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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>

Tour departure point

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

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

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

Tour ending point

Sentrim Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road, Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: +254 20 315680, http://www.sentrim-hotels.com/boulevard_booking.html

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.

Gorilla Permit – USD630 – USD730

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

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.

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

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

Countries Visited

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

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

The Cederberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. The Cedarberg region is known for its mountain fynbos and spectacular views of the rugged Cedarberg Mountains. 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 <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Meals	Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Namaqualand – Gariep (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 <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Citrusdal to Vioolsdrift
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Spring Wild Flowers (Seasonal July – September)

Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (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 Gariep, 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.nwrnamibia.com/hobas.htm
Facilities	Campsite Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Orange/Gariep River to Fish River Canyon
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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
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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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Sunrise hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei, 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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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 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 <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit and explore Spitzkoppe

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.

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

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: Okaukuejo http://www.nwr.com.na
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kamanjab to Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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 <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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 of 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 <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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 <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Windhoek to Ghanzi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	San Tribal dance in evening / San Guided Walk <i>(this activity could take place the next morning)</i> / San Tribal dance in evening
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.

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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Okavango Delta Day Excursion

Day 17 – Nata

Leaving Maun behind us this morning 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. On arrival at Nata Lodge, you have the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon guided game drive to the Makgadikgadi Pans, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands.

Accommodation	Nata Lodge http://underonebotswanasky.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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Chobe National Park boat cruise
Optional Activity	Chobe National Park Game Drive

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 https://rtgafrika.com/victoria-falls-rainbow/
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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity	Victoria 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 https://rtgafrika.com/victoria-falls-rainbow/
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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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	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	Victoria Falls to Lusaka
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
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	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	Lusaka to Petauke
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions Camping: Campsite with en-suite Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Petauke to South Luangwa National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	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	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with en-suite Ablutions

Camping: Campsite with en-suite Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
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 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 en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route South Luangwa National Park to Lake Malawi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post Zambia: Chipata / Nwami, Tel: + 265 622 1652, Open: 06h00-18h00
 Malawi: Mchinji, Tel: +265 124 2217, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 26 - Lake Malawi

Today we visit a local village near our lodge with the Nomad guide. The rest of the day is set aside for you to relax at the lake. Use the time to read a book, soak up the sun or indulge in the many attractions that are on offer.

Accommodation Ngala Beach Lodge <http://www.ngalabeach.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite 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
Included Highlight Malawi Village Tour

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 en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Central Lake Malawi to North Lake Malawi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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. Your afternoon will be spent walking through the small village of Ngala.

Accommodation Majizuwa <http://www.majizuwa.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite 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

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 **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
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
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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. Today you will have the opportunity to book a game drive in Mikumi National Park.

Accommodation	Asante Afrika Camp www.asanteafrikacamp.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 Mikumi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Mikumi Game Drive

Day 31 – Zanzibar Excursion

We rise early and travel from Mikumi to the Port of Dar Es Salaam, where we will board the ferry and make the ocean journey to the island of Zanzibar. Our home for the next three nights, Stone Town offers a perfect stop to enjoy the beaches and activities on offer.

Accommodation	Ocean View Hotel http://www.ocean.co.tz
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Mikumi via Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar by ferry
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 32 - Zanzibar Excursion

This morning we enjoy the local scenery by embarking on a spice tour with a local guide. The afternoon is free to enjoy some of the many attraction sand activities on offer. Water sports are the order of the day and you have the opportunity to book activities such as 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	Ocean View Hotel http://www.ocean.co.tz
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
Included Highlight	Stone Town City Walk / Spice Tour

Day 33 - Zanzibar Excursion

Today we explore the beautiful Jozani Forest. For those wanting to do their last bit of sightseeing, the afternoon is free for optional activities. Boasting a rich history this bustling port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes.

Accommodation	Ocean View Hotel http://www.ocean.co.tz
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	Stone Town
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Jozani Forest Half Day tour

Day 34 - 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	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 to Dar es Salaam by ferry; Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Stone Town

Day 35 - Arusha

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

Accommodation	Ndoro Lodge http://www.ndorolodge.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	Bagamoyo to Arusha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 36 - 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. Those guests who have purchased the Serengeti excursion will be collected from Arusha this morning.

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>
Route	Arusha to Karatu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activities	Local Brewery Tour, Karatu Iraqw Market, local coffee plantation tour

Day 37 - Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

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	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	Karatu to Ngorongoro Crater and return
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day 4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

Day 38 - 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 39 - Arusha

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

Accommodation	Ndoro Lodge http://www.ndorolodge.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	Serengeti National Park to Arusha (Serengeti excursion guests) / Karatu to Arusha (Non-excursion guests)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 40 - Kenya – Nairobi

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

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

Day 41 – Nairobi

Today is the day to take a walk through the city and explore and participate in the optional activities available.

Accommodation	Sentrim Boulevard Hotel or similar www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi
Facilities	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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Giraffe Centre, Nairobi National Park

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	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 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	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 44 - 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	Lake Kivu Lodge http://www.kivuresort.co.ke/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite 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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Lake Nakuru NP Game Drive

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	Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Lake Nakuru to Jinja
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Crossing of the Equator

Day 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 http://www.kabalegaresort.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	Jinja to Masindi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Ziwa Rhino Walk

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 http://www.kabalegaresort.com/
Facilities	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)
Optional Activity	Nile River Cruise

Day 48 – Lake Mburo

Today we make our way to Leopard Rest Camp, nestled on the border of Lake Mburo National Park. This National Park consists of Woodland interspersed with rocky ridges and forested gorges. Lake Mburo is one of 13 other lakes, forming a 50km wetland system, linked by a swamp. The Park is the smallest of Uganda's savannah national parks and is home to 350 bird species as well as zebra, impala, buffalo, leopard, hippo and hyena to name but a few.

Accommodation	Leopard Rest Camp www.leopardrestcamp.com
Facilities	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 Lake Mburo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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	Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kampala to Lake Bunyonyi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 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	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 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.

Accommodation	Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort http://www.bunyonyioverland.com
Facilities	Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour

Day 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 overnight in Kampala.

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

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	Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kampala to Jinja
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Quad biking, kayaking, rafting

Day 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	Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Jinja to Eldoret
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Kenya: Busia 09256 454 3482 Uganda: Malaba

Day 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
Meals	Breakfast