu that occur naturally in the wild. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cederberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. A dinner at our overnight stop offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.

- Accommodation** Marcuskraal Campsite <http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html>
- Facilities** Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
- Route** Cape Town to Citrusdal
- Activity Package** Rooibos tea farm visit

Day 2 - Namaqualand – Gariiep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, we travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this day’s travel.

- Accommodation** Fiddlers Creek Campsite <http://www.bushwhacked.co.za>
- Facilities** Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
- Route** Citrusdal to Vioolsdrift
- Included Highlight** Spring Wild Flowers (Seasonal July – September)

Day 3 - Namibia – Gariiep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch Royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariiep, which simply means “river” in the indigenous Khoekhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Around midday (after lunch) we depart the Orange River and head inland, crossing the border into Namibia. We make a brief stop at the mineral hot springs for a dip in the pool before arriving at our camp in the late afternoon.

- Accommodation** NWR: Hobas Campsite <http://www.nwr.com>
- Facilities** Campsite Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
- Route** Orange/Gariiep River to Fish River Canyon
- Optional Activity** Half-day canoe trip
- Border Post** South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours
Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

Day 4 – Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

We rise early this morning, pack up our camp, making our way to the rim of the Fish River Canyon. We arrive in time to catch the morning sunrays filter through the canyon. After stretching our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, we turn west and head for Keetmanshoop. Our afternoon will be spent meandering through the Quiver Tree Forest and The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

- Accommodation** Seeheim Hotel <http://www.seeheimhotel.com/>

Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop
Included Highlights	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

Day 5 - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west, the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

Accommodation	NWR: Sesriem campsite https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/sesriem-camp
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP
Included Highlight	Sesriem Canyon

Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

Watching the sunrise over the red dunes is an iconic highlight of any trip to Namibia and this morning we rise before the sun to capture this magnificent moment. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert sunrise. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land. This afternoon we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion.

Accommodation	Boesman's Camp or similar. (No website)
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Namib-Naukluft NP – Naukluft Area
Included Highlight	Sunrise hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei
Activity Package	Guided desert walk with local expert

Day 7 - Swakopmund

Reluctantly we leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, we continue to the Atlantic coastline. Today we continue west and make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, where we hope to catch a glimpse of the Flamingo's that feed in the shallows. Arriving in Swakopmund we will have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer.

Accommodation	Amanpuri Travellers Lodge http://www.amanpurinamibia.com OR Strauss Holiday Accommodation http://www.straussholidays.com/Rooms.htm
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	Naukluft Area to Swakopmund
Included Activity	Tropic of Capricorn, Walvis Bay Lagoon

Day 8 - Swakopmund

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more. Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.

Accommodation	Amanpuri Travellers Lodge http://www.amanpurinamibia.com OR Strauss Holiday Accommodation http://www.straussholidays.com/Rooms.htm
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>
Optional Activity	Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking, Dinner

Day 9 – Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

Leaving early, we make our way to the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe which tower 700 metres above the desert plains below. The presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

Accommodation	Brandberg White Lady https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/wmenu.php
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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

Route Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)
Included Highlight Visit and explore Spitzkoppe with a local guide

Day 10 – Brandberg White Lady

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. This morning we will make the 1-hour hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. *(Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).* After our exploration, our journey continues to the area of Kamanjab. We will arrive at our overnight stop in the afternoon and you will be given the opportunity to participate in an optional activity visit to the Himba Tribe.

Accommodation Toko Lodge <http://www.tokolodge.co/>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Uis to Kamanjab
Included Highlight Brandberg White Lady hike
Optional Activity Himba Tribe visit

Day 11 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning we drive to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. This afternoon we reach the park and begin with our first game drive as we make our way to the rest camp.

Accommodation NWR: Halali <http://www.nwr.com.na>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Kamanjab to Etosha National Park
Included Highlight Afternoon game drive in Nomad truck

Day 12 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occurs in the park.

Accommodation NWR: Okaukuejo <http://www.nwr.com.na>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Etosha National Park
Included Highlight Full day game drive in Nomad truck

Day 13 - Windhoek

It is an early rise as we take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Upon arrival in Windhoek, we will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks. *(Our accommodation for the night is situated halfway between the city and the airport).*

Accommodation Heja Game Lodge <http://www.hejalodge.com>
Facilities Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Included Highlight Walk through Windhoek with your guide

Day 14 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east and make our way to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and this afternoon we will enjoy an informative guided walk with the San community. Tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation Ghanzi Trail Blazers <http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Windhoek to Ghanzi
Included Highlight San Tribal dance in evening / San Guided Walk *(this activity could take place the next morning)*
Border Post Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00
 Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 15 – Okavango Delta

This morning we rise early and head towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect on our full day excursion into the Okavango Delta.

Those guests who have pre-purchased the 2-night Okavango Delta package – will be transferred into the Delta upon arrival in Maun and will re-join the group on the morning of day 17. Please speak to your consultant for your programme of the Okavango Delta Excursion.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge http://sedia-hotel.com/
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Ghanzi to Maun
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight

Day 16 - Okavango Delta Excursion

The most rewarding and enjoyable way to explore and experience the beauty and serenity of this intricate system of lily covered channels and lagoons is by mokoro. Heading out early, we will be transferred by safari vehicle to the poling station (approximately 1 hour transfer) where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your poler. After the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the poling station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge http://sedia-hotel.com/
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun – poling station – Okavango Delta - Maun
Included Highlight	Okavango Delta Day Excursion

Day 17 – Nata

Leaving Maun behind us this morning (and re-uniting with those that chose the upgrade package) we make our way towards the town of Nata. We will spend most of the day in our truck as we journey across the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans. Our activity package will afford us the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon guided game drive to the Nata Sanctuary, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands.

Accommodation	Nata Lodge http://underonebotswana.com/camps/nata-lodge.php
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun to Nata
Activity Package	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

Day 18 – Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration in 4x4 vehicles, which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons. The afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise and a meal served around the campfire.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities	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
Activity Package	Chobe National Park Game Drive, Chobe National Park boat cruise

Day 19 - 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	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Optional Activity	Vic Falls National Park Entry
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 20 - Victoria Falls

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suits 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.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel or similar. http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Optional Activity	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

Day 21 - Lusaka

Setting off early from Victoria Falls, we catch a last sighting of the mighty falls before crossing the border into Zambia. While we have a long day travelling today, we get our first impressions of the Africa that awaits us. Colourful markets, busy villages and rural scenes form the backdrop of our journey to the outskirts of Lusaka. We enjoy a prepared meal on arrival as our guides brief us on the days ahead.

Accommodation	Eureka Camp http://www.eurekacamp.com
Facilities	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 Lusaka
Included Highlight	View of Victoria Falls from the Bridge
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls Bridge (no telephone number) Open: 06h00-20h00 Zambia: Victoria Falls Bridge (no telephone number) Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 22 - 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.

Accommodation	Chimwemwe Executive Lodge http://www.chimwemwelodge.com
Facilities	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Lusaka to Petauke

Day 23 - South Luangwa National Park

With two days of travel behind us we look forward to the tranquillity of South Luangwa and this morning we make our way to the banks of the Luangwa River. Our first stop though is the town of Chipata, home of Chipata Cotton and an important centre for the cotton farmers of the region. Tribal Textiles represents the creativity of the African culture and those interested can enjoy a tour of their workshops (March to December). 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	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
Included Highlight	Luangwa Village Tour (Textile visit)

Day 24 - 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	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Activity Package	Sunset Game Drive in South Luangwa National Park
Optional Activity	Safari Walk (seasonal) or Morning Game Drive in South Luangwa

Day 25 - 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 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>

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

Day 26 - Northern Lake Malawi

Today 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.

Accommodation Ngala Beach Lodge <http://www.ngalabeach.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.

Day 27 - 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. Enjoy the sunset over the lake from the beach. Your guide will assist you to plan your activities for the coming days, or you can simply slow your clock to Africa time relaxing on the lake shore.

Accommodation Majizuwa <http://www.majizuwa.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.

Included Highlight Malawi Village Tour
Route Central Lake Malawi to North Lake Malawi

Day 28 - Lake Malawi

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. For the more adventurous amongst us, use today to participate in the Livingstonia hike. This is a strenuous hike that takes between 8 – 12 hours to complete. Your guide will provide additional information on the hike.

Accommodation Majizuwa <http://www.majizuwa.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.

Included Highlight Livingstonia Hike

Day 29 - Tanzania – Iringa

Today as we leave Malawi, we ascend the Great Rift Valley and make our way into Tanzania. We round the northern extremes of the lake as we turn east and continue to our overnight stop in Iringa.

Accommodation Kisolanza Farm <http://www.kisolanza.com>
Facilities **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
Border Post Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00
Tanzania: Chi'zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 30 - Mikumi

This morning we complete our journey to the doorstep of Mikumi National Park. Mikumi 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. Abutting the northern border of this vast wilderness, Mikumi offers us an opportunity for an afternoon of game viewing.

Accommodation Asante Afrika Camp www.asanteafrikacamp.com
Facilities **Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Iringa to Mikumi
Activity Package Mikumi National Park Game Drive

Day 31 – Bagamoyo (via Dar es Salaam)

Today we continue onwards, travelling past the bustling port town of Dar es Salaam towards the historical town of Bagamoyo where we will overnight. Tonight we prepare for our upcoming excursion to Zanzibar.

Accommodation Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge <http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/>
Facilities **Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Mikumi to Bagamoyo

Day 32 - Zanzibar Excursion

We rise early and travel the short distance to Dar es Salaam where after a brief stop in the city to collect guests joining us, we board the ferry to Zanzibar and make the ocean journey to the island of Zanzibar. On arrival we will partake in a Spice Tour before reaching Nungwi on the northern point of the island. Our home for the next two nights, Nungwi offers a perfect stop to enjoy the beaches and activities on offer. Those who have not opted for the Zanzibar Excursion will remain in Bagamoyo for the next three nights.

Accommodation	Amaan Bungalows http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/amaan-bungalows/ab-about-us/
Facilities	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 via Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar by ferry
Activity Package	Zanzibar Excursion
Included Highlight	Spice Tour and City Tour (as part of your activity package)

Day 33 - Zanzibar Excursion

Today is a free day for enjoying 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	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>
Activity Package	Zanzibar Excursion
Optional Activity	Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours, Jozani Forest and more

Day 34 - Zanzibar Excursion

Our visit to Nungwi comes to an end today as we travel to Stone Town this afternoon. Boasting a rich history this bustling port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes. We overnight here before returning to Dar es Salaam in the morning.

Accommodation	Ocean View Hotel http://www.ocean.co.tz/ogh/zov/zov-accommodation
Facilities	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
Activity Package	Zanzibar Excursion

Day 35 - Dar es Salaam – Bagamoyo

This morning we have some time to explore the sights of Stone Town, the rich history and vibrant markets are some of the highlights of any visit to Zanzibar. 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	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
Included Highlight	Stone Town

Day 36 - Arusha

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

Accommodation	Ndoro Lodge http://www.ndorolodge.com
Facilities	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

Day 37 - Karatu

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

Accommodation	Kudu Camp http://kuducamp.com/
Facilities	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

Day 38 - Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

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

Accommodation	Kudu Camp http://kuducamp.com/
Facilities	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
Included Highlight	Full day 4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

Day 39 - Karatu

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

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

Day 40 - Arusha

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

Accommodation	Ndoro Lodge http://www.ndorolodge.com
Facilities	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 Upgrade Guests) / Karatu to Arusha (Non-Upgrade Guests)

Day 41 - Kenya – Nairobi

We cross the border into Kenya this morning and make our way to Nairobi where we will enjoy an optional dinner out.

Accommodation	Sentrim Boulevard Hotel or similar. www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi
Facilities	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	Arusha to Nairobi
Border Post	Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

Day 42 – 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	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
Activity Package	Kenyan Parks Highlights Excursion

Day 43 - 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	Camping: Permanent tent with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Activity Package	Kenyan Parks Highlights Excursion

Day 44 - Lake Nakuru National Park

This morning we bid the Mara farewell before heading to Lake Nakuru National Park, where we are reunited with our truck and 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	Lake Kivu Lodge http://www.kivuresort.co.ke/
Facilities	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	Masai Mara Reserve to Lake Nakuru National Park
Activity Package	Kenyan Parks Highlights Excursion

Day 45 - 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	Eden Rock Resort http://www.edenrocknile.com
Facilities	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
Included Highlight	Crossing of the Equator

Day 46 - 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 Hotel http://www.kabalegaresort.com/
Facilities	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

Day 47 - 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 Hotel http://www.kabalegaresort.com/
Facilities	Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Activity Package	Chimp trekking (half day)
Included Highlight	Nile River Boat cruise (half day) in Murchison Falls National Park

Day 48 - Kampala

While we spend the night in the bustling capital city of Kampala, this morning we have the opportunity to visit the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. These majestic animals are in a literal fight for their survival. Rhino Fund Uganda (RFU) was formed as a Non-Government Organization (NGO) in 1997 and is tasked with overseeing its aim of reintroducing Rhinoceros, a highly endangered species across the globe, back into the National Parks of Uganda through a breeding and release program. Out of this emerged the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, 7000 hectares of imminently suitable savannah and native woodlands.

Accommodation	Hillside Plaza Hotel http://www.hillsideplazahotel.co.ug/
Facilities	Camping: Two per room with En-suites bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Masindi to Kampala
Activity Package	Ziwa Rhino walk
Optional Activity	Murchison Falls Game Drive

Day 49 - 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	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

Day 50 - 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 http://www.bunyonyioverland.com
Facilities	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)
Optional Activity	Gorilla Trekking OR
Included Highlight	Pygmy Excursion

Day 51 - 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. Today we will enjoy a visit to the Nyombi Village, a Pygmy village which is reached by motor boat from Bunyonyi Resort. We will have the opportunity to learn about the culture of the Pygmies and how they live.

Accommodation	Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort http://www.bunyonyioverland.com
Facilities	Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Optional Activity	Gorilla Trekking OR
Included Highlight	Pygmy Excursion

Day 52 - 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	Hillside Plaza Hotel http://www.hillsideplazahotel.co.ug/
Facilities	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

Day 53 - 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	Eden Rock Resort http://www.edenrocknile.com
Facilities	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
Optional Activity	Quad biking, kayaking, rafting

Day 54 - 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	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
Border Post	Kenya: Busia 09256 454 3482 Uganda: Malaba

Day 55 - 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

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.

This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.