

Gorilla Trek & Tanzania Northbound

25 days | Dar es Salaam to Nairobi



Start your African adventure with a taste of the tropics on the beautiful island of Zanzibar, go wild on safari in East Africa's legendary game reserves and trek in search of mountain gorillas in Uganda.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- **Zanzibar:** Beautiful northern beaches & historic Stone Town (UNESCO-listed).
- **Tanzania:** Arusha, the safari gateway. The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. Views of Mt Meru and Mt Kilimanjaro. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city.
- **Uganda:** Kampala, the lively capital. Lake Bunyoni, spectacular scenery. Jinja, Nile rafting. The Equator Crossing.
- **Gorilla Trekking** (an optional excursion). Bwindi or Mgahinga Gorilla park in Uganda.
- **Kenya:** Nairobi, extend your stay to explore the sites. The Great Rift Valley. Lake Nakuru National Park and lake. Meet local children at the East African Mission Organisation. Lake Naivasha, the highest Rift Valley lake. The Masai Mara, Kenya's finest wildlife reserve. Masai Mara tribal lands.

What's Included

- Arrival transfer from Dar es Salaam Airport on day 1
- 1st night banda (beach hut) accommodation at Kipepeo Campsite, Dar es Salaam (upgrade available) and 20 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
- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches and 19 dinners
- Park entry - Lake Naivasha NP. Park entry and game drives - Lake Nakuru NP, Masai Mara, Ngorongoro NP, Serengeti NP
- 3 night Zanzibar Excursion including ferry transfer, accommodation, Spice Tour and Dhow Sunset Cruise
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- Entrance Fees: Gorilla Permit + Transfer USD\$750-900pp, paid in USD
- Gorilla Permit and transfer fee: Please note that Gorillas often move across the border, between the national parks in Rwanda, Uganda and DRC, 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

- International flights and visas
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities

Local Payment

\$1800pp, 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.

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Dar es Salaam

Wednesday. Welcome to Tanzania! Upon arrival at Dar es Salaam Airport you will be met and transferred to your campsite on the coast. There will be a pre-departure meeting at 17:00 hours today where you will meet your tour leader. **Overnight - Dar es Salaam**

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Days 2-4 : Zanzibar excursion



Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar. Today we travel by local ferry to the 'Spice Island' of Zanzibar for three nights. Whilst on the island we will take the popular Spice Tour in Stone Town and once up at the beaches we will take a sunset show cruise. **Overnight - Zanzibar**

Day 5 : Zanzibar



Zanzibar - Dar es Salaam. Leaving Zanzibar in the afternoon, we return to the mainland for a night at our campsite in Dar es Salaam. **Overnight - Dar es Salaam (D)**

Days 6-7 : Arusha

Dar es Salaam - Pangani - Arusha. Today we continue north as we travel through vast sisal plantations and African bushveld to Arusha (via the coastal town of Pangani). Once in Arusha we stay in Meserani before heading out to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater tomorrow. **Overnight - Pangani (1) Arusha (1)** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Days 8-10 : Serengeti & Ngorongoro



Arusha - Serengeti & Ngorongoro. Today we visit the Meserani Reptile Park and Masai Cultural Museum before we meet our Tanzanian guides and transfer into locally operated 4WD that have been adapted for safari use and allow excellent viewing and photographic opportunities through the opening roof hatches.

We spend the evening at a pleasant campsite in Karatu and depart for the Ngorongoro Conservation area and crater the following morning. This World Heritage Site boasts some of the best game viewing in Africa – including the elusive Black Rhino.

After our game drive we continue past the 'Cradle of Mankind' on our way to the Serengeti crossing the vast plains as we game drive through the park.

Tonight we bush camp (no ablutions) in the wild surrounded by the sounds of the wild. The following morning, we take another game drive in search of Africa's 'Big 5'! Later we return to Arusha for the evening. **Overnight - Karatu (1) Serengeti (1) Arusha (1)** (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 11 : Nairobi

Arusha - Nairobi (Kenya). We have an early start today as we head to the Tanzania/Kenyan border and the small border town of Namanga. We travel to Nairobi for the night. **Overnight - Nairobi (B)**

Days 12-13 : Masai Mara



Nairobi - Masai Mara. Leaving the city behind we drive to a viewpoint overlooking a section of the spectacular Great Rift Valley. From here we begin to enter Masai land and you often see them tending their cattle as we travel along. We arrive at Acacia Camp near the Masai Mara National Reserve in the late afternoon.

Just after sunrise the following day we begin our game drive into the Masai Mara. We drive through a section of the park in search of the 'Big 5' along with many other species of animals, reptiles and birds who make this wilderness home.

Afterwards we can visit one of the nearby Masai Manyatta's – a traditional hamlet where the Masai still live in their traditional way. **Overnight - Masai Mara (B:1, L:2, D:2)**

Day 14 : Eldoret

Masai Mara - Eldoret. Leaving early we depart Masai Land and journey through the scenic tea plantations of Kericho before descending the Rift Valley Plateau, on our way to Eldoret for the evening. **Overnight - Eldoret (B, L, D)**

Day 15 : Kampala

Eldoret - Kampala (Uganda). Today we cross the border into neighbouring Uganda for our overnight stay in the capital city, Kampala. **Overnight - Kampala (B, L, D)**

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Days 16-19 : Lake Bunyoni & Gorilla Trekking



Kampala - Lake Bunyoni. Today we drive west to our base for the gorillas at Lake Bunyoni. Dependent on where our trekking permits are available, we trek in the Magahinga or Bwindi National Parks in Uganda. **Overnight - Lake Bunyoni** (B:4, L:4, D:4)

Day 20 : Kampala

Lake Bunyoni - Kampala. Today we drive back to Kampala crossing the Equator for the second time and stop for the necessary photo opportunities. **Overnight - Kampala** (B, L, D)

Day 21 : Jinja

Kampala - Jinja. Today we have the option of visiting the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary before heading to Jinja for a selection of adventure activities including white water rafting, quad biking or visiting a community project. **Overnight - Jinja** (B, L, D)

Day 22 : Lake Nakuru

Jinja - Lake Nakuru (Kenya). Today we return to Kenya for our next overnight at EAMO; East African Mission Organization. **Overnight - Lake Nakuru** (B, L, D)

Days 23-24 : Lake Naivasha



Lake Nakuru - Lake Naivasha. On the morning on day 23 we explore Lake Nakuru National Park looking for rhino, as well as the elusive

leopard, buffalo, giraffe and various antelope. Afterwards we continue to Lake Naivasha.

Overnight - Lake Naivasha (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 25 : Nairobi

Saturday. Lake Naivasha - Nairobi. After breakfast, we return to Nairobi usually arriving by late morning or early afternoon. (B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Kipepeo Village

The Tanzanian bush meets the blue waters of the Indian Ocean at Kipepeo Beach & Village, situated on the south coast of Dar Es Salaam. The campsite is right on the beach itself and is a popular destination for watersports adventures or simple relaxation. Facilities include a beach bar and restaurant. Upgrades are available to the twenty elevated ensuite chalets, built in the bush and decorated in traditional Swahili style, provide a stunning ocean views.



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.



Red Chilli Hideaway

Located on a purpose-built, 5-acre site in a peaceful suburb, the Red Chilli Hideaway offers affordable accommodation ranging from a campsite which we use for our overland safaris to private ensuite rooms for upgrades. Settle down for the day at the Hideaway's saltwater pool, self-catering kitchen, or restaurant & bar. The camp supports sustainable tourism and operates the Steve Willis Memorial Fund, whose proceeds go to providing clean drinking water in the Murchison Falls region.



East Africa Mission Organisation (EAMO)

Established in 1997 by Australian couple Ralph & May Spinks, EAMO is a registered charitable institution which houses hundreds of orphaned Kenyan children. Their goal is to provide these children with dedicated care, nutrition, and education. EAMO has been rapidly expanding over the last two decades, and relies entirely on the generosity of volunteers and sponsors to support its growth.

PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown are per person travelling. Single travellers will be paired up in tents with another person of the same sex. This safari also

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operates in reverse, from Dar es Salaam to Nairobi.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
01 May	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
15 May	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
29 May	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
12 Jun	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
26 Jun	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
10 Jul	USD 2,395	USD 2,395
24 Jul	USD 2,395	USD 2,395
07 Aug	USD 2,395	USD 2,395
21 Aug	USD 2,395	USD 2,395
04 Sep	USD 2,395	USD 2,395
18 Sep	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
02 Oct	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
16 Oct	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
30 Oct	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
13 Nov	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
27 Nov	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
11 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 2,295
25 Dec	USD 2,395	USD 2,395

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
23 Dec	USD 2,645	USD 4,840

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
08 Jan	USD 2,395	USD 4,590
22 Jan	USD 2,395	USD 4,590
05 Feb	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
19 Feb	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
04 Mar	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
18 Mar	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
01 Apr	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
15 Apr	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
29 Apr	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
13 May	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
27 May	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
10 Jun	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
24 Jun	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
08 Jul	USD 2,645	USD 4,840
22 Jul	USD 2,645	USD 4,840
05 Aug	USD 2,645	USD 4,840
19 Aug	USD 2,645	USD 4,840
02 Sep	USD 2,645	USD 4,840
16 Sep	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
30 Sep	USD 2,495	USD 4,690
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