

## Northern Express

30 days - Johannesburg to Nairobi

South Africa - Namibia - Botswana - Zimbabwe - Zambia - Malawi - Tanzania



Johannesburg is a city in South Africa's Gauteng Province. Johannesburg budget travel makes it easy to experience one of the country's premier cities without breaking the bank.

### Top destinations visited on this tour

Lake Malawi - Iringa - Dar Es Salaam - Zanzibar Island - Arusha - Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area - Nairobi - Johannesburg - Kalahari Desert - Ghanzi - Maun - Okavango Delta - Gweta - Kasane - Victoria Falls - Lusaka - Chipata - South Luangwa National Park

## Tour Price

Price: +

**Local Payment:** Local Payment is a portion of your total tour cost which is paid locally to your Crew, in cash, at the beginning of your tour.

**Tour Length:** 30 Days  
**Vehicle:** Overland Truck

**Crew:** 2 crew {vehicle\_cook}  
**Meals:** 28 Breakfasts, 25 Lunches, 26 Dinners  
**Tour Code:** JN(A)29-13

## Tour Itinerary



### Day 1, Johannesburg to Kalahari Desert

Leaving behind the city of Johannesburg, we travel through the North-West Province to the Botswana border. After completing border formalities we continue on the Trans-Kalahari highway to our overnight stop.

### Day 2, Kalahari Desert to Ghanzi

After breakfast we venture deeper into the Central Kalahari and our camp in the Ghanzi district, here we will spend time getting to know the fascinating San people



### Day 3, Ghanzi to Maun

This morning we bid farewell to the San and make our way to Maun, gateway to the Okavango Delta. There will be time this afternoon for those who wish to enjoy an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta.



### Day 4, Maun to Okavango Delta

This morning we head to the airport, jump into our planes and head into the Delta where we are based for the next 2 days.



### Day 5, Okavango Delta

Early morning and late afternoon game walks give you time in the middle of the day to relax, chill out and enjoy your surroundings. Why don't you have a go at poling your own mokoro? It is not as easy as it looks!



### Day 6, Okavango Delta to Gweta via (Maun)

We are transferred out of the Delta to meet back up with our truck before a short drive takes us to our interesting overnight stop on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park.



### Day 7, Gweta to Kasane

Our drive today takes us through and around the Makgadikgadi and Nxai Pans before we turn north towards the Chobe National Park. The afternoon can be spent on a scenic boat cruise on the Chobe River.

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#### **Day 8, Kasane to Victoria Falls**

After a hearty brunch we make our way into Zimbabwe and to Victoria Falls. Approx 1700 m wide and 100 m high, Victoria Falls is a memorable sight! Take part in one of the many adventure activities or relax by the pool.



#### **Day 9, Victoria Falls**

Spend today walking around this little town with its BIG waterfall, rest by the pool, write your postcards, shop or chill out at a little cafe. If that sounds too relaxing then finish off the adventure activities you haven't tried yet!



#### **Day 10, Victoria Falls to Lusaka**

After the wonder of misty Victoria Falls we head off towards the bustling Zambian capital of Lusaka.



#### **Day 11, Lusaka to Chipata**

We journey from bustling Lusaka to our overnight stop situated just a few kilometers from the Malawi/Zambia border.



#### **Day 12 to 13, Chipata to South Luangwa National Park**

After an early start we drive to the South Luangwa National Park and spend 2 nights beside the Luangwa River. There is a good chance that you might see some of the park's high concentration of leopard and hippo. A visit to the community run tribal textile project and a local village is also planned. NB: In the rainy season occasionally it is impossible to reach South Luangwa NP. If this happens an alternative itinerary will run.



#### **Day 14, South Luangwa National Park**

South Luangwa National Park is a world-class safari destination and we have a full day to explore the park in search of the variety of wildlife found in the park



#### **Day 15, South Luangwa National Park to Lake Malawi**

Leaving the bustling city behind we travel to the shores of glorious Lake Malawi.



#### **Day 16, to Lake Malawi**

The huge Lake Malawi stretches as far as you can see as you drive along the western coastline. Other than the beautiful views, spend some time taking up some of the many water based activities on offer or trip into a local village to meet some real 'salt of the earth' Malawians.



#### **Day 17 to 18, Lake Malawi**

Today you can spend some time taking up some of the many water based activities on offer, trip into a local village or relax on the beach and read your book.



#### **Day 19, Lake Malawi to Iringa**

After entering Tanzania our scenic drive takes in the beauty of the tea and banana plantations before arriving in Iringa at the 'Farmhouse'. Try out those decadent Amarula hot chocolates!



#### **Day 20 to 21, Iringa to Dar Es Salaam**

Today we pass through the Mikumi National Park en-route to our seaside campsite in Dar es Salaam where we get prepared for our departure to Zanzibar the next morning. The rolling hills and beautifully straight rows of the tea plantations give way to the bush and plains of Mikumi National Park before we reach the bustling city of Dar. Keep an eye out for Elephant calmly grazing beside the road.



#### **Day 22, Dar Es Salaam to Zanzibar Island**

An early ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to this exotic "Spice Island", where we will spend the next few nights. Zanzibar is steeped in history which is reflected in the varied architecture of Stone Town while further north you can relax on the white sand beaches or scuba dive in the clear warm water.



#### **Day 23 to 24, Zanzibar Island**

Zanzibar offers a wealth of experiences for the visitor. The quiet streets of the old Stone Town still retain their Arabic influence. With pretty Medina-like shops, the palaces of the Sultans, its spices, tours around a spice plantation - there is something for everyone on this island. You can even hire a motorbike and explore the more remote areas of Zanzibar.



#### **Day 25, Zanzibar Island to Dar Es Salaam**

We take the ferry back to mainland for another night in Dar es Salaam. Time permitting there may be an opportunity to visit one of the local craft markets offering a large range of exquisite products (where prices depend on your bargaining skills).



#### **Day 26 to 27, Dar Es Salaam to Arusha**

Leaving behind the hustle and bustle of Dar es Salaam we pass numerous sisal plantations and Mt Kilimanjaro before reaching our destination near Arusha.



#### **Day 28, Arusha to Serengeti National Park**

From Arusha you have the option of visiting the famous Serengeti National Park. You will depart Arusha in the morning with your vehicles and guides, if you take up the two-night/three day option. From Arusha you drive through the Masai town of Mtu Wa Mbu (Mosquito River) and up into the Ngorongoro Nature Reserve for a glimpse of the Ngorongoro Crater. Then you descend down onto the vast plains of the Serengeti. The abundance of plains game has never stopped to surprise anyone entering this wildlife heaven. The afternoon will be spent game spotting before setting up camp in the midst of the park. A camp fire and the night time noises of the wildlife finish off a day in one of East Africa's most famous game parks!



#### **Day 29, Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Conservation Area**

An absolute 'must do' when in Tanzania. Pass through the 'Cradle of Mankind' and the Rift Valley whilst enjoying one of the best game viewing opportunities Africa has to offer. An early start takes us off for a full morning game drive in the Serengeti. We head back towards Ngorongoro where we sleep on the Crater's edge. We suggest you wear your winter woollies as it can get pretty cold on the rim of the crater during night times.



#### **Day 30, Ngorongoro Conservation Area to Arusha**

This morning we descend into the Ngorongoro Crater with its 600 metre walls. This Garden of Eden is 20-kilometre wide and a true natural wonder. The size 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 great photo opportunities of most of East Africa's mammals, such as Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo, Hippo, Lion, and plain's game. After spending the morning in the Ngorongoro Crater you will return to our overnight stop near Arusha for the night.



#### **Day 31, Arusha to Nairobi**

Time for some shopping in Arusha this morning before a short drive returns us to Nairobi where our tour ends on arrival.

## Optional Highlights

These highlight(s) are optional activities which you can do on your trip. We have supplied indicative prices so you can plan your spending money accordingly:

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## Departure Dates

Start - End

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## Before and After Your Trip

Your pre-departure meeting starts at To be confirmed upon booking at the To be advised upon booking at the To be confirmed upon booking at the To be advised upon booking.

Your trip departs from the To be confirmed upon booking at the To be advised upon booking at To be confirmed upon booking at the To be advised upon booking. We suggest you get there 15 minutes before to avoid delays.

Your trip ends at/in To be confirmed upon booking at the To be advised upon booking on To be confirmed upon booking at the To be advised upon booking. Please note end times are approximated.

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