

42 Day Cape Town to Nairobi

Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

Leaving Cape Town, there's one last photo stop at Table View for a spectacular panorama of Table Mountain. On the way to the Cederberg we visit!Kwa ttu where we enjoy a San guided tour & museum visit. After the tour, lunch will be prepared and afterwards we continue to Piketberg for wine tasting at a local wine farm. We arrive at our accommodation and your guides will give you a full briefing on the tour.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Blommenberg Guest House: www.blommenberg.co.za

Day 2 Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River

Today we travel through the Northern Cape and Namaqualand, stopping at the remote town of Springbok for any last requirements. After crossing the Namibian border we check in to the lovely chalets overlooking the river that forms the border between South Africa and Namibia.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Felix Unite Cabanas: www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas

Day 3 Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon

This morning there's the optional chance to canoe down the Gariep River (in the summer) or to spend some time relaxing in the camp along the river. After lunch we travel north to the Fish River Canyon and take a scenic hike along the rim in order to gain some perspective as to just how large this natural phenomenon is, later we return to Ai-Ais to check in to our accommodation and enjoy the hot springs.

Optional Activities: Half-Day Canoe Adventure

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Ai Ais Resort: www.nwr.com.na/ai_ais_hotsprings_spa.html

Day 4 Ai-Ais - Kokerboom Forest

This morning we travel into the Kalahari area of Namibia in order to visit the Kokerboom Forest. The Kokerboom is sometimes known as the Quiver Tree as it was often used by the indigenous Khoisan people for making quivers for their arrows.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Auob Lodge: <http://www.namibialodges.com/auob.html>

Day 5 Bushman Community – Namib-Naukluft Park

The Namib-Naukluft NP is one of Namibia's geographic gems. There are massive sand dunes in the Sossusvlei desert area as well as the remarkable landscape. After an optional morning's tribal interaction with the !Xung (San) people we travel to the Namib and stay the night outside the park.

Optional Activities: African Tribal interaction

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hammerstein Lodge and Rest Camp: www.hammerstein.com.na



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Day 6 **Namib-Naukluft National Park**

We have a full day in the Namib-Naukluft National Park that starts by being transported in to Sossusvlei. Later we travel to Dune 45 where you have the chance to hike up the dune for an amazing view and photo opportunity. In the afternoon there's a short walk into the Sesriem Canyon.

Optional Activities: *Transfer to Deadvlei, Wild Cat Walk*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Hammerstein Lodge and Rest Camp: www.hammerstein.com.na

Day 7/8 **Swakopmund**

We are joined by an expert local guide for a nature walk. Exploring on foot, this local guide will share his detailed knowledge of the ecosystem. Afterwards we cross the Tropic of Capricorn on our way from the Atlantic Coast. Our first stop is Walvis Bay where we may see some flamingos. Then it's on to Swakopmund, the adventure capital of Namibia, where you will be briefed on the many optional activities available.

Optional Activities: *Dinner Out, Quad biking, Sand boarding, Sky Diving, Scenic Flights etc.*
Meals: Breakfast x 2, Lunch x 1
Overnight: Hotel A La Mer: www.pension-a-la-mer.com

Day 9 **Kamanjab - Himba Tribe**

Today we head inland towards Kamanjab in the north-west of Namibia. The following morning we will spend time with some of the semi-nomadic Himba people. The Himba are a pastoral people and are easily recognisable by their unique style of hair and dress.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Oase Lodge: www.namibweb.com/oasehouse.htm

Day 10/11 **Etosha National Park**

We travel south-east to Etosha NP. The open plains allow spectacular elevated game viewing from the truck whilst on game drives. Our quality bungalow accommodation is inside the park at Okaukuejo and/or Halali which both boast floodlit night water holes where the animals come regularly to drink.

Optional Activities: *Morning or Night Drive with expert Namibian Game Ranger*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Halali and Okaukuejo Lodges: www.nwr.com.na/etosha_national_park.html

Day 12 **Windhoek**

En-route to Namibia's capital, Windhoek, we stop at a craft market where you can buy authentic African carvings and paintings. On arrival in Windhoek we take a short driving tour around the city in our truck.

Optional Activities: *Dinner out*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Hotel Safari: www.safarihotelsnamibia.com



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Day 13 Botswana - Ghanzi

We say goodbye to Namibia and cross the Botswana border. Later we arrive at our lodge in Ghanzi, and this evening we experience some traditional tribal dancing from the local San community.

Optional Activities: Game drive and bushman walk
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Tautona Lodge: www.tautonalodge.com

Day 14/15/16 Maun – Okavango Delta

Maun is well known as the gateway to the Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta. We spend one night in Maun and prepare for this excursion. Small planes transport us over this amazing area to our tented camp; Moremi Crossing. Once in the Delta we take a nature walk with a local expert and a guided afternoon boat cruise. If the water level allows there will also be a traditional mokoro (dug-out canoe) trip.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight Maun: Delta Rain, Sitatunga: www.deltarain.com
Overnight Okavango Delta: Moremi Crossing: www.moremicrossing.com

Day 17 Gweta

A second scenic air-transfer will return us to Maun and the truck. This afternoon we drive to Planet Baobab where our evening accommodation is set amongst the majestic Baobab trees. For those wishing to learn more an optional Baobab Bush Walk is available.

Optional Activity: Baobab Bush Walk – if the time allows it
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Planet Baobab: www.unchartedafrica.com/page.php?p_id=59

Day 18 Chobe National Park

After continuing north to Kasane, we enjoy the included sunset river cruise on the Chobe River (in the National Park) where animals such as hippos, buffalo and elephants are plentiful.

Optional Activities: Chobe Game Drive (next morning)
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Thebe River Safaris: www.theberiversafaris.com



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Day 19/20/21 Zimbabwe - Victoria Falls

After an early morning optional game drive we cross into Zimbabwe where we have a short briefing on all the activities available here. Then we enter the much-anticipated Victoria Falls NP where we will experience the might of the great Zambezi River.

Optional Activities: Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Dinner out, White Water Rafting, Bungee Jump, Elephant Excursion and many more...

Meals: Breakfast (Lunch day 19 only)

Overnight: Elephant Hills Hotel: www.elephanthillsresort.com

Day 22 Lusaka

Leaving behind the natural wonder of Victoria Falls we continue our expedition. After Livingstone we journey towards the bustling Zambian capital of Lusaka. You will notice the vegetation becoming sub-tropical and the roads a little rougher.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Pioneers Camp: www.pioneercampzambia.com

Day 23 Chipata

Today is a long drive through lush country, crossing rivers en-route to Chipata, the gateway to the South Luangwa NP. Zambia is truly African and an adjustment from the more Western ways of Southern Africa.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: MamaRulas: www.mamarulas.com

Day 24 South Luangwa National Park

Early in the morning we drive from Chipata to the border of the South Luangwa National Park where we spend the next two nights right on the banks of the Luangwa River. You can often see hippos and other animals from the camp bar. This afternoon we enjoy a sunset game drive in the South Luangwa NP.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Wildlife Camp: www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com

Day 25 South Luangwa National Park

In the morning you have the opportunity to take another game drive. The park is known for its high concentration of leopards and hippos. After lunch we visit the community run tribal textile project and a local village.

Optional Activities: Morning Game Drive and Game Walk

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Wildlife Camp: www.wildlifecamp-zambia.com



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Day 26 Lilongwe

Today we visit the Lilongwe Wildlife Centre, Malawi's only sanctuary for rescued, orphaned and injured wild animals. The Centre is set in 180 hectares of beautiful woodland, Lilongwe's only protected wilderness.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Barefoot Lodge: www.barefoot-safaris.com/index_files/BarefootLodge.htm

Day 27/28 Kande Beach

This morning we have the opportunity to participate in a 2 hour city tour, before we take a scenic drive to Kande beach. We will spend the next 2 days enjoying the many optional activities available, such as horse riding and different water sports. We will go on a guided village walk in order to meet the local people and learn more about Malawian life.

Optional Activities: 2 hour morning city tour in Lilongwe, Water Sports, Horse Riding, Craft Shopping

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kande Beach: www.kandebeach.com

Day 29 Lake Malawi - Chitimba

We travel further north and spend our last day in Malawi at Chitimba beach. For those who have had enough of the beach, there is a short hike to the Manchawe Falls.

Optional Activities: Water sports etc.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Chitimba: www.chitimba.com

Day 30 Tanzania -Iringa

Today we leave Malawi and enter Tanzania. We ascend out of the Great Rift Valley through some spectacular mountain passes, passing vast tea plantations in the highlands before arriving at our camp outside Iringa. This evening our dinner is in a local Masai Hut where we enjoy a traditional Tanzanian evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kisolanza Farm: www.kisolanza.com

Day 31 Mikumi

We leave Iringa today and head north to the Mikumi National Park. Mikumi is home to lion, zebra, wildebeest, impala, buffalo and elephant and today we have the opportunity to enjoy an optional afternoon game drive through the park.

Optional Activities: Afternoon game drive in Mikumi NP.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Tan-Swiss Lodge: www.tan-swiss.com/



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Day 32 Dar es Salaam

Our journey today brings us out of the cool highland region to the humid Indian Ocean coastal city of Dar es Salaam. Meaning 'house of peace' in Arabic, Dar es Salaam is the economic and trade capital of Tanzania, but inland Dodoma remains the official capital city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kipepeo Camp: www.kipepeocamp.com

Day 33/34/35 Zanzibar

A local ferry will take us from Dar es Salaam (where we leave the truck) to Stone Town, the capital of Zanzibar. We spend the first night exploring the historical and unique architecture. There are also spice and seafood markets to be explored. The following day we take a transfer to the northern part of the island where we will spend our time relaxing on the beach.

Optional Activities: Lunch & Dinner, Swimming with Dolphins, Scuba Diving, Snorkelling etc.

Meals: Breakfast x 3

Overnight: Stone Town - Shangani Hotel x1: www.shanganihotel.com

Nungwi Beach – Nungwi Inn x2: www.nungwiinnhotel.co.tz

Day 36 Lushoto

Today we leave Zanzibar and catch a ferry back to Dar es Salaam and return to our truck. We continue on to Lushoto, the major town and district centre, albeit small, in the Usambara Mountains, halfway between the coast and the parks. The popular pot plant Saintpaulia has its only wild occurrences in Tanzania, and particularly in the Usambara Mts

Here you will have the chance to hike in the surrounding area, or just relax.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: The Lawns Hotel: www.lawnshotel.com

Day 37 Karatu

Today we take a scenic drive via Arusha to the picturesque town of Karatu. The area's cool climate, verdant hills, and pleasing views made it popular with settlers and farmers. Vast and extensive fields cover the slopes of the volcano and the lands around Karatu town. Karatu is also a stone's throw away from the world famous Serengeti & Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kudu Camp: www.kuducamp.com/



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Day 38/39/40

Serengeti and Ngorongoro Excursion

These 4 days are set aside for the optional 3-night camping excursion into the Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater. This area has one of the most densely inhabited large animal populations in Africa. The excursion is in open topped 4x4 safari vehicles in order to tackle the challenging side roads in the parks. For those not going to the parks, take this chance to absorb some of the fascinating local culture.

Optional Activities:

Various Serengeti & Ngorongoro Excursion packages, Lake Manyara game drives, day hiking & village tours, volunteer at educational project and many more various day trips.

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight:

Seronera and Simba Campsites: www.tanzaniaparks.com/serengeti.html

Day 41

Arusha

Today the group meets up again and we have the chance to exchange stories of the various adventures that we participated in over the past few days. In the afternoon we visit the local Masai Mara Museum and Snake Park in Arusha.

Optional Activities:

Camel ride to local Masaai village

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight:

Meserani Oasis or Snake Park Camp: www.meseranislakepark.com

Day 42

Kenya – Nairobi

After crossing the border into Kenya we continue to travel towards Nairobi and the end of our journey. Usually we end the tour with a group meal out at one of Nairobi's excellent restaurants.

Optional Activities:

Dinner out

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch

