



## **Victoria Falls & Serengeti Overland: Lakes & Landos**

20 days, Livingstone to Nairobi

Trip code DVN

## What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Discover Moment: Nungwi
- Local dinner experience (Lake Malawi)
- 3-day Zanzibar excursion
- Spice Plantation entrance and guided tour
- Entrance and wildlife safari drives in Serengeti NP and Ngorongoro Crater
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing September 2nd, 2016 - January 20th, 2017

# Itinerary



## Itinerary Notes

Want less travel time and more Zanzibar? Consider booking our 'Zanzibar Express' upgrade which includes a flight and an extra night in Stone Town.

**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

## Livingstone

Arrive at any time.

Livingstone is great base to kick-off this African adventure, to see both some natural wonders, and take part in some exciting optional 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 the Victoria Falls in view.

Livingstone is frequently used as a base for travellers wishing to participate in the many activities and excursions available in the area. Please contact your booking agent if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation.



### 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

## Livingstone/Lusaka

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

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



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

Livingstone - Lusaka

10h

543km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Day 3

## Lusaka/Chipata

Continue travelling across Zambia.

As today is a long driving day, we will not be able to visit Chipata town.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

Lusaka - Chipata

8h

600km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Day 4

## Chipata/South Luangwa

Arrive to camp late morning. Opt to go on a wildlife safari drive in South Luangwa National Park, or visit a nearby local village.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

Lilongwe - Mfuwe

2h30m

150km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Day 5

## 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.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Mfuwe

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

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### Optional Activities - Day 5

South Luangwa Walking Safari

Mfuwe

65USD

South Luangwa National Park is known as the birth place of walking safaris in Africa. Opt to take a guided walk through the park and experience the wildlife.

Tribal Textile and Village Tour

Mfuwe

Opt to visit a local village and popular textile market. A great place to purchase handcrafted fabrics and souvenirs.

South Luangwa Wildlife Safari Drive

Mfuwe

50USD

Have the opportunity to experience one of the true hidden gems in Southern Africa. Opt for a morning or evening wildlife safari drive through South Luangwa National Park. Home to large populations of the Thornicroft's Giraffe, elephants and Cape buffalo.

Day 6

## South Luangwa/Kande Beach

Cross the border and travel to the "Lake of Stars," Lake Malawi.

Please note that conservative dress is recommended. Shoulders and knees should be covered in public, but inside of camp boundaries, it is ok to wear beach clothes.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

Mfuwe - Kande Beach

8h

500km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Border Crossing (Zambia - Malawi)

Mwami - Mchinji

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

Day 7

## Kande Beach

Relax on the shores of Lake Malawi, and enjoy a traditional dinner in a local home. Opt to explore by foot, go snorkelling, or take a village tour.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Kande Beach

Kick back and relax on Lake Malawi after a few long travel days.

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### Optional Activities - Day 7

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 8

## Kande Beach/Chitimba

Set off and drive to the northern part of Lake Malawi.

Leave Kande Beach in the morning and drive north along Lake Malawi to Chitimba. Chitimba Beach has beautiful views of mountains in the background and Tanzania across the lake.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Lando

Kande Beach - Chitimba

7h

235km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Free Time

Chitimba

Settle in and enjoy a free afternoon at northern Lake Malawi.

Day 9

## Chitimba

Enjoy a final day at Lake Malawi.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Chitimba

Do as much or as little as you'd like on your final day on Lake Malawi.

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### Optional Activities - Day 9

Hike to Livingstonia

Chitimba

5USD

Don't miss out on this spectacular hike all the way up to Livingstonia along the Nyika Plateau. Enjoy a breathtaking view of Lake Malawi once reaching the eastern edge of the plateau. Opt to cool off under the Manchewe Falls along the way.

Village Walk

Chitimba

10USD

Set out on a walk through a nearby village to get to know the local way of life.

Day 10

## Chitimba/Iringa

Cross the border into Tanzania and take in views of vast tea plantations and highlands along the way.

Begin the day by making the border crossing out of Malawi and into Tanzania. Climbing out of the Great Rift Valley through some spectacular mountain passes, view the vast tea plantations in the highlands along the way.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Lando

Chitimba - Iringa

14h

534km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Border Crossing (Malawi - Tanzania)

Songwe - Kasumulu

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

Day 11

## Iringa/Dar es Salaam

Watch the Tanzanian countryside pass by on the journey to the Indian Ocean.

Drive to Dar Es Salaam. The city started as a fishing village in the mid 19th century before becoming a port and trading centre.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Lando

Iringa - Dar es Salaam

12h

637km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Hop on a ferry to Zanzibar and transfer to the picturesque beaches of the northern tip of the island.

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 our travellers are encouraged to be respectful of the island's culture and still cover up when walking around. Never try to take a photograph without asking permission.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Lando

Dar es Salaam

1h

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

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.

Day 13

## Nungwi

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

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Optional Activities - Day 13

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 14

## Nungwi/Stone Town

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

Spend the remainder of the day exploring Stone Town, the heart of the island. It has an intriguing maze of narrow, cobbled lanes hemmed in by Arabic buildings. 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 souvenirs 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.

Free Time

Stone Town

Spend a final afternoon wandering the streets of Stone Town.

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 15

## Stone Town/Korogwe

Ferry back over to the mainland and settle in for a full day of driving.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### 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.

Lando

Dar es Salaam - Korogwe

8h

370km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Day 16

## Korogwe/Arusha

Keep on the look out for views of Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, on the way to Arusha.

Pass Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, and head towards Arusha. Consider yourself lucky if you are able to see the mountain as it is hidden behind a veil of cloud most of the time.

Arusha sits at the foot of rugged Mt Meru, Africa's fifth highest mountain.

Use the afternoon to prepare a small day-pack for the three-day excursion to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. Take something warm for the night on the crater rim and enough insect repellent, sunscreen, and water. Bedding is provided, but you can take your sleeping bag along to make sure you're warm enough at night.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

Korogwe - Arusha

7h-8h

250km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Set off into the Serengeti and enjoy an afternoon wildlife safari drive en route to the campsite.

After breakfast, we begin our 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, we are met by experienced safari driver/guides, who will ensure us wonderful wildlife encounters. Our safari vehicles each have sliding windows and a large pop-up roof, perfect for wildlife viewing. They are smaller than our overland adventure vehicle (OAV) and will allow us to maneuver easily through the wildlife areas. As the vehicles are smaller than our overland adventure vehicle (OAV), our 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.

## Serengeti National Park/Ngorongoro

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 wildlife safari drive to see the animal kingdom come to life in this incredible expanse of grassland savannah. You will 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 animals, due to the permanent water supply on the crater floor. You will arrive at your 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! Your CEO will give you 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!

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

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## Optional Activities - Day 18

Serengeti Balloon Safari

Serengeti National Park

Spirited aloft in a hot-air balloon, view the wildlife and terrain of the Serengeti that only the birds see. Enjoy a champagne breakfast and keep that shutter-finger good and limber—you'll be using it plenty over the course of your hour in the air.

Please note, additional fees will apply for passengers exceeding the 120 kg (265 lbs) weight limit.

Day 19

## Ngorongoro/Arusha

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 continue back to Arusha.



### 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 herdsmen 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.

Transfer to Kenya's capital city, where the tour finishes upon arrival in the evening.

Depart Arusha in the morning and travel overland to Nairobi. The tour ends upon arrival to Nairobi at the Hotel Boulevard in central Nairobi. In order to avoid any unnecessary issues with timing, please book ongoing travel from Nairobi in the evening.

There is no included accommodation for this night in Nairobi. You may choose to pre-reserve post-tour accommodation through G Adventures.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Today's Activities

Lando

Arusha - Nairobi

7h-8h

283km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Border Crossing (Tanzania - Kenya)

Namanga

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Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with any onward travel arrangements you require.

## What's included

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## **Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?**

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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# What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

1. Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

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 can not be rented on any of our Africa overland or safari

7. LUGGAGE COMPLICATIONS: It occasionally happens that luggage on international flights into Cape Town, Victoria Falls 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 71 470 6928). 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 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. Please note that if you have pre-night accommodations arranged, you will need to transfer from the Adventure tents (pre-night accommodation) to the dome tents (accommodation used for the camping portion of the tour) on Day 1. The reception at the Waterfront will be able to assist you to find your Truck and leader.

12. According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between May 5th and June 4th, 2019. 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 important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan, particularly in Zanizbar. 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.

13. Looking to add to your experience? Check out our Extras! Specially designed for travellers with unique interests, Extras are optional add-ons to your G adventures trip that make your adventure more you-centric. Extras must be booked prior to departure, please see details in our optional activities field and ask your sales GCO or travel agent about booking.

14. 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.

#### 15. DRONES

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

## 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?

19 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 15 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 vehicle, walking, ferry, minibus.

## 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 Lando 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.

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 (14 nts), full-service camping (2 nts), simple hotel (3 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, washing facilities and occasionally internet available.

The camps have flush toilets (with some exceptions), and showers at some camps are outdoors, having simple enclosures for privacy. 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 by 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.

All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow) is supplied, including camp mattresses, which are comfortable. We supply dome tents and assembly/disassembly will take you only 5 minutes. 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.

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.

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

Starting in Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

If you have not booked a pre-arranged transfer, you can make your own way to the Shearwater Village by taxi. When arriving at the international terminal, depart the arrival hall and outside you will find taxis to town. It is approximately 20km from the airport and takes about 25 minutes (cost is about USD30 for a taxi).

Pre-arranged transfers with G Adventures:

You will be approached by every transfer person and asked your name. Do not volunteer this information. The transfer person should have a sign with G Adventures and the hotel name on it (at times the sign will have your name but not the hotel). Ask him/her who they are waiting for (or which hotel they are taking you to) and once they confirm, present your passport for proof of identity. 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.

Once you arrive at your Joining Hotel, look out for a Welcome Note which will be left at reception with all of the necessary information regarding your Welcome Meeting, along with the meeting time (usually between 5pm and 7pm). This is when you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, receive information about any general and specific aspects of the trip and learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you arrive late, s/he/they will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

## 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. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## 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 within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, 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 call the local emergency contact numbers listed below for more information.

### 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?

The tour ends upon arrival into Nairobi, in the late afternoon. In order to avoid any necessary issues with timing, please book your outgoing flight from Nairobi from 21:00 hrs or later.

There is no included accommodation for this night in Nairobi. You may choose to pre-reserve post-tour accommodation at through G Adventures.

## **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 labelled and restricted to one soft compact suitcase, sports bag, or backpack, no larger than 30cm(height) x 30cm(width) x 60cm(length), maximum 15kg, plus a daypack. You will need a daypack big enough for a change of clothes, towel, toiletries etc to take with on the Serengeti excursion, but still small enough to fit into the smaller vehicles used for the excursion. Due to limited space in the safari vehicles, big backpacks can unfortunately not be taken with to the Serengeti. 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 Southern 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 by the local women. The price can be different from area to area. It might be better to bring some eco-friendly soap with you on tour, as well as some clothes pegs, and do your own washing.

# 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.

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Tanzania:

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

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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](#)

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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.

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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

### ZIMBABWE

Full country name: Republic of Zimbabwe (and formerly Southern Rhodesia, Rhodesia, the Republic of Rhodesia, and Zimbabwe Rhodesia)

Area: 390,757 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 16 111 699

Capital cities: Harare

People: The country is made up of Bantu-speaking ethnic groups, with the majority of the population comprised of the Shona and Ndebele groups.

Languages: Zimbabwe has three official languages: English, Shona (the Bantu language with the most native speakers), and Ndebele (also a Bantu language). In total Zimbabwe has 16 officially recognized languages.

Religion: The majority of Zimbabweans are Christian.

Major industries: Mineral, gold and agricultural products make up the majority of Zimbabwe's exports.

Currency: The Zimbabwean Dollar

Officially the Republic of Zimbabwe and formerly Southern Rhodesia, Rhodesia, the Republic of Rhodesia, and Zimbabwe Rhodesia) is a landlocked country located in the southern part of the African continent, between the Zambezi and Limpopo rivers. It is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the southwest, Zambia to the northwest and Mozambique to the east. Zimbabwe began as the British crown colony of Southern Rhodesia, created from land held by the British South Africa Company. President Robert Mugabe is the head of State and Commander in Chief of the armed forces. Morgan Tsvangirai is the Prime Minister. Mugabe has been in power since the country's internationally-recognized independence in 1980.

### ZAMBIA

Full country name: Zambia

Area: 752,615km<sup>2</sup> (17th largest in Africa)

Population: 10.4 million

Capital city: Lusaka

Largest Towns: Lusaka, Ndola, Victoria Falls, Kabwe, Kitwe.

People: Bemba, Tonga, Nyanja, Ngoni, Lozi plus many other different groups as well as Colonial ex-pats and people of Asian descent

Official Language: English

Other Languages: Bemba, Tonga, Nyanja, Lozi

Religion: Christian, ZCC and Islam

Government: Multiparty parliamentary democracy

President: Levy Mwanawasa

Currency: Kwacha

Major industries: Agriculture (mainly subsistence farming), mining, tourism

- Formally called Northern Rhodesia, Zambia gained its independence from colonial Great Britain in 1964.
- By the end of 1970, Zambia has become one of the poorest countries in the world due to corruption, mismanagement of the economy and a fall in the world copper price.
- In the 1990s Kuanda, the president since independence, was forced to amend the constitution, legalizing opposition parties and setting full elections in 1991. They were defeated by Frederick Chiluba. However, Zambia's situation has not

improved.

- The country has three distinct seasons: cool and dry from May to August, hot and dry in September and October and rainy between November and April.
- The majority of the population are subsistence farmers and there are also some large commercial farms growing sugar cane.

#### INTERESTING FACTS

1. Zambia is the fourth-largest supplier of copper in the world and the leading producer of cobalt. Combined the mining of these two minerals accounts for 75% of Zambia's foreign exchange and 5% of employment in the country.
2. There are 73 officially recognized ethnic groups living within Zambia's borders, each with their own culture and language.
3. Unlike many African countries, Zambia's borders do not adhere to any logical language or tribal boundaries.
4. Unlike neighbouring Botswana the Zambian government does not have a comprehensive anti-poaching policy and poaching remains a major problem facing Zambia's wildlife.
5. Approx 750 different species of bird have been recorded in Zambia. 6. The Victoria Falls on the Zambian side is known as "Mosi oa Tunya" (the smoke that thunders)

#### MALAWI

Full country name: Republic of Malawi

Area: 118,500km<sup>2</sup> (35 th)

Population: 10.4 million

Capital city: Lilongwe (pop 260,000)

People: Chewa, Nyanja, Tumbuko, Yao, Lomwe, Sena, Tonga, Ngoni, Ngonde, Asian, European

Languages: English, Chichewa, regional languages

Religion: 55% Protestant, 20% Roman Catholic, 20% Muslim, traditional indigenous beliefs

Government: Multi-party democracy

President: Bakili Muluzi

Major industries: Tea, tobacco, sugar, sawmill products, cement, consumer goods, tobacco, sugarcane, cotton, tea, corn, potatoes, cassava (tapioca), sorghum, pulses, cattle, goats

Major trading partners: US, South Africa, Germany, Japan, Zimbabwe, UK Currency: Kwacha (K)

#### TANZANIA

Full country name: United Republic of Tanzania (Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania)

Area: 945,087 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 38,329,000-July 2005 est (34,443,603-2002 census)

Capital city: Dodoma

People: 99% native African (over 100 tribes), 1% Asian, European and Arabic

Languages Swahili, English, indigenous.

Religion: 40% Christian, 33% Muslim, 20% indigenous beliefs

Government: Republic (multi-party state)

President: Benjamin William Mkapa

Major industries: Tobacco, sugar, sisal, diamond and gold mining, oil refining, cement, tourism

Major trading partners: India, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Rwanda, the Netherlands, South Africa, Kenya, U.K., Saudi Arabia, China Currency: Tanzanian shilling

#### TANZANIA - Interesting Facts

- The name is name made up from an amalgamation of TANganyika and ZANzibar.

- Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa (although not in Africa as a whole, the Sudan is 3 times larger); it's landmass covering an area of just over 945,087 sq. km (including Zanzibar).
- This makes Tanzania about the size of France, Germany and Switzerland combined; 3 times the size of the entire British Isles or one-tenth the size of the whole of the USA.
- Tanzania's population at the last official census was 31.3 million, with approximately one third being classified as "urban".
- Agriculture forms roughly half of GDP and agriproducts (e.g.: coffee, tea, tobacco, cashew nut, sisal, cotton) some 75% of export earnings. • Dodoma, in central Tanzania, is the political capital of the country although Dar es Salaam is the effective trading and business capital, with its safe harbour ("Dar es Salaam" means "Haven of Peace"), international airport and population of some 1.75million.

## KENYA

Full country name: Republic of Kenya (Jamhuri Ya Kenya)

Area: 580,367 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 34,256,000-July 2005 est. (31,138,735- 2002 Census)

Capital city: Nairobi

People: 22% Kikuyu, 14% Luhya, 13% Luo, 12% Kalenjin, 11% Kamba, 6% Kisii, 6% Meru, 16% other

Languages: English, Swahili, indigenous.

Religion: 35% Protestant, 30% Roman Catholic, 30% Muslim, 5% Animist

Government: Republic (multiparty state)

President: Uhuru Kenyatta

Major industries: small-scale consumer goods (plastic, furniture, beer, batteries, textiles, flour), agricultural processing, oil refining, chemicals, cement, tourism.

Major trading partners: Uganda, Tanzania, UK, Germany, UAE, South Africa

### KENYA - Interesting Facts

- At 580,367 km<sup>2</sup> the country is two and a half times the size of Britain.
- The population is over 30 million and has one of the world's fastest growth rates.
- Kenya gained independence in 1963 after 80 years of British rule. • Most Kenyans are subsistence farmers.
- Coffee and tea are grown commercially and tourism is also a huge income for the country. The country is still in huge debt though and has few mineral resources and corruption is again a problem.
- The country lies on the equator and has good national parks and Mount Kenya the second highest peak in Africa. It also has good beaches and colourful people. Nairobi is the capital and Mombassa the countries port city.

## 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.

Please note that due to past problems with forgery, \$US notes that are older than the year 2013, or in some places 2017, are not accepted in Africa. If you are going to bring USD cash notes please make sure that they do not precede these above dates. USD notes also must be clean, not damaged in any form, and have no pen or pencil markings.

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

Malawi uses the Kwacha (MWK). Tanzania and Kenya use the Shilling, denoted by TZS and KES. Zimbabwe uses the US Dollar and South African Rand.

All currencies 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 for each country.

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 the year 2013, or in some places 2017, are not accepted in Africa. Large notes (\$US 50, \$US 100 etc) can be difficult to change in some places, but will gain you the best exchange rate. If you are going to bring USD cash notes please make sure that they do not precede these above dates. USD notes also must be clean, not damaged in any form, and have no pen or pencil markings.

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/Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. It is harder to find machines Mastercard/Cirrus cards. We highly recommend that if you hold a Mastercard, you obtain a Visa card prior to departure and travel with both. This is also useful should something unforeseen happen to one of your cards during your travels.

While there are many ATMs in the major centres, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Africa. Check with your bank.

Credit cards can be used in major cities and towns ONLY but please do not rely on them as a method of payment because they are generally not widely accepted. You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies. The majority of our optional activities can also be paid by credit card. Your CEO will advise on these.

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](http://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?

USD40, 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)

Supply crew: \$2-3 USD (per day)

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. ZIMBABWE

### **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  
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.  
MALAWI

### **Kande Beach:**

- Village Walk: From USD10pp (approx. 2-3hrs incl school and clinic visit) Canoe Hire: ½ day USD15 Pedalo Boat: ½ day USD25 Catamaran Sail Boat: ½ day USD20 Windsurf: ½ day USD20 Horse Riding: USD35 per hour Diving (2 dive package) USD80 Snorkeling: USD15 Refresher Course Diving: USD75 (incl 1 dive)

## **Chitimba Beach:**

- Village Walk: 850 MKW  
Chitimba Village walk and  
witchdoctor visit: 1250MWK  
Woodcarving lessons: from  
850MWK ZANZIBAR  
(TANZANIA) Stone Town City  
Walking Tour - \$30 pp (Add \$10  
Single Supplement) 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 KENYA  
Nairobi Bomas of Kenya- \$9 p/p  
Karen Blixen Museum- \$12 p/p  
Nairobi National Park- \$40 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 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 Certificate Note: (Updated: August 2025)

It is compulsory to show a valid Yellow Fever Certificate if you are travelling to the following G Adventures-visited countries from a Yellow Fever endemic country:

- Madagascar
- Swaziland
- Uganda
- Zambia

Even in countries that don't require vaccination by default, proof of vaccination is mandatory if you have recently visited a yellow fever risk country, or transited through one on your way, especially if the layover was longer than 12 hours.

If other countries not endemic to Yellow Fever have been visited after visiting an endemic country, then a Yellow Fever certificate may still be required on entry. Please check country-specific regulations before your departure.

List of Yellow Fever Risk Countries:

These include, but are not limited to: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Angola, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, and Somalia. If your itinerary includes any of these, you must be vaccinated at least 10 days before travel.

Recommendation:

Review your complete travel history and transit points. If your itinerary involves high-risk countries, even briefly, get vaccinated early and carry a valid certificate. Unsure? Consult a travel health clinic 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/](http://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:

Please do not take photo's of Police stations or at Cross borders Airports, army barracks and personnel or any Government building. It is against the law and will result in the minimum of your film and camera being confiscated.

Please note that the use of drones in national parks in Southern Africa is prohibited.

# 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!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

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

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

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.