Discover seven different countries, travelling from South Africa northbound to Kenya. Spot wildlife in some of Africa’s most abundant game parks, trek for gorilla in Uganda, relax and unwind on Zanzibar’s beautiful beaches and soak up Africa’s incredible sights. Experience all that this majestic continent has to offer, up close and personal!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- **South Africa** - start your journey in Johannesburg, search for the Big Five in Kruger National Park and see the impressive Blyde River Canyon
- **Zimbabwe** - visit the Great Zimbabwe Ruins, spot wildlife in Matobo and Hwange national parks and take in the Zimbabwean side of Victoria Falls
- **Botswana** - game drive through Chobe National Park and camp out in the wilderness of the reserve, listening to the sounds of the nocturnal wildlife
- **Zambia** - marvel at the Zambian side of majestic Victoria Falls from Livingstone and explore South Luangwa National Park

- **Malawi** - journey along the shore of Lake Malawi, stopping to explore various bays, beaches, inlets and local communities
- **Tanzania** - relax on the sandy beaches of Zanzibar and enjoy game drives in the legendary Serengeti National Park and the UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater
- **Kenya** - spot the famous Big Five in the Masai Mara, search for rhinos in Lake Nakuru National Park and watch the African Fish Eagle swooping over Lake Naivasha
- **Uganda** - stay in the Ugandan capital - Kampala, relax around the shore of Lake Bunyonyi and head into the dense jungle of the Magahinga or Bwindi national parks on an optional gorilla trek to see the great apes

What’s Included

- Arrival transfer from Johannesburg Airport on day 1
- 1st night dormitory accommodation at Mufasa Backpackers Johannesburg (upgrades available) and 42 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- 41 breakfasts, 37 lunches, 37 dinners
- Park entry - Lake Naivasha NP and Victoria Falls NP. Park entry and game drive - Kruger NP, South Luangwa NP, Matobo NP, Masai Mara, Lake Nakuru NP, Ngorongoro NP, Serengeti NP and Chobe NP
- 3 night Zanzibar Excursion including ferry transfer, accommodation, Spice Tour and Dhow Sunset Cruise

What’s Not Included

- Entrance Fees: Gorilla Permit + Transfer USD$720-870pp, paid in USD
- Gorilla Permit and transfer fee: Please note that Gorillas often move across the border, between the national parks in Rwanda and Uganda, therefore itineraries often have to be changed at short notice in order to track the Gorillas in whichever National Park they have migrated to. For this reason the cost of the Gorilla Permit and relevant transfers varies, as do the applicable visa costs, dependent upon which country we need to travel into. Permits are subject to availability and need to be booked in advance.
- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Optional activities

Local Payment
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$2640pp, paid in USD

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.

Day 1: Johannesburg
Tuesday. Welcome to South Africa! Upon arrival at Johannesburg Airport, you will be met in the arrivals halls by our representative, holding an On The Go Tours/Africa Travel Company sign and transferred to the Dove’s Nest Guest House in Johannesburg. Please hand this voucher to our representative. On day 1 at 17.00hrs there will be a pre departure meeting where you will meet your tour leader. We do not take payment for pre tour accommodation. If requested, a reservation will have been made, but you will need to pay the hotel upon arrival.

Overnight - Johannesburg

Days 2-3: Kruger National Park

Jo'burg - Kruger. Leaving Johannesburg we head towards the Lowveld and our camp situated within the border of the famous Kruger National Park. On our way we pass through the southern section of the picturesque Panorama Route – famous for its breathtaking vistas. Our camp for the next two nights is a short drive from the Kruger Park Gate and has some interesting local residents that include hippo, giraffe, zebra and impala. On day 2 we take a night game drive.

The following day we further explore the amazing Kruger National Park in the truck. Covering 19 485 km2 - 60 km wide and over 350 km long, this conservation area has more than 146 mammals, 500 bird, 114 reptile, 33 amphibian & 49 fish species. 23 000 different types of plants have been recorded. We spend the day driving around the park keeping an eye out for these.

Included activity: Night Game Drive in Kruger on day 2 and Game Drives on day 3

Overnight - Kruger National Park (B,L,D)

Day 4: Blyde River Canyon

Kruger NP - Polokwane. Today we leave the Lowveld and head on the long, scenic drive to Polokwane. Along the way we stop off at some of the best scenery in South Africa, including the ever striking Blyde River Canyon and God’s Window. The many viewpoints of the Canyon, afford us excellent photo opportunities. Polokwane, capital of Limpopo, is the largest metropolitan complex in the north and a major economic centre. Its proximity to the neighbouring countries of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Swaziland, as well as its convenient distance from the Kruger National Park and Magoebskloof, makes it a perfect gateway and good destination in itself. We set up our tents on the lush green grass of our campsite located outside of the city before enjoying a dip in the lovely swimming pool.

Optional Activity: Blyde River Canyon & God’s Window

Please note: If you booked before 1st October 2019 date then the cost of entrance to Blyde River Canyon and God’s Window are included. For bookings made after 1st October 2019 the cost of these excursions need to be paid locally.

Overnight - Polokwane (B,L,D)

Day 5: Polokwane

Polokwane - Tshipise. Today we continue our journey north toward the border with Zimbabwe. Sit back and enjoy the changing scenery on this long drive to the beautiful town of Tshipise. Located between rolling hills and well known for it’s natural hot water springs, Tshipise has various walking trails to enjoy or you can relax in the pools this evening.

Overnight - Tshipise (B,L,D)

Day 6: Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Tshipise – Masvingo. We cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning, a truly beautiful country with incredible history and tradition. Arriving to the town of Masvingo, our stop for the night, we then head out to explore the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. According to legend these ruins were the capital of the Queen of Sheba and were inhabited by the Bantu civilization of the Shona between the 11th and 15th century. You’ll have an opportunity to explore these incredible ruins, including the 8 statues of stone birds carefully carved from soapstone, before we return to our campsite for the evening.

Included Activity: Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Overnight - Masvingo (B,L,D)

Day 7: Bulawayo

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Day 8 : Matobo National Park
This morning we head for Matobo National Park, one of the few remaining areas in the world inhabited with both Black and White Rhino. Within the park there is also a high concentration of the elusive leopard and impressive black eagle. The ancient San inhabitants of this area are also evidenced by some incredible rock paintings located within the national park. We'll enjoy the day exploring this fascinating and often unique geological, ecological and historic area. Later we return to our campsite near Bulawayo.

 Included Activity: Visit to Matobo National Park
 Overnight - Bulawayo (B, L, D)

Days 9-10 : Hwange National Park
Bulawayo - Hwange National Park. We head northwest today to Zimbabwe’s largest and longest running reserve, Hwange National Park, on day 9. Well known for it’s abundance and variety of wildlife including thousands of elephants and rare antelope species such as Sable and Roan Antelope.

On day 10 we’ll enjoy a full day exploring Hwange National Park. Covering an area of over 5,600 square miles, Hwange was founded in 1928 as a game reserve and became a National Park in 1961, it is home to 400 species of bird and 107 types of animal. On our game drive today we’ll hope to spot some of these animals, including lions, cheetahs, giraffe and hyenas.

 Included Activity: Game drive in Hwange National Park
 Overnight - Hwange National Park (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 11 : Victoria Falls
Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls. This morning we continue to the border of Zimbabwe. Once we’ve completed border formalities, we have a short drive to the nearby Victoria Falls. Named after the famous World Heritage site and Water Falls, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park. Our campsite is conveniently situated in the centre of town, and within walking distance of the adventure booking agents, restaurants and shops.

A 20 minute walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders), was named by David Livingstone on his explorations, and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world’s largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari! After our adventure activities briefing (see price guide at the end of this document for options), the afternoon is spent relaxing at the campsite’s swimming pool, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town!

 Included activity: Entry into Victoria Falls NP.
 For optional Activities - see below
 Overnight - Victoria Falls (B, L)

Days 12-13 : Victoria Falls

The next two days are spent relaxing in Victoria Falls or participating in a myriad of optional excursions. Optional excursions include horseback 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 (B:2)

Day 14 : Chobe National Park
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.

Once we 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!

 Included Activity: Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion
 Overnight - Chobe National Park (B)

Day 15 : Livingstone

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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!

Optional Activity: Zambezi sunset river cruise

Overnight - Livingstone (L, D)

Days 16-18 : South Luangwa

Livingstone - Lusaka Area - Luangwa. An early morning start sees us head north through southern Zambia. 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.

On day 17, departing at 6am, we continue on to South Luangwa, a breathtaking park situated on the Luangwa River in the Eastern part of Zambia. South Luangwa was founded in 1938 as a game reserve, 1972 was the year it was declared as a national park, and today it covers over 9000 kilometres squared. Animals such as giraffe, buffalo and elephants can be found in abundance. The Luangwa river is home to many a hippo and croc. We will arrive at camp at approximately 7pm this evening.

Included Activity: Game drives through South Luangwa National Park in the overland truck

Overnight - Lusaka Area (1), South Luangwa NP (2) (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Days 19-21 : Lake Malawi

South Luangwa - 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 3 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 document).

Optional activities vary; however we do recommended that you take part in the village tour. Please that you can bring along pens, pencils, notepads, or dry starch food sorts for the villagers. Please speak to your crew for more information.

Overnight - Lake Malawi Beaches (3) (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 22 : Iringa

Lake Malawi Beaches - Iringa (Tanzania). After a relaxing 3 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 23 : 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 24-26 : Zanzibar

Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar. A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the “Spice Island,” where we 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.

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.

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Alternatively, mingle with the locals for dinner at the Forodhani Gardens seafront market, where delicious, inexpensive seafood is on offer.

Whilst in Zanzibar you’ll stay at the Safari Lodge or similar in Stone Town and the 2nd and 3rd night at either Sunset Bungalows or Amaan Bungalows on Nungwe Beach.

PLEASE NOTE: Meals are for your own account whilst on Zanzibar. The Trip Leader joins you 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 at the end of this document for more details.

Included Activity: Zanzibar excursion, Spice Tour & Dhow cruise excursion
Overnight - Zanzibar (B:1)

Day 27: 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 (D)

Days 28-29: Arusha

Dar es Salaam – Pangani - Arusha. From Dar es Salaam we continue north towards the coastal town of Pangani where we spend the night. The following day we continue 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 - Pangani (t) Arusha (t) (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Days 30-32: Serengeti & Ngorongoro

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.

Included Activity: Serengeti & Ngorongoro Excursion
Overnight - Karatu (t) Serengeti (t) Arusha (t) (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 33: 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 the Kenya Comfort Hotel. Overnight - Nairobi (B)

Days 34-35: Masai Mara

Nairobi - Masai Mara. Leaving the hustle and bustle of Nairobi we climb the escarpment to our first stop, a viewpoint overlooking a section of the spectacular Great Rift Valley. Descending into the Rift Valley, we enter Masai land where these habitual pastoralists are often seen tending their cattle from the side of the road. We pass through the town of Narok, and continue our drive possibly getting a glimpse of some wildlife along the way. We arrive at our campsite, Acacia Camp in the late afternoon. Acacia Camp looks on to the Meguara hills and the stream that meanders by on the bottom end forms a natural border to the Masai Mara National Reserve. The next morning we depart shortly after sunrise on our game drive into the Masai Mara Reserve. The Masai Mara is well known as one
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of East Africa’s best National Reserves and is home to a wide variety of wildlife species. Most famous for the Annual Migration, that consists of the impressive herds of over 1 million wildebeest, zebra and Thomson’s gazelle that cross over from the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania; the Masai Mara is most popular between July and October when these vast herds feast on the fresh grazing here. Following these herbivores are Africa’s predators that are often seen at a kill during this period. We game drive through a section of the park in search of the ‘Big 5’- elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion & leopard; along with the many other species of animals, reptiles and birds who make this wilderness home.

After our game drive, we have the option to visit one of the nearby Masai Manyatta’s – this is a traditional hamlet where the Masai still live in their traditional way. This evening we sit around the camp fire, and watch the sun set over this “Garden of Eden”.

Included Activity: Masai Mara National Reserve game drive in our overland truck
Overnight - Masai Mara (B:1, L:2, D:2)

Day 36 : Kisumu
Masai Mara - Eldoret. Leaving the Masai Mara early, we head out of Masai Land pass through the scenic tea plantations of Kericho before descending the Rift Valley Plateau, on our way to Eldoret. We replenish our supplies and overnight here. Overnight - Eldoret (B, L, D)

Day 37 : Kampala
Eldoret - Kampala (Uganda). This morning, we cross the border into Uganda where we overnight it the capital city, Kampala. Uganda is a small country of striking physical beauty. Its landscapes vary from the fertile green areas around the northern shores of Lake Victoria to the snow capped Ruwenzori Mountains in the west and the semi-desert region in the north. The political instability that has haunted Uganda in the past has actually had the positive effect of leaving the country free of the over commercialism so common in other parts of Africa. The current administration under President Museveni has devoted considerable effort and funds to return Uganda to its former status as one of Africa’s most prosperous and, from a tourist’s point of view, one of the most appealing and interesting countries to visit. Overnight - Kampala (B, L, D)

Days 38-41 : Optional Gorilla Trekking

Kampala - Lake Bunyoni. After an early morning departure from Kampala we drive west into the depths of Uganda to our base at the tranquil Lake Bunyoni.

Lake Bunyoni, the deepest Crater Lake in Africa and home to a large and varied number of beautiful birds, is the base from which the optional Gorilla trek takes place. Dependent on where trekking permits are available, we trek in the Mgahinga or Bwindi National Parks in Uganda. For further information about gorilla trekking and the costs involved please refer to Gorilla Permits under the Uganda Country Guide section of this document.

Trekking Procedures: The mountain gorilla (Gorilla Gorilla Berengei), of which there are still only about 700 remaining, are one of our closest living relatives. A visit to these gentle giants in their natural environment is a unique and wonderful experience - one you’ll never forget. The park rangers monitor the gorillas on a daily basis and have a fairly good idea of where they are. However, they are free roaming animals, and their sighting cannot be guaranteed. As the gorillas share much of our DNA, anyone with even the slightest cold or transferable illness will not be permitted to trek. Trekking is also only open to people over 16 years old.

Due to the restrictions on the daily numbers of visitors to these incredible animals, we depart from our base in Bunyoni in small groups over 3-4 days, depending on the group size. We wind our way through arguably some of the most picturesque scenery in Africa en-route to the National Park. Dependent on where permits are available, we may spend a night in either Kisoro or in Rwanda. The following morning, after packing our picnic lunch, we are transferred to a ranger’s station where the trek commences. Your rangers will lead you through the cultivated lands and then into the dense rain forest and on to a gorilla family. Trekking can take anywhere from 45 minutes to 8 hours (not including transfer time) and it can be quite strenuous, so a reasonable level of fitness is required. To ensure the gorillas do not get too used to the presence of humans and because they share many of our genes (and therefore able to catch our diseases), the maximum time permitted to spend with them is 1 hour. You will have plenty of time to watch their activity and to take photographs. The rangers will be able to provide you with a background to the family you are visiting. Once your hour is up, you trek back out of the rain forest to your meeting point where you will be transferred back to the Lake Bunyoni campsite.

You needn’t feel like you’re exploiting these animals. The ever-growing number of tourists trekking them each day play a vital role in their survival. For years they have been ruthlessly hunted for their hands and heads, which have been sold as ashtrays and lampshades! In addition, large numbers have been killed whilst trying to stop poachers stealing the babies for sale to zoos, where they have never lived long. 100% of the gorilla permit cost is used to by the parks authorities to finance patrols that are instrumental in protecting the gorillas from poachers and their lethal snares and on promoting these wonderful animals.

Optional Activity: Gorilla trekking
Overnight - Lake Bunyoni (B, L, D)

Day 42 : Kampala
Lake Bunyoni - Kampala. After marvelling at the experience of our gorilla encounters and enjoying the peaceful Lake Bunyoni, we begin our drive back to Kampala. We cross the Equator for the second time and stop for the classic “one foot in each hemisphere” photo opportunity. We overnight in Kampala and have the opportunity to sample its night life! Overnight - Kampala (B, L, D)

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Day 43: Jinja
Kampala - Jinja. Today we have the option of visiting the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary or heading to Jinja for a selection of adventure activities including white water rafting at the source of the White Nile, quad biking or visiting a volunteer and community project. Spend the afternoon relaxing on the banks of the river, or ticking off the wide variety of water birds in this area.

Optional Activities: Include white water rafting, jet boating and even bungee jumping
Overnight - Jinja (B, L, D)

Day 44: Lake Nakuru
Jinja - Lake Nakuru (Kenya). Departing early, we head back to Kenya, stopping for lunch and supplies en route before travelling on to Nakuru. Nakuru is Kenya’s 4th largest town and capital of the Rift Valley Province and lies adjacent to the small but wildlife rich Lake Nakuru National Park.

Overnight - Lake Nakuru (B, L, D)

Days 45-46: Lake Naivasha

Lake Naivasha - Lake Naivasha. In the morning on day 45 we begin our exploration of the Lake Nakuru National Park which was established as a sanctuary for black and white rhino, which are often seen. We spend the day searching for these prehistoric looking beasts as well as the elusive leopard, encountering buffalo, giraffe, various antelope and the occasional hippo along the way. After another night in Lake Nakuru, we head to Lake Naivasha the following day.

Lake Naivasha, is home to a multitude of bird life, the most magnificent being the African Fish Eagle with its regal cry. At 1880 m, this is the highest of the Rift Valley lakes. We spend the next day enjoying optional excursions like Elsamere (former home to Joy & George Adamson of Born Free fame), a boat ride to the Crescent Island Game Sanctuary or a bike ride around Hell’s Gate National Park.

Included Activity: Game drives in Lake Nakuru NP
Optional Activities: Elsamere Visit, Crescent Island and Hell’s Gate NP
Overnight - Nakuru (1) Naivasha (1) (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 47: Nairobi
Lake Naivasha - Nairobi. After breakfast, we head back to Nairobi usually arriving by late morning, or early afternoon. On arrival to Nairobi, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Dove’s Nest Guest House
Located a stone throw from OR Tambo Airport, the Doves Nest Guest House is conveniently located guests wanting to relax after a long day of exploring Johannesburg’s highlights. Each room features an electric blanket and TV. Breakfast and internet are available, as well as a free airport shuttle.

Wildebeest Eco Camp
Wildebeest Eco Camp is a distinctive starting point from which to explore Nairobi and beyond. The camp offers a shaded campsite for budget travellers, or luxury ensuite tents for those looking to splurge a little on their safari experience. Located in the vibrant Langata area, Nairobi National Park and the Galleria Shopping Centre are among the attractions just 10 minutes’ drive away. After a long day of travelling, indulgences such as an infinity pool and guest library are available, as are free Wi-fi and laundry service.

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• Overlanding is not considered a luxury holiday but is undoubtedly a lot of fun if camping under the stars and being part of an entirely self-sufficient travelling group is to your liking
• Africa is a vast continent and distances between the highlights we visit can be very far apart, but some early morning starts and late arrivals into camp will ensure that your time is maximised to see as many sights as possible
• We believe that a flexible approach to travel and good sense of humour are essential when undertaking overland safaris, although we trust that any hiccups in the itinerary will be resolved as soon as possible by our trusted partners

Tour Leaders and Groups
Our longest Overland Camping Safari we offer is our Great African Expedition - 57 Days, generally all other safaris we offer are sectors of this larger safari or similarly a fragment of one of the another safari’s we offer. As such, on your holiday you may have travellers join you part way through your safari and also there may be travellers who end their safari when you continue on. There may also be times when there is a change of crew and
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The Big Overlander is a popular tour that takes you on a journey through Africa. This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers from different operators, not solely On The Go. 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. This safari is modular and a portion of this trip may coincide with a family departure which welcomes children aged 6 and over.

Gorilla Trekking Permits
The cost and availability of gorilla permits varies by country and park, but currently ranges from USD 600-750 in Uganda and USD 1500 in Rwanda. These must be purchased prior to travel and are on a request basis. You’ll also need to budget for visa fees (costs vary), transfer and a local service fee (approx USD 180-200) and any re-entry visas, which are payable locally. The government often increases the permit and transfer costs without notice, so budget for the highest amount to make sure you’ll be able to partake in this wonderful experience.

The reason that the permits are so costly is because each park only issues 10 permits per gorilla family per day, to ensure that the gorillas’ exposure to humans is limited. 100% of the permit prices, transfer and a local service fee are payable locally. The government issues these to guarantee your permit upon receipt of payment. Should we be unable to obtain your permit you will receive a full refund.

For booking purposes please notify our office as soon as possible should you choose not to trek the Mountain Gorillas.

Who’s on tour?
People from all over decide that the back to basics and close-up approach to viewing Africa is for them – from Canada to New Zealand to Singapore and the UK. Generally people are 30-50yrs, easy going and happy to participate. They have a love of camping and as some days are long, don’t mind a drive. Whilst the truck is purpose built and ideal for this style of safari, for those who require more comfort we suggest you opt for one of our lodge safaris.

Things To Bring
- A rucksack/backpack is the best luggage to bring as your main bag
- A sleeping bag
- For extra comfort, bring a travel pillow
- A towel
- 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, gloves etc as across Africa wet/dry and hot/cold climatic periods change invariably.

Budgeting
Africa is not as cheap as many people believe and we recommend that you budget between US $50-70 per day for expenses such as drinks, snacks and curios. Budget more if you plan on buying a lot of souvenirs and budget for your optional excursions and visas separately.

Transport on Tour
Our overland vehicles are custom built converted Mercedes Benz or MAN trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage areas for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 27-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. There is no air-conditioning on board, instead vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

Meals on Tour
Meals and menus vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menus with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home. The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of ‘build your own’ sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus are on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQs and even roasts!
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Participation on Tour
All of our overland safaris are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

Allergies/likes/dislikes
Whilst all will done to accommodate everyone, sometimes the choice available is limited as your cook may be making the best of very limited availability, so some flexibility may be required when encountering something you’re not particularly fond of or have chosen not to eat as a lifestyle choice. Should you possess allergies which will result in an medical emergency or a life threatening situation then please ensure you speak to your cook on arrival so you can discuss the options available whilst en-route. This will ensure also that they are fully aware of what you can or cannot eat and make adjustments.

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.

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.

Booking your flights
When booking your departure flight you should allow time at the end of your African safari for any unexpected delays. We recommend that you book your onward flight no earlier than 24 hours after the end of your safari. In the case of our longer overland camping safaris (22 days or more) we advise against making any firm arrangements for at least 48 hours after the scheduled departure date. Your tour leader can help to arrange post tour accommodation locally upon request.

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Visas
Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

South African passport holders do not require a visa to visit Kenya for up to 30 days. Most other nationalities, including UK, USA, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand passport holders, do require a visa to enter Kenya.

On 1st July 2015 the government of Kenya introduced an electronic visa application. It is still possible to purchase a visa upon arrival up until 31 August 2015. From 01 September 2015 ALL tourists wishing to visit Kenya need to apply for a visa online at www.ecitizen.go.ke. The visa process can take up to 7 working days. For further details please visit our Kenya visa page - http://www.onthegotours.com/Kenya/Visas.

All passengers require an onward/return tickets and sufficient funds for length of intended stay (at least US$500).

The border crossings we use in Kenya include:

- Busia (Kenya/Uganda border)
- Isebania (Kenya/Tanzania border)
- Namanga (Kenya/Tanzania border)
- Isebania (Kenya/Tanzania border)

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required for travel to Kenya and if travelling from an infected area it must be presented upon arrival in order to be granted entry. Please also note that if you are travelling onward to Uganda and/or Rwanda you will need a Yellow Fever Certificate to produce on arrival in order to be granted entry.

East Africa Tourist Visa
If you are planning on visiting Uganda and/or Rwanda when travelling to Kenya then you can apply for an East Africa tourist visa which will cover all countries. The visa allows multiple entry into these countries and is valid for 90 days. It can be applied for in advance or upon arrival at Nairobi International Airport.

Vaccinations
You should seek medical advice before travelling to Kenya from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Polio, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A &B and Tetanus is strongly recommended. Rabies and Meningitis are also recommended.

There is the risk of malaria in Kenya so it is very important to check with your doctor before you go, to see whether malarial medication is required for the areas you are visiting. A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required for travel to Kenya and if travelling from an infected area it must be presented upon arrival in order to be granted entry. Please also note that if you are travelling onward to Uganda and/or Rwanda you will need a Yellow Fever Certificate to produce on arrival in order to be granted entry.

Time & Voltage
Kenya is 3 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

In Kenya the standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a “Type G” - British BS-1363 type, three pin plug. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend packing a universal adapter.

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**Currency**

The currency of Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (code KES, symbol KSh). 1 KSh = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of: KSh100, 500, 200, 100 and 50. Coins are in denominations of KSh20, 10 and 5.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1500, Sat 0900-1100. You can exchange money in banks or bureau de changes. Be aware that old pre-2010 US$ banknotes or torn or marked banknotes are difficult to exchange in Africa so make sure you take crisp new notes! In major towns/cities most banks have an ATM. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa cards are all widely accepted.

Travellers cheques can be changed at banks, these should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Most banks will want to see your passport and proof of purchase receipt before cashing your travellers cheques. Please Note: Travellers cheques can be difficult to cash and often have restrictions of about US$100 a day maximum. They also tend to attract high commission charges, especially when exchanging for hard currency.

**Climate**

Kenya is an excellent year round destination with a favourable climate and reasonably low rainfall. In general the hottest months are December to March, although the climate varies enormously from place to place. The lowland coastal areas are tropical, with year round high temperatures and humidity, which is at its peak in April and May, although tempered by monsoon winds. The highlands are more temperate with four seasons. Nairobi has a very pleasant climate throughout the year due to its altitude. Near Lake Victoria, the temperatures are much higher and rainfall can be heavy.

**Plastic Bag Ban**

Effective August 2017: All passengers arriving into Kenya including tourists can possibly face very heavy fines for using plastic bags in any way, shape or form. Using, manufacture or importation of plastic bags, including garbage bags and shopping bags is illegal. Offenders, including tourists, could face very heavy fines. Visitors/Citizens and Residents alike are advised to avoid packing any plastic bags in their suitcases or in carry-on hand luggage before flying to Kenya. Items purchased at the airport before boarding the aircraft should be removed from plastic bags. Please check hand luggage before disembarking at entry points and any plastic bags should be left in the plane.

Similarly the transparent "zip-lock" plastic bags that some airlines require passengers to use for keeping liquids, cosmetics, toiletries etc separately in hand luggage are also not permitted to be brought and should be removed and left on the plane before disembarking.

**Malawi Country Guide**

### Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

As of the 1st October 2015 passport holders of (but not limited to) UK, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand will be charged a visa fee at the border into Malawi. The cost is $50 for a 7 day transit visa and $75 for a 90 day single entry visa.

Please check with your local Malawi Embassy or High Commission prior to departure.

The border crossings we use in Malawi include:

- Machinji (Malawi/Zambia border)
- Songwe (Malawi/Tanzania border)

**Vaccinations**

Seek advice from your doctor or travel clinic at least six weeks prior to departure about what vaccinations you require. Typically the list includes typhoid, tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B and meningitis.

A malaria risk exists throughout the country. we strongly recommend that you take anti-malaria medication.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required from travellers over one year of age coming from infected areas.

### Currency

The currency of Malawi is the Malawian Kwacha (MWK, symbol MK).

1 MWK = 100 tambala.

Notes are in denominations of Mk500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5.

Coins are in denominations of Mk1 and 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 tambala.

On arrival in Lilongwe you will be able to convert money into MWK. The bureau de changes are the easiest place to change money, and US$ and GB£ are accepted in both cash and travellers cheque format. Travellers cheques attract a commission charge and a lower exchange rate than cash, which is changed with no commission.

If coming south from Tanzania, MKW can be purchased on the border using US$ cash. ATMs are effectively non-existent for foreign cards in Malawi.

### Time & Voltage

Time Zone - Malawi is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed

Standard voltage is 220-240V. Electrical sockets in Malawi are the "Type G " British BS-1363 type. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

### Climate

There are three seasons in Malawi. The rainy season extends from November to April, the cool season from May to July and the dry season from August to October. Temperatures and rainfall are greatly influenced by Lake Malawi and altitude, which varies from 37 metres (in the Lower Shire Valley) to 3050 metres (Mount Mulanje). Along the lakeshore, the mean conditions are greatest influenced by Lake Malawi and altitude, which varies from 37 metres (in the Lower Shire Valley) to 3050 metres (Mount Mulanje). Along the lakeshore, the mean
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annual temperature is 24°C, and humidity can be high during the rainy season.

Tanzania Country Guide

Plastic Bag Ban
Effective 1st June 2019: All passengers arriving at any Tanzania airport including tourists can possibly face very heavy fines for using plastic bags in any way, shape or form. Using, manufacture or importation of plastic bags, including garbage bags and shopping bags is illegal. Offenders, including tourists, could face very heavy fines.

Visas
Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Irish, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and RSA citizens require a visa for Tanzania. A single entry visa can be obtained by most nationalities upon arrival at Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar Airport or at Namanga border crossing point, between Tanzania and Kenya. The current visa cost at Namanga border crossing point, between Salaam, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar Airport or by most nationalities upon arrival at Dar es Salaam is U$50 for all nationalities, which can be obtained on arrival or at the airport; this is particularly relevant if traveling from neighbouring African countries. If visiting Zanzibar from mainland Tanzania, a yellow fever certificate must be produced to gain entry.

Vaccinations
You should seek medical advice before travelling to Tanzania from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Polio, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid and Tetanus is strongly recommended. Meningitis and Rabies are also recommended.

There is the risk of malaria in Tanzania so it is very important to check with your doctor before you go, to see whether malarial medication is required for the areas you are visiting.

A Yellow Fever International Certificate of Vaccination is required from travellers over one, arriving from countries infected with yellow fever or who were in transit through infected areas (unless they remained onboard or at the airport); this is particularly relevant if traveling from neighbouring African countries. If visiting Zanzibar from mainland Tanzania, a yellow fever certificate must be produced to gain entry.

Currency
The currency of Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling (code Tzs, symbol Tsh). 1 Tsh = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of Tsh10,000, 5000, 2000, 1000 and 500. Coins are in denominations of Tsh200, 100, 50, 20 and 10.

The Tanzanian Shilling is non exportable or importable. You can exchange US Dollars, Pound Sterling or Euro cash at bureau de changes or banks in larger towns/cities. Cash is changed with no commission. Exchange rates vary depending upon the denomination of the note that you want to change and generally smaller notes attract a lower exchange rate than high ones. Be aware that old pre-2010 US$ banknotes or torn or marked banknotes are difficult to exchange in Africa so make sure you take crisp new notes. Alternatively most large towns/cities have an ATM where cash can be withdrawn using Visa or MasterCard. Credit cards are very rarely accepted for making purchases.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1230; Sat 0830-1300. Bureaux de change have longer hours and in the cities open on Sundays.

Travellers cheques are more difficult to change and require proof of purchase and often have restrictions of about US$100 a day maximum. Please note that there is a surcharge when paying by travellers cheques.

Time & Voltage
Tanzania Time Zone - 3 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

Standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a Type G British BS-1363 or Type D Indian BS-546 type, three pin plug. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend getting a universal adapter.

Climate
Tanzania is sunny and tropical (accept in the mountain regions). Given the sheer size of the country, the climate varies dramatically in different regions. In coastal regions and on the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba it is hot and humid year-round with higher rainfall, whilst inland, the central plateau is dry and hot and the north-western highlands are cooler. The long rains occur between mid-March and the end of May and there are also short, lighter rains during November and December. The driest months are June to October.

Uganda Country Guide

Visa
Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the
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embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Irish, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and RSA citizens require a visa for Uganda. This can be obtained upon arrival at all entry and exit points. Currently a 3 month single entry visa costs - US$50.

Please note that your Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate must be presented upon arrival in Uganda in order to be granted entry.

East Africa Tourist Visa

If you are planning on visiting Uganda and/or Rwanda when travelling to Kenya then you can apply for an East Africa tourist visa which will cover all countries. The visa allows multiple entry into these countries and is valid for 90 days. It can be applied for in advance or upon arrival at Nairobi International Airport.

The border crossings we use in Uganda include:

- Busia (Kenya/Uganda border)

Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Uganda from your local health practitioner and ensure that all you receive are all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide diphtheria, hepatitis A, polio, tetanus and typhoid are strongly recommended. Meningitis and hepatitis B are sometimes recommended.

A Yellow Fever Certificate of Vaccination is required for all people travelling to Uganda - it must be presented on arrival before entry will be granted.

Uganda is affected by malaria – we strongly recommend that you take anti-malaria medication. Adequate measures to avoid mosquito bites include: insect repellent, sleeping under a mosquito net and wearing long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

Currency

The currency of Uganda is the Uganda Shilling (UGX).

Notes are in denominations of UGX50,000, 20,000, 10,000, 5,000 and 1,000. Coins are in denominations of UGX500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1.

The import and export of local currency is prohibited. It is possible to change money and use ATMs in large cities. Please note that travellers cheques are not widely accepted and can only be exchanged in Kampala.

Time & Voltage

Uganda is 3 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

In Uganda the standard voltage is 240V. Primary sockets require a ‘Type G’ - British BS-1363 type, three pin plug. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend packing a universal adapter.

Climate

Despite being located on the Equator, Uganda is rather temperate, with the lowlands remaining warm year round and temperatures averaging around 26°C. In the mountain regions, due to the high altitude, it is much cooler. The climate in Uganda is tropical and the country has two main wet and dry seasons; it is typically dry from December to February and June to August, and wet from March to May and October to November.

South Africa Country Guide

Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Australian, USA and Canadian citizens do not require a tourist visa for South Africa for stays of up to 90 days.

Since 16th January 2017 all New Zealand passport holders have been required to obtain a visa prior to travelling to South Africa.

Nationalities who don’t require a visa are able to get an entry stamp at the border on entering South Africa. Please contact your local South African embassy to find out if you require a visa prior to entering SA. If you are subject to visa requirements, you must apply and receive your visa before your departure for South Africa, visas are not issued at South African ports of entry.

The border crossings we use in South Africa include:

- Noordoewer (South Africa/Namibia border)
- Groblerberg/Martin’s Drift (South Africa/Botswana)
- Lebombo (South Africa/Mozambique)
- Oshoek (Swaziland/South Africa)

Under 18s Travelling To Or Through South Africa

Parents travelling with children (under 18) into or out of South Africa, or transiting in South Africa will be asked to show the child’s unabridged (full) birth certificate which lists the child’s details and both parents’ details. The abridged (short) birth certificate which only lists the child’s details won’t be accepted. Uncertified copies of birth certificates or copies of the parents/guardians identification will not be accepted. A parental consent affidavit (PCA) must have a certified copy of the parent’s/guardian’s identification (ie passport) attached to it.

Where only one parent is accompanying a child, parental or legal consent for the child to travel (eg an affidavit from the other parent or – if applicable – a death certificate) is required and there are other requirements for children travelling unaccompanied or with adults who are not their parents.

If you are travelling with children (under 18) it is essential that you contact the South African High Commission or the South African Department of Home Affairs for further information relating to these regulations. If you do not carry the correct documentation you will not be allowed to enter the country. Obtaining the correct paperwork is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours.
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Please note: From the 11th November 2019, only a valid passport will be required for foreign minors travelling to South Africa.

Health & Vaccinations
You should seek medical advice before travelling to South Africa from your local health practitioner and ensure that all you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A (for stays over 4 weeks) and hepatitis B (for stays over 3 months) are recommended.

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one, coming from infected areas.

A low malaria risk occurs in northern parts of Mpumalanga (as well as Kruger National park, northern and northeastern parts of KwaZulu-Natal). If travelling to these regions and/or the countries north of South Africa, where there is a high malaria risk, we strongly recommend that you take anti-malaria medication. Precautionary measures to take to prevent contact with mosquitoes include: insect repellent, cover up at sundown, sleep under a mosquito net and wear long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

Currency
The currency in South Africa is Rand (ZAR; symbol R)

1 Rand = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of R200, 100, 50, 20 and 10. Coins are in denominations of R5, 2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10 and 5 cents.

Obtaining local currency within South Africa is very easy. ATMs are widely accessible and very reliable and offer the best rates of exchange. International credit cards are accepted in almost all shops, restaurants, hotels and game reserves.

Bureau de changes offer a quick and commission free service but are only found in the main centres such as Cape Town and Johannesburg. Travellers cheques can be changed at banks. These should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Please note that proof of identity may be requested in some instances, so it’s useful to carry a passport or some form of photo identification. Travellers cheques can be difficult to exchange and tend to attract high commission fees.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1530, Sat 0830-1100.

Rand can be used in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa, so if you are travelling on one of our overland safaris ample money for these three countries can be obtained prior to beginning your trip in Cape Town or Johannesburg. The Rand and Namibian dollar are tied to each other on an equal level and can be used interchangeably in Namibia. The Rand can also be easily converted to Pula in Botswana at good rates.

Time & Voltage
Time Zone - South Africa is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed

Standard voltage is 220-230V. Primary sockets require a ‘Type M’ - South African, electrical plug which has three thick circular pins. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

Climate
Climatic conditions generally range from Mediterranean in the south western corner of the country to temperate in the interior plateau, and subtropical in the northeast. A small area in the northwest has a desert climate. Most of the country has warm, sunny days and cool nights. Rainfall generally occurs during summer (November-March), although in the southwest, around Cape Town, rainfall occurs in winter (from June-August). Temperatures are influenced by variations in elevation, terrain, and ocean currents.

Visas & Department Tax
Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian citizens require a visa for Zambia. Visas can be obtained by most nationalities upon arrival at the airport/border. A single entry visa currently costs US $50 and a double/multiple entry costs $80. Irish and South African passport holders do not require a visa.

KAZA Visa
Zimbabwe and Zambia have re-introduced the popular, and much-awaited KAZA (Kavango-Zambezi) “Uni-Visa”, which allows visitors to stay in either (or both) countries for up to 30 days for a single payment of US$50.

The UniVisa is available at Harare, Victoria Falls, Lusaka and Livingstone International airports, the Victoria Falls land border (Zimbabwe/Zambia) and the Kazungula land border (Zimbabwe/Zambia/Botswana).

The border crossings we use in Zambia include:

- Machinji (Malawi/Zambia)
- Kazungula (Zambia/Botswana)

Vaccinations
You should seek medical advice before travelling to Zambia from your local health practitioner and ensure that all you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A and hepatitis B (for stays over 4 weeks) are strongly recommended.

Zambia has a malaria risk throughout the year in the whole country, therefore we strongly recommend that you take anti-malaria medication.

The yellow fever vaccination is required for passengers travelling to and from Zambia. All in-transit passengers travelling between Zambia and South Africa, irrespective of the time period in transit, will also be required to present their Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate.

Currency
Zambia’s currency is the Zambia Kwacha (ZMW)
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Notes are in denominations of ZMW100, 50, 20, 10, 5, and 2.

Banking hours vary but most are open from Mon - Fri 0815-1430

ATMs are available at Standard Chartered and Barclays Bank which accept Visa. Most large stores and hotels accept credit cards.

If travelling on one of our overland safaris there is no real need to convert any of your money to ZMW, as you will only be in Zambia for a short period of time. Campsites readily accept US$ cash for food and beverages.

Time & Voltage
Time Zone - Zambia is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

Standard voltage is 230V. Zambia has several varieties of electrical sockets. The 3 primary sockets are ‘Type C’ - European, ‘Type D’ - Indian and ‘Type G’ - British. You will need a voltage converter and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

Climate
Zambia is warm all year round, but has three distinct seasons. Between December and April the weather is hot and wet; from May to August it is cooler and dry; between September and November conditions are hot and dry. Average summer temperatures range between 25°C to 35°C, while in winter they can fall as low as 6°C at night, although daytime temperatures average 24°C.

Zambian Airport Departure Tax
NOTES FOR THOSE FLYING OUT OF LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT IN ZAMBIA

An airport departure tax is in place for all flights departing from Zambian airports. The price will be US$25 for international flights and US$8 for domestic flights, payable in cash on departure.

Zimbabwe Country Guide

Visas
Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Ireland, Australian, New Zealand, USA and Canadian passport holders require a visa to enter Zimbabwe, these visas are available at the border for the following costs: Australian, New Zealand and US citizens: US $30 single/$45 double entry visa. British and Irish is US$55 single/$70 double. Canadians can only obtain a single entry visa at the border for US $75. South African passport holders can obtain a visa for free. Visas can be brought using post 2003 US$ notes, GBE or South African Rand.

KAZA Visa
Zimbabwe and Zambia have re-introduced the popular, and much-awaited KAZA (Kavango-Zambezi) “Uni-Visa”, which allows visitors to stay in either (or both) countries for up to 30 days for a single payment of US$50.

The UniVisa is available at Harare, Victoria Falls, Lusaka and Livingstone International airports, the Victoria Falls land border (Zimbabwe/Zambia) and the Kazungula land border (Zimbabwe/Zambia/Botswana).

The border crossings we use in Zimbabwe include:
Kazungula (Botswana/Zimbabwe)

Vaccinations
Seek advice from your doctor or travel clinic at least six weeks prior to departure about what vaccinations you require. Typically the list includes typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A and B (for stays over 4 weeks).

In Zimbabwe a malarial risk exists from November to June in all areas below 1200m and throughout the year in the Zambezi Valley. We strongly recommend that you take your anti-malaria medication. Other precautionary measures to prevent contact with mosquitoes include: insect repellent, cover up at sundown, sleep under a mosquito net and wear long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

Yellow fever: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one year of age coming from infected areas.

Currency
The Zimbabwean Dollar was abandoned in April 2009. The country has adopted a multi-currency scheme; the US Dollar and South African Rand can be used for domestic transactions.

Zimbabwe is essentially a cash-only society now with ATMs pretty useless for the foreigner. Credit cards only used in a handful of places, however all major hotels will now accept this payment. We recommend bringing enough cash to cover your stay in Zimbabwe (in either USD or ZAR) especially in the smaller denominations (US$1-20 and ZAR10 - 200) as there is always a shortage of change and shopkeepers will often refuse larger bills. Please also be aware it is illegal to leave Zimbabwe with over $1000 (or equivalent) in cash.

Zimbabwe introduced Bond Notes into circulation on 28 November 2017 which will be used alongside the US dollar and other currencies. These Bond Notes will be at 1:1 parity with the US dollar. However, they are only legal tender within Zimbabwe and as such can only be used there. These Bond notes will be in $2 and $5 denominations and there will also be a new $1 Bond coin.

Banking hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 0800-1500 , Wed 0800-1300 and Sat - 0800-1130. In major towns/cities most banks have an ATM. American Express, Diners Club and Visa cards are widely accepted. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at bureaux de change and banks at the official
exchange rate. Please also be aware it is illegal to leave Zimbabwe with over $1000 (or equivalent). As of June 2016 it is becoming increasingly difficult to withdraw money from ATMs in Zimbabwe. There is a cash limit of $500 per day - however a lot of banks are not replenishing the ATMs. It is strongly advised that you bring enough money with you before you enter Zimbabwe and don’t rely on getting any whilst there.

Travellers cheques are accepted at banks, these should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Most banks will want to see your passport and proof of purchase receipt before cashing your travellers cheques. Please Note: Travellers cheques can be difficult to cash so do not rely upon them as your sole source of funds.

**Time & Voltage**

Standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a 'Type G' - British plug, or 'Type D' - old English plug or Indian plug. You will need a voltage converter and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

Zimbabwe is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

**Climate**

Although located in the tropics, temperate conditions prevail all year round in Zimbabwe as the climate is moderated by altitude and the inland position of the country.

Zimbabwe has a rainy season from November/December to March, during this time days are hot and sunny with possible afternoon thunderstorms. By April and May most of the rain is gone, skies are clear and days are sunny and warm. Night time temperatures drop dramatically between June and August although daytime temperatures remain pleasantly warm. Late August sees the start of the hot dry season which continues until October.

**Zambian Airport Departure Tax**

NOTES FOR THOSE FLYING OUT OF LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT IN ZAMBIA

An airport departure tax is in place for all flights departing from Zambian airports. It will no longer be included on the ticket and will now be collected in Zambian Kwacha cash direct from the passenger. The amount payable is currently K28,000 for Domestic Flights and K56,000 for International Flights and is payable on departure from all Zambian airports. Passengers need to have ZMK cash available for this tax. Please note, departure taxes are subject to change.

**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. Make sure you have US$ dollars with you before you travel to Africa as it is notoriously difficult to get them here.

Victoria Falls activities (if applicable) - must be paid for in US$ cash (GBP & ZAR also accepted at a lower rate).

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

We offer camping excursions in the Serengeti/ Ngorongoro Crater and Okavango Delta. All optional excursions are offered by 3rd parties and independently of On The Go Tours. You are undertaking these at your own risk and On The Go Tours take no responsibility for personal loss/injury incurred.

**Botswana**

Chobe National Park Game Drive US $80
Chobe River Cruise US $70
Scenic Flight Over Okavango Delta (5 per plane) US $140 per person

**Kenya**

Masai Hot Air Balloon US $600
Masai Village Cultural Visit US $20
Masai Warrior Dancing US $20

Nairobi National Park half day. (Min 2 people) US $175 per person
Naivasha Horse Riding (per hour) US $30
Naivasha Boat Hire (max 7 pax) US $70 (per person)

**Malawi**

Fresh Water Diving at Kande Beach (Price from) US $60
Full Day Snorkelling in Lake Malawi US $50
Horse Riding - 3 hours US $70 - $240
Village Walk & Meal US $40

**South Africa**

Blyde River entry US $ 3
Soweto Tour - J’burg/Pretoria - Price from US $85

**Tanzania**

Dhow Fishing Trip - Zanzibar US $50
Moped Hire US $100
Olduvai Gorge US $35
Prison Island Snorkelling Trip US $70
Scuba Diving - Price from US $100
Snorkel Trip - Nungwe Half Day US $60
Stone Town Tour - Zanzibar US $60

**Uganda**

Adrift/Softpower Community Project US $30
Gorilla Trek (inc. permit & transfer fee) from US $750
Horse Riding in Jinja 2 hours (excl transfer) from US $60
Nile River Bungee US $120
Quad Biking in Jinja 2 hours From US $100
White Water Rafting On The Nile US $160

**Zambia**

Zambezi Sunset Dinner Cruise US $90

**Zimbabwe**

Bungee Jump (111m) US $130
Helicopter Over The Falls 15 mins US $165
Microlight Over The Falls 15 mins US $180
Rafting & Boarding Combo Low Water (Excl USD10 NP Fee) US $190
Rafting On The Zambezi Full Day US $150

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