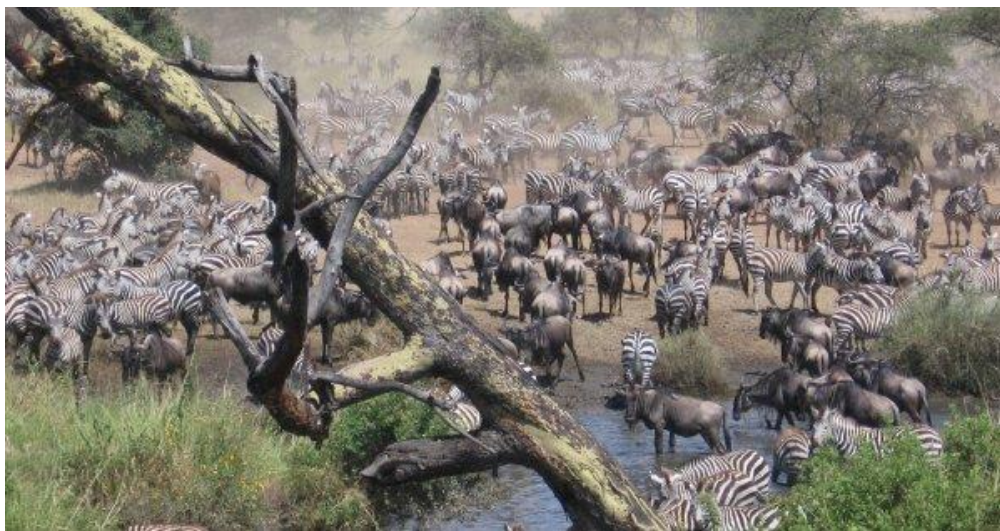


Southern Safari

4 week - Nairobi to Johannesburg

Kenya - Tanzania - Malawi - Zambia - Botswana - South Africa



Take part in this southbound African adventure from Nairobi to Johannesburg! Experience game drives in Kenya and Tanzania, the beaches of Zanzibar, the thunderous Victoria Falls and the Big 5 in Kruger National Park.

Top Destinations visited on this tour

Nairobi - Masai Mara - Arusha - Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area - Dar Es Salaam - Zanzibar Island - Iringa - Lake Malawi - Lilongwe - Chipata - Lusaka - Livingstone - Kasane - Nata - Palapye - Kruger National Park

Tour Price

Price: ZAR 15150 + US\$ 1025

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: 31 days

Meals: 26 Breakfasts, 22 Lunches, 23 Dinners

Crew: 2 crew

Vehicle: Overland Truck

Tour Code: NJ31-15

Tour Itinerary



Day 1 : Nairobi to Masai Mara. We depart from the bustling city of Nairobi and leave for our first viewpoint where we stop to overlook the Great African Rift Valley. We then descend into the valley and enter Masai land. The Masai, habitual pastoralists are seen quite regularly on the side of the road as they tend their cattle. We arrive at our campsite in the early evening in time to enjoy sunset over the plains of the Masai Mara.



Day 2 : Masai Mara. We will look for the infamous Big 5 as well as the plentiful plains game and birdlife on our game drives. You will see this 'garden of Eden' in a state nature intended it to be, rolling hills, huge plains, and an abundance of game matched no where else on earth. Buffalo, elephant, lion, cheetah, zebra, wildebeest, waterbuck just to name a few of the animals that inhabit this wild wonderland. Sitting around a campfire listening to the bush sounds, whilst watching the sun set is the perfect way to finish a day's game viewing in the Mara.



Day 3 : Masai Mara to Nairobi. Leaving the Masai Mara, we head out of the surrounding area where we still catch a glimpse of the game that has migrated into the Masai land region. We reach Nairobi in the late afternoon.



Day 4 : Nairobi to Arusha. After a short but somewhat bumpy trip we cross the border at Namanga, enter Tanzania and continue to Arusha in the heart of Masai lands. This pleasant town is situated at the base of Mount Meru and is the starting point for your optional excursion to Ngorongoro Crater and/or Serengeti National Park.



Day 5 : 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 6 : Serengeti National Park. Our day is spent game driving through the Serengeti National Park.



Day 7 : 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 8 : 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 9 : Arusha to Dar Es Salaam. On our way to Dar es Salaam we pass through a number of small villages, towns and sisal plantations. The temperature becomes noticeably hotter as we get closer to Dar es Salaam.



Day 10 : Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar. 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 11 to 13 : 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 14 : 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 15 : Dar Es Salaam to Iringa. Today we head deeper into Tanzania. Passing through Mikumi National Park we might be lucky and view a fair amount of wildlife from our truck. We spend the night at the Old Farmhouse, a beautiful rustic spot in rural Tanzania. Try one of their famous Amarula hot chocolates!



Day 16 : Iringa to Lake Malawi. The following morning we head for Malawi passing through some gorgeous rolling hills, and beautiful tea and rubber plantations before exiting Tanzania.



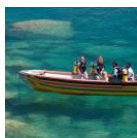
Day 17 : Lake Malawi. The huge Lake Malawi stretches as far as you can see as you drive along the western coastline. Other than the beautiful views, spend some time taking up some of the many water based activities on offer or trip into a local village to meet some real 'salt of the earth' Malawians.



Day 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. Other than water activities, scuba diving, visits to local villages or relaxing on the beach there is also time for some shopping! Locally made crafts are often beautifully turned out and reasonably priced. Don't forget to check your home country's rules regarding importing these products before you buy. Bartering with the locals is expected!



Day 20 : Lake Malawi to Lilongwe. During our visit in Lilongwe we will go shopping for African curios while the crew stocks up on supplies.



Day 21 : Lilongwe to Chipata. A short trip today as we leave the busy city of Lilongwe, cross the border into Zambia, and stop for the night at the small town of Chipata.



Day 22 : Chipata to Lusaka. We cross the landlocked country of Zambia, passing through the capital Lusaka where we spend the night. The campsite is home to some local wildlife and has nice facilities available to us.



Day 23 : Lusaka to Livingstone. Heading off early this morning to Livingstone. One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World - Victoria Falls - is a sight to behold and it's not difficult to see why. An option for tonight is a sunset dinner cruise on the mighty Zambezi while watching the sun go down and the wildlife come out to drink - stunning!



Day 24 : Livingstone. With a day full of adventure, be sure not to miss the Bungee from Victoria Falls bridge, World class White Water rafting or abseil down Batoka Gorge. For the less adventurous there is horse back safaris, elephant back safaris, and the ever popular 'Flight of the Angels'.



Day 25 : Livingstone. Our day is at leisure to explore the town of David Livingstone and experience some of the many activities.



Day 26 : Livingstone to Kasane. A short drive, but potentially a long border crossing today as we make our way from Livingstone into Botswana to the small town of Kasane, on the border of Chobe National Park.



Day 27 : Kasane to Nata (via Francistown). Heading south across Botswana's desert plains, we travel through the frontier town of Francistown on our way to tonight's stop at Nata.



Day 28 : Nata to Palapye. We continue south and east as we make our way towards South Africa spending tonight close to the border near Palapye.



Day 29 : Palapye to Kruger National Park. Once through the border, we travel across the top of South Africa towards Kruger National Park. The Greater Kruger region combines the Kruger National Park and outlying private game reserves which used to be separated by a fence. Now the fences are gone, this region boasts an area of over 24,000 sq.km. More than enough space for our game drives!



Day 30 : Kruger National Park. Game Drives and animal spotting take up our day with the odd stop for lunch or a swim if the weather allows.



Day 31 : Kruger National Park to Johannesburg. An opportunity for an early morning game drive before we return to Johannesburg and the end of our tour.

Included Highlights

These 2 highlight(s) are included in your tour cost.

- **Kruger National Park Game Drive**
- **Masai Cultural Village**

Optional Highlights

These 30 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:

- **Arusha Camel Rides** - \$75
- **Chobe National Park Game Drive** - \$40
- **Chobe Sunset Boat Cruise** - \$60
- **Dhow Fishing Trip - Zanzibar** - \$35
- **Domwe Island Excursion** - \$15
- **Kande Beach Horse Riding** - \$90
- **Kande Beach Scuba Diving** - \$45
- **Kande Beach Water Sports Equipment**
- **Kruger National Park Game Walk** - \$45
- **Kruger National Park Night Drive** - \$160
- **Masai Mara Hot Air Balloon Ride** - \$450
- **Moped Hire - Zanzibar** - \$70
- **Ngorongoro Crater Excursion**
- **Nungwe Snorkel Trip** - \$35
- **PADI Dive Course - Zanzibar** - \$500
- **Serengeti National Park Hot Air Balloon Ride** - \$550
- **Stone Town City Tour** - \$45
- **Stone Town Spice Tour** - \$25
- **Victoria Falls Adrenaline Day** - \$140
- **Victoria Falls Bungee Jump** - \$105
- **Victoria Falls Elephant Ride** - \$130
- **Victoria Falls Flight of Angels** - \$120
- **Victoria Falls Helicopter Flight** - \$130
- **Victoria Falls Horse Rides** - \$75
- **Victoria Falls Microlight Flight** - \$120
- **Victoria Falls Rhino Walk** - \$115
- **Walk with the Lions - Victoria Falls** - \$130
- **White Water Rafting on the Zambezi River** - \$130
- **Zambezi Gorge Swing** - \$65
- **Zambezi River Sunset Dinner Cruise** - \$80

General Notes

The age restriction for this trip is 18 - 39. Should your age fall out of this bracket, please enquire for alternative options.

Zanzibar ferry and shared accommodation on the island is included in your trip cost however meals are for your own expense.

The Masai Mara excursion is included.

Departure Dates

Start - End	Start - End	Start - End
03 Jun 2012 - 03 Jul 2012	09 Sep 2012 - 09 Oct 2012	30 Dec 2012 - 29 Jan 2013
10 Jun 2012 - 10 Jul 2012	16 Sep 2012 - 16 Oct 2012	13 Jan 2013 - 12 Feb 2013
17 Jun 2012 - 17 Jul 2012	23 Sep 2012 - 23 Oct 2012	27 Jan 2013 - 26 Feb 2013
24 Jun 2012 - 24 Jul 2012	30 Sep 2012 - 30 Oct 2012	10 Feb 2013 - 12 Mar 2013
01 Jul 2012 - 31 Jul 2012	07 Oct 2012 - 06 Nov 2012	24 Feb 2013 - 26 Mar 2013
08 Jul 2012 - 07 Aug 2012	14 Oct 2012 - 13 Nov 2012	10 Mar 2013 - 09 Apr 2013

15 Jul 2012 - 14 Aug 2012
22 Jul 2012 - 21 Aug 2012
29 Jul 2012 - 28 Aug 2012
05 Aug 2012 - 04 Sep 2012
12 Aug 2012 - 11 Sep 2012
19 Aug 2012 - 18 Sep 2012
26 Aug 2012 - 25 Sep 2012
02 Sep 2012 - 02 Oct 2012

21 Oct 2012 - 20 Nov 2012
28 Oct 2012 - 27 Nov 2012
04 Nov 2012 - 04 Dec 2012
11 Nov 2012 - 11 Dec 2012
18 Nov 2012 - 18 Dec 2012
02 Dec 2012 - 01 Jan 2013
16 Dec 2012 - 15 Jan 2013

24 Mar 2013 - 23 Apr 2013
07 Apr 2013 - 07 May 2013
21 Apr 2013 - 21 May 2013
05 May 2013 - 04 Jun 2013
19 May 2013 - 18 Jun 2013
02 Jun 2013 - 02 Jul 2013
16 Jun 2013 - 16 Jul 2013

Before and After Your Trip

Your pre-departure meeting starts at 18h00 day before departure at the Boulevard Hotel Harry Thuku Rd Nairobi .

Your trip departs from the Boulevard Hotel Harry Thuku Rd Nairobi at 08h00 on Day 1. We suggest you get there 15 minutes before to avoid delays.

Your trip ends at/in Backpackers Ritz 1A North Rd Dunkeld West Johannesburg on Late afternoon on Day 31. Please note end times are aproximated.

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