

Wildlife Express Northbound - 22 days

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A World Of Discovery



Take a walk on the wild side. Track the African elephant, lion, giraffe and zebra, chill out in Zanzibar, cool off at Lake Malawi, enjoy the pleasures of Victoria Falls - adrenaline capital of Africa and have the time of your life!



WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET

Trip Highlights

- **Zimbabwe:** UNESCO Listed Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.
- **Botswana:** Chobe National Park, famous for its herds of elephants. Boat cruise along the Chobe River.
- **Zambia:** Livingstone & Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia's gateway to Victoria Falls (optional).
- **Malawi:** Lake Malawi, one of the African Great Lakes, with beautiful beaches, bays and inlets.
- **Zanzibar:** (optional) Beautiful northern beaches & historic Stone Town (UNESCO-listed).
- **Tanzania:** Arusha, the safari gateway. The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater (an optional excursion). Views of Mt Meru

and Mt Kilimanjaro. Pangani, a historical coastal town. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city. Mikumi National Park (transit only).

- **Kenya:** Nairobi, extend your stay to explore the sites.

What's Included

- Arrival transfer from Victoria Falls Airport on day 1
- 1st night dormitory accommodation at Victoria Falls Rest Camp, 17 nights camping
- 16 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 16 dinners
- Transport in fully equipped expedition truck
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees & appropriate equipment
- Chobe NP - park entry & game drive
- Chobe River boat trip
- Return ferry to Zanzibar
- All road taxes & tolls

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Accommodation in Zanzibar
- Sleeping bag and roll mat - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities

Local Payment

USD \$410

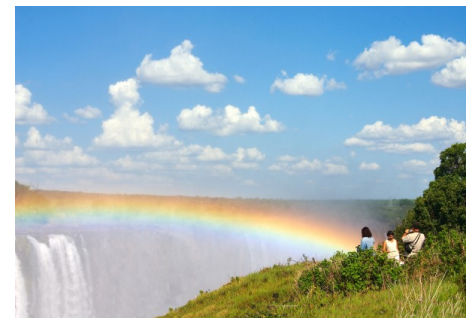
The local payment is a cost per person which needs to be paid in US Dollars cash only. It is this payment which in part covers the park fees and other inclusions such as meals as detailed under 'what you get'. The local payment also covers your arrival transfer and 1st night's accommodation. Please note that due to exchange rate fluctuations in the US dollar, the local payment amount may be subject to changes. This payment will be collected by your tour leader at the Welcome Meeting on day 1.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Victoria Falls

Saturday. Welcome to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe! You will be met in the arrivals hall of Victoria Falls Airport by our representative holding an on the go tours/Africa Travel Company sign and transferred to the Victoria Falls Rest Camp - Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Ph +27 (0)21 683 6444. Accommodation tonight is in dormitories. Upgrades are possible, upon request and subject to availability. There is a pre departure meeting at 1700hrs where you will meet your guide and the rest of your group. **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

Day 2 : Victoria Falls



Today is spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of optional excursions. At 1700 metres wide and around 100 metres high, the Victoria Falls are one of the most memorable sights on this African safari. All year round, flights can be taken in fixed wing planes, micro lights or helicopters. Back on the ground, the falls can be seen from the Victoria Falls National Park with its many viewing points or from the Zambian side. All offer fantastic photographic opportunities.

White water rafting in the Batoka Gorge is considered to be world class. Besides the excitement of the grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats", where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and occasional wildlife on the riverbanks. Optional excursions include trips into the Zambezi National Park; elephant back safaris, horse back

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safaris, a visit to the crocodile ranch, boat cruises and golf at The Elephant Hills Resort. Adrenalin junkies can bungee from the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia or abseil down the Batoka Gorge - neither activity is for the faint hearted! All year round, flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra light aircraft or helicopters provide an aerial perspective over this magnificent World Heritage Site. White water rafting on the Zambezi is world class. Beside the excitement of the Grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats," where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and the occasional wildlife on the riverbanks. **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

Day 3 : Chobe N. P.

Victoria Falls - Chobe NP (Botswana). We head out from Victoria Falls to the border crossing to Botswana. Once we've completed the border formalities, we continue to the town of Kasane, situated on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia and is the main water source to the Chobe National Park. After lunch, we take a boat cruise along the Chobe River. Once we return and are packed and prepared, we leave for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park.

Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife. Look out for the rare Sable and Roan Antelope on your game drive, with their majestic backward slanting horns, or try keep a count of the Lilac Breasted Roller's that swoop by!

Please Note: Should we not be able to stay in Chobe National Park due to lack of availability at the bush camp, this excursion will be replaced with an overnight trip in the bushveld of the Lesoma Valley which is situated in the Kasane Forest Reserve adjacent to the Chobe NP and the Matsetsi Game area of Zimbabwe. Lesoma is equally rich in wildlife and affords a similar experience to the above. **Overnight - Chobe N. P.** (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Livingstone



Chobe NP - Livingstone (Zambia). After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before packing up the camp and heading back to Kasane. Once returning to the camp at Kasane, we get back on our truck and continue to the town of Livingstone. This afternoon

we have the opportunity to view The Falls from the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia or partake in a sunset boat cruise on the Zambezi River. Another fantastic photo opportunity! **Overnight - Livingstone** (B, D)

Day 5 : Lusaka

Livingstone - Lusaka. An early morning start sees us head north through southern Zambia to our campsite on the outskirts of Zambia's capital city, Lusaka. As we drive, we pass through a few of the villages and towns of Zambia along the way. Prosperous during the copper boom in the 60's, Zambia was able to build infrastructure at the main mining and farming communities. After the fall of the copper industry, the country was left virtually bankrupt and existing infrastructure was left to fall to ruin. Due to foreign investment and a rise in the mining industry, Zambia is today once again starting to prosper. The difference is evident in the cities with the availability of foreign stores, banks and imported cars, while the villages and smaller towns are still to catch up. Our campsite is home to some local wildlife including the largest antelope – Eland. **Overnight - Lusaka** (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Chipata



Lusaka - Chipata. From Lusaka we head north east on the old 'East Road' to a beautiful little campsite located just 10 km before the Zambia/Malawi border. In the days of old, the route from Cairo to Cape Town passed through Lusaka and it's along this route to Malawi we travel today. While today is mostly spent driving, we do cross the impressive Luangwa River Bridge which is heavily guarded due to its close proximity to the Zimbabwean & Malawian borders. We'll also stop off to purchase some fresh produce and coal from the local sellers along the way. Mamarula's campsite is where we spend the night before heading into Malawi. **Overnight - Chipata**

Days 7-10 : Lake Malawi Beaches

Chipata - Lake Malawi Beaches (Malawi). Leaving Zambia we cross into Malawi, the 'Warm Heart of Africa'. We stop off in the capital, Lilongwe, a small city distinctively divided into the old town and the new administrative centre. Malawi is a landlocked country with 20% of its total area made up of beautiful Lake Malawi. We camp first at the central Lake, and then in the northern area over the next 4 days.

Spend the days learning the game of bao from the locals, scour the markets for a bargain or simply

relax on the pristine beaches. Malawi's temperate climate allows for swimming in the clear blue fresh-water lake all year round. Explore the beautiful shore where you'll happen upon the local fishermen sorting their catch. Traditional fishing techniques are still practiced and to appreciate their boating skills, try to paddle a dugout canoe yourself! At night you'll see the 'fairy' lights of the fishermen out on the lake. The various beachside campsites along Lake Malawi's shores offer many optional Excursions including a variety of water sports, horseback rides and a visit to the local village and school (see pricing guide at the end of this go guide).

Overnight - Lake Malawi Beaches (B:4, L:4, D:4)

Day 11 : Iringa

Lake Malawi Beaches - Iringa (Tanzania). After a relaxing 4 days, we leave Malawi, entering Tanzania through the border post at Songwe. Winding our way through the beauty of the Tukuyu tea and banana plantations, we head towards Iringa where we spend the night in the beautiful rustic 'Farmhouse' campsite famous for its Amarula Hot Chocolates and its steamy showers! **Overnight - Iringa** (B, L, D)

Day 12 : Dar es Salaam

Iringa - Dar es Salaam. This morning we head off early and make our way to Dar es Salaam. We pass through the Mikumi National Park where it is possible to view a range of wildlife from the roadside, totally impervious to the passing traffic. Today's drive time is extended due to the heavier amount of traffic heading in to the city, but the sights and sounds of Dar's vibrant outer suburbs are sure to keep you entertained. Look out for the colourful shop-fronts with their sometimes humorous 'catch phrases'. On arrival in Dar es Salaam, we make our way to our lovely seaside campsite and prepare for our departure to Zanzibar the next morning. **Overnight - Dar es Salaam** (B, L, D)

Days 13-15 : Optional Zanzibar excursion



Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar (optional). A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the "Spice Island," where we have the option to spend the next 3 nights. Zanzibar is steeped in history and was one of the major starting points for most East African explorers in their quest for new lands. New passengers may join us to replace those that will leave us at the end of our excursion to Zanzibar.

PLEASE NOTE: Accommodation and meals are for your own account whilst on Zanzibar, as it is our experience that passengers prefer to explore the



island on their own, and in accordance with their own budget. The Trip Leader joins you and can arrange your accommodation, while meals can be enjoyed from a wide selection of restaurants. There are also a wide variety of optional excursions on offer – please see the price guide on the end of this document for more details.

History aside, Zanzibar offers a wealth of experiences for the visitor. Today the quiet streets of the old Stone Town still retain their Arabic influence, from the Medina-like shops to the palaces of the Sultans, who founded their vast empires on the spoils of the slave and ivory trade. The island is famous for its spices and an excursion around a spice plantation is always a fascinating experience. Other options include a trip to the beautiful beaches and giant tortoises of Prison Island, a full day scuba dive in Nungwe or a fishing trip in a traditional dhow. Mopeds are available for hire if you'd like to explore the more remote areas of the island. Zanzibar is a seafood lover's paradise. Numerous restaurants offer a great variety of the freshest catch from the ocean - crayfish being a popular speciality. Alternatively, mingle with the locals for dinner at the Forodhani Gardens seafront market, where delicious, inexpensive seafood is on offer.

For those not opting to visit the island of Zanzibar, the next 3 days are spent at leisure at the beach campsite in Dar es Salaam. There are various optional excursions available from the camp including diving, snorkelling and fishing trips. The driver and cook remain behind in Dar es Salaam during the excursion. **Overnight - Dar es Salaam OR Zanzibar (optional)** (B:1)

Day 16 : Zanzibar



Zanzibar - Dar es Salaam. Leaving Zanzibar in the afternoon, we return to the mainland and another night in Dar es Salaam. Arrival back to camp is usually in the late afternoon, or early evening. **Overnight - Dar es Salaam**

Day 17 : Arusha

Dar es Salaam - Arusha. From Dar es Salaam we have a long day's drive through vast sisal plantations and African bushveld to Arusha. On the way, we pass The Pare and Usambara Mountain ranges before driving through the town of Moshi. Moshi is the base for Mount Kilimanjaro climbing expeditions and weather permitting; we may even catch a glimpse of this magical mountain's snowy summit - a photo opportunity not to be missed! Tonight we stay at a campsite in Meserani on the outskirts of Arusha, before heading out on

our Optional Excursion to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater tomorrow. **Overnight - Arusha** (B, L, D)

Days 18-20 : Optional Serengeti & Ngorongoro



Arusha is a pleasant town situated at the base of Mount Meru, and is the starting point for safaris into the Serengeti, Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks, and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. This morning we have the opportunity to explore this thriving town while we stock up on provisions needed for our excursion. You may choose to wander the vibrant craft markets, stock up on supplies or perhaps catch up on the news back home at one of the small internet cafe available. Heading back to our base camp, Meserani Snake Park, those that are participating in the optional excursions to Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park can start to prepare for their departure this afternoon. The excursion is offered by a local Tanzanian operator who conducts the trip into the Parks in 4WD vehicles (In peak season, there may be a minivan or bus transfer to Karatu), which are adapted for safari use.

For those not opting to visit the Ngorongoro Crater or Serengeti National Park, the next days are spent at leisure enjoying the Meserani reptile park, Masai Cultural Museum and the surrounding villages and craft markets. Alternatively the town of Arusha is close by to explore. The driver and cook remain behind in Dar es Salaam during the excursion.

The Optional Ngorongoro/Serengeti excursion takes us via the Masai town of Mtu Wa Mbu (Mosquito River) that lies adjacent to the Lake Manyara National Park and up the Rift Valley Escarpment to the higher lying village of Karatu. Karatu offers magnificent views over the surrounding hills and has many well established wheat farms that add to the picturesque panoramas. We spend the evening at a pleasant campsite in Karatu. The following morning we depart early for the Ngorongoro Conservation area and head into the wildlife rich Ngorongoro Crater. This World Heritage Site boasts some of the best game viewing in Africa – including the elusive Black Rhino.

After our game drive in the Crater, we continue down the Crater rim and past the 'Cradle of Mankind' on our way to the Serengeti National Park. We cross the vast plains as we game drive through the southern and central areas in the park. Tonight we bush camp (no ablutions) in the wild surrounded by the sounds of the African wilderness. In the morning, we head off for another game drive and explore the landscape in search of the resident

wildlife. With some luck, we may see some of Africa's 'Big 5'!

After our morning drive, we head back across the plains and the lush Crater rim to our truck at Arusha, where we spend the evening musing over our thrilling wildlife experience. **Overnight - Arusha (3), OR optional Karatu & Serengeti** (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 21 : Nairobi

Arusha - Nairobi (Kenya). We set off early this morning and make our way to the Tanzania/Kenyan border and the small border town of Namanga. After completing the border formalities, we continue on our journey to the Capital City Nairobi and our campsite on the outskirts of the city. Acacia Camp Nairobi is ideally situated right next to the Nairobi National Park, and is close to the giraffe sanctuary and elephant orphanage. The famous Carnivore Restaurant is also in close proximity. **Overnight - Nairobi** (B, L, D)

Day 22 : Nairobi



This morning at breakfast we exchange addresses and part ways having just experienced a trip of a life time!(B)

Masai Mara Bonus Trip

When you book this trip, you are entitled to receive a BONUS Masai Mara Safari after your trip ends. A Local Payment of US\$235 is applicable for this trip. This offer must be taken up at the same time you book this trip.

Includes: Return transfer from Nairobi, 1 night Acacia Camp Nairobi (dorm accommodation, shared facilities), 2 nights at Acacia Camp Masai Mara (camping), a full day exploring the Masai Mara on day 2, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner.

This safari must be booked at the same time your main trip.

Starts Saturday, ends Tuesday.

There is a pre departure meeting for this trip at Acacia Camp Nairobi at 17:00 on Saturday.

Please contact us for more details. Conditions apply.

Please Note

This expedition is run in conjunction with Africa Travel Company.



This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.

Things To Bring

- A sleeping bag and roll mat
- For extra comfort, bring a travel pillow
- Spare camera batteries/film and dustbag
- Mosquito spray (with active DEET ingredient)
- Your own personal first aid kit
- A torch
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Antibacterial wipes
- A photocopy of your passport data pages
- Your Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate
- Your travel insurance policy details
- Hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- Warm clothing - raincoat, warm hat, socks etc as across Africa wet/dry and hot/cool climatic periods change invariably.

Budgeting

In budgeting for your holiday, we recommend US \$160 - \$210 per person per week for an African safari. Budget more if you plan on buying a lot of souvenirs. This amount should be sufficient to allow for expenses such as drinks, snacks, small entry fees, occasional meals out and accommodation and meals away from the truck - for example on the island of Zanzibar.

Budget for your optional excursions and visas separately.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Passports & Visas

Please ensure that you have at least two blank pages in your passport, plus an additional blank page for each visa/African country you are visiting. If travelling on one of our longer overland safaris we recommend that you have at least 12 blank pages in your passport.

Please also note that your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the end date of your trip.

Any visa information provided in this document is for general guidance purposes only, visa requirements and fees are subject to change. It is essential that you check current entry requirements with each relevant embassy/consulate prior to departure. Visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

We offer a number of locally operated optional activities and excursions on each of our

expeditions. We feel that offering optional excursions affords a greater degree of flexibility, independence and choice to our travellers. To help you budget, below is a selection of optional excursions available on this trip.

Please note the following:

All prices are in US Dollars and are subject to change. Where activities occur away from your base, there may be an additional transfer cost.

Travellers cheques may be accepted for the Serengeti/Ngorongoro Excursions, although they are subject to a surcharge of at least 5%.

All accommodation and activities in Victoria Falls must be paid for in US\$ cash (GBP & ZAR also accepted at a lower rate).

All optional excursions are offered by 3rd parties and independently of on the go. They are undertaken at your own risk and on the go take no responsibility for personal loss/injury caused.

Gorilla Trekking - the price varies dependant on where gorilla trek takes place ie Uganda, DRC or Rwanda.

Kenya

Giraffe Centre. Pre/Post tour US \$20

Nairobi National Park half day. Pre/Post tour US \$85

Malawi

Fresh Water Diving at Kande Beach US \$45

Full Day Snorkelling US \$20

Horse Riding 2 - 3 hours US \$60 - \$90

Livingstonia Mission Hike 30km rtn US \$7

Traditional Healer Visit US \$7

Village Walk & Meal US \$15

Tanzania

3 day Serengeti/Ngorongoro Excursion from US \$450

Olduvai Gorge US \$5

Zambia

Zambezi Sunset Dinner Cruise US \$80

Zanzibar

Dhow Fishing Trip US \$35

Dhow Sunset Cruise US \$30

Dolphin Trip US \$35

Moped Hire US \$70

Nungwe Half Day Snorkel Trip US \$35

Prison Island Snorkelling Trip US \$25

Scuba Diving from US \$75

Spice Tour US \$25

Stone Town Tour US \$40

Zanzibar Accommodation p.p.p.n US \$30-\$50

Zimbabwe

Bungee Jump (111m) US \$132

Elephant Back Safari US \$130

Entry to Vic Falls National Park US \$30

Full Day Adrenaline (min. 10) US \$150

Helicopter Over The Falls 15 mins US \$130

Horse Riding 3 hours US \$75

Microlight Over The Falls 15 mins US \$150

Rafting & Boarding Combo US \$165

Rafting On The Zambezi US \$130

Walk With Lions - Vic Falls US \$130