

21 Day Trade Route Camping & Cabin 2010 CAS0614

Route: Livingstone to Johannesburg



Tour Highlights:

- Victoria Falls - natural wonder of the world
- Lower Zambezi - canoeing
- South Luangwa NP - game walk & 4WD game drives
- Lake Malawi - snorkelling & beaches
- Benguerra Island – explore islands on a dhow
- Inhambane – beaches and scuba diving
- Kruger National Park – morning and afternoon game drives

Includes:

- 4 nights in cabin / casitas & 16 nights camping
- Entrance fees
- Use of camping equipment (except sleeping bags & pillows)
- Transport in safari truck or 4WD
- Meals as per itinerary
- Professional guide
- Canoeing on the Lower Zambezi
- Benguerra Island excursion

Journey through the heart of the wild continent, from Zambia through Malawi and down the Mozambique coast to South Africa. A diverse and fascinating journey along the old trade routes!

Day 1 - 2 LIVINGSTONE [camping Bx1 - -]

(B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner)

The group will meet in Livingstone, in Zambia, at 14:00 where we have 2 days to explore Victoria Falls, a natural wonder of the world, plunging into the Zambezi Gorge. Adventure activities abound, white water rafting on the mighty Zambezi, or an 111m bungi jump (own expense).

Day 3 LAKE KARIBA [camping BLD]

We camp on the tranquil shores of Lake Kariba, home to hippo, crocodile and a wide range of bird life. A sunset cruise on the lake is a photographers dream.

Day 4 - 5 LOWER ZAMBEZI CANOEING [lodge BLD]

We drive down into the Lower Zambezi Valley and spend two nights at our lodge on the banks of the river. Enjoy a full day canoeing down the Zambezi River, home of the tribal mythical god – Nyami Nyami. The river attracts elephants and other wildlife from the surrounding wilderness. After a day highlighted by bird watching and game viewing, relax around the campfire in the evening.

Day 6 LUSAKA [camping BLD]

We head to Lusaka where we stock up on supplies in the bustling shops and markets of the Zambian capital.

Day 7, 8, 9 SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK [camping BLD]

Make our way down into “the valley” of the Luangwa River. South Luangwa National Park is wild and remote. It has an abundance of wildlife that is rarely seen in other game reserves and is one of Africa’s finest wildlife sanctuaries, full of hippo, crocodiles, elephants, lion and leopard.

We camp on the banks of the Luangwa River and explore the area on a game walk and an open 4WD night drive, with spotlights, to see nocturnal animals. (If road conditions prevent us driving all the way to Luangwa on day 7, we’ll arrive early on day 8.)

The camp we use operates under the auspices of the Wildlife Environmental and Conservation society of Zambia and donate 60% of their proceeds towards the education of Zambian children.

Day 10 **LILONGWE [camping BL-]**

Malawi “the warm heart of Africa”. We head to the Capital, Lilongwe where we restock with fresh supplies in the markets. The old city centres’ vibrant markets, cafes, shops and restaurants are worth visiting.

Day 11 - 12 **CAPE MACLEAR [camping BLD]**

We’ll camp on the beach at Cape Maclear in the Lake Malawi National Park, a World Heritage Site, overlooking the beautiful, scattered islands. We’ll take a boat out to the islands to explore the fantastic bays and coves in the area. Snorkel around the island at Otter Point to see the colourful endemic fish.

Day 13 - 14 **TRANSIT MOZAMBIQUE [camping BLD]**

Heading south through Blantyre, named after the birth place of legendary explorer David Livingstone, we enter Mozambique. Making our way back over the Zambezi River we travel through the Tete region, camping en route.

Day 15 - 16 **BENGUERRA ISLANDS [camping Bx2 Lx2 Dx1]**

Upon reaching the Indian Ocean we turn south to overnight in Vilankulo. We take a full day to explore the Benguerra Islands on a local dhow, a traditional ocean going trade vessel. Beautiful blue sea, expansive white beaches and some excellent seafood available – what a day!

Day 17 - 18 **INHAMBABE [casitas Bx2 Lx2 Dx1]**

Arab influences are strong in Inhambane dating back to when slaves, ivory, gold and spices were traded. Explore Inhambane and its 200-year-old cathedral, before moving to Praia de Barra to our casitas (reed cabin) under the palms next to the beach. Dhow rides and scuba diving on coral reefs are available (own expense)

Day 19 - 20 **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK [camping BLD]**

We enter the greater Kruger National Park and Transfrontier Limpopo Park and visit big game country! Exciting game drives to spot lions, giraffe and the mighty elephant. Relaxing in the tranquil bush we experience a land forgotten by time, a true African wilderness.

Day 21 **JOHANNESBURG [- B - -]**



After an early morning game drive we return to Johannesburg in the evening, sun-tanned, laid-back and ready to rejoin life. Tour ends @ 18:00.

Special Interest:

Sunway includes a snorkelling excursion to Otter Point in Lake Malawi where endemic cichlid fish are prolific. These small colourful fish have fascinating social and amazing “mouth” breeding habits.

Sustainable Tourism:

In the Luangwa Valley we stay at Wildlife Camp who donate 60% of their revenues to the Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia. A local guide will lead us on a game walk and night drive. Your visit will support employment opportunities.



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