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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 <u>PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION</u> 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 <u>30 minutes before</u> 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, <a href="https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/">https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/</a>

## Gorilla Trekking Permit - USD865 - USD950

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.

# Chimp Trekking Permit - USD140 - USD240

The cost of a permit to visit the chimps is currently as above. This activity is regarded as an optional activity due to the location and logistics involved the day the chimps are visited. If you do not wish to participate in the chimp trekking, you will remain at the visitor's centre (limited facilities) for between 2 – 4 hours while the group participates in the activity. Please inform us if you do not wish to participate in this activity.

# **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

Meals as outlined in the itinerary, 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, Namibia, South Africa

# 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

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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**

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 and chimps can also change without notice.

#### 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.

AccommodationMasai Mara Excursion <a href="http://www.keniatours.com">http://www.keniatours.com</a>FacilitiesAccommodated: Permanent tent with shared ablutions

Camping: Permanent tent with shared ablutions

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

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 <a href="http://www.keniatours.com">http://www.keniatours.com</a>
Facilities Accommodated: Permanent tent with shared ablutions
Camping: Permanent tent with shared ablutions

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

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included Highlight 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 <a href="https://www.waterbuck.co.ke">https://www.waterbuck.co.ke</a>
Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite

Camping: Two per room with en-suite

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

**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 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 <a href="http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp">http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp</a>

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 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 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.

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Accommodation Kabalega Resort <a href="http://www.kabalegaresort.com/">http://www.kabalegaresort.com/</a>
Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite ablutions

**Camping**: Campsite with shared ablutions

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

Route Jinja to Masindi Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included 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 boat cruise activity followed by the Chimp trekking or vice versa. Please allow for flexibility.

Accommodation Kabalega Resort <a href="http://www.kabalegaresort.com/">http://www.kabalegaresort.com/</a>
Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite ablutions

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

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

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Nile River Cruise

Optional Activity: Chimp Trekking (compulsory)

## 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 <a href="https://ugandalodges.com/simba/">https://ugandalodges.com/simba/</a>
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 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 <a href="https://mbzgroup.africa/">https://mbzgroup.africa/</a>
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 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 <a href="https://mbzgroup.africa/">https://mbzgroup.africa/</a>
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.

Lake Bunyonyi National Park to the starting point of the gorilla trek (in safari or smaller vehicles)

Route Lake Bunyonyi National F Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Pre-Bookable Optionals Gorilla Trekking, Golden Monkey Trekking
Optional Activities Rwanda Day Trip, Motor boat trips (Islands)



### 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 <a href="https://mbzgroup.africa/">https://mbzgroup.africa/</a>
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

Pre-Bookable Optionals Gorilla Trekking, Golden Monkey Trekking
Optional Activities Rwanda Day Trip, Motor boat trips (Islands)

#### 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 <a href="http://www.leopardrestcamp.com/">http://www.leopardrestcamp.com/</a>
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

Pre-Bookable Optionals Various walk (birdwatching, sundowner), National Park Boat Ride, National Park Biking Safari, National Park Night

Game Drive

#### 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 <a href="http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp">http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp</a>

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

Pre-Bookable Optionals Whitewater rafting, bungee jumping, river bugging, Source of the Nile cruise

#### Day 13 - Jinja

Jinja offers many optional activities for the adventurous and for the not so adventurous. While most of today is at leisure, your guide will assist you to plan for this day as in the afternoon, we will enjoy an included river cruise together, watching the sun as it sets over the shores of Lake Victoria and the River Nile.

Accommodation Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp <a href="http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp">http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp</a>

**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
Included Activity Source of the Nile River Cruise

Pre-Bookable Optionals Whitewater rafting, bungee jumping, river bugging

### 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 <a href="http://www.naiberi.com">http://www.naiberi.com</a>

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.

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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 <u>www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/</u>

**Facilities Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom

**Camping**: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Route Eldoret to Nairobi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 16 - Nairobi - 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.

Accommodation Njiro Legacy www.njirolegacy.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** Nairobi to Arusha **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Border Post Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs

Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

#### Day 17 - 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 <a href="http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/">http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/</a> OR Seronera Private Tentedcamp.

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

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

**Route** Arusha to Serengeti National Park (Seronera)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 18 – 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 <a href="http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/">http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/</a> OR Serongeti 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

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

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Full day game Drive through Seronera, Serengeti National Park

Pre-Bookable Optional Hot Air Balloon Safari

### Day 19 - 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 exist the crater and make the short journey to Karatu where we will overnight.

Accommodation Kudu Camp <a href="http://kuducamp.com/">http://kuducamp.com/</a>

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** Karatu via Ngorongoro Crater to Karatu

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Afternoon excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

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### Day 20 - 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

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

Route Karatu to Arusha
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Mto wa Mbu Market

## Day 21 – Bagamoyo/Moshi

We head out early this morning as we journey south to our overnight stop. 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.

Accommodation FireFly Lodge <a href="https://www.fireflybagamoyo.com/">https://www.weruweruriverlodge.com/</a> OR Weru Weru <a href="https://www.weruweruriverlodge.com/">https://www.weruweruriverlodge.com/</a>

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 Arusha to Bagamoyo/Moshi 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 Nungwi Garden Boutique Hotel

https://nungwigardenboutiquehotel.com/ OR Amaan Bungalows https://www.hoteloceangroup.com/room-

details.htmlOR 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

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

Route Bagamoyo/Moshi to Zanzibar

Meals Breakfast

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 <a href="https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/zanzibar-bay-resort/">https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/zanzibar-bay-resort/</a> OR Nungwi Garden Boutique Hotel

https://nungwigardenboutiquehotel.com/ OR Amaan Bungalows https://www.hoteloceangroup.com/room-

details.htmlOR 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

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

Meals Breakfast

# 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 Maru Maru Hotel www.marumaruzanzibar.com OR Spice Palace Hotel https://www.spicepalacehotel.com/

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** Eastern shores to Stone Town

Meals Breakfast

Included Highlight Stone Town walking city tour, Spice Tour

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#### Day 25 – Dar es Salaam/Bagamoyo

We bid farewell to the island of Zanzibar and head back to the mainland where we spend the night.

Accommodation Golden Tulip Dar City Centre <a href="https://dar-city-center.goldentulip.com/en-us/#Contact%20&%20Location">https://dar-city-center.goldentulip.com/en-us/#Contact%20&%20Location</a>

OR FireFly Lodge <a href="https://www.fireflybagamoyo.com/">https://www.fireflybagamoyo.com/</a>

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 Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam/Bagamoyo

Meals Breakfast

#### Day 26 - Mikumi

Leaving the coast behind us we travel inland and make our way to Mikumi where we stop for the next 2 nights. 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 <a href="http://www.campbastian.com/">http://www.campbastian.com/</a> OR Atupele Camp <a href="https://campatupele.com/">https://campatupele.com/</a>

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** Dar es Salaam/Bagamoyo to Mikumi

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity Mikumi Game Drive

#### Day 27 - Mikumi

Today you will have the opportunity to book additional safaris in Mikumi National Park or embark on a variety of cultural tours.

Accommodation Camp Bastian http://www.campbastian.com/ OR Atupele Camp https://campatupele.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.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activities Mikumi National Park Safaris / Cultural Tours

#### Day 28 - 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 (No Website Available)

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** Mikumi to Iringa **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 29 - 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 <a href="https://www.utengule.com/">https://www.utengule.com/</a>
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.

RouteIringa to ChilumbaMealsBreakfast, Lunch, DinnerIncluded ActivityCoffee Plantation Visit

### Day 30 – 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 <a href="http://www.chitimba.com/">http://www.chitimba.com/</a>

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**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

Border Post Tanzania (Kasumulu border): Chi'zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00

Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00

### Day 31 – 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 (No Website Available)

**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 North Lake Malawi to Central Lake Malawi

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 32 – 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 (No Website Available)

**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

#### Day 33 – 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 <a href="http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com">http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com</a>
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 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 34 - 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 <a href="http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com">http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com</a>
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

Included Highlight Sunset Game Drive in South Luangwa National Park

Pre-Bookable Activities Safari Walk (seasonal) / Morning Game Drive in South Luangwa / Mulberry Mongoose Jewellery Workshop

### Day 35 - 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 <a href="http://www.chimwemwelodge.com">http://www.chimwemwelodge.com</a>

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.

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Route South Luangwa to Petauke
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Mulberry Mongoose Curio Visit



# Day 36 - Lusaka

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

Accommodation Eureka Camp http://www.eurekacamp.com OR Pioneer Lodge https://www.pioneercampzambia.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 Petauke to Lusaka

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### 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

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

Route Lusaka to Livingstone Meals Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 38 - Victoria Falls

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and Livingstone (Zambia), today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suites 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 the property indicated on your confirmation voucher. This evening, you have the option to join the group for an optional dinner at a local restaurant, where you can enjoy a meal and reflect on the day's adventures. Your guide will arrange a booking for those who wish to participate.

Accommodation Shearwater Explores Village http://explorersvillage.com/ OR Phezulu https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/

OR Bayete <a href="https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/">https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/</a>

**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.

Meals Breakfast

Optional Activity Victoria Falls National Park Entry

Pre-Bookable Optionals The following list of pre-bookable optional activities take place in the town of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Historical Bridge Tour / Helicopter Flight over the Falls / Bungy Jumping / Bridge Swing / Simunye Theatre Show /

Sunset Boat Cruise / Guided Tour of the Falls / Chobe Day Trip (min numbers may apply to activities)

# Day 39 - Victoria Falls – Kasane - Chobe National Park

This morning, we depart Victoria Falls and travel the short distance to the Botswana border. Crossing into Botswana, we enter the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area. Spanning five countries, including parts of our route through Botswana and Namibia, is one of the world's largest protected areas, supporting diverse wildlife and ecosystems. We will arrive at our accommodation in time to set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River, before heading out for our afternoon activity. In the afternoon we 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.

Accommodation Thebe River Safaris <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a> OR Kwalape Safari Lodge <a href="https://kwalapesafarilodge.co.bw/">https://kwalapesafarilodge.co.bw/</a>

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 Victoria Falls to Kasane
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Afternoon Boat Cruise

**Border Post** Zimbabwe: Kazungula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Botswana: Kazungula Road, Tel: +267 62 50330, Open: 06h00-20h00

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## 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 Nata, our overnight stop close to Botswana's famous salt pans.

Accommodation Nata Lodge https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/ OR Elephant Sands Lodge

https://elephantsandsbotswana.business.site/?utm\_source=gmb&utm\_medium=referral\_OR\_Eco\_Lodge

https://www.africanreservations.com/Eco-Lodge

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.

Pre-Bookable Optional Chobe National Park Game Drive

Route Chobe 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. Accommodation in Khwai can best be described as a rustic style mobile fly camp. Your meru style tent is equipped with 2 single beds and adjoining en-suite amenities consisting of a bucket shower system and chemical toilet. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta, stopping at the viewing point of the Salt Pans en-route (seasonal access dependant). 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 meru tent with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Nata to Khwai Conservation Area

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Salt 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 meru 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 vehicles and make our way back to Maun, where we will overnight, before heading for our next adventure in Namibia.

Accommodation Cresta Maun <a href="https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-maun">https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-maun</a> OR Maun Lodge

https://maunlodge.com/

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** Khwai to Maun **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch

### Day 44 - Maun to Divundu

We start early this morning as we continue north-west and cross the border into Namibia, venturing towards the Kavango River for our overnight stop in Divundu. We will stay at our lodge and enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on the beautiful Kavango River.

Accommodation Mahangu <a href="http://www.mahangu.com.na/OR Rainbow River Lodge https://www.rainbowriverlodgenamibia.com/">http://www.mahangu.com.na/OR Rainbow River Lodge https://www.rainbowriverlodgenamibia.com/</a>

**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 Maun to Divundu

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Evening Boat Cruise\* (This activity could take place the following morning)

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Okavango Delta scenic flight (early morning before departure from Maun) **Pre-Bookable Optional** 

**Border Post** 

Namibia: Mohembo Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mohembo, Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00



This morning we depart for the gates of Etosha National Park. With vast salt pans, savanna and woodland, Etosha is one of Africa's finest game parks. At 18 000 sq km, it is one of the biggest Parks in Southern Africa. Etosha means "great white area", which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the Park.

Accommodation Kupferquelle resort <a href="https://www.kupferquelle.com/">https://www.kupferquelle.com/</a> **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 Divundu to Etosha National Park Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 46 - Etosha National Park

We will head out of camp this morning to explore the surrounding plains in search of the many animal species that call Etosha home. After enjoying our lunch back at camp, you will have the afternoon at leisure.

Accommodation Okaukuejo https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort OR Etosha Village https://etosha-village.com/ OR Etosha

> Safari Camp https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp OR Omusati Lodge https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/ OR Mondjila Safari Camp https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/ OR Eldorado

https://www.etoshaaccommodation.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 **Etosha National Park** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Meals

**Included Highlight** Morning Game Drive (in the Nomad truck)

#### Day 47 - Etosha National Park

Today we have a full day of exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

Okaukuejo https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort OR Etosha Village https://etosha-village.com/ OR Etosha Accommodation

Safari Camp https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp OR Omusati Lodge https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/ OR Mondjila Safari Camp https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/ OR Eldorado

https://www.etoshaaccommodation.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 **Etosha National Park** Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Pre-Bookable Optional** Full day 4x4 safari in Etosha National Park (Nomad truck drive will be forfeited) (min numbers may apply to

**Included Highlight** Full Day Game Drive (in the Nomad truck)

#### Day 48 – Etosha National Park Area to Brandberg

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 it is possible that this hike will take place the following morning. The hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).

Accommodation Khorixas <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp</a> OR iGowati Country Hotel

https://igowaticountryhotel.com/ OR Brandberg White Lady Lodge https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/ OR

Twyfelfontein Tented Camp & Campsite <a href="https://www.twyfelfonteintentedcamp.com/">https://www.twyfelfonteintentedcamp.com/</a>

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions Etosha National Park Area to Brandberg

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Included Highlight** Brandberg White Lady Hike

# Day 49 – Brandberg to Swakopmund

**Facilities** 

Route

On our journey we stop to visit the Lichen Fields. Your guide will give a captivating talk about the intricate Lichen Colonies that blanket the area. It's an exceptional opportunity for some unforgettable photographs. Our final stop before reaching Swakopmund is the seaside holiday town of

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Wlotskasbaken. This charming town offers a fantastic photo opportunity with its quaint houses and scenic views of the Atlantic Ocean. After capturing these memories, we'll complete the final leg of our trip and arrive in the beautiful coastal city of Swakopmund, ending an exciting day of exploration.

Accommodation Haus Garnison http://hausgarnison.com/ OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge http://www.amanpurinamibia.com OR

Ocean House https://daosa.com.na/ocean-house/

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** Brandberg to Swakopmund

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

### Day 50 -Swakopmund

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

Accommodation Haus Garnison <a href="http://hausgarnison.com/">http://hausgarnison.com/</a> OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge <a href="http://www.amanpurinamibia.com">http://hausgarnison.com/</a> OR

Ocean House <a href="https://daosa.com.na/ocean-house/">https://daosa.com.na/ocean-house/</a>

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.

Meals Breakfas

Pre-Bookable Optionals Swakopmund Quadbiking / Dolphin Catamaran Cruise / Living Dunes Tour / Sandwich Harbour Dune Drive /

Skeleton Coast Cape Cross / Spitzkoppe Adventure Drive (min numbers may apply to activities)

## Day 51 - Swakopmund to Sesriem

Leaving behind the charms of Swakopmund we continue our journey to Southern Namibia and the Namib Desert. While bidding a reluctant farewell to the ocean, we make a stop to commemorate our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn this morning before turning east towards the heart of the desert. This afternoon, we have the privilege of joining a local expert for an enlightening desert excursion. Our local guide will introduce us to the wonders of the desert environment – an amazing introduction to the Namib that is sure to get all your senses ready for the next few days. An early night is advisable as tomorrow will see us up as the dawn breaks, but tonight we spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that the next day holds more adventures among the red sand dunes.

Accommodation Boesman's Camp <a href="https://bushmansdesertcapm-sossus.com">https://bushmansdesertcapm-sossus.com</a> OR Weltevrede Guest Farm

https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/ OR Solitaire Roadhouse https://www.solitairenamibia.com/#roadhouse

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** Swakopmund to Sesriem **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Tropic of Capricorn, Guided desert walk with local expert

## Day 37 - Sossusvlei Dunes - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Today we will rise early for our drive to the Namib-Naukluft National Park. We will enter the park just after sunrise and travel through to the famous Dune 45. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields, we'll empty the red sand from our shoes and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

Accommodation Hammerstein Lodge <a href="http://hammersteinlodge.com.na/">http://hammersteinlodge.com.na/</a> OR Weltevrede Guest Farm

https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/

OR Namib Desert Lodge <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge</a>

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

Included Highlight Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei / Sesriem Canyon

## Day 53 - Namib-Naukluft National Park Area

Today is put aside for you to relax and recharge while taking in the landscapes of the desert. Optional activities such as self-guided walks from camp are available

Accommodation Hammerstein Lodge http://hammersteinlodge.com.na/ OR Weltevrede Guest Farm

https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/

OR Namib Desert Lodge <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge</a>

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**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

#### Day 54 - Keetmanshoop

This morning we pack up and turn east and head for Keetmanshoop. Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we spend most of the day driving onto our next destination. Our exploration of the desert concludes this afternoon 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. Contrary to belief, the quiver tree is not really a tree, but a plant that can grow to between 200 – 300 years old.

Accommodation Schuetzenhaus Guesthouse <a href="https://schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/">https://schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/</a>

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 Namib Naukluft National Park area to Keetmanshoop

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Quiver Tree Forest, Giants Playground (this activity could take place the following morning)

### Day 55 - Fish River Canyon - Orange River

The Fish River Canyon is the longest river in Namibia and the largest Canyon in Africa. We will drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon and have an opportunity to stretch our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, before we head further south and make our way to the Orange River, 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\_OR\_Norotshama\_River

Resort https://www.norotshamaresort.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 Keetmanshoop to Orange River
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Quiver Tree Forest and Visit Giants Playground / Visit to the Fish River Canyon

Pre-Bookable Optional Orange River Canoe Trip

## Day 56 - 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 <a href="http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html">http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html</a>
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
Included Highlight Traditional 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 57 - 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.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.

**Route** Citrusdal to Cape Town

Meals Breakfast