

Wildlife, Falls and Beaches

27 days | Nairobi to Victoria Falls



Starting in Nairobi and ending at the thunderous Victoria Falls, take in some of Africa's best known national parks, including Lake Nakuru, the wildlife rich Masai Mara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater and Botswana's Chobe National Park. While enjoying some R&R basking on the beautiful beaches of Zanzibar and Lake Malawi.

- **Zanzibar:** (optional) Beautiful northern beaches & historic Stone Town (UNESCO-listed).
- **Malawi:** Lake Malawi, one of the African Great Lakes, with beautiful beaches, bays and inlets.
- **Zambia:** South Luangwa NP, Livingstone & Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia's gateway to Victoria Falls (optional).
- **Botswana:** Chobe National Park, famous for its herds of elephants.
- **Zimbabwe:** UNESCO Listed Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.

- Accommodation in Zanzibar
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities

Local Payment

USD\$1400, 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.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- **Kenya:** Nairobi, extend your stay to explore the sites. The Great Rift Valley. Lake Nakuru National Park and lake, famous for its flamingos. Meet the local children at the East African Mission Organisation. The Masai Mara, Kenya's finest wildlife reserve. Masai Mara tribal lands. Kericho and the Gussii Highlands.
- **Tanzania:** Musoma on the banks of Lake Victoria. Arusha, the safari gateway. UNESCO Listed Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater. Views of Mt Meru and Mt Kilimanjaro. Pangani, a historical coastal town. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city. Mikumi National Park (transit only).

What's Included

- 21 breakfasts, 21 lunches and 21 dinners
- Arrival transfer from Nairobi Airport
- 1st night Wildebeest Eco Camp, 22 nights camping.
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- Park entry and game drives - Nakuru NP, Masai Mara, Serengeti NP, Ngorongoro Crater, South Luangwa NP and Chobe NP
- Return ferry to Zanzibar
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Nairobi

Monday. Welcome to Nairobi! We'll be there to collect you at Nairobi Airport and transfer you to the Wildebeest Eco Camp. Tonight you will stay in shared dorms. There will be a pre departure meeting at 17.00. **Overnight - Nairobi**

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Day 2 : Masai Mara



Nairobi - Masai Mara. 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. The main section of road between Nairobi and the Reserve is in a very poor state, so be prepared for a rough ride! We arrive at our campsite, Acacia Camp in the evening.

Acacia Camp looks on to the Meguarra hills and the stream that meanders by on the bottom end forms a natural border to the Masai Mara National Reserve. The Reserve remains unfenced, allowing wildlife to roam freely across into the surrounding area and if they choose – through our own camp! No need to be afraid, as the local 'Askari' will keep a look out for any unwanted predators. **Overnight - Masai Mara** (L, D)

Day 3 : Masai Mara

Masai Mara NP. We depart shortly after sunrise on our game drive into the Masai Mara Reserve. The Masai Mara is well known as one 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 call 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". **Overnight - Masai Mara** (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Lake Nakuru



Masai Mara - Lake Nakuru. Leaving Masai Mara we head towards our first overnight stop in the area of Lake Nakuru National Park, where our overnight campsite will be at EAMO; East African Mission Organisation. We will have the chance to interact with the local kids as well as a chance to learn more about this wonderful organisation. **Overnight - Lake Nakuru** (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Lake Nakuru

This morning we begin our exploration of the Lake Nakuru National Park. The park was established as a sanctuary for black and white rhino, which are often seen. We spend the day searching for these pre-historic looking beasts as well as the elusive leopard, encountering buffalo, giraffe, various antelope and the occasional hippo along the way. After our game drive, we head to our campsite, arriving in the late afternoon. **Overnight - Lake Nakuru** (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Kisii & the Gusii Highlands



Masai Mara - Kisii/Kericho Area. After breakfast we leave Lake Nakuru and head to Kisii/Kericho passing through the picturesque tea plantations along the way. These towns are the main commercial centres in the Gusii Highlands, where cash crops like tea and coffee thrive because of its equatorial climate. We replenish our stocks before heading for Tanzania tomorrow. **Overnight - Kisii/Kericho Area** (B, L, D)

Day 7 : Musoma

Kisii/Kericho - Musoma. We depart Kenya and head south into Tanzania. After border formalities, our drive takes us through the scenic granite landscapes adjacent to Africa's largest lake – Lake Victoria. We spend the night at a campsite on the banks of Lake Victoria in the fishing town of Musoma. **Overnight - Musoma** (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Serengeti National Park



Musoma - Serengeti. Today we head to the Serengeti National Park, entering the park after lunch. The Serengeti (Masai for "endless plains") is famous for its enormous concentration of game (especially the big cats) and for the annual migration of millions of wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelles. The abundance of plains game in this area is truly astounding.

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We enter the park through the lesser travelled western corridor and game drive en-route to our campsite in the centre of the park. Tonight we bush camp (no ablutions) in the wild surrounded by the sounds of the African bushveld, pierced only by the calls of the nocturnal wildlife. **Overnight - Serengeti National Park** (B, L, D)

Day 9 : Ngorongoro Crater

Serengeti - Ngorongoro Crater. After an early start we pack up our camp and continue our game drive through the Serengeti National Park in search of the resident wildlife and head to the southern part of the park where we have the chance to see the endless plains this park is renowned for. With some luck, we may see some of Africa's 'Big 5'! We cross from the Serengeti to the Ngorongoro Conservation area at lunch time and begin our climb up the steep Crater edge. Tonight's camp (basic ablutions) on the crater rim sharply contrasts the warmer plains below - we suggest you bring your winter woollies as it can get very cold at night. **Overnight - Ngorongoro Crater** (B, L, D)

Day 10 : Arusha



Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha. The Ngorongoro Crater with its 600 m high walls and 20 km width is a natural marvel. The Crater's rim offers spectacular views, but the true scale of this caldera is only appreciated from the floor itself where the abundance of its animal inhabitants becomes apparent. It is home to nearly every species of African animal and offers a chance to view an incredible concentration of East African mammals, such as elephant, rhino, buffalo, hippo, lion and plain's game. After spending the morning game driving in The Crater we continue to our campsite outside Arusha where we spend the evening musing over our thrilling wildlife experience. **Overnight - Arusha** (B, L, D)

Day 11 : Pangani

Arusha - Pangani. This morning we continue our journey towards Dar es Salaam. On the way we drive through the town of Moshi situated at the magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro - Africa's highest mountain. 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! We pass through vast sisal plantations surrounded by The Usambara and Pare Mountain ranges, before reaching our lovely campsite nestled between these mountains, midway between Arusha and Dar es Salaam. **Overnight - Pangani** (B, L, D)

Day 12 : Dar es Salaam

Pangani - Dar es Salaam. Today we continue on to Dar es Salaam. Travelling through lush scenery and palm trees, we near the warm Indian Ocean. Upon 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 : Zanzibar



Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar (optional). A ferry from Dar Es Salaam takes us to 'Spice Island', where we have the option to spend the next three nights.* Zanzibar is steeped in history and offers a wealth of experiences. Wander the streets of Stone Town, take an excursion around a spice plantation or simply laze on one of the pristine white sandy beaches, the choice is yours! **Accommodation is not provided on Zanzibar, allowing you the freedom to choose where you spend your time on the island. Your trip leader can arrange accommodation for you locally should you wish.**

* For those opting not to visit Zanzibar, 3 days can be spent at leisure at the beach campsite or exploring Dar Es Salaam. **Overnight - Zanzibar (optional) or Dar Es Salaam** (B:1)

Day 16 : Dar es Salaam

Zanzibar - Dar es Salaam. Leaving Zanzibar in the afternoon, we return to the mainland and another night in Dar es Salaam. **Overnight - Dar es Salaam** (D)

Day 17 : Iringa

Dar es Salaam - Iringa. This morning we leave Dar es Salaam and head south. 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. We travel towards Iringa where we spend the night in a beautiful rustic campsite famous for its Amarula Hot Chocolates and its steamy showers!

Overnight - Iringa (B, L, D)

Days 18-20 : Lake Malawi



Iringa - Lake Malawi (Malawi). Winding our way through the beauty of the Tukuyu tea and banana plantations, we travel into Malawi, a landlocked country with 20% of its total area made up of beautiful Lake Malawi. We travel the length of the western side of the lake, stopping off at various bays and inlets 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. **Overnight - Lake Malawi** (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 21 : Chipata

Lake Malawi - Chipata. We head away from Lake Malawi, and stop off in the capital, Lilongwe, a small city distinctively divided into the old town and the new administrative centre, to stock up on supplies before crossing into Zambia where we spend the night in a beautiful little campsite just 10 km after the Malawi/Zambia border.

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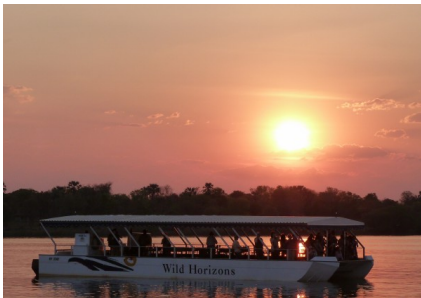
Overnight - Chipata (B, L, D)

Days 22-23 : Luangwa

Chipata - Luangwa. Today we head towards South Luangwa National Park. This breath taking park is situated on the Luangwa River in the Eastern part of Zambia, and it is the southernmost of three national parks in this region. 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.

Leaving the park on day 18 we make our way down south. 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. **Overnight - Luangwa** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 24 : Livingstone



Luangwa - Livingstone. Heading further south, we journey through the southern Zambian towns mostly supporting local agriculture and farming on our way to Livingstone. The Victoria Falls or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders) is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and it's not difficult to see why. 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! The Falls can be viewed from the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia - a fantastic photo opportunity.

Tonight we have the option of enjoying a sunset dinner cruise on the mighty Zambezi.

Overnight - Livingstone (B, L, D)

Day 25 : Chobe National Park

Livingstone - Kasane (Botswana). Today we cross the border into Botswana and continue to the town of Kasane, on the banks of the Chobe River which forms a border between Zambia, Namibia and Botswana. 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.

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

Day 26 : Victoria Falls

Chobe - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe). 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. Crossing the border into Zimbabwe, a short drive takes us 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. We enjoy our last day in the adrenaline playground of Africa, where there are optional activities aplenty here including Zambezi white water rafting, bungee jumping from 111m and flights over the Falls in a variety of airborne machines! **Overnight - Victoria Falls** (B)

Day 27 : Victoria Falls

Saturday. Our adventure ends after breakfast today. We suggest booking additional days after your trip to take advantage of the optional excursions available at Victoria Falls including bungee jumping, scenic flights over the falls and white water rafting.(B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

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

dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons.

PRICES / DATES 2017

Date	Twin Share	Single
19 Jun	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
03 Jul	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
17 Jul	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
31 Jul	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
14 Aug	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
28 Aug	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
11 Sep	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
25 Sep	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
09 Oct	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
23 Oct	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
06 Nov	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
20 Nov	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
04 Dec	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
18 Dec	USD 3,775	USD 3,775

PRICES / DATES 2018

Date	Twin Share	Single
01 Jan	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
15 Jan	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
29 Jan	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
12 Feb	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
26 Feb	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
12 Mar	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
26 Mar	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
09 Apr	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
23 Apr	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
07 May	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
21 May	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
04 Jun	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
18 Jun	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
02 Jul	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
16 Jul	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
30 Jul	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
13 Aug	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
27 Aug	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
10 Sep	USD 3,775	USD 3,775
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