



Nairobi to Joburg Overland: Craters & Camping

27 days, Nairobi to Johannesburg

Trip code DKBJ

What's included

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- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
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Itinerary



Itinerary Notes

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NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

Nairobi

Arrive at any time.

Please make sure you have all of the necessary visas for this tour by the time of the welcome meeting. It is very important to read the visa section in our trip details to know which visas you will need, if any. Please note that not all nationalities are able to obtain a visa on arrival at the border.



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Day 2

Nairobi/Arusha

Cross through the semi-arid lands of the Maasai people to Arusha.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Nairobi - Arusha

10h

286km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Border Crossing (Kenya - Tanzania)

Namanga

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Enjoy a wildlife safari drive en route to the camp site in the central Serengeti.

After breakfast, begin the 3-day and 2-night excursion to Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater, two of Africa's premier wildlife areas.

Changing to specialized 4x4 7-seater safari vehicles, meet experienced safari driver/guides, who will ensure wonderful wildlife encounters. The safari vehicles each have sliding windows and a large pop-up roof, perfect for viewing animals and scenery. They are smaller than the overland adventure vehicle (OAV) and will allow the group to maneuver easily through the wildlife areas. As the vehicles are smaller than the overland adventure vehicle (OAV), the group will split up among several vehicles.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

7-Seat 4x4 Safari Vehicle

Arusha - Serengeti National Park

10h

320km

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride with a pop-up top.

Serengeti National Park Safari

Serengeti National Park

This is the reason you came to Africa. Charge your camera, grab your binoculars, and set out on safari. Your eagle-eyed driver will keep an eye out for wildlife – buffaloes, elephants, lions, wildebeests, zebras, and more. Tanzania's Serengeti tends to be less crowded than some of Kenya's reserves, so enjoy the scenery, the vast expanse of the grasslands, the play of light and shadow, and the up-close look at wild Africa.

Enjoy a wildlife safari drive in the Serengeti during the day, and finish the evening camping at the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater.

Before leaving the Serengeti, enjoy one last morning safari drive to see the animal kingdom come to life in this incredible expanse of grassland savannah. Then return and break camp, and journey to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, famous for Africa's best wildlife viewing. The views from the Ngorongoro Crater rim are stunning, and there is an ever-present abundance of wildlife, due to the permanent water supply on the crater floor. Arrive at the campsite at the crater rim in the late afternoon.

Please note: if you have pre-booked the Serengeti Balloon Safari, today's likely the day for this activity! The CEO will give the final confirmation when it will take place, as it is subject to change. You will miss the included morning wildlife safari drive with the group, but you will have a much better view from above! If you have not yet pre-booked, add it to your checkout page, or ask your GCO or travel agent for assistance.

Please note that due to the high-altitude location of our camp, temperatures can drop at night. We recommend bringing extra layers to wear during the evening and following morning.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

7-Seat 4x4 Safari Vehicle

Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro

10h

160km

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride with a pop-up top.

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Venture down to the crater floor, and take in a final safari experience viewing the high concentration of wildlife bound by the crater walls.

Exit the crater late in the morning, and travel via Arusha to Marangu. Marangu is a popular starting point for people climbing Mt Kilimanjaro.

If you have booked the Zanzibar Express, you will part from the group in Arusha and be transferred to your Arusha hotel for the night. The following morning you will fly to Zanzibar. Included: transfers, flights, one night Arusha (Outpost Lodge, or similar) and one night Stone Town (Mazsons Hotel, or similar). Only breakfast included.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

7-Seat 4x4 Safari Vehicle

Ngorongoro – Arusha

9h

200km

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride with a pop-up top.

Ngorongoro Crater Wildlife Safari Drive

Ngorongoro Crater

Set the alarm and prepare for an early start to see the wonders of the Ngorongoro Crater. Here you'll see Maasai herdsman in the morning mist. Your driver/guide will take you down into the crater and to all the best spots to view wildlife. Spot zebra, gazelles, buffaloes, and warthogs. The swamp and forest are home to hippos, rhinos, elephants, baboons, and monkeys. Keep your eyes peeled and camera ready to capture a pride of lions or a lone leopard walking along the crater floor.

Day 6

Marangu/Dar es Salaam

Hit the road, and enjoy the varied landscapes on the way to the Indian Ocean coast.

Depart Marangu, passing the majestic Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, and head towards Dar Es Salaam. The city started as a fishing village in the mid-19th century before becoming a port and trading centre.

Zanzibar Express; transfer this morning from your Arusha hotel to the airport for a scenic flight to Zanzibar. Arrive in Stone Town and spend the afternoon exploring on your own. Enjoy an extra night in Stone Town and meet back up with the group the following afternoon. Only breakfast included.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Marangu - Dar es Salaam

14h

680km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Day 7

Dar es Salaam/Nungwi

Hop on a ferry, travel north to Nungwi Beach, and bliss out beachside on Zanzibar's northern coast.

After arriving on Zanzibar, transfer to Nungwi Beach. Relax on the idyllic white-sand beaches, wander through the village of Nungwi or opt to go snorkelling or diving.

Zanzibar is a Muslim society. Immodestly dressed women or men in shorts will get harassed and cause great offense in Stone Town. In Nungwi, customs are a little more relaxed, but travellers are encouraged to be respectful of the island's culture and cover up when walking around. Never try to take a photograph without asking permission.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Ferry

Dar es Salaam - Stone Town

1h30m

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Private Vehicle

Stone Town - Nungwi

1h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.



Optional Activities - Day 7

Scuba Diving

Nungwi

130USD

Take a boat to Mnemba, a small island surrounded by a circular reef boasting an abundance of colourful coral and marine life. Suit up and enjoy the excellent visibility allowed by the turquoise waters of this region. If you are lucky, you just might be able to spot the bottlenose dolphins that are known to visit this area.

Snorkelling

Jambiani

40USD

Enjoy a day of snorkelling in the safety of an experienced snorkel guide in the area of one of Zanzibar's most well-known reefs surrounding Mnemba island. Lifejackets, short wetsuits and buoyancy aids available. Price is dependent on pick-up location.

Day 8

Nungwi

Opt to go diving, snorkelling, exploring or just sit back and relax.



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Breakfast



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Travel back to Stone Town for a final night on this enchanting island.

Explore Stone Town, the heart of the island. It has an intriguing maze of narrow, cobbled lanes hemmed in by Arabic buildings. The best way to see Stone Town is, literally, to get lost. One can spend hours just wandering the alleys and squares, drinking potent coffee from pavement vendors, or buying sweetmeats from scores of tiny cafes. Look out for tinga-tinga paintings, antique shops, beautifully printed cloths (kangas and kikois worn by local people), little carved chests with copper inlays and spices – all beautiful presents or memories to take home.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Nungwi - Stone Town

1h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Spice Plantation Tour

Zanzibar

2h

No visit to Zanzibar would be complete without a visit to the spice plantations. Your senses will be aroused as you will receive a detailed description on the assortment of spices (black pepper, cardamom, cinnamon, nutmeg, breadfruit, jackfruit, vanilla, lemon grass) and their various uses. It was the spice plantations that brought the beginnings of Zanzibar's infamous slave trade that dates back to the 1840's.

Day 10

Stone Town/Baobab Valley

Ferry to Dar es Salaam then continue to Baobab Valley.

Catch the ferry back to Dar Es Salaam and continuing travelling west to the campsite in the Baobab Valley on the banks of the Ruaha River. The camp is on the edge of the Udzungwa Mountains National Park.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Ferry

Stone Town - Dar es Salaam

1h30m

200km

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Dar es Salaam - Baobab Valley

6h

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Day 11

Baobab Valley/Iringa

Spend another day on the road, and journey south to Iringa. Visit a crafts centre that supports the local community.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Baobab Valley - Iringa

5h

180km

Estimated Travel Time: 3/4 hrs

Iringa Craft Centre

Iringa

Stop by a crafts centre that employs local artists with disabilities. Grab a coffee at the café or pick up a souvenir to bring home.

Day 12

Iringa/Chitimba

Cross into Malawi and travel to beautiful Lake Malawi.

Chitimba Beach has beautiful views of mountains in the background and Tanzania across the lake.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Iringa - Chitimba

9h

235km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Border Crossing (Tanzania - Malawi)

Kasumulu - Songwe

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Day 13

Chitimba/Kande Beach

Travel to another beautiful beach area on Lake Malawi.

Leave Chitimba in the morning and drive south along Lake Malawi to Kande Beach.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Chitimba - Kande Beach

5h

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Day 14

Kande Beach

Enjoy a traditional dinner in a local home, and opt to explore by foot, go snorkelling, or take a village tour.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Free Time

Kande Beach

Kick back and relax on Lake Malawi.



Optional Activities - Day 14

Swimming

Grab your bathing suit and go for a refreshing swim.

Snorkelling

Kande Beach

25USD

Discover some of the best freshwater snorkelling in Africa at Lake Malawi, which generally has clear visibility and boasts a plethora of brightly coloured fish. Don a snorkel and hop in!

Village Walk

Kande Beach

20USD

Set off on a village walk to visit a nearby traditional Tonga village to learn more about daily village life in the area.

Day 15

Kande Beach/Mfuwe

Cross the border into Zambia and finish the day riverside in the Luangwa Valley.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Border Crossing (Malawi - Zambia)

Mchinji - Mwami

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Kande Beach - Mfuwe

8h

500km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Day 16

Chipata/South Luangwa

Enjoy a free day to explore South Luangwa NP, a wildlife haven. Opt to go on a walking safari (seasonal), night drive, or visit a nearby local village.

Please note that the South Luangwa Wildlife Safari Drive is an optional activity that is not included and will be an additional cost on tour should you choose to partake.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Free Time

Mfuwe

Do as much or as little as you'd like during a free day.

Day 17

South Luangwa

Enjoy a free morning, then set off for Petauke.

Please note that the South Luangwa Wildlife Safari Drive and the South Luangwa Walking Safari are optional activities that are not included and will be an additional cost on tour should you choose to partake.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Mfuwe - Petauke

5h

330km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Day 18

South Luangwa/Lusaka

Sit back and enjoy a day of driving, taking in the scenery.

Set off early and arrive late in the afternoon. The long journey across rough and bumpy roads takes us to a private farm 29km (18 mi) outside the capital of Zambia. Marvel at the zebras, buffaloes, and the bok that roam the property, or relax by the pool or at the camp's bar.

This is an overnight stop in between driving days, so we will not have time to explore Lusaka.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Petauke - Lusaka

8h

410km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Day 19

Lusaka/Livingstone

Continue travelling across Zambia and finish at lovely Livingstone just outside of Victoria Falls.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Lusaka - Livingstone

7h

543km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.



Optional Activities - Day 19

Victoria Falls Visit (Zambia)

Livingstone

One of the seven natural wonders, this waterfall is not the widest or highest, but it produces a horizontal curtain of falling water as it drops more than 152.4m (500 ft) into the gorge below, creating a spray of 396.2m (1,300 ft). If watching isn't enough, when the water levels are low, take a swim at the Devil's Pool at the edge of the falls, or at Angel's Armchair. The falls are visible from 48.2km (30 mi) away.

Standard Sunset Cruise

Livingstone - Victoria Falls

Jump on a boat and cruise on the beautiful Zambezi River. Enjoy some snacks, drinks, a festive atmosphere, and, of course, gorgeous views of the sunset.

Opt to visit Victoria Falls, go whitewater rafting, or take a helicopter flight over the falls.

Livingstone is a great base to see both natural wonders and take part in some exciting activities. Get up close (and wet from the spray) while awing at the immense Victoria Falls, raft the whitewater of the mighty Zambezi, and for the more adventurous, bungee jump with Victoria Falls in view.

Today, new travellers may join you for the rest of your adventure. You are welcome to join them at a group meeting this evening, followed by an optional dinner.

Be sure to stop by the G Adventures help desk at your accommodation for advice, tips or help booking any local activities.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Livingstone

Get out and explore the many things on offer in the Livingstone area.



Optional Activities - Day 20

Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

You may be a seasoned pro at group travel by now, but there will likely be some new travellers joining the group. Sit in on the welcome meeting to meet the newest members of your group and learn about the next leg of your tour.

Victoria Falls Helicopter Ride (Zambia)

Livingstone

Charge up your camera and take flight over the massive Victoria Falls. From above, it's easy to capture the full breadth of the falls and their surroundings.

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Zambezi Whitewater Rafting

Victoria Falls

150-160USD

Tick one off your bucket list! Raft the Class III-V rapids of the Zambezi River, considered by many to be one of the best whitewater rafting rivers in the world. It's exhilarating!

Please note: River conditions and activity pricing vary depending on the seasons. High water season is from about February to July. Low water season generally runs from August to January each year - this is when the Zambezi is at its very wildest. The "closed season" is dependent on the season's rains, and usually is from March to April; during this time rafting on the river is not permitted. Additionally, this activity requires passengers to hike down and up the deep Batoka Gorge to access the river, which requires reasonable level of fitness. This activity price excludes a \$10 park entrance fee.

Zambezi Bungee Jump

Livingstone

168USD

Get the adrenaline pumping with a bungee jump from the Victoria Falls Bridge over the Zambezi River. Hear the rush of Victoria Falls as you enjoy this once in a lifetime experience.

Day 21

Livingstone/Matobo National Park

Cross into Zimbabwe and opt to check out the falls from another side.

Opt to visit Victoria Falls town or the falls from the Zimbabwe side before we continue to Matobo National Park.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Border Crossing (Zambia - Zimbabwe)

Livingstone - Victoria Falls

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Livingstone - Matobo National Park

6h

600km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.



Optional Activities - Day 21

Victoria Falls Visit

Victoria Falls

50USD

Take in the natural splendour of thundering Victoria Falls while viewing the massive falls from the Zimbabwean side. Entrance fee for the park - self guided.

Day 22

Matobo National Park

Walk with rhinos and enjoy an open vehicle wildlife safari drive in Matobo National Park.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Guided Rhino Walk

Matobo National Park - Bulawayo

Set off on foot into the bush and enjoy a guided walk while tracking white rhinos.

Open Vehicle Wildlife Safari Drive

Matobo National Park

Set off in an open safari vehicle and be on the lookout for wildlife, particularly the white rhinos this national park is known for -- it's one of the best places to see these magnificent animals in the world.

Day 23

Matobo National Park/Tshipise

Cross the border into South Africa, and relax in the hot springs at our campsite.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Matobo National Park - Tshipise

7h

600km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Border Crossing (Zimbabwe - South Africa)

Beitbridge

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Optional Activities - Day 23

Hot Springs Soak

Tshipise

After a long day of traveling, take a relaxing soak in the warm water mineral pool at the campsite.

“Tshipise” meaning “something warm”, refers to the mineral springs feeding the pool. The famous Tshipise koppie (hill) towers protectively over the charming resort, set amongst a host of indigenous trees.

Day 24

Tshipise/Kruger National Park

Enjoy a full-day wildlife safari drive in the overland adventure vehicle in Kruger National Park. Opt to upgrade to a 4x4 safari vehicle.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Tshipise - Kruger National Park

6h

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Kruger Wildlife Safari Drive

Kruger National Park

6h

Jump into our touring vehicle and get ready to spot elephants, hippos, giraffes, zebras, lions, and many other species in one of Africa's greatest wildlife areas.

Day 25

Kruger National Park/Manyeleti

Enjoy more spectacular wildlife on a wildlife safari drive in the overland adventure vehicle.

Experience a traditional dinner and local Shangaan dance in the evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Kruger Wildlife Safari Drive

Kruger National Park

6h

Jump into our touring vehicle and get ready to spot elephants, hippos, giraffes, zebras, lions, and many other species in one of Africa's greatest wildlife areas.

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Kruger National Park - Manyeleti

5h30m

80km

Get into the thick of the action aboard this rugged ride built with the wild in mind.

Traditional Dinner and Local Dancing

Manyeleti

Enjoy a cultural evening with the local community. Dive into local fare with a delicious traditional dinner, then watch a local dance performance.

Visit the G Adventures-supported G Hope Africa preschool and interact with the villagers.

We visit and interact with the local community of the Planeterra volunteer project , Hope Africa Children's Day School, in the Shalati village outside of Manyeleti. We will have an early breakfast in order to spend enough time at the project before driving back to Johannesburg.

Continue to Johannesburg, the economic heart of South Africa and the largest city in the country.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Learn how G Adventures supports accessible early childhood education in South Africa through the Hope Africa Children's Day School. This school provides education for over 80 children under the age of five. The parents of the children are mostly rangers and lodge staff in the Kruger area. This school provides families with access to safe childcare during the day, so they can rest assured while being employed in the tourism industry. The preschool also provides two meals a day for each student. A past G Adventures' traveller who visited the school helped raise much needed funds to have a water line, borehole, and tank installed. Thanks to her efforts, the school and community have access to water.

Overland Adventure Vehicle (OAV)

Manyeleti - Johannesburg

8h

400km

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Depart at any time.



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Breakfast

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While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

Are there Itinerary notes?

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1. Please note that this trip is a combination of multiple G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and/or particular vehicles operating your tour may change between tour segments. You may also expect some group members to join or leave the tour, between tour segments.

Please note: As this is a combination trip, some of your tour members may depart in Zanzibar and Livingstone and you may be joined by some new travelling companions on those days as well.

2. This is not a physically demanding journey; however, travelling can be difficult, with long drives and poor road conditions at times. Despite this, most clients feel that the diversity of the African landscape, countries, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience. We use a comfortable and safe customized safari truck for the long drives.

3. YELLOW FEVER

It may be required to show a Yellow Fever certificate upon entering the country(s) visited. Please check in with your local health expert for advice on Yellow Fever and other inoculations required for this area.

4. RAMADAN

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between Feb 28th - Mar 29th 2025, and Feb 17th - Mar 19th 2026. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-Muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

5. An essential part of your safari is participation. The group is usually divided into small groups and given different tasks which change on a day to day basis, from kitchen duty group (helping in prepare meals and clean up afterwards), the packing group (sets up all tables and chairs outside) and the cleaning group (which cleans the truck by emptying the rubbish bin and brooming). It is all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly. Your CEOs will do all the meal preparation, but we do ask the clients to help with the washing up. Team spirit is part of the fun! All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow) is supplied. We supply dome tents and assembly/disassembly takes only 5 minutes. All tents have built-in insect nets. Mattresses are also available, which are approximately 4cm thick, warm and comfortable.

6. SLEEPING BAGS

Please note that you will need to bring your own sleeping bag as it is not possible to rent in destination.

7. LUGGAGE COMPLICATIONS: It occasionally happens that luggage on international flights into Cape Town, Livingstone or Johannesburg does not arrive. Please be aware that this may happen, especially if you have a tight connection in either of these centres, are flying with different airlines with a connection, have a last minute flight change or re-route, or fly from or connect through another African centre. Please be prepared and keep all important documentation and valuables on your person. As well we recommend a change of clothes in your hand luggage. If unfortunately this does happen, and your luggage does not arrive, you should be entitled to a limited initial compensation from your airline. In Southern Africa, the arrival of lost luggage normally takes between 10 and 48 hours after the initial plane's arrival. The airlines technically should be responsible to forward your luggage to you, to your hotel or elsewhere in Southern Africa. You may find that your tour will begin, and you still have not received your luggage. When reporting your missing bag at the airport please provide the airline with the emergency telephone number of our local office in South Africa (+27 82 4444 303). Please do not give out any address (starting point hotel) as on most trips

we do not stay long enough for the bag to arrive, the airline should phone our local office to arrange the delivery address. It is recommended that you purchase locally a few needed items, begin your tour. Your CEO or local representative will be able to help you organize this, and once your luggage is retrieved, it should be able to be forwarded to you – depending where you are. Please note that any costs that you may incur for luggage retrieval or sending luggage are not the responsibility of G Adventures, though we will always strive to assist you in any way possible, Please make sure to hand in the reference number of the bag and your flight details to your CEO in order to help with the tracing of the bag. You should always keep all receipts and documentation, and contact your airline or insurance provider for reimbursement.

8. Your CEO aims to provide you with the best service possible during your tour. They will be joining you in the back of the truck for a maximum of approximately 50% during driving, to answer questions and provide more information about the areas that you visit. They will spend the remainder of the driving time in front with the driver to enable them to make bookings, do planning and to fulfil other organizational requirements of the tour. During wildlife safari drives, your CEO will ensure to accompany you in the passenger area of the truck. This is of course because they have a lot of knowledge to share with you during these exciting wildlife safari drives. Please do not hesitate to ask your CEO any questions.

9. Please note that on all our Overland adventure vehicle (OAV) safaris there is a maximum of 22 people per vehicle.

10. VISAS. Please read the Visa section very carefully. Visas are your own responsibility. Always double check with the embassies what each countries requirement are.

11. MONEY EXCHANGE

We strongly advise that you bring ZAR or USD from your home country or exchange money before the start of the tour, to avoid delays on tour. Please see the Money Exchange section for more details.

12. DRONES

The use of drones in national parks in Southern Africa is prohibited.

13. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Prices listed are indicative and may change seasonally or annually. Your CEO will confirm current rates while on tour.

What is the group leader like?

On this tour, you will be accompanied by two Chief Experience Officers (CEOs). The Chief Experience Officers (CEOs) will be the group manager and leader, cook and driver. They will provide information on the places where we are travelling, offer suggestions for things to do and see, and introduce you to our local friends. They will take care of the small things so you can concentrate on enjoying your adventure.

All of our CEOs in Southern and East Africa are experienced group leaders, with a broad knowledge base of the region's history, cultures, and wildlife. Your leader will be from either southern or East Africa depending on which part of the tour you are on.

All of our overland adventure vehicle (OAV) drivers are experienced in the routes travelled, and highly skilled in dealing with different terrains. All of our cooks will organize and lead the meal preparation, and have experience in cooking a variety of local and international dishes for large groups.

In the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater to round out the team, along with your CEO, you will be accompanied by a local safari crew consisting of an expert driver/guide and camp cook. Your driver/guide is skilled and experienced driver and a certified safari guide, and is an integral part of the team. As well, your cook will prepare the camp meals to add some further local flavour to the trip.

We also use local guides for some included activities where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting.

How large will the group be?

Max 22, avg 18.

What meals are included in this trip?

26 breakfasts, 21 lunches, 19 dinners

What are the meals like on this trip?

As mentioned above, most of the meals on this tour are included in the tour price. When a meal is not included, this is because there are often many options available - we would like to give you the opportunity to explore a bit and test the local cuisine yourself. In these cases, your CEO will be able to suggest some good local restaurants or options for you to choose from.

All included meals will be prepared from fresh local produce. The majority of the shopping for foodstuffs will be done before the trip departs, and fresh goods, such as meats, fruits, vegetables, and dairy products, will be bought en route during the trip from supermarkets, local shops and markets. Breakfasts will generally consist of breads and cereals, if time allows a warm breakfast may be prepared. Many lunches will be provided en-route and will be light meals such as sandwiches and/or salads. All evening meals will be freshly-prepared hot meals, and will consist of a variety of continental and local dishes.

Our cook will organize the meal preparation and lead the way here, but will prepare a duty schedule for ensuring a fair, rotating participation from you and your group members in the meal preparation and dish washing duties.

Vegetarian meals and other dietary requirements need to be specified prior to arrival. Please note all bottled drinking water will be at your own expense.

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Overland adventure vehicle (OAV), 4x4 safari vehicles, minibus, ferry.

What transportation will we take on this trip?

This trip is done a combination of vehicles - a larger 24 seat overland vehicle named the Lando for most of the trip, and in private 6-7 seat safari vehicles for the safari section in Tanzania. Both styles of vehicles have their advantages - the allows the entire group, including your CEO, to travel together, and sits higher, great for wildlife viewing and to enjoy the scenic landscape.

The smaller safari vehicles will be used when the group is in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. With sliding windows and a large pop-up roofs, an open 360-degree view of area, great for wildlife viewing. If there is a large group, 2-3 vehicles will be used, and the group will be split up. This style of travel is by no means luxurious, but the seats are comfortable and having our own private vehicles allow us the flexibility of making stops when needed, and to stay and watch that crouching lion prepare for an attack.

For your time in Zanzibar, please note that the overland adventure vehicle (OAV) will stay in Dar es Salaam, on the mainland. We use a large public ferry with in indoor seating area to cross to the island, and while there, our transportation will be in minibuses.

Here's a quick look at the unique features of the well-equipped G Adventures overland adventure vehicle (OAV):

- Storage for your main luggage is accessible from inside the vehicle
- Day packs can be stored at your feet or on the luggage shelf above
- Onboard safety box for valuables
- Front viewing windows and large sliding windows, both great for wildlife viewing
- Reclining seats
- Fully equipped mobile kitchen
- Access to a 250L tank of drinking water
- Air-conditioning
- Charging station, when available in camp (South African plug - 220-240V)
- USB charging ports for every traveller at their seat

Please note that our Landos do not have on-board bathrooms.

This is not a physically demanding journey; however, travelling can be difficult, with long drives and poor road conditions at times. Please take note of the travel times and distances in the above itinerary, and consider that this is often on poor quality, bumpy roads. Despite this, most clients feel that the diversity of the African landscape, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience.

Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Participation camping (21 nts), simple hotels (5 nts).

Will I get my own room?

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room/Tent" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room/tent for all night stops.

What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

Camping in Africa is truly an adventure. You will be able to get off the beaten track to get a first-hand experience of the beautiful wilderness and nature. While camping, we stay at designated campsites in national parks and outside towns. Campsite facilities in southern Africa are generally good, but can be basic in certain places. There are generally small restaurants and/or bars, flush toilets, showers (generally outdoors, some with simple reed enclosures), washing facilities and telephones available. Additionally, warm water is available at most sites, but it is not guaranteed to always be warm when you take your shower; the warm water may be used up others who also use the camp. We usually set-up camp within close proximity to the toilet facilities, though occasionally to reach them you may have to walk a short distance.

They are good quality, durable, industry-standard 2-person safari canvas tents. Please note that most adults will not be able to fully stand up inside the tents, though most travellers find these more than adequate, as they have a base area of approximately 4 square meters. These tents are regularly treated with a waterproofing agent, but under certain rainy conditions, the tent fabric may become saturated to the point where seepage or leakage may occur. All tents have built-in mesh insect netting on the windows and doors.

We travel with our own portable camp chairs with a comfortable back-rest, and we utilize our own cooking equipment to provide the group good quality camp meals.

Please be aware that where we use multi-share accommodations, rooming requests of any kind cannot be taken.

In camping within the national parks and conservation areas, some camp sites are enclosed for keeping the resident wildlife out. Other camps are open to the natural environment – care must be taken, especially at night, when a torch/flashlight is recommended when walking around the camp area.

The campsite in Serengeti National Park is extremely basic, with no electricity, simple bathing facilities (no showers), and both seated and squat flushing toilets. While camping at the Ngorongoro Crater rim, there is very limited electricity, occasionally warm showers, and squat flushing toilets. The campsites for the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater are open sites, where the wildlife can wander into the area, but they are safe.

Despite the challenge that a few days “roughing it” may pose to some, the experience of being that close to nature, camping under the African stars, and seeing incredible wildlife at your tent door-step is not just gratifying but ultimately an experience of a lifetime, and seeing incredible wildlife at your tent door-step is not just gratifying but ultimately an experience of a lifetime.

In Zanzibar, we stay in standard, twin-share accommodation in Stone Town and on the beach. Please note that our Zanzibar Beach Resort location is subject to change due to availability.

Please note that due to the high demand for accommodation in the parks, sometimes we will arrange alternative accommodation outside of the park. For private accommodation please see tours in our Classic Travel Style.

What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

If you would like to book an airport Arrival transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details.

We strongly advise you to pre-purchase your entry visa prior to arrival as queuing for the visa at the airport can cause long delays in clearing customs. This is especially relevant if you have pre-booked an airport transfer.

If you have pre-booked an airport transfer, it is necessary to make contact with our representative, who waits with a G Adventures sign outside the secure baggage-retrieval area, within 1.5 hours (90 minutes) of your flight's scheduled arrival time. No refunds will be granted if you fail to make contact with our representative within this reasonable time. After such time, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions.

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you receive notification of a flight schedule change outside of 48 hours before your flight is scheduled to arrive, please contact us to advise of your new flight details.

Sales offices:

From within Australia - 1-300-796-618

From within Canada or the United States - 1-800-465-6500

From within the UK - 0870 999-0144

From anywhere else - +1-416-260-0999

Important note If you are advised of the flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please contact the airport transfer operator listed as the emergency contact for your tour which can be found below. We will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative (South Africa)

From outside South Africa: +27 713823286

From within South Africa: 071 3823286

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

Tour ends at approximately at 8:00am after breakfast. You are free to depart Johannesburg at anytime on the last day.

If you would like to book an airport Departure transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible. Your baggage should be clearly labeled and restricted to one soft compact suitcase, or sports bag, maximum 15kg, plus a daypack. Luggage limits on airlines are strictly enforced and space on vehicles is limited. Porters are not often available, so be prepared to carry your own bags.

For our camping style tours you will need to provide your own sleeping bag, small pillow and sleeping sheet (if you would like). We provide the tent and the sleeping pads.

Please note that the seasons in Africa is quite extreme. Winters (especially South Africa, Namibia and Botswana) can be really cold and summers will be really hot.

If you travel during winter months(May to October) please ensure that you bring warm clothing and a suitable sleeping bag.

A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

Please be advised that if you plan to bring a drone with you, the use of drones in national parks in Southern Africa is prohibited.

What should be on my packing list?

Additional Items:

- Sleeping bag (required)

Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: Seasons in Africa are quite extreme. Winters can be really cold and summers will be really hot. If you travel during winter months (May to October) please ensure that you bring warm clothing and a suitable sleeping bag.

When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry can be done at most campsites if you wish to do your own washing.

While in Victoria Falls, there is the opportunity to get your laundry done through the G Adventures supported Princess Laundry and Sewing Co-op. This service provides the cooperative with much-needed income to support their families, and in particular, support their children's school fees.

What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

Kenya:

As of January 1st 2024, the Kenyan government announced the introduction of a new Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) scheme, eliminating the requirement for all nationalities to obtain a visitor visa for Kenya. ALL travellers must apply for the eTA, including those that were previously exempt.

For more information, please refer to the eTA site [here](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

It may be required to show a Yellow Fever certificate upon entering the country. Please check in with your local consulate and health expert for advice on Yellow Fever and other inoculations required for this area.

Tanzania:

Border crossing from Kenya into Tanzania is via the Namanga Border Post and from Tanzania into Malawi through Kasumulu Border Post.

Tanzania Host information for the online Visa application for travellers:

- 1) Host - G Adventures
- 2) Full Name - G Adventures
- 3) Email - experience@gadventures.com
- 4) Relationship - Tour Operator
- 5) Mobile No - +255 754 400 141
- 6) Company Name / Organisation registration No - G Adventures
- 7) Physical Address: P.O.Box 1912, Boma Road, Arusha

Kaza Uni-Visa for Zimbabwe and Zambia:

As this tour visits both Zimbabwe and Zambia, we suggest obtaining the Kavango Zambezi Trans-Frontier Conservation Area (Kaza) Uni-Visa. The Kaza Uni-Visa will be valid for 30 days and act as a multiple entry visa as long as you remain in Zimbabwe and Zambia. It will be issued at a standard fee of US\$50 at the following ports of entry:

Zambia: Harry Mwaanga Airport (Livingstone), Victoria Falls Land Border, Kazungula Land Border (Botswana), Kenneth Kaunda Airport (Lusaka)

Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls Airport, Victoria Falls Land Border, Kazungula Land Border (Botswana), Harare Airport

For more information, please refer to the UniVisa site [here](#)

Malawi:

Please note, travellers may require a visa before arriving in Malawi. To check visa eligibility and requirements, please check the information via the following link: [here](#)

If you require a visa for Malawi, you can also complete your e-Visa application via the following link: [here](#)

You may require the following documents for your e-Visa application:

- Cover Letter from the host in Malawi
- Cover Letter from G Adventures

If you require any of the above at the time of application, please reach out to G Adventures.

Zanzibar:

As of October 1st 2024, Zanzibar will be introducing a new mandatory Inbound Travel Insurance from the Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC) that all travellers to the island of Zanzibar must obtain for the duration of their stay.

For more information and to apply for the insurance policy, we kindly request that you visit the [Zanzibar Insurance Corporation](#) page.

Information is accurate as of September 1st, 2024.

Where can I read detailed notes about this trip?

REGIONAL INFORMATION

Climate

Southern Africa is renowned for its excellent outdoor living climate. The winter months are from May to September and are characterized by cold nights and pleasant days. Summer is from October to April and starts off with increasing dry heat and dust. Rains generally only start from mid to late December and last until March; this period is hot and humid. Large parts of Southern Africa are desert environment, so you will have to come prepared with a three-season sleeping bag and appropriate clothing for the winter season (nights only).

Local Currency

South African Rand; Botswana Pula; Zimbabwean Dollar. We recommend that you bring US\$ or South African Rand for personal expenses on this trip. Traveller's cheques are not recommended.

Electricity 220-240V, 50Hz. Electric plug types come in two sizes and are standard throughout the countries. The two and three round pin standard plugs are acceptable in most parts of these countries.

Language

There are multiple official languages in South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe, although English is widely spoken. There are also numerous dialects spoken throughout different parts of these lands.

What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?

The currency in South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR).

In Botswana, you pay with Pula (BWP) and the official currency of Zambia is the Zambian Kwacha, denoted by ZMK. It is advisable to pay in US\$ in Zambia, as it is not that easy to get a good exchange rate. However, change you receive will then be in Kwacha.

Zimbabwe uses a combination of USD for tourism and the local ZiG currency for domestic transactions. USD is the most reliable currency for travellers. South African Rand is no longer consistently accepted. Bring small, clean USD notes for visas, activities and general spending.

Malawi uses the Kwacha (MWK) and Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda use the Shilling, denoted by TZS, KES and UGX respectively.

Each currency can be obtained locally by changing foreign currency or by using ATMs (where available) which will disperse local currency. Your CEO will inform you where you can change money throughout the tour and approximately how much money you will need. The easiest foreign currency to exchange for locally for any of the local currencies is the \$US; however the British Pound and Euro may also be exchanged as well.

For Zimbabwe, we strongly advise that you bring ZAR or USD from your home country or exchange money before the start of the tour, to avoid delays on tour, as it can be difficult to obtain cash at ATMs.

Please note that due to past problems with forgery, \$US notes that are older than year 2006 are not accepted in Africa. Large note (\$US 50, \$US 100 etc) can be difficult to change in some places, but will gain you the best exchange rate.

If you plan to buy your visas at borders, you will need to bring \$USD cash to pay for these visas. Please note you cannot use the local currency or any other currency to buy these visas- they must be purchased in USD.

Please do not bring Travellers' cheques to Africa. They are difficult if not impossible to exchange in many places.

Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted in major towns and tourist hubs across South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe. ATMs are reliable in South Africa and Botswana, less so in Zimbabwe. Travellers should still carry sufficient USD cash for visas and activities.

Please note that in many areas there may be occasional power-outages, where there will be no electricity for hours at a time. In addition, ATMs outside of larger centers often run out of cash or can be out of order unexpectedly. These factors could affect your ability to access money from ATMs. As such, please do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money.

A combination of foreign currency and debit/credit cards for cash advances is best. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: www.xe.com.

How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

Do I need to pay a departure tax?

USD20, may be included in the international air ticket

Should I be tipping on my trip?

Tipping is an expected, though not compulsory, component of your tour program. The gesture serves as an expression of appreciation for exceptional service, and amounts given are up to your discretion.

Tipping is one of the most direct ways that you can have a positive economic impact within the African community. Although it may not be customary for you, it is an important source of income for those in the tourism industry. Giving a tip should be seen as a formal 'thank you', and the action should in no way be awkward.

The best method of tipping someone that has served the whole group is to plan in advance, and not rush when it comes to saying goodbye. A suggestion would be for each group member to contribute anonymously by putting their tip into an envelope. This often works the best and the group should gather to present the gift to the recipient(s), offering their thanks and showing their appreciation. This method brings the action out into the open, allowing for a friendly and appreciative interaction between the group and the recipient(s).

You may use the following as a guideline, all given in a per person format:

CEO: \$5-8 USD (per day, per person)

Local guides: \$2-3 USD (per day)

Safari Guide/Driver: \$2-3 USD (per day)

Restaurant Staff: 10-15% of cost of bill

What activities are optional on this trip?

- Optional activity prices are subject to change and can fluctuate in relation to the high/low season and the number of people on a specific excursion. Not all excursions listed here may be available, due to season, or weather conditions. As generally not a lot of time is spent in start/end cities, you may want to arrange to arrive early, or stay longer after the trip in order to allow sufficient time to participate in optional activities there. All prices are in US dollar amounts, per person but will generally be paid in local currency. KENYA Nairobi Bomas of Kenya- \$9 p/p Giraffe Centre- \$9 p/p Karen Blixen Museum- \$12 p/p Nairobi National Park- \$40 p/p Nairobi Safari Walk, Animal Orphanage and Impala Sanctuary- \$20 p/p National Museum- \$12 p/p Railway Museum- \$3 p/p The Carnivore Restaurant \$35 p/p (set meal) Hells Gate Bike hire- \$10 p/p Hells Gate Entrance- \$25 p/p Elsamer Conservation Centre- \$8 p/p Zanzibar (Tanzania)

Nungwi Beach:

- Snorkelling - \$50 pp North Coast Tour - \$75 pp (Add \$10 Single Supplement) Sailing Trip - \$75 pp (Add \$10 Single Supplement) Safari Blue Adventure - \$85 pp (Add \$25 Single Supplement) Scuba Diving \$80 - \$125 pp MALAWI Kande Beach Village Tour- \$10 p/p Snorkeling- \$15 p/p Diving- \$50 p/p Horse riding- \$90 p/p Chitimba Beach Village Tour (2-3hrs)- \$10 p/p Guided walk to Livingstonia- \$5 p/p ZAMBIA
- Optional activity prices are subject to change and can fluctuate in relation to the high/ low season and the number of people on a specific excursion. Not all excursions listed here may be available, due to season, or weather conditions.

White Water Rafting:

- River conditions are vary depending on the seasons. Low water season generally runs from August to January each year - this is when the Zambezi is at its very wildest. High water season is from about February to July with a "closed season" for a few months, usually in March, and April, depending on the season's rains. During this time rafting on the river is not permitted. Full Day (Low Water) - inc lift USD185 Half Day AM (Low Water) - no lift USD160 Half Day PM (Low Water) or High Water - inc lift USD160 White Water Rafting / River Boarding Combo Full Day (Low Water) - inc lift USD225 Half Day AM (Low Water) - no lift USD195 Half Day PM (Low Water) or High Water - inc lift USD195 Overnight White Water Rafting 2 Days, 1 Night Rapid 1 - 25 USD345 3.5 Days, 3 Night Rapid 1 to Moemba Falls USD1110 Raft Float on Upper Zambezi USD100

Upper Zambezi Canoe:

- Half Day USD120 Full Day USD155 Overnight Canoeing USD285

Abseiling:

- Full Day USD162 Half Day USD139 Gorge Swing - (single / tandem) USD95/116 Flying Fox or Cable Slide (excl transfer) USD58

Vic Falls Bungee:

- Big Air Experience (Combo)
USD198 Bungee jump USD157
Bridge Swing USD157 Bridge
Slide USD47

Bridge Tour USD70

- Excludes transfers River Safaris
Morning / Lunch / Sunset *\$10
Park fee to be paid direct
USD100 Jet Boating * includes
cable car USD116 Fishing
Safaris Half Day AM/PM
USD145 Full Day (with lunch)
USD296 Wildlife Safari Drive
USD65 Chobe National Park
(Kasane - Botswana) Day Trip
(Excludes Visa Fees) USD190

VICTORIA FALLS:

- Falls Tour (Zimbabwe)(Excludes
Visa Fees and USD20 park fee)
USD50

Flights over the Falls:

- Helicopter Short flight (approx
15mins) USD185 Helicopter Long
flight (approx 30mins) USD370
Microlight Short flight (approx
15mins) USD175 Microlight Long
flight (approx 30mins) USD350
Livingstone Island (Devil's Pool)
Morning Breezer USD90 Lunch
USD150

High Tea USD120

- Excludes transfers Mukuni Village USD50 Visit a typical African village, purchase food from the local market, enjoy a cooking lesson, interact with the Tokayela people and learn their rich culture while having lunch with them. In your tour prize a donation to the village community project is included.
- SOUTH AFRICA Kruger NP
- Sunrise or sunset Drives- \$25 p/p
- Full day Drive in Open Vehicle- \$65 p/p
- Morning Wildlife walk- \$45 p/p
- Zululand/St Lucia Wetlands Nature and Birding Boat Cruise- \$25 p/p
- Cape Vida Tour Full Ddy (lunch incl)- \$ 62 p/p
- Half Day (no lunch)- \$45 p/p
- Safari Drives in Hluhluwe / Umfolozi Parks Full Day (lunch incl)- \$73 p/p
- Half Day (no lunch)- \$60 p/p
- Zulu Cultural Tour with language class, drive and traditional Braai- \$46 p/p
- Tsitsikama Area Wood Cutters Forest Hike- \$27 p/p
- Canopy Zip-line Tour (3hrs)- \$40 p/p
- Bungee Jumping- \$81 p/p
- Oudtshoorn Cango Ostrich Farm (1 h, incl. tea, coffee or juice) \$70 p/p
- Cango caves Standard Tour- \$69 p/p
- Adventure Tour- \$90 p/p
- All prices are per person (unless stated otherwise), and are subject to change as services are provided by third party operators.

Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

We recommend you contact your family physician, or your local travel clinic for the most up-to-date health information at least one month before departure. Travellers should also carry a basic first-aid kit and hand sanitizers/antibacterial wipes on their travels. Medical facilities are basic throughout these countries. For your own safety, we strongly recommend that you advise your tour leader of any medical condition that may affect you while travelling with the group. Your tour leader will be able to inform you of local health advisories (e.g. drinking water quality). Please ensure you have all the inoculations recommended by your doctor.

Yellow Fever

Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe require a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate only if you arrive from, or have transited more than 12 hours through, a Yellow Fever-risk country. Travellers arriving directly from non-risk regions (Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand etc.) do not require a Yellow Fever vaccination. Requirements can change, so travellers should verify this before departure.

Malaria

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease that is present in some regions in Africa. Risk of malaria can increase during periods of heavy rain, during the rainy seasons, and in densely populated areas of Southern & East Africa. To prevent malaria, we recommend speaking to your doctor about taking preventative medication (prophylaxis), combined with regular use of insect repellent spray/cream. Please check updated travel health advisories specific to malaria before your departure.

What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your CEO will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards) have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/

What are the trip specific safety considerations?

NAIROBI and Dar es Salaam and Lusaka

...aren't classed as safe cities. Some precautions you should take are:

- *Always leave your passport (It's better to carry a photocopy of it instead), traveller's cheques, flight tickets and money that you won't be using in the safe deposit at the hotel reception. This is free of charge to G Adventures clients.
- *Remember that like in any other city, you should never leave your bags unattended, nor flaunt jewellery, cameras etc.
- *Please don't wander through the city to unknown areas especially at night. Stick to the main streets only during the day, and after sundown, please take a taxi. Taxis can be organised from reception. Also, take the address of the hotel with you.
- *People are generally friendly, but don't let people take advantage of you, especially the sales people!
- * Beware of people approaching you on the street with an apparent interest of where you are from, and want to sit down and have a chat with you. These people are con men and will ask you for money.
- * People on the street who ask you if you want a safari and have a brochure are often con men, best to avoid these folk. Besides, you're already on safari. Zanzibar can be unsafe to single female travellers. Please always have a male companion with when walking in Stone Town.

ARUSHA and Lilongwe:

many of the above precautions should be taken in these cities, however these towns generally have a more relaxed and friendly vibe, there are many beggars, street sellers and safari touts. These are best avoided by a polite but firm NO THANK YOU!

Zanzibar:

Remember that Zanzibar is overwhelmingly Muslim. Women who do not dress modestly, or men in shorts, are likely to cause offense to locals and are likely to attract unwanted attention.

In coastal areas, both male and female prostitution is widespread. Single female travellers in particular should be wary of 'beach boys'. These male prostitutes often employ aggressive methods of socializing with female tourists with their end goal being to solicit sex, money or other benefits. The prevalence of HIV is extremely high in this region, and we urge all travellers to exercise extreme caution.

Our suggestion is to dress moderately, and drink moderately. At all times be aware of your surroundings, and your actions, and to exercise caution.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photography of government, military and border facilities may be restricted in some countries, especially Zimbabwe and Zambia. Always follow local guidance and your CEO. Drones are prohibited in all Southern African national parks.

What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

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Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

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Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

How old must I be to join this trip?

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.