

An African Adventure Southbound

37 days | Dar es Salaam to Cape Town



See the best of Africa, from its magnificent craters, dune-filled deserts and spectacular waterfalls, to its colonial cities and beautiful beaches. Game drive through Chobe and Etosha National Park, explore the waterways of the Okavango Delta, relax on the beaches of Lake Malawi and end your adventure in Cape Town.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- **Tanzania:** begin your African journey in coastal Dar es Salaam, pass through Mikumi National Park and camp on the beach
- **Zanzibar:** sunbathe on the white sandy beaches of 'Spice Island' and opt to visit a spice plantation
- **Malawi:** spend three days exploring shimmering Lake Malawi, which takes up one third of the country
- **Zambia:** pass through wonderful wild scenery and spot elephants, giraffe and buffalo in South Luangwa National Park
- **Zimbabwe:** admire the breathtaking natural wonder of Victoria Falls and enjoy a range of optional activities including bungee jumping and helicopter rides

- **Botswana:** navigate the Okavango Delta aboard a mokoro canoe, opt to fly over the verdant landscape and camp in the bush of Chobe National Park
- **Namibia:** marvel at the impressive Fish River Canyon, watch the sunrise over the Namib Desert, spot lions and more in Etosha National Park and relax on the beach in Swakopmund
- **South Africa:** end your adventure in Cape Town, discover the stunning Cederberg Mountains and camp on the banks of the Gariep River

What's Included

- 32 breakfasts, 26 lunches, 25 dinners
- 1st night Banda (beach hut) at Kipepeo Campsite (upgrade available), 2 nights twin room accommodation in Swakopmund and 30 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided
- 3 night Zanzibar Excursion including ferry transfer, accommodation, Spice Tour and Dhow Sunset Cruise.
- Arrival transfer from Dar es Salaam Airport on day 1
- Park entry and game drives - Chobe NP, South Luangwa NP and Etosha NP. Park Entry into Victoria Falls NP
- Sossusvlei transfer for Desert Walk
- 2 day/1 night Okavango Delta Excursion (camping)
- 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

\$1550pp, 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 : Dar es Salaam

Welcome to Tanzania! Upon arrival at Dar Es Salaam airport we will meet and transfer you to your accommodation. Your first night will be spent in a Banda (beach huts with shared facilities) at Kipepeo Campsite There will be a predeparture meeting at 17:00 hours today where you will meet your tour leader.

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Overnight - Dar es Salaam

Days 2-4 : Zanzibar

Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar. On the morning of day 2 we transfer by public ferry to the Spice Island of Zanzibar. We'll spend the next 3 nights here with one night spent in Stone Town and two nights on the northern beaches.

Overnight - Zanzibar (B:1)

Days 5-6 : Mikumi & Iringa

Zanzibar - Mikumi - Iringa. Leaving Zanzibar in the morning, we return to the mainland and head west to Mikumi for an overnight stop. The next day we continue our journey west. Our destination today is Iringa where we spend the night in a beautiful rustic campsite famous for its Amarula Hot Chocolates and its steamy showers! **Overnight - Mikumi (1), Iringa (1) (B:1, L:2, D:2)**

Days 7-9 : Lake Malawi



Iringa - Lake Malawi (Malawi). We depart Tanzania and enter Malawi - our home for the next 3 nights. 20% of this country is made up of the famous lake - which will be our back drop for the next 3 days as we slowly travel towards Zambia.

Overnight - Lake Malawi (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Days 10-11 : South Luangwa National Park

Lake Malawi - South Luangwa (Zambia). Heading away from the lake we briefly stop at the capital Lilongwe before crossing into Zambia. From here we travel to the South Luangwa National Park on the Luangwa River for some game driving and 2 nights in the park.

Overnight - South Luangwa National Park (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Days 12-13 : Livingstone

South Luangwa - Eastern Zambia - Livingstone. Continuing south on day 12 we drive through rural Zambia before stopping for the night near the capital Lusaka. Our final stop in Zambia is Livingstone near the mighty Victoria Falls.

Overnight - Eastern Zambia (1), Livingstone (1) (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 14 : Chobe National Park



Livingstone - Chobe (Botswana). Today we cross the border into Botswana and on to the town of Kasane on the Chobe River forming a natural border between Zambia, Namibia and Botswana. This afternoon we enjoy a game drive through Chobe National Park as we make our way to our camp situated within the park.

Overnight - Chobe National Park (B, L, D)

Day 15 : Victoria Falls

Chobe - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe). This morning we depart Chobe National Park looking for wildlife as we exit. We continue to Kasane before crossing the border into Zimbabwe and back to Victoria Falls - this time on the Zimbabwe side. We enjoy our last day in the adrenaline playground of Africa, where there are optional activities aplenty here including Zambezi white water rafting, bungee jumping from 111m and flights over the Falls in a variety of airborne machines!

Overnight - Victoria Falls (B)

Days 16-17 : Victoria Falls

We have two days at leisure at Victoria Falls where we can spend relaxing or participating in a myriad of optional excursions including boat cruises and a whole host of adrenalin activities. **Overnight - Victoria Falls (B:2)**

Days 18-19 : Chobe National Park

Victoria Falls - Kasane. Leaving Vic Falls on this morning we cross back into Botswana and back to the town of Kasane, situated on the banks of the Chobe River. The rest of the afternoon and following morning is at leisure to explore the town, or perhaps enjoy a cruise down the the Chobe River.

Overnight - Kasane (2) (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 20 : Maun

Chobe - Maun. Heading out early, we head in a south-westerly direction to the southern reaches of the Okavango Delta and our base, Maun - the starting point for travel into the Delta. **Overnight - Maun (B, L, D)**

Days 21-22 : Okavango Delta



Maun - Okavango Delta - Maun. On day 21 we take the overnight excursion into the Delta. From the poling station we board our mokoros for a couple of hours before we arrive at our mobile tented camp situated in the heart of the Okavango.

On arrival you will meet the local staff who will be your host during your stay. A brief introduction to the camp will show you your dome tent with twin beds and a bush ensuite bathroom – long drop toilet and a bucket shower. Relax in the tent with a cold drink or take a paddle in the Delta in a canoe. The activities at the camp include Mokoro trails and guided walking.

The following morning we pack up and set off back to Maun. After our Mokoro ride and vehicle transfer, we arrive back around lunch time and have the chance to complete our picture of the Okavango Delta

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by taking an optional scenic flight over The Delta (dependent on weather conditions & availability).

Overnight - Okavango Delta (1) Maun (1) (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Days 23-24 : Ghanzi & Windhoek

Maun - Ghanzi - Windhoek (Namibia). On day 23 we head towards the small village of Ghanzi for our last night in Botswana. Ghanzi is home to the San / Bushman and you can learn more about them by partaking in the Bushman experience offered by the campsite.

On day 24 we cross the border in to Namibia and head to the capital Windhoek for some retail therapy and time to relax at Urban Camp. **Overnight - Ghanzi (1), Windhoek(1)** (B:2, L:2, D:1)

Day 25 : Etosha National Park



Windhoek - Etosha. From Windhoek, we head to Etosha National Park, Namibia's premier nature and wildlife reserve.

Overnight - Etosha National Park (B, L, D)

Days 26-27 : Safari in Etosha

On day 26 we make our way 150 km across the park, keeping our eyes peeled many different mammals, reptiles, birds and insects in the various regions. After a full day of game viewing, we exit the park through Anderson gate and head to our campsite a short drive away. The following day takes us further south through the Namibian countryside to a campsite, located in the vicinity of Etosha National Park. **Overnight - Etosha National Park area** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 28 : Brandberg



Etosha National Park area - Brandberg. Today we continue south to the area of the Brandberg. All depending on the time of arrival we will have the opportunity to explore the area. **Overnight - Brandberg** (B, L, D)

Days 29-30 : Swakopmund

Brandberg - Swakopmund. Our destination today is Swakopmund, via Spitzkoppe the 'Matterhorn of Namibia'. The 1728 m high rock formation, one of Namibia's most recognised landmarks, is well known as an ancient San sacred site.

Founded by the Germans in 1892 their colonial influence is still evident today. Swakopmund has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. Day 30 is spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of optional excursions which include sky diving, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, horse riding and more! **Overnight - Swakopmund** (B:2)

Days 31-32 : Sesriem & Sossusvlei Dunes



Swakopmund - Sesriem. Departing Swakopmund, we continue south to Walvis Bay before turning inland and toward the desert. We enter the Namib-Naukluft Park -

one of the oldest deserts in the world. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes reputed to be the highest in the world. Magnificent views of the desert can be seen from the top of the dunes, some over 300m high. Our afternoon is spent exploring this amazing area.

Overnight - Sesriem (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 33 : Fish River Canyon

Sesriem - Fish River Canyon. This morning we watch the sunrise over this beautiful area before heading to Fish River Canyon. At 161 km long, 27 km wide and about 550 m deep, it's the second largest canyon in the world.

Overnight - Fish River Canyon (B, L, D)

Day 34 : Gariep River



Fish River Canyon - Gariep River (South Africa). This morning we continue south, where, after a short drive we reach the natural land border between Namibia and South Africa at the Gariep River (Orange River). We cross the border into South Africa and camp at a beautiful campsite on the bank of the river.

Overnight - Gariep River (B, L, D)

Day 35 : Cederberg

Gariep River - Cederberg. Continuing south we pass through the Richtersveld and the mining town of Springbok, before reaching the region known as Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of Namaqua wildflowers that occur each spring. Our camp ground tonight is a picturesque campsite surrounded by local wine farms. We even have the option to sample some of the nectar of the gods or to explore the surrounding beautiful Cederberg Mountains. Tonight is our last night under the stars!

Overnight - Cederberg (B, L, D)

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Day 36 : Cape Town

Cederberg - Cape Town. Today is our last drive day and we head towards our final destination Cape Town. Our journey takes us through the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal before crossing the Piketberg Pass to the Cape's wine growing regions. Our first sighting of the Mother's City Table Mountain across Table Bay means we've reached our final destination. Tonight's accommodation is in dormitories at one of Cape Town's best loved hostels. **Overnight - Cape Town (B)**

Day 37 : Cape Town

Saturday. This morning we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

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.

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.



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.



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.



Delta Rain Bushcamp

This unique campsite is located in the heart of the Okavango Delta, as part of the Delta Rain safari experience. Accommodation consists of dome tents with twin beds, and "bush en-suite" bathrooms with a long-drop toilet and bucket shower. After settling in, guests can relax in the mess tent, partake in game viewing trips, or go on guided walks, while admiring the beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Urban Camp

Centrally located in Windhoek (a short walk from the legendary Joe's Beerhouse restaurant), Urban Camp is a comfortable campground combining city convenience with a quiet getaway. Free Wi-Fi, a sparkling pool, and private bathrooms all contribute to an oasis of calm in campsites housing up to 18 people. Nearby is a small shopping centre for amenities, and for sightseers looking to explore the history and architecture of Windhoek, the city centre is less than 2km away.



Ashanti Lodge Gardens Backpackers

Situated in a Victorian mansion at the foot of Table Mountain, within walking distance of the city centre, Ashanti Lodge offers a range of 6 to 8 bed dormitories, in addition to private rooms with shared bathroom facilities. After a long day of sightseeing, travellers can unwind with a cocktail at the café-bar, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or relax in the landscaped garden. Kitchen/BBQ facilities and complimentary Wi-Fi are also available.



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 above are per person travelling. Single travellers will be placed in their own tents.



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PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
02 Oct	USD 2,961	USD 5,645

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
08 Jan	USD 2,684	USD 2,684
19 Feb	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
19 Mar	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
16 Apr	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
14 May	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
11 Jun	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
09 Jul	USD 3,150	USD 5,834
23 Jul	USD 3,150	USD 5,834
06 Aug	USD 3,150	USD 5,834
20 Aug	USD 3,150	USD 5,834
03 Sep	USD 3,150	USD 5,834
17 Sep	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
01 Oct	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
15 Oct	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
29 Oct	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
12 Nov	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
26 Nov	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
10 Dec	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
24 Dec	USD 3,150	USD 5,834

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
07 Jan	USD 2,684	USD 2,684
04 Feb	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
04 Mar	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
01 Apr	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
29 Apr	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
27 May	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
24 Jun	USD 2,961	USD 5,645
08 Jul	USD 3,150	USD 5,834
22 Jul	USD 3,150	USD 5,834