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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

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

### PCR Testing / Requirements

All guests participating in this tour should adhere to and be familiar with any mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirements or PCR testing requirements of the country/countries being visited. All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

### Tour departure point

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

**7.00am** Hotel Boulevard, Harry Thuku Rd,

Kenya, Nairobi

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

### Tour ending point

DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside

31 Brickfield Road, Woodstock, Cape Town

Tel: +27 (0)21 404 0570, <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/>

### Maximum Number of Passengers

20 (All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

### After hours emergency contact

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

*If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199*

*If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199*

### Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

### Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

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

### What's included

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

### What's excluded

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

### Countries Visited

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

### Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with a number of our other routes, including our 14-day Masai Mara & Gorillas beforehand or the Serengeti National Park

tour. If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

### Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

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

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 – 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.

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

### Day 2 - 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.

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

### Day 3 - 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.

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

### Day 4 - 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp <a href="http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp">http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with shared ablutions <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Lake Nakuru to Jinja
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Crossing of the Equator

### Day 5 - 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

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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.

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

### Day 6 - 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kabalega Resort <a href="http://www.kabalegaresort.com/">http://www.kabalegaresort.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite ablutions <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Chimp trekking (half day) / Nile River Cruise

### Day 7 – Lake Kikorongo

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Simba Safari Camp <a href="https://ugandalodges.com/simba/">https://ugandalodges.com/simba/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Masindi to Lake Kikorongo
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 8 - 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Lake Bunyonyi Overland <a href="https://mbzgroup.africa/">https://mbzgroup.africa/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Kampala to Lake Bunyonyi
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 9 - 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Lake Bunyonyi Overland <a href="https://mbzgroup.africa/">https://mbzgroup.africa/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Lake Bunyonyi National Park to the starting point of the gorilla trek (in safari or smaller vehicles)

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**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Optional Activity** Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour

### Day 10 - 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 <https://mbzgroup.africa/>**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per room with En-suite bathroom**Camping:** Campsite with shared ablutions*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Optional Activity** Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour

### Day 11 - 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** **Accommodated:** Two per room with En-suite bathroom**Camping:** Two per room with En-suite bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Route** Lake Bunyonyi to Kampala**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 12 - 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** Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp <http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp>**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per room with shared ablutions**Camping:** Campsite with shared ablutions*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Route** Kampala to Jinja**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Optional Activity** Quad biking, kayaking, rafting

### Day 13 - Kenya – Eldoret

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

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

Uganda: Malaba

### Day 14 - 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.

**Accommodation** Hotel Boulevard [www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/](http://www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/)**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** Eldoret to Nairobi**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch

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

### Day 15 - Nairobi

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Hotel Boulevard <a href="http://www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/">www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Giraffe Centre / Nairobi National Park

### Day 16 - Arusha

Leaving behind the bustle of Nairobi we travel south to the Tanzanian border. After completing border formalities we continue to the busy town of Arusha, our base for the night. Northern Tanzania is home to the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Kilimanjaro.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Meru Mbega Lodge <a href="http://www.mt-meru.com/mbega.html">http://www.mt-meru.com/mbega.html</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Nairobi to Arusha
<b>Meals</b>	Lunch, Dinner
<b>Border Post</b>	Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

### Day 17 – Karatu

Although it is a short distance to Karatu, we will spend most of the day commuting closer to the Ngorongoro Crater. Upon arrival in Karatu, our guide will brief us on our overnight excursion into the crater and Serengeti National Park.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kudu Camp <a href="http://kuducamp.com/">http://kuducamp.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Arusha to Karatu
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 18 - Ngorongoro Crater & Seronera Excursion

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

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

### Day 19 – Serengeti National Park

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kudu Camp <a href="http://kuducamp.com/">http://kuducamp.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Game Drive through Seronera, Serengeti National Park

### Day 20 - Arusha

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

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<b>Accommodation</b>	Meru Mbega Lodge <a href="http://www.mt-meru.com/mbega.html">http://www.mt-meru.com/mbega.html</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Karatu to Arusha
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 21 - Bagamoyo

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge <a href="http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/">http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Arusha to Bagamoyo
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 22 – Nungwi (Zanzibar)

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Amaan Bungalows <a href="http://oceangrouphotel.com/amaan-bungalows/">http://oceangrouphotel.com/amaan-bungalows/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Route</b>	Bagamoyo to Nungwi (Zanzibar)
<b>Meals</b>	Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included highlight</b>	Zanzibar Excursion

### Day 23 – Nungwi

Today is a free day to enjoy some of the many attractions and activities on offer. Water sports are the order of the day and Nungwi offers fishing, snorkelling, scuba diving and a variety of ocean safari options. Whatever it is you chose to do today, you will have ample opportunity to create some island memories. Rent a scooter and explore the many attractions on offer or simply relax on the beach and soak up the sun.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Amaan Bungalows <a href="http://oceangrouphotel.com/amaan-bungalows/">http://oceangrouphotel.com/amaan-bungalows/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours and more

### Day 24 – Nungwi - Stone Town

This morning our visit to Nungwi comes to an end as we transfer by road to Stone Town. Before we arrive in Stone Town, we will stop along the way to enjoy a guided walking spice tour, which passes through villages and spice plantations. You will be able to witness first-hand how spice farm workers climb the trees and seek out specific plants and will have the opportunity to purchase fresh spices directly from these farms. Boasting a rich history this busy port of Stone Town was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes.

<b>Accommodation</b>	All Seasons Hotel (website not available)
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Route</b>	Nungwi to Stone Town
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Prison Island boat tour / Walking Spice Tour

### Day 25 - Mikumi

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Camp Bastian <a href="http://www.campbastian.com/">http://www.campbastian.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions

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<b>Route</b>	Zanzibar via Dar es Salaam to Mikumi
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Mikumi Game Drive

### Day 26 - Iringa

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kisolanza Farm <a href="http://www.kisolanza.com">http://www.kisolanza.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Mikumi to Iringa
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 27 – Mbeya Region

This afternoon we will make a stop at a local coffee plantation where we have the opportunity to see the process of growing and harvesting coffee beans and will be able to sample some of the beans.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Utengule Coffee Lodge <a href="https://www.utengule.com/">https://www.utengule.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Iringa to Chilumba
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Activity</b>	Coffee Plantation Visit

### Day 28 – Lake Malawi

Leaving Tanzania behind, we descend the Great Rift Valley and cross the border into Malawi. Known as the “Warm Heart of Africa” the lakeside country is blessed with natural beauty. Our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi where we look forward to spending the night enjoying the attractions of the northern regions of the lake. Snorkelling in the crystal waters offers the chance to see first-hand the brilliantly coloured tropical cichlids, tiny fish often found in colourful aquariums around the world.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Chitimba <a href="https://edpeeters.wixsite.com/chitimbacamp">https://edpeeters.wixsite.com/chitimbacamp</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Border Post</b>	Tanzania: Chi'zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00 Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00

### Day 29 – Lake Malawi

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Ngala Beach Lodge <a href="http://www.ngalabeach.com/">http://www.ngalabeach.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	North Lake Malawi to Central Lake Malawi
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Village Walk with Nomad Tour Leader

### Day 30 – Lake Malawi

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Ngala Beach Lodge <a href="http://www.ngalabeach.com/">http://www.ngalabeach.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 31 – South Luangwa

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Wildlife Camp <a href="http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com">http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com</a> OR Marula Lodge <a href="https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/">https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Nkhotakota Region to South Luangwa National Park
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Border</b>	Zambia: Mwani Border / Tel: +260(0)21 138 1930 Malawi: Mchinji Border / Tel: +265 (0)12 42215

### Day 32 – South Luangwa

South Luangwa National Park is a world-class safari destination and we have a full day to explore the park in search of the variety of wildlife found in the park. This morning you can partake in an optional morning safari or during the dry season (April to December) you can join one of the iconic walking safaris on offer in the park. This afternoon we will enjoy a Sunset Drive in the park, enjoying a sundowner on the way. The unique opportunity to explore the park at night gives us a chance to spot the elusive nocturnal species that are rarely seen in the day.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Wildlife Camp <a href="http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com">http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com</a> OR Marula Lodge <a href="https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/">https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Sunset Game Drive in South Luangwa National Park
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Safari Walk (seasonal) or Morning Game Drive in South Luangwa

### Day 33 - Petauke

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Chimwemwe Executive Lodge <a href="http://www.chimwemwelodge.com">http://www.chimwemwelodge.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	South Luangwa to Petauke
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Textile project visit (full tour available March to December)

### Day 34 - Lusaka

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Eureka Camp <a href="http://www.eurekacamp.com">http://www.eurekacamp.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Petauke to Lusaka
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 35 – Victoria Falls

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Shearwater Explorers Village <a href="http://explorersvillage.com/">http://explorersvillage.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom (Adventure Rooms) <b>Camping:</b> Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Lusaka to Victoria Falls
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast



**Day 36 - Victoria Falls**

The bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets to explore and a delicious high tea is on offer at the Victoria Falls Hotel.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Shearwater Explorers Village <a href="http://explorersvillage.com/">http://explorersvillage.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom (Adventure Rooms) <b>Camping:</b> Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Visit the falls, bungee jump, gorge swing, sunset cruise, helicopter flights, boma dinner experience, dinner cruise

**Day 37 - Victoria Falls – Kasane**

This morning you will have the opportunity to participate in the many optional activities on offer in the town of Victoria Falls. After lunch, we travel the short distance to the Botswana border, crossing into Botswana and will arrive at our accommodation in the late afternoon, to set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Thebe River Safaris <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Victoria Falls to Kasane
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Visit the falls, bungee jump, gorge swing, sunset cruise, helicopter flights, boma dinner experience, dinner cruise
<b>Border Post</b>	Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00 Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50330, Open: 06h00-20h00

**Day 38 – Kasane – Chobe National Park**

For those that opt to participate in the optional game drive in Chobe National Park, you will be collected early from camp and will venture out in open 4x4 safari type vehicles. You will return to camp in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Thebe River Safaris <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Chobe National Park Boat Cruise
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Chobe National Park Game Drive

**Day 39 - Savuti Game Reserve**

You will be separated from your Nomad truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart camp today. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. The Savuti Game Reserve is a unique area bordered by the Okavango Delta to west and Chobe National Park to the east. Savuti is renowned as a big game area and known for having the largest concentrations of wildlife in Southern Africa. Today is a long day as we spend most of our day travelling through the Savuti Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This afternoon we will arrive at our camp in the Khwai Conservation area.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Magotho / Boga Campsite (no website available)
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Kasane via Savuti Game Reserve to Khwai Conservation Area (long day ±6-8 hours)
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Full Day Game Drive through Savuti Game Reserve in 4x4 safari vehicles

**Day 40 - Khwai Conservation Area**

Heading out early, we transfer by safari vehicle, to the poling station, 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 pole and 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. After lunch, we will return to the Khwai Conservation Area for our afternoon game drive which will be conducted in open 4x4 safari vehicles. The game viewing routes chosen during the afternoon by the professional guide may vary especially when high floods are experienced as certain roads may be closed or impassable.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Magotho / Boga Campsite (no website available)
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

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	<b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Khwai Conservation area - poling station – Okavango Delta Khwai Conservation area
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Okavango Delta Morning Mokoro Excursion / Khwai Conservation Afternoon Game Drive

### Day 41 – Central Kalahari District

We will depart early this morning in our 4x4 vehicles and make our way to Maun, where upon arrival you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (time and weather permitting). In Maun, we will re-unite with our Nomad truck and will continue our journey towards the Ghanzi district in the central Kalahari. Tonight we get a first-hand experience of the San culture, well known for its rich traditions of song, dance and story-telling. The nomadic San are hunter-gatherers that have passed down a rich knowledge of the plants and animals that play such an important part in their lifestyle.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Ghanzi Trail Blazers <a href="http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw">http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Khwai Conservation area via Maun to Ghanzi
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Okavango Delta scenic flight
<b>Included Highlight</b>	San Evening Dance Performance
<b>Optional Activity</b>	San Guided Walk (could take place the next morning)

### Day 42 – Ghanzi – Windhoek

We start early this morning as we continue west and cross the border into Namibia, travelling onwards to the capital city of Windhoek. (*Our accommodation for the night is situated halfway between the city and the airport*).

<b>Accommodation</b>	Heja Game Lodge <a href="http://www.hejalodge.com">http://www.hejalodge.com</a> OR Klein Windhoek Guest House <a href="https://www.kleinwindhoekguesthouse.com/">https://www.kleinwindhoekguesthouse.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Route</b>	Ghanzi to Windhoek
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Border Post</b>	Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560 401, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

### Day 43 – Etosha National Park

Before taking aim for Etosha National Park, we will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks. After our city walk, we have a full day of driving ahead of us and will reach the gates of Etosha National Park in the late afternoon. We begin with our first game drive as we enter the park and travel the short distance to our overnight rest camp for the night.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Okaukuejo <a href="http://www.nwr.com.na">http://www.nwr.com.na</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Windhoek to Etosha National Park
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Walk Windhoek City Centre with your Guide

### Day 44 – Etosha National Park

Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. Today we have a full-day to explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occurs in the park. Our truck offers us an elevated platform and we will spend some time at the many waterholes dotted throughout the park.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Halali <a href="http://www.nwr.com.na">http://www.nwr.com.na</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Full-Day Game Viewing in Nomad truck

### Day 45 – Kamanjab

We will rise early and enjoy our last game drive through Etosha as we make our way to the gates and exit the park. Sit back and enjoy the scenery of rugged mountains and dry river beds.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Oppikoppi <a href="https://www.oppi-koppi-kamanjab.com/">https://www.oppi-koppi-kamanjab.com/</a> OR Toko Lodge <a href="http://www.tokolodge.co/">http://www.tokolodge.co/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions

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<b>Route</b>	Etosha to Kamanjab
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Morning game drive in Nomad truck as we exit the park

**Day 46 – 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. After reaching our destination for the day, we will make the ±2-hour return 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).*

<b>Accommodation</b>	Brandberg White Lady Lodge <a href="https://www.brandbergwillodge.com">https://www.brandbergwillodge.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Kamanjab to Brandberg
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Brandberg White Lady hike

**Day 47 – Swakopmund**

The massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe tower 700 metres above the desert plains below and 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 the seaside town of Swakopmund. Swakopmund is well known for its many adventure activities, coffee shops and rich German influence. This evening you will have the opportunity to book some of the many exciting activities on offer.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Haus Garnison <a href="http://hausgarnison.com/">http://hausgarnison.com/</a> OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge <a href="http://www.amanpurinamibia.com">http://www.amanpurinamibia.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Route</b>	Brandberg to Swakopmund
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Visit and explore Spitzkoppe.

**Day 48- Swakopmund**

Today is a free day to enjoy adventure, explore Swakopmund or simply enjoy a great bake at a local coffee shop. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a little city and there is something to keep everyone busy. This welcome brush with civilization is the perfect launching pad as we venture to the Namib Desert tomorrow morning.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Haus Garnison <a href="http://hausgarnison.com/">http://hausgarnison.com/</a> OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge <a href="http://www.amanpurinamibia.com">http://www.amanpurinamibia.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Dolphin Cruise, Sky Diving, Sandboarding, Quad Biking and more

**Day 49 Swakopmund – Namib Naukluft**

Leaving behind the charms of Swakopmund we continue our journey to Southern Namibia and the Namib Desert. We make a short stop in Walvis Bay this morning before turning east towards the heart of the desert. Our afternoon will be spent with a local guide who will introduce us to the wonders of the desert environment. An early night is advisable as tomorrow will see us up as the dawn breaks.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Hammerstein Lodge <a href="http://hammersteinlodge.com/">http://hammersteinlodge.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Swakopmund to Solitaire
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Guided Desert Excursion with Local Expert, Walvis Bay lagoon, Tropic of Capricorn

**Day 50 – Sesriem and Sossusvlei**

Rising at first light we travel to Sesriem, the gateway to the Sossusvlei dune fields. We enter the park early and make a stop to climb the famous Dune 45. Having stretched our legs we continue deeper into the Dune fields and take a 4x4 transfer to the marvels of Sossusvlei. We take time to visit both Sossusvlei and Deadvlei, before bidding the dune field farewell. Our final stop before continuing to our camp is the interesting Sesriem Canyon, a remnant of much wetter times in this dry region.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Hammerstein Lodge <a href="http://hammersteinlodge.com/">http://hammersteinlodge.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions

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**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Included Highlight** Hike up Dune 45, visit to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei and the Sesriem Canyon

### Day 51 – Keetmanshoop

We will have a leisurely morning before we pack up and turn east and head for Keetmanshoop. Today we spend most of the day driving onto our next destination.

**Accommodation** Schuetzenhaus Guesthouse <https://schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom  
**Camping:** Campsite with shared ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Route** Solitaire to Keetmanshoop  
**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 52 – Giants Playground/Quiver Tree Forest and Fish River Canyon

Contrary to belief, the quiver tree is not really a tree, but a plant that can grow to between 200 – 300 years old. Our exploration continues this morning with a visit to the Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playgrounds, named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other- creating rock formations and a series of mazes. We board the truck and travel south on the gravel byways of Southern Namibia on route to Ais-Ais. Famed for its hot springs the resort and its hot pools are the perfect tonic to ease away the dust of the Namib. The Fish River Canyon is one of the largest in the world and this afternoon we take a walk along the rim of the canyon and end our day with a memorable sunset on the canyon edge.

**Accommodation** NWR: Ai-Ais <http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-aishotsprings-spa>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom  
**Camping:** Campsite with shared ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Route** Keetmanshoop to Ai-Ais  
**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Included Highlight** Quiver Tree Forest and Visit Giants Playground / Visit to the Fish River Canyon / Ais-Ais Hot Springs

### Day 53 – Orange River

As dawn breaks we head out making our way to the Orange River and our final stop in Namibia. Our last night in Namibia is spent on the banks of the Orange River and the best way to experience the Orange River is by canoe. This afternoon you will have the opportunity to partake in an optional canoe trip on the river.

**Accommodation** Felix Unite Cabanas [http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation\\_namibia/group\\_camping](http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation_namibia/group_camping) OR Bundi <http://www.bundi.co.za/orangeriveercanoeing.htm>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom  
**Camping:** Campsite with shared ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Route** Ai-Ais to Orange River  
**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Optional Activity** Half-Day Canoe Trip

### Day 54 – Orange River – Cederberg

A final border crossing sees us enter South Africa this morning as we travel through the desert landscapes of Namaqualand on our way to the Cederberg region. 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. Tonight we enjoy a traditional meal and celebrate the many memories we have made.

**Accommodation** Marcuskraal <http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom  
**Camping:** Campsite with shared ablutions  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Route** Orange river to Citrusdal  
**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Border Post** Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours  
South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 761 8760, Open 24 hours

### Day 55 – Cederberg – Cape Town

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 Cederberg region is known for its mountain fynbos and spectacular views of the rugged Cedarberg Mountains. Nearing Cape Town, you will notice Table Mountain appear in the distance and we will stop to look at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. Your tour ends upon arrival in Cape Town city centre.

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<b>Route</b>	Citrusdal to Cape Town
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch