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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the [PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION](#) booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

Tour departure point

16h00 Maru Maru Hotel, Gizenga Street, Shangani, Stone Town, Zanzibar, Tanzania

Tel: +255 24 2238516/7/8 <https://www.marumaruzanzibar.com/>

Tour ending point

Hotel Boulevard, Harry Thuku Rd, Kenya, Nairobi

Tel: +254 722 200 755 <https://www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/>

Gorilla Trekking Permit – USD865 – USD950

The cost of a permit to visit the gorillas is currently as above. Please check actual amount with us closer to departure. You will be pre-invoiced for this non-refundable amount.

Chimp Trekking Permit – USD140 – USD240

The cost of a permit to visit the chimps is currently as above. This activity is regarded as an optional activity due to the location and logistics involved the day the chimps are visited. If you do not wish to participate in the chimp trekking, you will remain at the visitor's centre (limited facilities) for between 2 – 4 hours while the group participates in the activity. Please inform us if you do not wish to participate in this activity.

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa:

082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

What's included

Meals as outlined in the itinerary, which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs and optional activities

Countries Visited

Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with a number of our other tours that cover Namibia, Botswana and the Masai Mara & Gorillas. If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

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Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

Nomad has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Nomad Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a “Green Seat”. If you would like to help Nomad making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the rest. The Nomad African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Stone Town (Zanzibar)

Today is your arrival day in Zanzibar and is free for you to explore the city. We recommend that you announce yourself to the crew at 16h00 at the Maru Maru Hotel, who will sign you in and give you a short orientation of what to expect in the coming days. *Please note that a walking city tour of Stone Town is included in your tour the following day.*

Accommodation	Maru Maru Hotel www.marumaruzanzibar.com OR Spice Palace https://www.spicepalacehotel.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Arrival in Stone Town (Zanzibar)
Meals	No Meals
Included highlight	Zanzibar Excursion

Day 2 – Zanzibar Beaches

Boasting a rich history this busy port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes. Our morning begins with a walking tour of Stone Town to discover the more well known landmarks, including the birthplace of Freddy Mercury. After our city tour, we travel by road to our base for the next 2 nights. Before our arrival, we will stop along the way to enjoy a guided walking spice tour, which passes through villages and spice plantations. You will be able to witness first-hand how spice farm workers climb the trees and seek out specific plants and will have the opportunity to purchase fresh spices directly from these farms.

Accommodation	Zanzibar Bay https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/zanzibar-bay-resort/ OR Amaan Bungalows https://www.hoteloceangroup.com/room-details.html OR Nungwi Garden Boutique Hotel https://nungwigardenboutiquehotel.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast
Route	Stone Town to Zanzibar Beaches
Included Highlight	Stone Town walking city tour, Spice Tour

Day 3 – Zanzibar Beaches

Today is a free day to enjoy some of the many attractions and activities on offer. Water sports are the order of the day. Whatever it is you chose to do today, you will have ample opportunity to create some island memories. Explore the many attractions on offer or simply relax on the beach and soak up the sun.

Accommodation	Zanzibar Bay https://www.hotelzanzibar.com/zanzibar-bay-resort/ OR Amaan Bungalows https://www.hoteloceangroup.com/room-details.html OR Nungwi Garden Boutique Hotel https://nungwigardenboutiquehotel.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per Room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast

Day 4 – Bagamoyo/Moshi

We bid farewell to the island, return to the mainland where we reunite with our truck and head to our overnight stop where we spend the night.

Accommodation	FireFly Lodge https://www.fireflybagamoyo.com/ OR Weru Weru https://www.weruweruriverlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Zanzibar to Bagamoyo/Moshi
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 - Arusha

Heading north this morning we travel across the northern reaches of Tanzania, our destination tonight is the bustling town of Arusha. Northern Tanzania is home to the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Kilimanjaro.

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Facilities

Njiro Legacy www.njirolegacy.com

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Bagamoyo/Moshi to Arusha

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Karatu

Although it is short distance to Karatu, we will spend most of the day commuting closer to the Ngorongoro Crater. Before our arrival in Karatu, we will visit the Mto wa Mbu Market which is situated in the little village of Mto wa Mbu. Known for crops such as rice and their distinctive red bananas, the town sits on the main road that leads directly to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater Conversation Area. Tonight, our guide will brief us on our 2-night excursion.

Accommodation

Kudu Camp <http://kuducamp.com/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Arusha to Karatu

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

Mto wa Mbu Market

Day 7 - Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti National Park (Seronera) Excursion

We rise early and will be collected from our camp and transferred to the Ngorongoro Crater in 4x4 safari type vehicles. We will spend the morning exploring the crater floor in search of the animals which roam the plains. In the afternoon, we will arrive at our camp in the Seronera region located in the heart of the Serengeti National Park. The camp is surrounded by spectacular views and abundant wildlife and this evening, while sipping on a cold beverage, we will enjoy the sights and sounds of nature passing right in front of your meru style tent.

Accommodation

Seronera Private Tented Camp <http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/> OR Serengeti Wilderness Camp Central <https://serengetiwildernesscamps.com/camps/serengeti-wilderness-camp/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Karatu to Seronera via Ngorongoro Crater

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater and afternoon drive into Seronera

Day 8 - Serengeti

This morning we rise early to enjoy a full day's game drive through Serengeti National Park. Famous for the abundant wildlife that exists in the park, we will spend most of our day in search of the animals that reside here.

Accommodation

Seronera Private Tented Camp <http://www.kanangaspecialtentedcamp.com/> OR Serengeti Wilderness Camp Central <https://serengetiwildernesscamps.com/camps/serengeti-wilderness-camp/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Route

Seronera

Included Highlight

Full day game Drive through Seronera, Serengeti National Park

Pre-Bookable Activity

Hot Air Balloon Safari

Day 9 - Arusha

We depart the Serengeti National Park with amazing memories, and make the return journey to Arusha where we will spend the night reminiscing about our experiences of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.

Accommodation

Njiro Legacy www.njirolegacy.com

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Seronera (Serengeti National Park) to Arusha

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Kenya – Nairobi

We cross the border into Kenya this morning and make our way to Nairobi where we will overnight. You will have the afternoon free to repack your bags in preparation for your excursion into the Masai Mara. The visit to the Masai Mara is operated in safari type vehicles and not the Nomad truck. For this reason, you are asked to pack a small overnight bag to travel with. You will need your towel, clothes, toiletries and camping essentials.

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Accommodation

Facilities

Hotel Boulevard www.hotelboulevard.co.ke/

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Route

Arusha to Nairobi

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch

Border Post

Tanzania: Namanga, no telephone number, Open: 24hrs

Kenya: Namanga, Tel: +254 455 32002, Open: 24 hrs

Day 11 – Masai Mara National Reserve

We leave the capital of Nairobi and travel to the Masai Mara, world renowned for its endless plains of wild animals and spectacular beauty. The visit to the Masai Mara is operated in safari type vehicles and not the Nomad truck. For this reason, you are asked to pack a small overnight bag to travel with. You will need your towel, clothes, toiletries and camping essentials.

Accommodation

Masai Mara Excursion <http://www.keniatours.com>

Facilities

Accommodated: Permanent tent with shared ablutions

Camping: Permanent tent with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Nairobi to Masai Mara

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

Masai Mara Excursion

Day 12 - Masai Mara National Reserve

The rolling grasslands of the Masai Mara offer ideal game viewing and photographic opportunities. Some of the animals that could be found here include elephant, black rhino, buffalo, leopard, cheetah, wildebeest, zebra and gazelle. Hippo and crocodile abound in the muddy brown waters of the rivers, which traverse this reserve. Today we will spend the entire day game driving through the Mara in search of all the animals.

Accommodation

Masai Mara Excursion <http://www.keniatours.com>

Facilities

Accommodated: Permanent tent with shared ablutions

Camping: Permanent tent with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

Masai Mara Excursion

Day 13 - Lake Nakuru National Park

This morning we bid the Mara farewell before heading to Lake Nakuru National Park where we will enjoy an afternoon game drive through the park. Lake Nakuru is home to large flocks of flamingos and pelicans as well as black & white rhino, leopard, lion and numerous buck. Originally created as a bird sanctuary, Lake Nakuru was upgraded to National Park status in 1968.

Accommodation

Waterbuck Hotel <https://www.waterbuck.co.ke>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite

Camping: Two per room with en-suite

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Masai Mara Reserve to Lake Nakuru National Park

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

Lake Nakuru NP Game Drive

Day 14 - Jinja

This morning we cross the border into Uganda and make our way to Jinja. Jinja is Uganda's second largest city and most famous as the point where the Nile (officially the Victoria Nile) flows out of Lake Victoria and begins the 6695 kilometre journey to Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Accommodation

Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp <http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with shared ablutions

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Lake Nakuru to Jinja

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Border Post

Kenya: Busia +254 20 2649524; Open 24 hours

Uganda: Busia; +256 414 423 2645; Open 24 hours

Day 15 - Masindi – Murchison Falls National Park

After a quick stop in the city of Kampala, we head in the direction of The Murchison Falls National Park. Also referred to as the Kabaraga Falls, Murchison Falls is a waterfall found on the course of the great Nile and is located within the Murchison National Park. The park is recognized as one of the best National Parks in Uganda. After settling into our accommodation in Masindi, your guide will brief you on the activities for the following day.

Accommodation

Kabalega Resort <http://www.kabalegaresort.com/>

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Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite ablutions

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Jinja to Masindi

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Activity

Ziwa Rhino Walk

Day 16 - Masindi – Budongo Central Forest Reserve

Budongo Forest is the biggest Mahogany forest found in the whole of East Africa and is home to the largest number of chimpanzees throughout Uganda. It is believed that there are between 600 – 700 chimpanzees in Budongo and this morning we will meet up with our chimp guide who will take us on our trek through the forest in search of the chimps. We will also enjoy a boat cruise in the park. *Please Note: In the event that the group is split for the Chimpanzee trekking activity (due to permit availability), some guests may first enjoy the boat cruise, while others begin with the trek. Should this occur, we kindly ask for your flexibility, as this arrangement is sometimes necessary to ensure a smooth experience for all participants.*

Accommodation

Kabalega Resort <http://www.kabalegaresort.com/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite ablutions

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

Nile River Cruise

Optional Activity:

Chimp Trekking (compulsory)

Day 17 – Lake Kikorongo

This morning we depart Masindi and transfer towards the edges of the Queen Elizabeth National Park. Our accommodation for the night is nestled atop a hill overlooking Lake Kikorongo.

Accommodation

Simba Safari Camp <https://ugandalodges.com/simba/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with En-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Masindi to Lake Kikorongo

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 18 - Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

Crossing the Equator once more we travel south to the beautiful scenery of Lake Bunyonyi. With eager anticipation we prepare for the upcoming Gorilla trekking excursion and tonight we will receive a briefing on what to expect.

Accommodation

Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort <https://mbzgroup.africa/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with En-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Lake Kikorongo to Lake Bunyonyi

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19 - Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

The mountain gorilla is extremely endangered and while exact numbers vary it is widely assumed that there are only around 650 left. Visiting the gorillas is a great way to support their future on earth as the money spent on permits is used for their protection. An extremely important part of the future conservation of the remaining gorillas rests in the community development work – as local communities change their attitudes towards wildlife and start to protect rather than poach, the future of the mountain gorilla is assured.

As permits granting permission to visit the gorillas are extremely limited we require flexibility in both the tour itinerary and where we actually visit them. The home of the mountain gorillas is completely at odds with man-made borders and so their range encompasses Uganda, Rwanda and the DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo). Whenever possible we choose to make use of the National Park in Uganda, but this depends on the availability of permits. Should we not obtain permits to visit the mountain gorillas in Uganda then we will inform all passengers beforehand that the tour will travel to Rwanda or DRC.

On your free day in Bunyonyi you will have the opportunity to participate in certain optional activities. You can also go hiking or explore the area on a mountain bike.

Accommodation

Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort <https://mbzgroup.africa/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with En-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Lake Bunyonyi National Park to the starting point of the gorilla trek (in safari or smaller vehicles)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Pre-Bookable Optionals

Gorilla Trekking, Golden Monkey Trekking

Optional Activities

Rwanda Day Trip, Motor boat trips (Islands)

Day 20 - Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

Although there are 2 days allocated to Gorilla Trekking you will only spend one day on the trek. The other days are there to provide a large enough window in which to obtain permits and to allow the entire group to trek if there are more than 6 of you on the tour.

Accommodation

Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort <https://mbzgroup.africa/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with En-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Pre-Bookable Optionals

Gorilla Trekking, Golden Monkey Trekking

Optional Activities

Rwanda Day Trip, Motor boat trips (Islands)

Day 21 - Lake Mburo

We depart the beautiful Lake Bunyonyi for another of Uganda's beautiful water bodies – Lake Mburo. Lake Mburo is situated in the Ankole sub-region of Uganda, near the town of Mbarara, and spans an area of approximately 260 square kilometers and is surrounded by rolling hills, open grasslands, and patches of woodland. With over 350 recorded bird species, Lake Mburo National Park is a paradise for birdwatchers. The park's diverse ecosystems, which include acacia woodlands, savannahs, and wetlands, provide optimal habitats for numerous bird species, including the rare and odd looking shoebill stork.

Accommodation

Leopard Rest <http://www.leopardrestcamp.com/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with En-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route

Lake Bunyonyi to Mburo

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Pre-Bookable Optionals

Various walk (birdwatching, sundowner), National Park Boat Ride, National Park Biking Safari, National Park Night Game Drive

Day 12 - Jinja

This morning we leave the Ankole region and set off on our return journey to Jinja. Jinja offers many exciting optional activities which are focussed around the waters of the Nile and these include rafting, kayaking and a variety of cruises on Africa's largest river. While those who may be less inclined to water sports can enjoy horse riding or a quadbike adventure on dry land.

Accommodation

Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp <http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with shared ablutions

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

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Route

Mburo to Jinja

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

Crossing of the Equator

Pre-Bookable Optionals

Whitewater rafting, bungee jumping, river bugging, Source of the Nile cruise

Day 23 - Jinja

Jinja offers many optional activities for the adventurous and for the not so adventurous. While most of today is at leisure, your guide will assist you to plan for this day as in the afternoon, we will enjoy an included river cruise together, watching the sun as it sets over the shores of Lake Victoria and the River Nile.

Accommodation

Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp <http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with shared ablutions

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Activity

Source of the Nile River Cruise

Pre-Bookable Optionals

Whitewater rafting, bungee jumping, river bugging

Day 24 - Kenya – Eldoret

Returning to Kenya we visit Eldoret, the country's 5th largest city. The Great Rift Valley is still the dominant geographical feature of this region and the altitude at Eldoret is 2100 metres above sea level.

Accommodation

Naiberi River Camp <http://www.naiberi.com>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per room with shared ablutions

Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

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Route	Jinja to Eldoret
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Kenya: Malaba +254 20 2649524; Open 24 hours Uganda: Malaba; +256 779 201 347; Open 24 hours

Day 25 - Nairobi

Returning to Nairobi this afternoon we reflect on many memories that we have gathered together and brace ourselves for a return to the busy streets of Nairobi. Your tour ends upon arrival in Nairobi.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Eldoret to Nairobi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch

The Itinerary is flexible and can be changed without notice in order to accommodate the best possible viewing of the Mountain Gorillas. The Permit price to visit the Gorillas can also change without notice.