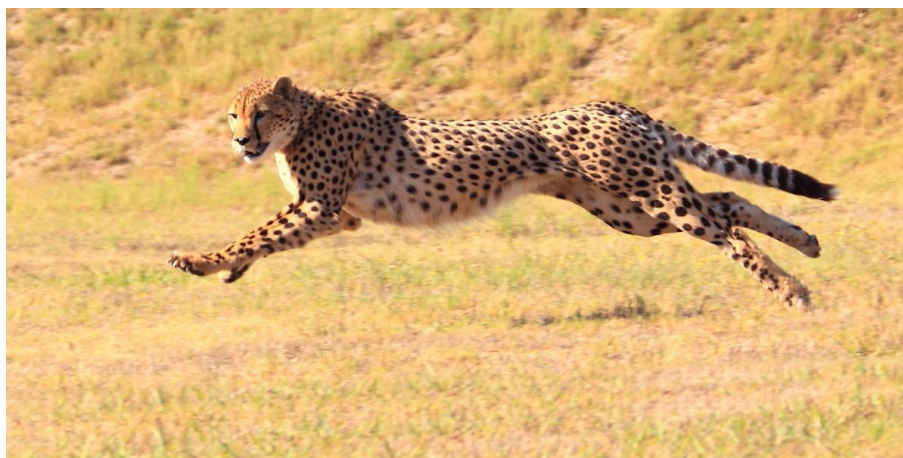


# Wildlife Express

## 22 days | Nairobi to Victoria Falls



*Take a walk on the wild side. Track the African elephant, lion, giraffe and zebra, chill out on Zanzibar, cool off at Lake Malawi, enjoy the pleasures of Victoria Falls - adrenaline capital of Africa and have the time of your life!*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- **Kenya** - begin your African safari adventure in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, and head out to explore independently
- **Tanzania** - search for the Big Five in the legendary Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, pass through Mikumi National Park and relax on the sandy beaches of Zanzibar
- **Malawi** - spend three days travelling along the western shore of Lake Malawi, stopping often to explore various bays, inlets, beaches and local communities along the way
- **Zambia** - explore South Luangwa National Park and admire the Zambian side of thundering Victoria Falls in Livingstone
- **Botswana** - drive through the wildlife-rich national park and camp out in the reserve, listening to the sounds of the nocturnal wildlife

- **Zimbabwe** - end your adventure in Victoria Falls with a full day to visit the waterfall and join optional bungee jumping or river rafting

#### What's Included

- Arrival transfer from Nairobi Airport on day 1
- 1st night dormitory accommodation at Kenya Comfort Hotel and 17 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- 16 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 16 dinners
- 3 night Zanzibar Excursion including ferry transfer, accommodation, Spice Tour and Dhow Sunset Cruise
- All road taxes and tolls
- Ngorongoro NP, Serengeti NP, Chobe NP and South Luangwa Park - park entry and game drives

#### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities

#### Local Payment

\$1450pp, 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

Saturday. 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**

##### Days 2-5 : Serengeti & Ngorongoro



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Nairobi - Arusha (Tanzania) - Karatu. Leaving Nairobi, we cross the border into Tanzania on day 2. We stay at a campsite in Meserani, on the outskirts of Arusha, before heading out on our excursions to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater tomorrow.

The Ngorongoro/Serengeti excursion takes us via the Masai town of Mtu Wa Mbu (Mosquito River) that lies adjacent to the Lake Manyara National Park and up the Rift Valley Escarpment to the higher lying village of Karatu. Karatu offers magnificent views over the surrounding hills and has many well established wheat farms that add to the picturesque panoramas. We spend the evening at a pleasant campsite in Karatu. The following morning we depart early for the Ngorongoro Conservation area and head into the wildlife rich Ngorongoro Crater. This World Heritage Site boasts some of the best game viewing in Africa – including the elusive Black Rhino.

After our game drive in the Crater, we continue down the Crater rim and past the 'Cradle of Mankind' on our way to the Serengeti National Park. We cross the vast plains as we game drive through the southern and central areas in the park. We spend the night of day 4 camping in the bush, surrounded by the sounds of the African wilderness. Early on day 5 we head off for another game drive and explore the landscape in search of the resident wildlife. With some luck, we may see some of Africa's 'Big 5'! Our day ends back in Arusha, where we spend the night. **Overnight - Arusha (1), Karatu (1), Serengeti (1), Arusha (1)** (B:3, L:4, D:4)

## Day 6 : Pangani



Arusha - Pangani. Today we head south towards Dar es Salaam. On the way weather permitting; we may catch a glimpse of this Mt Kilimanjaro'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 7 : Dar es Salaam

Pangani - Dar es Salaam. Today we continue on to our lovely seaside campsite in Dar es Salaam where we prepare for our departure to Zanzibar the next morning. **Overnight - Dar es Salaam** (B, L, D)

## Days 8-10 : Zanzibar

Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar. A ferry from Dar Es Salaam takes us to 'Spice Island', where we 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 11 : Mikumi

Zanzibar - Mikumi. Leaving Zanzibar in the morning, we return to the mainland and head west, passing through the Mikumi National Park where it is possible to view a range of wildlife from the roadside, totally impervious to the passing traffic. We will stop in the town of Mikumi for our overnight stay. Arrival to camp is usually in the late afternoon, or early evening. **Overnight - Mikumi** (L, D)

## Day 12 : Iringa

Mikumi - Iringa. Departing early this morning we continue towards Iringa where we spend the night in a beautiful rustic campsite famous for its Amarula Hot Chocolates and its steamy showers! Be sure to keep a good book, music and a pack of cards handy as we are covering around 200 km's today. **Overnight - Iringa** (B, L, D)

## Days 13-15 : Lake Malawi



Iringa - Lake Malawi (Malawi). We leave Tanzania and head into Malawi on day 13. Dominated by its huge lake occupying nearly 20% of it's landmass, Malawi offers us pleasant respite from the heat. We cross the border post at Songwe and travel the length of the western side of the lake, stopping off at various bays and inlets over the next 3 days. We can enjoy lake side pleasures such as swimming, relaxing and optional aquatic activities such as snorkelling, canoeing and SCUBA diving. The local fishermen can be observed tending their daily catch and there are local schools and villages where you can visit the friendly Malawians. **Overnight - Lake Malawi** (B:3, L:3, D:3)

## Days 16-18 : South Luangwa National Park

Lake Malawi - South Luangwa - Lusaka Area. Today we head towards South Luangwa National Park. This breath taking park is situated on the Luangwa River in the Eastern part of Zambia, and it is the southernmost of three national parks in this region. South Luangwa was founded in 1938 as a game reserve, 1972 was the year it was declared as a national park, and today it covers over 9000 kilometres squared. Animals such as Giraffe, buffalo and Elephants can be found in abundance. The Luangwa river is home to many a hippo and croc.

Leaving the park on day 18 we make our way down south. As we drive, we pass through a few of the villages and towns of Zambia along the way. Prosperous during the copper boom in the 60's, Zambia was able to build infrastructure at the main mining and farming communities. After the fall of the copper industry, the country was left virtually

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bankrupt and existing infrastructure was left to fall to ruin. Due to foreign investment and a rise in the mining industry, Zambia is today once again starting to prosper. **Overnight - South Luangwa (2) Lusaka Area (1)** (B:3, L:3, D:3)

## Day 19 : Livingstone



Lusaka Area - Livingstone. Heading further south, we journey through the southern Zambian towns mostly supporting local agriculture and farming on our way to Livingstone. The Victoria Falls or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders) is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and it's not difficult to see why. At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari! The Falls can be viewed from the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia - a fantastic photo opportunity. Tonight we have the option of enjoying a sunset dinner cruise on the mighty Zambezi. **Overnight - Livingstone** (B, L, D)

## Day 20 : Chobe National Park

Livingstone - Chobe (Botswana). We leave Zambia, cross the border into Botswana and continue to the town of Kasane, situated on the banks of the Chobe River. After lunch, we leave for our Chobe National Park overnight mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. We spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife.

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

## Day 21 : Victoria Falls

Chobe - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe). After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before packing up the camp and heading back to Kasane. Crossing the border into Zimbabwe, a short drive takes us to the nearby Victoria Falls. Named after the famous World Heritage site and Water Falls, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park. 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** (L)

## Day 22 : Victoria Falls

Saturday. After breakfast, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime! We suggest booking additional days after your trip to take advantage of the optional excursions available at Victoria Falls.

Optional excursions include horseback safaris, a visit to the crocodile ranch, boat cruises and golf at The Elephant Hills Resort. Adrenalin junkies can bungee from the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia or abseil down the Batoka Gorge - neither activity is for the faint hearted! All year round, flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra light aircraft or helicopters provide an aerial perspective over this magnificent World Heritage Site. White water rafting on the Zambezi is world class. Beside the excitement of the Grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats," where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and the occasional wildlife on the riverbanks. (B)

### 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.



## 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.

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### 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.



### Victoria Falls Rest Camp

Located a stone's throw away from the Artist village & Elephant Walk Shopping is the Victoria Falls Rest Camp. Offering camping and dorm room accommodation, this camp features a year-round outdoor pool and barbecue facilities. Daily continental or cooked breakfast is served at the in-house restaurant, which also offers a variety of local African dishes. Wi-fi is available and some units feature equipped kitchens.



#### 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.

#### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
19 Dec	USD 2,178	USD 4,034

#### PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
02 Jan	USD 1,856	USD 1,856
13 Feb	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
13 Mar	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
10 Apr	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
08 May	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
05 Jun	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
03 Jul	USD 2,178	USD 4,034
17 Jul	USD 2,178	USD 4,034
31 Jul	USD 2,178	USD 4,034
14 Aug	USD 2,178	USD 4,034
28 Aug	USD 2,178	USD 4,034
11 Sep	USD 2,178	USD 4,034
25 Sep	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
09 Oct	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
23 Oct	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
06 Nov	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
20 Nov	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
04 Dec	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
18 Dec	USD 2,178	USD 4,034

#### PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
01 Jan	USD 1,856	USD 1,856
29 Jan	USD 1,856	USD 1,856
26 Feb	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
26 Mar	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
23 Apr	USD 2,047	USD 3,903
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