Wildlife Express Northbound

22 days | Victoria Falls to Nairobi

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**HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS**

**Trip Highlights**
- **Zimbabwe:** UNESCO Listed Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.
- **Botswana:** Chobe National Park, famous for its herds of elephants. Boat cruise along the Chobe River.
- **Zambia:** Livingstone & South Luangwa National Park. Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia's gateway to Victoria Falls (optional).
- **Malawi:** Lake Malawi, one of the African Great Lakes, with beautiful beaches, bays and inlets.
- **Zanzibar:** 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. Mikumi National Park (transit only).

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

**What's Included**
- Arrival transfer from Victoria Falls Airport on day 1
- 1st night dorm/camping in Victoria Falls and 17 nights camping, tents and sleeping mats provided
- 18 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 16 dinners
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- Ngorongoro NP, Serengeti NP, Chobe NP & South Luangwa Park - park entry & game drives
- 3 night Zanzibar Excursion including ferry transfer, accommodation, Spice Tour and Dhow Sunset Cruise
- All road taxes and tolls

**What's Not Included**
- International flights and visas
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities

**Local Payment**
$1450pp, paid in USD
The local payment is a cost per person which needs to be paid in US Dollars cash only.

**ITINERARY**

**Day 1 : Victoria Falls**
Saturday. Upon arrival at Victoria Falls airport we will meet you and take you to your campsite in Victoria Falls and your pre departure meeting will be here at 1700hrs this evening. **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

**Day 2 : Victoria Falls**

Today is a free day to explore and take advantage of the myriad of activities that Victoria Falls has to offer. The Falls themselves are one of the most amazing sites on any trip to Africa - standing at over 1700 metres wide and over 100 metres high these...
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falls are the largest sheet of falling water in the world.  **Overnight - Victoria Falls (B)**

**Day 3 : Chobe National Park**
Victoria Falls - Chobe NP (Botswana). We depart Victoria Falls for Botswana today and our first stop is Kasane - the gateway to Chobe National Park. This afternoon we pack our bags for our included overnight excursion to the Chobe - Botswana’s premier game park. We will spend the afternoon on the lookout for wildlife as we game drive to our camp within the park for an evening surrounded by the nocturnal noises of the resident wildlife.  **Overnight - Chobe National Park (B, L, D)**

**Day 4 : Livingstone**

Chobe NP - Livingstone (Zambia). Leaving the park this morning we return to Kasane and depart for Livingstone in Zambia where we can head back to Victoria Falls - this time on the Zambian side.  **Overnight - Livingstone (B, D)**

**Day 5 : Lusaka area**

Livingstone - Lusaka area. We are early risers today as we head through southern Zambia to our campsite near the capital Lusaka.  **Overnight - Lusaka area (B, L, D)**

**Days 6-7 : South Luangwa NP**

Lusaka area - South Luangwa National Park. Today we travel to South Luangwa National Park - one of Zambia’s best game spotting area. Opened in 1938 it covers 9000 square km and is inhabited by elephants, buffalo and giraffe as well as the water dwelling crocodiles and hippos.  **Overnight - South Luangwa National Park (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

**Days 8-10 : Lake Malawi Beaches**
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.  **Overnight - Lake Malawi Beaches (3) (B:3, L:3, D:3)**

**Day 11 : Iringa**
Lake Malawi Beaches - Iringa (Tanzania). Leaving Malawi behind us we enter Tanzania at the Songwe border post. Our journey today takes us through the beautiful Tukuyu tea and banana plantations before we arrive our campsite for the night - the Farmhouse in Iringa - well known for its famous Amarula Hot Chocolate!  **Overnight - Iringa (B, L, D)**

**Day 12 : Dar es Salaam**
Iringa - Dar es Salaam. Our journey today takes us thorough Mikumi National Park as we travel up to Dar Es Salaam. It is not uncommon to see elephants and giraffe crossing the main road in front of the regular traffic. Be prepared for some heavy traffic as we enter Dar Es Salaam - but the people watching can be very entertaining! Our campsite for the evening is by the sea before we depart for Zanzibar tomorrow.  **Overnight - Dar es Salaam (B, L, D)**

**Days 13-15 : Zanzibar**

Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar. We take the ferry over to Zanzibar for our 3 night stay on the Spice Island! 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.  **Overnight - Zanzibar (B:1)**

**Day 16 : Zanzibar**

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

**Days 17-18 : Arusha**
Dar es Salaam - Pangani - Arusha. Over the next two days we continue north stopping off one night in the coastal town of Pangani before continuing to Arusha - our base for our trip into the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.  **Overnight - Pangani (1) Arusha (1) (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

**Days 19-21 : Serengeti & Ngorongoro**

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Our Serengeti and Ngorongoro excursion takes us via Mtu Wa Mbu (Mosquito River) that lies adjacent to the Lake Manyara National Park and Karatu. Karatu has beautiful views over the surrounding hills. Our campsite this evening is in Karatu. The following morning we enter the Ngorongoro Conservation area and Ngorongoro Crater. This World Heritage Site boasts some of the best game viewing in Africa – including the elusive Black Rhino.

After our game drive in the Crater, we continue past the ‘Cradle of Mankind’ as we head to the Serengeti. Crossing the vast plains we game drive through the southern and central parts of the park. Tonight we bush camp (no ablutions) in the wild surrounded by the African wilderness. In the morning we take another game drive in search of the ‘Big 5’!

Later we head back to our truck at Arusha, where we spend the evening musing over our amazing wildlife experience.

Overnight - Karatu (1) Serengeti (1) Arusha (1) (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 22 : Nairobi

Arusha - Nairobi (Kenya). Today we cross the border into Kenya and our final destination Nairobi. (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.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Shearwater Explorers Village

Situated in the bohemian town of Victoria Falls, and 400m from the Falls themselves, the affordable accommodation at the Shearwater Explorers Village consists of 5 campsites with modern bathroom facilities, and 16 chalets with en-suite showers and A/C. Shearwater operates a range of activities at the Falls, from bungee jumping to river rafting - and when the day is over, guests can wind down with Wi-Fi in the lounge areas, a drink by the pool, or even a back rub in the massage tent.

Victoria Falls Rest Camp

Located a stone’s throw away from the Artist village & Elephant Walk Shopping is the Victoria Falls Rest Camp. Offering camping and dorm room accommodation, this camp features a year-round outdoor pool and barbecue facilities. Daily continental or cooked breakfast is served at the in-house restaurant, which also offers a variety of local African dishes. Wi-fi is available and some units feature equipped kitchens.

Croc Valley Camp

Croc Valley Camp is located on the banks of the Luangwa River, and provides accommodation ranging from riverfront tents to ensuite chalets, built on stilts to avoid the off-season floods. Watch elephants roam across the campsite, experience a game drive through South Luangwa National Park, or relax with a gin & tonic at the bar. The camp also features a large outdoor pool, kitchen facilities, and daily laundry service.

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 gender.

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