

Information guidelines

All information provided in this document is subject to change without prior notice. Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier as we are continually striving to improve the standards and quality of our tours and itineraries are subject to change. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system. There are a maximum of 20 participants travelling on this tour.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometers in a truck, and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time in the truck to talk to your fellow travellers, play card games, have a drink, walk around, take note of the world passing by your window and make the most of this unique opportunity to step out of your comfort zone.

Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover one kilometer. 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 in the truck, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average".

Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?

If not, please contact us and we will e-mail it to you - alternatively you can also download the document from our website at www.CheapAfricaTours.com or www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl

About this tour

Departure Point

This tour departs at **07:00 am** from Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel – 278 Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – Tel: + 263 13 44583/ 42213-4 – <http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com>

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

End Point

Sentrim Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road, Nairobi, Kenya. Tel: +254 20 315680

www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi

Countries Visited

Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the overland truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the overland 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, etc.) / entrance fees associated with optional activities / souvenirs and optional activities.

Vehicle

Overland Truck

Climate

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information.

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. Have a look on our website under "Hotels and Transfers".

Arrival/ Departure

Please be sure to arrive at least 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will help avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart at least one day after the tour officially ends.

I Want More

This tour will give you a good taste of what Eastern Africa has in store for you. However, you can extend your adventure by adding more tour options... such as our 14 day Gorilla and Masai Mara tour - departing and ending in Nairobi. You could even climb the highest mountain in Africa- Kilimanjaro! You are welcome to contact us via email to discuss more options.

Insurance (Compulsory)

All clients require adequate Medical Insurance. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Medical Insurance is not provided.

Currency and Banking

As your tour may pass through multiple countries, we have prepared information on the use of local and foreign currencies, ATMs and Credit Cards for each country. This information is available on our website under FAQ (frequently asked questions).

Health

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disabilities that you may have.

Vaccinations

A Yellow Fever Certificate might be required for this tour depending on your nationality. Please see the Pre-Departure Information booklet for detailed information on vaccinations in Africa.

Visas

As visa requirements vary considerably from country to country and nationality to nationality, please contact the various embassies or a visa service agent in your home country to re-check your visa requirements at least 4 weeks prior to travelling. Please note that visas are the responsibility of the traveller and that ShapShap Travel and its partners will not be held responsible for guests being denied entry should they not be in the possession of the relevant visas.

All travellers must be in possession of a valid onward/return air ticket or proof of other means of transport enabling the traveller to leave the country in which your adventure tour passes or terminates. You should also have proof of sufficient funds (e.g. credit card) to see you through your time in the country. Should the adventure tour you are joining be re-entering a country, be sure to have a multiple entry visa that enables you to re-enter the country.

In some cases visas are available on entry into a country and may be cheaper to do so, however for peace of mind and to speed up the border crossing process, ShapShap Travel will always advise you to get your visas prior to your trip if possible.

Accommodation providers

Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice, the accommodation listed in this dossier is our preferred supplier, but sometimes due to availability, we are unable to make use of the property listed in this dossier. If we cannot use the accommodation provider as listed we will substitute another property of similar standards, however, en-suite facilities are not always guaranteed.

* Optional Serengeti Excursion Upgrade - Camping

The cost of the optional Serengeti excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price. The cost to participate in the 3-night camping excursion is **R15,800 per person**. A minimum of 4 clients are required in order for this excursion to operate.

Please pre-book this when you book your tour, should you wish to participate in this activity.

*** All the details of the Serengeti excursion can be found after the tour itinerary.**

Detailed itinerary

Day 1 - Lusaka

Setting off early from Victoria Falls, we catch a last sighting of the mighty falls before crossing the border into Zambia. While we have a long day travelling today, we get our first impressions of the Africa that awaits us. Colourful markets, busy villages and rural scenes form the backdrop of our journey to the outskirts of Lusaka. We enjoy a prepared meal on arrival as our guides brief us on the days ahead.

Accommodation	Eureka Camp: http://www.eurekacamp.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Victoria Falls to Lusaka
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	View of Victoria Falls from the Bridge
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls Bridge (no telephone number) Open: 06h00-20h00 Zambia: Victoria Falls Bridge (no telephone number) Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 2 - Petauke

This morning we drive through Zambia's busy capital Lusaka before turning east towards Petauke, our destination for the night. As an important link between Lusaka and neighbouring Malawi, the Great East Road winds through rural Zambia and we will cross the mighty Luangwa River along the way. Dotted with villages and subsistence farms, today's landscapes serve as a stark contrast to the developed countries so many of us call home.

Accommodation	Chimwemwe Executive Lodge: http://www.chimwemwelodge.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Lusaka to Petauke
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - South Luangwa National Park

With two days of travel behind us we look forward to the tranquillity of South Luangwa and this morning we make our way to the banks of the Luangwa River. Our first stop though is the town of Chipata, home of Chipata Cotton and an important centre for the cotton farmers of the region.

Tribal Textiles represents the creativity of the African culture and those interested can enjoy a tour of their workshops (March to December). One of the finest sunsets is surely that enjoyed on the banks of the Luangwa River, so grab a cold drink and watch the day fade away.

Accommodation	Wildlife Camp: http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions Camping: Campsite with en-suite Ablutions
Route	Petauke to South Luangwa National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Textile visit

Day 4 - South Luangwa National Park

South Luangwa National Park is a world-class safari destination and we have a full day to explore the park in search of the variety of wildlife found in the park. This morning you can partake in an optional morning safari or during the dry season (April to December) you can join one of the iconic walking safaris on offer in the park. This afternoon we will enjoy a sunset drive in the park including a sundowner stop. The unique opportunity to explore the park at night gives us a chance to spot the elusive nocturnal species that are rarely seen in the day.

Accommodation	Wildlife Camp: http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with en-suite Ablutions
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Sunset Game Drive (safari) in South Luangwa National Park
Optional Activity	Safari Walk (seasonal) or Morning Game Drive (safari) in South Luangwa

Day 5 - Lake Malawi

This morning we board our truck and set off for Malawi, the warm heart of Africa. Our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi, the southernmost lake in the East African Rift system. As one of the ten largest lakes in the world, the lake stretches for over 500km along the western boundary of Malawi and is home to more species of fish than any other lake. We spend the night on the shores of this natural wonder.

Accommodation	Ngala Beach Lodge: http://www.ngalabeach.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	South Luangwa National Park to Lake Malawi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Zambia: Chipata / Nwami, Tel: + 265 622 1652, Open: 06h00-18h00 Malawi: Mchinji, Tel: +265 124 2217, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 6 - Lake Malawi

Today we visit a local village near our lodge with the overland guide. The rest of the day is set aside for you to relax at the lake. Use the time to read a book, soak up the sun or indulge in the many attractions that are on offer.

Accommodation Ngala Beach Lodge: <http://www.ngalabeach.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Malawi Village Tour

Day 7 - Lake Malawi

Today we are back on the road for most of the day travelling further north and will overnight once again on the banks of Lake Malawi. Enjoy the sunset over the lake from the beach. Your guide will assist you to plan your activities for the coming days, or you can simply slow your clock to Africa time relaxing on the lake shore.

Accommodation Majizuwa: <http://www.majizuwa.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Central Lake Malawi to North Lake Malawi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 - Lake Malawi

Snorkelling in the crystal waters offers the chance to see first-hand the brilliantly coloured tropical cichlids, tiny fish often found in colourful aquariums around the world. Your afternoon will be spent walking through the small village of Ngala.

Accommodation Majizuwa: <http://www.majizuwa.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - Tanzania – Iringa

Today as we leave Malawi, we ascend the Great Rift Valley and make our way into Tanzania. We round the northern extremes of the lake as we turn east and continue to our overnight stop in Iringa.

Accommodation Kisolanza Farm: <http://www.kisolanza.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Northern Lake Malawi to Iringa
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00
Tanzania: Chi'zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 10 - Mikumi

This morning we complete our journey to the doorstep of Mikumi National Park. Mikumi ranks as the fourth largest park in Tanzania, but forms part of a 75 000 square kilometre wilderness that centres on Selous, Africa's largest game reserve (wildlife reserve). Today you will have the opportunity to book a game drive(safari) in Mikumi National Park.

Accommodation	Asante Afrika Camp: www.asanteafrikacamp.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with en-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Iringa to Mikumi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Mikumi Game Drive (safari)

Day 11 – Zanzibar Excursion

We rise early and travel from Mikumi to the Port of Dar Es Salaam, where we will board the ferry and make the ocean journey to the island of Zanzibar. Our home for the next three nights, Stone Town offers a perfect stop to enjoy the beaches and activities on offer.

Accommodation	Ocean View Hotel: http://www.ocean.co.tz
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Route	Mikumi via Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar by ferry
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 - Zanzibar Excursion

This morning we enjoy the local scenery by embarking on a spice tour with a local guide. The afternoon is free to enjoy some of the many attraction sand activities on offer. Water sports are the order of the day and you have the opportunity to book activities such as fishing, snorkelling, scuba diving and a variety of ocean safari options.

Whatever it is you chose to do today, you will have ample opportunity to create some island memories. Rent a scooter and explore the many attractions on offer or simply relax on the beach and soak up the sun.

Accommodation	Ocean View Hotel: http://www.ocean.co.tz
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Fishing, Snorkelling, Scuba Diving, Turtle Sanctuary Visit, Village Tours, and more
Included Highlight	Stone Town City Walk / Spice Tour

Day 13 - Zanzibar Excursion

Today we explore the beautiful Jozani Forest. For those wanting to do their last bit of sightseeing, the afternoon is free for optional activities. Boasting a rich history this bustling port was once a landmark on both the Slave and Spice trade routes.

Accommodation	Ocean View Hotel: http://www.ocean.co.tz
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Route	Stone Town
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Jozani Forest Half Day tour

Day 14 - Bagamoyo

This morning we have some time to explore the sights of Stone Town, the rich history and vibrant markets are some of the highlights of any visit to Zanzibar. We bid farewell to the island and board our return ferry, on arrival back at the Dar es Salaam port, we reunite with our truck and return to Bagamoyo where we spend the night.

Accommodation	Bagamoyo Travellers Lodge: http://www.bagamoyo.com/travellers-lodge/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam by ferry; Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Stone Town

Day 15 - 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. The clients who have purchased the * **optional Serengeti Excursion upgrade package** will be briefed this evening by our local guide on what to prepare for the coming days.

Accommodation	Ndoro Lodge: http://www.ndorolodge.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Bagamoyo to Arusha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16 - Karatu

Although it is short distance to Karatu, we will spend most of the day commuting closer to the Ngorongoro Crater. Upon arrival in Karatu, our guide will brief us on the full day excursion into the crater. Karatu is conveniently situated to allow you the opportunity to participate in various optional activities in the coming days.

* Those guests who have purchased the **Serengeti excursion** will be collected from Arusha this morning.

Accommodation	Kudu Camp: http://kuducamp.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Arusha to Karatu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activities	Local Brewery Tour, Karatu Iraaqw Market, local coffee plantation tour

Day 17 - Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

We rise early and will be collected from our camp and transferred to the Ngorongoro Crater. We will spend the bulk of our day exploring the Crater floor in search of the animals which roam the plains. We will arrive back in Karatu in the afternoon.

Accommodation Kudu Camp: <http://kuducamp.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Karatu to Ngorongoro Crater and return
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Full day 4x4 excursion to Ngorongoro Crater

Day 18 - Karatu

This morning we rise early for a hike to the Elephant Caves, taking you through untouched forests with amazing wildlife. The rest of the day is free for you to relax at camp or participate in a number of optional activities available from the accommodation establishment. Some of the optional activities include village walking visits or a visit to Lake Manyara National Park. These activities need to be booked directly with the accommodation provide upon arrival in Karatu.

Accommodation Kudu Camp: <http://kuducamp.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Elephant Caves Hike

Day 19 - Arusha

Returning to Arusha, tonight we will reunite with our fellow travellers who opted for the optional Serengeti excursion and we share our experiences of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.

Accommodation Ndoro Lodge: <http://www.ndorolodge.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Serengeti National Park to Arusha (Serengeti excursion guests) /
Karatu to Arusha (Non-excursion guests)
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 20 - Kenya – Nairobi

We cross the border into Kenya this morning and make our way to Nairobi where our journey ends on arrival.

Accommodation Own Arrangements/ Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
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

*Optional Serengeti Excursion Upgrade - Camping

The cost of the optional Serengeti excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price. The cost to participate in the 3-night (4-day) **camping** excursion is R15800 per person. This rate is based on a minimum of 4 guests booking and is subject to increase if there is only 1 guest participating in this activity.

In order to ensure availability of this optional activity, we request that you pre-book and pre-pay this activity together with your tour purchase.

Single supplement charges paid on the tour do not cover the Serengeti excursion, therefore please expect to share with a fellow guest for the duration of the Serengeti excursion.

Optional Activity	Price
4-Day Serengeti excursion upgrade	R 15 800
	R 15 800

The Serengeti excursion is operated in 4x4 safari vehicles in order to tackle the challenging side roads in the parks. The overland truck and crew (and fellow guests who have not purchased the upgrade) will be based in the town of Karatu and you will be separated from the group for the 3 nights.

You will be required to pack overnight bags for your excursion – please ensure your valuables and luggage which you are not taking is locked in your locker in the overland truck.

The campsites we visit are fully owned by the Tanzania National Parks Board. Over 90,000 tourists visit the Serengeti National Park annually. These facilities are sadly not always sufficiently maintained by the Parks Board and we have attempted to offer our services to improve the situation, however our offers were not accepted. We do ask that you have an open mind when visiting the ablutions in the Serengeti National Park. Please supply your own wet wipes and toilet paper.

Serengeti excursion itinerary

Day 1 - Arusha - Serengeti National Park

The Serengeti is most famous for the annual migration when over a million wildebeest and about 200,000 zebras flow south from the northern hills to the southern plains for the short rains every October and November, then swirling west and north after the long rains in April, May and June. While the migration is heavily dependent on the rains and viewing of the spectacle cannot be guaranteed, we will make the most of our time in the Serengeti in search of the various animal species that frequent the plains. After a short briefing at the accommodation in Arusha, we depart in 4x4 safari vehicles and set off for the Serengeti National Park, enjoy our first game drive (safari) as we enter in the afternoon and make our way to our camp.

Accommodation	Bush Camp: Seronera Campsite or similar. http://www.tanzaniaparks.com/serengeti.html
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Arusha (Ndoro Lodge) to Serengeti National Park

Day 2 - Serengeti National Park

Our route today depends on the movement of the game (wild animals) and sightings, however, we spend the entire day game driving (safari) through the Serengeti. Apart from the annual migration, the Serengeti is also home to the "big five", and it is claimed that the Serengeti is home to the highest population of lions anywhere in Africa.

Accommodation Bush Camp: Seronera Campsite or similar.
<http://www.tanzaniaparks.com/serengeti.html>

Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Day 3 - Ngorongoro Crater Excursion

Today we explore more of the Serengeti and make our way to the famous Ngorongoro Crater. We drive down to the bottom of the Crater, where we try and see as many animals as possible.

Accommodation Bush Camp: Simba Campsite or similar.
<http://www.tanzaniaparks.com/serengeti.html>

Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Day 4 - Arusha

We pack up early and leave our camp to enjoy our final game drive in the Ngorongoro area as we make our way to the exit. We should reach Arusha early evening where we will reunite with our truck, crew and fellow guests.

Accommodation Ndoro Lodge or similar. <http://www.ndorolodge.com>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Ngorongoro to Arusha

There are more optional activities being created every day – we have listed only the most popular. If there is something specific you would like to do then speak to your guide as they will be able to assist you if possible.

More optional activities which can be booked on this tour

Country	Area	Activity	Rate Guideline
Zambia	South Luangwa NP	Walking safari or Gamedrives	USD45 - USD65
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Full Day white water rafting or Bungee Jump	USD150 - USD170
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Helicopter Flights (Min 3 clients)	USD160 - USD180
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Zambezi Sunset Cruise (incl transfers)	USD40-USD70
Malawi	Lake Malawi	Livingstonia Hike	USD15 - 20
Tanzania	Karatu	Lake Eyasi & Tindiga Experience	USD140 - USD270
Tanzania	Karatu	Iraqw Tour walk or Biking Tour	USD20 - USD40
Tanzania	Mikumi	Game Drive (safari)	From 80USD