

## 58 Day Ultimate Overland Adventure

### Tour overview

The ultimate in African overland adventure safari tours. Enjoy an audience with the gentle gorillas in misty highlands, watch the Zambezi River tumble over Victoria Falls and view the shimmering dunes of the ancient Namib Desert. Game parks, beaches, deserts and wetlands – from Lake Victoria to Table Mountain.

### Highlights

Great Rift Valley

Lake Nakuru, Kenya

Matobo or Matopos National Park, Zimbabwe

Kampala, Uganda

Lake Victoria

Mountain gorillas

Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda

Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya

Serengeti National Park, Tanzania

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Zanzibar, Tanzania

Lake Malawi, Malawi

Victoria Falls

Chobe National Park, Botswana

Okavango Delta, Botswana

Windhoek, Namibia

Etosha National Park, Namibia

Swakopmund, Namibia

Namib Naukluft Park, Namibia

Fish River Canyon, Namibia

### Meals

52 Breakfasts, 46 Lunches, 45 Dinners

### Accommodation

Camping in 2-person dome tents



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### Day 1 – 8

#### Nairobi, Lake Nakuru, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Lake Bunyonyi, Gorilla Trek

We depart Nairobi for Kenya's Great Rift Valley and Lake Nakuru National Park. Best known for its birdlife, especially flamingos Nakuru also contains good stocks of rhino, leopard, buffalo, warthog, baboon, antelope and lion! We continue north through the highlands to Eldoret before we cross into Uganda to the capital Kampala. After a night here we drive west to Queen Elizabeth National Park. We game drive in search of Uganda's natural wildlife, pause to appreciate the views of Lake Edward before tracking Chimpanzee sanctuary at Kyambura Gorge. Seen in their natural habitat chimpanzees live in structured social groups but quite different to the gentle gorillas we see later in the trip. After game driving through QENP we continue to rural south-west Uganda and our camp beside Lake Bunyonyi, It is in this densely forested area that we trek in search of the gorillas. Local guides lead us through jungle into the hills. The trek can be demanding but the effort is forgotten when we finally find ourselves in the midst of a family of gorillas. We have a one hour 'audience' with these gentle giants, and you may be surprised at how close you can get and how human-like they are. We may spend several days in the area to allow time for everyone to complete the trek.

### Day 9 – 12

#### Kampala, Jinja

Returning to Kampala we have a night in the capital before continuing to Jinja. Situated near the source of the River Nile there is the opportunity to assist a local charity in building and improving community schools - roll up your sleeves and make a difference!

### Day 13 – 14

#### Eldoret, Nairobi

From Jinja we cross back into Kenya stopping at Eldoret and driving along the Rift Valley to Nairobi where we prepare for the next leg of our journey.

### Days 15 – 23

#### Masai Mara, Serengeti Plains

From Nairobi we visit Kenya's best-known game park, the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The park is justly renowned for its stocks of wildlife, Africa's 'Big Five' and its beautiful scenery. We retrace our steps briefly before crossing into Tanzania for a 3-day excursion to the Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park and Olduvai Gorge by 4x4 vehicle.

### Days 24 – 29

#### Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar

From Arusha we glimpse snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro en route to the port city of Dar es Salaam. We catch a ferry to Zanzibar and spend three days on the island exploring Stone Town, enjoying the beautiful beaches and bathing in the warm Indian Ocean waters. We return to the mainland before heading south, via Mikumi National Park, to Malawi.

### Days 30 – 39

#### Lake Malawi, Victoria Falls, Livingstone

Malawi is dominated by the enormous Lake Malawi and one of our more popular stops here is Kande Beach, a lakeside resort where you can swim, snorkel, scuba dive and take an informative guided walk to a local village. We pass through Lilongwe and cross into Zambia and continue to Livingstone. This is our base to explore Victoria Falls. There are numerous optional activities to pursue here, as well as viewing the 'Falls' themselves.

### Days 40 – 50

#### Chobe National Park, Okavango Delta, Etosha National Park

Leaving Livingstone we cross into Botswana to Chobe National Park. We enjoy a game drive and game cruise on the Chobe River before continuing to the Okavango Delta. Explore the channels and floodplains on foot and by mokoro (dugout canoe). Further south, we spend time with traditional Bushmen in the Kalahari Desert learning how they live. Across the border in Namibia, we enjoy two days in Etosha National Park on game drives in magnificent desert terrain.



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**Days 51 – 58**

**Swakopmund, Fish River Canyon, Cape Town**

After Etosha, we drive south through Damaraland, making camp amongst the eerie rock formations at Sptizkoppe, before visiting Swakopmund, Namibia's fun-loving coastal town offers a range of optional desert based adventure activities such as skydiving and sand boarding. Meanwhile, a dramatic terrain of sand dunes and dead vleis (lakes) are there to be explored in the Namib Naukluft Park. Fish River Canyon, the second-largest canyon in the world, is our final stop in Namibia. In South Africa we camp beside the Orange (Gariiep) River before continuing south to Cape Town for a cultural township tour to end our journey.

### **Includes**

- \* Fully equipped safari vehicle
- \* Camping and cooking equipment
- \* All road tolls and vehicle taxes
- \* All ground transportation
- \* Services of two crew
- \* Sleeping mattress
- \* Meals as indicated
- \* Snake Park entrance
- \* Maasai village walk
- \* Bushman paintings visit
- \* Malawi cultural village walk

### **Excludes**

- \* Local Payment excursions
- \* Visas
- \* Travel insurance
- \* Flights
- \* Departure taxes
- \* Airport transfers
- \* sleeping bag
- \* Optional activities
- \* Tips drinks, items of a personal nature
- \* Zanzibar meals & accommodation (3 nights)
- \* Nairobi meals & accommodation (2 nights on days 14-15)

