

## 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](http://www.CheapAfricaTours.com) or [www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl](http://www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl)

## About this tour

### Departure Point

**This tour departs at 07:00** from the Kariakoo Hotel, Lumumba Road / Mahiwa Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, +255 22 2183100, <http://www.sleepinnhoteltz.com/en/kariakoo/index>

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

## **End Point**

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel – 278 Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.  
Tel: + 263 13 44583/ 42213-4 – <http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com>

## **Countries Visited**

Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe

## **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... you could start 10 days earlier in Nairobi and also visit the Serengeti and you can continue onward to Johannesburg from Vic Falls with our 2 day transfer or even down to Cape Town over an extra 20 days... 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.

## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1 - Dar es Salaam - Mikumi

Leaving the coast behind us we travel inland and make our way to Mikumi where we stop for the night. Mikumi National Park ranks as the fourth largest park in Tanzania and forms part of a 75 000 square kilometre wilderness that centres on Selous, Africa's largest game reserve (wildlife reserve).

<b>Accommodation</b>	Asante Afrika Camp <a href="http://www.asanteafrikacamp.com">www.asanteafrikacamp.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Zanzibar via Dar es Salaam to Mikumi
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Mikumi Game Drive (safari)

### Day 2 - Iringa

The town of Iringa sits on a cliff overlooking the Ruaha River Valley. The town centre offers the visitor a view into the past with its German colonial buildings and a popular market. The Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery memorializes soldiers who died in local battles during WWI and WWII.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kisolanza Farm: <a href="http://www.kisolanza.com">http://www.kisolanza.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Ablutions <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Mikumi to Iringa
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 3 – Lake Malawi

Leaving Tanzania behind, we descend the Great Rift Valley and cross the border into Malawi. Known as the “Warm Heart of Africa” the lakeside country is blessed with natural beauty and our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi where we look forward to spending the next two days enjoying the attractions of the northern regions of the lake.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Majjuwa: <a href="http://www.majjuwa.com/">http://www.majjuwa.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with Shared Ablutions <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Iringa to Chilumba
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Border Post</b>	Tanzania: Chi'zumulu, Tel: +265 15 357 207, Open: 06h00-18h00 Malawi: Songwe (no telephone), Open: 06h00-18h00

### Day 4 – 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Majjuwa: <a href="http://www.majjuwa.com/">http://www.majjuwa.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with Shared Ablutions

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5 – Lake Malawi

This morning we board our truck and head further South of Lake Malawi. Our destination tonight is the shores of Lake Malawi. Stretching over 500km along the western boundary of Malawi, the lake 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 Shared Ablutions

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

**Route** North Lake Malawi to Central Lake Malawi

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 6 – Lake Malawi

Today is another day of leisure, relaxing 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 Shared Ablutions

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Included Highlight** Malawi Village Tour

### Day 7 – South Luangwa

This morning we enjoy a final sunrise on the shores of Lake Malawi before setting off for Zambia and the South Luangwa National Park. After crossing the border into Zambia we make a short stop in Chipata before continuing to our camp on the banks of the Luangwa River. Having watched the sun rise over Lake Malawi in the morning we enjoy an equally spectacular sunset over the Luangwa River this evening.

**Accommodation** Wildlife Camp: <http://www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com>

OR Marula Lodge: <https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/>

**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

**Route** Nkhotakota Region to South Luangwa National Park

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Border** Zambia: Mwani Border / Tel: +260(0)21 138 1930

Malawi: Mchinji Border / Tel: +265 (0)12 42215

### Day 8 – South Luangwa

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, enjoying a

sundowner on the way. 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>  
OR Marula Lodge: <https://www.marulalodgezambia.com/>
- Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with Shared Ablutions  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared 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 in South Luangwa

### Day 9 - Petauke

Leaving the Luangwa Valley this morning we make a stop at Tribal Textiles. The Chipata area is a major producer of Cotton and this morning we get a taste of the creativity of the African culture. Those interested can enjoy a tour of their workshops (March to December) to see how these colourful fabrics are crafted. Our destination tonight is the small town of Petauke.

- Accommodation** Chimwemwe Executive Lodge: <http://www.chimwemwelodge.com>
- Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions
- Route** South Luangwa to Petauke
- Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Included Highlight** Textile project visit (full tour available March to December)

### Day 10 - Lusaka

As an important link between Lusaka and neighbouring Malawi, the Great East Road winds through rural Zambia and we will cross the Luangwa River on our way to Lusaka. The route today is dotted with villages and subsistence farms and the landscapes serve as a stark contrast to the developed countries, so many of us call home.

- Accommodation** Eureka Camp <http://www.eurekacamp.com>
- Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with Shared Ablutions  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions
- Route** Petauke to Lusaka
- Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 11 – Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Crossing the Southern reaches of Zambia we make our way to the adventure town of Victoria Falls. This afternoon we get our first look at the mighty Victoria Falls. Crossing the bridge between Zambia and Zimbabwe we get a view of “Musi oa Tunya”, the Smoke that Thunders as the falls are known in the local language. Victoria Falls offers a host of optional activities and these can be booked on arrival in Victoria Falls. Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in Victoria Falls.

- Accommodation** Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
- Route** Lusaka to Victoria Falls
- Meals** Breakfast, Lunch

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

## Enjoy your African Adventure of a Lifetime!