

East Africa Encompassed

16 days | Nairobi to Dar es Salaam



Go wild on this game viewing adventure through the best of East Africa's reserves. From Kenya's Rift Valley lakes and the Masai Mara to the vast plains of the Serengeti in Tanzania and then relax on the idyllic island of Zanzibar.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Lake Nakuru National Park and its lake. Meet the local children at the East African Mission Organisation.
- The Masai Mara, one of Kenya's finest wildlife reserves and the Masai tribal lands
- The Great Rift Valley Escarpment
- Serengeti National Park, Tanzania's oldest and most famous park
- Ngorongoro Crater, a large unbroken caldera which is a haven for wildlife
- Musoma - fishing town of the banks of Lake Victoria
- Kericho and the Gussii Highlands
- Views of Mount Kilimanjaro & Mount Meru
- Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city
- Zanzibar - Pristine beaches & historic Stone Town (UNESCO-listed).

What's Included

- 11 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 11 dinners

- 1st night dormitory accommodation at Kenya Comfort Hotel, 11 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided
- 3 night Zanzibar Excursion including ferry transfer, accommodation, Spice Tour and Dhow Sunset Cruise
- Arrival transfer from Nairobi Airport
- Park entry and game drives - Nakuru NP, Masai Mara, Ngorongoro NP and Serengeti NP
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- 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

\$1620pp, 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 : Nairobi

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

Day 2 : Masai Mara

Nairobi - Masai Mara. After breakfast we continue on to the Masai Mara National Reserve. 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

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'Askari' will keep a look out for any unwanted predators. **Overnight - Masai Mara** (L, D)

Day 3 : Masai Mara



Masai Mara. 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. After breakfast we make our way to Nakuru - 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)

Day 5 : Lake Nakuru



Lake Nakuru NP. 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 back to camp arriving in the late afternoon. **Overnight - Lake Nakuru** (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Kisii & the Gusii Highlands

Lake Nakuru - Kisii/Kericho Area. After breakfast we leave the Masai Mara 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. 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

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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. 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! **Overnight - Zanzibar** (B:1)

Day 16 : Dar es Salaam

Zanzibar - Dar es Salaam. Leaving Zanzibar in the afternoon, we return to the mainland. Arrival back to camp is usually in the late afternoon, or early evening, when our adventure comes to an end.

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.

Kenya Comfort Hotel

Comfortable dormitory accommodation in central Nairobi (upgrades available on request). The Kenya Comfort Hotel also features an outdoor pool, restaurant serving a good array of local and international dishes as well as a fully stocked bar - perfect for relaxing before or after your epic overland adventure.



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.



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.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
21 Oct	AUD 3,395	AUD 3,395
04 Nov	AUD 3,395	AUD 3,395
18 Nov	AUD 3,395	AUD 3,395
02 Dec	AUD 3,395	AUD 3,395
16 Dec	AUD 3,445	AUD 3,445

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
13 Jan	AUD 3,945	AUD 7,290
10 Feb	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
09 Mar	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740

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PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
06 Apr	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
04 May	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
01 Jun	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
15 Jun	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
29 Jun	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
13 Jul	AUD 4,495	AUD 7,840
27 Jul	AUD 4,495	AUD 7,840
10 Aug	AUD 4,495	AUD 7,840
24 Aug	AUD 4,495	AUD 7,840
07 Sep	AUD 4,495	AUD 7,840
21 Sep	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
05 Oct	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
19 Oct	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
02 Nov	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
16 Nov	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
30 Nov	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
14 Dec	AUD 4,395	AUD 7,740
28 Dec	AUD 4,495	AUD 7,840

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