

## 15 day East African Discoverer CAE0933 DAR ES SALAAM TO VICTORIA FALLS

This trip starts in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania through Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and finishes in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Please note that this trip departs Dar Es Salaam on a Saturday, early morning. Should you wish to spend extra time there an earlier arrival should be planned and additional accommodation booked.

**Pre Departure Meeting:** Held at departure point at 5:00pm the day before your departure.

**Departure Point:** Kipepeo Campsite, Plot 4, Mjimwema, Kigamboni

**Check In Time:** 7:30am

### **DAY 01: Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar**

A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the "Spice Island", where we will spend three nights on this legendary island. Zanzibar is steeped in history and was one of the major starting points for most East African explorers in their quest for new lands. (B)

**Please note:** From our experience our clients have felt the need to explore the island on their own, therefore accommodation and food is for client's own account whilst on Zanzibar, but our trip leader accompany clients to the island and will be able to book accommodation and tours on the island

### **DAYS 02 & 03: Zanzibar**

History aside, Zanzibar offers a wealth of experiences for the visitor. Today the quiet streets of the old Stone Town still retain their Arabic influence, from the Medina-like shops to the palaces of the Sultans, who founded their vast empires on the spoils of the slave and ivory trade. The island is still famous for its spices, and tours around a spice plantation can be organised. Other options include a trip to the nearby Prison Island with its giant tortoises, and beautiful beaches to enjoy. Or perhaps you would enjoy the opportunity to hire a motorbike and explore the more remote areas of the island.

Zanzibar is a seafood lover's paradise. Numerous restaurants offer a great variety of the freshest catch from the ocean - giant lobsters being a popular speciality. Alternatively, joining the locals for dinner in the waterfront market is an experience not to be missed. The market stalls offer an unusual selection of fast food African style at a very reasonable cost.

### **DAY 04: Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam**

Leaving Zanzibar we take the ferry back to mainland for an overnight in Dar es Salaam. There may be an opportunity to visit one of the craft markets offering an extensive range of exquisite ebony products (where prices

depend on your bargaining skills) and where the goods are made on-site. It is possible to observe the carvers at work and understand the skill, which has gone into making even the simplest trinket. (D)

#### **DAY 05: Dar es Salaam to Iringa**

Leaving Dar es Salaam we head for Iringa, passing through Mikumi National Park. It is possible to view a range of wildlife from the roadside, totally impervious to humans and their vehicles. Tonight we camp at the Old Farmhouse, a beautiful rustic campsite in rural Tanzania. Try one of the signature Amarula Hot chocolates! (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 06 to 10 Iringa to Lake Malawi**

The next morning we head for Malawi passing through the beautiful tea plantations of Tikuyu before exiting Tanzania. We enter Malawi through the border post of Songwe and head to Chitimba Beach campsite in Malawi for the night.

The newly democratic Malawi is a landlocked country with 20% of its total area being the beautiful Lake Malawi. The country's temperate climate allows for swimming in these clear blue fresh-waters all the year round. We travel the full length of western side of lake, stopping off at various bays and inlets for the next 4 days. This is the time for rest and relaxation. Lake Malawi offers a variety of water sports from various beachside campsites. Alternatively, you can go wandering along quieter shorelines where you can see the fishermen sorting their daily catch. Traditional methods are still used in their fishing techniques and you can appreciate their boating skills by trying to paddle in a dugout canoe yourself.

Visit the nearby villages and schools as well as dine in the local village, haggle for a bargain at the local markets, learn the game of bao with some locals ... or simply relax on the pristine white beaches. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 11: Lake Malawi to Chipata**

We cross the border into Zambia, heading to a beautiful little campsite just 10kms before the Zambia/Malawi border, where we spend the night. (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 12: Chipata to Lusaka**

The landlocked country of Zambia is quickly crossed, passing through the capital Lusaka for one night. The campsite is home to some local wildlife and has beautiful facilities. (B, L, D)

### **DAY 13: Lusaka to Livingstone**

This morning we will pack up camp early and head south for Livingstone. Here we have the opportunity to dine in style on the Zambezi sunset cruise.

### **DAY 14: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

Today we cross the border into the town of Victoria Falls. 1700 metres wide and around 100 metres high, Victoria Falls are one of the most memorable sights on your African safari. A couple of days are spent here to enable you to experience the sights and the many activities available. All year round, flights can be taken which give you a panoramic view of the Falls, Batoka Gorge and the islands above the Falls. Flights can be taken in fixed wing planes, micro lights or helicopters. Back on the ground, the Falls can be seen from the Victoria Falls Park. All offer fantastic photographic opportunities. (B)

White water rafting in the Batoka Gorge is considered to be world class. Besides the excitement of the grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats" where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.

Bungi jumping enthusiasts can take the plunge from the Zambezi Bridge, which connects Zambia and Zimbabwe. The leap into the Batoka Gorge is one of the latest activities at Victoria Falls and is certainly not for the faint-hearted.

Other optional activities in the area include trips into the Zambezi or Hwange National Parks, walking with lions, elephant rides, horse riding, visit to the crocodile ranch, golf at Elephant Hills Hotel, parachuting, elephant safaris and the Falls craft village.

### **DAY 15: Victoria Falls**

After breakfast our trip ends and we part ways. (B)

**Local Payment:** US\$280



### **Optional Excursions:**

Zanzibar Accommodation US\$20p/p/p/n

Sunset Dinner Cruise (Livingstone) US\$40

Victoria Falls National Park US\$20

**Please note:** This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road conditions, weather, political situations, and group decisions. Due to new tourism laws in some of the countries we operate in there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. All prices & Local Payments are subject to change, without prior notice.

## **Free Trips**

Please note that when you book this trip you are entitled to receive a free 3 day Hwange safari. The Local Payment is still applicable for the trip. This offer must be taken up when booking your main trip. Please ask us for details. Conditions apply.

The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with us.

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