

Western Trans Africa Expedition

154 days - London to Cape Town

England - Morocco - Mauritania - Mali - Burkina Faso - Ghana - Benin - Cameroon - Congo - DRC - Angola - Namibia



London is the famous capital of England. London backpacking tours remain one of the most popular travel experiences in the world.

Top destinations visited on this tour

London - Chefchaouen - Fez - Rabat - Essaouira - Nouakchott - Bamako - Bandiagara - Ouagadougou - Accra - Ganvie - Limbe - Yaounde - Pointe Noire - Matadi - Luanda - Namibe - Lubango - Ondangwa - Swakopmund - Orange River - Namibia - Cape Town

Tour Price

Price: GBP 4975 + USD 1480

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: 22 Weeks

Vehicle: Overland Truck

Crew: 2 crew {vehicle_cook}

Meals:

Tour Code: LONCT-08

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Tour Itinerary



Day 1 to 7, London to Chefchaouen via (Tangier)

Start the Ultimate Trans Africa 'trip of a lifetime' with a flight to Gibraltar or Spain to meet the truck, before crossing into Morocco. Visit the Riff Mountains and the small town of Chefchaouen before trying out a hammam bath house to get you in the West African mood.



Day 8 to 14, Chefchaouen to Fez via (Volubilis)

The roman city of Volubilis awaits and we spend some time wandering this ancient town before heading off to Fez with its huge bazaar, dye pits and jam-packed alleys.



Day 15 to 21, Fez to Rabat

After the colour and bustle of Fez we travel to Rabat and spend a few days organising our visa's.



Day 22 to 28, Rabat to Essaouira via (Marrakech)

With our visa's organised we leave Rabat and travel up to the Todra Gorge, Sarhro Mountains and the Draa Valley to Marrakech. This town comes alive at night and we can check out the busy main square.

We drive to the coast for a few days before crossing into Mauritania.



Day 29 to 35, Essaouira to Nouakchott

Civilisation is left behind as we head into the remote (and hot!) parts of Mauritania. Soft sand, digging out the truck, no shops, no roads and the complete desert environment put us to the test - are you tough enough?! We arrive in the tiny capital of Nouakchott and will have a short break.



Day 36 to 42, Nouakchott to Bamako

Heading inland we cross into Mali - one of the poorest countries on Earth. Terrible roads make for a nice slow drive through some villages and will give you a peek at the local culture and environment.

Arriving in Bamako is a real culture shock after the last week or so. A cold beer, fresh fruit and vege from the markets, clubs, pubs and live music await.



Day 43 to 49, Bamako to Bandiagara

After restocking our supplies we travel alongside the Niger River through Mopti and Djenne before arriving at the remote Bandiagara Escarpment. Taking a hike out to one of the Dogon villages in the area is a fantastic experience!



Day 50 to 63, Bandiagara to Ouagadougou

After a couple of days hiking through the cliffside villages of the Dogon our trip continues into Burkina Faso and we spend some time around its capital, Ouagadougou.



Day 64 to 77, Ouagadougou to Accra

Enjoy some of the best music in Africa before we leave Burkina Faso behind us and travel into Ghana. After some game driving through the Mole National Park we camp near Accra for a few days and relax on the beach.



Day 78 to 85, Accra to Ganvie

Travelling through Togo and Benin doesn't take long as they are on 80 kms wide! 'Thinking outside the box' has new meaning when you see the Ganvie village - built on stilts in the middle of Lake Nakoue.



Day 86 to 96, Ganvie to Limbe

Leaving the village on stilts we cross into Nigeria and re-enter city life hustle and bustle as we arrive in the capital Abuja. After stocking up we travel through mountains and jungle aiming for Cameroon and Mount Cameroon. Spend a few days camping on the beach or if you like take a trek up Mount Cameroon.



Day 97 to 115, Limbe to Yaounde

After a few days relaxing on a beach you might be up for some exercise! Take a hike up Mount Cameroon, visit a chimp orphanage or relax on the beach a bit longer.



Day 116 to 132, Yaounde to Pointe Noire

Heading inland now we stock up in Ambam and stop off in Libreville for some more visa's before heading south towards Congo. Rough roads make for slow * Western Trans Africa Expedition * LONCT-08 *

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going and digging the truck out of the mud is highly likely - yippee!



Day 133 to 134, Pointe Noire to Matadi

A bit of night life is on the cards in Pointe Noire and it boasts some fantastic African music and musicians.

After crossing into Cabinda we enter the DRC and travel some interesting 'roads' (if you can call them that) as we continue south.



Day 135 to 136, Matadi to Luanda

We cross the Congo River and enter Angola heading for the capital of Luanda where we stock up on supplies for the next desert leg.



Day 137 to 138, Luanda to Namibe

Further south we go and can visit the Parque Nacional Da Quicama as we edge closer to the Namibian border and our last stop in Angola.



Day 139 to 140, Namibe to Lubango

Small villages and town dot our route and relics of two decades of civil war are plainly obvious in the wrecks of tanks and trucks along the roadside. We pass through Lubango and get as close to the border as we can.



Day 141 to 144, Lubango to Ondangwa

Crossing the border we enter the Kaokoveld region of northern Namibia and home to the Owambo people. We pass through the country's second largest town - Ondangwa. This town is one of the main suppliers of beer to Northern Namibia - hopefully there will be enough left for us!



Day 145 to 148, Ondangwa to Swakopmund

We continue towards Etosha National Park where besides Game drives we can also game watch by night at one of the floodlit water holes. Afterwards we head west to the region of the Himba people, a tribe of Nomadic pastoralists before heading further south down the Skeleton Coastline to Swakopmund for a well earned break and to pay a visit to the Laundromat that will indeed get a work out after the remote areas we have just travelled through with no facilities.



Day 149 to 152, Swakopmund to Orange River - Namibia

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Next we stay a few nights in the capital Windhoek from where we head further south to the Orange River for another couple of nights where we stay at a beautiful camp overlooking the Orange River. You have the opportunity to go for a canoe or simply relax and soak up the sun.



Day 153 to 154, Orange River - Namibia to Cape Town

We cross the Orange River and arrive into South Africa. We travel through the Cederburg Wilderness area before making our way to the most southern tip of Africa. We end this expedition in the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Cape Town.

Optional Highlights

These 19 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:

Abseiling Table Mountain - \$100

Cango Caves - \$7

Cape Coast Slave Fort - \$8

Game Fishing - TBA

Guided Trek to the Dogon - \$55

Oudtshoorn Ostrich Farm Visit - \$15

Swakopmund Quadbiking - \$85

Swakopmund Sky Diving - \$350

Whale Watching - Hermanus - \$90

Bloukrans Bridge Bungee Jump - \$115

Canoe to the Village on Stilts - \$10

Fez Medina Guided Walk - \$5

Great White Shark Cage Diving - \$250

Mt Cameroon Climb - \$85

Paragliding - \$80

Swakopmund Sandboarding - \$65

Swakopmund Township Tour - \$75

Tsitsikamma Treetop Canopy Tour - \$75

Departure Dates

Start - End

Before and After Your Trip

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

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

Your trip ends at/in Cape Town on Upon arrival in Cape Town. Please note end times are approximated.

Contact us from information and prices for the pre and post tour accommodation, flights, transfer, car rental and activity bookings.

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