

## 29 Days East African Explorer

### Tour overview

This tour offers the renowned Big 5 game parks, the friendly laid back beaches of Lake Malawi, the tropical paradise of Zanzibar, and the Victoria Falls. Ideal for those wanting to see the best of Africa.

### Highlights

Kruger National Park, South Africa

Chobe National Park, Botswana

Victoria Falls

Lake Malawi, Malawi

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Zanzibar, Tanzania

Serengeti National Park, Tanzania

Great Rift Valley

### Meals

25 Breakfasts, 20 Lunches, 21 Dinners

### Accommodation

Camping in 2-person dome tents

### Days 1 – 5

#### Johannesburg, Kruger, Chobe National Park

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From South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg, we travel to the famous Kruger National Park. We search for Africa's 'Big Five' - lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, Leopard - and an immense variety of birdlife, a perfect introduction to Africa's nature. Continuing north into Botswana, we pass through Francistown and Nata to Kasane and nearby Chobe National Park. On the famous Fish Eagle Cruise on the Chobe River we may see hippo, buffalo or elephant wallowing in the shallows.

### Days 6 – 10

#### Livingstone, Victoria Falls Zambia

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We cross the Zambezi River on the Kazangula ferry, enter Zambia and drive the short distance to Livingstone. Our camp is beside the Upper Zambezi River and a great base from which to explore Victoria Falls. Numerous exciting activities are available – white water rafting, scenic flights, canoeing, Gorge swinging or elephant back safaris. We also visit the Victoria Falls themselves. From Livingstone we continue north through rural Zambia, by passing Lusaka to Malawi - the 'warm heart' of Africa. We pass through Lilongwe to Malawi's main attraction, the enormous Lake Malawi - the third largest lake in Africa. Camp on the golden sandy beaches for a few days of relaxation.

### Days 11 – 15

#### Kafue River, Malawi

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From Livingstone we continue north pausing at the Kafue River for a cruise and visit to local village. Continue through Lusaka to Malawi, the 'warm heart' of Africa. Stopping en route at Lilongwe we arrive at enormous Lake Malawi – the third largest lake in Africa - where we camp on the golden sandy beaches, relax, and meet the famously friendly locals.



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### Days 16 – 22

### Tanzania, Zanzibar

We continue along the lakeshore and into Tanzania. Travelling through some remote areas, we pass through Mikumi National Park before reaching the Indian Ocean coast and port city, Dar es Salaam. 'Dar' is Tanzania's main commercial centre and the jump-off point for Zanzibar - the 'Spice Island'! Time here is at your leisure. Rich in history, Zanzibar offers a blissful mix of exotic spice markets, winding alleyways and old palaces as well as sparkling, blue ocean and long stretches of palm-fringed sands.

### Days 23 – 29

### Arusha, Serengeti Plains, Nairobi

Back on the African mainland we travel back inland where, in clear weather, we may spot snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak (5895m), as we drive towards Tanzania's safari capital, Arusha. Hold a snake - if you dare - in the Meserani Snake Park and make friends on a guided walk to the local village to learn something of Masai culture. From Arusha we depart in 4x4 vehicles for a 3-day game viewing safari in Tanzania's premier parks, experiencing close wildlife encounters in the deep basin of the Ngorongoro Crater and the open plains of the Serengeti. We game drive through exciting scenery by day and camp out under the stars, listening to the sounds of Africa by night! We return to Arusha for a final day's drive across the border into Kenya and finish our tour in Nairobi.

### Includes

- \* Fully equipped safari vehicle
- \* Camping and cooking equipment
- \* All road tolls and vehicle taxes
- \* All ground transportation
- \* Services of driver/ tour leader
- \* Sleeping mattress
- \* Malawi cultural village walk
- \* Snake Park entrance
- \* Maasai village walk
- \* Meals as indicated

### Excludes

- \* Local Payment excursions
- \* Visas
- \* Travel insurance
- \* Flights
- \* Departure taxes
- \* Airport transfers
- \* Sleeping bag
- \* Optional activities
- \* Drinks, items of a personal nature
- \* Accommodation and meals in Zanzibar (3 nights)

