

33 Day South Africa to Serengeti Overland Camping

Africa's amazing culture, geography and wildlife are the major highlights of the many countries we travel through. This thirty-three-day trip takes us to some of Africa's top game parks like the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and Kruger, and to its best natural beauty at Lake Malawi and Victoria Falls. The beaches of Zanzibar and Malawi are a welcome addition to sit back and relax in true African style.



INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Kruger National Park
 Night Game Drive
 Great Zimbabwe Ruins
 Matobo National Park
 Entrance to Victoria Falls
 Chobe Overnight Safari
 Chobe National Park
 South Luangwa National Park
 Lake Malawi
 Zanzibar Ferry
 Zanzibar Excursion
 Spice Tour
 Sunset Dhow Cruise
 Dar es Salaam
 Meserani Snake Park & Cultural Museum
 Serengeti Excursion

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SOUTH AFRICA - BOTSWANA - ZIMBABWE - ZAMBIA - TANZANIA - KENYA - MALAWI



This trip starts in Johannesburg early on a Wednesday morning. Should you wish to explore this city, an earlier arrival should be planned, and accommodation booked through your agent.

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

Accommodation style:	Camping
Length of trip:	33 Days
Starts in:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Finishes in:	Nairobi, Kenya
Pre-departure Meeting:	Held at the Departure Point at 17h00 on day 1 of your tour.
Departure point:	Doves Nest, 78 Gladiator St, Rhodesfield, Kempton Park
Check-In Time:	Anytime on Day 1
Countries visited:	South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Malawi

DAY 1 JOHANNESBURG

We start our first day in Egoli - the place of gold (Johannesburg). Johannesburg is the capital of Gauteng, which is a province in South Africa. Today is an arrivals day – You can arrive anytime and make your way to the departing lodge where your accommodation is included for the night. We do offer a free airport Transfer if needed. Tonight, there will be a pre-departure meeting at the departing lodge.

If you arrive early take some time to explore Johannesburg. Your booking consultant can help arrange pre-night's accommodation if needed and advise on trips to do in Johannesburg to places of interest.

Meals: None

DAY 2 JOHANNESBURG TO NKAMBENI CAMP

Leaving Johannesburg, we head towards the Lowveld and our camp situated within the border of the famous Kruger National Park. On our way we pass through the southern section of the picturesque Panorama Route – famous for its breath-taking vistas. Our camp for the next two nights is a short drive from the Kruger Park Gate and has some interesting local residents that include hippo, giraffe, zebra and impala.

Meals: Lunch & Dinner
Included Activity: Kruger National Park Night Game Drive

DAY 3 NKAMBENI CAMP

Today we explore the amazing Kruger National Park. Covering 19 485 km² - 60 km wide and over 350 km long, this conservation area has more than 146 mammals, 500 bird, 114 reptile, 33 amphibian & 49 fish species. 23 000 different types of plants have been recorded. We spend the day driving around the park keeping an eye out for these. There is the option of doing a night drive looking for a few of the nocturnal inhabitants or upgrading to a small vehicle for the game drive at an additional cost.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Included Activity: Game Drives



DAY 4
NKAMBENI CAMP TO POLOKWANE

Today we leave the Lowveld and head on the long, scenic drive to Polokwane. Along the way we stop off at some of the best scenery in South Africa, including the ever striking Blyde River Canyon and God's Window. The many viewpoints of the Canyon afford us excellent photo opportunities. Polokwane, capital of Limpopo, is the largest metropolitan complex in the north and a major economic centre. Its proximity to the neighbouring countries of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Swaziland, as well as its convenient distance from the Kruger National Park and Magoebaskloof, makes it a perfect gateway and good destination in itself. We set up our tents on the lush green grass of our campsite located outside of the city before enjoying a dip in the lovely swimming pool.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Optional Activities: Blyde River Canyon & God's Window

DAY 5
POLOKWANE TO MUSINA

After a quick replenishing of our stocks we begin our journey north toward Zimbabwe. We have a long, relaxing drive where we get to sit back and enjoy the ever-changing scenery. Tonight, we'll camp near to one of the hottest towns in South Africa, Musina, at the hot water spring resort – Tshipise. Situated between the rolling hills, the resort is well known for its natural hot water springs. Once we've set up camp, you're free to enjoy the pools, walking trails or various other activities on offer here.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 6
MUSINA TO BULAWAYO

Today we enter Zimbabwe - a beautiful country rich in soul, culture and tradition. We make our way to the town of Masvingo - on the outskirts of the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. This was the greatest medieval city in sub-Saharan Africa, built by an ancient highly skilled civilization. The name Zimbabwe is derived from this ancient city and means "great stone houses" in Shona. The most notable artefacts found at the ruins were the 8 Statues of stone birds carved out of soapstone. Wander around these amazing ruins, before setting up camp at the foot of the hills.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Included Activity: Great Zimbabwe Ruins

DAY 7
MASVINGO TO BULAWAYO

Leaving Masvingo, we head to Bulawayo - Zimbabwe's second largest city. Bulawayo is noted for its exceptionally wide streets, which were originally designed to accommodate a full span ox wagon. The city also still retains much of its British Colonial character, evident by the many buildings maintained as heritage sites by the Bulawayo City Council. Interesting places to visit are the Natural History Museum, the National Arts Gallery and the Mzilikazi Arts and Crafts Centre, which employs over 70 people.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 8
BULAWAYO

Today we visit Matobo National Park, one of the last strongholds of both the black and the white rhino. This park is also well known for its high concentration of the elusive leopard and majestic black eagle. Rock paintings are to be found too, providing evidence of the ancient San inhabitants of this area. Cecil John Rhodes (after whom Rhodesia was named) asked to be buried at the top of one of the sacred hills, (although there is some controversy



over whether he will stay!) We spend half the day exploring this unique geological, ecological and historic area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Included Activity: Visit to Matobo National Park Half Day

DAY 9 BULAWAYO TO HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

We continue north-west to Zimbabwe's oldest and largest reserve – the Hwange National Park. Hwange is well known for its abundance and variety of wildlife species including thousands of elephants, and rare antelope species such as the Sable and Roan Antelope.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 10 HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Today we have some time in the Hwange area, and here we partake in a game drive through Hwange National Park, in the hope that we spot as many wild animals as possible.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Included Activity: Game Drive in Hwange National Park

DAY 11 HWANGE TO VICTORIA FALLS (ZIMBABWE)

Leaving Hwange, we head to Victoria Falls. Named after the famous World Heritage site and Waterfall, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park. Our campsite is conveniently situated in the centre of town, and within walking distance of the adventure booking agents, restaurants and shops. A 20-minute walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders), was named by David Livingstone on his explorations, and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari! After our adventure activities briefing (see price guide at the end of this document for options), the afternoon is spent relaxing at the campsite's swimming pool, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town!

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch
Included Activity: Entrance to Victoria Falls

DAY 12 & 13 VICTORIA FALLS

The next 2 days are spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of Optional Excursions. Some of our fellow passengers will leave us in Vic Falls, to be replaced by new passengers joining us for the next leg of our trek.

Meals: Breakfast
Optional Activities: Bungee Jumping, Abseiling, Flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra-light aircraft
And helicopters, white water rafting, floats

DAY 14 VICTORIA FALLS TO CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA

We head out from Victoria Falls to the border crossing to Botswana. Once we've completed the border formalities, we continue to the town of Kasane, situated on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms a border



between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia and is the main water source to the Chobe National Park. After lunch, we have time at leisure to relax. In the afternoon, we leave for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife. Look out for the rare Sable and Roan Antelope on your game drive, with their majestic backward slanting horns, or try keep a count of the Lilac Breasted Roller's that swoop by! After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before packing up the camp and heading back to Kasane.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Included Activity: Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile Excursion

BOTSWANA

The size of this successful country can be compared to countries such as Kenya or France, and fairly smaller than Texas. Botswana is a landlocked country with borders such as South Africa, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe which can all be crossed overland. For such a small country, it boasts an array of spectacular game viewing opportunities such as, hundreds of elephants splashing in the Chobe River and the Okavango Delta and its maze of lagoons.

DAY 15 CHOBENATIONAL PARK TO LIVINGSTONE (ZAMBIA)

Once returning to the camp at Kasane, we get back on our truck and continue to the town of Livingstone. This afternoon we have the opportunity to view The Falls from the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia or partake in an optional sunset boat cruise on the Zambezi River. Another fantastic photo opportunity!

Meals: Lunch & Dinner
Optional Activity: Zambezi Sunset River Boat Cruise

DAY 16 LIVINGSTONE TO LUSAKA

An early morning start sees us head north through southern Zambia. As we drive, we pass through a few of the villages and towns of Zambia along the way. Prosperous during the copper boom in the 60's, Zambia was able to build infrastructure at the main mining and farming communities. After the fall of the copper industry, the country was left virtually bankrupt and existing infrastructure was left to fall to ruin. Due to foreign investment and a rise in the mining industry, Zambia is today once again starting to prosper. The difference is evident in the cities with the availability of foreign stores, banks and imported cars, while the villages and smaller towns are still to catch up

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 17 & 18 LUSAKA TO SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

This breath-taking park is situated on the Luangwa River in the Eastern part of Zambia, and it is the southernmost of three national parks in this region. South Luangwa was founded in 1938 as a game reserve, 1972 was the year it was declared as a national park, and today it covers over 9000 kilometres squared. Animals such as Giraffe, buffalo and Elephants can be found in abundance. The Luangwa river is home to many a hippo and croc.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on both days
Included Activity: Game Drives through South Luangwa National Park in Tour vehicle

DAY 19 TO 21 CHIPATA TO LAKE MALAWI BEACHES (MALAWI)

Leaving Zambia, we cross into Malawi, the 'Warm Heart of Africa'. Malawi is a landlocked country with 20% of its



total area made up of beautiful Lake Malawi. We camp first at the central Lake, and then in the northern area over the next 3 days.

Spend the days learning the game of bao from the locals, scour the markets for a bargain or simply relax on the pristine beaches. Malawi's temperate climate allows for swimming in the clear blue fresh-water lake all year round. Explore the beautiful shore where you'll happen upon the local fishermen sorting their catch. Traditional fishing techniques are still practiced and to appreciate their boating skills, try to paddle a dugout canoe yourself! At night, you'll see the 'fairy' lights of the fishermen out on the lake. The various beachside campsites along Lake Malawi's shores offer many optional Excursions including a variety of water sports, horseback rides and a visit to the local village and school.

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Optional activities vary; however, we do recommend that you take part in the village tour. Please that you can bring along pens, pencils, notepads, or dry starch food sorts for the villagers. Please speak to your crew for more information.

MALAWI

A variety of attractions can be found in this exquisite country such as, forest, mountains and many a rural village, but there is one major attraction – Lake Malawi. There are many small rustic resorts along this freshwater lake where you can kick back on the sand and enjoy the perfect sunset over this lake. Malawi will offer you the perfect sub-tropical climate, allowing you ample time to soak up the sun and work on that tan. Lilongwe is the largest city in Malawi, as well as the capital city. Malawi plays host to just over 12 million people, with English and Chichewa being the main languages.

Lake Malawi

Most your time in Malawi will be spent enjoying the white beaches and warm waters of Lake Malawi. Lake Malawi is also known as "the lake of stars", offering an abundance of water activities. With the staggering amount of 500 species of fish, this lake makes for an excellent spot for freshwater diving after meeting and greeting all the welcoming locals.

DAY 22

LAKE MALAWI TO IRINGA (TANZANIA)

After a relaxing 3 days, we leave Malawi, entering Tanzania through the border post at Songwe. Winding our way through the beauty of the Tukuyu tea and banana plantations, we head towards Iringa where we spend the night in the beautiful rustic 'Farmhouse' campsite famous for its Amarula Hot Chocolates and its steamy showers!

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

TANZANIA

Tanzania's natural environment and geographical features have made it one of the best tourist destinations in Africa. Being the biggest country in east Africa, Tanzania has heaps to offer her visitors, including 13 game reserves and national parks. Tanzania also forms part of the world's largest animal's movements, the great migration. Inland are the vast Serengeti National Park and the animal packed Ngorongoro Conservation area, and thousands of people every year fulfil their lifetime achievement of climbing to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, which is the highest mountain in Africa. On the coast, Zanzibar is exotic, intriguing and steeped in the unique Swahili culture.

DAY 23

IRINGA TO DAR ES SALAAM

This morning we head off early and make our way to Dar es Salaam. We pass through the Mikumi National Park where it is possible to view a range of wildlife from the roadside, totally impervious to the passing traffic. Today's drive time is extended due to the heavier amount of traffic heading into the city, but the sights and sounds of Dar's vibrant outer suburbs are sure to keep you entertained. Look out for the colourful shop-fronts with their sometimes humorous 'catch phrases'. On arrival in Dar es Salaam, we make our way to our lovely seaside campsite and prepare for our departure to Zanzibar the next morning



Meals:**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner****DAY 24
DAR ES SALAAM TO ZANZIBAR**

A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the "Spice Island," where we spend the next 3 nights. Zanzibar is steeped in history and was one of the major starting points for most East African explorers in their quest for new lands. New passengers may join us to replace those that'll leave us at the end of our excursion to Zanzibar.

Meals:**Breakfast****Included Activities:****Spice Tour & Dhow Excursion and Zanzibar Excursion**

PLEASE NOTE: Meals are for your own account whilst on Zanzibar, as it is our experience that passengers prefer to explore the island on their own, and in accordance with their own budget. The Trip Leader joins you and will arrange your activities, while meals can be enjoyed from a wide selection of restaurants. There are also a wide variety of optional excursions on offer

PLEASE NOTE: New legislation prohibits the taking of photographs during the Zanzibar ferry ride. Spot fines can be issued, if legislation is not obeyed.

**DAY 25 & 26
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 famous for its spices and an excursion around a spice plantation is always a fascinating experience. Other options include a trip to the beautiful beaches and giant tortoises of Prison Island, a full day scuba dive in Nungwe or a fishing trip in a traditional dhow. Mopeds are available for hire if you'd like to 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 - crayfish being a popular speciality. Alternatively, mingle with the locals for dinner at the Forodhani Gardens seafront market, where delicious, inexpensive seafood is on offer.

Meals:**None****DAY 27
ZANZIBAR TO DAR ES SALAAM**

Leaving Zanzibar in the afternoon, we return to the mainland and another night in Dar es Salaam. Arrival back to camp is usually in the late afternoon, or early evening.

Meals:**Dinner****DAY 28
DAR ES SALAAM TO PANGANI**

This morning we leave early and leave the hustle and bustle of this major Tanzanian city, and head towards the farmlands of this beautiful country. Today is used as a transit day to get us closer to Serengeti.

* Some trips may choose to forego this night at their own cost.

Meals:**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

DAY 29
PANGANI TO ARUSHA

From Dar es Salaam we have a long day's drive through vast sisal plantations and African bushveld to Arusha. On the way, we pass The Pare and Usambara Mountain ranges before driving through the town of Moshi. Moshi is the base for Mount Kilimanjaro climbing expeditions and weather permitting; we may even catch a glimpse of this magical mountain's snowy summit - a photo opportunity not to be missed! Tonight, we stay at a campsite in Meserani on the outskirts of Arusha, before heading out on our Optional Excursions to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater tomorrow.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 30
ARUSHA TO KARATU

This morning we visit the Meserani Reptile Park and Masai Cultural Museum. A few minutes' walk from the campsite is a gallery selling the bright and iconic Tinga Tinga paintings. Alternatively, the town of Arusha is nearby to explore. After enjoying lunch at our camp against the backdrop of Mount Meru we meet our Tanzanian guides and transfer into locally operated 4WD vehicles. These vehicles have been adapted for safari use and allow excellent viewing and photographic opportunities through the opening roof hatches.

Leaving our camp, we travel via the Masai town of Mtu Wa Mbu (Mosquito River) that lies adjacent to the Lake Manyara National Park and then up the Rift Valley Escarpment to the higher lying village of Karatu. Karatu offers magnificent views over the surrounding hills and has many well-established wheat farms that add to the picturesque panoramas. Tonight, we spend the evening at a pleasant campsite in Karatu (campsite has ablution facilities).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Included Activity: Serengeti & Ngorongoro Excursion

DAY 31
KARATU TO NGORONGORO CRATER & SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

This morning we depart early for the Ngorongoro Conservation area and head into the wildlife rich Ngorongoro Crater. The Ngorongoro Crater is the largest unbroken, unflooded caldera in the world. Comprising of open savannahs, acacia forests and both soda and freshwater lakes, the Ngorongoro Crater is truly a miniature 'Garden of Eden'. This World Heritage Site boasts some of the best game viewing in Africa – including the elusive Black Rhino.

After our game drive in the Crater, we head down the Crater rim and past the 'Cradle of Mankind' on our way to the Serengeti National Park. We cross the vast plains as we game drive through the southern and central areas in the park. Tonight, we camp (no ablution facilities) in the bushveld surrounded by the sounds of the African wilderness. Without any fences surrounding our campsite we are truly in the midst of nature!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 32
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK TO ARUSHA

In the morning, we head off for another game drive and explore the landscape in search of the resident game. With some luck, we may see some of Africa's 'Big 5'! Following our morning drive, we retrace our journey back across the plains and along the lush Crater rim to our truck at Arusha, where we spend the evening musing over our thrilling wildlife experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAY 33
ARUSHA TO NAIROBI (KENYA)

We set off early this morning and make our way to the Tanzania/ Kenyan border and the small border town of Namanga. After completing the border formalities, we continue on our journey to the Capital City Nairobi and our campsite on the outskirts of the city.

The rest of the day is yours at leisure to enjoy some of the many options available in this bustling city; visit The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, where you can view the orphaned baby Elephants at feeding time, or head to the Giraffe Centre in Langata, if you haven't had your fill of game viewing, then Nairobi National Park offers some great day trips or if you haven't quite got all those souvenirs you wanted, take a "Matatu" to the local curio markets close by the campsite. This evening why not try the fair on offer at the famous Carnivores restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast

KENYA

Upon entering this beautiful east African country, you may be greeted with the words of "jambo" (hello) or "hakuna matata" (no problem) by the friendly locals. With a population of nearly 42 million and land area of more than 580 000 sq km Kenya is home to an abundance of animals and colourful tribes people, making it the perfect getaway for a once in a lifetime safari.

Tour Information

On Booking your Overland Tour, your consultant will send you a full detailed pre-departure information document that will help you prepare. Below is a couple of points on key subjects.

Meals on tour

Meals and menu's vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menu's with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home.

The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus are on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas and BBQ's!

Transport on tour

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage area for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 28-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. Vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

Participation on tour

All of the tours operated are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

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



Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details.

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