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

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

Tour departure point

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

7.00am Hotel Boulevard, Harry Thuku Rd, Kenya, Nairobi

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

Tour ending point

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: [+27 \(0\)11 392 1062](tel:+270113921062) <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Gorilla Permit – USD730 – USD830

The cost of a permit to visit the gorillas is currently as above. Please check actual amount with us closer to departure. You will be pre-invoiced for this non-refundable amount.

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

After hours emergency contact

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

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa:

082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

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

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

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

What's included

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

What's excluded

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

Countries Visited

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

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with a number of our other routes and offers you the opportunity to add on a visit to Zanzibar, explore the plains of the Serengeti and even venture further south towards Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. 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.

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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.

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

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

Day 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.

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

Day 4 - Jinja

This morning we cross the border into Uganda and make our way to Jinja. Jinja is Uganda’s second largest city and most famous as the point where the Nile (officially the Victoria Nile) flows out of Lake Victoria and begins the 6695 kilometre journey to Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Accommodation	Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with shared ablutions Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Lake Nakuru to Jinja
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Kenya: Busia +254 20 2649524; Open 24 hours Uganda: Busia; +256 414 423 2645; Open 24 hours

Day 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 one

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of the best National Parks in Uganda. After settling into our accommodation in Masindi, your guide will brief you on the activities for the following day.

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

Day 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.

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

Day 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.

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

Day 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.

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

Day 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.

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

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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 Resort <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 Mburo

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

Accommodation Leopard Rest <http://www.leopardrestcamp.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with En-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Lake Bunyonyi to Mburo
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 - Jinja

This morning we leave the Ankole region and set off on our return journey to Jinja. Jinja offers many exciting optional activities which are focussed around the waters of the Nile and these include rafting, kayaking and a variety of cruises on Africa's largest river. While those who may be less inclined to water sports can enjoy horse riding or a quadbike adventure on dry land.

Accommodation Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp <http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with shared ablutions
Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Mburo to Jinja
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Crossing of the Equator
Optional Activity Quad biking, kayaking, rafting (time dependent, could happen the following day)

Day 13 - Jinja

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

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

Day 14 - Kenya – Eldoret

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

Accommodation Naiberi River Camp <http://www.naiberi.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with shared ablutions
Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Jinja to Eldoret
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post Kenya: Malaba +254 20 2649524; Open 24 hours
 Uganda: Malaba; +256 779 201 347; Open 24 hours

Day 15 - 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 where we will overnight before continuing into Tanzania.

Accommodation	Hotel Boulevard www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Route	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 16 - Serengeti National Park (Seronera)

We are collected this morning in safari style vehicles and depart Arusha early, heading directly towards the Serengeti National Park. In the afternoon, we will arrive at our camp in the Seronera region located in the heart of the Serengeti. The camp is surrounded by spectacular views and abundant wildlife and this evening, while sipping on a cold beverage, we will enjoy the sights and sounds of nature passing right in front of your meru style tent.

Accommodation	Seronera Private Tented Camp http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/ OR Serengeti Wilderness Camp Central https://serengetiwildernesscamps.com/camps/serengeti-wilderness-camp/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Arusha to Serengeti National Park (Seronera)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 17 – Serengeti National Park (Seronera)

This morning we rise early to enjoy a full day's game drive through Serengeti National Park. Famous for the abundant wildlife that exists in the park, we will spend most of our day in search of the animals that reside here.

Accommodation	Seronera Private Tented Camp http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/ OR Serengeti Wilderness Camp Central https://serengetiwildernesscamps.com/camps/serengeti-wilderness-camp/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day game Drive through Seronera, Serengeti National Park
Optional Activity	Hot Air Balloon Safari (pre-booking required, subject to availability & weather conditions)

Day 18 - Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu

We spend the morning commuting towards Ngorongoro Crater where we will enter the conservation area and explore the crater floor in search of the animals which roam the plains. After our exploration, we exit the crater and make the short journey to Karatu where we will overnight.

Accommodation	Kudu Camp http://kuducamp.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Karatu via Ngorongoro Crater to Karatu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning Safari Drive in Serengeti National Park, Afternoon excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

Day 19 - Arusha

Soon after our departure from Karatu, we will visit the Mto wa Mbu Market which is situated in the little village of Mto wa Mbu. Known for crops such as rice and their distinctive red bananas, the town sits on the main road that links the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater Conversation Area with Arusha. Returning to Arusha, we spend the night reminiscing about our experiences of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.

Accommodation	Njiro Legacy www.njirolegacy.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Karatu to Arusha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Mto wa Mbu Market

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. While today is primarily a travel day, we experience the hustle and bustle of one of Africa's major travel routes. Road travel in Africa is an experience in itself and the bustling markets, villages and scenic backdrops that line the routes give a window into the lifestyle of rural Africa. This evening we will prepare for our Zanzibar excursion that begins tomorrow morning.

Accommodation	FireFly Lodge https://www.fireflybagamoyo.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Arusha to Bagamoyo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 22 – Zanzibar Beaches

We depart Bagamoyo and head towards Dar es Salaam and the ferry port to catch the ferry to Zanzibar Island. After arriving in Zanzibar we make our way to the eastern shores of the island where we will spend the next two nights at a beachfront resort. Relax on the beach, enjoy the infinity swimming pool or rent a bicycle and explore the neighbourhood.

Accommodation	Zanzibar Bay https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/zanzibar-bay-resort/ OR Paradise Beach https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/paradise-beach-resort/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per Room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar (Eastern Shores)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight:	Zanzibar Excursion

Day 23 – Zanzibar Beaches

Today is a free day to enjoy some of the attractions and activities on offer. Whatever it is you chose to do today, you will have ample opportunity to create some island memories. Explore the many attractions on offer or simply relax on the beach and soak up the sun.

Accommodation	Zanzibar Bay https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/zanzibar-bay-resort/ OR Paradise Beach https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/paradise-beach-resort/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per Room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 24 – Stone Town (Zanzibar)

This morning 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. We continue to Stone Town, boasting a rich history this busy port town was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes. We will enjoy a walking tour of Stone Town to discover the more well known landmarks, including the birthplace of Freddy Mercury.

Accommodation	Paradise Inn https://iparadiseinn.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Eastern shores to Stone Town
Meals	Breakfast
Included Highlight	Stone Town walking city tour, Spice Tour

Day 25 – Dar es Salaam

We bid farewell to the island of Zanzibar and we catch our ferry back to Dar es Salaam in the early afternoon, where we will overnight before continuing our journey.

Accommodation	Kariakoo Sleep-Inn http://www.sleepinnhoteltz.com/en/kariakoo/index
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	Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch

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Day 26 - Mikumi

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

Accommodation	Camp Bastian http://www.campbastian.com/ OR Mantis https://www.mantislodge.co.tz/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Dar es Salaam to Mikumi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Mikumi Game Drive

Day 27 - 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. Before reaching the town, we have a quick stop at the Baobab Valley, a mesmerizing landscape dotted with ancient, towering baobab trees that have stood the test of time. These iconic trees create a surreal and breath-taking scene, casting dramatic shadows against the African savannah, the perfect backdrop to stop for a group picture.

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

Day 28 – 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.

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

Day 29 – 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.

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

Day 30 – Lake Malawi

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

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

Day 31 – Lake Malawi

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

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

Day 32 – South Luangwa

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

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

Day 33 – South Luangwa

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

Accommodation	Wildlife Camp http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
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 34 - Petauke

Leaving the Luangwa Valley this morning, we make a stop at Mulberry Mongoose to view their local jewellery and curios, these accessories are hand crafted by local ladies from South Luangwa using organic materials originating from the African bush. The Chipata area is a major producer of cotton and we get a taste of the creativity of the African culture. Our destination tonight is the small town of Petauke.

Accommodation	Chimwemwe Executive Lodge http://www.chimwemwelodge.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	South Luangwa to Petauke
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Mulberry Mongoose Curio Visit

Day 35 – Petuake - Chirundu

Setting off we head west towards Chirundu, our destination for the night, we make a delightful stop at Luangwa Market, a bustling hub where local Zambian vendors showcase their wares. Among the treasures on display are masau and masaku, delectable fruits that are available year-round and renowned for their mouth-watering taste. In addition, other African curios catch our eye, from charming miniature hippos to intricately woven baskets and papyrus carpets, adding to the colourful tapestry of this vibrant marketplace. 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	Gwabi River Lodge https://www.gwabiriverlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Petuake to Chirundu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Validity: 2024

Included Highlight

Market visit

Day 36 – Chirundu

As our lodge is situated along the banks of the Kafue River, today is free for you to participate in some of the activities on offer. Fishing on the Zambezi River is one of the most popular activities, or book a full day safari experience in the Lower Zambezi National Park. Other optional activities include a river safari, birding and an excursion to the baobab forest and bat cave.

Accommodation	Gwabi River Lodge https://www.gwabiriverlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activities	Fishing, Birding, Baobab forest & bat cave, Lower Zambezi National Park game drive, River Safari

Day 37 – Livingstone

Crossing the Southern reaches of Zambia we make our way to the adventure town of Livingstone located right on Victoria Falls. This afternoon you can get your first look at the mighty Victoria Falls, or as the Zambian locals call it, “Musi oa Tunya”, the Smoke that Thunders as the falls are known in the local language. Your accommodation has been booked in Livingstone for tonight.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Waterfront, Livingstone, Zambia https://safpar.com/lodges/victoria-falls-waterfront/
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

Day 38 - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and Livingstone (Zambia), 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. *As your tour continues from Victoria Falls, a transfer from Livingstone to Victoria Falls is included in your tour price. However, you can choose to spend the day in Livingstone and transfer to Victoria Falls in the late afternoon. You have the choice of booking a morning transfer (08:00) or afternoon transfer (16:00). Please indicate your preferred time with your booking agent and/or Nomad at the time of booking. You will meet with your crew for a briefing at 17:00pm in the reception area of Shearwater Explorers Village.*

Accommodation	Shearwater Explorers Village http://explorersvillage.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: 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>
Meals	No meals
Optional Activity	Visit the falls, bungee jump, gorge swing, sunset cruise, helicopter flights, boma dinner experience, dinner cruise

Day 39 - Victoria Falls – Kasane - Chobe National Park

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.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com OR Kwalape Safari Lodge https://kwalapesafarilodge.co.bw/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Victoria Falls to Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Visit the falls, bungee jump, gorge swing, helicopter flights
Included Highlight	Afternoon Boat Cruise
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00 Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50330, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 40 – Kasane to Nata

We leave the banks of the Chobe River, and head south into the Kalahari Desert. You'll notice the ‘bushveld’ change as you get closer to our overnight accommodation.

Accommodation	Elephant Sands https://elephantsandsbotswana.business.site/ OR Nata Lodge https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Nata
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 41 - Khwai Conservation Area

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. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta, stopping at the viewing point of the Salt Pans en-route. Upon arrival in Maun, you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected in Maun in open 4x4 safari vehicles and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area. Our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our afternoon mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta. (Please note: It is possible that the mokoro activity could take place the following morning, depending on the season).

Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Nata to Khwai Conservation Area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight (this optional activity could move to day 6)
Included Highlight	Stop at the Pans viewpoint / Sunset Mokoro Excursion (could take place the following morning)

Day 42 – Moremi Game Reserve

Today is a full day game drive as we spend most of our day on safari in the Moremi 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 evening we arrive back at Khwai to share and compare all the amazing sightings while on safari.

Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Moremi Game Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full Day Game Drive Moremi Game Reserve

Day 43 – Khwai to Maun

We will depart early this morning in our 4x4 safari vehicles and make our way back to Maun, where we will overnight.

Accommodation	Sedia https://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Island Safari Lodge https://www.islmaun.com/the-lodge/accommodation/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Khwai to Maun
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 44 – Maun to Palapye

Today we head south through the stark yet striking landscapes of the Central Kalahari desert. Our journey starts by skirting the southern end of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, so keep an eye out for an array of wildlife that moves between the watering holes. A notable point of interest on our route is the Orapa Diamond Mine, an imposing testament to Botswana's mineral wealth. This mine, which is a collaborative venture between De Beers and the Botswana government, is counted among the world's most extensive diamond mines. It serves as a critical economic pillar, contributing considerably to Botswana's GDP and export earnings. Along the way, you'll pass by several smaller towns and villages, offering glimpses into everyday life in Botswana before arriving in Palapye.

Accommodation	Cresta Palapye https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-botsalo
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	Maun to Palapye
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 45 – Palapye to Johannesburg

Leaving behind the town of Palapye, we travel through the Kalahari to the South African border. After completing border formalities we continue on through the North-West Province before our tour ends in Johannesburg.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Palapye to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Border Post	Botswana Pioneer Gate Tel: +267 533 3992, Open: 06h00 – 24h00 South Africa Skilpadshek Tel: +27 0800 00 7277, Open: 06h00 – 24h00