

Code FAG **Grand Africa**

Tour Dossier Introduction

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Tour Code: FAG

Duration: 72 nights / 73 days

Joining City: Livingstone

Departure City: Nairobi

Nearest Joining International Airport: Livingstone Harry Mwanga Nkumbula Apt (LVI)

Nearest Departing International Airport: Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta Intl Airport (NBO)

Please check this document just before departing in case of last minute changes to your tour.

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What's Included

- Sunset game cruise down the Chobe River in Chobe National Park
- Spend the night in the Okavango Delta with walking safaris and a mokoro ride included

- Game Drive through Etosha National Park in the Tucan Travel truck
- Game drive in Addo Elephant National Park in a Tucan Travel truck
- Entrance to Otjitotongwe Cheetah Park
- Visit a Himba Tribe
- Cape Cross seal colony
- Sesriem Canyon
- Dune 45
- Fish River Canyon National Park
- Cango Caves
- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Full Game Drive in Kruger National Park from the Tucan Travel truck
- Entrance to Victoria Falls
- Village Tour in Chitimba or Kande Beach
- 4-day Zanzibar Island excursion including Stone Town & North Beach
- Guided Tour of the Spice Plantations & lunch at a local house.
- Game Drives in the Serengeti National Park
- Morning Game Drive in the Ngorongoro Crater
- Game Drives in the Masai Mara Nature Reserve
- Masai Village Tour
- Boat trip on Lake Bunyonyi & visit to a Pygmy Village
- Guided Gorilla Trek (permit included)
- Game Drive in Lake Nakuru National Park

- 57 nights camping, 4 nights assisted camping, 9 nights in hotels, hostels & guesthouses, 2 nights in tented camps
- 65 breakfasts, 57 lunches, 62 dinners
- Travel by **Tucan Travel Expedition Vehicle**, boat, taxi, on foot, 4WD
- Tucan Travel Tour Leader, Tucan Travel Driver, English-speaking local guide(s) on excursions

What's not Included

- Sleeping bag & sleeping mat
- International flights and departure taxes
- Domestic flight taxes if applicable
- Tips on included excursions, visas, travel insurance, personal items and single rooms.
- Airport transfers and pre and post tour accommodation
- Spending money – budget for meals, snacks, drinks, limited souvenirs, laundry, tips and any extras
- Optional excursions - Please see our optional excursions guide on the dossier page for a comprehensive list of optional activities and excursions available on this tour.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 to 1 - Arrive Livingstone

The first day of your tour is simply an arrival day with no pre-organised activities. In order to allow time to relax and see some of the sights you may wish to add pre tour accommodation. On arrival please ask at the reception for information on when the pre departure meeting will be held.

Welcome to Livingstone! As well as a gateway to the majestic Victoria Falls, the town, named after the great 19th century Scottish explorer David Livingstone, is also a haven for adrenalin-pumping, heart-stopping adventure activities.

There is plenty to do in Livingstone and if you can, we recommend booking an extra couple of days before your tour starts to experience some of them. Please be aware as this is an arrival day, Victoria Falls is not included in your tour. If you wish to visit the falls you should ensure you arrive with enough time to do so by arriving on an early flight or booking an extra time before your tour. Taxis to the falls can easily be arranged through hotel reception.

Optional Excursions: Victoria Falls • White water rafting • River boarding • Bungee jumping • Abseiling • Gorge Swing • Microlight flight over Falls
Helicopter ride over the Falls • Visit Zimbabwe • Horse riding • Elephant safari • Canoeing • Jet boat • Zambezi boat cruise • Walk with lions • City Tour

Day 2 to 3 - Chobe National Park

Chobe National Park is home to the most diverse wildlife in Botswana. 11,000 square kilometres of wilderness, flood plains, forests and swamps supports all manner of animal and birdlife. To gain a different perspective on the park and to see the diversity of this incredible place, in the afternoon we board a boat for a cruise up the Chobe River to see the wildlife from a different viewpoint as the sun goes down. Game is common along the water's edge; as we glide by you may see elephants, buffalos, kudu, bushback, hippo, giraffe and sable.

Located in north west Botswana, Chobe is a diverse area spanning from the border at the Chobe River, to the now dry Savute Channel and beyond to the borders of the Moremi Game Reserve and Okavango Delta. The park is divided into four distinctly different eco systems: Serondela with its lush plains and dense forests in the Chobe River area, the Savuti Marsh, the Linyanti Swamps and the dry hinterland and it is famous for having one of the largest game concentrations in the African continent.

The next day you will have the option to get up early to go out on a morning game drive. The park has a huge amount of game and our guides will ensure we track them so we can get up close and personal!

Included Excursion: Sunset game cruise down the Chobe River

Approximate Travel Time: Five hours depending on border

Optional Excursion: Morning game drive through the park

Day 4 to 4 - Maun

Driving across the top edge of the Kalahari Desert we reach the town of Maun, where we will prepare for our safari into the Okavango Delta, Africa's largest freshwater wetland.

Approximate Travel Time: A full day drive

Day 5 to 5 - Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is a huge area of very slow flowing water fed by the Kavango River. The water fans out from the river into a labyrinth of channels, lagoons and palm-covered islands before evaporating over the sands of the Kalahari Desert.

We travel by hand-crafted mokoros (small boats with shallow drafts similar to canoes) through the delta. The canoes glide silently along the reed-fringed waterways, steered by stealthy polers who earn their living transporting travellers along the delta.

We spend the night camping on small islands in the bush, with our exact camp spot determined by the water level and local conditions at the time. This campsite has no facilities and the polers will dig a communal toilet a safe distance from the camp. You will have a chance to swim in the delta, paddle the mokoros yourself and take walking safaris through the bush and you will share a delicious meal under the stars and around the campfire. The following morning, after another walking safari you will return to the mokoro station and from here you will have the opportunity to fly over the Delta if you choose to do so.

Included Excursion: Bush camp in the Okavango Delta, Mokoro ride & walking safaris

Optional Excursions: Scenic flight over the delta • Helicopter flight over the delta • Horseriding

Day 6 to 6 - Maun

Returning to dry land we return to Maun where we are reunited with showers, toilets and clean clothes.

Day 7 to 7 - Divundu

After lunch we depart Maun, driving through Botswana towards Namibia and crossing the border through a narrow strip of land known as the Caprivi Strip. We drive through Mahongo Game Reserve where you might be able to spot elephant, lion and giraffe among other wildlife. Tonight we will camp on the banks of the Kavango River near Divundu.

Approximate Travel Time: Six hours depending on the border

Optional Excursions: Sunset boat cruise

Day 8 to 9 - Etosha National Park

We will spend two nights camping in Etosha National Park. All three of Etosha's campsites have floodlit water holes, meaning that when park law restrictions limit us to our campsite in the evenings, it is still possible to view game at all hours -you can stay up all night if you wish, glimpsing wild animals coming down for a drink at the water's edge. We stay at two campsites overnight, stopping at a third for lunch. All the campsites are very well equipped with great facilities and the game drives along with the waterholes make Etosha National Park one of the most memorable places you will visit on this trip.

Etosha National Park is one of the best places in Africa to spot cheetah and the endangered black rhino. Keep your camera lens ready for rare antelope species, the Burchell's zebra and black-faced impalas which roam the wild savannah. You may spot the odd giraffe or two chewing through thorny acacia trees in the woodland areas. Etosha National Park is a bird watcher's paradise with some 340 species inhabiting the park at different times of the year. For a short period after seasonal rains Etosha's vast salt pan is covered by a layer of water which attracts massive flocks of pelicans, flamingoes and other wading birds. While the pan is dry it is notable for the way it dramatically changes colour during the early morning and late afternoon sun.

Included Excursion: Game drives in the overland truck

Approximate Travel Time: Full day in the truck including Game Drive

Day 10 to 10 - Kamanjab

We visit a local Himba Tribe where orphaned children are looked after by the village. Himba children are the only children in Namibia culturally excused from attending school and they are raised traditionally by the elders of the village. Donations to the community are accepted and must be given to your guide.

Travelling south to Kamanjab, we will arrive at the famous Otjitotongwe Cheetah Park where we spend the night. You'll have the chance to get up close to these beautiful animals. You can watch the park owners hand-feed the older cheetahs. The tame cheetahs were abandoned or orphaned when they were young and consequently can't be released in the wild as they wouldn't survive. You can watch the cheetahs being fed from a truck and there are tame kudu and meerkats wandering about the place.

Included Excursion: Otjitotongwe Cheetah Park and Himba Tribe

Approximate Travel Time: Seven hours stopping along the way

Day 11 to 13 - Swakopmund

We will then head to Swakopmund, a historic German colonial town surrounded by desert situated on the Atlantic Ocean coast. It is Namibia's most popular holiday destination. On our way we may stop in Cape Cross (weather permitting), to see (and smell) the large colony of around 100,000 Cape Cross fur seals that inhabit the area. Once in Swakopmund, we have two full days to fuel your thirst for an adrenaline rush with a range of optional excursions available. The town has a selection of good bars and restaurants, and you can spend the evening watching extreme videos of activities you did during the day over a cold locally brewed beer or two. It's a great place for a few nights and a lot of fun.

Included Excursion: Cape Cross Seal Colony

Approximate Travel Time: Full day stopping along the way

Optional Excursions: Quad biking • Sky diving • Horse riding • Living desert tour • Township tour • Dolphin cruise • Camel rides • Tandem skydiving

Day 14 to 14 - Sesriem

Today we have a scenic drive through some beautiful mountainous areas and through the Namib-Naukluft National Park, famous for its giant sand dunes, on our way to Sesriem. We cross the Tropic of Capricorn where we will stop for photos. Once we've at Sesriem arrived, you can go on a walk through the Sesriem Canyon in the late afternoon. An amazing variety of wildlife has adapted to the harsh conditions here and you may see rock pigeon, crow, starling and owl, along with various species of lizard.

Included Excursion: Sesriem Canyon

Approximate Travel Time: Eight Hours

Optional Excursions: Dune Walks • Sossusvlei Dunes and Dead Vlei

Day 15 to 15 - Fish River Canyon

This morning we wake up early in Sesriem to reach Dune 45 before sunrise and hike to the top of the dune to watch the sun rise over them. The copper in the sand dunes creates a beautiful red glow unlike any sunrise seen before. After breakfast we depart Sesriem for Fish River Canyon. Fish River Canyon is one of the world's largest canyons and it is quite breathtaking in its immensity and is rivaled only by the Grand Canyon in North America for sheer grandeur. We will park at the viewpoint overlooking the canyon and from there you can take several short easy walks around the top, stopping along the

way for photos.

The Fish River running through the bottom of the canyon is one of Namibia's few permanent rivers and while the flow is seasonal, beautiful turquoise pools can be seen in the distance during the dry season. As you walk and enjoy the colours of the strata and rugged scenery, you may be lucky enough to spot hardy mountain animals in the distance, as well as numerous bird species. Weather depending we will have lunch at the viewpoint.

Included Excursions: Dune 45 • Fish River Canyon National Park

Approximate Travel Time: Eight hours

Day 16 to 16 - Orange River

We continue south to Orange River, known locally as Gariep, which runs along the border of Namibia and South Africa.

Approximate Travel Time: Eight hours

Day 17 to 17 - Cederberg

On our way to Cape Town we will travel via the Cederberg Wilderness Area with its rugged landscape crisscrossed by streams, waterfalls, cool pools and amazing natural rock sculptures. Here you have the option to do a wine tasting tour as we spend a night on a local vineyard.

Approximate Travel Time: Six hours depending on the border

Optional Excursions: Winetasting

Day 18 to 20 - Cape Town

Situated on the south western tip of Africa and set between the Atlantic Ocean and the iconic Table Mountain, Cape Town is recognised as one of the most beautiful cities on Earth.

There are dozens of amazing sightseeing opportunities to enjoy in Cape Town and in the surrounding area. You can tackle a trek up Table Mountain or take the cable car to the top for spectacular views of the city. If you have a good head for heights you can enjoy the scenery looking over Camps Bay then rather than taking the cable car, abseil 112 metres down again, but obviously this option is not one for the faint hearted!

The V&A Waterfront is the very epitome of African chic and offers a unique shopping and entertainment environment where you can soak up the cosmopolitan vibe of the city. Be sure to sample some of South Africa's famous wines with dinner and sit back with a hot cup of rooibos herbal tea afterwards.

From Cape Town, you can visit Robben Island where former South African President and Nobel Laureate Nelson Mandela was incarcerated among other political prisoners. Once a blight on the nation's history, the island is now seen as a national symbol of triumph over adversity and has been recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. If you want to arrange this activity, it is advised that you book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Just 60 kilometres away from the centre of Cape Town you can visit Cape Point, which is part of the Table Mountain National Park. The peninsula is a largely unspoilt wilderness and home to several species of antelope, including the eland, as well as many beautiful plants species. There are two lighthouses on Cape Point which can be reached by a funicular known affectionately as the Flying Dutchman.

Approximate Travel Time: Three hours

Optional Excursions: Table Mountain • Wine Tasting • Robben Island • Shark cage dive • Cape Point Tour • Hop on/Hop off bus

Day 21 to 21 - Oudtshoorn

Enjoy the views as we hit the road and head out along the Garden Route to Oudtshoorn, known as the ostrich capital of South Africa, where you will have the opportunity to visit one of the area's many ostrich farms. We will also have time to discover the spectacular limestone formations of the famous Cango Caves. Also known as Klein Karoo, the caves are a network of tunnels and chambers under a limestone ridge in the foothills of the Swartberg Mountains. Inside the Cango Caves you will find the finest dripstone caverns, with vast halls decorated by magnificent stalactites hanging from the ceiling and columns of stalagmites growing from the floor. In the evening you can try the local ostrich cooked on the 'braai', otherwise known as a barbeque.

Included Excursions: Cango Caves

Approximate Travel Time: Seven hours

Optional Excursions: Cango ostrich farm • Cango wildlife ranch

Day 22 to 22 - Tsitsikamma

Tsitsikamma National Park, located on the garden route, is situated on the hilltop overlooking the point where the Storms River and Indian Ocean meet in

a turbulent crashing of surf. The park encompasses a marine reserve made up of coastline, including scenic walks, a small beach and the famous Storms River suspension bridge which spans the river mouth. The park is known for its abundance of indigenous plants as well as prolific birdlife. Keep an eye out for dolphins in the surf and the southern right whale. You can stretch your legs on a short hike to a viewpoint or a nearby waterfall, so remember to take your swimming suit on a hot day. On the way to the park you will have the chance to have a go at the highest bridge bungy jump in the world – if you dare!

Included Excursion: Tsitsikamma National Park

Approximate Travel Time: Seven hours

Optional Excursion: Bungee Jump • Suspension bridge walk

Day 23 to 23 - Addo Elephant National Park

Addo Elephant National Park is an elephant reserve situated close to Port Elizabeth in South Africa and features some of the most beautiful dunes on the country's coastline. The original elephant section of the park was designated in 1931, when only eleven elephants remained in the area. Today this finely tuned ecosystem is sanctuary to over 450 elephants, Cape buffalo, endangered black rhino, a variety of antelope species, Burchell's zebra and warthog. Depending on our travel times we should get the chance to do an afternoon and an early morning game drive before heading on.

Included Excursion: Addo Elephant National Park & Game drive

Approximate Travel Time: Five hours

Day 24 to 24 - Hogsback

Located in the Eastern Cape, Hogsback is often, and mistakenly, said to be the inspiration for JRR Tolkien's Mirkwood Forest in The Lord of the Rings. The village of Hogsback sits on the slopes of the Amatole Mountains above the Tyume Valley in a region dominated by three peaks, one of which is suggested to resemble a hog's back from a certain angle. We have some time to explore the surrounding forest where there is a rich variety of birdlife to see. You may also hear the chattering of samango monkeys in the canopy overhead. Several rivers flow out of the mountains and create small but spectacular waterfalls such as Madonna and Child, Swallowtail and Kettlespout.

Approximate Travel Time: Seven hours

Optional Excursions: Hobbiton

Day 25 to 26 - Lesotho

Entering the kingdom of Lesotho, we make our way through this mountainous country to Malealea, breathtaking in its beauty. This is a chance to experience the traditional Basotho way of life in the 'Kingdom in the Sky', the only country in the world to be entirely 1,000 metres above sea level. No visit to Lesotho would be complete without a pony trek and from our base at the lodge in Malealea there are ample opportunities to explore the landscape on the back of a sturdy pony. There is also the option to walk to get to know the rolling valleys and mountain trails on foot. During your stay you'll no doubt come to understand the resilience and friendliness of the Basotho people and enjoy the tranquillity of their lands.

Although rare, it can snow in these parts and during the winter months it is always cold so please remember to pack your winter best if you're travelling during this season.

Approximate Travel Time: Eight hours depending on the border

Optional Excursions: Pony treks • Hike to waterfalls • Village tour • Local music in the evening • School visit • Pitseng Canyon hike

Day 27 to 28 - Drakensberg

Today we will pass through some spectacular mountain scenery. Leaving the lodge we drive through small farm holdings and towns with dramatic peaks in the background. Making our way back into South Africa and into the province of Free State we drive through the stunning Golden Gate National Park, with its orange and yellow sandstone cliffs and grasses, and the chance to spot eland, zebra and wildebeest. The Drakensberg Park of South Africa, or uKhahlamba (the Barrier of Spears), is a mountainous wonderland and World Heritage site. The mountains also form a barrier separating KwaZulu-Natal province and Lesotho. We will have two nights camping in this picturesque landscape with the famous Amphitheatre in the distance on our way to Johannesburg. During a free day in Drakensberg you can explore the area on foot or on rented mountain bikes from the campsite. The campsite also organises an excursion up to the Amphitheatre, which is a long and tough but rewarding hike.

Approximate Travel Time: Six hours depending on the border

Optional Excursions: Tugela Falls Hike • Amphitheatre hike • Mountain biking

Day 29 to 30 - Johannesburg

We stay in Pretoria where you can see the Voortrekker Monument and Fort Scanskop. From our accommodation you can take day trips into Johannesburg and the surrounding areas.

In your free time you can explore diverse and fascinating museums devoted to subjects as diverse as apartheid, Nelson Mandela, gold, beer and traditional African medicine. There are also plenty of other options, including the Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens, or you could meet the healers at the Mai Mai market, or even have a drink in the world's deepest pub located in a mine shaft. You may also choose to visit the Soweto Township on a professional guided tour.

Approximate Travel Time: Six hours

Optional Excursions: Apartheid Museum • Township tour • Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens • Pretoria City Tour • Lesedi Cultural Village or Park
Cullinan Diamond mine • Cheetah and wild dog breeding project • Cradle for Humankind

Day 31 to 31 - Hazyview

Located just outside the borders of Kruger National Park, Hazyview is a small town in South Africa's Mpumalanga province. We will make our way to Hazyview via the Blyde Dam Loop with a number of scenic wonders such as God's Window, the world renowned Blyde River Canyon, as well as the Lisbon Falls.

Approximate Travel Time: Nine hours

Day 32 to 33 - Kruger National Park

An early morning start to get to Kruger National Park will see us leave behind the scenic Drakensberg backdrop.

Kruger National Park is South Africa's premier game reserve, regarded as one of the finest in Africa. Here you'll have the chance to experience the vast diversity of wildlife as we explore some of the two million hectares of the park. The Big Five game animals of Africa are richly represented here – lion, leopard, African buffalo, African elephant and the white rhino in large numbers.

Included Excursion: Full game drive in Kruger National Park

Approximate Travel Time: Eight hours

Day 34 to 34 - Palapye

A long travel day, this morning we leave Kruger National Park with a chance to spot some wildlife as we head for the gates of the national park. We cross the border in to Botswana and arrive at Palapye in time for dinner.

Approximate Travel Time: Ten hours depending on the border

Day 35 to 35 - Nata

Nata is a small village at the crossroads for Botswana routes north and west. We will make our way to the dry savanna of north eastern Botswana where we can find Makgadikgadi Pans National Park which includes a portion of the largest salt flats in the world, the Makgadikgadi Pans. The area was once a superlake. The climate changed and over time the lake dried up, leaving massive salt pans behind. Following the rains which fall mid November to March, the pan fills with a few centimetres of water and becomes an important habitat for migratory wildebeest, springbok, gemsbok and one of Africa's biggest zebra populations, as well as the large predators that prey on them. The wet season also brings migratory birds such as ducks, geese, flamingoes and white pelicans and the pan usually retains its water until April or May. Very little wildlife can exist on the pans during the harsh dry season of June through November, when strong hot winds blow, the pans dry out and the water becomes too salty. Whichever season we travel through this area, the scenery will be spectacular. We then continue on towards Chobe National Park.

Included Excursion: Makgadikgadi Pans National Park (Weather dependent)

Approximate Travel Time: Six hours

Day 36 to 37 - Chobe

As you can never spend too much time here and there is an abundance of wildlife, we return to Botswana's premier game park for your second chance to fill those memory cards with rich game life.

Included Excursion: Boat cruise down the Chobe River

Approximate Travel Time: Four hours

Optional Excursions: Game Drives

Day 38 to 40 - Livingstone

Returning to Livingstone you can take another look at Victoria Falls, cram in more adrenaline pumping activities around the Zambezi River or chill out at the campsite with the many monkeys that call it their home.

Approximate Travel Time: Five hours depending on the border

Day 41 to 41 - Lusaka

Today we start our journey north, passing local communities, farmland and reserves. We arrive at Lusaka, Zambia's bustling capital and largest city where we spend the night just outside the city. Our campsite this evening has giraffe and zebra wandering freely among the thatch roofed bungalows and surrounding bush – a truly serene setting.

Approximate Travel Time: Nine hours

Day 42 to 42 - Chipata

Continuing our drive through Zambia we pass through the country's hottest point, Crooks Corner where temperatures average at approximately 50 degrees. We arrive at Chipata. This busy little town features colourful fruit and vegetable markets and a surprising number of ornate mosques due to its large Indian community.

Approximate Travel Time: Nine hours

Day 43 to 44 - Kande Beach

Often referred to as 'the warm heart of Africa', Malawi's charm and simplicity of life is rejuvenating and refreshing. Kande Beach is one of the many beautiful beaches situated along Lake Malawi's shoreline. There is a lively atmosphere here and with Kande Beach being one of the big overland havens, you will likely be in for a party or two! We'll take an included village tour in either Chitimba or Kande Beach where you may hear about the local way of life, farming techniques, and how the village runs, as well as visiting the local school and hospital. There are various activities on offer here as well, including scuba diving, horse riding and boat trips.

Included Excursion: Village tour in Chitimba or Kande beach

Approximate Travel Time: Eight hours

Optional Excursions: Horse riding • Scuba diving • Village meal

Day 45 to 46 - Chitimba

In contrast to our previous night's stay, Chitimba is a relaxed, idyllic setting next to the lake. We travel along the shoreline of Lake Malawi until we reach our small lakeside camp. Lake Malawi covers roughly a quarter of Malawi's total land area and is an integral part of the local life. In this sleepy lakeside location, you have the option to hike to Livingstonia, a town established by Scottish missionaries in the late-1800s or just relax and watch the locals bring in the catch from their fishing boats.

Approximate Travel Time: Four hours

Optional Excursions: Livingstonia hike • Visit a local village, school & healthcare centre

Day 47 to 47 - Iringa

Leaving Malawi behind us, we enter Tanzania heading north and stay the night in Iringa as we head towards the coast.

Approximate Travel Time: A full day drive

Day 48 to 48 - Dar es Salaam

On the road between Iringa and Dar es Salaam we pass through Mikumi National Park where it is possible to see elephant, giraffe, zebra and antelope from the roadside to the Tanzania-Malawi border.

Dar es Salaam is a bustling port on the Indian Ocean and our gateway to the exotic island of Zanzibar.

Approximate Travel Time: A full day drive

Day 49 to 51 - Zanzibar

Today we are bound for the enigmatic, intoxicating Isles of Zanzibar. Taking tuk-tuks to the ferry terminal, we board our fast ferry to make the crossing. Arriving in Stone Town, we're given a guided tour of a nearby spice plantation discovering the many plants that flourish in this verdant, tropical environment. You can sample spices picked straight from the plant including fresh cloves and cinnamon bark before stopping for lunch at a local home.

The UNESCO-listed Stone Town has changed little over the past 200 years. It boasts a labyrinth of walled streets, winding alleys, bustling markets and grand crumbling architecture. You can spend many idle hours simply wandering the streets, shopping at the bazaars and admiring the intriguingly

decorated elephant-proof doors before sitting down to watch the sun set with a cold beer and a sumptuous seafood feast. If food is your thing, make sure you check out the excellent night market on the promenade which serves traditional local fare.

Our time in Zanzibar is divided between Stone Town and relaxing on the powder white sands of North Beach. The most beautiful, isolated beaches in Zanzibar lie to the north and east of the island. With sparkling turquoise water and silvery sand fringed with palm trees, these beaches are nothing short of paradise. There are plenty of options available here. Relax and take it easy, indulge with a massage or go diving, snorkelling or swimming with dolphins.

Included Excursion: Guided Tour of the Spice Plantations and lunch at a local house.

Optional Excursions: Dhow Sunset Cruise • Snorkelling • Scuba Diving • Massages • Swimming with dolphins • Guided tour of Stone Town • Monkey Island

Day 52 to 52 - Dar es Salaam

This afternoon we take a ferry back to the mainland, making the most of our last few hours on Zanzibar Island before we depart. We return to the same campsite in Dar es Salaam, reuniting with our overland truck and gear.

Day 53 to 53 - Arusha

We depart early this morning, making our way across Tanzania towards the Serengeti. If the weather is clear we may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Mount Kilimanjaro, the fabled roof of Africa.

Our campsite for the evening runs a free clinic onsite offering snake anti-venom to the local people. They treat snake bites and provide free medical care to the nearly 1000 patients a month that come to them for help. There is also a snake and reptile park, Masai museum and craft market. It is here that we will prepare to enter the Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater.

Approximate Travel Time: A full day drive

Day 54 to 55 - Serengeti National Park

A place that needs no introduction, the Serengeti National Park is the most famous safari destination in Africa. We're picked up after breakfast and taken by 4WD to the national park. The afternoon is spent game driving to our campsite, located **inside** the national park to maximise our time and wildlife viewing opportunities. Before we reach the Serengeti plains, we'll stop for a stunning vista overlooking the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest unbroken, unflooded caldera in the world. The vast 300 square kilometre crater stretches out in front of you in a kaleidoscope of blues and greens and it's not until you spot the barely discernible grey speck of an elephant that you truly grasp its scale.

Every safari is unique and you will never know what's in store for you until you arrive. Among the hundreds of species in the park, you may encounter zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, buffalo, lion, cheetah, leopard, hippopotamus, hyena, elephant, vulture, monkey, warthog, gazelle and impala. Each season offers a different highlight.

Our second day in the park is a full day of game driving, trying to spot the more elusive members of the animal kingdom before heading to our campsite on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

Included Excursion: Game Drives by 4WD in the Serengeti National Park

Optional Excursions: Olduvai Gorge • Masai Village

Day 56 to 56 - Arusha

After camping on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater our final morning game driving is spent inside crater itself - a good place to spot black rhinoceros, elephant and lions.

This afternoon, we return to stay in Arusha and reunite with the overland truck.

Included Excursion: Morning Game Drive by 4WD in the Ngorongoro Crater

Day 57 to 58 - Nairobi

Crossing the border into Kenya, we arrive in the bustling capital of Nairobi. Here you can relax at the campsite or venture out in to the city with plenty of sites to see.

Approximate travel time: Ten hours depending on the border

Optional Excursions: Carnivores Restaurant • The Flip Flop Recycling Company • Karen Blixen Museum, Coffee Garden & Cottages • Kazuri Bead and Pottery Factory • Giraffe Centre • Elephant Orphanage • Nairobi National Museum & City Tour

Day 59 to 60 - Masai Mara National Reserve

Covering of over 1,500 square kilometres and providing habitat for thousands of animals, the Masai Mara Nature Reserve is deservedly one of Kenya's most popular safari spots. We leave Nairobi in the morning, making our way by safari minivan. Wasting no time, we head off on our first game drive in the afternoon. Animals present in the reserve include the Big Five (lions, elephants, Cape buffaloes, leopards and rhinoceros), various grazing mammals which attract carnivores such as cheetahs, hyenas and jackals, as well as over 500 recorded species of birds. We stay just outside the park in permanent tents with ensuite, enjoying a buffet dinner in the evening.

The following morning we leave camp early for a second game drive, visiting the mighty Mara River en route. During the annual Great Migration, this is the setting for the thunderous display of thousands of wildebeest crossing the river while canny crocodiles lie in wait. At any time of year, the river is vitally important to the ecosystem and a good spot to view animals. We'll also visit a local Masai village, learning about the vibrant, semi-nomadic herders' way of life and join them in a local dance.

Included Excursion: Game Drives by 4WD in the Masai Mara National Reserve

Approximate Travel Time: Seven hours

Optional Excursions: Hot air balloon over the Masai Mara National Reserve

Day 61 to 61 - Eldoret

Driving through the wilds of western Kenya, we make our way to Eldoret. The scenery as we pass varies from mountainous scrubland to tangled jungle ravines and fertile high tea country. The city of Eldoret is located on the Uasin Gishu Plateau west of the Great Rift Valley and was originally known as '64', because it was located 64 miles from the newly built Uganda Railway railhead at Kibigori. It is also famous for its cheese! We stay a night in Eldoret before arriving in Uganda.

Approximate Travel Time: Nine hours

Day 62 to 63 - Jinja

Making our way towards the source of the mighty Nile, we cross the border into Uganda stopping at the adventure sports hub of Jinja. With world-class white water rafting on the Nile River, quad biking to local villages along the riverbank and a 44-metre bungee jump, there is plenty to entertain in this buzzing town.

It is also the location of the Soft Power project, a British-registered community charity dedicated to improving quality of life through education. If you wish, you can visit this project and volunteer your services helping with school renovations. Your tour leader will be able to give you more information about this.

Approximate Travel Time: Ten hours depending on the border

Optional Excursions: White water rafting • Bunjee Jump • Jet Boat • Horse Riding • Cruise along the Nile • Local Community Project • Tandem Kayaking
Quad biking • Village walk

Day 64 to 67 - Lake Bunyonyi (Gorilla Trek)

The next three days are based in Lake Bunyonyi, our start point for an excursion to see endangered mountain gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. There are believed to be less than 800 mountain gorillas remaining in the world, and about half of that population live in this forest. To watch them in their natural habitat is a heart-stirring experience.

You'll be picked up early in the morning and taken to the national park's office and then transferred by 4WD truck to the trek point. Specialist guides will track gorilla spoor and look for signs of the gorillas' last movements. Gorilla trekking is unpredictable and the distance can vary as gorillas may move very little or travel some distance while foraging for food. Trekking can be physically demanding at times and the weather can be very changeable, but the once-in-a-lifetime experience of seeing these magnificent animals in the wild is entirely worth the effort. It is possible that you may be lucky enough to come within arm's length of these beautiful creatures if they approach you, but you are required to maintain a distance of seven metres from the animals at all times. Your time with the gorillas is restricted to one hour to safeguard the families from excessive human contact.

Back in Lake Bunyonyi, we will visit the Batwa pygmy village and local school. The school was set up by two past passengers and the local community to help pygmy children integrate into Ugandan society. The cost of this included excursion goes directly to the school and donations of school supplies are always welcome. You can also enjoy a cruise on the lake, perhaps take a swim or relax on the shore. Meaning 'place of many little birds', Lake Bunyonyi is about 29 kilometres long and 7 kilometres wide, dotted by 29 islands. Look out for Uganda's national bird, the crested crane, among the 200 other bird species in the area.

Included Excursions: Gorilla Trek, Lake Bunyonyi excursion

Approximate Travel Time: A full day drive getting to the lake

Optional Excursions:

Day 68 to 68 - Kampala

Crossing the Equator, we will make our way to Uganda's capital, Kampala, passing townships, local markets and communities on the way.

Approximate Travel Time: Eight hours

Day 69 to 69 - Nakuru

As we drive across the top of the Great Rift Valley, we are treated to views of the immense trench before dropping down into the valley itself. We should arrive at Lake Nakuru in the afternoon with time for you to explore the farm that sits alongside our campsite.

The next day is a full day game drive into Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for the staggering sight of the thousands of pink flamingos that ring the lake feeding along the shores. It is a rhino sanctuary and shelters both the white and the critically endangered black rhino. Also present in the park are leopards, lions, cheetahs, zebras, buffalo, Rothschild giraffes and water birds including terns, stilts, ducks, herons, pelicans, kingfishers and cormorants.

Finishing the game drive in the early afternoon, we return to the truck and drive to Lake Navaisha.

Included Excursion: Game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park

Approximate Travel Time: Full day drive to Nakuru, three hours to Naivasha

Optional Excursions: Kenana Knitters Project

Day 70 to 71 - Naivasha

You may awake to some unusual sound effects this morning; from our campsite in Navaisha it is often possible to hear hippos wallowing in the lake's fresh water. Naivasha is the second largest lake in the Great Rift Valley and is a great place to enjoy a boat cruise or guided bush walk to the green crater lake. With patience and a set of binoculars you can see many different species of birdlife found in the thick papyrus and forests of acacia trees fringing the lakeshore. You may also see colobus monkeys and giraffes near the lake.

You have some free time to explore the nearby Hell's Gate National Park. Being mindful of the buffaloes you can enter this park on foot and it is one of the few parks in Africa you can explore by mountain bike. You may also like to visit Elsamere, the former home of the late Joy Adamson, who became famous for her relationship with the lioness Elsa in the film Born Free. We will camp here for two nights before heading back to Nairobi.

Approximate Travel Time: Three hours

Optional Excursions: Boat trip on the lake • Elsamere • Visit Green Crater Lake and walking safari • Hells Gate National Park • Bike tour of Hell's Gate National Park • Horse riding

Day 72 to 72 - Nairobi

Returning to Nairobi gives you the chance to experience some of the activities around the capital city you may have missed first time around. You may wish to enjoy a meal at the famous African buffet restaurant called Carnivores, where meat is served from Masai spears until you can eat no more and raise your flag in surrender!

Approximate Travel Time: Four hours

Day 73 to 73 - Depart Nairobi

Your adventure of a lifetime comes to an end today. If you have a late flight or have lengthened your stay by adding post tour accommodation you will have more time to explore the sights.

This itinerary is a guide. Changes may be made before or during your tour to improve the running or due to unforeseen circumstances.

Travel Style

This is an **Overland Tour**, travelling by custom built vehicle and camping along the route. There is a maximum of 34 travellers with an average group size of 15-24.

Gorilla Trek

This tour includes a visit to the endangered mountain gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest (Uganda). The cost of this excursion is included in the price of the tour and permits for the excursion are limited and need to be purchased beforehand. In the event that no permits are available, you will be

refunded the full cost of the excursion.

Visit the [Bwindi Impenetrable Forest & Gorilla Trek](#) page for important information on how to book the Gorilla Trek permit.

Batwa Pygmy Village & Local School

Your Tour includes a visit to the Batwa Pygmy Village & Local School. This school was set up by two past Tucan Travel passengers to help integrate the local pygmy children into Ugandan Society. While Tucan Travel donate money towards the community, many passengers want to do more to help the community after visiting.

The school is in desperate need of exercise books. Your Tour Leader can help you find these educational materials in Kabale before journeying up to Lake Bunyonyi. Many of our Tour Leaders also collect any items you wish to leave behind at the end of your tour to donate to the village however, anything you wish to bring out with you, most importantly any unwanted childrens clothes would be greatly appreciated.

Add-ons & Extras

On many of our Group Tours, we spend one night in our arrival and departure cities. If you want to explore these cities more we can book pre and post tour accommodation, city tours and airport transfers for you. Price information can be found on the price page of each tour. We also have **Add-ons** - short packages that can be booked alongside a tour or on their own and have been carefully designed to ensure you don't miss out on popular highlights.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day	Activity	Country	Meals
Day 1	Livingstone	Zambia	D
Day 2	Chobe	Botswana	BLD
Day 3	Chobe		BLD
Day 4	Maun		BLD
Day 5	Okavango Delta		BLD
Day 6	Maun		BLD
Day 7	Divundu	Namibia	BLD
Day 8	Etosha National Park		BLD
Day 9	Etosha National Park		BLD
Day 10	Kamanjab		BLD
Day 11	Swakopmund		BL
Day 12	Swakopmund		B
Day 13	Swakopmund		B
Day 14	Sesriem		BLD
Day 15	Fish River Canyon		BLD
Day 16	Orange River		BLD
Day 17	Cederberg	South Africa	BLD
Day 18	Cape Town		B
Day 19	Cape Town		
Day 20	Cape Town		

Day 21	Oudtshoorn		LD
Day 22	Tsitsikamma		BLD
Day 23	Addo Elephant National Park		BLD
Day 24	Hogsback		BLD
Day 25	Lesotho	Lesotho	BLD
Day 26	Lesotho		BLD
Day 27	Drakensberg	South Africa	BLD
Day 28	Drakensberg		BLD
Day 29	Johannesburg		BLD
Day 30	Johannesburg		BLD
Day 31	Hazyview		BLD
Day 32	Kruger National Park		BLD
Day 33	Kruger National Park		BLD
Day 34	Palapye	Botswana	BLD
Day 35	Nata		BLD
Day 36	Chobe		BLD
Day 37	Chobe		BLD
Day 38	Livingstone	Zambia	BLD
Day 39	Livingstone		B
Day 40	Livingstone		D
Day 41	Lusaka		BLD
Day 42	Chipata		BLD
Day 43	Kande Beach	Malawi	BLD
Day 44	Kande Beach		BLD
Day 45	Chitimba		BLD
Day 46	Chitimba		BLD
Day 47	Iringa	Tanzania	BLD
Day 48	Dar es Salaam		BLD
Day 49	Zanzibar		B
Day 50	Zanzibar		B
Day 51	Zanzibar		B

Day 52	Dar es Salaam		BD
Day 53	Arusha		BLD
Day 54	Serengeti National Park		BLD
Day 55	Serengeti National Park	Tanzania	BLD
Day 56	Arusha		BLD
Day 57	Nairobi	Kenya	BLD
Day 58	Nairobi		BLD
Day 59	Masai Mara National Park		BLD
Day 60	Masai Mara National Park		BLD
Day 61	Eldoret		BLD
Day 62	Jinja	Uganda	BLD
Day 63	Jinja		BLD
Day 64	Lake Bunyonyi		BLD
Day 65	Lake Bunyonyi		D
Day 66	Lake Bunyonyi		D
Day 67	Lake Bunyonyi	Uganda	D
Day 68	Kampala		BLD
Day 69	Nakuru	Kenya	BLD
Day 70	Naivasha		BLD
Day 71	Naivasha		BLD
Day 72	Nairobi		BLD
Day 73	Nairobi		B

(B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner included)

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For tours that include the option of a single supplement, a ? will indicate in which destinations single rooms are available.