





18 Days / 17 Nights

## Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Kenya & Tanzania Private Safari. Escorted by Stephanie Savage

### The Impulse Travel Group (12 Persons)

| 19 June 2024 - 6 July 2024

Cape Town | Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) | Nairobi | Mara North Conservancy | Northern Serengeti | Ngorongoro Conservation Area

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# The Impulse Travel Group

## About Us

**Successfully operating since 1989**, The Impulse Travel Group is a family owned and managed travel company whose charter is to only ever do the very best by our clients. We take as much time as necessary to really get to know our clients, usually over a nice cup of coffee in one of our offices, so that we can offer a personal and customised service to meet all of their travel needs.

**The Impulse Travel Group** operates solely on the basis that each and every travel experience is highly individual and should be seamless. We have a passion for delivering high quality service with first-hand knowledge and expertise in travel.

**We fully recognise the importance of careful planning** to help our clients get the best out of their travel experience. By travelling with us we get to share with you our expertise, our destination knowledge and our personal recommendations. We have the world covered – members of our team have lived and travelled extensively throughout the world and it would be hard to find a region that at least one of the team hasn't travelled to!

Our company is accredited with **IATA and AFTA/ATAS** and is a partner in the Charter for Safe Travel, the Department of Foreign Affairs Smartraveller programme.

## Trip Summary

Date	Accommodation	Room Type and Basis
19 - 23 Jun	The Cellars Hohenort (4 Nights) in Cape Town	6x Luxury Double Room (B&B)
23 - 26 Jun	Victoria Falls Hotel (3 Nights) in Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	6x Stables Signature Wing Room (B&B)
26 - 28 Jun	Karen Blixen Coffee Garden & Cottages (2 Nights) in Nairobi	6x Double Room (B&B)
28 Jun- 01 Jul	Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp (3 Nights) in Mara North Conservancy	6x Double Room (FB+)
01 - 04 Jul	Siringit Migration Camp (3 Nights) <b>Camp:</b> Siringit Migration Camp - Kogatende, Northern Serengeti in Northern Serengeti	6x Double Room (FB+)
04 - 06 Jul	Gibb's Farm (2 Nights) in Ngorongoro Conservation Area	6x Double Room (FB+)
06 Jul	End of Itinerary	B&B

### Key

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

**FB+:** Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

## | Included

- Meet & greet services by the Above & Beyond Holidays representative on arrival in Cape Town, Victoria Falls & Nairobi
- Touring and transfers listed as included
- Private touring in Cape Town: Jazz Safari with dinner, 3 hour walking tour Political History, full day Table Mountain & Cape Point.
- Victoria Falls Touring: Sunset Dinner Cruise with drinks, guided tour of the Falls, 25 minute helicopter flight over the Falls, inclusive of all national park and river usage fees, transfers from your hotel.
- Meals as listed in the itinerary
- Touring as listed in the itinerary
- All conservancy & national park entrance fees
- Flying doctors' medical evacuation cover
- Current Government taxes and levies
- Scheduled flights Nairobi Wilson/Mara North/Migori, luggage allowance 15 kgs per person
- Scheduled flights Tarime/Kogatende/Manyara, luggage allowance 20 kgs per person
- **Elephant Pepper Camp includes:** accommodation, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), soft drinks, beer, house wines and selected spirits, teas, coffees and refreshments (on the property), laundry services.
- Game drives in the Mara North Conservancy
- One day of game drives in Masai Mara National Park.
- Scheduled and shared game activities conducted by Elephant Pepper guides and in the camp open 4 x 4 safari vehicles. Game activities include game drive,s guided walking, safari, sundowner's, bush breakfast. Transfers to and from the airstrip.
- **Siringit Migration Camp includes:**
- Accommodation, all meals and local beverages,
- Scheduled and shared game activities conducted by Siringit Migration Camp guides and in the camp open 4 x 4 safari vehicles. Massages, laundry services, Wi-Fi, tourism levy and VAT. Transfers to/from the airstrip.
- **Gibbs Farm includes:**
- Accommodation, all meals, coffee and tea.
- Private 4 x 4 safari vehicle with a qualified guide commencing on arrival at Manyara Airstrip on the 4th July and ending at Kilimanjaro International airport on the 6th July.

## | Excluded

- International Airfares
- International and domestic departure tax
- Laundry services other than specified
- Meals and excursions not described in the itinerary above
- Entry visas to the country
- Travel and health insurance
- Balloon flight in the Masai Mara (additional charge AUD\$900 per person)
- Any optional tours or excursions not mentioned in the itinerary above
- Gratuities (tips) to your guide, hotel staff and porters
- Any other items of a personal nature such telephone and postage.

# Daily Information



Day 1, Wednesday 19 June

## Cape Town

Set at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans and backed by the iconic Table Mountain, the bustling city of Cape Town presents an alluring combination of drawcards. Incredible powdery white beaches, highly acclaimed wine routes, and astonishingly beautiful mountain trails surround a cosmopolitan hub. This diverse metropolis is filled with superb shops and restaurants, extraordinary heritage monuments, a multitude of entertainment venues, and a spectacular, chic waterfront harbour. Highlights include the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art; Table Mountain's jaw-dropping views; Boulders Beach, where penguins might swim right up to you in the warm Indian ocean waters; the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, where you can walk along a treetop canopy among incredible native flora or watch an open-air concert at the base of the mountain; Robben Island, where visitors can see the cell where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years; and many more.

## | Day Notes

Arrive Cape Town and transfer to your hotel. The evening is at leisure.



Overnight

## The Cellars Hohenort

Part of The Liz McGrath Collection, the 5-star Cellars-Hohenort Hotel is situated in an area known as “Cape Town’s Vineyard” - the historical Constantia Valley, a short 15-minute drive from Cape Town’s city centre.

The Small Luxury Hotels of the World member features 51 elegant guest rooms and suites. Accommodation options include a two-bedroom Villa and the exclusive Madiba Villa, with three bedrooms, a dining room, lounge with fireplace, private pool, service kitchen and bar. All rooms boast breathtaking views of South Africa’s iconic Table Mountain range and the property’s extraordinary gardens. The award-winning, Conservatory restaurant, take guests on an unforgettable culinary journey.

Stepping in from the natural backdrop of the lush gardens, the Fresh Wellness Spa is a space for guests to unwind and enjoy a selection of pampering signature treatments using indigenous ingredients and authentic spa techniques. To ensure the most comfortable of stays, The Cellars-Hohenort further features two pools, a gym and a tennis court – as well as its own vineyards. The hotel also presents the perfect location for weddings and special functions.

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### Luxury Double Room

With a choice between the Cellars Main House and the historic Hohenort Manor House, guests can select which Luxury Double room suits them best. These spacious rooms offer either vistas over the Cape Peninsula from the Hohenort building, or sprawling views over the incredible gardens.

Luxury Double rooms in the Cellars Main House are more contemporary in design, while rooms in the Hohenort building are decorated in a traditional Edwardian style.

These rooms range in size between 35-42m<sup>2</sup>. Maximum two people per room.

## Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

Day 2, Thursday 20 June

## Cape Town

### Day Notes

This morning visit Table Mountain and then depart for a half day tour of Cape Point.

*Travel along the Atlantic seaboard to Cape Point via Chapman's Peak and Cape Peninsula. Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve; Boulders Penguin Colony (own account) where you can see the Cape Fur Seal Colony and rare African Penguins. The last stop is the Rhodes Memorial viewpoint.*

### Later this evening **Jazz Safari - Sample Itinerary**

Cape Town is an incredibly musical city. This is the city where music is at its most creative in South Africa, something which is due partly to the natural environment we have, which encourages creativity, but mainly it is because of the history of the city and the diversity of people and cultures and sounds that have ended up here

On this special music journey we are doing to travel deep inside the jazz music of the city, by visiting local jazz musicians in their homes. Part one is a visit to the home of a jazz musician for dinner, with music and conversation, or to a jazz venue for the late set. The experience is intimate and deep, full of music and engagement and fun. It is a unique opportunity to meet local musicians away from club stages, and an excellent way to discover more about Cape Town and the lives of the people that live in it – through the music. Our hosts include will Cape Town musicians young and old, all of them composers and performers. These are the musicians defining the sound of the city.

### Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

### Activities



#### Table Mountain

**Planned, Morning:** Table Mountain is the most iconic landmark of South Africa. Aside from being the country's most photographed attraction and the perfect place to take photos of the landscape of Cape Town, it is also home to about 2,200 species of plants and 1,470 floral species, many of which are endemic to the mountain. Animal species that can be spotted on the mountain include caracals, rock hyraxes and chacma

baboons. The flat top peak of the mountain reaches 1,086 metres above sea level, but being so close to the sea and to the city, its features look more imposing.



## Cape Point

**Information:** Cape Point is a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breathtaking bays, beaches and rolling green hills and valleys, just 60km outside of Cape Town. Cape Point falls within the Cape Floral Region, a World Heritage Site. The Cape Floral Region is one of the richest areas for plants in the world – it is home to nearly 20% of Africa’s flora. Cape Point is open daily and is a must-see.

## Abang Africa Travel Cape Town Jazz Tour

**Planned:** One can enjoy an enchanting and immersive interactive tour with Abang Africa in the cultural heart of the buzzing city of Cape Town, South Africa. During this time one will have the amazing opportunity to meet up with musicians and unwind in the energetic and creative atmosphere of the jazz tour. Music lovers will especially delight in this special artistic and soulful journey as they travel deep within the Cape Town jazz community.

Day 3, Friday 21 June

## Cape Town

## Day Notes

This morning you will do a walking tour of Cape Town - Political History Walking Tour ( 3 hours)

### Highlights

- Get insight into the indigenous history of the city
- Meet key historic figures such as Massavana, Cissie Gool, Steve Biko, and Imam Haron
- Visit the District Six Museum and the Slave Lodge
- Our walking tour begins with explorations in the city’s water origins, and proceeds through indigenous, colonial and apartheid eras, before explorations in post-apartheid democracy through to present times. The District Six Museum and Slave Lodge feature.  
Guests are introduced to key figures from these periods including Cissie Gool, Steve Biko, Imam Haron, Philip Kgosana, Kratoa, Massavana and of course Nelson Mandela and Winnie Mandela. Part of the tour focuses on Nelson Mandela’s first speech as a free man, at City Hall.

Lunch at leisure later in the afternoon weather permitting we will take the ferry to Robben Island.

## Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

## Activities



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### La Colombe

**Recommended:** La Colombe Restaurant is located on the beautiful Silvermist Wine Estate at the top of Constantia Nek. The venue with sweeping views of the Constantia Valley, Hout Bay and the restaurant's very own organic gardens is the perfect venue for chef Scot Kirton to weave his magic and treat guests to an unexpected contemporary French-meets-Asian fine dining menu.



### Robben Island

**Planned:** An icon of struggle, freedom and hope made famous by Nelson Mandela's imprisonment here.

Day 4 - 5, Saturday 22 to 23 June

## Cape Town

## Day Notes

Day at leisure for optional activities which can include , a helicopter flip over the Cape, traditional food walking tours or Cape Town Art Safari, or a visit to a local township to learn about the future of Cape Town. The day can be tailored to the group or to groups of 4.

Dinner tonight ? We recommend the Pot Luck Club

## | Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

## | Activities



### **The Pot Luck Club**

**Recommended:** The Pot Luck Club, situated on the top floor of the Silo of the Old Biscuit Mill on Albert Road, Woodstock opened February 14th 2013. Since its opening day, the pot luck has filled 2 sitting's each night throughout the high and low season, running to capacity of one hundred and twenty guests. It has been dubbed the coolest place to be in Cape Town and its success is based on innovative cuisine, served in a relaxed yet

edgy environment in a part of Cape Town that has never attracted an evening dining crowd.



### **Cape Town Helicopters**

**Optional:** Cape Town Helicopters is a young and vibrant company that has been exploring the African skies since 2011, giving foreigners and locals a chance to experience the most breath-taking views of the South African coastline along with the rush and exhilaration of flying. We have a small team consisting of 15 people, most of which has come straight out of University because we believe in empowering people and growing their

skills to better our country.

We are dedicated in offering our passengers an unforgettable experience, whether on business or leisure trips, with multiple air travel options, while guaranteeing punctuality, safety and luxury. The Cape Town Helicopters crew are always ready to fly you to any destination in Africa or to carry out any aviation operation safe and efficient. Our unflinching commitment to customer satisfaction and the highest safety standards has made us the first choice for many travellers. We believe in excellent customer service and doing well within the community.

The packages we offer a wide variety of Scenic Peninsula flights around the ..... Cape Peninsula to the more luxurious Day Adventures to the Winelands and Beyond. All our aircraft are immaculately maintained in line with recognised international safety standards, giving you peace of mind to enjoy the freedom of flying.



### **Cape Winelands**

**Optional:** Resting at the feet of the Boland Mountains in South Africa's Western Cape Province, the Cape Winelands area is renowned for producing some of the world's finest wines. The enthralling mountainous landscape boasts an impressive list of luxury wine farms, stretching across lush fertile valleys. Visitors can look forward to a variety of wonderful activities suited to all types of travellers. Explore a collection of historic little hamlets

and towns dotting the countryside, sample a wide selection of world-class wine at historic Cape Dutch farmsteads and other wine estates; and make your way through a sublime network of hiking and biking trails. The culinary scene here is world-class and constantly improving; visitors who don't drink alcohol will also enjoy discovering this

destination as part of a 'food tour' - numerous superb restaurants are on offer.

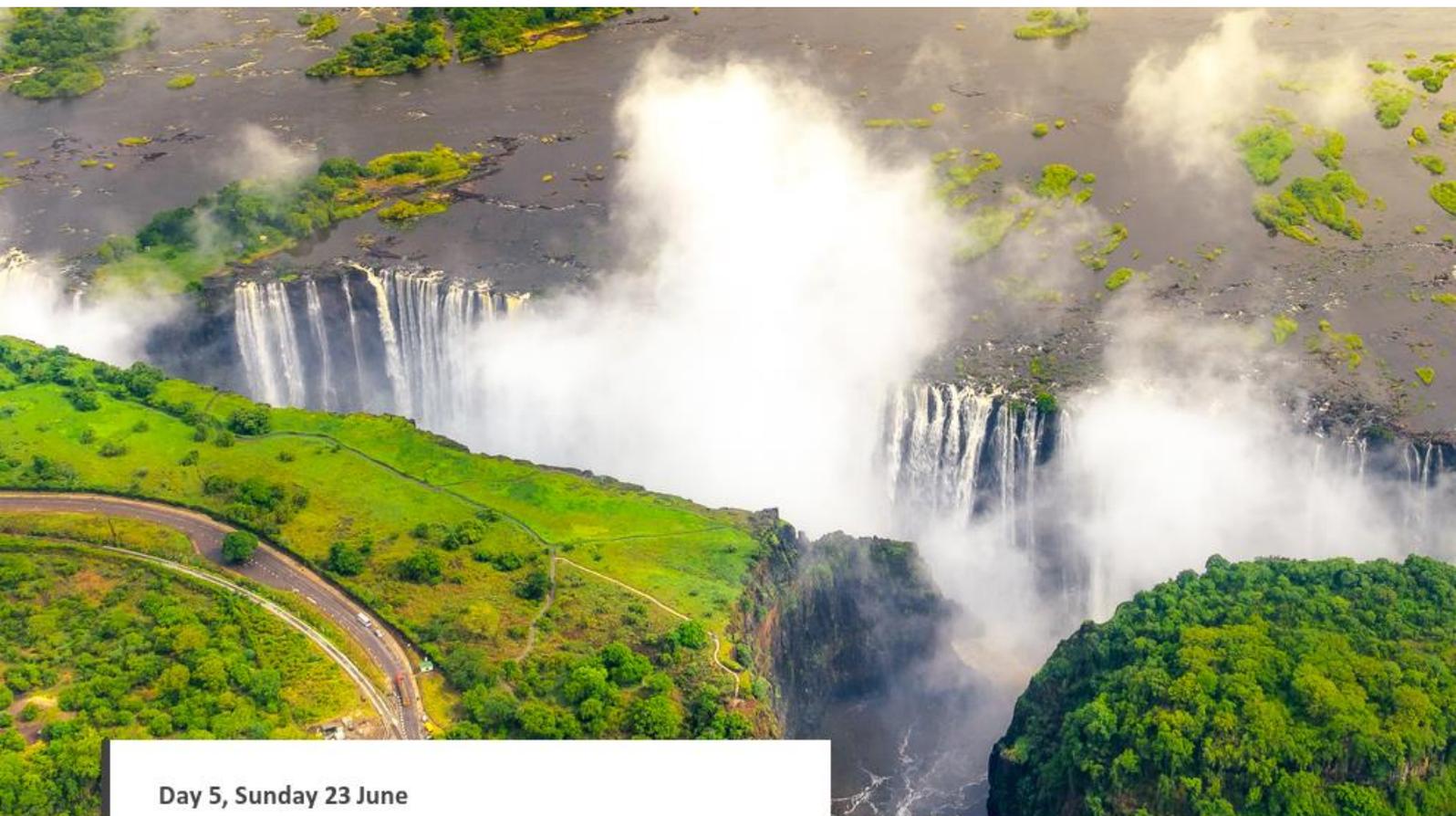


### **Cape Malay Cooking in the Bo-Kaap**

**Planned:** The Cape Malay Cooking Tour in Bo-Kaap offers visitors a deeper understanding of who the people are in this city.

Visitors will start the day with a cup of coffee at Truth Coffee, one of the Cape's most famous micro coffee roasters. Here, visitors will chat about the history of Apartheid, before visiting the District 6 Museum. This small apartheid museum which is home to the memories of the residents of District 6, which is an

area on the edge of Cape Town where over 60 000 people were forcefully removed. The tour continues through to the Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, where the Cape Malay community were not forcefully removed. It is a bright and colourful area that is one of the most photographed places in Cape Town. Visitors will stop at Atlas spices (which is the leading spice shop), before heading into a home of one of the ladies in the area for a hands-on cooking class. After lunch, visitors can enjoy a walk around the Bo-Kaap to view and photograph the beautiful, brightly coloured houses. Lastly, visitors will visit a community beading project while in the area.



**Day 5, Sunday 23 June**

**Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)**

Victoria Falls is one of the world's most impressive waterfalls. It is set on the magnificent Zambezi River which creates the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. These spectacular falls can be easily visited and viewed from the Zimbabwean side. Considered to be the world's widest waterfalls, Victoria Falls measures an impressive 1708 metres in width. The small town of Victoria Falls, which lies adjacent to the waterfalls, serves as a great base from

which to explore the many attractions this area of Zimbabwe has to offer. The surrounding area provides a wide range of adrenalin-filled activities for adventure lovers. Visitors can look forward to an array of wonderful activities including: scenic flights, micro lighting, white water rafting, bungee jumping, kayaking, and once-in-a-lifetime expeditions into the incredible Chobe National Park.

## | Day Notes

Today you will fly to Victoria Falls for a 3 night stay.

Dinner tonight is recommended in the Livingstone Room restaurant of the hotel.(own account)



Overnight

### Victoria Falls Hotel

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as “the grand old lady of the Falls”, is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World. It is one of only three ISO-accredited hotels in Zimbabwe. The Edwardian-style five-star hotel combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new. Set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semi-tropical shrubs, it provides the tranquility and seclusion that many guests seek. The famous Victoria Falls are just a ten-minute walk away and “the smoke that thunders” or “Mosi-O-Tunya” in the local dialect, is clearly audible from this luxurious landmark.

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### Stables Signature Wing Room

These 44 deluxe rooms are situated in the stand-alone Stables Signature Wing with a view of the front lawns or lush courtyard. These rooms are furnished in a modern style with a bygone feel. Bathrooms incorporate luxury world-class amenities, Victorian bath tub with large separate walk-in showers and luxury Charlotte Rhys amenities. Ideal for families travelling together.

## | Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

## Activities



### Livingstone Room

**Information:** Enjoy dinner and dancing in the elegant Edwardian Livingstone Room, with classic a la carte and tables d'hote menus. Whilst the Livingstone Room reflects the century old hotel's style of grandeur and opulence, the dress code has been relaxed for the convenience of the guest. A fine selection of wine and liqueurs are available. Maximum seating capacity of 120 pax

Day 6, Monday 24 June

## Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

## Day Notes

Included today is a guided tour of Victoria Falls and a 25 minute helicopter flight over the Falls.

We recommend a lunch break at The Lookout Cafe (own account) . This afternoon transfer to the jetty and embark the M/V Malachite and enjoy a sunset dinner cruise inclusive of wines & drinks.

## Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

## Activities



### Wild Horizons Helicopter Flight (25min)

**Planned:** The spectacular helicopter flight over the Victoria Falls is known as the 'Flight of Angels'.

David Livingstone famously wrote on seeing the Victoria Falls for the first time in 1855 that "Scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight". Little did he know that 150 years later he could have exactly that opportunity. The best way

to appreciate the true splendour of the Victoria Falls is to view them from the air. Our helicopters have specially designed 'bubble shaped' windows perfect for panoramic viewing and great photographic opportunities from all seats.

The 25-minute flights depart regularly throughout the day and offer spectacular photographic opportunities. Guests are collected from their hotels 30 minutes before their flight departure time and are given a safety talk on arrival at the Helipad, near the Elephant Hills Inter-Continental Hotel.

After take-off on the 28 minutes 'Zambezi Spectacular', the helicopter flies over the Victoria Falls, continuing downstream over the Batoka Gorges. Heading back from the Batoka Gorges the flight takes you back over the Falls and the long island on the upper Zambezi towards the National Park, home to a wide variety of wildlife species and then back to the Helipad.



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## The Lookout Café

**Optional:** Perched on the rim of the Batoka Gorge, the Wild Horizons Lookout Café is a fusion of spectacular views and exquisite food. The African Contemporary styled restaurant is designed to emphasize its unique panoramic view of the Victoria Falls Bridge and Batoka Gorges, which form part of the spectacular backdrop.

### AMBIENCE:

Casual, Child-Friendly, Classic, Meal with a View

### CUISINE:

African / Local, Contemporary, International, Vegetarian, Vegan & Gluten Free Meals available

### FACILITIES:

Licensed Bar, Wheelchair Access, Free Parking

### CREDIT CARD:

Visa and Mastercard Only

WIFI: Free

### SEATING:

Outside terraces x 60

Indoor x 140

Lower deck (cocktail and canapé area) x 60

### OPENING HOURS:

Open daily from 08h00 to 22h00 (freshly baked muffins & cakes available daily from 08h00)

BREAKFAST: 08h00 – 10h00

LUNCH: 10h00 to 16h00

SNACK MENU: 16h00 – 18h30

DINNER: 18h30 – 22h00 (last food orders at 21h00)

### Highlights:

- Spectacular views of the Batoka Gorge, Vic Falls Bridge and Spray of the Falls

- Semi open-air café with refreshing beverages and a lively cocktail menu
- Cafe style cuisine with offerings to suit every taste and occasion

\*\* Perfect to book in combination with a Tour of the Falls or Vic Falls Canopy Tour \*\*



### **Wild Horizons Malachite Dinner Cruise**

**Planned, Dinner:** As the sun begins its descent, guests step on board the Wild Horizons Malachite Dinner Cruise for an exceptional evening on the Zambezi River. Like the exquisite bird after which it was named, 'Malachite' is one of the Zambezi River's crowning gems. Powered by two 60HP four stroke marine motors, this beautifully crafted double deck 'floating restaurants' silently slices across the surface of the river.

On the upper deck, guests are offered a glass of sparkling wine to sip as they settle into the plush cushioned furniture and relax before the journey along the Zambezi River begins; all the while looking out for the various birdlife and animals there are to be seen, and then watching as one of Africa's famous sunsets erupts in the sky. A barman and three intuitive waiters anticipate guests' needs, serving a selection of lively cocktails and imported premium spirits throughout their journey.

After the sun has sunk below the river line, dinner is served on the lower deck of the vessel exemplifying the hallmarks of exquisite cuisine prepared on board by two chefs. The rich aroma of locally sourced, fresh ingredients wafts around diners as the dishes are plated.

A captain completes the crew and their combined experience promises an insightful and memorable evening.

**Day 7 - 8, Tuesday 25 to 26 June**

**Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)**

## **| Day Notes**

Victoria Falls is known as the Adventure Capital of Africa, for those who have a bucket list of "things to do" you have the choice of bungy, zip lines, white water rafting, kayaking and fishing.

Highly recommended is the Pay It Forward Experience which gives you a glimpse of what life is like for the local people, whilst at the same time contributing to the community.

## **| Basis**

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

## | Activities



### Victoria Falls Activities

**Optional:** Victoria Falls is an adventure playground and the list of inspiring and adventurous activities on offer at and around the Falls includes: a Tour of the Falls, Elephant Back Safaris, White Water Rafting, Boat Cruises, Canopy Tours, Gorge Swing and Adventure Slides and Zambezi River Canoe Safaris.



### The Pay It Forward Experience

**Optional:** This is an experience where guests can really give back to the community, whilst still enjoy a fun, challenging exploration of the markets and town of Victoria Falls. Wild Horizons will provide the group with a selection of organizations in Victoria Falls that could use some form of support (it could be an old age home, orphanage, local clinic etc). Once the guest chooses which organization they would like to support, they will be given a

“wish list” from the chosen charity, and the guests embark on a mission to source the items from in and around Victoria Falls town. Once the items have been sourced, the guests will be transferred to the area to meet and interact with the recipients, and deliver the goods, before being transferred back to their hotel.



Day 8, Wednesday 26 June

## Nairobi

Situated along the Nairobi River in beautiful Kenya, the capital of Nairobi is East Africa's most cosmopolitan city. It serves as an excellent starting point for African safari trips around Kenya. Nairobi is Africa's 4th largest city and is a vibrant and exciting place to be. There are some fascinating attractions: its cafe culture, unbridled nightlife, the National Museum, the Karen Blixen Museum and most notably, just 20 minutes from the city centre, wild lions and buffalo roam in the world's only urban game reserve. Make sure you pay a visit to the elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust for a once in a lifetime experience.

### | Day Notes

Today you will fly to Nairobi Kenya. On arrival you will be met by our local representative and given a short safari briefing before being transferred to your hotel for a two night stay.



Overnight

## Karen Blixen Coffee Garden & Cottages

The reception at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden and Cottages, Ltd. is the Historic Swedo House which was the original hunting lodge/farm house, built between 1906 and 1908. It is located approximately half a mile from the Karen Blixen Museum (Bogani House from the film "Out of Africa"), and is a 30 minute drive from downtown Nairobi.

The luxury hotel cottages were built in 2001, and are adjacent to the Karen Golf and Country Club where guests can enjoy a host of leisure activities, including golf, tennis, and squash. A host of other amenities such as shops, restaurants, and financial services can all be found nearby, within the Karen suburb.

The Coffee Garden sits on 5 acres of land with large hundred-year-old trees, beautiful gardens and pool, and hundreds of different varieties of blooming flowers and a large population of birds. The historic Grogan/MacMillan Manor House is an additional historic feature which was moved brick by brick from downtown Nairobi to the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden in 2008 to save it from demolition. It is now used for special occasions and dining.

### | Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

Day 9 - 10, Thursday 27 to 28 June

**Nairobi**

### | Day Notes

This morning you will visit the Daphne Sheldrick's Wildlife trust followed by the Giraffe Centre, lunch at a local restaurant ( own account) followed by a visit to the Karen Blixen Museum. This evening transfer to the Talisman Restaurant ( own account).

### | Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

## | Activities



### **The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust**

**Planned, Morning:** Founded in 1977 by Dr Dame Daphne Sheldrick D.B.E, in honour of the memory of her late husband, famous naturalist and founding Warden of Tsavo East National Park, David Leslie William Sheldrick MBE, the DSWT claims a rich and deeply rooted family history in wildlife and conservation. Born from one family's passion for Kenya and its wilderness, the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is today the most successful orphan-

elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world and one of the pioneering conservation organisations for wildlife and habitat protection in East Africa.

To date the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust has successfully hand-raised over 244 infant elephants and has accomplished its long-term conservation priority by effectively reintegrating orphans back into the wild herds of Tsavo, claiming many healthy wild-born calves from former-orphaned elephants raised in care.



### **Giraffe Centre**

**Planned, Morning:** The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya (A.F.E.W. Kenya) also known as the Giraffe Centre is a non-governmental, non-profit making organization, which was founded by Betty and Jock Leslie-Melville in 1979. This was in a bid to save the endangered Rothschild Giraffe, which had lost its natural habitat in Western Kenya to agriculture and there were only 130 left in the wild. Funds were raised and 4 herds of the

Rothschild giraffes were moved to 4 parks namely Lake Nakuru National Park, Mwea Game Reserve, Ruma National Park and Nasalot Game Reserve.



## Karen Blixen Museum

**Planned, Afternoon:** The Karen Blixen Museum was once the home of the Danish author Karen Blixen. The renowned author made famous by the release of the Oscar winning movie 'Out of Africa', based on Karen's autobiography of the same title. The museum displays many pieces of the author's furniture and has a splendid view of the Ngong Hills, immortalized in Karen Blixen's opening line, "I had a farm in Africa at the foot of the Ngong

Hills."

The Karen Blixen Museum is open to the public every day, with guided tours on offer. The museum shop features handicrafts, posters, postcards, the movie 'Out of Africa', as well as books and other Kenyan souvenirs.



Day 10, Friday 28 June

## Mara North Conservancy

Situated in southwest Kenya, the Mara North Conservancy is a beautiful private wilderness area spanning more than 30 000 hectares. It is home to a spectacular array of plants, reptiles, birds and mammals; including elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, cheetah and large concentrations of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and other migratory wildlife. Leopard Gorge, in the heart of the conservancy, is famous as the setting of countless BBC Big Cat Diaries and National Geographic documentaries. Neighbouring the well-known Maasai Mara National Reserve, this conservancy is vital for sustaining the famous Serengeti wildebeest migrations as well as the endangered African wild dog and black rhino.

## | Day Notes

After breakfast transfer to Wilson Airport for your morning flight to the Masai Mara. On arrival, you will be met by the camp's guide and enjoy a game drive on the way to the camp.

Enjoy lunch and then later in the afternoon you will head out for the first of your game drives in the private Mara North Conservancy. Return back to the camp for meals and the opportunity to relax and really soak in the African bush.



Overnight

### Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp

Located in the Mara North Conservancy, the heart of the Masai Mara ecosystem, Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp is the perfect base from which to explore the wonders of the Mara.

The vast, fertile plains of the Maasai Mara boasts a plethora of wildlife; with over 450 bird species and both resident and transient populations of lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant, giraffe, to name a few, the plains are dense with game. Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp is perfect for those wanting to observe the spectacle of the migration, classified among the "Seven Wonders of the World", when, from July to November, over 1.3 million wildebeest and zebra cross from the Serengeti in search of greener pastures.

The camp's remote location allows the stars to shine bright at night, undimmed by harsh lighting; guests enjoy the unique experience of listening to the sounds of lion, leopard and hyena foraging and hunting, whilst being cosseted with traditional and modern comforts such as a campfire and cosy duvets.

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## | Basis

**FB+:** Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

**DLB:** All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 11 - 13, Saturday 29 June to 01 July

## Mara North Conservancy

### Day Notes

Enjoy 2 full days of game viewing. 1 full day will be spent in the Masai Mara National Reserve and the other day will be spent exploring the private Mara North Conservancy.

### Expert Tips

View the migration from above on a Hot Air Balloon safari, at sunrise you will launch and then quietly drift over the bush viewing the game below. Later in the morning you set down and enjoy a champagne breakfast before heading back to camp for lunch.

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### Activities



#### Mara North Conservancy

**Planned:** Situated in southwest Kenya, the Mara North Conservancy is a beautiful private wilderness area spanning more than 30 000 hectares. It is home to a spectacular array of plants, reptiles, birds and mammals; including elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, cheetah and large concentrations of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and other migratory wildlife. Leopard Gorge, in the heart of the conservancy, is famous as the setting of countless

BBC Big Cat Diaries and National Geographic documentaries. Neighbouring the well-known Maasai Mara National Reserve, this conservancy is vital for sustaining the famous Serengeti wildebeest migrations as well as the endangered African wild dog and black rhino.



#### Masai Mara

**Planned:** The Masai Mara together with Tanzania's Serengeti form Africa's most famous wildlife park, the Masai Mara National Reserve. The image of acacia trees dotting endless grass plains epitomises Africa for many, then add a Maasai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need go no further. The undeniable highlight of the Masai Mara National Reserve is undoubtedly the annual wildebeest migration traversing the vast

plains of the Serengeti and the Masai Mara. It is known as the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet – with more than a million animals following the rains. Large prides of lions, herds of elephants, as well as giraffes, gazelles and eland can also be spotted in the reserve. Aside from horse riding safaris and traditional vehicle safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Mara plains has become almost essential.



## Hot Air Ballooning Masai Mara

**Optional:** Hot Air Safaris offers balloon flights in Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve. The Mara is the northernmost part of the spectacular Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, home to the Great Migration and scores of other wildlife, including lions, cheetahs, elephants, rhinos, hippos and crocodiles.



Day 13, Monday 01 July

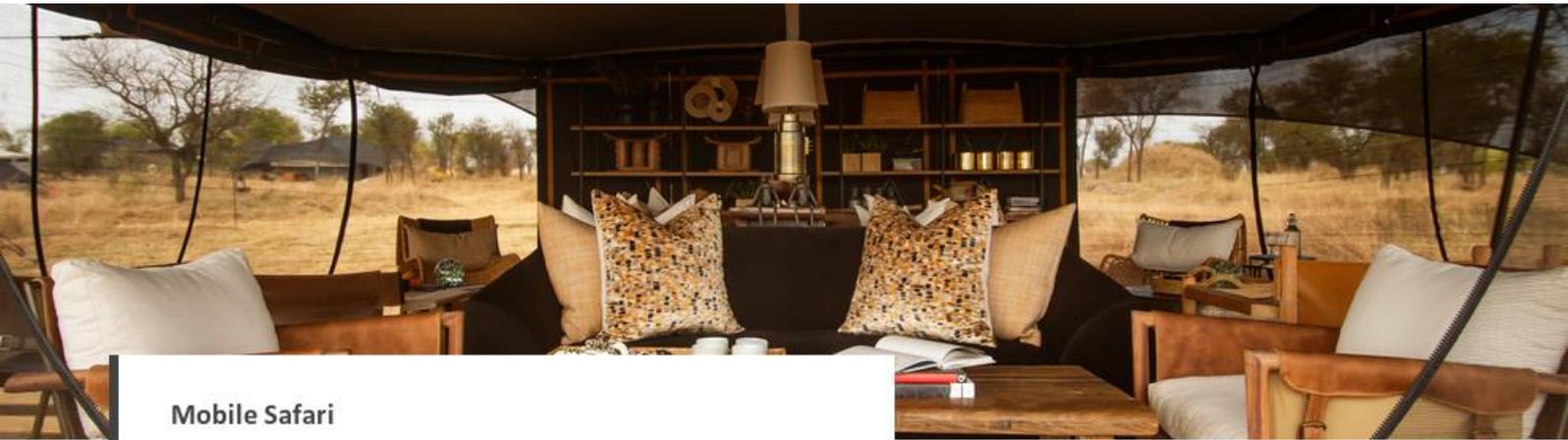
### Northern Serengeti

Located between the Central Serengeti and Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve to the north, the Northern Serengeti is a remote African wildlife wonderland. The vast, rolling savannah of the Northern Serengeti, is known as the hub of the great migration. The landscape is characterised by vast stretches of savannah interspersed with acacia trees and riverine woodlands. Wildlife can be seen along the banks of the Mara River and visitors can view the annual spectacle of the half a million migrating wildebeest. Commonly spotted wildlife include: a multitude of plains game such as buffalo, zebra, gazelles, impala, giraffe as well as lion and leopard. Visitors can look forward to bird watching, hot air ballooning, game safaris and guided bush walks.

## | Day Notes

Sunrise marks your final morning in the Masai Mara. After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your scheduled flight to the Northern Serengeti. Landing at Kogatende Airstrip you will be met by the camp vehicle and enjoy a game drive to camp.

Later in the afternoon head out on the first of your game drives in the Northern Serengeti.



Mobile Safari

## Siringit Migration Camp

The Serengeti National Park is undoubtedly one of the best-known wildlife sanctuaries in the world. Unequaled for its natural beauty and scientific value, it has the greatest concentration of plains game in Africa. It is the migration for which Serengeti is perhaps most famous. Thousands of wildebeest and zebras flow from the Northern to the Southern plains in a bid to follow the annual rains. This spectacle calls travellers from all over the world wanting to check their bucket list. The Siringit Migration Camp features 8 luxury contemporary canvas tents, with generous sleeping areas and lounge spaces, pitched on raised platforms, ensuring a small eco-footprint with no ground mats and large canvas windows. All canvas tents have en-suite bathrooms with double vanity, hot water on demand, and eco-friendly flush toilets. Each of the 6 luxury canvas tents can accommodate up to two guests, while the two family tents can accommodate up to four guests and features a private verandah overlooking the Serengeti Plains. Guests can enjoy African inspired meals created by Chef Axel Janssen for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Complimentary Wi-Fi access and laundry services are available. The camp also offers a range of activities to suit all guests interests, such as daily game drives, balloon safaris and birdwatching.

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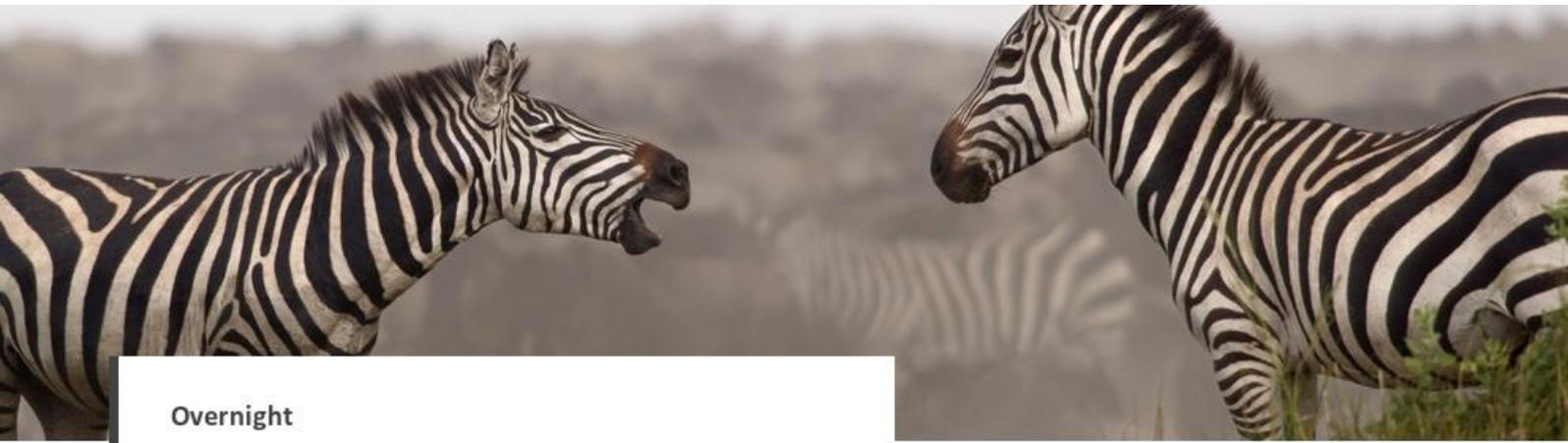
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Overnight

## Siringit Migration Camp - Kogatende, Northern Serengeti

Day 14 - 16, Tuesday 02 to 04 July

## Northern Serengeti

### | Day Notes

Over the next two days enjoy morning and evening games drives in the Serengeti National Park. Enjoy quiet evenings by the camp fire and the exclusivity of absolute comfort combined with the authenticity of a night spent in the African bush, an extraordinary experience for all nature lovers.

### | Basis

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### | Activities



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Day 16, Thursday 04 July

## Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Situated in the Crater Highlands in Northern Tanzania, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area is best known for its archaeological and geological significance, rich wildlife, and beautiful scenery. The conservation area encompasses the famous Crater, the renowned Olduvai Gorge and vast plains of grasslands, forests and mountains extending to the Serengeti. This 8000-square-kilometre protected area is recognised for its natural beauty and has been placed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Visitors flock here to soak up the spectacular views of the Ngorongoro Crater, voted as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa, it is famed for its natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Popular activities include: mountain biking, hiking, game drives, bush walks, and visiting a local Maasai village.

## | Day Notes

Transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Manyara. On arrival you will be met by your driver guide who will be with you for the next two nights.

On the way to your accommodation for the night you will enjoy a game drive in the Manyara National Park. (The visit to Manyara National Park can also be done on your last day depending on flight departure time from Kilimanjaro International Airport)



### Overnight Gibb's Farm

Gibb's Farm is located on the forested outside slopes of the Ngorongoro Crater in Northern Tanzania, overlooking the centuries old Great Rift Valley. It is the ideal base from which to explore the Crater and Lake Manyara.

Each day at Gibb's Farm follows a gentle rhythm. Discover a sanctuary for the senses to rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. A destination in itself and sanctuary for safari goers, take time to immerse in the sense of wellbeing at Gibb's Farm.

This historic organic farm and family coffee plantation covers over 80 acres on the forested outer slopes of the Ngorongoro Crater. Share in the eternal sense of history and community with two-family houses and seventeen cottages. Discover a sense of wellbeing, tranquillity and history, deeply rooted in East African culture and community, a welcome retreat for a few days' respite while on safari or extended vacation.

Beautiful architectural details, such as the farmhouse's original wooden beams and colourful artworks, are inspired by local African artists. The farm's organic vegetable and terraced flower gardens provide a wonderful setting for afternoon tea or a quiet walk to impart a sense of contentment.

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## | Basis

**FB+:** Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

## Activities



### Lake Manyara National Park

**Planned:** Situated in Tanzania's central-northern region with the Lake Manyara to its east and the Manyara Escarpment to its west, the Lake Manyara National Park offers breathtaking views and a large variety of habitats supporting an array of wildlife.

This small park is home to surprising biodiversity and features a magnificent landscape of acacia woodlands, forests, baobab strewn cliffs, algae-streaked hot springs, swamps and the lake

itself. The park supports over 400 species of bird and the largest concentration of baboons anywhere in the world. Other species to spot include giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, impala, waterbuck, warthog, the Cape clawless otter, and the Egyptian mongoose. Don't miss the opportunity to see thousands of flamingos on the lake, the renowned tree-climbing lions, and large families of elephants strolling through the forest.

Day 17 - 18, Friday 05 to 06 July

### Ngorongoro Conservation Area

## Day Notes

Get up early to make the most out of your day in the Ngorongoro Crater.

**Ngorongoro Crater** is a deep, volcanic crater, the largest unflooded and unbroken caldera in the world, measuring about 20kms across, 600 meters deep and 300 sq kms in area. The high walls of the crater itself, serve as a natural enclosure for an abundance of wildlife. There is a large resident population of varied ground game with the very real chance of you being able to see the "big five".

Lunch today will be a picnic lunch after you will continue with your game drive before heading back to your lodge in the late afternoon.

## Basis

**FB+:** Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

## Activities



### Ngorongoro Crater

**Planned:** Located in Northern Tanzania, the Ngorongoro Crater is best known for its natural beauty and abundance of diverse wildlife; which makes it one of Africa's most popular safari destinations. Surrounded by Tanzania's highlands, this UNESCO-listed crater is said to be the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. Visitors can look forward to spotting the world-renowned Big Five and a host of other wildlife species including

large herds of zebra and wildebeest. It is famed as one of Tanzania's best tourist attractions offering visitors an array of wonderful activities including excellent bird watching, trekking, wildlife viewing, mountain biking and visiting a local Maasai village. Don't miss the opportunity to jump on an excursion to the magnificent Olduvai

Gorge.

Day 18, Saturday 06 July

## End of Itinerary

### Day Notes

This morning after breakfast you will drive back to Arusha to connect with your flight home.

### Basis

**B&B:** Bed and Breakfast

## Transport

### Flights

Date & Time	Route	Flight
23 Jun	<b>Depart:</b> Cape Town International Airport [CPT]	Scheduled Flight
23 Jun	<b>Arrive:</b> Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]	
26 Jun	<b>Depart:</b> Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport [LVI]	Scheduled Flight
26 Jun	<b>Arrive:</b> Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]	
28 Jun	<b>Depart:</b> Wilson Airport [WIL]	Charter Flight
28 Jun	<b>Arrive:</b> Mara North Airstrip	
01 Jul	<b>Depart:</b> Mara North Airstrip	Charter Flight
01 Jul	<b>Arrive:</b> Migori Airstrip	
01 Jul	<b>Depart:</b> Migori Airstrip	Scheduled Charter Flight
01 Jul	<b>Arrive:</b> Kogatende Airstrip	
04 Jul	<b>Depart:</b> Kogatende Airstrip	Charter Flight
04 Jul	<b>Arrive:</b> Lake Manyara Airstrip	

### Transfers

Date & Time	Route	Vehicle
19 Jun	<b>Pick Up:</b> Cape Town International Airport [CPT]	Private Transfer
19 Jun	<b>Drop Off:</b> The Cellars Hohenort	
23 Jun	<b>Pick Up:</b> The Cellars Hohenort	Private Transfer
23 Jun	<b>Drop Off:</b> Cape Town International Airport [CPT]	

23 Jun	<b>Pick Up:</b> Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]	Transfer
23 Jun	<b>Drop Off:</b> Victoria Falls Hotel	
26 Jun	<b>Pick Up:</b> Victoria Falls Hotel	Private Transfer
26 Jun	<b>Drop Off:</b> Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport [LVI]	
26 Jun	<b>Pick Up:</b> Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]	Private Transfer
26 Jun	<b>Drop Off:</b> Karen Blixen Coffee Garden & Cottages	
28 Jun	<b>Pick Up:</b> Karen Blixen Coffee Garden & Cottages	Transfer
28 Jun	<b>Drop Off:</b> Wilson Airport [WIL]	
28 Jun	<b>Pick Up:</b> Mara North Airstrip	Game Drive
28 Jun	<b>Drop Off:</b> Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp	
01 Jul	<b>Pick Up:</b> Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp	Transfer
01 Jul	<b>Drop Off:</b> Mara North Airstrip	
01 Jul	<b>Pick Up:</b> Kogatende Airstrip	Transfer
01 Jul	<b>Drop Off:</b> Siringit Migration Camp - Kogatende, Northern Serengeti	
04 Jul	<b>Pick Up:</b> Siringit Migration Camp - Kogatende, Northern Serengeti	Transfer
04 Jul	<b>Drop Off:</b> Kogatende Airstrip	
04 Jul	<b>Pick Up:</b> Lake Manyara Airstrip	Private Guided Trip
04 Jul	<b>Drop Off:</b> Gibb's Farm	
06 Jul	<b>Pick Up:</b> Gibb's Farm	Private Guided Trip
06 Jul	<b>Drop Off:</b> Kilimanjaro International Airport [JRO]	

## Baggage Restrictions

### Siringit Migration Camp

**Date:** Mon, 01 July 2024

#### Restrictions

Please refer to flight confirmation for any baggage restrictions.

## Travel Information



Country

**South Africa**

This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Discover the gourmet restaurants, impressive art scene, vibrant nightlife and beautiful beaches of Cape Town; enjoy a local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browse the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sample some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotting the Cape Winelands. Some historical attractions to explore include the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination. This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Discover the gourmet restaurants, impressive art scene, vibrant nightlife and beautiful beaches of Cape Town; enjoy a local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browse the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sample some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotting the Cape Winelands. Some historical attractions to explore include the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

## | **Banking and Currency**

**Currency**

The currency is the Rand, which is divided into 100 cents. There are R200, R100, R50, R20 and R10 notes. Coins come in R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, and 10c.

## **Banking**

Banks are found in most towns and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays (Closed Sundays and Public Holidays). Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank & credit cards as well as travellers cheques. You can also obtain cash from automatic teller machines (ATMs). Several international banks have branches in the main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside the country as they might block your purchases if they are not informed.

## **| Travel, Transport and Getting Around**

Travelling around South Africa is relatively easy by air, road and rail.

Several airlines operate domestic routes with regular links between Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, George, Nelspruit and Port Elizabeth and relatively frequent flights to several smaller towns and cities too.

An extensive tarred road system makes travelling in South Africa by vehicle convenient and easy. You will find gravel roads in rural areas though. Please note that a valid international driver's licence is required. We drive on the left-hand side of the road. Most global car hire firms have branches in South Africa.

Another means of getting around South Africa are inter-city bus services. Metrobus buses are available for in-city transport. Metered taxis can be ordered and e-hailing services are available. There is the popular MyCityBus system in Cape Town and a hop-on-hop-off tourist bus in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

The rail system includes the long-haul, inexpensive Shosholoza Meyl Metrorail trains with more luxurious options are available. There is also the Gautrain rapid transit railway system in Gauteng Province.

## **| Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice**

Standards of hygiene in relation to food health and safety in South Africa, are generally high in hotels, restaurants, pubs and nightspots. Tap water in South Africa is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas. Not all tap water in rural areas is safe for consumption, so take precautions if necessary.

It is safe to eat fresh fruit, vegetables and salads and put ice in your drinks. South Africa's fish, meat and chicken are of excellent quality, so there is no need to limit yourself when enjoying the local cuisine.

Restaurants are subject to South Africa's food safety control legislation, which is implemented by local government. Regulations include certification and regular inspections by health inspectors to maintain hygienic standards.

Street food is not as common in South Africa as it is in other countries, although vendors selling traditional snacks and meals can be found in city centres and townships. Food safety in such instances cannot always be guaranteed.

## **| Climate and Weather**

South African temperatures, which are measured in centigrade, average at highs of 28°C to average lows of 8°C in the summer months, while winter temperatures range from 1°C at night to around 18°C during the day. Average annual rainfall is on the low side at under 500mm a year, making the country somewhat dry. Much of the rain falls in the Western Cape in the winter, differing from the rest of the country, which experiences summer rainfall. On the plus side, the South African climate boasts more than its fair share of sunshine, recording an average of 8.5 hours a day.

## | Clothing and Dress Recommendations

### Summer

Bring cool, light and comfortable clothes because summer temperatures can get well into the 30 - 40 degree Celsius range in some areas. Also, bring an umbrella or raincoat during summer as this is when most of the country gets its rain, but don't forget a swimming costume (bathing suit).

### Winter

The winters are generally mild, comparing favourably with European summers. But there are days when temperatures dive, especially in high-lying areas such as the Drakensberg, so be prepared with jerseys and jackets. Cape Town gets its rain during the winter season so it's advisable to bring rain gear along.

### General

Always bring a hat, sunglasses and sunblock as the sun can be strong even in the winter months.

Walking shoes are a good idea all year-round, with warm socks in the winter.

If you are doing business in the country, business attire is generally called for in the corporate sector, but media, for example generally dress more casually.

For game viewing, a couple of neutral-toned items will be useful, but there's no need to go overboard. A good pair of walking shoes is also advisable.

For the evening, if you are dining at an upmarket restaurant or seeing a show, smart-casual attire is recommended.

## | Internet Availability

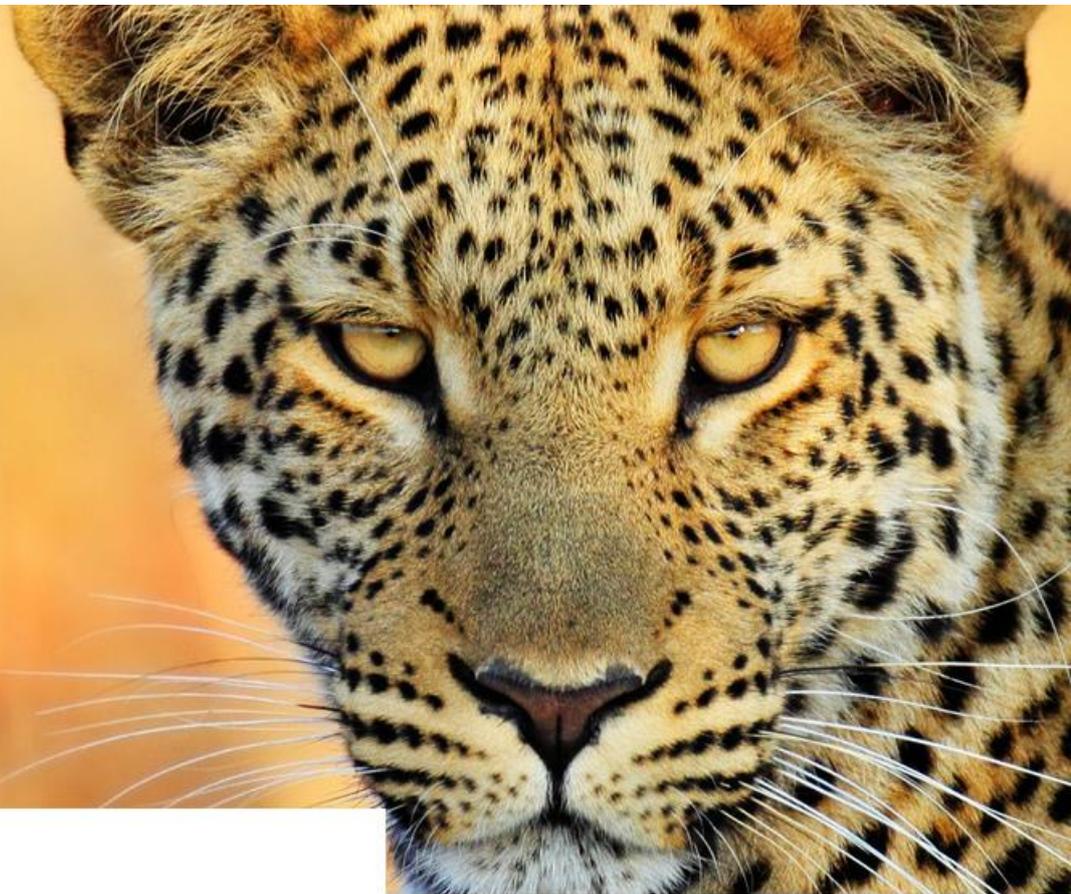
Most accommodation offer Wifi in their business centres, rooms or restaurants. Internet cafes are found in most business areas and shopping malls. In addition, some South African restaurants offer WiFi access.

There are also outlets such as PostNet that offer internet, fax and postage facilities.

## | Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets in the Republic of South Africa are Type M (SABS-1661). If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug it in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all types.

Electrical sockets in South Africa usually supply electricity at 230 volts AC / 50 Hz frequency. If you're plugging in an appliance built for 230-volt electrical input, or an appliance compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. A voltage converter will be necessary if your appliance isn't compatible with 230 volts.



Country

**Zimbabwe**

A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

## | **Banking and Currency**

### **Currency**

The Zimbabwean Dollar was the official currency of Zimbabwe from 1980 to April 12, 2009. The Zimbabwean Dollar was abandoned early 2009, but was reintroduced in 2019. Zimbabwe Dollar (ZWD; symbol Z\$) = 100 cents. Notes in denominations of Z\$200,000, 100,000, 50,000, 10,000, 5,000, 1,000, 500, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 2. Coins are in denominations of Z\$5, 2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1 cents. Zimbabwe has adopted a multi-currency scheme; the US Dollar and South African Rand is accepted and can be used for domestic transactions, be it at an agreed exchange rate.

### **Banking**

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Saturdays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted in Zimbabwe, however it should be noted that very limited facilities will have credit card machines, and the connection is not always reliable so it is advisable to carry cash as back up.

## | Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Taxis are safe and reliable, and can be booked through your hotel front desk. Taxis in cities travel within a 40km radius of the city. Always take a taxi at night.

Major airlines fly into Victoria Falls, Harare and Bulawayo. Charter flights are available to most attractions and camps.

Zimbabwe has a good road infrastructure, by African standards, although potholed. Between major towns, there are frequent road blocks. Traffic drives on the left side of the road.

If you are driving yourself around Zimbabwe, be sure to check on fuel availability in advance. If you are covering long distances within the country, ensure you carry extra fuel in 5 or 10lt metal containers in case of emergency. Fuel is generally available, but supply can fluctuate. Fuel is only available for cash.

## | Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

### Currency

Zimbabwe uses its own unit of currency, the Zimbabwe Dollar. No other currency is accepted. Do not plan on being able to use cash machines in Zimbabwe to draw money. Before leaving home please exchange all the money that you will need for your trip. Most of this should be in 1, 5, 10 and 20 denominations because change is not always available. In an emergency you can try Barclays Bank, Stanbic Bank or Standard Chartered Bank as they will infrequently accept foreign debit cards for withdrawing cash.

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## | Climate and Weather

In Zimbabwe, the rains come principally in **December, January, February** and **March**; the further north you are, the earlier the precipitation arrives and the later it leaves. Zimbabwe's higher eastern areas usually receive more rainfall than the lower-lying western ones.

By **April** and **May** most of the rain is gone, leaving a verdant setting, which is starting to dry out. Especially in more southerly and higher locations, the night-time temperatures start to drop.

The nights in **June, July** and **August** become much cooler, so don't forget to bring some warmer clothes, in case you want to spend an evening outside; the days are still clear and warm. For Zimbabwe, this is the start of the 'peak season'— days are often cloudless and game sightings continually increase.

Into **September** and **October** the temperatures rise once again: Zimbabwe's lower-lying rift valley – Mana Pools – can get very hot in October. During this time, you'll see some fantastic game, as the Zimbabwe's wildlife concentrates around the limited water sources.

**November** is unpredictable; it can be hot and dry, it can also see the season's first rainfalls – and in this respect it's a very interesting month, as on successive days, you can see both weather patterns.

## | **Clothing and Dress Recommendations**

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose-fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year-round. Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scorching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

## | **Internet Availability**

Internet availability is very limited especially outside of the major cities.

Most holiday accommodation venues offer internet and/or WiFi (free or paid) to their guests but there are often disruptions in service.

## | **Electricity and Plug Standards**

Electrical sockets in the Republic of Zimbabwe are Type G (BS-1363) and Type C (CEE 7/16 Europlug) and Type D (BS-546). If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all types.

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Country  
**Kenya**

Resting in the magnificent Great Rift Valley and presided over by the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya is characterised by hauntingly beautiful natural landscapes of forested hills, patchwork farms, wooded savanna and vast forests brimming with an extraordinary abundance of wildlife. The nation's diverse range of traditional African cultures is influenced by over 70 unique ethnic groups from the Maasai, Samburu, Kikuyu, and Turkana tribes to the Arabs and Indians that settled on the coast. Add to this: an exquisite tropical coastline fringed with breathtaking golden sand beaches; gorgeous coral gardens providing excellent snorkeling and diving opportunities; and a slew of lively beach resorts, and it is easy to see why so many visitors flock here from around the world to experience a truly unique African adventure in one of the world's most pristine safari destinations.

## | Banking and Currency

### Currency

The currency of Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (KES; symbol KSh) = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of KSh1,000, 500, 200, 100 and 50. Coins are in denominations of KSh20, 10 and 5. Residents may import up to KES 500,000 and must declare if currencies exceeding US \$10,000. Non-residents may import local and foreign currencies without restrictions but amounts exceeding US \$10,000 must be declared.

### Banking

Banking hours: Monday -Friday 09h00-15h00, and Saturdays 09h00-12h00. Banks in Mombasa and the coastal areas open and close half an hour earlier. Banks in airports tend to open earlier and close later; typical hours are 07h00-19h00.

ATMs are common especially in major tourist destinations.

**Mastercard and Visa Credit Cards are widely accepted; American Express and Diners Club less so. Major hotels accept payment by credit card, as do major safari companies, travel agencies and restaurants.**

**Very few banks or foreign exchange bureaus accept travellers cheques; when they do, they charge high commissions.**

## **| Travel, Transport and Getting Around**

Nairobi has two airports for domestic and regional flights: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and Wilson Airport. Kenya has over 150 domestic airports and airstrips and there are daily flights to the most popular destinations. In addition to the scheduled airlines, several private charter companies operate out of Wilson Airport.

Kenya Airways, Air Kenya, Fly 540, Mombasa Air Safari, and Safarilink serve the most popular safari destinations, plus many others such as Lake Victoria.

All other types of transport are good and efficient. Quality on trains can differ depending on which 'class' you buy.

Drive on the left side of the road.

Road conditions vary, and are improving.

## **| Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice**

Meat in Kenya is generally outstandingly good, and 'nyam achoma' (barbecued meat) is ubiquitous at any major feasts or popular dining spots. Beef and chicken are readily available, but goat is the most-widely eaten among locals and certainly a must try for carnivorous visitors. Middle Eastern and Indian cuisine is also popular, as are fresh-water fish inland, and sea fish along the coast.

Drinking the tap water is not recommended as the supply is not reliable, but bottled water is available in most places. When buying bottled water, check the seal of the bottle is intact. Alternatively, bring your own reusable water bottle with a filter or use water purification tablets. Avoid ice and washed salads and fruit except in top hotels and restaurants. Milk is pasteurised and dairy products are safe for consumption. Food prepared by unlicensed vendors should be avoided at all times.

Tipping is optional. Most hotels and restaurants include a 10% service charge in the bill. If they don't, a small tip is customary for good service.

## **| Climate and Weather**

Kenya has three types of climate: temperate subtropical climate in the west and southwest highlands (where Nairobi is located), hot and humid along the coast, and hot and dry in the north and east.

## **| Clothing and Dress Recommendations**

For Nairobi and the coast: lightweight cotton and linens are advised. Warmer clothing is needed in June and July, while rainwear is advisable between March and June, and October and December.

For safari: loose-fitting and light neutral tones are recommended. If you are visiting a luxury lodge, pack a nice set of clothes for dinner is recommended.

## **| Internet Availability**

Wi-Fi is readily available in major cities and hotels, as well as in luxury game lodges.

## | Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets in Kenya are of the 'Type G (BS-1363)'. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all types.

Electrical sockets in Kenya usually supply electricity at 220-240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. If your appliance isn't compatible with 220-240 volts, a voltage converter will be necessary.



Country

**Tanzania**

The name Tanzania conjures up images of wildebeest stampeding across vast savannah, rain forests teeming with monkeys and birdlife, and great plains brimming with legions of game. All of these natural wonders and more are on offer in this exceptionally diverse African nation. Visitors typically visit Tanzania to partake in at least one of the four well known Tanzanian tourist experiences: a relaxing seaside vacation on the picturesque island paradise of Zanzibar, an underwater tour of some of the world's most renowned dive sites around the gorgeous Spice Islands, a safari adventure in some of Africa's most impressive game reserves, or a hiking excursion around Mount Kilimanjaro National Park. Whichever of these incredible holidays you choose, you will undoubtedly be welcomed by some fabulously friendly and peaceful inhabitants who, despite being divided into 120 different ethnic groups and cultures, live in harmony with one another and provide some of the most wonderfully exotic local cuisine you

could imagine. With all of this diversity on offer, the most difficult part of your Tanzanian holiday experience is likely to be deciding where to go!

## | Banking and Currency

### Currency

In Tanzania, the unit of currency is the Tanzanian Shilling, which is divided into 100 Cents. Notes are issued in denominations of 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, and 10000 Shillings. Coins are issued in denominations of 50, 100 and 200 Shillings.

### Banking

Banks are open from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday. Many banks are equipped with 24 hour ATM machines.

Credit cards and travellers checks are not widely accepted in Tanzania. Where they are accepted can high service fees and poor exchange rates be expected. Major foreign currencies - particularly US \$ - are accepted in Tanzania and are convertible at banks and bureau de changes in the main towns and tourist areas. If bringing cash in US \$, please make sure bank notes are in good condition, with no cuts or damage and are not older than 2006. Most banks offer higher exchange rates for US \$ 100 / US \$ 50 bank notes compared to US \$ 20 / US \$ 10 or US \$ 5 bank notes.

## | Travel, Transport and Getting Around

If you are visiting a number of parks and reserves in Tanzania, you can either drive or fly between them. Roads in most of the wilderness areas are in poor condition and unmarked, and self-driving is not recommended.

Operators will supply you with a driver who doubles as an informal guide; alternatively, you can arrange to fly to your destination and utilize a car and driver supplied by the lodgings. Elsewhere in Tanzania, towns and cities are linked by a steady stream of buses and *dala-dalas* (minibuses), and in the cities, there is public transport in the way of buses, *dala-dalas*, taxis, and, in some places, bicycles or *tuk-tuks*.

Precision Air run regular services, mostly via Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro or Zanzibar, to all main towns and other destinations in East Africa and beyond. All national parks and some of the top-end luxury lodges have airstrips and Coastal Air operates between these and the main airports on the mainland and the islands of Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia. ZanAir has frequent connections between Zanzibar, Pemba and the mainland.

Driving is on the left hand side of the road

## | Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Most camps, lodges or hotels cater specifically to tourists and serve Western-style food, ranging in standard, but generally are excellent. Game lodges tend to offer a daily set menu with a limited selection, so it is advisable to have your tour operator specify in advance if you are a vegetarian or have other specific dietary requirements. First-time visitors to Africa might take note that most game lodges in and around the national parks have isolated locations, and driving within the parks is neither permitted nor advisable after dark, so that there is no realistic alternative to eating at your lodge.

Tap water in Tanzania is generally not safe to drink, and most travellers try to stick to mineral water. Filtered and bottled water can be difficult to find you are travelling outside of main town and so it is advisable to stock up. Most camps, lodges and hotels have bottled water readily available.

Please note that, as of 2016, Tanzania has banned the use of plastic bags in a bid to tackle pollution and protect the environment. Travellers to Tanzania will no longer be allowed to bring plastic carrier bags into the country. This ban targets all plastic bags that are imported, exported, manufactured, sold, stored, supplied and used.

## | Climate and Weather

Just south of the equator, Tanzania is huge and its sheer size means that the climate varies considerably within it. However, generally the main rainy season, or the 'long rains', lasts during about March, April and May. Afternoon tropical downpours are the norm – which are heavier and more predictable beside the coast and on the islands. The humidity is high and daily temperatures reach the low-mid 30°s.

The long dry season lasts throughout June, July, August, September and October is when rainfall is unusual, even on the islands. Temperatures vary hugely with altitude and location, but it's usually a fine, clear sky and sunny weather – it's a great time to visit Tanzania. During November and December there's another rainy season: the 'short rains'. These are much lighter than the main rains and less reliable.

If it has rained during the short rains, then it normally dries up for a few months, January and February, which is Tanzania's 'short dry season', before starting to rain again in earnest in March.

## | Clothing and Dress Recommendations

It never gets really cold in Tanzania so lightweight clothing, preferably cotton or linen, is recommended. While on a game viewing safari, avoid brightly coloured clothing, stick to whites, beiges, khakis and browns. There may be long days sitting in safari vehicles, so it is advisable to wear light comfortable clothing such as short sleeved shirts and cotton/linen trousers or shorts. Denim will become too hot and extremely uncomfortable. Walking shoes and socks will be required.

The evenings will be chilly, so long sleeved shirts and trousers should be worn. A sweater may be needed. These will also prevent you being bitten by insects. A hat should be worn at all times outside. The sun may sometimes not feel hot, but it can still easily burn, especially if it is cloudy and overcast.

If visiting Zanzibar or any coastal town don't forget to take a swimsuit, as it is invariably warm. Ladies are recommended to take cotton skirts, blouses and dresses. Sandals are a must for this environment! On the beaches and within the confines of hotels, normal swimwear is acceptable but nudity is not.

As over a third of the population in Tanzania is Muslim, it is therefore not etiquette for ladies to walk around in public displaying their legs and shoulders. Remember to dress modestly as short shorts, miniskirts, vests and tank tops will be frowned upon.

## | Internet Availability

Tanzania has good Internet Service Providers with email and internet services offered by many hotels and lodges (free / paid). In most towns there are plenty of private business centres and cyber cafes offering email and internet access, although the speeds might be somewhat slower than what you are used to.

## | Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets in Tanzania are one of three: Type G (BS-1363) and Type C (CEE 7/16 Europlug) and Type D (BS-546) electrical socket types: If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all types.

Electrical sockets in Tanzania usually supply electricity at 230 volts AC / 50 Hz frequency. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 230 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. If your appliance isn't compatible with 230 volts, a voltage converter will be necessary.