



# AFRICA

## & THE MIDDLE EAST



2017



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# Welcome

## to the Intrepid way of travel

Like for many of you, travel means more to me than just a holiday. It's introduced me to some wonderful people, taken me around the world and saved me from a finance job I didn't enjoy.

Travel is more than just the where. It's also about the how. That's why our commitment to responsible travel is so important to me. I like coming to work every day knowing that I'm doing my bit to deliver the best travel experience ever for our customers, and at the same time our business is giving back to the places we visit and the locals we meet along the way.

We're now the world's largest provider of adventure travel experiences, and that means it's our responsibility to be a leader in sustainable tourism. We're always looking for ways to improve, from carbon-offsetting our trips and putting a stop to elephant rides to recycling around the office.

I have to say, of all my adventures, trekking to see the gorillas in the forests of Rwanda is still far and away the best thing I've ever done. Africa is a continent that's still underrated by a lot of travellers. There's so much there beyond the classic Big 5 safari. This year we're introducing our first trip through the lakes and highlands of Ethiopia, a new active adventure in South Africa (think hiking in the Cederberg Mountains and cycling on the Cape Peninsula), not to mention an Abu Dhabi short-break, where travellers can ditch the traditional airport stopover and drive 4x4s through the sand dunes of Arabia. We've made some big strides in Africa and the Middle East this year, and I'm pretty excited about what the future holds.

Enjoy this brochure. I hope it sparks a flash of inspiration or maybe stokes a little African wanderlust.

James

**James Thornton**  
Managing Director





# Real life experiences

Sure, the highlights still take our breath away, but travel should be more than just ticking boxes. We think the real magic happens off the beaten track: joining a family for dinner in Morocco or bonding with locals in a small Kenyan village. Because it's those real life travel experiences – the most spontaneous and simple of moments – that stay with you long after you've returned home.

## Eat, stay and live local

We design our trips from the ground up, which means using an experienced local leader, local transport and – wherever possible – small, locally run accommodation. Many of our trips include a night or two in a homestay, be it with a Zulu family in South Africa or at a Nubian home in Egypt. The best bit? You're getting an authentic experience while also contributing to the local economy.

## Just the right balance

The best small group adventures strike the perfect balance between included activities and 'you time'. So while there's always an itinerary in place, we like to keep things flexible by giving you plenty of free time to explore on your own. After all, this is your adventure!

## Travel made easy

We'll deal with the logistics of travel – organising itineraries, transport and accommodation – so you can focus on the fun stuff. Why spend hours agonising over every detail of your trip when you can leave it to the experts?







## Small groups...

### An average group size of 10

We take small-group travel literally. Numbers will vary depending on where and how you're travelling, but the average size of a tour is about ten people. We've found this is the perfect number to make new friends, without feeling like just another face in the crowd.

### Fewer people means greater mobility

While larger tour groups are confined to big tourist sights and even bigger hotels, we're able to get around quickly and easily. Which means greater access to family homes, backstreet bodegas and truly local experiences.

## ...with local leaders

We realised early on that the best folks to show you the heart of a destination are, funnily enough, the ones that live there.

These are our leaders: travel experts and friendly locals who know their countries better than anyone. Whether it's helping you order off the menu in Nairobi or introducing you to the village baker in rural Morocco, they're enthusiastic purveyors of grassroots experiences and your connection to the local community. Want to meet them?



#### Mustapha Khalidi, Morocco

"Mustapha's care, passion and knowledge made this an experience that will live in my heart forever. Traveling with him gave us access to the true soul of Morocco."

~ Jessica Lee, Best of Morocco



#### Makori Johnson, Africa

"MJ went out of his way to make sure everyone was ok – even chasing spiders late into the night for less intrepid members of the trip!

We couldn't have asked for more in a leader."

~ The Dauers, Cape Town to Vic Falls



# Trip Styles

Every one of our trips has a particular style. It's a way to help you pick the adventure that suits you best. Just the essentials, a bunch of inclusions or a little of both? The choice is yours.



## Basix

### FOR TRAVELLERS ON A BUDGET

These are amazing experiences at a great price. Basix trips use simple, convenient accommodation, travel on local transport where possible and include plenty of free time. Pick and choose inclusions to fit your budget.

#### INCLUSIONS

Lots of free time and optional extras, so you can tailor your trip to suit your budget. Each trip has an expert local leader and is full of real life experiences.

#### ACCOMMODATION

Clean, central, budget accommodation. Sometimes with shared facilities. Some itineraries feature homestays or unique accommodation, such as a retro hostel.

#### TRANSPORT

We predominately use local transport.



## Original

### THE ORIGINAL INTREPID STYLE

These are the trips we built our reputation on! Original trips offer a great mix of included activities and free time to explore on your own. They use centrally located hotels and come with a few meals along the way.

#### INCLUSIONS

A balance of free time and added inclusions, plus a couple of meals along the way. Each trip has an expert local leader and is full of real life experiences.

#### ACCOMMODATION

Simple, tourist-class hotels, close to the action. Some itineraries feature homestays or unique accommodation, such as on a farm or at a Saharan desert camp.

#### TRANSPORT

A mix of local and private transport. Think taxis, trams, trains, vans or camels.



## Comfort

### MORE CREATURE COMFORTS

We've smoothed away adventure travel's rougher edges to craft a style of travel that has an added degree of... well, comfort. Enjoy a more relaxed pace, comfortable accommodation and lots of included activities.

#### INCLUSIONS

Plenty of included activities and some meals. Each trip has an expert local leader and is full of real life experiences.

#### ACCOMMODATION

Comfortable hotels with private amenities and often with plenty of local character. Some itineraries feature homestays or unique accommodation, such as a Moroccan riad or a safari lodge.

#### TRANSPORT

More private transport than Original and shorter travel days.



# Adventures for all tastes

Like our travellers, our trips come in all shapes and sizes – from short breaks to epic overland journeys.

This brochure is packed with active tours, safari adventures and immersive cultural experiences, taking in the diversities of the expansive African continent. Whatever flavour, tempo or activity floats your boat, we've got it covered.

## WILDLIFE

Get close to Mountain Gorillas in **Uganda or Rwanda (page 22)** and see the Big Five in **Serengeti National Park (page 13)**.

## OVERLAND

Camp under the stars and explore off-road terrain in purpose-built vehicles across **East Africa (page 12)** and **Southern Africa (page 38)**.

## CYCLING

See **South Africa (page 48)** or **Morocco (page 63)** on two wheels. Expertly guided cycling trips for all experience levels.

# Plus a whole lot more...

Fancy yourself a foodie? Check out our Real Food Adventures in **Morocco (page 62)** and **Israel (page 72)**.

Like to get the blood pumping? Get yourself on our **Active Madagascar trip (page 56)** or climb **Mt Kilimanjaro (page 28)**.

Short on time but keen to explore a new city? Check out our stopover itineraries in **Victoria Falls (page 53)** and **Dubai (page 77)**.

# Look out for these symbols



We have no minimum numbers on most of our trips. Once you've booked, your trip will run as scheduled.



We offset our emissions each year by investing in highly accredited renewable energy products.

## PHYSICAL RATING

Each of our trips has a physical rating, so you can tell how physically exerting a trip is and how fit you'll need to be to enjoy it. As a guide:

- Easy and relaxing
- Bring your walking shoes
- An average level of fitness required
- Action packed, physically demanding
- Full-on active adventure for the more agile traveller



Check out our best-selling trips.



### REVERSE

These itineraries also run in the opposite direction.



### COMBO

Highlights an adventure combining two or more trips.



Exciting new additions to our current range of itineraries.



Highlights trips that receive a traveller rating of over 4.75 out of 5.



Our expansive overland trips are operated by Dragoman.



Bite-size trips designed for the time-poor traveller.







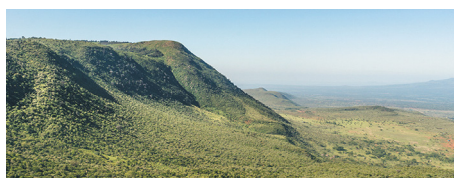
# Responsible travel

The world's an amazing place and we do what we can to keep it that way. Travel should benefit the places it touches, and we've made a commitment to be a responsible business and live this promise every single day.



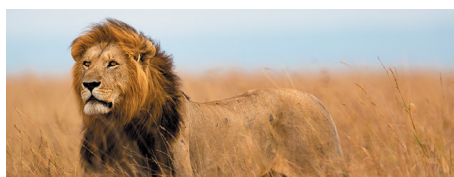
## BEING A RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

Being a responsible business is ingrained in who we are and what we do. As part of our commitment to the United Nations Global Compact ([www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org)), we report every year on our pledge to tackle global sustainability issues like climate change, labour standards, human rights and corruption. We also support the UN Sustainable Development Goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all.



## INTREPID AND CARBON EMISSIONS

When you travel with us, you can relax in the knowledge that the main carbon emissions your trip generates have been offset. We offset our emissions each year by investing in highly accredited renewable energy projects around the world. In Africa, we're investing in a REDD+ (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) program. This program avoids unplanned deforestation and degradation of Kenyan forests that are home to vulnerable species such as African elephants.



## ANIMAL WELFARE

We're passionate about animal welfare and work hard to ensure our trips in no way contribute to the harm or exploitation of animals, both domestic and wild. It's the reason we ended elephant rides on our tours in 2014. We are also signatories to the 'Born to Live Wild' pledge which is a promise to never knowingly work with operators offering lion walks, cub petting or other interactive wildlife activities that contribute to the cycle of breeding and exploitation of lions in Africa.

## THE INTREPID FOUNDATION

Responsible travel is a big reason we do the things we do. It's why, way back in 2002, we set up The Intrepid Foundation. Its purpose was pretty simple: to empower travellers to make a difference and to help communities in the places we visit. Since it began, we've raised over AUD 5m for 53 grassroots projects in 25 countries around the world, covering 100% of the administrative costs and doubling your donation, dollar for dollar\*. Adventure may be what we do; this is the why.

## HOW TO DONATE

You can donate to The Intrepid Foundation anytime: through your travel agent or Intrepid specialist, on The Intrepid Foundation homepage or during the online booking process. Learn more at [theintrepidfoundation.org](http://theintrepidfoundation.org)

\*up to AUD 1,000 per donor and a total of AUD 400,000 for all donors each financial year (excludes emergency appeals).





## Photo competition

Like what you see in this brochure? We're always on the lookout for great shots from our travellers. Enter our monthly photo competition for the chance to be featured in our brochures and social media, plus you'll go in the draw to win a swag of travel prizes from our friends at Merrell, Lonely Planet and Kathmandu. The overall winner each year also gets an Intrepid trip for two (land only) to the value of USD 2,700\*.

To enter, visit [intrepidtravel.com/photo-competition](http://intrepidtravel.com/photo-competition)

\* Terms & conditions apply

## Intrepid loyalty

Loyalty should be rewarded don't you think? And a reward should be a bit better than a hug coupon or a free cup of coffee. If you suffer from incurable wanderlust and end up taking nine Intrepid trips, we'll give you the tenth for FREE^, plus the coveted title of Intrepid Legend. We'll even throw in that hug coupon for good measure (you deserve it). It's just our little way of saying thanks.

Find out more at [intrepidtravel.com/loyalty](http://intrepidtravel.com/loyalty)

^See website for terms & conditions

## Private groups

If you'd like to adventure with your best buddies, your sports team or even a school group, most of our trips are also available as private departures. They come with all the excitement and inclusions of a regular departure, but we can tweak and adjust the details until they fit you just right.

Contact our team at [groups@intrepidtravel.com](mailto:groups@intrepidtravel.com) for more details.



**So you've just arrived in the Big City. You step outside the hotel, take a deep breath and... then what?** Wouldn't it be great to have a local on-tap to show you all their favourite spots – the little bars, best cafes and cool underground galleries the tourists never find? Enter Urban Adventures, our day tours with a difference.



BIKE TOURS



DRINK TOURS



FOOD TOURS



HIKING TOURS



KAYAKING TOURS



CULTURAL TOURS



## KEEP AN EYE OUT

We've scattered Urban Adventures throughout this brochure in boxes just like this one. They're like little red Easter eggs, only way more delicious.



**URBAN  
ADVENTURES**  
BEST. DAY. EVER.





## CHOOSE AN OVERLANDING TRIP

**YXOG**

**Gorillas & Game Parks**  
16 days, see page 23

**YXORC**

**Zanzibar to Vic Falls**  
18 days, See page 17

**UBOO**

**Okavango Experience**  
10 days, see page 39

**UBOE**

**Kruger & Coast**  
9 days, see page 42

**YGOK**

**Kenya Wildlife Safari**  
8 days, see page 13

**YXODC**

**The Road to Zanzibar**  
13 days, see page 16

**UXOF**

**Cape Town to Vic Falls**  
22 days, see page 49

**YBOP**

**Vic Falls to Kruger**  
9 days, see page 39

**UBOH**

**Garden Route Adventure**  
14 days, see page 42

**YGOT**

**Serengeti Trail**  
8 days, see page 13





## Overland, exploring Africa up close

The wide open plains of Africa are calling you. And one of the best ways to experience them is by Overlanding. In purpose-built trucks, get right into the heart of this incredible continent and feel its distinct rhythm for yourself.



### Your vehicle

Our purpose-built vehicles have been designed for tough African conditions and plenty of game viewing. The vehicles all come with seatbelts and are designed to be self-sufficient. Everything you need for your adventure is included, right down to the folding chairs for your campsite. You should not expect Africa to be your traditional touring experience. While it's certainly our aim to avoid them, the occasional breakdown can happen and they're best treated as part of the African adventure. Wet weather conditions may result in taking an alternative route, which can mean longer travel times.



### Your accommodation

The accommodation you stay in depends on the style of Overland adventure you choose. Often you'll be camping out in the wild, but on some adventures you may stay in hotels or lodges. When camping you'll sometimes stay at official campsites and make use of the facilities, while other times you'll pitch your tent in the bush, experiencing the immense beauty of Africa up close. Our tents are generous with space, as they are slightly larger than the average two-person tent, and come with built-in mosquito screens. Facilities might be basic or non-existent, so you'll need to be ready to rough it for a bit.



### Your experience

While overlanding across Africa's vast and varied landscapes, you'll really become a part of this amazing continent, experiencing the sights and sounds firsthand. Overlanding is an exciting way to get off the beaten track and make the journey as much a part of the adventure as the destination. You'll experience life in isolated communities, camp under starry African skies and see the Big Five – buffaloes, rhinos, leopards, elephants and lions. You'll be joined by a group of like-minded travellers. With a maximum group size of 12 to 22 people, travelling this way is a bit like travelling with a group of friends.





## CLIMB KILIMANJARO

Tackle Africa's highest mountain along a choice of 3 routes with expert guides, cooks and porters. **Page 28-31**



## TREK JORDAN

Along back roads and ancient shepherd trails, see Jordan at its action-packed best. **Page 68**



## INCREDIBLE ETHIOPIA

Archeological treasures abound in Ethiopia. Visit 'Lucy', a 3-million year old hominoid. **Page 35**



## ABU DHABI SHORT BREAK

Short stopover? Don't spend it in your hotel room. Discover the dunes of Abu Dhabi instead. **Page 77**

# What's hot in 2017?

There's a lot to cover in this brochure, so here's a taste of what we're most excited about for 2017. We've got shiny new trips and beloved classics, active adventures and cultural experiences, pint-sized journeys and epic overland tours covering big chunks of the continent. Everything is divided into North, South, East and West (plus the Middle East), just to make things a bit easier. Now for the hard part: deciding where to start.



## DISCOVER OMAN

A world of sun, silver and spice awaits on a new trip to this Middle Eastern jewel. **Page 78**



## OKAVANGO EXPERIENCE

See Victoria Falls and the extraordinary wildlife of Botswana on this top selling adventure. **Page 39**



## ACTIVE SOUTH AFRICA

Hike Table Mountain and bike through vineyards on this new active adventure. **Page 48**



## BEST OF MOROCCO

From the Sahara Desert to the Atlas Mountains, check out our best selling Moroccan trip. **Page 60**



## EAST AFRICA COMFORT TRIPS

Want thrills with a few extra frills? You'll get both on these safaris through Kenya and Tanzania. **Page 18-19**



## GORILLAS & GAME PARKS

The ultimate African tour. See leopards in Kenya, hippos in Uganda and gorillas in Rwanda. **Page 23**







# East Africa



A herd of giraffes migrating across the golden savanna. The clouded plateau of Mt Kilimanjaro. The striking red dress of the Maasai tribespeople. These iconic images of East Africa seem almost fantastical, another world glimpsed only in wildlife documentaries, but let us assure you – this wondrous place is definitely real. Step through the TV screen and enter a diverse landscape of soaring mountains, gorilla-filled jungles and vibrant blue coastlines, which must be experienced to be believed.



Travel across the undulating plains of the Serengeti and descend into the enormous Ngorongoro Crater for some of the planet's best wildlife-viewing opportunities (page 15).



Scramble through the verdant highland forests of Rwanda or Uganda for an unforgettable hour spent in the company of wild Mountain Gorillas (pages 23-27).



Keen for a bit of African adventuring amid your wildlife spotting? Hop in the rider's seat for a cycling trip through Tanzania (page 16), step aboard for a sail around Zanzibar's islands (page 17), or pick one of the three routes to the top of Kilimanjaro (page 28).

## WHERE IN THE WORLD

Kenya  
Tanzania  
Malawi  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe  
Uganda  
Rwanda

## Weather

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Kenya	Monsoon 25-35°C	Monsoon 25-35°C	Monsoon 25-35°C	Monsoon 25-35°C	Monsoon 25-35°C	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Hot & dry 25-35°C	Hot & dry 25-35°C
Tanzania	Monsoon 25-35°C	Monsoon 25-35°C	Monsoon 25-35°C	Monsoon 25-35°C	Monsoon 25-35°C	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Very hot & dry 35°C+	Hot & dry 25-35°C	Hot & dry 25-35°C
Uganda	Hot & wet 25-35°C	Hot & wet 25-35°C	Hot & wet 25-35°C	Hot & wet 25-35°C	Hot & wet 25-35°C	Pleasantly warm 20-30°C	Pleasantly warm 20-30°C	Pleasantly warm 20-30°C	Pleasantly warm 20-30°C	Pleasantly warm 20-30°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C
Rwanda	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Warm & wet 20-25°C	Cool 15-20°C	Cool 15-20°C

- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C





On the Serengeti Trail, Kenya - Damien Raggett

◀ BACK TO MAIN MENU



Loita Hills, Kenya

## Serengeti Trail

8 DAYS, NAIROBI TO NAIROBI



Shop for local wares and interact with townsfolk at the Mwigobero Market on the edge of Lake Victoria.

Learn about spectacular annual migration of around two million wildebeest on a visit to the Great Rift Valley.

**Day 1 Nairobi** Arrive in Nairobi. Perhaps explore the city before meeting your group. **Day 2 Kisii** Travel through the Great Rift Valley to Kisii, stopping for a picnic on the way. **Day 3 Lake Victoria** Travel into Tanzania and spend the night camping by delightful Lake Victoria. **Days 4-5 Serengeti National Park** Tanzania's world-renowned plains are home to myriad wildlife – lions, leopards, elephants and giraffes – plus a host of other fascinating species. Once tucked up safe and sound at camp, be lulled to sleep by the nocturnal chatter of the remote African wilderness. **Day 6 Ngorongoro Crater** Camp on the rim of the extraordinary Ngorongoro Crater, with its endless views of jagged volcanic peaks and open grasslands below. **Day 7 Meserani** Encounter masses of animals in the wildlife-laden Ngorongoro Crater before driving to Meserani. **Day 8 Nairobi** Travel across open plains and through the regional centre of Arusha on the return journey to the busy streets of Nairobi.

VIEW DATES AND PRICES

HIGHLY RATED



STYLE  
BASIX

TRIP CODE  
YGOT

PHYSICAL  
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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (1 nt), cottage (1 nt), camping with facilities (2 nts), camping with basic facilities (3 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4

## Kenya Wildlife Safari

8 DAYS, NAIROBI TO NAIROBI



Meet Maasai warriors and experience tribal life on an overnight village visit in the Loita Hills.

Head out on safaris through Kenya's greatest wildlife reserves – Lake Nakuru, Lake Naivasha and the Masai Mara – in search of Africa's all-star animal line-up.

**Day 1 Nairobi** Get to know Nairobi's colourful markets and atmospheric bars. **Day 2 Lake Nakuru** Pitch tents at a camp site outside the park, then embark on an afternoon game drive. Fringed by acacia trees, Nakuru Lake is home to endless species of birdlife that descend upon it throughout the year. **Days 3-4 Lake Naivasha** Encounter friendly locals on a village visit before reaching Lake Naivasha. Camp by the lake and explore this beautiful area independently. **Day 5 Loita Hills Maasai Experience** Drive through the Great Rift Valley to Loita Hills for a night of camping with a Maasai community. **Days 6-7 Masai Mara National Reserve** Meet the Maasai and learn about their culture. Go on game drives through Masai Mara National Reserve and see giraffes, zebras and perhaps even a cheetah. **Day 8 Nairobi** Hit the road and leave the open expanses of the African bush behind. Travel past Maasai farmlands on the way back to Nairobi.

VIEW DATES AND PRICES



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (1 nt), camping with facilities (6 nts)

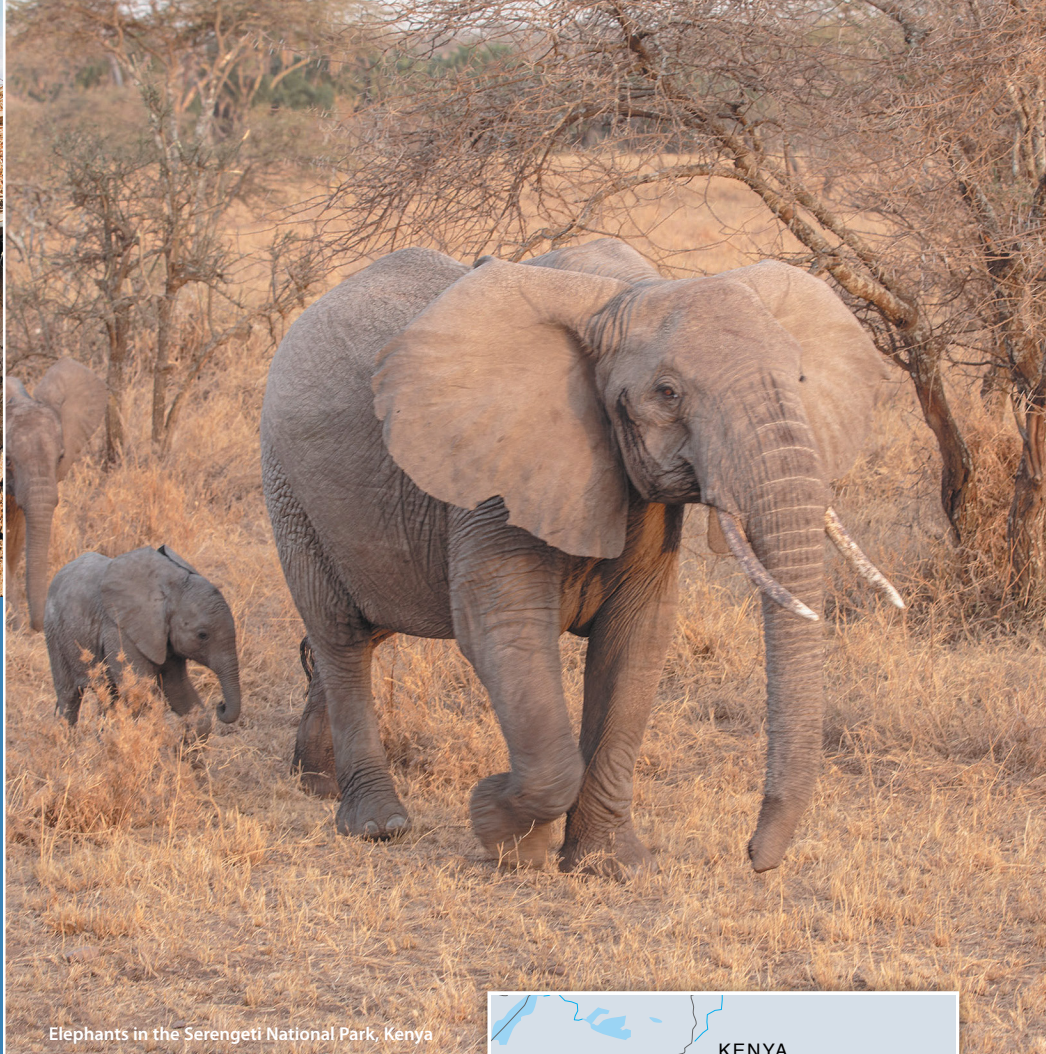


7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Overland vehicle





Elephants in the Serengeti National Park, Kenya

## Why We've Stopped Visiting Orphanages

Orphanage tourism is what happens when good intentions and reality don't synch up. Travellers who visit orphanages may genuinely want to help, but their efforts can perpetuate a system of abuse for children. That's why Intrepid has officially removed orphanage visits from its trips.

Learn more at [intrepidtravel.com/adventures/to-do-orphanage-tourism-blog](https://intrepidtravel.com/adventures/to-do-orphanage-tourism-blog)

## The Masai Heartlands

15 DAYS, NAIROBI TO NAIROBI



Discover eastern Africa's natural spoils and cultural splendours on this two-week circuit trip of Kenya and Tanzania.

Keep your eyes peeled for black and white rhinos on an adventure through Lake Nakuru National Park.

Safari in the iconic Serengeti National Park with two early morning and two late afternoon game drives in our overland vehicle.

**Day 1 Nairobi** The journey begins in Kenya's bustling capital. **Day 2 Lake Nakuru** Set up camp on the shores of glorious Lake Nakuru before taking an afternoon game drive. **Days 3-4 Lake Naivasha** Meet locals during a visit to a nearby village then make tracks to Lake Naivasha, where myriad bird species flit among islands of papyrus reeds. Keep an eye out for other wildlife – the savanna area boasts a wide variety of animals including giraffes and lions. **Day 5 Loita Hills Maasai Experience** Travel across the Great Rift Valley floor to Loita Hills, right in the heart of Maasai country. Tonight, camp among these friendly, semi-nomadic tribes and learn about their ancient culture from a local elder. **Days 6-7 Masai Mara National Reserve** Learn about Maasai culture during a village visit, then tackle the world-renowned Masai Mara National Reserve – a huge area of woodlands and open plains

backed by the striking Esoit Oloololo Escarpment.

**Day 8 Nairobi** Return to Nairobi and travel along the bustling streets of the city. **Day 9 Kisii** Weave through the breathtaking Great Rift Valley into Kenya's fertile highlands. Stock up on essential supplies in the hilltop town of Kisii. **Day 10 Lake Victoria** Watch soapstone craftsmen at work and perhaps purchase some of their carvings. Travel across the border into Tanzania and mingle with the locals in Musoma's marketplace. **Days 11-12 Serengeti National Park** Be awed as the famous grasslands and river valleys of the Serengeti unfold on wildlife safaris. **Day 13 Ngorongoro Crater** Camp on the rim of the extraordinary Ngorongoro Crater. **Day 14 Meserani** Jump in a 4x4 and embark on a mind-blowing safari. Visit Mto wa Mbu's colourful marketplace and set up camp in Meserani. **Day 15 Nairobi** Travel through Arusha and return to Nairobi.



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (2 nts), camping with facilities (8 nts), cottage (1 nt), camping with basic facilities (3 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 14 Lunches, 12 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4



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Zanzibar, Tanzania

# Best of East Africa

21 DAYS, NAIROBI TO ZANZIBAR



STYLE  
**BASIX**

TRIP CODE  
**YXOHC**

PHYSICAL  
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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (4 nts), camping with facilities (12 nts), camping with basic facilities (2 nts), bungalow (2 nts)



20 Breakfasts, 15 Lunches, 14 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4, ferry



**Day 1 Nairobi** Get to know this modern city with its colourful markets and atmospheric bars. **Day 2 Lake Nakuru** Pitch tents at an exclusive camp outside the park, then head out on an afternoon game drive through Lake Nakuru National Park. **Days 3-4 Lake Naivasha** Explore a birdwatcher's paradise of floating reed islands and acacia-lined shores. **Day 5 Loita Hills Maasai Experience** Maasai country awaits as you travel across the Great Rift Valley floor. You'll camp out tonight, meeting these friendly, semi-nomadic tribes and learning about their ancient culture from a local elder. **Days 6-7 Masai Mara National Reserve** See the iconic vast woodlands and plains of the Masai Mara National Reserve, which backs on to the striking Esoit Oloololo Escarpment. **Days 8-9 Nairobi** Swap Maasai farmlands for Nairobi's urban jungle. **Day 10 Mto wa Mbu** Hit the road for a long day of driving towards

Mto wa Mbu. **Days 11-12 Serengeti National Park** Explore the savanna of the Serengeti Plains and head out on safari in search of Africa's big game. **Day 13 Mto wa Mbu** Descend into the giant volcanic crater of Ngorongoro in search for its abundant wildlife. **Day 14 Marangu** Interact with locals on a visit to a community program in the village of Mto wa Mbu, before continuing on to Marangu for the evening. **Days 15-16 Usambara Mountains** Walk through Mshiri village on a tour, discovering the daily lives of the Chagga people. **Day 17 Dar es Salaam** Set up camp on a beach on the outskirts of tropical Dar es Salaam. **Day 18-21 Zanzibar** Travel by ferry over to Zanzibar and spend the next few days enjoying this island's beaches, bazaars, mosques, intricate alleyways and eateries, before winding up this East Africa adventure on the morning of Day 21.

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## Tanzania's Amani Children's Home

Located at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Amani helps children escape homelessness by providing a safe home, education, medicine and healthy food. Although we do not visit the Amani home on our tours, we provide support to the organisation through the Intrepid Foundation.

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## Road to Zanzibar

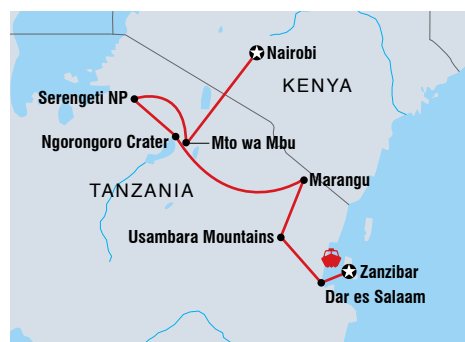
13 DAYS, NAIROBI TO ZANZIBAR



Visit the Usambara Mountains and stay in the grounds of one of the earliest hotels in Africa, in what was once part of the old German colony of Lushoto.

A place of idyllic beaches, cobbled alleyways and fragrant bazaars, Zanzibar's rich history involves everything from Portuguese explorers to Arabian sultans.

**Day 1 Nairobi** This trip kicks off in Kenya's cosmopolitan capital. **Day 2 Mto wa Mbu** Take in the scenery on the drive to the Serengeti. **Days 3-4 Serengeti National Park** Safari over the Serengeti Plains in search of Africa's most iconic creatures. **Day 5 Mto wa Mbu** Head for Ngorongoro and visit the perfectly intact crater floor, home to over 30,000 animals, including 'The Big Five'. **Day 6 Marangu** Stroll around farming areas and perhaps visit a local market before continuing on to Marangu. **Days 7-8 Usambara Mountains** Travel to Mshiri. Take a walking tour to check out the Village Education Project and get an insight into the agricultural way of life of the Chagga people. Walk to a nearby waterfall and take in the vista from the Irete Viewpoint. **Day 9 Dar es Salaam** Set up camp on the outskirts of tropical Dar es Salaam. **Days 10-13 Zanzibar** Relax on pristine beaches and be sure to try the local seafood, perhaps washed down with some fresh coconut water.



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (2 nts), camping with facilities (6 nts), camping with basic facilities (2 nts), bungalow (2 nts)



12 Breakfasts, 8 Lunch, 8 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4, ferry

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## Cycle Tanzania

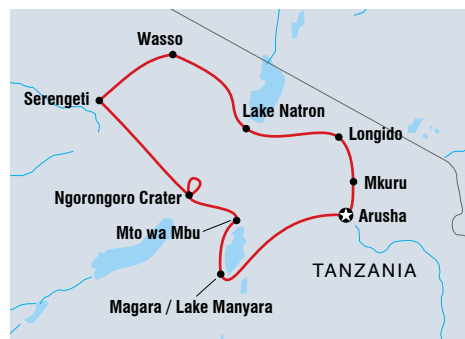
13 DAYS, ARUSHA TO ARUSHA



Kick off your adventure with that cornerstone of all cycling adventures – coffee. Roast, grind and taste your own in the village of Tengeru.

Enjoy not one but two long descents in the stunning Great Rift Valley, barely pedalling a single stroke.

**Day 1 Arusha** Jambo! Welcome to Tanzania. **Day 2 Mkuru** Set out north through Arusha National Park. **Day 3 Longido** Ride gently downhill to Longido and meet the charismatic Maasai people. **Day 4 Lake Natron & Ol Doiyo Lengai** A special day of riding puts you in the realm of seven volcanoes. **Day 5 Lake Natron & Ol Doiyo Lengai** Cycle to Saitoti River and cool off in nearby plunge pools. **Day 6 Wasso** Climb the valley walls to the Rift Valley escarpment. **Days 7-8 Serengeti** Swapping bikes for jeeps, enter the Serengeti. **Day 9 Ngorongoro Crater** Perhaps visit Simba Kopjes, an outcrop of rocks favoured by lions. **Day 10 Mto wa Mbu** Cycle down the scenic Rift Valley escarpment – a thrilling descent that requires no pedalling. **Day 11 Rift Valley & Magara** Roll into Magara at the southern tip of Lake Manyara. **Day 12 Lake Manyara/Arusha** Take a game drive in search of eagles, flamingos and kingfishers. **Day 13 Arusha** Your adventure comes to an end after breakfast.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (3 nts), guesthouse (3 nts), camping (6 nts)



12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 10 Dinners



Bicycle, support vehicle, jeep

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## Zanzibar Spice Island – Sailing Adventure

7 DAYS, NUNGWI TO NUNGWI (ZANZIBAR)



Misali's waters boast some of Tanzania's highest coral cover and are home to over 350 species of fish and 40 genera of hard corals.

The unique blend of faces, cuisine and beliefs found on the islands today reflects Zanzibar's history of cultural crosspollination.

**Day 1 Nungwi to Mnemba Island** Set sail to Mnemba and snorkel in pristine waters before enjoying a sunset dinner onboard. **Days 2-6 Zanzibar Archipelago** Watch dolphins frolic beside the boat en route to Njao Island and its vibrantly blue waters. Chase tropical fish in the shallows or bliss out on deck with a sundowner cocktail. Go ashore and hike through the gigantic indigenous rainforest of Njao Island. Hear the chorus of local birdlife and spot cheeky red colobus monkeys. Visit a fishing village and learn about life on a tropical island. Kayak and snorkel along Uvinje's spectacular coral reef, which lies just below the surface, waiting to be explored. Enjoy a barbecue dinner onboard. With over 350 species of tropical fish, Misali's waters make for some of the best snorkelling in the archipelago. Take advantage of some last minute snorkelling before returning to Nungwi. **Day 7 Nungwi** This exotic adventure comes to an end after breakfast.

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Maximum group size 8



Overnight boat (6 nts)



6 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Yacht, dinghy

## Zanzibar to Vic Falls

18 DAYS, STONE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS



Chill out on the northern beaches of Zanzibar, enjoying white sands and the sparkling blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Jump in 4x4s and head into South Luangwa National Park for a morning game drive – look out for the leopards that hunt in the dense woodlands.

**Days 1-3 Zanzibar** Begin your adventure on the legendary 'Spice Island' of Zanzibar. **Day 4 Morogoro** Catch a ferry back to the Tanzanian mainland. **Days 5-6 Iringa/Chitimba** Camp out on the grounds of a farmhouse. **Days 7-8 Lake Malawi** Kande Beach offers both opportunities for water activities and shoreside relaxing. **Days 9-10 South Luangwa National Park** Head over the border into Zambia. Embark on a 4x4 dawn game drive, then perhaps set out at dusk in search of creatures of the night. **Day 11 Petauke** Travel to the banks of the Luangwa River, where crocs and hippos can often be seen. **Day 12 Lusaka** Discover one of southern Africa's fastest-growing cities. **Day 13 Harare** Explore the markets of Harare. **Day 14 Masvingo** Spend time exploring the Great Zimbabwe ruins. **Days 15-16 Bulawayo** Search for Matobo National Park's black and white rhinos. **Days 17-18 Victoria Falls** Watch rainbows form in the delicate mists that drift high above Africa's highest falls.

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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (1 nt), bungalow (2 nts), camping with facilities (14 nts)



17 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches, 13 Dinners



Ferry, overland vehicle, 4x4





Lioness hunt, Masai Mara National Park, Kenya



Tented Camp, Lake Manyara NP, Tanzania

## Kenya Safari Under Canvas

8 DAYS, NAIROBI TO NAIROBI

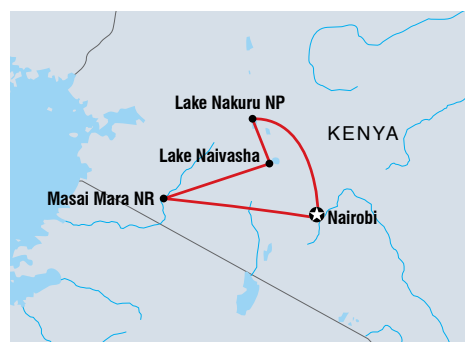


Explore Kenya's premier game parks by day, then settle down in well-situated permanent tented camps at night and tune in to the nocturnal stirrings of the savanna.

Spot endangered black and white rhinos stopping for a drink in Lake Nakuru National Park, and watch lions prowling the Masai Mara on a 4x4 game drive.

**Day 1 Nairobi** Touch down in Kenya's hectic capital, Nairobi. For those arriving early, a visit to the National Museum is highly recommended. The city also boasts an enviable array of restaurants, bars and cafes. **Day 2 Lake Nakuru National Park** Head north to visit the vast Lake Nakuru National Park in the heart of the Rift Valley. The park is famous for its visiting flocks of birds, such as pelicans, terns and cormorants. **Days 3-4 Lake Naivasha** Travel south to this vast freshwater lake, with floating islands of papyrus reeds and popular with hippos and birdlife. Bike ride around the sparkling lake or glide across it by boat, then trek through the leafy hills of the nearby Crater Lake Game Sanctuary. **Days 5-7 Masai Mara National Reserve** One of Africa's most famous reserves, the iconic Masai Mara plays host to buffaloes, gazelles and various other herbivores. Take multiple game drives and see how each day on the plains reveals a new story. **Day 8 Nairobi** Finish back in Nairobi.

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Maximum group size 15



Hotel (1 nt), permanent tented camp (6 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4

## Tanzania Safari Under Canvas

8 DAYS, ARUSHA TO ARUSHA



Prepare for the unusual sight of dozens of rare tree-climbing lions, lazily dangling from trees in Lake Manyara National Park.

An icon of the African savanna and a symbol of life and positivity, encounter the other-worldly baobab trees of Tarangire National Park.

**Day 1 Arusha** Welcome to Arusha, Tanzania's safari capital. **Day 2 Lake Manyara National Park** Spot Lake Manyara's legendary tree-climbing lions and watch out for herds of zebra, wildebeest and buffalo roaming the surrounding plains of this stunning national park. **Days 3-4 Serengeti National Park** Travel to the Serengeti, where golden plains stretch as far as the eye can see. Explore the national park at dawn and dusk, when both predator and prey are most active. **Days 5-6 Ngorongoro Crater** Try to spot big cats lazing in the sun during an early-morning game drive and descend to the floor of volcanic Ngorongoro on a 4x4 safari. **Day 7 Tarangire National Park** Wind down through the Rift Valley to Tarangire National Park. An abundance of species coexist in this area, including gazelle, zebra, buffalo and elephant. **Day 8 Arusha** Return to Arusha. Perhaps get the group together for a final dinner and recount the trip highlights.

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Maximum group size 15



Hotel (1 nt), permanent tented camp (6 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4





## New Hope For Kenya's Youth

The New Hope Children's Centre assists disadvantaged children from around Kenya, with a training centre planned to teach children to become independent by working a trade. While we do not visit the centre, the Intrepid Foundation provides support with food, clothing, transportation and covers medical and staff salaries.

For more info head to  
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Maasai women, Kenya

## Kenya & Tanzania Safari Under Canvas

15 DAYS, NAIROBI TO ARUSHA



Encounter Africa's spectacular wildlife and mesmerising landscapes on this two-week overland journey, which takes in the big names and some less-visited areas.

Travel across the endless grasslands of the Serengeti, searching for the large wildebeest and zebra herds that roam the plains.

Be astounded by the vast array of wildlife in Ngorongoro Crater from open top 4x4 vehicles.

**Day 1 Nairobi** Step out in Nairobi, Kenya's heady capital. **Day 2 Lake Nakuru National Park** Travel through the dramatic Rift Valley to Lake Nakuru National Park. Thousands of birds regularly descend onto the lake, making for a sensational sight, while buffaloes, white rhinos and other four-legged creatures often venture to the lake's shores for a drink. **Days 3-4 Lake Naivasha** Travel south to Lake Naivasha along a road sandwiched between two impressive natural reserves. This vast freshwater lake has floating islands of papyrus reeds and is popular with hippos and birdlife. Head out on a bike ride around the sparkling lake or glide across it by boat instead. **Days 5-7 Masai Mara National Reserve** On numerous game drives, scan the horizon for myriad wildlife species that graze, scavenge and prey among the sweeping plains. If you're travelling during the annual

migration, you'll also catch millions of wildebeest, gazelles and zebras swarming the land. **Day 8 Nairobi** Return to multicultural Nairobi for the night before continuing to Tanzania. **Day 9 Lake Manyara National Park** Head to this haven for zebras, wildebeest, buffaloes and hippos. **Days 10-11 Serengeti National Park** Witness the epic sweep of the Serengeti's wide, open plains on a memorable game drive. Venture out at dusk to catch the resident wildlife at their most active before bedding down in comfort back at the tented camp. **Days 12-13 Ngorongoro Crater** Journey to an epic volcanic caldera where thousands of animals thrive. **Day 14 Tarangire National Park** The Tarangire River provides vital water to numerous species during the dry season, making for a staggering concentration of wildlife. **Day 15 Arusha** Hit the local markets for handicrafts that make perfect souvenirs.



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Maximum group size 15



Hotel (2 nts), permanent tented camp (12 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches, 12 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4



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Victoria Falls, Zambia

## Kenya to Vic Falls

27 DAYS, NAIROBI TO VICTORIA FALLS



Dusty villages, dormant volcanoes, ice-tipped mountains and sun-drenched beaches – diversity is the name of the game while travelling from Kenya to Vic Falls.

Chill out on the northern beaches of Zanzibar, enjoying white sands and the sparkling blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Feel the spray and hear the roar of mighty Victoria Falls with a visit to the Zimbabwe side of the incredible cascade.

**Day 1 Nairobi** Welcome to Nairobi, home to the National Museum of Kenya, the Karen Blixen Museum and the elephant orphanage at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. **Day 2 Mto wa Mbu** Stroll around the small town of Mto wa Mbu, perhaps popping into the nearby market for handicrafts. **Days 3-4 Serengeti NP** Voyage into the Serengeti National Park for game drives and nights camped out on the plains.

**Day 5 Mto wa Mbu** The world's largest inactive, intact and unfilled volcanic caldera, Ngorongoro is home to over 30,000 animals including black rhinos, lions, elephants and hippos. **Day 6 Marangu** Peruse market stalls. **Days 7-8 Usambara Mountains** Visit waterfalls, meet the Chagga people and, if weather permits, score great views of Mt Kilimanjaro. **Day 9 Dar es Salaam** Head to your beachside camp. **Days 10-12 Stone Town/Zanzibar** Spend leisurely days lazing by the

beach, touring old forts and wandering spice markets.

**Day 13 Morogoro** Catch a ferry back to the Tanzanian mainland. **Days 14-15 Iringa/Chitimba** Camp on the grounds of a farmhouse, then cross into Malawi.

**Days 16-17 Lake Malawi** Chill out along Kande Beach or get involved with some of the optional activities on offer. **Days 18-19 South Luangwa** The Luangwa River is renowned for its large elephant, crocodile and hippo populations. **Day 20 Petauke** Stop overnight at the Chimwemwe camp. **Day 21 Lusaka** Enter a city that combines contemporary charm and traditional heritage. **Day 22 Harare** Chill out in Harare. **Day 23 Masvingo** Explore the 11th-century Great Zimbabwe Ruins. **Days 24-25 Bulawayo** Head out in search of rare white rhinos in Matobo National Park. **Days 26-27 Victoria Falls** Marvel at the mighty roar of the incredible Victoria Falls.



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Maximum group size 22



Camping with facilities (20 nts), hotel (2 nts), camping with basic facilities (2 nts), bungalow (2 nts)



26 Breakfasts, 22 Lunches, 22 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4, ferry



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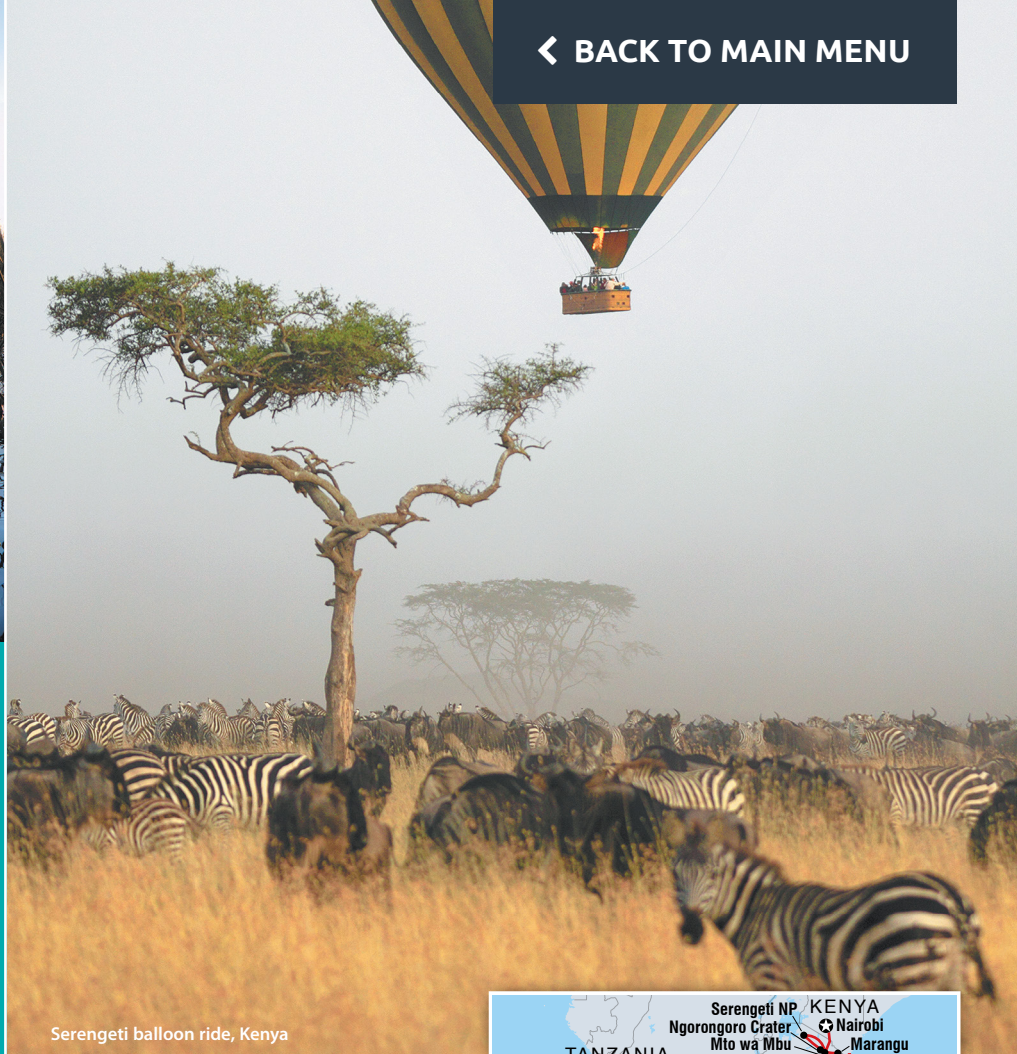




## School Rules

Education East Africa delivers training, books and materials for teachers. This work is transforming primary education in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania, where a single well-trained teacher can help lift hundreds of children out of poverty.

For more info head to  
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Serengeti balloon ride, Kenya

## Kenya to Cape Town

48 DAYS, NAIROBI TO CAPE TOWN



Absorb the sights and scents of the Spice Island in Zanzibar, taking strolls through Stone Town and guided tours around cinnamon and clove plantations.

Spy hippos, zebras and elephants on mokoro rides and bush walks while camping out in the lush Okavango Delta.

Learn about the hunter-gatherer traditions of the San Bushmen, and maybe try to learn some of their unique and fascinating clicking language.

**Day 1 Nairobi** Explore the capital on foot. **Day 2 Mto wa Mbu** Visit a Tanzanian village. **Days 3-4 Serengeti NP** Head out onto the Serengeti plains, perhaps taking in the scene from a hot air balloon. **Day 5 Mto wa Mbu** Explore Ngorongoro crater. **Day 6 Marangu** Drive to Marangu, a small village surrounded by lush forest. **Days 7-8 Usambara Mountains** Hike to a Mshiri village. **Day 9 Dar es Salaam** Set up camp outside this tropical town. **Days 10-12 Zanzibar** Discover Africa's famed 'Spice Island'. **Day 13 Morogoro** Head back to the Tanzanian mainland via ferry. **Days 14-15 Iringa/Chitimba** Enter Malawi. **Days 16-17 Lake Malawi** Cruise around the lake. **Days 18-19 South Luangwa National Park** Watch for elephants on the plains of South Luangwa. **Day 20 Petauke** Trade stories around the campfire. **Day 21 Lusaka** Explore cosmopolitan streets. **Day 22 Harare** Discover the capital's heritage.

**Day 23 Masvingo** Wander ancient ruins. **Days 24-25 Bulawayo** Shop for crafts in the markets. **Days 26-28 Victoria Falls** Get soaked by Victoria Falls. **Days 29-30 Chobe National Park** Be on the lookout for soaring fish eagles. **Day 31 Bagani Community Camp** Hang out with locals. **Days 32-33 Okavango Delta** Cruise downstream in a dugout canoe. **Day 34 Bagani** Camp out under stars. **Days 35-36 Grootfontein/San Bushmen** Learn the ways of the San Bushmen. **Days 37-38 Etosha National Park** Roam Etosha's dry plains. **Day 39 Spitzkoppe** View the 'Matterhorn of Namibia'. **Days 40-42 Swakopmund** Get active in Swakopmund. **Days 43-44 Sesriem/River Camp** Take a 4x4 journey through a surreal landscape. **Day 45 Fish River Canyon** Hike around Africa's largest canyon. **Days 46-47 Orange River** Laze by the riverbank. **Day 48 Cape Town** End in scenic Cape Town.

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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (2 nts), camping with facilities (36 nts), camping with basic facilities (4 nts), bungalow (2 nts), chalet (3 nts)



43 Breakfasts, 39 Lunches, 38 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4, ferry, mokoro



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# Gorilla Trekking: What to Know

We trek in search of gorillas in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park and in Uganda's Bwindi National Park. The trekking itself can be wet, muddy and uncomfortable – this is the rainforest after all – but the effort involved in reaching these majestic creatures makes the experience all the more special.



You don't need to be a professional athlete, but you do need to come prepared to hike up and down hills (usually for between 2 to 6 hours). If you're concerned about your fitness, you may want to hire a porter to carry your bag and help you up steep parts.



Only eight permits are issued per trekking group, meaning that the time you spend with the gorillas is sure to be intimate. No other groups will be around while you're with them.



You'll be accompanied on your trek by expert local guides, rangers and porters who'll brief you on what to expect and how to act around the gorillas.



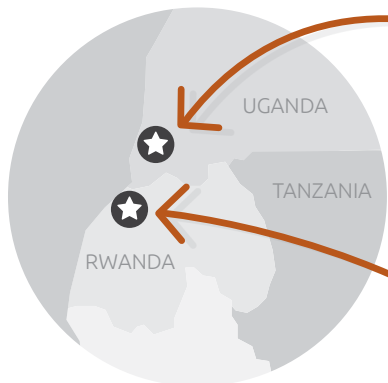
Once you've reached a gorilla family, your time with them will last one unforgettable hour. You'll be able to watch the family as they go about their daily routines of feeding, preening, playing, snoozing, and raising their young.



Can't imagine one hour with the gorillas will be enough? There is the option of purchasing an additional permit for a second day's trekking (booking in advance definitely recommended).



To ensure your group's best chance of finding them, the whereabouts of local gorilla families are constantly monitored. Expert local trackers set out early each morning to radio your guide a location.



## BWINDI NATIONAL PARK

We trek here on YGAG-B



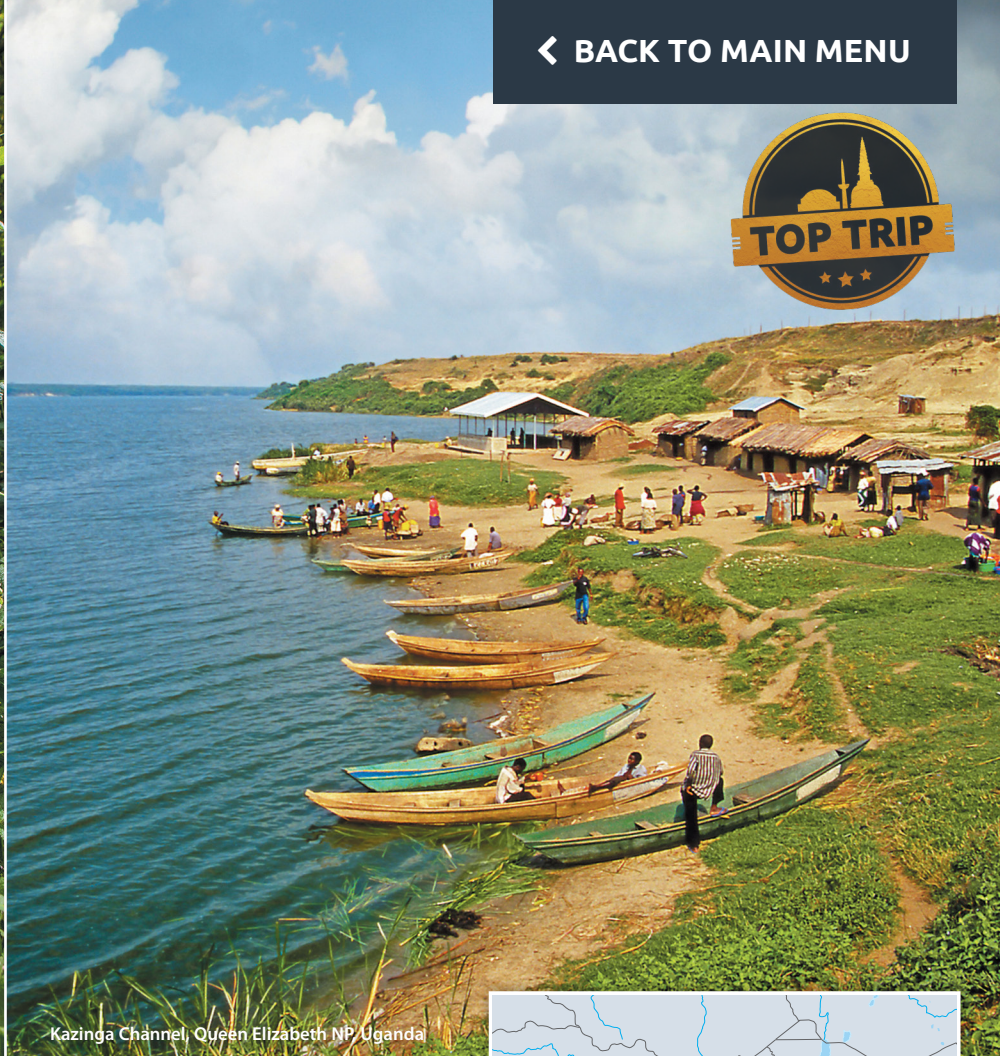
## VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

We trek here on all group trips and YGAR-C

## What to pack

- ▶ **Comfortable boots or trainers** you don't mind getting wet and muddy.
- ▶ **A pair of gardening gloves** to prevent your hands from getting scratched when grabbing trees, branches and vines.
- ▶ **A light rain jacket.** Bwindi and Virunga are both tropical rainforests, so there's a good chance of rain year-round.
- ▶ **Energy snacks.** The trekking can be tough. Pack a few snacks like chocolate or muesli bars to help you power through.
- ▶ **Water.** It can get hot and humid in the mountains. Make sure to bring along a bottle of water (preferably reusable).
- ▶ **Long pants and shirts.** It's best not to expose too much skin during the jungle trek. Wear long sleeves and tuck your trousers into your socks to prevent safari ants from getting into areas you really don't want them.
- ▶ **Extra camera batteries and plenty of memory space.** You don't want to get all that way and not be able to capture it!





## Gorillas & Game Parks

16 DAYS, NAIROBI TO NAIROBI



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (2 nts), camping with facilities (13 nts)



15 Breakfasts, 15 Lunches, 14 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4

**Day 1 Nairobi** Get ready for an animal-spotting extravaganza through eastern Africa. If arriving early, the renowned National Museum is a great place to get some background on this frenetic city. **Day 2 Lake Nakuru NP** Take in spectacular views of the Rift Valley, Lake Naivasha and Elementaita on the way to Lake Nakuru. Take an evening game drive and keep eyes peeled for rhinos. **Day 3 Eldoret** Head to the border, stopping in Eldoret – famous for producing many of Kenya's most successful long-distance runners. **Day 4 Kampala** Cross to the Ugandan capital. Be rewarded after a long day of travel with a night at a hotel. **Day 5 Kalinzu Forest NP** Journey to the ridges and valleys of Kalinzu Forest National Park, famous for its chimpanzee inhabitants. **Days 6-7 Queen Elizabeth NP** Perhaps take an optional excursion to see the chimps before taking a short drive to Queen

Elizabeth National Park. Cruise the savanna to witness the roaming elephants, buffalo, antelopes and lions, perhaps take a boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel spotting hippo. **Day 8 Lake Bunyonyi** Hire a traditional dugout canoe and glide across Lake Bunyonyi, soaking up the amazing scenery. **Days 9-11 Gorilla Trek** Cross the border into Rwanda and set up camp at Ruhengeri. Accompanied by a local guide and trackers, hike through rugged terrain to come face-to-face with rare mountain gorillas – time spent in the company of these gentle mountain giants is unforgettable. **Day 12 Mbarara** Return to Uganda and travel to the small town of Mbarara for the night. **Days 13-14 Jinja** Stop at the equator en route to Jinja, a scenic riverside retreat renowned for its adventure activities. **Days 15-16 Eldoret/Nairobi** Pass through Eldoret on the way back to Nairobi, where this epic African tour ends.

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Zanzibar, Tanzania



# Gorillas, Game Parks & Beaches

28 DAYS, NAIROBI TO STONE TOWN



Lake Bunyonyi – meaning 'place of many little birds' – is home to some of the most picturesque scenery in all Uganda.

The wide open plains of the Serengeti – green after the rains, brown and burnt in the dry season – are perhaps the quintessential image of Africa.

After a day exploring Stone Town's bazaars, enjoy a sundowner from a bar overlooking the seafront before trying one of the island's local seafood curries.

**Day 1 Nairobi** Begin this African adventure in Kenya's rambunctious capital. **Day 2 Lake Nakuru NP** Take in spectacular views en route to Lake Nakuru. Arrive in a time for a rhino-spotting game drive. **Day 3 Eldoret** Journey to Eldoret – a city famous for producing many of Kenya's most successful long-distance runners. **Day 4 Kampala** A long day of travel to the capital of Uganda is rewarded with a night at a hotel. **Day 5 Kalinzu Forest NP** Head to the forest famous for its chimpanzees. **Days 6-7 Queen Elizabeth NP** Embark on a safari to see monkeys, baboons and, if you're lucky, lions lazing in trees. **Day 8 Lake Bunyonyi** Glide across the waters of Lake Bunyonyi by traditional dugout canoe. **Days 9-11 Gorilla Trek** Joined by a local guide and trackers, climb through rugged mountain terrain to meet the eyes of the rare silverback gorillas. **Day 12 Mbarara** Drive back across the border into

Uganda and on to the small town of Mbarara, your base for tonight. **Days 13-14 Jinja** Opt for a spot of whitewater rafting, or spend your time in Jinja chilling out riverside. **Day 15 Eldoret** Camp in Eldoret. **Day 16 Nairobi** Return to Nairobi. **Day 17 Mto wa Mbu** Stop in at Mto wa Mbu to uncover typical African village life. **Days 18-19 Serengeti National Park** Spend the day cruising the savanna, searching for lions, elephants and more. **Day 20 Mto wa Mbu** Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, a lush landscape teeming with wildlife. **Day 21 Marangu** Head to Marangu, a small village at the base of Mt Kilimanjaro. **Days 22-23 Usambara Mountains** Take a tour of Mshiri village to learn about community projects and the daily lives of the Chagga people. **Days 24 Dar es Salaam** Head to your beachside camp. **Days 25-28 Stone Town** End this game park adventure on this fragrant 'Spice Island'.



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (3 nts), camping with facilities (20 nts), camping with basic facilities (2 nts), bungalow (2 nts)



27 Breakfasts, 23 Lunches, 22 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4, ferry



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## NAIROBI BY NIGHT

And you thought Kenya was all giraffes and national parks! Trade wildlife for nightlife on this evening tour that takes you round some of the hottest spots in Nairobi after dark. Make friends with the city's other (more human) locals – over a beer and local nosh, no doubt!

For more info head to [urbanadventures.com](http://urbanadventures.com)



Victoria Falls, Zambia

## Gorillas to Vic Falls

42 DAYS, NAIROBI TO VICTORIA FALLS



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (3 nts), camping with facilities (34 nts), camping with basic facilities (2 nts), bungalow (2 nts)



41 Breakfasts, 36 Lunches, 35 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4, ferry



**Day 1 Nairobi** Begin this adventure in Kenya's buzzing capital. **Day 2 Lake Nakuru NP** Look for rhinos on a game drive. **Day 3 Eldoret** Travel through scenic tea plantations to Eldoret. **Day 4 Kampala** Spend the night in the Ugandan capital. **Day 5 Kalinzu Forest NP** Search for chimps. **Days 6-7 Queen Elizabeth NP** Watch for monkeys, elephants and warthogs. **Day 8 Lake Bunyonyi** Glide across the lake in a dugout canoe. **Days 9-11 Gorilla Trek** Enjoy the unforgettable experience of meeting a gorilla. **Day 12 Mbarara** Drive to tonight's camp in the small town of Mbarara. **Days 13-14 Jinja** Get active in Jinja or relax along its river shores. **Day 15 Eldoret** Cross the border to Eldoret. **Day 16 Nairobi** Return to busy Nairobi. **Day 17 Mto wa Mbu** Uncover typical East African village life. **Days 18-19 Serengeti NP** Game drive across the Serengeti, then bush camp. **Day 20 Mto wa Mbu** Look out for animals

in the Ngorongoro Crater. **Day 21 Marangu** Camp on the slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro. **Days 22-23 Usambara Mountains** Hike green slopes and forests. **Day 24 Dar es Salaam** Hit the coast. **Days 25-27 Stone Town** Explore winding alleys, spice plantations and beaches. **Day 28 Morogoro** Take a ferry back to the mainland. **Days 29-30 Iringa/Chitimba** Traverse the plains of Mikumi. **Days 31-32 Lake Malawi** Relax on Lake Malawi's beaches. **Days 33-34 South Luangwa** Discover the hidden gem of South Luangwa. **Day 35 Petauke** Spot crocodiles swimming in the Luanga River. **Day 36 Lusaka** Enjoy a fusion of cosmopolitan and traditional. **Day 37 Harare** Explore the capital of Zimbabwe. **Day 38 Masvingo** Discover a World Heritage site. **Days 39-40 Bulawayo** Track rare rhino on foot. **Days 41-42 Victoria Falls** Feel the power of Victoria Falls.

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Market stall, Nairobi, Kenya



Chimpanze, Uganda

# Gorillas & Chimps In Depth

21 DAYS, NAIROBI TO NAIROBI



Observe rhinos up close in Uganda's Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, an important organisation that helps reintroduce rhinos back into the wild.

Embark on a launch cruise along Uganda's stretch of the Nile to spot wildlife from the water and to see the spectacularly powerful Murchison Falls.

Stay in a lodge in Kaniyo Pabidi and walk through the Budongo Forest Reserve in search of chimpanzees.

**Days 1-2 Nairobi/Lake Nakuru** Explore Kenya's fast paced capital before travelling to Lake Nakuru and camping out overnight on a farm. **Day 3 Kericho** Take a morning game drive through Lake Nakuru National Park before touring a Kericho tea plantation. **Days 4-5 Jinja** Continue into Uganda and set up camp near Lake Victoria. Get involved with some adventurous optional activities on offer. **Day 6 Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary** Visit Uganda's Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, an important organisation that helps to reintroduce rhinos back into the wild. **Day 7 Budongo Forest Reserve** Venture into the jungle for an afternoon of chimpanzee trekking in Kaniyo Pabidi. **Days 8-9 Murchison Falls National Park** Take an afternoon game drive on the lookout for elephants, buffalo, giraffes and antelopes. **Day 10 Kampala** Make tracks for Kampala, Uganda's lively capital. **Day 11 Mbarara** Cross the equator en route to

Mbarara, an attractive university town. **Day 12 Lake Bunyonyi** Make tracks to Lake Bunyonyi. **Days 13-14 Ruhengeri** Travel to Ruhengeri and take a memorable trek into one of the last remaining sanctuaries of the mountain gorilla. **Day 15 Kabale** Cross back into Uganda via Cyanika. **Day 16 Queen Elizabeth National Park** Descend into the Great Rift Valley towards Queen Elizabeth National Park. Take a boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a waterway well-known for its healthy population of pelicans, eagles and hippos. **Day 17 Mbarara** Set out for an early morning game drive to watch the wildlife wake. **Day 18 Jinja** Arrive in Jinja, where some of the world's best whitewater rafting awaits. **Day 19 Eldoret** Stay the night at a high altitude retreat that's produced many of Kenya's endurance athletes. **Days 20-21 Nairobi** Return to Nairobi, where this adventure comes to an end on Day 21.



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Maximum group size 22



Camping with facilities (16 nts), camping without facilities (1 nt), hostel (3 nts)



All meals when camping



Overland vehicle, boat, 4x4



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New friends, Uganda – Jaydene Chapman



## Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda

4 DAYS, KIGALI TO KIGALI



Stay in a lodge nestled on the scenic lower slopes of Sabinyo Volcano – one of five volcanoes located in the Parc National des Volcans.

Hike through Rwanda's dense steamy jungles for an hour spent in the company of gentle mountain gorillas.

**Day 1 Kigali** Visit the Genocide Museum, a moving testament to one of humanity's darkest chapters. Then set off to Parc National des Volcans for a night in an eco-lodge on the slopes of a volcano. **Day 2 Ruhengeri/Gorilla Trek** Scramble through the thick undergrowth of the Virunga Mountains in search of the world's largest apes, Rwanda's mountain gorillas. The trekking can be tough, but the encounter is well worth it. **Day 3 Optional Trek/Kigali** Depending on choices made at time of booking, visit another gorilla family, head out to spot the country's rare golden monkeys, or take a hike up to the grave of Dian Fossey and the remains of her old research station. Although very little of the station still stands, the setting is incredible and one can imagine the unique life that Dian Fossey led in these isolated mountains. **Day 4 Kigali** Embark on a city tour of Kigali before this Rwandan adventure finishes up with a departure transfer to the airport.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (1 nt), lodge (2 nts)



3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners



4x4 safari vehicle

## Uganda Gorilla Short Break

4 DAYS, KAMPALA TO KAMPALA



Lake Mburo National Park is the best place in the country to see the gigantic eland antelope, and has about 68 different species of mammals.

Trek through mountainous forest terrain in search of a gorilla family in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

**Day 1 Kampala/Lake Mburo National Park** Welcome to Uganda, Africa's verdant heartland. Travel to Lake Mburo National Park, one of East Africa's lesser-known reserves. The park's native vegetation is atypical of Africa – survey the landscape for zebras, antelopes and buffaloes, then enjoy a boat safari on Lake Mburo, scanning for crocodiles, waterbirds and hippos. **Days 2-3 Bwindi Impenetrable Forest** Head to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, home to about half of the world's remaining mountain gorillas and famous for its remarkable biodiversity. Trek into the forest of the Virunga Mountains in search of these magnificent beasts. Muddy, undulating, densely vegetated and at altitude, the going might get tough at some stages, but the hour you spend in these gentle giants' company is worth the effort. **Day 4 Kampala** Journey through dense jungle scenery back to Kampala, where this journey ends.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (1 nt), camping with facilities (2 nts)



3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

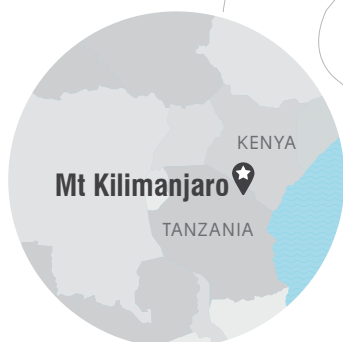


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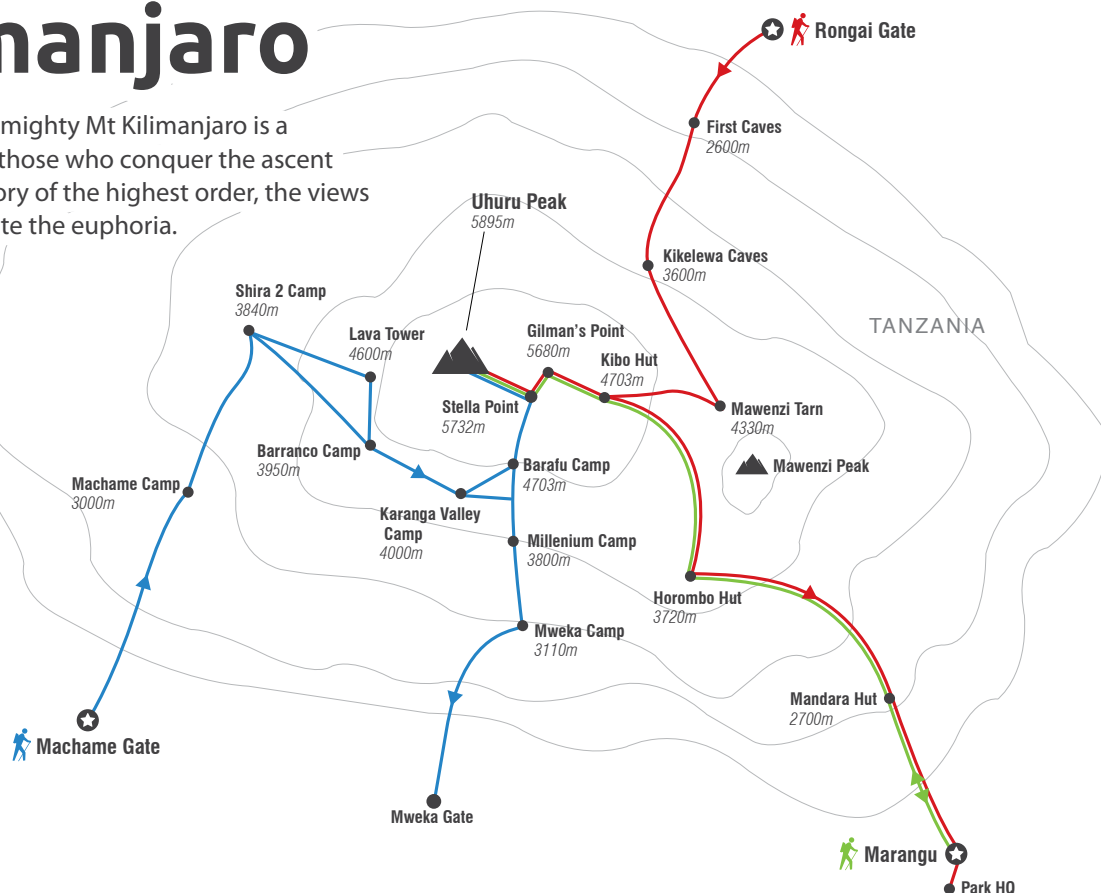


# Mt Kilimanjaro

Climbing to the summit of the mighty Mt Kilimanjaro is a challenge, but the rewards for those who conquer the ascent are unrivalled. A personal victory of the highest order, the views from the peak simply accentuate the euphoria.



- Machame Route
- Marangu Route
- Rongai Route



## WHY TREK KILI WITH INTREPID?

### What's included:

- Kilimanjaro National Park entrance fees, climbing fee, tented camps (or huts) and rescue services
- Sleeping bag hire, sleeping mat, walking pole hire, camping and safety equipment, emergency oxygen cylinders, portage of 1 bag (15kgs)
- Trek briefing, experienced English-speaking, first-aid trained mountain guides (minimum 1 guide to every 2 climbers), cooks and porters

Intrepid is committed to responsible practices everywhere we go, and we are dedicated to running our trips in accordance with local law, paying local taxes, and employing all staff in accordance with the local laws. We provide adequate food and shelter for our crew, we do not use our guides as porters, and we do not force porters to carry more than the maximum weight.

## OUR AMAZING GUIDES

All Intrepid trekking staff are from the local area, meaning that revenues from our treks benefit the local economy. Our guides and assistant guides have been trained by independent, UK-based medical and altitude specialists, and, along with our trek leaders, are first aid trained. Our Kilimanjaro trek leaders are voted among the best Intrepid leaders anywhere in the world.

## OUR INCREDIBLE PORTERS

We employ porters to help with the carrying of baggage and equipment on all our Kilimanjaro climbs. We believe that local people should benefit from our travels, which is why we have a Porter's Policy to ensure that working conditions and wages are kept fair. To find out more about our full policy, covering loads, wages, accommodation, clothing and medical care, head to our dedicated page on the Intrepid website, found at: [intrepidtravel.com/porter-policy](http://intrepidtravel.com/porter-policy)

## THE CLIMB

Standing some 5,895 metres (19,340 feet) above sea level, the snow-sprinkled flanks of Africa's highest mountain offer an incredible opportunity for trekking at altitude without the need for technical climbing ability. Any person of average health and fitness who has undergone some training, and is prepared to push themselves both physically and mentally, should be able to complete the ascent to Uhuru Peak, the 'Roof of Africa'. While the final destination remains the same, we offer three options to get you there:

## MACHAME ROUTE

Following a gradually rising path through dense forests and moorland zones to the Shira Plateau, this seven-day climb is the most challenging Kilimanjaro route. Passing beneath the glaciated precipices of Kibo's south face, and with striking views of the southern icefields, this is considered one of the most scenic of all the Kilimanjaro treks.

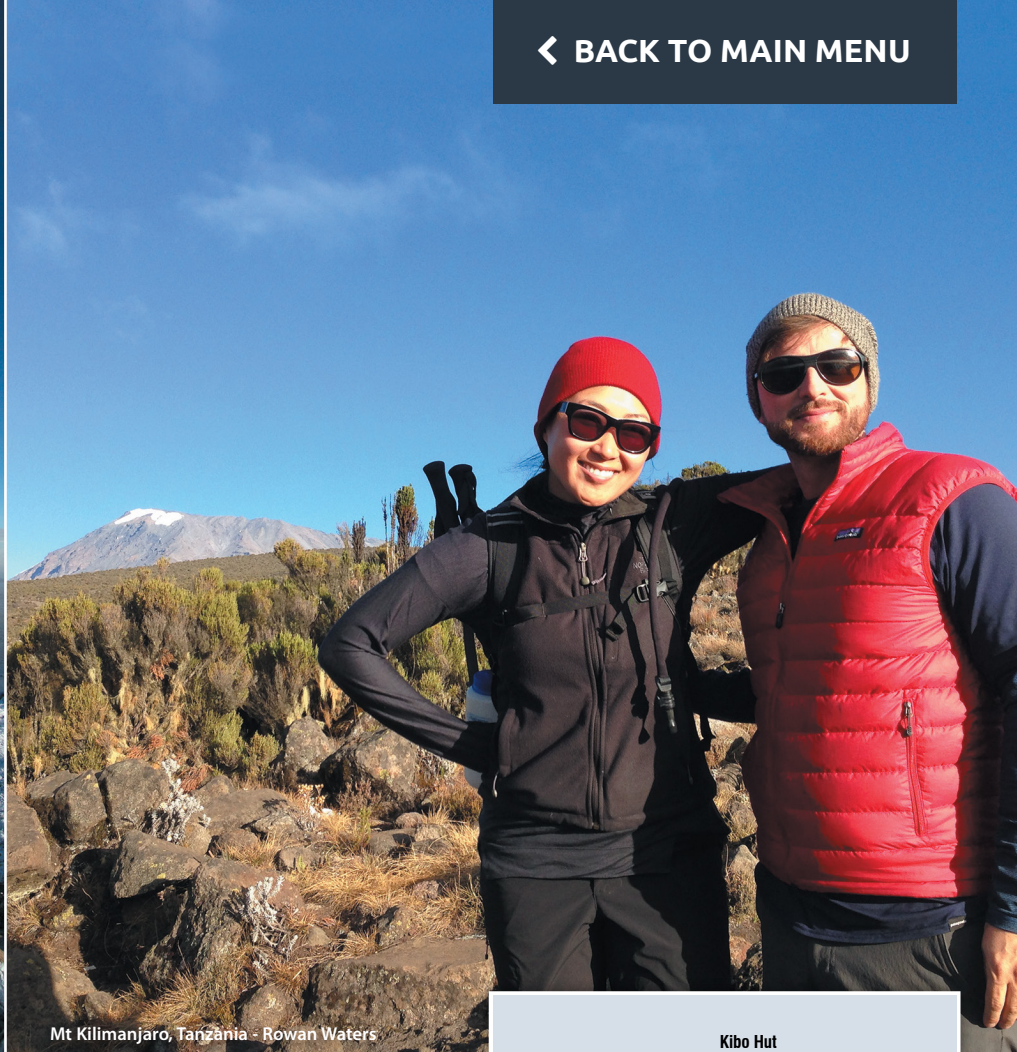
## MARANGU ROUTE

This five-day climb is the most direct of the Kilimanjaro routes, and the only one to offer shelter from the elements with mountain hut accommodation. The most popular choice, this route passes vast grasslands, giant cacti fields and scenic alpine meadows against a backdrop of dramatic mountain peaks. The path is well maintained and the views from the summit are striking.

## RONGAI ROUTE

A trail that winds along the north-eastern side of the mountain near the Kenyan border, Rongai offers up a different side to Africa's most famous mountain. Because this route has the lowest number of climbers, the wilderness feels particularly pristine and there is little in the way of crowds. In clear weather, you might even spy elephants and buffalo dotting the Masai lands below.





Mt Kilimanjaro, Tanzania - Rowan Waters

## Kilimanjaro – Marangu Route

7 DAYS, MARANGU TO MARANGU



Walk through stunning alpine zones, watching the scenery shift as you gain altitude. This is considered the easiest route to the top.

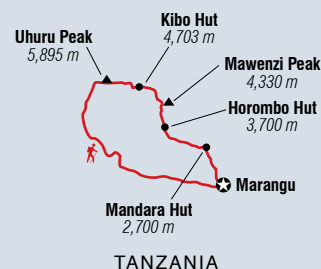
Taking the Marangu route allows you to take shelter from the elements and take advantage of the mountain huts.

Trek beneath the stars, using lamplight to guide you through the climactic final stretch to Uhuru Peak, reaching Africa's highest point after sunrise.

**Day 1 Marangu** Welcome to Tanzania. Travel to Marangu and admire from a distance the cloud-covered summit of Mt Kilimanjaro. Perhaps get warmed up for the trek with a walk to the town centre.

**Day 2 Mandara Hut** Start the Kilimanjaro trekking adventure by getting to know the team of guides and porters. Set off with a hike through lush rainforest, possibly spotting monkeys and brightly-feathered birds in the canopy. **Day 3 Horombo Hut** Get muscles pumping on a trek to Horombo Hut. Rainforest gives way to rolling alpine meadow and the path crosses several ravines before reaching the hut. Spend tonight in the shadow of twin snow-tipped peaks, Kibo and Mawenzi. **Day 4 Kibo Hut** Heading towards the peak of Mt Kilimanjaro, notice how the air starts to feel thin and see the landscape transition into a moonscape. Skirt the stark scenery of the Saddle to reach Kibo Hut.

**Day 5 Uhuru Peak/Summit** Enjoy some sleep while you can get it, because around midnight you'll be waking for a nighttime hike. Enjoy a cup of tea before zigzagging up a scree slope by lamplight, arriving at Gilman's Point in time to rest tired legs and watch the sun rise from behind Mawenzi Peak. Continue the final trek upwards and pass along the rim of a crater to reach the highest point in Africa. At 5,896m, the peak of Mt Kilimanjaro offers simply unforgettable views of the crater, the ice fields and the distant East African plains. As the sun rises over the highest point in Africa, the view is spectacular and the challenging hike makes this sight even more rewarding. **Days 6-7 Marangu** Descend through alpine meadows and lush rainforests to Marangu and celebrate the end of a memorable Kilimanjaro trek with a warm, hearty meal and a well-earned hot shower.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (2 nts), mountain hut (4 nts)



6 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Overland vehicle

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Rongai Route, Mt Kilimanjaro, Tanzania



Rooftop of Africa, Tanzania - Crystal Burrey

## Kilimanjaro – Rongai Route

8 DAYS, MARANGU TO MARANGU



Approach Kili from the north for the chance to see mountain-side animals. Keep eyes peeled for monkeys and even the occasional elephant.

Witness the stark beauty of Mawenzi as the cirque of this stunning 5,149-metre peak towers above you.

**Day 1 Marangu** Spend a day acclimatising to the altitude of Mt Kilimanjaro's foothills. **Day 2 Simba Camp** Set off for a few hours' gradual uphill hiking through the forests of the mountain's north-eastern flank. **Day 3 Kikelewa Caves** Today's trek is a long but rewarding day with a climb of 1,000 metres altitude. **Day 4 Mawenzi Tarn** Continue along a path that climbs up a steep ridge directly towards Mawenzi. Traverse a rocky landscape before descending to tonight's camp in Tarn Valley. **Day 5 Kibo Hut** Descend into the Saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo peaks. The grey, desert-like landscape contrasts with the dense rainforest scenery of the past few days. **Day 6 Uhuru Peak** In the dark of night it's a steep, zigzagging ascent but one worth every step. Passing Gilman's Point, take in the views from Uhuru Peak (5,895 metres) – the world's tallest free-standing volcano. **Days 7-8 Marangu** Return to the creature comforts of the hotel. Perhaps toast your accomplishment with a final dinner.

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STYLE BASIX	TRIP CODE YKXR	PHYSICAL ●●●●●
Maximum group size 12	Hotel (2 nts), camping with facilities (5 nts)	
7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners		
Overland vehicle		

## Kilimanjaro – Machame Route

9 DAYS, MARANGU TO MARANGU



The Machame route offers incredible scenery and allows acclimatisation at an easier pace. The ascents are challenging, but the views from the summit are unrivalled.

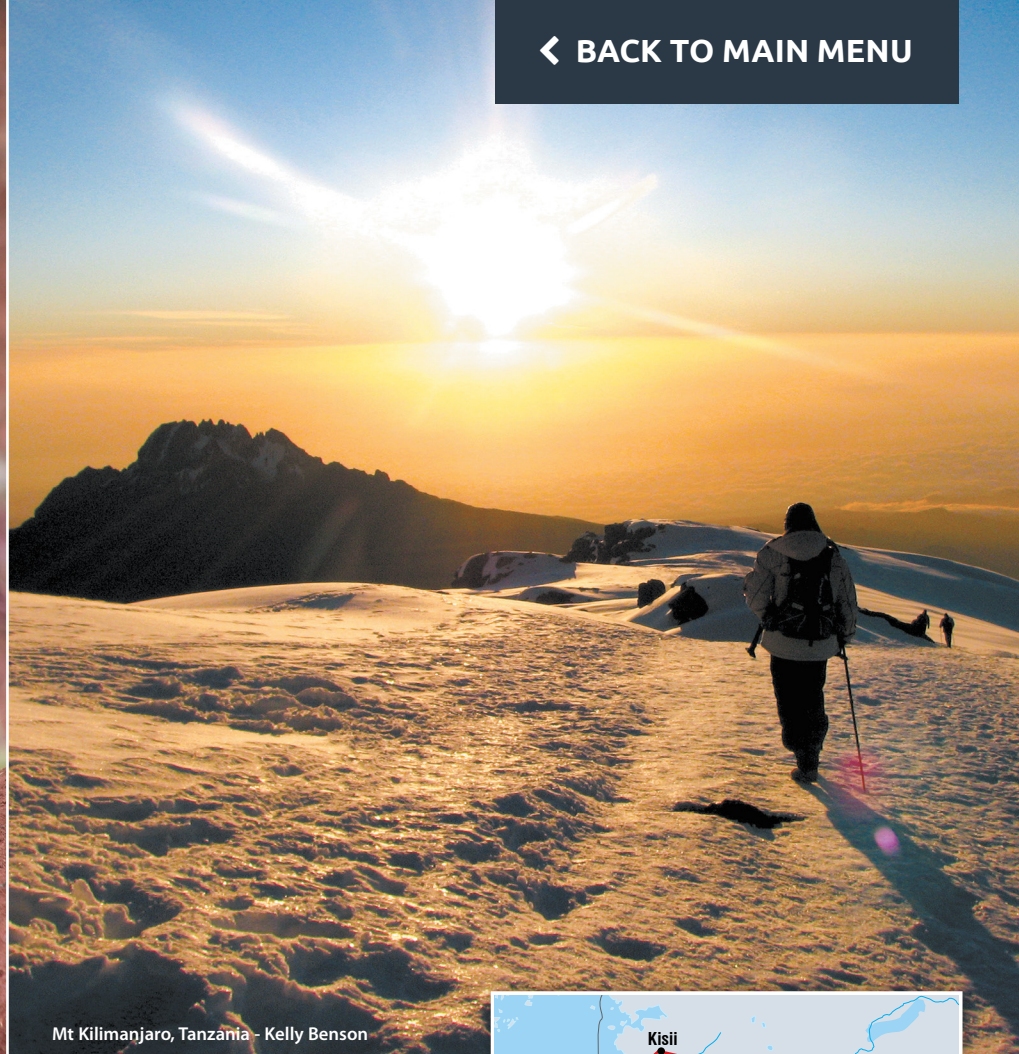
Spend a night camped out on the Shira Plateau and marvel at the Hiem, Kersten and Rebmann glaciers.

**Day 1 Marangu** Nestled on the slopes of mighty Mt Kilimanjaro, this lively town is a great base for exploring the surrounding area. **Day 2 Machame Camp** Start with a pleasant stroll through the rainforest before setting up camp at Machame. **Day 3 Shira Camp** Watch as the vegetation becomes sparse on the path to the Shira Plateau. **Day 4 Barranco Camp** Continue through the rolling landscape and deep river valleys. **Day 5 Karanga Valley** Prepare your body for the summit climb ahead with an acclimatisation day in Karanga Valley. **Day 6 Barafu Camp** Trek through fascinating dry-desert terrain and ascend further to Barafu Camp. **Day 7 Uhuru Peak/Summit** Grab a midnight snack and head off before dawn to watch the sunrise. Make the final push to the summit and be rewarded with incredible views from the peak of Africa's highest mountain. **Days 8-9 Marangu** This adventure comes to an end back in Marangu.

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STYLE BASIX	TRIP CODE YKXA	PHYSICAL ●●●●●
Maximum group size 12	Hotel (2 nts), camping with basic facilities (6 nts)	
8 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 8 Dinners		
Overland vehicle		





Mt Kilimanjaro, Tanzania - Kelly Benson

## Serengeti & Kilimanjaro

14 DAYS, NAIROBI TO MARANGU



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (3 nts), dormitory (1 nt), camping with facilities (3 nts), camping with basic facilities (2 nts), mountain hut (4 nts)



13 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches, 12 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4, minibus



**Day 1 Nairobi** Explore the bustling streets of Nairobi.

**Day 2 Kisii** Weave through the breathtaking Great Rift Valley into Kenya's fertile highlands. **Day 3 Lake Victoria** Travel into Tanzania and stay on a quiet stretch of shoreline beside Lake Victoria. **Days 4-5 Serengeti National Park** Be awed as the famous grasslands and river valleys of the Serengeti unfold on game-viewing safaris. Tanzania's world-renowned plains are home to a host of Africa's fascinating species. **Day 6 Ngorongoro Crater** Camp on the rim of the extraordinary Ngorongoro Crater. With endless views and open grasslands below, this is one of the most spectacular camping spots in the world. **Day 7 Meserani** Jump in a 4x4 and embark on a mind-blowing safari across the floor of the crater. Later, browse the colourful market in Mto wa Mbu before setting up camp in Meserani. **Day 8 Marangu**

Perhaps get warmed up for the upcoming trek with a walk to the town centre. **Day 9 Mandara Hut** Get to know the team of guides and porters and set off on a hike through lush rainforest. **Day 10 Horombo Hut** Get muscles pumping on a trek as rainforest gives way to rolling alpine meadow and the path crosses several ravines. Spend the night in the shadow of twin snow-tipped peaks, Kibo and Mawenzi. **Day 11 Kibo Hut** Heading higher towards the peak, hike up progressively more rugged terrain and notice the air start to feel thin. **Day 12 Uhuru Peak/Summit** Close to midnight, wake and set off by lamplight. Watch the sun rise from behind Mawenzi Peak, then pass along the rim of a crater to reach the highest point in Africa. At 5,896 metres, the peak of Kilimanjaro offers unforgettable views. **Days 13-14 Marangu Trek** back down to Marangu.

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Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania

# Africa Encompassed Southbound

63 DAYS, NAIROBI TO CAPE TOWN



Don't pass up the chance to spot and get close to all of the Big Five – lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos – in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Chill out on the northern beaches of Zanzibar, enjoying the white sand and sparkling blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Meet the San Bushmen of the Kalahari and observe their age-old traditions on a desert hunting and gathering trip.

**Days 1-2 Kenya** Journey out from Nairobi towards Lake Nakuru National Park. **Days 3-8 Uganda** Camp near Kampala. Maybe visit the chimps of Kalinzu Forest, then embark on a safari tour through Queen Elizabeth National Park. Perhaps hop in a mokoro for a paddle between Lake Bunyonyi's little islands. **Days 9-11 Rwanda** Go in search of mountain gorillas and perhaps visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial. **Days 12-14 Uganda** Stop at the equator before joining thrillseekers in Jinja. **Days 15-16 Kenya** Head back to Nairobi. **Days 17-28 Tanzania** Safari through the Serengeti, spot rhinos and elephants in the Ngorongoro Crater, meet local villagers in Mto wa Mbu and enjoy unforgettable sunsets on the beaches of Zanzibar. **Days 29-32 Malawi** Enjoy free time to soak up the idyllic surrounds of beautiful Lake Malawi. **Days 33-36 Zambia** Discover a stunning array of

wildlife in South Luangwa National Park. The Luangwa River is renowned for its sizeable populations of elephants and crocodiles. **Days 37-44 Zimbabwe** Visit ancient ruins, browse the markets in Bulawayo and get drenched by Victoria Falls. **Days 45-50 Botswana** Watch for hippos on an optional Chobe River cruise, then explore the fascinating waterways of the Okavango Delta by mokoro and camp on a remote island. **Days 51-61 Namibia** Go gathering with San Bushmen elders, seek out the Big Five in Etosha National Park and feel dwarfed by the bizarre rock formations of Spitzkoppe. Later, go on a 4x4 safari through the surreal desert landscape of Sossusvlei, hike around the spectacular Fish River Canyon and travel along the Orange River by canoe. **Days 62-63 South Africa** Say cheers to a successful tour as you wrap up this journey in Cape Town.



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (3 nts), camping with facilities (50 nts), camping with basic facilities (4 nts), bungalow (2 nts), chalet (3 nts)



60 Breakfasts, 54 Lunches, 54 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4, ferry, mokoro



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Masai Mara, Kenya - Damien Raggett

Fisherman, Zanzibar

## Masai Mara Walk

3 DAYS, NAIROBI TO NAIROBI

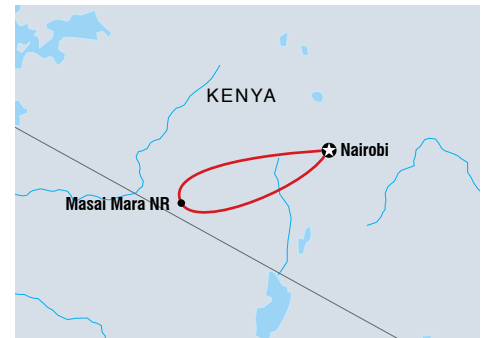


Stay in a tented lodge on the edge of the Masai Mara Game Reserve and take a guided two-hour walk around the area, visiting a Maasai homestead along the way.

A huge area of woodlands and open plains backed by the striking Esoit Oloololo Escarpment, the Masai Mara is home to all of the Big Five.

**Day 1 Nairobi/Masai Mara National Reserve** Journey west from the vibrant city of Nairobi across the Great Rift Valley to the town of Narok in the land of the Maasai. Along the way, look for colourfully dressed Maasai people tending to their herds. On arrival, take a guided walk around the area, visiting a Maasai homestead along the way. **Day 2 Masai Mara National Reserve** After an early breakfast, head out on an exciting game drive through Masai Mara National Park. The Masai Mara has a very high population of plains animals, such as wildebeest and zebras, which in turn are preyed upon by lions, leopards and hyenas. Elephants are also a fairly common sight here, while hippos and crocodiles are plentiful in the Mara River. After a full day of wildlife spotting, return to camp in time for a delicious dinner. **Day 3 Masai Mara National Reserve/Nairobi** After breakfast, return to Nairobi, where this Masai Mara adventure comes to an end.

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Maximum group size 12



Permanent tented camp (2 nts)



2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners



Minibus, 4x4

## Zanzibar Beach Break

4 DAYS, STONE TOWN TO STONE TOWN



The stunning white beaches and clear waters of Zanzibar feel like you've stepped right into a postcard. Bliss out beachside on the north coast.

Visit fragrant spice plantations, surrounded by the smells of cardamom, cloves and nutmeg, and taste them in one of the island's famous curries.

**Day 1 Stone Town** Begin this laid-back East African trip in the historic centre of Stone Town, a maze of winding alleys, atmospheric bazaars, elegant mosques, coral stone buildings and finely decorated wooden doors. After checking into your hotel, visit the House of Wonders and the Old Fort, or take a stroll through the stalls of the market. **Days 2-4 Beach Resort** Transfer to your beach resort. Settle in to the accommodation, situated right on the palm-fringed coastline, where a sandy beach stretches out to the warm waters of the Indian Ocean. Explore the island and its hidden treasures at a relaxed pace. Travel deep into the interior to see the fragrant spice plantations; discover how pods, bark, buds and berries are harvested and dried. The intoxicating aromas of fresh cardamom, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg will delight the senses and stimulate appetites, so be sure to sample the tropical fruits and zesty curries that Zanzibar is famous for.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (1 nt), bungalow (2 nts)



3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners



Minivan





# Ethiopia



Discover a beautiful country, barely touched by modern society; an incredible combination of history, tradition, culture and nature. In the north lie amazing rock-hewn churches, 500-year-old monastery islands, the majestic Simien Mountains, and even the rumoured home of the Ark of the Covenant, while the south has the unusual landscapes of Bale Mountains and the tribal villages of the Omo Valley. A journey in Ethiopia is rewarded with riches from an ancient yet often overlooked destination.



Encounter the key sights of northern Ethiopia, including the Simien Mountains and the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, on our compact Incredible Ethiopia tour (opposite).



Visit the myriad tribal cultures of the Omo Valley, the awe-inspiring landscapes of Samburu and Nakuru, and Mount Kenya en route from Gondar to Nairobi (page 36).

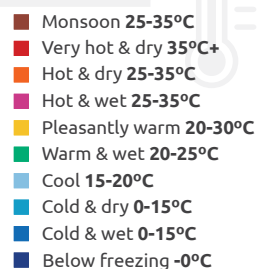


Focus on the south of Ethiopia with a journey from Addis Ababa to Arba Minch, taking in Bale Mountains National Park's unique landscape and stopping in Omo Valley villages (page 37).

## WHERE IN THE WORLD

Ethiopia  
Kenya

## Weather







Mountain baboon, Ethiopia



Monolithic church, Lalibela, Ethiopia

# Incredible Ethiopia

13 DAYS, ADDIS ABABA TO LALIBELA



Search for the source of the Blue Nile at Lake Tana, then discover the churches and unique castles of the regal city of Gondar.

Trek the majestic series of undulating amethyst peaks that make up the Simein Mountains, looking out for the distinctive red-hearted Gelada.

Explore Lalibela's unique churches – astonishing constructions sculpted from huge slabs of stone – that make up one of the world's greatest historical and religious sites.

**Day 1 Addis Ababa** Arrive in the capital, meet your group and leader, then dine for a cause at Bahir Zaf.

**Day 2 Debre markos** Natural and historical sights like the Monastery of Debre-Libanos and the vast Blue Nile Gorge are stops along the way to Debre Markos.

**Day 3 Bahir Dar** Cruise around Lake Tana lake and its numerous islands, home to holy monasteries. **Day 4 Blue Nile Falls/Gondar** Take a scenic walk to this vast 400m wide, 48m high cascade. Cross the Nile by boat, lunch in Bahir Dar, then travel north to Gondar. **Day 5 Debarke** Perhaps tour regal Gondar's churches and castles. The city's unique Royal Enclosure is unlike any other in Africa. In the afternoon head on to Debarke, your base for exploring the Simien Mountains. **Day 6 Simien Mountains National Park** Trek in the home of Ethiopia's highest peak, take in stunning mountain views and meeting the unique Gelada baboon. **Days**

**7-8 Axum** Journey to the fabled city of Axum, once the capital of Africa's oldest empire. Take an optional tour to visit the stele fields, tombs, and the ruins of the Queen of Sheba's palace. The unassuming St Mary of Zion Church is said to house the fabled Ark of the Covenant. **Day 9 Mekele** See the spectacular Adwa Mountains, the Pre-Christian Pagan Temple of Yeha, and the magnificent rock-hewn church of Medhane Alem Adi Kesho. **Days 10-13 Lalibela** Isolated in the Lasta Mountains, Lalibela is one of the world's greatest historical and religious sites. Spend a day exploring several unbelievable rock-hewn churches, which look like they've been dropped down from the sky. Then, trek up Abune Josef mountain to the rock church of Asheten Mariam. The afternoon is free to relax or to continue exploring this fascinating town, then enjoy sundowner drinks and a farewell dinner.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (11 nts), camping (1 nt)



12 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners



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Simien mountains and river, Ethiopia



Local friends, Omo Valley, Ethiopia

# Ethiopian Explorer Northbound



44 DAYS, NAIROBI TO GONDAR

- Meet proud warriors and learn about their customs in a Samburu National Reserve village, then venture out to spot big game and animals rarely seen further south.
- Look for the elusive Ethiopian wolf in Bale Mountains National Park and climb the summit of Tulu Dimtu for spectacular views.
- Explore the incredible historical sites of Axum, where giant stele reach to the sky and the fabled Ark of the Covenant is rumoured to be hidden.

**Day 1 Nairobi** Arrive in Kenya. **Day 2 Lake Naivasha** Watch hippos wallowing in Lake Naivasha. **Days 3-4 Lake Nakuru** See groups of pink flamingos. **Days 5-6 Mt Kenya** Travel towards the slopes of Mt Kenya. **Days 7-8 Samburu National Reserve** Learn about tribal life and customs in a local village. **Days 9-10 Marsabit/Moyale** Traverse a surreal, black lunar landscape. **Day 11 Konso** Pick up a souvenir at the local market. **Days 12-14 Omo Valley** Enjoy a guided visit to meet the fascinating Omo Valley tribes. **Days 15-16 Arba Minch** Cycle around the scenic landscape. **Days 17-18 Wondo Genet/Awassa** Visit the Awassa Children's Project. **Days 19-21 Bale Mountains NP** Venture out on game-spotting expeditions and drive up to the second highest point in the country – the Sanetti Plateau. **Day 22 Lake Ziway** Cruise on Lake Ziway and visit island villages. **Days 23-25 Addis**

**Ababa** Sample some of Ethiopia's spicy, traditional cuisine. **Day 26 Debre Markos** Cross the Blue Nile Gorge en route to Debre Markos. **Days 27-29 Bahir Dar** Witness the spectacular Blue Nile Falls, then discover Lake Tana's fascinating monasteries by boat. **Days 30-32 Lalibela** Stroll through Lalibela's monolithic structures and unlock the history of this area. **Day 33 Bush Camp** Sleep beneath the stars. **Day 34 Mekele** Explore clusters of churches that have been sculpted into caves. **Days 35-36 Axum** Discover Axum's towering obelisks, crumbling palaces and eerie tombs. **Day 37 Adi Arcai** Wind through Ethiopia's diverse countryside. **Day 38 Debark** Get ready for a three-day trek through the Simien Mountains. **Days 39-41 Simien Mountains NP** Check out the craggy peaks of the Simiens on foot. **Days 42-44 Gondar** Explore the castle and palaces of Gondar.



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Maximum group size 22



Bush camp with no facilities (3 nts), camping with facilities (19 nts), guesthouse (1 nt), hotel (17 nts), lodge (3 nts)



All meals while camping



Overland vehicle, boat



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Samburu Village, Kenya - Aaron White

## Ethiopian Highlands

21 DAYS, GONDAR TO ADDIS ABABA



Often described as 'The Roof of Africa', Ethiopia is home to some of the continent's most beautiful mountain ranges, such as the Simien Mountains.

Explore Ethiopia's unique churches, from those in the cliffs of Mekele, to those below the ground in Lalibela.

**Days 1-2 Gondar** Discover Gondar's castles, churches and palaces. The city is often referred to as 'Africa's Camelot'. **Days 3-5 Simien Mountains National Park** Hike through rugged terrain passing eroded volcanic cores and the jagged peaks of the Simien Mountains. **Day 6 Debarke** Rest after your time in the mountains. **Day 7 Enda Selassie** Travel through the rugged countryside towards Axum, stopping overnight in Enda Selassie. **Days 8-9 Axum** See the ancient sites in Axum. **Day 10 Mekele** Wander through Mekele's cliff-face churches. **Days 11-12 Woldiya** Spend the night at a bush camp near Woldiya. **Days 13-14 Lalibela** Explore astounding rock-hewn churches that have to be seen to be believed. **Days 15-17 Bahir Dar** Walk around the spectacular Blue Nile Falls, then cruise to the lake's isolated monasteries. **Day 18 Debre Markos** Stop en route to Addis and take a break with a night in the small city of Debre Markos. **Days 19-21 Addis Ababa** Finish in Ethiopia's bustling capital.

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Maximum group size 22



Bush camp with no facilities (2 nts), camping with facilities (3 nts), hotel (15 nts)



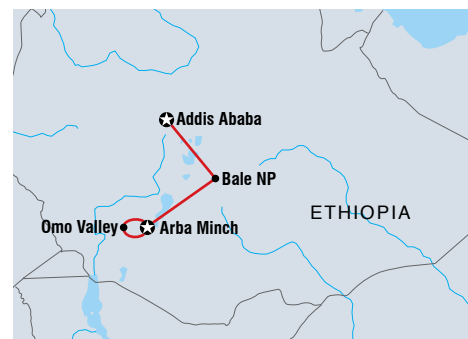
All meals while camping



Overland expedition vehicle, 4x4

## Addis to Omo

15 DAYS, ADDIS ABABA TO ARBA MINCH



See how travelling with Intrepid can help make a difference in the community by visiting a local project in Wendo Genet.

Stray off the beaten track to the remote tribal areas of the Omo Valley, where a staggering concentration of different cultures live side-by-side in such a small area.

**Day 1 Addis Ababa** Meet your group and leader. **Day 2 Lake Ziway** Learn about the traditions of the Zay people on a guided tour of Tulu Gudo Island. **Days 3-5 Bale Mountains NP** Search for the Ethiopian wolf in the foothills of the Bale Mountains. Traverse a varying landscape of exotic moorlands and thick forest, criss-crossed by fast-flowing streams. **Days 6-7 Wendo Genet** Visit a local community project, then relax in luxurious hot springs. **Days 8-9 Arba Minch** Search for a bargain in the vibrant market or glide out to Lake Chamo on the look out for crocs and hippos. **Days 10-12 Omo Valley** Experience local markets full of local produce and handicrafts. Enjoy meeting some of the unique tribes of the Omo Valley, each with their own histories and traditions. **Day 13 Konso** Camp on the banks of the Sagan river in Konso. **Days 14-15 Arba Minch** Take in stunning views of lakes Abaya and Chamo and the surrounding forested areas.

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Maximum group size 22



Bush camp no facilities (3 nts), camping with facilities (4 nts), hotel (4 nts), lodge (3 nts)



All meals while camping



Overland vehicle



# Southern Africa



Southern Africa overflows with the unforgettable. The wildlife-spotting is world-class – from the unrivalled diversity of Kruger to the elephants of Chobe and the primates of Madagascar – while the range of environments is mind-boggling. Trudge up the vast desert dunes of Namibia, whizz along the wild coastline of South Africa by bike, or navigate the inland lagoons of the Okavango Delta. In this part of Africa the ways to explore are as varied as the landscape itself.

- ★ Overland truck and 4x4 safari vehicle are the typical ways to explore the African continent, but for a different perspective, see our active South Africa adventures (page 48).
- ★ See the diverse and contrasting landscapes of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe on an exhilarating adventure that works in a few creature comforts (page 47).
- ★ If you're after a diversity of landscapes, wildlife and cultures, then our new Botswana adventure is for you. With 38% of the country's landscape protected, you know it's somewhere special (page 41).

## WHERE IN THE WORLD

South Africa  
Botswana  
Zimbabwe  
Namibia  
Madagascar  
Swaziland  
Lesotho

## Weather

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
South Africa	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Botswana	Dark Red	Dark Red	Dark Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Red	Dark Red
Namibia	Dark Red	Dark Red	Dark Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Light Blue
Zimbabwe	Dark Red	Dark Red	Dark Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Dark Red
Mozambique	Dark Red	Dark Red	Dark Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Red

- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C





Matabos National Park, Zimbabwe

## Okavango Experience



10 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO VICTORIA FALLS

Camping out on a remote island in the heart of the Okavango Delta, tuned into the sounds of the African night, is an experience you'll never forget.

The magnificent Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, some of the largest salt flats in the world, make for some magical photographic opportunities.

**Day 1 Johannesburg** Begin this overland journey in Johannesburg. **Day 2 Khama Rhino Sanctuary** Cross into Botswana to witness the Khama Rhino Sanctuary, a haven for endangered black and white rhinos. **Day 3 Maun** Make tracks to Maun, a small town that serves as the gateway to the Okavango Delta – an aquatic wonderland. **Days 4-5 Okavango Delta** With the help of a friendly local 'poler', traverse the waterways of the delta in a mokoro (dugout canoe). Disembark to explore the area's lagoons and streams on foot and camp under starry skies. **Day 6 Maun** Experience life in a rural village, then head back to Maun. **Day 7 Nata** Drive out to the small town of Nata and explore the eerie landscape of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. **Day 8 Chobe National Park** Famous for its elephant herds, Chobe also shelters lions, hippos and African fish eagles. **Days 9-10 Victoria Falls** Enter Zimbabwe and witness the awesome spectacle that is Victoria Falls.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (1 nt), camping with facilities (6 nts), bush camp with no facilities (2 nts)



9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 7 Dinners



Overland vehicle, mokoro, 4x4

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## Vic Falls to Kruger



9 DAYS, VICTORIA FALLS TO JOHANNESBURG

Track rhinos on foot with an expert local guide in Matabos National Park – this is the best way to experience the wildlife of Zimbabwe.

Immerse yourself in the ancient culture of the Hananwa people during a village visit in South Africa's Limpopo province.

**Day 1 Victoria Falls** Kick-off this enthralling adventure in Zimbabwe's adrenaline capital, marvelling at the sight of thundering Victoria Falls. **Day 2 Hwange NP** Set out on a 4x4 game drive through the plains and wetlands of Zimbabwe's largest game reserve. **Days 3-4 Bulawayo/Matobos NP** Detour through the colonial buildings of Bulawayo, then set out on foot in search of black and white rhinos in Matobos National Park. **Day 5 Moremi Gorge** Spend the afternoon stretching the legs on a short hike to Moremi Gorge. **Day 6 Blouberg** Camp in South Africa's Limpopo Province and hear stories of the fascinating local community, who still lead a traditional lifestyle. Later, enjoy authentic local meals at a village tavern. **Days 7-8 Kruger NP** Look out for white rhinos, giraffes, zebras, lions and elands on an included game drive as you head south through the park. **Day 9 Johannesburg** Take in panoramas of the incredible Blyde River Canyon before ending in Jo'burg.



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Maximum group size 16



Camping with facilities (7 nts), camping with shared facilities (1 nt)



8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 7 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4

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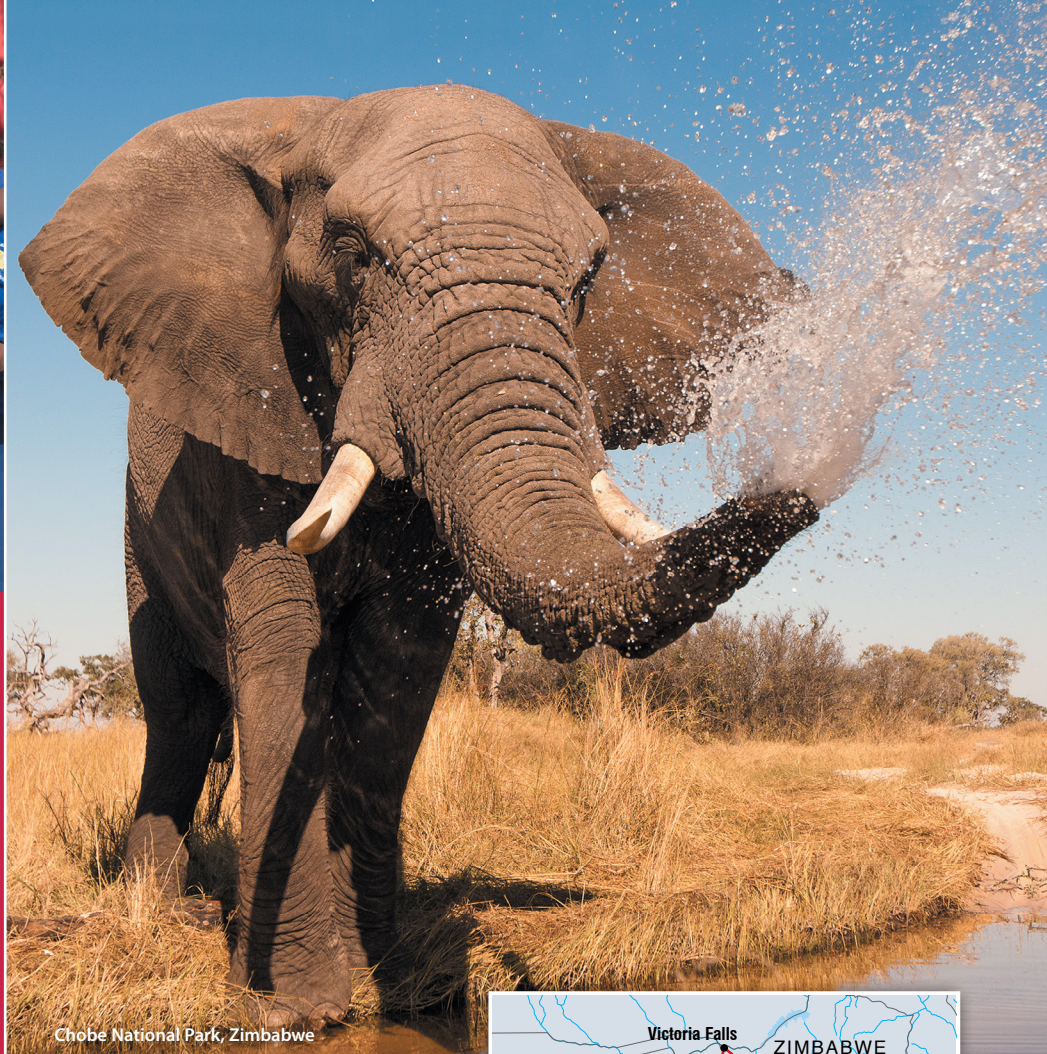


Johannesburg, South Africa - Elena Skalovskaia

## JOZI BY FOOT

The best of Jozi can be tricky to find on your own. Enlist the help of a local guide on a Johannesburg tour that side steps the usual spots and embraces art, architecture, culture, history, and a traditional healers market.

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Chobe National Park, Zimbabwe

# Explore Southern Africa

18 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO JOHANNESBURG



Play your own small part in helping to save the rhinos with a stop at the inspirational Khama Rhino Sanctuary.

Look for elephants swimming across rivers in Chobe National Park. This park contains the world's largest concentration of wild African elephants.

Camp out in the bush under clear African skies within Kruger National Park. You can't get much closer to nature than that!

**Day 1 Johannesburg** Arrive in Jo'burg and prepare for this ultimate overland adventure. **Day 2 Khama Rhino Sanctuary** Cross into Botswana and visit the Khama Rhino Sanctuary to learn about these majestic creatures. At dusk, head out on a game drive. **Day 3 Maun** Journey on to Maun, gateway to the famous Okavango Delta. **Days 4-5 Okavango Delta** See the abundance of animals that live here while travelling in a dugout canoe. Disembark to explore the area's surrounding lagoons and streams on foot. **Day 6 Maun** Head back to Maun and perhaps opt for a flight over this amazing area. **Day 7 Nata** Continue on to Nata and set up camp on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. **Day 8 Chobe National Park** Venture to the plains and waterways of Chobe National Park for a relaxing water safari. Try to spot elephants and hippos wallowing in the water.

**Days 9-10 Victoria Falls** Admire the incredible torrent of white water at Victoria Falls and perhaps try some of the activities on offer. **Day 11 Hwange National Park** Once a royal hunting ground, Hwange National Park is home to approximately 400 bird and 100 mammal species. **Days 12-13 Matobos National Park/Bulawayo** Explore the country's second largest city, then track black and white rhinoceros in Matobos National Park. **Day 14 Moremi Gorge** Break up the drive with a stop at Moremi Gorge and perhaps go for a short hike. **Day 15 Blouberg** Head towards Blouberg and camp in South Africa's Limpopo Province. Meet villagers and enjoy a meal at a village tavern. **Days 16-17 Kruger National Park** Travel to this spectacular national park of lions, white rhinos, giraffes, zebras, leopards and elands. **Day 18 Johannesburg** This southern Africa adventure wraps up back in Johannesburg.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (1 nt), camping with facilities (14 nts), bush camp with no facilities (2 nts)



17 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 14 Dinners

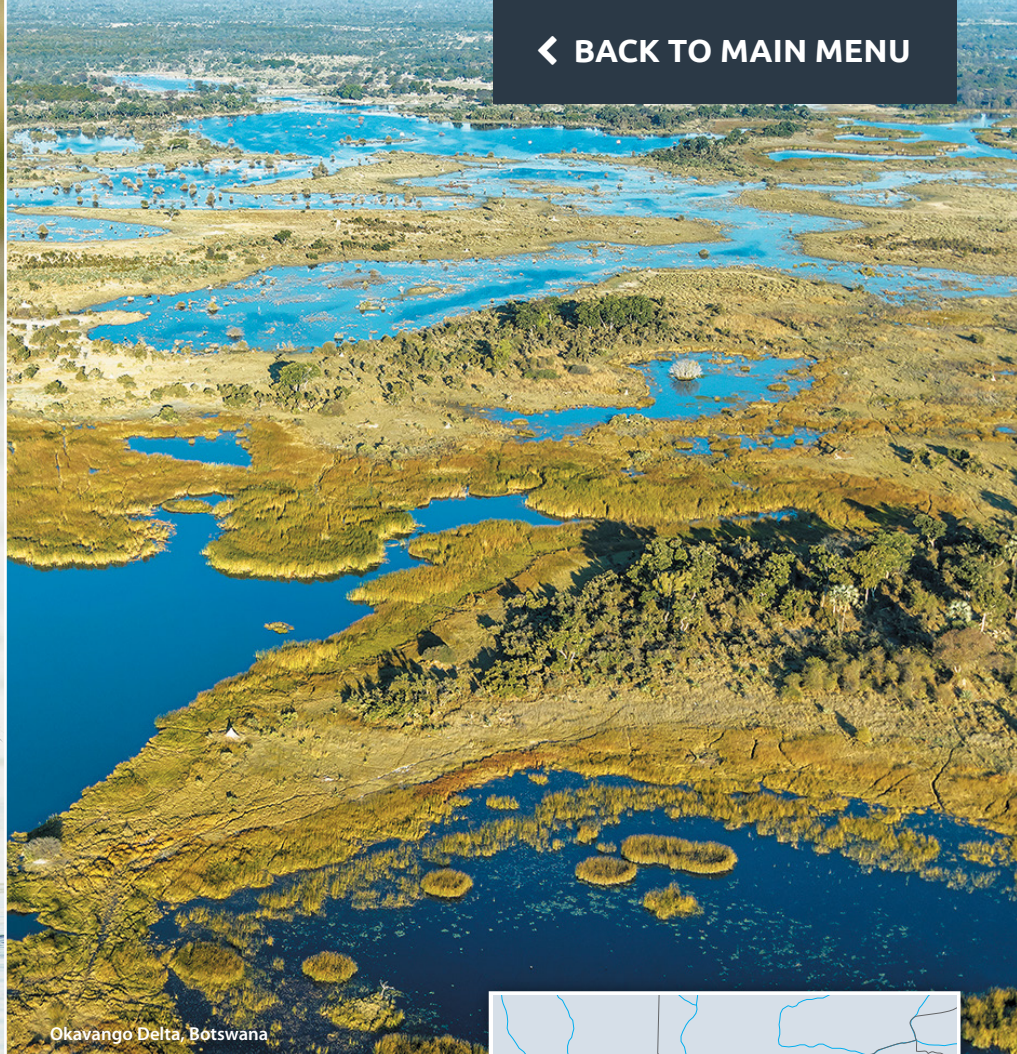


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Okavango Delta, Botswana

## Botswana Highlights

### 9 DAYS, VICTORIA FALLS TO VICTORIA FALLS



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (2 nts), chalet (1 nt), lodge (2 nts), permanent tented camp (2 nts), tree house (1 nt)



8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners



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Boasting the world's largest salt pans, inland delta and elephant population, Botswana's natural attractions are up there with the very best.

Stay in a thatched tree house right on the edge of the Kavango River. It's designed specifically so you can see the sunrise over your toes from bed!

Paddle your way through the wildlife-filled waterways of the Okavango Delta in a mokoro – a traditional dugout canoe.

**Day 1 Victoria Falls** Meet your leader and group in the evening. If arriving early, perhaps splash out on a scenic helicopter flight over the top of the largest waterfall in Africa (and, by some measures, the world).

**Day 2 Elephant Sands** Cross into Botswana and stay in a lodge overlooking a watering hole. There's a good chance you'll spot herds of elephants coming down to drink and wallow. **Day 3 Maun** Drive to Maun, a town on the edge of the Okavango Delta. Perhaps take in the Delta from above on a scenic light aircraft flight. **Days 4-5 Okavango Delta Pan Handle** Drive to the north-western part of the Okavango Delta and stay in a permanent tented camp on the edge of the Guma Lagoon. Hop into mokoros for a water level exploration of the delta – look out for elephants, antelope, warthogs and other creatures of the plains.

**Day 6 Caprivi** Cross the Namibian border to your

accommodation on the banks of the Kavango River. In the afternoon, visit the villages of the Hambukushu and Xwe Bushmen for a rare insight into village life.

**Days 7-8 Chobe National Park** Continue the journey along the Caprivi Strip in the newly formed Kavango-Zambezi Trans frontier park. Back in Botswana, head to Chobe National Park. This park boasts the largest population of elephants in Africa, plus birdlife, pods of wallowing hippos and more. Wake early for a morning game drive, when you may see elephants and large herds of cape buffaloes. For a different perspective of this awe-inspiring wildlife arena, perhaps take an optional boat cruise along the river. **Day 9 Victoria Falls** Embark on an optional morning game drive in search of leopards and lions returning from their night's hunting. Drive on across the Zimbabwean border, arriving back in Vic Falls mid afternoon.





## Kruger & Coast

9 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO DURBAN



Discover the unspoilt wilderness of the Elephant Coast, a tropical paradise of crystal clear waters, coastal forest, marshland and swamp.

Enter the Valley of a Thousand Hills, the heartland of the African Zulu, and spend the night at a traditional homestay.

**Day 1 Johannesburg** Jo'burg is a sprawling city of remarkable contrasts. **Days 2-3 Kruger NP** Travel along the stunning scenery of the famous Panorama Route. Spend the day game-viewing and birdwatching at various waterholes and viewpoints. Track nocturnal predators on an optional night-time drive. **Day 4 Swaziland/Hlane Royal NP** Explore the home of the largest wild herds in Swaziland on a guided game walk. **Days 5-6 Kosi Bay** Travel to the jewel of the Elephant Coast, home to some of the country's most breathtaking coastal seascape. Maybe visit a local healer, see the Tsonga people's fish traps, snorkel, or take a guided hike. If the season's right, perhaps spy turtles laying their eggs. **Day 7 St Lucia Estuary** Perhaps take a boat cruise and spot creatures basking on the banks. **Day 8 Zululand** Get an insight into the daily life of the rural Zulu people with a night at a traditional homestay. **Day 9 Durban** Finish amid the sandy beaches and glitzy nightlife of Durban.

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Maximum group size 16



Camping with facilities (4 nts),  
camping with basic facilities (2 nts)  
homestay (1 nt), hotel (1 nt)



8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4

## Garden Route Adventure

14 DAYS, DURBAN TO CAPE TOWN



Set out on a half-day guided walk in the mighty Drakensburg Range and embark on independent hikes along the Garden Route.

Travel to South Africa's southernmost point, Cape Agulhas, then cruise the classic R320 wine route and stop for a tipple or two.

**Day 1 Durban** Relax along the Golden Mile. **Days 2-3 Drakensberg** These sun-kissed valleys and dramatic cliffs are perfect for hiking. **Days 4-5 Lesotho Highlands** Hike the 'Kingdom in the Sky', a place full of beautiful mountain scenery and charming villages. **Days 6-7 Wild Coast/Cintsa** Explore beguiling Cintsa's beaches and quiet streets. Experience traditional Xhosa life and choose between optional activities. **Day 8 Addo Elephant NP** Encounter elephants and endangered rhinos. **Days 9-10 Garden Route/Tsitsikamma NP** Travel along the breathtaking Garden Route, soaking up the ancient forests and dramatic coastline. **Day 11 Oudtshoorn** Stop at the quaint town of Knysna, then check out the stalactites of the Cango Caves. **Day 12 Swellendam** Go rafting down the Breede River. **Day 13 Cape Agulhas/R320 Winery Route/Hermanus** Visit the continent's southernmost point before hitting some wineries. **Day 14 Cape Town** Look out for whales in Hermanus, then end in Cape Town.

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Maximum group size 16



Camping with facilities (8 nts),  
dormitory (3 nts), lodge (2 nts)



13 Breakfasts, 11 Dinners



Overland vehicle



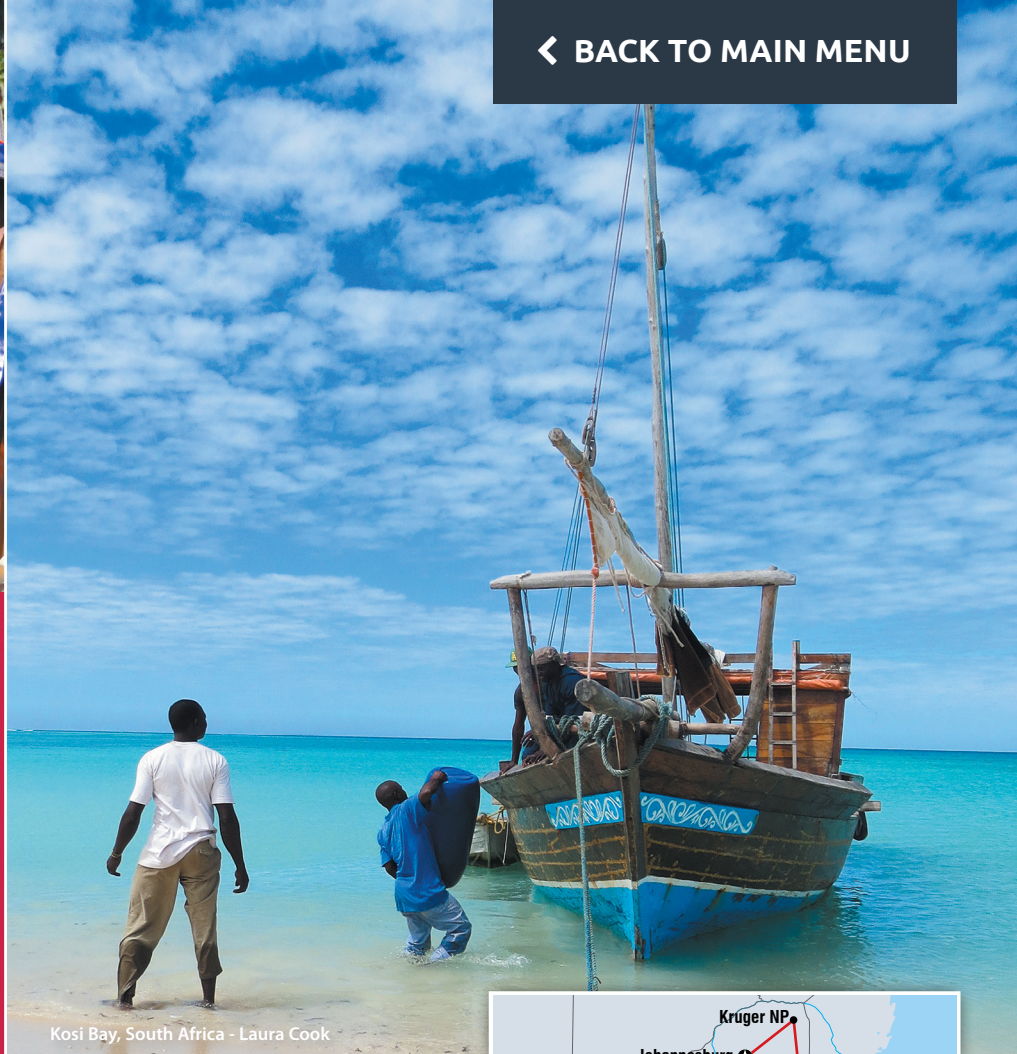


Cape Town, South Africa - Johanna Anna Pfefer

## FACES OF CAPE TOWN

From vibrant African townships to Malay settlements, get a literal taste for Cape Town as you snack, chat, and see how locals live on a walking tour. Along the way, hear how your guide's local NGO is changing girls' futures in Cape Town.

For more info head to  
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Kosi Bay, South Africa - Laura Cook

## Kruger, Coast & Cape

22 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO CAPE TOWN



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Maximum group size 16



Camping with facilities (12 nts),  
camping with basic facilities (2 nts),  
homestay (1 nt), dormitory (3 nts),  
lodge (2 nts), hotel (1 nt)



21 Breakfasts, 17 Dinners



Overland vehicle, 4x4



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**Day 1 Johannesburg** Begin this adventure in Jo'burg.  
**Days 2-3 Kruger National Park** Travel the Panorama Route and search for the Big Five on a game drive through Kruger National Park.  
**Day 4 Swaziland/Hlane Royal National Park** Perhaps visit a local village to learn about Swazi culture before tracking rare rhinos in Hlane.  
**Days 5-6 Kosi Bay** This world heritage site is famous for its lakes, beaches, turtles and fish traps.  
**Day 7 St Lucia Estuary** Go bird and animal spotting in this diverse ecosystem, home to thousands of different species, the most popular being hippos and crocs.  
**Day 8 Zululand** Be treated to traditional food and rousing song and dance on a homestay.  
**Day 9 Durban** Catch some sun and relax in South Africa's beachside playground.  
**Days 10-11 Drakensberg** Hike through the dramatic cliffs, valleys and plateaux of this stunning range.  
**Days 12-13 Lesotho Highlands**

Be charmed by the warmth of Lesotho's people and majestic mountain scenery. Visit friendly villages and colourful markets.  
**Days 14-15 Wild Coast/Cintsa** Head to South Africa's Wild Coast, where the local Xhosa people still live a traditional lifestyle.  
**Day 16 Addo Elephant National Park** This park boasts a spectacular array of animals.  
**Days 17-18 Garden Route/Tsitsikamma National Park** Discover a mesmerising pocket of the Garden Route and admire the primeval forests that tumble down to the pounding ocean. Look out for Cape clawless otters and southern right whales.  
**Day 19 Oudtshoorn** Explore Knysna and the Cango Caves.  
**Day 20 Swellendam** Drive through the mountains to Swellendam and go rafting.  
**Day 21 Cape Agulhas/R320 Winery Route/Hermanus** Travel to Hermanus via Africa's southernmost point.  
**Day 22 Cape Town** Relax in South Africa's most glamorous city.





Kruger NP, South Africa - Denise Fernandes

## Creating brighter futures in South Africa

Thusanani works to prevent and treat developmental delay in orphaned and vulnerable South African children. It is the only organisation of its kind in South Africa, with a multidisciplinary team of health professionals that assesses and treat children with diagnosed developmental delays through hands-on treatment.

For more info head to [theintrepidfoundation.org](http://theintrepidfoundation.org)



## Kruger to Vic Falls

8 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO VICTORIA FALLS



Commence your African adventure with a scenic drive that takes in views of the Blyde River Canyon and the Three Rondavels – an amazing introduction to Southern Africa.

Aside from being one of the world's most dazzling waterfalls, Vic Falls offers a range of exciting activities, from nature walks to helicopter flights.

**Day 1 Johannesburg** Perhaps spend some time coming to terms with history of the Soweto township by touring one of Johannesburg's many museums. **Days 2-3 Kruger National Park** Travel along the stunning Panorama Route, making a stop at the remarkable Blyde River Canyon en route to Kruger. Discover the thrill of game drives and keep eyes peeled for all the incredible wildlife that lives within the park's boundaries. **Day 4 Mokopane** After an early morning game drive, head north to the Limpopo region and set up camp on a working cattle farm. **Day 5 Palapye** Head north, stopping off in Palapye for the night. **Day 6 Nata** Spend an afternoon exploring the mind-bending Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, followed by an evening relaxing by the pool. **Days 7-8 Victoria Falls** Make tracks to Zimbabwe and the incredible 'Smoke that Thunders' – Victoria Falls. Explore the falls from all angles and perhaps take advantage of the impressive array of adventure activities on offer.

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- Maximum group size 12
- Hotel (1 nt), camping with facilities (5 nts), farmstay (1 nt)
- 7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners
- Overland vehicle, 4x4

## Okavango & Beyond

9 DAYS, VICTORIA FALLS TO JOHANNESBURG



A sunset cruise is the ultimate way to soak up the Chobe River ambience. Keep an eye out – and a camera ready – for elephants, cheetahs and lions frolicking on the shore.

Experience the Okavango Delta's untouched wilderness by staying on a remote island bush camp. At night, the sounds of the African bush are the only things you'll hear.

**Day 1 Victoria Falls** Get soaked by the powerful sheet of spray rising from Africa's largest falls and choose from a long list of optional adventure activities. **Day 2 Chobe National Park** Travel into Botswana and take a cruise along the Chobe River. Keep a look out for crocs, elephants and hippos chilling in the waters. **Day 3 Maun** After an optional early morning game drive, travel on to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. **Days 4-6 Okavango Delta/Maun** Guided by local 'polers', explore the delta's snaking waterways in a traditional mokoro canoe, heading to shore to search for wildlife on foot. After a night camped out on a remote island, return to Maun. **Day 7 Khama Rhino Sanctuary** Founded to protect Botswana's endangered black and white rhinos, Khama is an inspiring place that also helps the local community. **Days 8-9 Soweto/Johannesburg** Explore the streets of Soweto on a bicycle tour and learn about its turbulent history.

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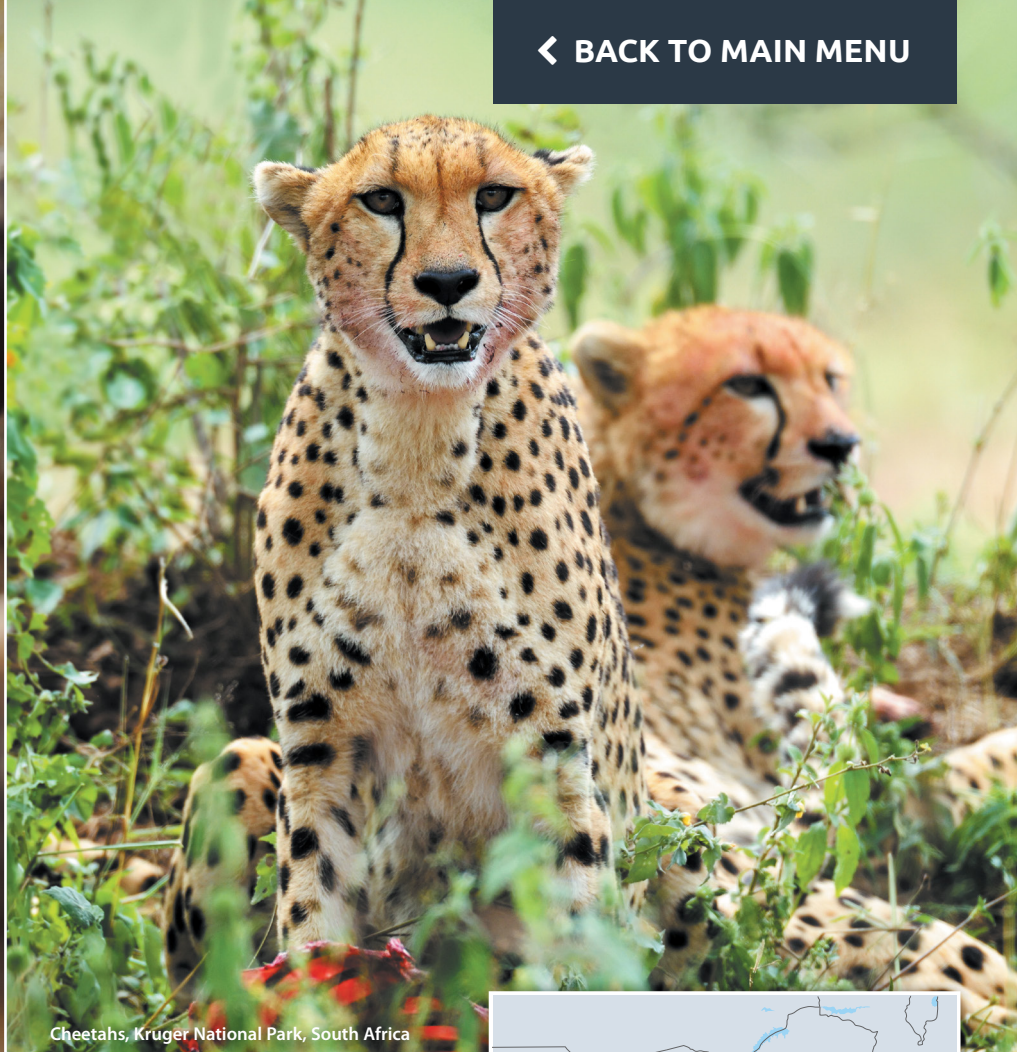
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- Maximum group size 12
- Camping with facilities (5 nts), bush camp with no facilities (2 nts), guesthouse (1 nt)
- 8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- Overland vehicle, boat, mokoro





Nguni Cattle Ranch, South Africa



Cheetahs, Kruger National Park, South Africa

## Experience Southern Africa



16 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO JOHANNESBURG

Experience life on the land, staying on a working cattle ranch and Nguni stud farm, and visiting local villagers nearby.

Visit the only place in Botswana where both the black and white rhinoceros can be seen: the Khama Rhino Sanctuary.

Cycle through the colourful streets of Soweto with a local and hear firsthand about the townships' rough but inspired history.

**Day 1 Johannesburg** Discover the electric beat of South Africa's pulsating capital. **Days 2-3 Kruger National Park** Take in the stunning views of Blyde River Canyon before embarking on game drives right across Kruger. **Day 4 Mokopane** Set up camp on a working cattle farm and enjoy the hospitality of local villagers. **Day 5 Palapye** Spend the night in an overnight camp at Palapye. **Day 6 Nata** Explore the eerie Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, located on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, then pitch camp under endless night skies. **Days 7-8 Victoria Falls** Be awestruck by the enormity of Victoria Falls. See torrents of water roaring into a deep chasm, admire the rainbows formed by the rising spray, and perhaps take advantage of a range of adventure outings on offer. **Day 9 Kasane** Keep an eye out for crocs, hippos and elephants on a sunset cruise along the Chobe River. **Day 10 Maun** After an

optional early morning game drive, make the journey to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. **Days 11-12 Okavango Delta** Guided by local 'polers', explore the delta's snaking waterways in a traditional mokoro canoe, then spend the night camped out on a remote island. **Day 13 Maun** Return to Maun. Perhaps check out the Ntshabane Museum if there's time. **Day 14 Khama Rhino Sanctuary** Founded to protect Botswana's endangered black and white rhino population, the Khama Rhino Sanctuary is not only a great way to see a huge number of animals up close on a game drive – it's also an inspiring project that benefits the local community. **Days 15-16 Soweto/Johannesburg** Return to South Africa. Jump on a bike and learn about the tumultuous history of Soweto, an infamous Johannesburg neighbourhood in the city's heart, before this journey comes to an end.



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Hotel (1 nt), camping with facilities (10 nts), farmstay (1 nt), bush camp with no facilities (2 nts) guesthouse (1 nt)



15 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 11 Dinners



Overland vehicle, boat, mokoro



COMBO

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Etosha National Park, Namibia - Rebecca Dannock



Okavango Delta houseboat, Botswana

## Namibia Discovery

13 DAYS, CAPE TOWN TO WINDHOEK



The sheer scale of the site is staggering enough, but the array of birdlife found here makes Fish River Canyon so much more than just one of the world's largest gorges.

Etosha National Park is one of the best places in the world for wildlife-spotting, and you'll enjoy a full day of game drives here.

**Day 1 Cape Town** Begin in South Africa's second most populous, and arguably most spectacular, city. **Day 2 Lambert's Bay** Enjoy a seafood feast in Lambert's Bay. **Day 3 Orange River** Stay on the banks of the Orange River. **Day 4 Fish River Canyon** Hop in a canoe for a paddle down the Orange River. **Days 5-6 Sossusvlei** After visiting one of the world's largest canyons, travel to a spectacular land of sand and stone. Trek up the dunes to enjoy stunning views, then explore Sesriem Gorge. **Days 7-8 Swakopmund** Spend some time in the small beach town of Swakopmund, Namibia's adventure capital. **Days 9-10 Damaraland** Explore this fascinating region of raw beauty and intriguing cultural edifices, including ancient rock paintings and petrified forests. **Days 11-12 Etosha National Park** Enjoy game drives in Etosha National Park and try to spot some rare wildlife. **Day 13 Windhoek** End your adventure in this German colonial-era town.

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Maximum group size 13



Hotel (4 nts), cabin (1 nt), lodge (5 nts), guest farm (2 nts)



12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 9 Dinners



Overland vehicle, canoe

## Botswana Adventure

10 DAYS, WINDHOEK TO VICTORIA FALLS



Two nights drifting through the Okavango Delta on a houseboat is the perfect way to experience this watery wonderland.

Travel along the Elephant Highway, where Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Botswana intersect, and watch for Africa's most iconic beasts lumbering across the road.

**Day 1 Windhoek** Admire the gorgeous German architecture and charming atmosphere of Windhoek. **Day 2 Ghanzi/Central Kalahari** Be treated to a fantastic cultural experience with the San Bushmen in Ghanzi, a town otherwise known as the 'Capital of the Kalahari'. **Days 3-4 Okavango Delta** Explore the delta's intricate network of waterways, green islands and lush plains by mokoro. Spend the next two nights on a houseboat drifting through these serene surrounds. **Day 5 Maun** Travel on to Maun. **Day 6 Makgadikgadi Pans** Venture out to the magnificent Makgadikgadi Pans, one of the largest salt flats in the world. Enjoy a sundowner by the baobabs and spot the resident family of meerkats. **Days 7-8 Chobe National Park** Take a cruise down the Chobe River at sunset and see if you can spot elephants splashing about. **Days 9-10 Victoria Falls** Stare up in wonder at the magnificent Victoria Falls before finishing this adventure with a Zimbabwean barbecue dinner.

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Maximum group size 13



Houseboat (2 nts), lodge (5 nts), homestay (1 nt), hotel (1 nt)



9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 8 Dinners



Overland vehicle, mokoro, 4x4, speedboat, houseboat





Etosha National Park, Namibia - Nicole Hein



Sossusvlei, Namibia - Alan Lee

## Amazing Southern Africa

22 DAYS, CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS



Canoe along the picturesque Orange River on a half-day excursion – an incredible contrast to the sea of sand that is the vast Sossusvlei dunes.

Spend an evening with the San Bushmen, witnessing traditional dancing and listening to stories around the camp fire.

Safari through Chobe National Park, a nature reserve best known for its high concentration of elephants, hippos, crocs, buffalo and impala.

**Day 1 Cape Town** Begin the adventure in Cape Town.  
**Day 2 Lambert's Bay** Sit down to a seafood feast in an open-air restaurant with a nice view.  
**Day 3 Orange River** Cross the border into Namibia and relax by the Orange River.  
**Day 4 Fish River Canyon** Take to the river on a canoeing adventure before making tracks to Fish River Canyon, one of the largest – and most breathtaking – canyons in the world.  
**Days 5-6 Sossusvlei** Meaning 'dead end marsh', Sossusvlei is the ultimate place to experience the stillness and solitude of desert life. Encounter ancient lakebeds and the atmospheric Deadvlei.  
**Days 7-8 Swakopmund** Travel on to German-influenced Swakopmund.  
**Days 9-10 Damaraland** Encounter Damaraland's incredible scenery in its petrified forest and search for ancient rock engravings.  
**Days 11-12 Etosha National Park** The numerous waterholes and sparse

vegetation of Etosha National Park makes spotting Africa's unique wildlife easy.  
**Day 13 Windhoek** Wander about the Germanic architecture of Windhoek.  
**Day 14 Ghanzi/Central Kalahari** Spend a memorable evening learning about the culture and customs of the Kalahari Bushmen.  
**Days 15-16 Okavango Delta** Travel in a traditional mokoro (dugout canoe) to see animals of all sorts, before falling asleep on a houseboat surrounded by the peaceful ambience of the delta.  
**Day 17 Maun** Spend the night in Maun.  
**Day 18 Makgadikgadi Pans** Travel across the sparse salt flats of the Makgadikgadi Pans.  
**Days 19-20 Chobe National Park** Witness animals galore in the captivating surrounds of Chobe National Park on a safari boat ride.  
**Days 21-22 Victoria Falls** Sit down to lunch on the banks of the Zambezi and marvel at the great spectacle of Victoria Falls, the famous 'Smoke that Thunders'.



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Maximum group size 13



Hotel (5 nts), cabin (1 nt), lodge (10 nts), guest farm (2 nts), houseboat (2 nts) homestay (1 nt)



21 Breakfasts, 17 Lunches, 17 Dinners



Overland vehicle, canoe, mokoro, open 4x4, speedboat, houseboat



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Cape Peninsula, South Africa



## Active South Africa



### 9 DAYS, CAPE TOWN TO CAPE TOWN

Rise early for an unforgettable hike up the iconic Table Mountain of Cape Town. Enjoy spectacular panoramas over the 'City Bowl' before catching the cable car back down.

Cycle along the wild Cape Peninsula and visit Cape Point Nature Reserve, enjoying plenty of time among the adorable black and white penguins of Boulder Beach.

**Days 1-2 Cape Town** Hike up Table Mountain and enjoy spectacular panoramas over Cape Town, with views of Lion's Head, Signal Hill and the 'City Bowl'. **Day 3 Paternoster** Encounter antelopes, zebras and ostriches on a mountain bike ride through Khwattu Reserve. Go off grid in the idyllic Cape Columbine Nature Reserve for a campfire dinner by the water's edge. **Days 4-5 Cederberg Wilderness Area** Hike through the raw, dramatic beauty of this wild frontier's low-lying shrubs and wind-carved sandstone. Spend the night at a winery and sample their wares at dinner. **Days 6-7 Stellenbosch** Take a morning hike, then travel to the wondrous wine region of Stellenbosch. Jump on a bike to discover some of the Cape's distinguished wineries. **Day 8 Cape Peninsula/Cape Town** Ride around Cape Peninsula, visiting the penguins at Boulders Beach and stopping in at Cape Point Vineyards for a lunch with Atlantic views. **Day 9 Cape Town** This trip comes to an end today.

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Beach hut (1 nt), cottage (2 nts), hostel (5 nts)



8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners



Van, bicycle

## Cycle South Africa



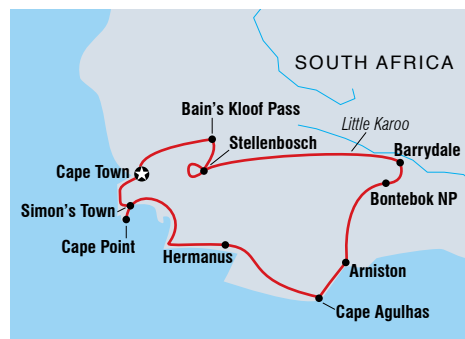
### 12 DAYS, CAPE TOWN TO CAPE TOWN

Swap water bottles for wine glasses at the famous vineyards of Stellenbosch, refuelling with some delicious South African delicacies.

Encounter the 'real South Africa' while cycling across rural landscape dotted with small historic homesteads and quaint towns.

**Day 1 Cape Town** Perhaps experience the nightlife of Long and Kloof streets. **Days 2-3 Stellenbosch** Drive to the iconic Table Mountain, then indulge in the Paarl winelands and Spice Route. Cycle hairpin turns on Bain's Kloof Pass en route to Stellenbosch. Enjoy a full-day wine tasting bike tour. **Day 4 Little Karoo** Skirt the edges of the Marloth Nature Reserve's striking mountain scenery. **Day 5 Bontebok NP** The twisting climb through the rugged Cape Folded Mountains is simply breathtaking. **Day 6 Cape Agulhas/Arniston** Hug rugged coastline to the small seaside town of Arniston. **Days 7-8 Hermanus** Cycle through classic farmland and up one of the country's oldest passes to a local microbrewery. On a free day, look for whales passing by just offshore. **Day 9 Gordon's Bay/Simon's Town** The coastal ride to Gordon's Bay is simply magical. **Day 10 Cape Peninsula** Meet cheeky penguins at Boulders Beach. **Days 11-12 Cape Town** Ride part of the amazing Cape Argus cycle route.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts), apartment (2 nts), chalet (1 nt), cottage (1 nt)



9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 2 Dinners



Bicycle, support vehicle





Zulu Warrior, South Africa - Amy Irwin



Okavango Delta, Botswana

## Cape Town to Vic Falls

22 DAYS, CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS



Scramble to the top of Sesriem, one of the highest sand dunes on the planet, for incredible panoramas across the epic desert landscape.

Learn about the hunter-gatherer traditions of the San Bushmen outside of Grootfontein, perhaps picking up a few words of their unique 'clicking' language.

Get right to the heart of the Okavango Delta by taking mokoros (dugout canoes) out to an isolated island and spending the night camped out under the stars.

**Day 1 Cape Town** Rich with vineyards, restaurants and adventure activities both in and around the city, Cape Town is the perfect place to kick off this African overland tour. **Days 2-3 Western Cape/Orange River** Camp on the banks of Orange River. **Day 4 Fish River Canyon** Travel to Fish River Canyon in time to watch the sun setting over the surrounds. **Days 5-6 Sesriem/Bush Camp** Climb to the top of one of the world's highest sand dunes in the Namib-Naukluft National Park. **Days 7-9 Swakopmund** Enjoy adventure activities in Swakopmund, an oasis midway between the desert and the beach. **Day 10 Spitzkoppe** View thousands of seals basking on the shores of Cape Cross before setting up camp near the base of Spitzkoppe. **Days 11-12 Etosha National Park** From big carnivores to over 340 species of bird, there's always plenty to spot on this adventure through Etosha's vast

parklands. **Days 13-14 Grootfontein/San Bushmen** Head out tracking and gathering with the San Bushmen. The San have a deep understanding of nature and ecology, living in total harmony with their environment. **Day 15 Bagani** Head to Bagani for a night's camping. **Days 16-17 Okavango Delta** Make tracks for the expansive Okavango Delta in Botswana. Explore the maze of reed beds and waterways in a traditional dugout canoe. **Day 18 Bagani Community Camp** Unwind in laidback Bagani, perhaps making the most of some optional activities such as fishing, hiking and boat tours. **Days 19-20 Chobe National Park** Try to spy swimming elephants, wallowing hippos or sunbaking crocs on an optional cruise along the Chobe River. **Days 21-22 Victoria Falls** Cross into Zimbabwe and admire one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world.



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Maximum group size 22



Hotel (1 nt), camping with facilities (14 nts), chalet (3 nts), camping with basic facilities (3 nts)



18 Breakfasts, 17 Lunches, 16 Dinners



Overland vehicle, mokoro, 4x4

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# Kruger National Park

Our three, four and five-day Kruger National Park breaks offer some of the finest and most in-depth wildlife experiences in Africa.

Covering two million hectares, Kruger's unrivalled biodiversity includes around 147 mammal, 114 reptile, 49 fish, 34 amphibian, 507 bird and 336 tree species.

Staying in the beautiful Thornhill Safari Lodge on the border of the world-class Thornybush Reserve or camping in a neighbouring private reserve, there is no better base from which to explore the spectacular Kruger area.

Offering a diverse selection of activities within Kruger, our trips are led by incredible local guides who will ensure you get the most out of your safaris.

For those who want to stay longer, booking additional accommodation at Thornhill Lodge is as easy as spotting a zebra in a pack of lions.

There is also a range of optional activities available, so whether you're soaking in the view at a vantage point or fancy yourself as a budding David Attenborough protege, there's something for everyone.



Kruger National Park, South Africa - Danya Schwertfeger

## Wild Kruger Camping

### 4 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO JOHANNESBURG



Answer the call of Kruger. A national reserve teeming with Africa's most iconic creatures, there's good reason this is South Africa's most famous game park.

Take a memorable sunset safari in a private game reserve, keeping an eye out for grazing elephants, prowling lions and stalking leopards.

**Day 1 Johannesburg/Kruger National Park** Depart the urban sprawl of Johannesburg and discover the vast plains of Kruger National Park, stomping ground of the Big Five. Grab the camera, jump aboard an open-top vehicle and set out into Manyeleti Private Game Reserve for a sunset safari drive in search of some night-time predators. **Days 2-4 Kruger National Park/Johannesburg** Each morning, depart at first light for a full day of game viewing – this is the time when animals are most likely to be at their most active. With a bit of luck there'll be lions, leopards, elephants and maybe a giraffe or two to be seen. Complete the safari experience with an early morning nature walk in the company of a professional field guide. In the evenings, enjoy the tranquility of the bush around the campfire. On the way back to Johannesburg, drive along the Drakensberg Escarpment, stopping en route to see the Three Rondavels and Blyde River Canyon.

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Maximum group size 12



Camping with facilities (3 nts)



3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners



Minibus, 4x4





Kruger National Park, South Africa



Cape Town vineyard, South Africa

## Kruger Experience – Lodge



4 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO JOHANNESBURG

Try to spot the Big Five during the day, then enjoy traditional South African cuisine while dining under the stars.

On the way back to Jo'burg, take in some of the most stunning scenery in the country along the Panorama Route of the Drakensberg Escarpment.

**Day 1 Johannesburg/Greater Kruger National Park** Travel out from Johannesburg and spend the afternoon on game drives through a private reserve in open 4x4 vehicles. There's plenty to see here, so keep an eye out for Africa's Big Five: lions, elephants, leopards, rhinos and buffaloes. **Day 2 Greater Kruger National Park** Embark on a thrilling safari through Kruger National Park. Seek out lions and elephants, and see colourful birdlife darting through the trees. Afterwards, spend the evening relaxing at the lodge, sipping a refreshing sundowner and feasting on traditional South African cuisine. **Day 3 Greater Kruger National Park** Today is a free day. Why not head out on more game drives or cruise along the Panorama Route to viewpoints such as 'God's Window'. **Day 4 Johannesburg** Take a morning nature walk with a local guide before heading back to Johannesburg, taking in spectacular views of Blyde River Canyon along the way.

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Maximum group size 12



Lodge (3 nts)



3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners



Minibus, 4x4

## Cape Town & Winelands



5 DAYS, CAPE TOWN TO CAPE TOWN

Learn about the devastation of slavery, the hardships of colonial life, the tragedy of apartheid and the triumphs of the new 'Rainbow Nation' on a tour around Cape Town.

Take in the beauty of Cape Town's coast while driving along the Cape Peninsula, then relax in the lush environs of Stellenbosch with a glass of wine.

**Day 1 Cape Town** Welcome to Cape Town, where rugged wilderness meets fun-loving people in a unique cosmopolitan atmosphere. Perhaps take a stroll around the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens or laze on a pristine beach. **Day 2 Cape Town** Take a city walking tour along roads that hold over 350 years of history. Learn about slavery, apartheid, and the freedom movement led by the likes of Mandela, Tutu and De Klerk. In the afternoon, travel down the spectacular coast to Cape Peninsula. Highlights of the drive include Camps Bay, Cape Point Nature Reserve and the Cape of Good Hope. **Day 3 Cape Town/Cape Point Peninsula/Winelands** Indulge in South Africa's premier wine region and see why this country is renowned for its viticulture. Visit both old and new estates and sample some of the area's finest drops on a full-day winery tour. **Day 4 Cape Town** Pick and choose from the best activities in the city. **Day 5 Cape Town** This adventure comes to an end after breakfast.

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Hotel (4 nts)



4 Breakfasts



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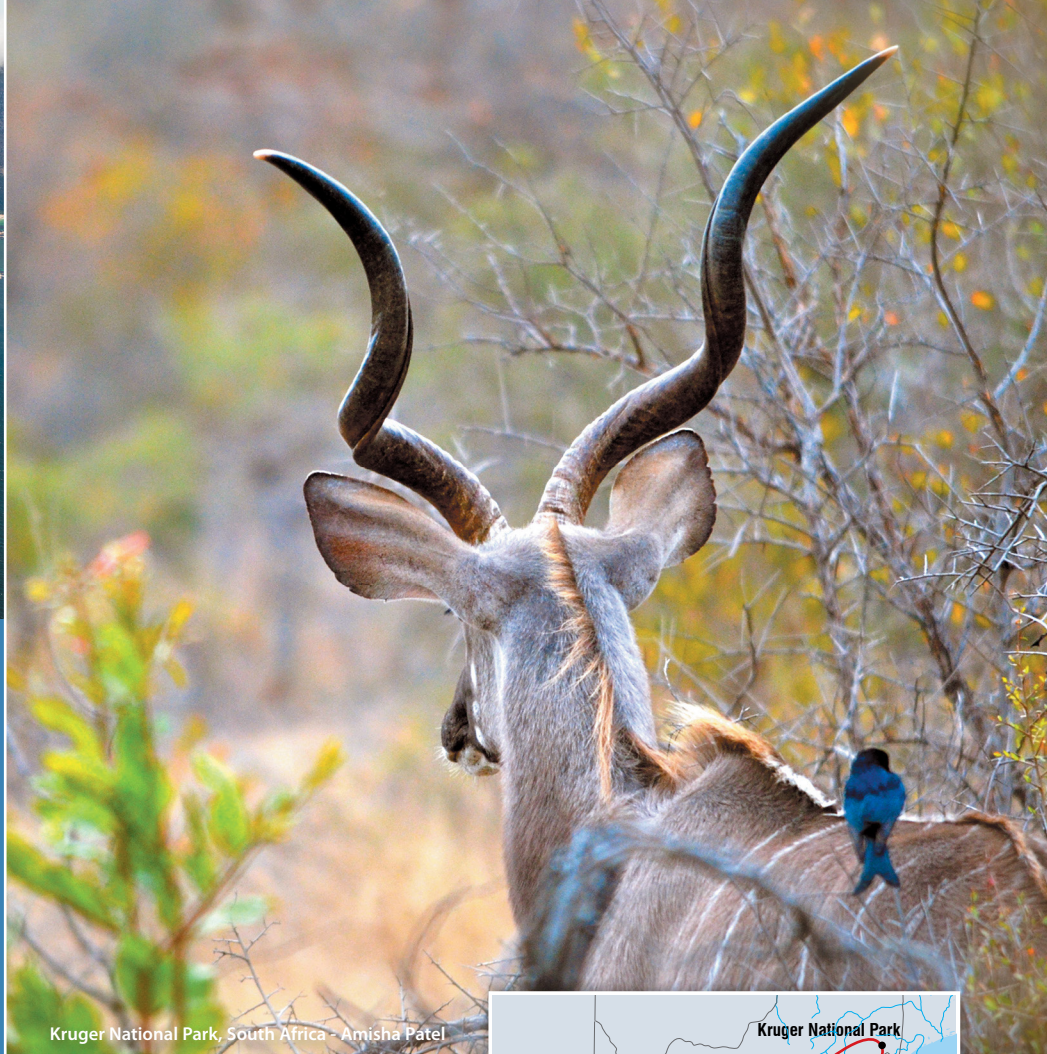


Cape Town, South Africa

## Kruger & Cape Town by Plane

Don't fancy taking an overnight train? Though we think crossing the continent by rail is a beautiful adventure, this Short Break also has an option to fly from Johannesburg to Cape Town, with an additional night spent in the Western Cape capital.

For more info enter **UBAF-C** on [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com)



Kruger National Park, South Africa - Amisha Patel

## Kruger & Cape Town by Train

11 DAYS, JOHANNESBURG TO CAPE TOWN



Travel from Johannesburg's juxtaposing city of mansions and shanty towns to the wildlife-filled plains of Kruger National Park and glamorous Cape Town.

Journey across the south of Africa aboard the Shosholoza Meyl train, passing arid Karoo, the Hex River Pass, and beautiful winelands at the foot of vast mountains.

Enjoy a full day Cape Town winelands tour, sampling the delicious local produce and stopping in the towns of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek.

**Day 1 Johannesburg** Travel east to the Greater Kruger, one of the world's most exciting safari destinations. Begin your wildlife experience with an afternoon game drive in an open 4x4 vehicle through a private game reserve. **Day 2 Kruger National Park** Start early for game drives through a park that's home to over 150 mammal species. Head into prime game viewing areas, with the hope of catching a glimpse of some of the park's amazing animals, including the Big Five.

**Days 3-4 Kruger National Park/Greater Kruger** Travel up the breathtaking Drakensburg Escarpment along the Panoramic Route, passing some of South Africa's most stunning scenery, like God's Window and the magnificent Blyde River Canyon. Take a day to head out on more game drives or simply enjoy the atmosphere of the lodge. **Day 5 Johannesburg** Venture out on a sunrise walk with a ranger to learn about the African

bush, then enjoy a hearty brunch at the lodge. Return to the sprawling metropolis of Johannesburg. **Day 6 Overnight Train** Travel by train to Cape Town, where rugged wilderness meets fun-loving people in a unique cosmopolitan atmosphere. **Days 7-11 Cape Town** Learn about Cape Town's dramatic history on a walking tour that takes in 350 years of history. Travel down the jaw-droppingly beautiful coastline to the Cape of Good Hope and explore the rolling hills of the Winelands. Indulge in South Africa's premier wine region, sampling the best drops in the area or explore Stellenbosch and take a hike around the picturesque wine estates. Take free time to perhaps admire the spectacular view from the top of Table Mountain, visit Nelson Mandela's former prison on Robben Island, or take in the atmosphere of the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront before this trip ends on Day 11.



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Lodge (4 nts), hotel (5 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt)



9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners



4x4, minivan, train

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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



Sossusvlei, Namibia

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## Vic Falls Short Break



4 DAYS, VIC FALLS TO VIC FALLS

Witness the thundering power of the waters cascading over Victoria Falls with a local guide and feel the spray from 'Knife-edge Bridge'.

Check out some of the optional adventure activities on offer in the local area, including abseiling, zip-lining, walking, canoeing and rafting.

**Day 1 Victoria Falls** Arrive at Victoria Falls, or 'Mosi-Oa-Tunya' (The Smoke That Thunders), and spend the afternoon getting acquainted with your surroundings. A mile wide, 108 metres tall, and roughly twice the height of Niagara Falls, this is the world's largest waterfall. **Day 2 Victoria Falls** Take a short orientation tour of Victoria Falls and watch rainbows form in the delicate mists that drift hundreds of metres above the gorge. Afterwards, check out some of the many activities that are on offer – there's a whole host of outings to take up your time here. Your guide will be on hand to assist you with making any bookings. **Day 3 Victoria Falls** Spend a day doing as much or as little as you feel. Head back to the falls themselves for another period of exploration, then enjoy a leisurely day cruising about town, or sign up for another adventure outing. **Day 4 Victoria Falls** Transfer to the airport for your onward travel as this short break comes to an end.

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Hotel (3 nts)



3 Breakfasts



Private car

## Namibia Dunes



3 DAYS, WINDHOEK TO WINDHOEK

Discover one of Africa, and the world's, most spectacular landscapes in the deserts of Namibia, where magnificent red orange sand dunes crest hundreds of metres high.

Explore the starkly beautiful ancient lakebeds of Deadvlei and Sossusvlei, surrounded by towering dunes and scattered with the sculptural skeletons of camel thorn trees.

**Day 1 Windhoek – Sesriem/Solitaire** Begin this Namibian adventure in Windhoek. Set off early for the epic red landscapes that lie in store. **Day 2 Sesriem/Solitaire** Journey by 4x4 out to the high red ridges of the Sossusvlei Dunes, the astounding landscape used as the backdrop for the most recent Mad Max instalment. Many of the dunes here are over 200 metres high, and the highest – affectionately known as 'Big Daddy' – towers at 380 metres. Spend your day here exploring the dunes, looking out for surprise wildlife appearances by the likes of ostriches, oryxes and springboks, and perhaps climb up the dunes for sweeping views and great photo opportunities. Stop by renowned ancient lakebeds like Deadvlei, which is scattered with skeletons of camel thorn trees that date back over 1,000 years. **Day 3 Windhoek** Return to the old German colonial town of Windhoek where your journey ends on arrival. Perhaps stay longer to explore the city's impressive collection of museums and other attractions.

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Lodge (2 nts)



2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners



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# Madagascar



A few hundred clicks off East Africa's coastline sits an island whose very name, thanks in part to a famous animated movie, summons to mind all sorts of fantastical creatures: leaping lemurs, flat-tailed geckos, iridescent chameleons, freaky-looking aye ayes and, most amusing of all, the dancing sifaka. Off the silver screen, Madagascar is just as magical. This is a land of pristine rainforest, shipwreck-dotted coastlines, mist-cloaked mountains, chubby baobab trees and some famously friendly locals.

- ✴ Madagascar is paradise for the active. Trek through the Zafimaniry tribe's highland villages, explore coastal lagoons and inland rivers by canoe and snorkel the reefs off Ile Sainte Marie.
- ✴ Encounter some of the 18 Malagasy ethnic groups that inhabit this island, each possessing their own language, customs and styles of architecture.
- ✴ With 500 year-old baobab trees, 'forests' of limestone tsingy needles, and 89% of its unique flora found nowhere else on Earth, Madagascar really is a land apart.

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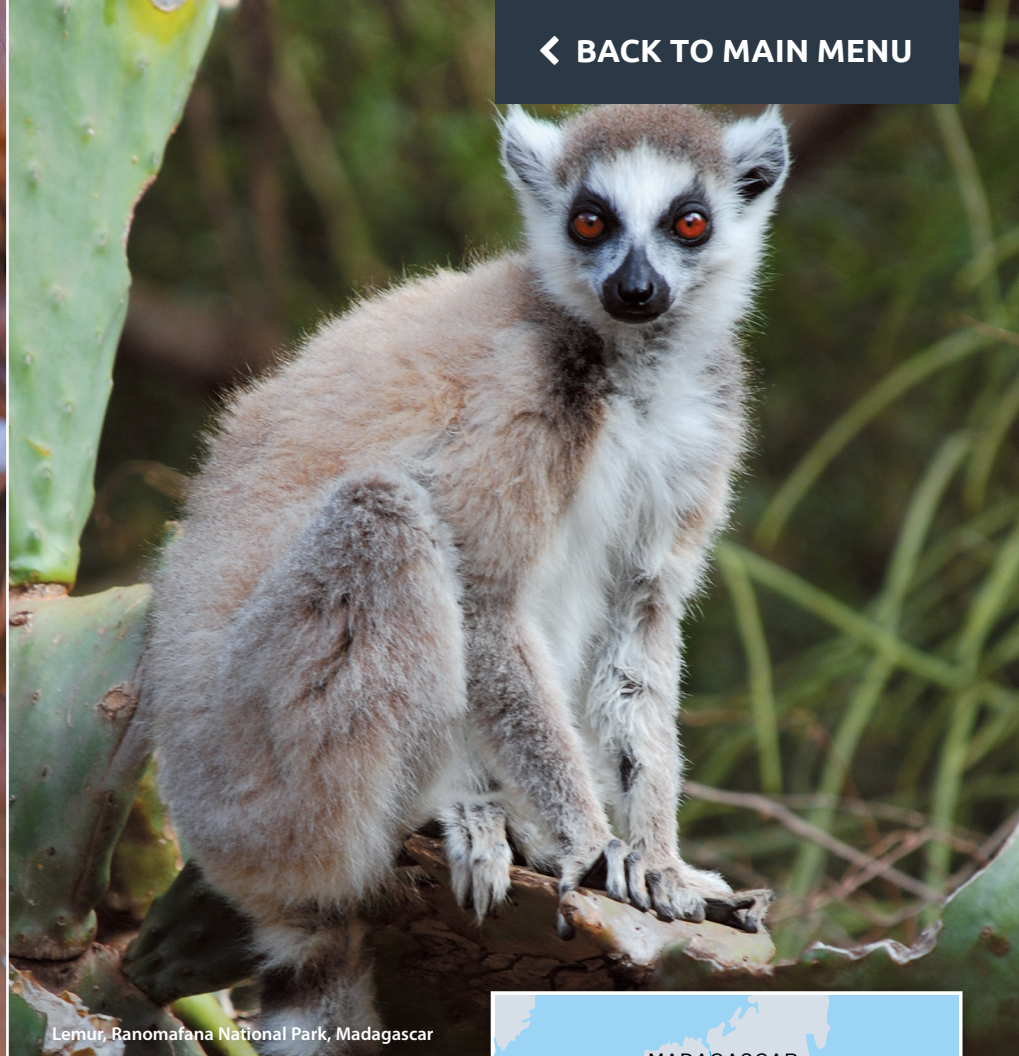
Madagascar

## Weather



- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C





Lemur, Ranomafana National Park, Madagascar

## Experience Madagascar

16 DAYS, ANTANANARIVO TO ILE SAINTE MARIE



In the depths of Ranomafana National Park, stay in a cottage surrounded by lush rainforest and see how many of Madagascar's 33 lemur species you can spot.

Witness the weird and wonderful baobab trees of Zombitse National Park. These thick-trunked oddities are one of Madagascar's real highlights.

Take a dip in the Indian Ocean from the relatively untouched paradise of Ile Sainte Marie, a gorgeous little island off the coast.

**Day 1 Antananarivo** With cobbled streets, wooden houses and impressive churches, Madagascar's European-inspired capital has a distinctly romantic air. **Day 2 Ambositra** Stop over at Ambatolampy and Antsirabe en route to Ambositra, home of the Betsileo ethnic group and a great place to explore the craft workshops of the local people. **Days 3-4 Ranomafana National Park** Spot some of the 13 different species of lemur that call Ranomafana National Park home on a guided walking tour of. Also keep a look out for the elusive golden bamboo, a type of lemur native to this region of Madagascar. **Days 5-7 Isalo National Park** Visit a community reserve, then see bizarre baobab trees and adventure through Isalo National Park. Spot unusual sandstone formations and enjoy vast open grasslands. **Days 8-9 Fianarantsoa** Explore heritage-rich Fianarantsoa. Soak up the 19th-century

charm of the town, walk along labyrinthine paths and admire the flower-studded balconies of local houses. Visit a rice field and a Betsileo village to gain insight into rural Madagascan life. **Day 10 Antsirabe** Take in breathtaking mountain scenery on the way to visit Antsirabe's famed thermal springs, gemstone merchants and elegant French architecture. Head out on a rickshaw to explore the town's quaint streets. **Days 11-12 Andasibe National Park** Travel northbound to Andasibe National Park. Stay at a lodge on the outskirts of the park and set off on guided forest walks. **Day 13 Foulpointe** Visit Tamatave, the biggest commercial harbour in Madagascar, where the vestiges of an ancient fort stand watch over an old pirates' cemetery. **Days 14-16 Ile Sainte Marie** Sail to the beautiful Ile Sainte Marie, a tropical nature-lover's paradise filled with fragrant flowers and lush greenery.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (13 nts), cottage (2 nts)



15 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners



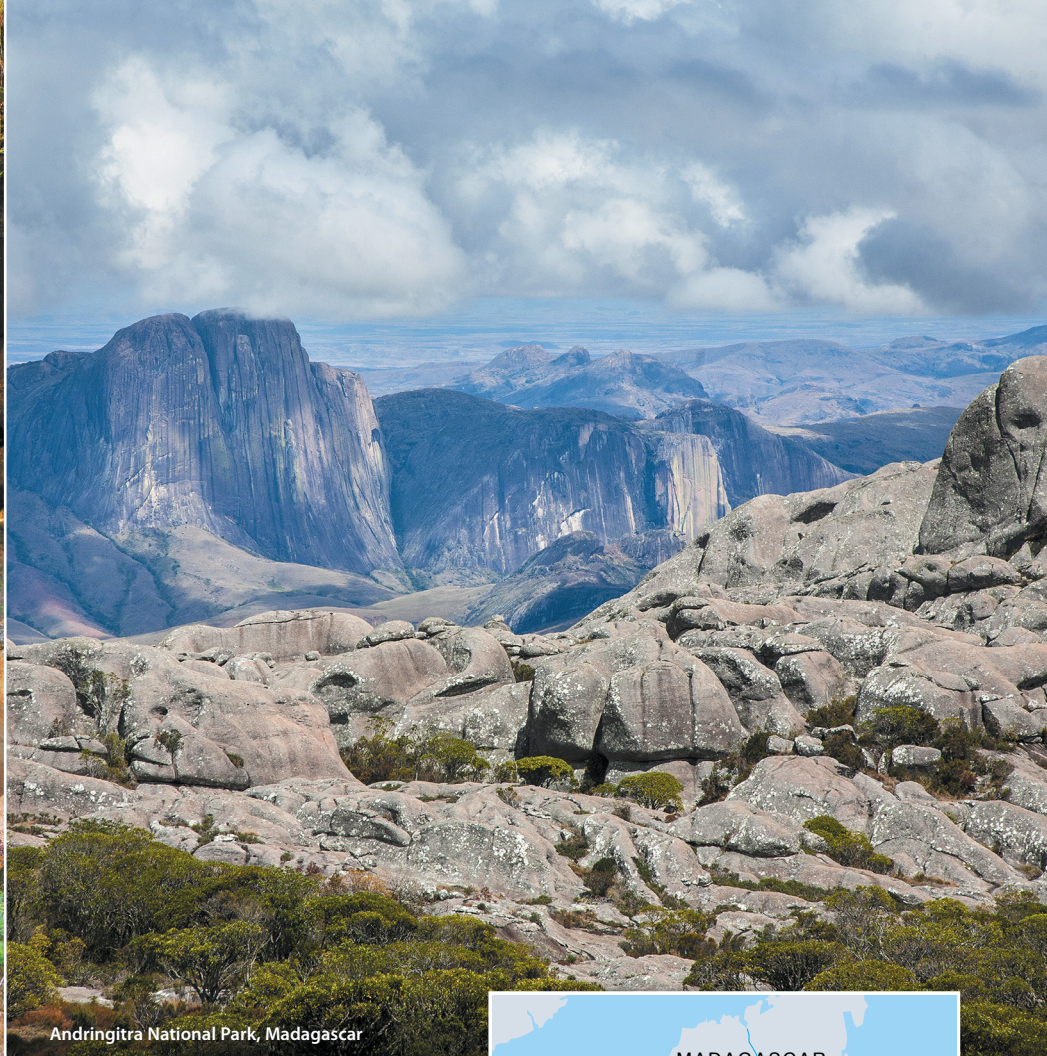
Minibus, boat

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Isalo National Park, Madagascar



Andringitra National Park, Madagascar

## Active Madagascar

14 DAYS, ANTANANARIVO TO TULEAR



Lush eucalypt forest, volcanic lakes, mountainous 'moon' trails and bizarre baobab trees make this a winning destination for nature buffs.

This is more than a trekking adventure. Explore Antsirabe by pousse-pousse (rickshaw), take to the countryside by bicycle, and perhaps cruise the Matsiatra River by canoe.

Take in scenes of local life along the way, with many chances to interact with the island's ethnic minorities such as the Betsileo, Bara and Zafimaniry.

**Day 1 Antananarivo** Check out the permanent street markets of Analakey or get a taste of the local nightlife. **Day 2 Antsirabe** Tour Antsirabe on foot and by pousse-pousse (local rickshaw). Maybe see Malagasy handicrafts at a local artisan workshop. **Day 3 Ambositra** Explore the countryside by bike, visiting Andrononobe Lake and volcanic Lake Andraikiba to learn its strange legend. Continue to Ambositra. **Days 4-5 Zafimaniry Country** Take a 10 km trek amid eucalyptus forest, grass land and mimosa trees. Camp under canvas and doze off to the ambience of the wild. Enjoy a full day of trekking among rice fields and typical wooden Zafimaniry houses, then tour villages and meet local woodcarvers. **Days 6-7 Sahambavy** Cross through quaint villages and interact with local folk en route. Rest and relax in Sahambavy. If you have the energy,

why not go for a canoe adventure along the Matsiatra River, watching the Betsileo people go about their daily life. **Days 8-10 Andringitra NP** Transfer to the park then trek 11 km to the camp of your Andringitra/ Peak Bobby trek. Be dazzled by views from Peak Bobby, then descend via the stunning 'moon trail'. Camp at Lantaranomby, then trek to Tsara Camp, gazing over the valley from the Tsaranoro cliff along the way. **Days 11-12 Isalo NP** See Isalo's golden plains, craggy pinnacles of terracotta rock and waterfalls. Spot lemurs and Verreaux's sifakas at the forested canyon entrance. Maybe take a 6 km hike that ends in a hidden oasis and swimming hole. **Days 13-14 Tulear** Visit Zombitse National Park and its bizarre baobab trees. Perhaps check out the superb plant displays at the Antsokay Arboretum before this adventure comes to an end on Day 14.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (8 nts), camping (4 nts), tented lodge (1 nt)



13 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners



Minibus

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Baobab trees, Madagascar

## Madagascar Baobab Tree Trail

6 DAYS, MORONDAVA TO MORONDAVA



Stroll through a boulevard of 800-year-old trees along the Avenue of the Baobabs, then walk across the incredible suspension bridge strung between the rocks of Big Tsingy.

Float down the meandering Manambolo River on a morning canoe trip and try to count the lemurs hanging around on the Tsingy's karst shards.

**Day 1 Morondava** After checking into your beachfront accommodation, perhaps set out for a stroll along the beach or seek out a local restaurant for a barbecue lunch. **Day 2 Bekopaka** Travel to the Avenue of the Baobabs to see sunrise. These magnificent trees are often referred to as the 'Tree of Life' for their water-storing abilities. Afterwards, travel to Bekopaka, the gateway to the Bemaraha National Park. **Day 3 Bekopaka** Spend a day exploring the limestone shards of Big Tsingy, making sure to keep an eye open for lemurs – there are 11 different species here. **Day 4 Bekopaka** Explore the Manambolo River on a morning canoe trip, then climb through karst pinnacles for impressive views across the park. **Day 5 Bekopaka/Morondava** Return to Morondava in time to catch the sunset at Baobab Alley. Come evening, perhaps head to a beachfront restaurant for a final dinner. **Day 6 Morondava** Your Madagascan adventure ends this morning.

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UBAB-O

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (2 nts), tented lodge (3 nts)



5 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners



4x4

## Ile Sainte-Marie Extension

3 DAYS, ILE SAINTE MARIE TO ILE SAINTE MARIE



Enjoy a tropical island escape on Ile Sainte Marie, keeping your eyes open for marine life on a lagoon tour in a dugout canoe.

Create Madagascan masterpieces in a cooking class with a Malagasy chef and feast on your creations for dinner.

**Day 1 Ile Sainte Marie** Meet your group at the hotel and travel by car and dugout – a canoe made from a hollowed-out tree trunk – to the pristine Ile aux Nattes. After an orientation walk, return to your lodge for an afternoon massage. In the evening, maybe find a quiet restaurant for a dinner of fresh seafood. **Day 2 Ile Sainte Marie** After breakfast, tour the lagoon in a canoe, keeping an eye out for brightly coloured fish, turtles and other marine life. In the afternoon, perhaps opt for another traditional Malagasy massage, or sign up for a cooking lesson with the chef to learn a few kitchen secrets. With influences from South East Asia, Africa and Europe, cuisine in Madagascar is varied. Expect to see meat stews, rice and beans, and barbecued seafood on most menus, while rum remains the drink of choice! **Day 3 Ile Sainte Marie** Your tropical beach break ends after breakfast this morning.

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Maximum group size 12



Lodge (2 nts)



2 Breakfasts



Minibus, boat



# North Africa



Aromatic tajines, palm-spotted landscapes and limitless generosity define the home of the Maghreb. It doesn't matter if you stay for one week or one month, any visit will give you a glimpse of the friendliness, vibrancy and flavour of this Berber-Arab-Spanish-Portuguese-French melting pot. Whether you want to take it slow and wander through the country's many splendid medinas or pick up the pace with an energetic adventure through the Atlas Mountains, Morocco has it all.



Get caught up in the whirl of colours, scents and sounds that characterise Morocco's medinas, from the ancient souks of Fes to the open-air foodstalls of Marrakech.



Aromatic tajines and fluffy couscous, scrumptious dates and richly spiced stews, slow-cooked meats and fresh seafood served off the grill – Morocco is heaven for foodies.



Cycle up the rises of the Rif Mountains, along the shimmering coastline of the Mediterranean, past peaceful High Atlas villages and through the verdant, palm-filled gorges of the Dades Valley on a road journey that's all about the bike (page 63).

## WHERE IN THE WORLD

Morocco

## Weather

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marrakech												
Casablanca												

- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C





## North Morocco Adventure



9 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH

Experience a homestay with a charming local family in Moulay Idriss. Widely considered Morocco's holiest place, this town was off limits to non-Muslims as recently as 2005.

Fall under the spell of enchanting Djemaa el-Fna, a vast city square brimming with drummers, dancers, acrobats and fortune tellers.

**Day 1 Casablanca** Ease into the Moroccan way of life with a glass of sweet mint tea in one of many great cafes.

**Day 2 Rabat/Moulay Idriss** Travel to Rabat and walk through the city's old quarter to see monuments spanning the history of Morocco. Spend the night with a friendly local family in the sacred hilltop town of Moulay Idriss.

**Days 3-4 Volubilis/Fes** Discover remarkable mosaics on a tour of the Volubilis ruins and visit the imposing gates and walls of Meknes. Head to Fes for a wander through the maze-like alleyways of the city's atmospheric medina. **Days 5-7 Chefchaouen/Tangier** Watch the world go by in charming Chefchaouen, the perfect place to relax. Travel to Morocco's northern coast town of Tangier and perhaps indulge in fresh seafood before making the journey to Marrakech aboard an overnight train. **Days 8-9 Marrakech** This North Morocco Adventure finishes among the sights, sounds and scents of intoxicating Marrakech, with free time to shop the souqs.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (6 nts), guesthouse (1 nt), overnight sleeper train (1 nt)



8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner



Train, taxi, private vehicle, overnight sleeper train

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## South Morocco Discovery



10 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO MARRAKECH

Negotiate your way through the winding alleys of Ait Benhaddou Kasbah, a superb example of Moroccan architecture that is rich in history and mystery.

Scale the High Atlas Mountains and trek through scenic Berber villages, spending a night in a traditional Berber homestay.

**Day 1 Marrakech** Marvel in the spectacle of Marrakech – mingle with the fortune-tellers at Djemaa el-Fna or eat alfresco at the night stalls. **Day 2 Aroumd** Experience a traditional Berber homestay, staying in a mountain gite with incredible views of the High Atlas Mountains. **Day 3 Ait Benhaddou** Explore the grand Ait Benhaddou Kasbah, Morocco's internationally acclaimed film set. **Day 4 Zagora** Embark on a journey towards the mighty Sahara, through the lush Draa Valley and on to Zagora. **Day 5 Sahara Camp** Enjoy a camel expedition across the Sahara at dusk and spend the night under the stars. **Day 6 Taroudannt** Look out for the unusual sight of goats atop argan trees on the way to the market town of Taroudannt. **Days 7-8 Essaouira** Travel to the seaside gem of Essaouira. Browse the plentiful shops and intriguing art galleries or simply relax by the beach. **Days 9-10 Marrakech** Leave the coast behind and get lost in the mayhem of the Marrakech's souqs.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (4 nts), gite (1 nt), riad (3 nts), desert camp (1 nt)



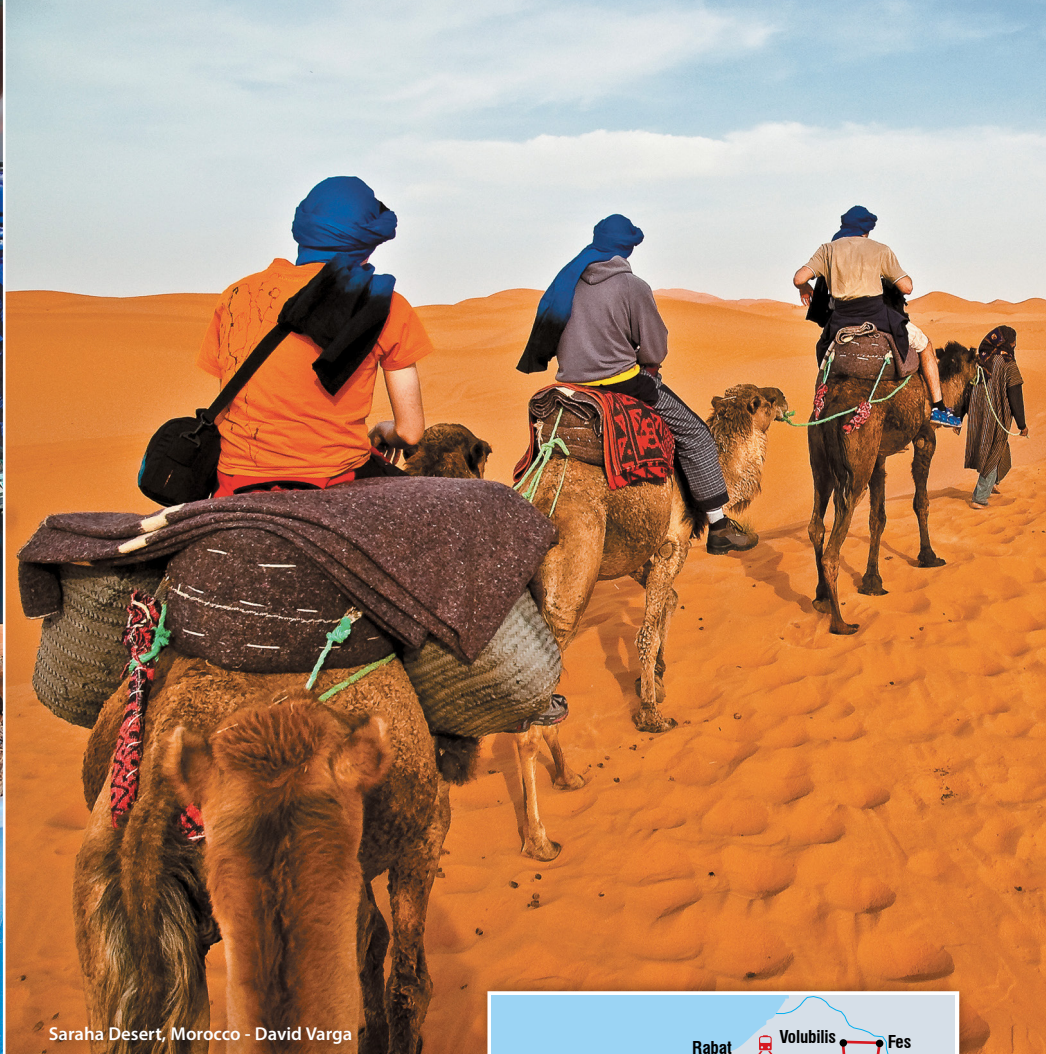
9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners



4x4, private vehicle, camel, public bus, taxi

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Saraha Desert, Morocco - David Varga

## Best of Morocco

### 15 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH

Journey through the Sahara desert on camel, snuggle down to a campfire-lit evening of Bedouin tales and fall asleep beneath the North African stars.

Trek through scenic countryside and learn about the fascinating traditions of the Berber people during a homestay in the Atlas Mountains.

Get caught up in the frenetic energy and splendour of Marrakech. At sunset, watch as Djemaa el-Fna transforms into a food-lovers paradise.

**Day 1 Casablanca** Welcome to Morocco. Discover the Art Deco influences of this famed city. **Day 2 Rabat/ Meknes** Stroll through Rabat's serene kasbah before journeying to Meknes, the site of Sultan Moulay Ismail's palace. **Days 3-4 Volubilis/Fes** Travel back to the days of the Roman Empire on a guided tour of the ruins of Volubilis. Wander the narrow alleyways of the medina in medieval Fes as the call to prayer floats over Fes el-Bali at dusk. **Day 5 Midelt** Journey through Morocco's cedar forests in the Middle Atlas Mountains to the peaceful rural village of Midelt. **Day 6 Sahara Camp** After a camel ride into the Sahara desert, attempt a climb of the towering dunes. Later, fall asleep in a desert camp under a blanket of stars. **Days 7-8 Todra Gorge** Wake early and watch a golden sunrise over the desert before heading to the impressive palmeries of Todra Gorge. **Day 9 Ait**

**Benhaddou** Pass through Morocco's film capital, Ouarzazate, on the way to the ancient fortified city of Ait Benhaddou. After exploring the streets of this clay kasbah at a relaxed pace, why not finish off the day with a meal of delicious couscous. **Day 10 Around** Today, head to the hills. Perched on a rocky outcrop, remote Around offers stunning views across Morocco. This is the perfect base for exploring the High Atlas Mountains and a chance to experience traditional Berber culture up close. **Days 11-12 Essaouira** With its Norfolk Island pines and colourful fishing boats, relaxed Essaouira is a gem. Get acquainted with the town's history on a guided walking tour. **Days 13-15 Marrakech** Explore the spice market in Marrakech and feast at a food stall in Djemaa el-Fna, or escape the buzz of the city in the Palais de la Bahia. Perhaps farewell Morocco with a final group dinner.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (8 nts), guesthouse (2 nts), campsite (1 nt), gite (1 nt), riad (2 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Private vehicle, train, camel, public bus, taxi



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Djemaa, Morocco - Erica Kritikides

## A TASTE OF MARRAKECH

Want to experience Moroccan food like a local? Get up close to the food scene on an exciting gastronomic urban adventure. Wander through the souks and sample pastries, visit a tantalizing spice market, and see mouth-watering food in the iconic Djemaa El-Fna.

For more info head to [urbanadventures.com](http://urbanadventures.com)



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Atlas Mountains, Morocco - Philippa Whishaw

## Morocco Encompassed

18 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH

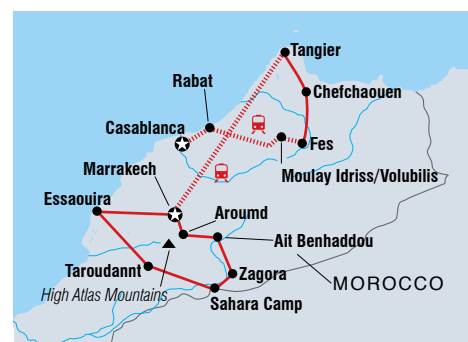


Visit the picturesque and vividly blue houses of Chefchaouen, one of Morocco's prettiest towns. Wander the medina and the memorable kasbah.

Moroccan cuisine is interpreted throughout the world in different ways. While in Ait Benhaddou, choose to master the traditional way of preparing couscous and tagines.

**Day 1 Casablanca** Touch down in Morocco's biggest city. **Day 2 Rabat/Moulay Idriss** Spend a night in a local guesthouse. **Days 3-4 Volubilis/Fes** Fall under the spell of ramshackle Fes. **Days 5-7 Chefchaouen/Tangier** Admire the blue-washed houses of Chefchaouen and indulge in Tangier's fresh seafood. **Days 8-9 Marrakech** Tantalise your senses with a walk around Marrakech's famous food stalls. **Day 10 Aroumd** Hike into the High Atlas Mountains. **Day 11 Ait Benhaddou** Drive across dramatic mountain terrain to Ait Benhaddou. **Day 12 Zagora** Pass through Ouarzazate en route to the Draa Valley. **Day 13 Sahara Camp** Hop atop a camel for a ride through the dunes of Erg Chigaga. **Day 14 Taroudannt** Tour the market town of Taroudannt. **Days 15-16 Essaouira** Walk the ramparts of this seaside fortress. **Days 17-18 Marrakech** Haggle hard for locally made carpets and leathers.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (10 nts), guesthouse (1 nt), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), gite (1 nt), riad (3 nts), desert camp (1 nt)



17 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners



Train, taxi, private vehicle, public bus, overnight sleeper train, 4x4, camel

## Mount Toubkal Trek

8 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO MARRAKECH

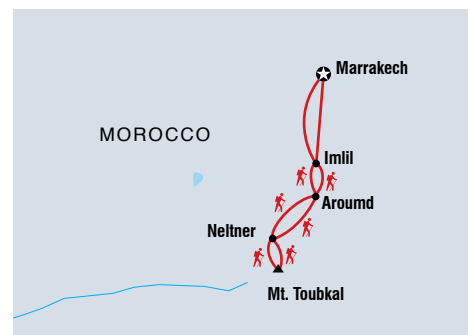


Ascend the dizzying heights of mighty Mount Toubkal – the highest peak in North Africa – and enjoy its unequalled views of the Moroccan landscape.

Experience a traditional homestay in the Atlas Mountains, a great way to learn about Morocco's traditional Berber people and their customs.

**Day 1 Marrakech** Encounter ancient medina lanes, mosques and riads in Marrakech. **Day 2 Aroumd** Marvel at the High Atlas' snow-covered peaks as you leave Morocco's capital for the village of Aroumd. Experience local culture on a homestay in a typical Berber house. Acclimatise to the altitude with a scenic hike in the surrounding mountains. **Days 3-4 Neltner Hut/Mt Toubkal Summit** Conquer Mt Toubkal, North Africa's highest peak, on a challenging two-day hike. The trail begins in Aroumd, where it weaves through the Ait Mizane Valley and into the base camp at Neltner Hut. After scrambling up the final climb, you'll be rewarded with some spectacular views of the entire Atlas range. **Day 5 Aroumd** Enjoy afternoon walks in the stunning mountains or just relax after returning from the highest peak of Morocco. **Days 6-8 Marrakech** Polish up on your bargaining skills and hit the souqs for leather goods, pottery and jewellery. Venture out and discover Marrakech's many attractions.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (3 nts), gite (2 nts), refuge (2 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Private vehicle





Chefchaouen, Morocco - Philippa Whishaw



Marrakech, Morocco - Tijen Erol

## Morocco Uncovered

13 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH



Wander between the incredibly preserved ruins of World Heritage-listed Volubilis, at one time one of the Roman Empire's furthest-flung bases.

Step back into the Middle Ages in the Fes Medina, a labyrinth alive with craftsmen, markets, tanneries and mosques, and let a guide navigate you through the maze.

**Days 1-2 Casablanca/Rabat/Meknes** Welcome to Casablanca, Morocco's most contemporary city. See the historical monuments of Rabat and travel to the former capital of Meknes. **Days 3-4 Chefchaouen/Fes** Wander the white-washed streets of Morocco's striking blue village. **Day 5 Fes** Take a guided walking tour around the winding paths of Fes and explore the atmospheric Old City. **Day 6 Midelt** Visit the Berber village of Midelt on the way to the desert. **Day 7 Sahara** Saddle up for a camel ride through the Sahara and, at day's end, settle in for a night of stargazing in a Berber desert camp. **Days 8-9 M'Goun Valley** Arrive in the M'Goun Valley and hike through the surrounding villages. **Day 10 Ait Benhaddou** Take a stroll around the fortified city of Ait Benhaddou, a red jewel of Morocco. **Days 11-13 Marrakech** After spending a few days in the Moroccan countryside, arrive in Marrakech to a sensory overload.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), desert camp (1 nt), gite (2 nts), riad (3 nts)



12 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners



Private vehicle

## Real Food Adventure – Morocco

10 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH



Discover the wide world of bread, from khobz to msmen, tafournout to simit and beyond, that forms an essential part of every Moroccan meal.

Brush shoulders with locals while you feast on grilled sardines purchased fresh from the port fish souk in seaside Essaouira.

**Day 1 Casablanca** Kick this real food adventure off with classic Friday feast. **Day 2 Meknes/Moulay Idriss** Tuck into a street food breakfast – msmen and mint tea – before exploring the ruins of Meknes. Enjoy a couscous-making demonstration. **Days 3-4 Fes** Follow a tasting trail through the sprawling labyrinth of the Fes medina. Get tips on how to make a traditional pastilla in a cooking class. **Day 5 Aremd** Travel into the High Atlas Mountains where you'll enjoy the hospitality – and cuisine – of a Berber family. **Days 6-7 Essaouira** Stop at an argan oil cooperative and vineyard on the way to Essaouira. Wander the fish market and pick out whatever takes your fancy for a grilled seafood lunch. **Days 8-10 Marrakech** Tour a Marrakech spice souq and recreate Moroccan specialities at an inspirational cooking school empowering local women. Enjoy a memorable feast among the endless delicious food stalls of the Djemaa el-Fna.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (5 nts), guesthouse (2 nts), riad (2 nts)



9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Train, private vehicle, public bus, taxi





Village walking trail, Morocco - Jo Stewart



Morocco - Oliver Townsend

## Active Morocco



### 7 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO MARRAKECH

Discover the vibrant city of Marrakech from a different perspective – bike through the main sites and enjoy a freshly-squeezed orange juice at the end of your ride.

Gallop on horseback through the sandy beaches and mimosa forests of Morocco's spectacular coastline.

**Day 1 Marrakech** Come face to face with snake-charmers, henna painters and more at Djemaa el-Fna.

**Day 2 Marrakech/Bike Tour** Enjoy a leisurely bike ride across mystical Marrakech, where you'll encounter the King's Palace, Medina Market and the Koutubia Mosque. **Day 3 Essaouira Day Trip/Horse Riding** Visit the charming whitewashed city of Essaouira on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. Saddle up for a horseback ride across the sandy beaches. **Day 4 Around/Mountain Biking** After a thrilling day spent mountain bike riding in the Atlas Mountains, enjoy the hospitality of a local Berber family with a homestay. **Day 5 Around/Trekking** Hike up to 2,684 metres above sea level and be rewarded with sweeping views of the Imlil and Atlas Mountains.

**Days 6-7 Marrakech** After a big week, recharge at a traditional Moroccan hamman. Still feeling energetic? Head out on an optional quad bike tour. Take the time to savour the sights of Marrakech before you leave.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (5 nts), gite (1 nt)



6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners



Private vehicle, taxi, bike, horseback

## Cycle Morocco



### 14 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO MARRAKECH

Cycling allows you to get closer to the real Morocco – from bicycles to Berbers, bustling souks to the High Atlas Mountains, this classic adventure has it all.

End rewarding days in the saddle with Moroccan feasts in Djemma el-Fna, hearty meals in the mountains or extravagant Berber banquets.

**Days 1-2 Marrakech** Get accustomed to your bike on a ride through the frenetic streets of Marrakech's medina.

**Day 3 Tangier** Ride out to the legendary Cave of Hercules. **Days 4-5 Chefchaouen** Cycle the steep hills to the 'Blue City of Chefchaouen'. **Days 6-7 Fes** Ride down through the quiet Rif Mountains to Morocco's 'open air museum'. **Day 8 Midelt** Enjoy a picnic beside the placid waters of Aguelmame Sidi Ali lake. **Day 9 Merzouga/Desert Camp** Pass the harsh, spectacular sand dunes of Erg Chebbi, then swap bike for camel. **Day 10 Todgha Gorge** Ride beside the Todgha River, snaking through dramatic canyons. **Day 11 Dades Gorge & Mountain Gite Stay** Enjoy the fabulous hairpin turns of the Dades Gorge. **Day 12 Ait Benhaddou** Ride past kasbah ruins and palm-treed valleys to Ait Benhaddou. **Day 13 Marrakech via Tiz n'Tichka** Conquer the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass high up in the Atlas Mountains. **Day 14 Marrakech** Wheels up – this cycle adventure winds up today.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (10 nts), overnight train (1 nt), desert camp (1 nt), gite (1 nt)



12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners



Bicycle, support vehicle, train, camel



# The Middle East



The Middle East is living proof of an old maxim: you don't know, until you go. Forget the headlines and the hyperbole; this is the cradle of civilisations, an ancient land emerging as a modern power, with the culture and panache to back it up. Whether riding camels and visiting Bedouin tribespeople, haggling in the souqs of downtown Amman, or floating in the Dead Sea – the scent of cloves and camel, echoing calls to prayer and the warm smiles of local people will always follow you.



Be welcomed into a surprisingly sumptuous desert camp – and introduced to the ways of the Bedouins – on an overnight stay in Jordan's Wadi Rum (page 68–69).



There's much more to Egypt than pharaohs and pyramids. Snorkel vibrant coral reefs, savour the cafe culture of Alexandria and drift down the Nile by felucca.



Discover the more traditional aspects of two states at the vanguard of modernity – Abu Dhabi and Dubai – on immersive three-day stopovers (page 77).

## WHERE IN THE WORLD

Egypt  
Jordan  
Iran  
Israel  
Oman  
United Arab Emirates

## Weather

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cairo	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
Luxor	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
Istanbul	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue
Petra	Blue	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue
Amman	Blue	Blue	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	Blue

- Monsoon 25–35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25–35°C
- Hot & wet 25–35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20–30°C
- Warm & wet 20–25°C
- Cool 15–20°C
- Cold & dry 0–15°C
- Cold & wet 0–15°C
- Below freezing –0°C





Cairo, Egypt - Catherine Eaton



Abu Simbel, Egypt - Dan Breckwoldt

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## Egypt Experience

12 DAYS, CAIRO TO CAIRO

Explore the marvels, mythology and mystery of Ancient Egypt, including the Pyramids of Giza and the tombs of iconic pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings.

Stand at the feet of Abu Simbel's monumental temples and marvel at the sheer scale of these stunning structures.

**Days 1-2 Cairo** Visit the majestic Sphinx and the only surviving Wonder of the Ancient World, the Pyramid of Giza. Wander the halls of the Egyptian Museum, taking in the thousands of ancient treasures on display.

**Days 3-4 Alexandria** Head underground and delve into the mysteries of the Kom ash-Shuqqafa catacombs. This Roman burial site is the largest of its kind in Egypt. **Day 5 Aswan** Watch the sun set over the Nile from the deck of a gliding felucca. Learn about Nubian culture at the excellent museum and enjoy a homecooked meal with a local family. **Days 6-8 Nile Cruise** Fly to the magnificent, memorable temples of Abu Simbel. Return to take a cruise down the Nile River, stopping along the way to explore the ancient temple sites of Kom Ombo and Edfu.

**Days 9-10 Luxor** Wander through the fascinating Temples of Karnak, the biggest and most important complex of its time. **Days 11-12 Cairo** Fly back to Cairo and the hustle and bustle of the Khan al-Khalili bazaar.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), cruise ship (3 nts)



11 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners



Plane, van, overnight sleeper train, boat, felucca

## Explore Egypt

15 DAYS, CAIRO TO CAIRO

Unwind in the vibrant beach resort of Hurghada and explore the extraordinary ecosystem of Giftun Island in the Red Sea.

Uncover one of the greatest cities of antiquity – Alexandria, reborn as Egypt's alternative capital.

**Days 1-2 Cairo** Colourful Cairo overflows with character and there is plenty of time to soak up the vibrant atmosphere. **Days 3-4 Aswan** The Nile, Elephantine Island and white-sailed feluccas: welcome to Aswan, Egypt's southernmost city. **Day 5 Nubian Homestay** Join a local Nubian family to experience a slice of Nile culture firsthand.

**Day 6 Nile Felucca** A Nubian crew provides food and song on this traditional felucca journey down the Nile.

**Days 7-8 Luxor** Visit an animal welfare project, wander through the temple complex of Karnak, and explore the incredible Valley of the Kings. **Days 9-10 Hurghada** Venture out by boat to the island of Mahmya for a full day of world-class snorkelling. **Day 11 Cairo** Fly back to Cairo and head to the warren of alleys of the Khan el-Khalili bazaar.

**Days 12-13 Alexandria** Explore this vibrant city, then reflect on the past at El Alamein and its museum. **Days 14-15 Cairo** Visit the eerie catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina before returning to the capital.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (11 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), felucca (1 nt), homestay (1 nt)



14 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners



Overnight sleeper train, felucca, van, bus, jeep





Luxor, Egypt - Cameron Gaze



Petra, Jordan

## Egypt Adventure

8 DAYS, CAIRO TO CAIRO



There are so many chances to interact with the locals on this trip. Lose yourself in Cairo's colourful Khan al-Khalili bazaar and dine with locals in Aswan and Luxor.

By visiting ACE (Animal Care in Egypt), you'll be supporting an excellent cause dedicated to the welfare of camels, donkeys and other working animals.

**Days 1-2 Cairo** Welcome to a city like no other. Be immersed in Cairo's chaos, colour and culture with a trip to Khan al-Khalili, Egypt's most famous bazaar. Visit the impressive Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza. In the evening, take an overnight sleeper train south. **Days 3-5 Aswan/Nile Felucca** Join a local Nubian family for dinner to experience a slice of Nile culture firsthand. There is also time for an optional day trip to Abu Simbel. Later, set sail down the Nile on an overnight felucca journey, sleeping on deck under a starry sky. **Days 6-7 Luxor** Known as Thebes to the ancient Egyptians, Luxor conceals amazing treasures. Pay a visit to an Intrepid-supported animal care project and wander the amazing Temples of Karnak. Head into the Valley of the Kings to visit three of the best-preserved pharaonic tombs, then join a local family for a traditional home-cooked lunch. **Day 8 Cairo** Return to Cairo, Egypt's pulsating heart.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (4 nts), overnight sleeper train (2 nts), felucca (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Van, overnight sleeper train, felucca

## Jordan & Egypt Express

9 DAYS, AMMAN TO CAIRO



Spend a day uncovering the mystery and majesty of Petra. The first glimpse of the Treasury from the narrow path of the Siq is simply unforgettable.

Take an effortless float in the super-salty waters of the Dead Sea – a body of water totally unlike any other.

**Day 1 Amman** If arriving early, explore the city or venture out to the Jerash ruins to soak up some history. **Days 2-3 Petra** Enjoy a buoyant dip in the salty Dead Sea before travelling to Petra to explore this spectacular site hewn out of rose-coloured rock. This ancient Nabataean city is one of the must-see places to visit in the Middle East. **Day 4 Wadi Rum** Spend a memorable night sleeping Bedouin-style in rustic camel-hair tents or head outside to fall asleep under a twinkling canopy of stars. **Day 5 Nuweiba** Cross the Gulf of Aqaba and travel to a seaside camp by the glistening Red Sea. **Days 6-7 Dahab** It's a short drive to Dahab, where you have plenty of free time to take in its many spoils. Snorkel over beautiful reefs, kick back on golden sands or join new Bedouin friends for a seafood feast. **Days 8-9 Cairo** With its treasure-filled museums, flavoursome cuisine and famous pyramids, Cairo provides the perfect end to this express adventure.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (6 nts), desert camp (1 nt), beach hut (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

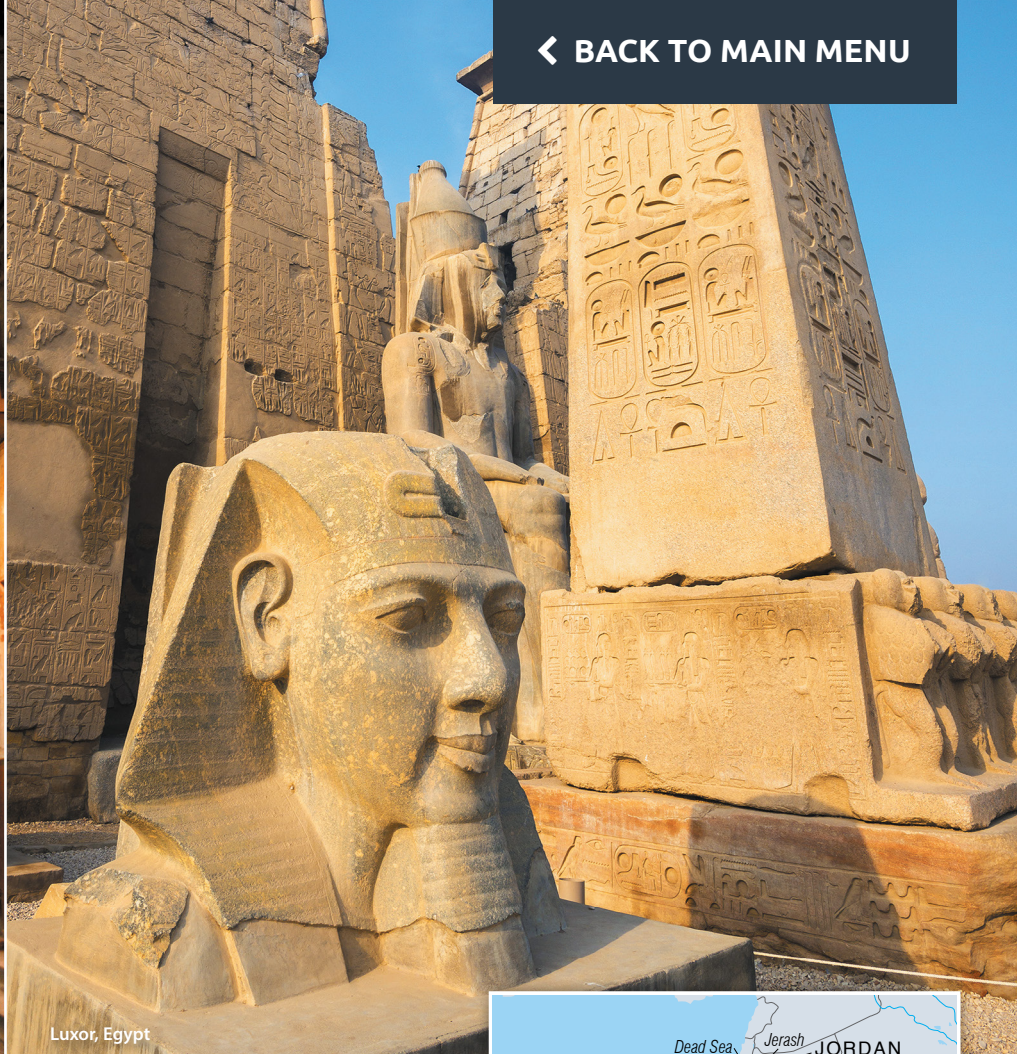


Plane, ferry, minibus, jeep





Cairo, Egypt



Luxor, Egypt

## Explore Egypt & Jordan

19 DAYS, CAIRO TO AMMAN



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Maximum group size 12



Cruise ship (3 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), desert camp (1 nt), hotel (13 nts)



18 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 8 Dinners



Jeep, boat, felucca, overnight sleeper train, plane, public bus, van



**Days 1-2 Cairo** Colourful Cairo overflows with character and there is plenty of time to soak up the vibrant atmosphere. Visit the majestic Sphinx and a surviving Wonder of the Ancient World, the Pyramids of Giza. **Days 3-4 Alexandria** Head underground and delve into the mysteries of the Kom ash-Shuqqafa catacombs. This Roman burial site is the largest of its kind in Egypt. **Day 5 Aswan** Watch the sun set over the Nile from a gliding felucca in Aswan. Use free time to learn about Nubian culture at the excellent museum or wander the market to pick up a souvenir. **Days 6-8 Nile Cruise** Take a flight to the impressive Abu Simbel temples, the ancient entrance to Egypt. Embark on a cruise down the mighty Nile River, stopping along the way to explore the ancient temple sites of Kom Ombo and Edfu. **Days 9-10 Luxor** Discover some of the many wonders of ancient Thebes, including the

Colossi of Memnon, two 17 metre-high granite statues on Luxor's west bank, and the spectacular royal burial site of the Valley of the Kings. **Day 11 Cairo** Fly back to Cairo and plunge into the hustle and bustle of the Khan al-Khalili bazaar. **Day 12 Amman** Fly to Amman and meet your new group and leader. **Day 13 Aqaba** Another free day at your leisure. Visit the small Ottoman fort beside the beach or simply relax on the sand. **Day 14 Wadi Rum** Meet your Bedouin friends and ride through sweeping swathes of desert to a Bedouin camp. **Days 15-16 Petra** A regular contender for the '8th Wonder of the World' title, the Treasury's glorious facade is arguably the single most striking sight of the entire region. **Days 17-19 Amman** Explore the colonnaded streets of ancient Jerash, once one of the grandest Roman cities in the world. Finish up in Jordan's modern capital, Amman.

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Wadi Rum, Jordan



Amman, Jordan

## Trek Jordan

### 8 DAYS, AMMAN TO MADABA



Hike the lesser known back-road into Petra – explore desert canyons, scale sand dunes, and camp out with the Bedouins on this active adventure.

Be dazzled by panoramic views across the ocean and the West Bank as you make your way down the scenic shepherd's trail of Mukawir.

**Day 1 Amman** Spend free time checking out the Roman Theatre or the Citadel. **Day 2 Dead Sea** Start the trek by journeying to Mukawir. The winding shepherd's trail yields stunning panoramic views over the Dead Sea and West Bank. Head down to the famously salty ocean for a float. **Days 3-4 Petra** Explore the tombs, dwellings and ornate carvings of Jordan's crown jewel, the lost city of Petra. Head to Little Petra and see the Monastery, with its eight-metre-high door. Hike back into Petra through an ever-changing landscape of sandy plateaus, Bedouin campsites and stone staircases. **Days 5-6 Wadi Rum** Continue to Wadi Rum, where incredible gnarled rock scenery and legendary Bedouin hospitality make for one extraordinary camping trip. Scale dunes during a 15 km trek and doze off under the stars. **Days 7-8 Madaba** Take an exhilarating 6 km canyon trek, and then catch a desert sunset. Travel to Madaba, where Ottoman-style houses and Byzantine mosaics abound.

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Maximum group size 12



Desert camp (2 nts), hotel (5 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners



Jeep, van

## Jordan Discovery

### 8 DAYS, AMMAN TO AMMAN



Be awed by the towering, windswept rock formations at Wadi Rum, watching how the colours change as the sun makes its way across the sky.

Get to know your Bedouin hosts in a traditional desert camp, learn their way of life and sleep under the stars.

**Day 1 Amman** Begin this adventure in Jordan's easygoing capital. **Day 2 Aqaba** Journey out to the seaside town of Aqaba, famed for its diving and snorkelling. The small Ottoman Mamluk Fort, which dates back to the 14th century, is worth checking out. **Day 3 Wadi Rum** Swap the charm of the coast for the delights of the desert. Journey past sandstone mountains, befriend the local Bedouin people, and watch the hues of the desert landscape change at sunset. **Days 4-5 Petra** This morning, perhaps scale one of Wadi Rum's towering sand dunes before venturing out to Petra. Be entranced by the ethereal beauty of ancient Petra. Stroll around age-old tombs, see the impressive Amphitheatre and climb up to the majestic Monastery. **Days 6-8 Amman** Visit the ancient crusader castle of Shobak before heading back to Amman. Explore the Roman city of Jerash, then drive to the Dead Sea for a swim. Return to Amman, where this adventure comes to an end.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), desert camp (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners



Bus, van, jeep





Wadi Rum, Jordan - Alison Bagdon



## Explore Jordan

8 DAYS, AMMAN TO MADABA



Hop in a jeep and experience the extraordinary desert scenery of Wadi Rum, a rugged moonscape of huge sandstone mountains.

Experience the best weightlessness this side of outer space with an effortless float in the super-salty waters of the Dead Sea.

**Day 1 Amman** Jordan's cosmopolitan capital is the starting point of this exciting tour. A visit to the Roman Theatre or National Archaeological Museum offers great insight into the city's past. **Days 2-3 Wadi Rum** Head out on a jeep safari through Wadi Rum's stark but spectacular desert scenery. Enjoy dinner cooked in a traditional earthen oven, then bed down in a camel hair tent beneath a twinkling canopy of stars. **Days 4-5 Petra** Tour Petra's ancient temples, tombs, amphitheatres and monasteries. The challenging walk up to the stunning Monastery is well rewarded with dramatic vistas of the canyons below. **Days 6-8 Jerash/Madaba** Visit the ancient crusader castle of Karak and enjoy a float in the famous Dead Sea. Stop by legendary Mt Nebo, where the prophet Moses is said to have seen the Promised Land, then explore the well-preserved Roman ruins of Jerash before ending the adventure in historic Madaba.

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Hotel (5 nts), desert camp (2 nts)		
7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners		
Van, jeep		

## Petra Uncovered

3 DAYS, AMMAN TO AMMAN



Make the climb to Mt Nebo, where Moses is rumoured to have sighted the Promised Lands, and your efforts will be rewarded with sweeping views across Jordan.

Wind your way through the twisted gorge of the Siq – the main entrance to the ancient Nabataean city of Petra – and be inspired as the Red City comes into view.

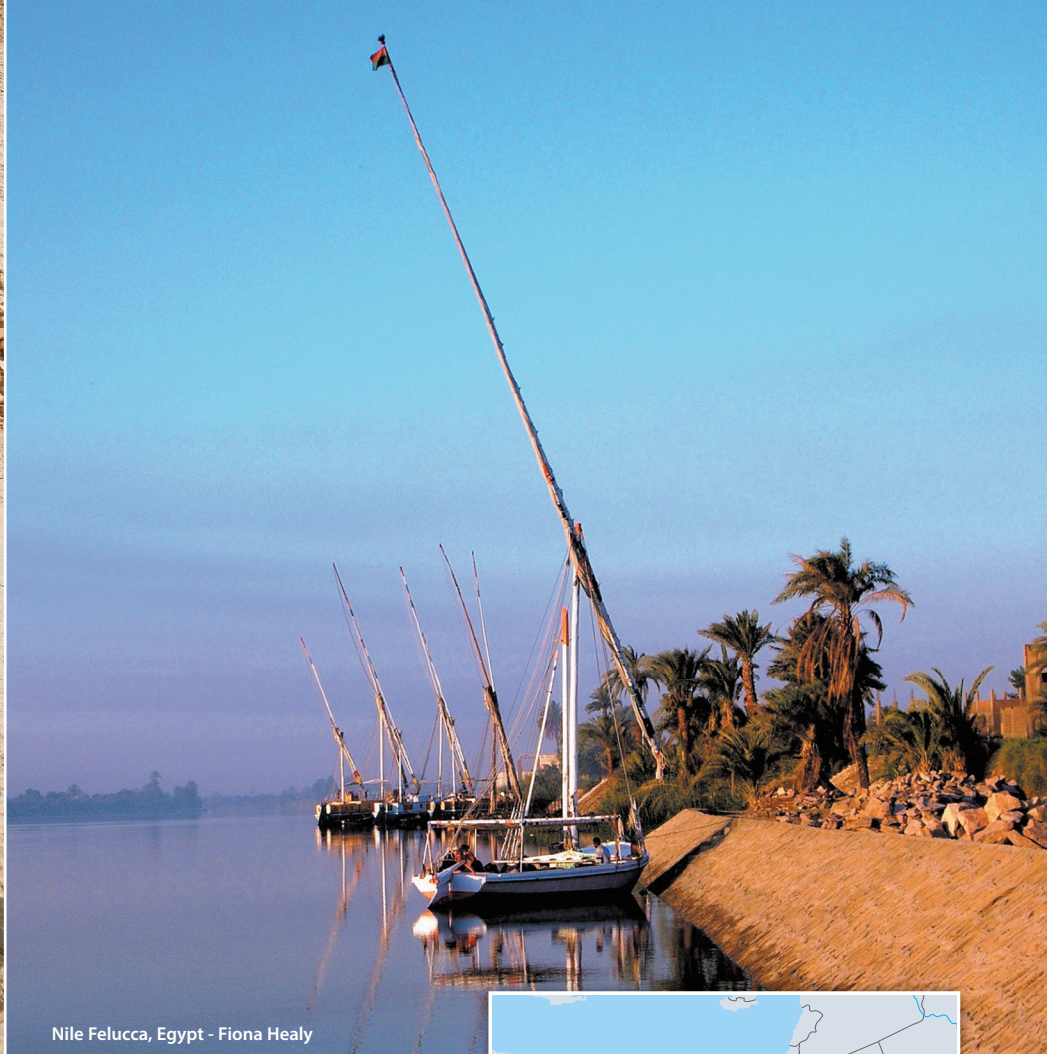
**Day 1 Amman/Dead Sea/Petra** Arrive in Amman and be transferred from the airport to Mt Nebo, where Moses is said to have sighted the Promised Land. Float your worries away in the super-salty waters of the Dead Sea and don't pass up a wallow in the mud – it's said to have healing properties. Feast on a buffet lunch before travelling through mountainous terrain to Petra. **Day 2 Petra** Rise early to avoid the heat, miss the crowds and see the effects that the morning light has on this magical city. With a local guide, continue to the Amphitheatre and enjoy spectacular views of this ancient site. Later, explore the Monastery, the evocative Royal Tombs and the Temple of the Winged Lions. Petra's unforgettable sights make a big day of walking all the more worthwhile. **Day 3 Petra/Amman** Take one last opportunity to wander captivating Petra before returning to modern civilisation in Jordan's cosmopolitan capital of Amman.

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Maximum group size 6		
Hotel (2 nts)		
2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch		
Minibus		







Nile Felucca, Egypt - Fiona Healy

# Jordan & Egypt Uncovered

22 DAYS, AMMAN TO CAIRO



Sleep under a blanket of stars, meet the Bedouin locals and learn about their way of life in a desert camp in far-out Wadi Rum.

Set sail down one of the world's most iconic rivers, soaking up incredible landscapes and everyday scenes of Egyptian life, on an included felucca journey down the Nile.

Uncover Alexandria, a place considered one of the greatest cities of antiquity, now Egypt's unofficial 'alternative' capital.

**Day 1 Amman** Venture out to the Jerash ruins or perhaps pay a visit to the National Archaeological Museum. **Days 2-3 Petra** Consider taking a float in the Dead Sea, then set out exploring spectacular Petra – an ancient site hewn from rose-coloured rock. **Day 4 Wadi Rum** Channel your inner Lawrence of Arabia for an excursion across Wadi Rum's spectacular landscape. Spend an evening camped out with Bedouin hosts and be treated to a traditionally cooked meal. **Day 5 Nuweiba** Cross the sparkling Gulf of Aqaba and continue on to a seaside camp beside the Red Sea. **Days 6-7 Dahab** Explore the pristine coast, splash about in warm waters and mingle with laidback locals in beachside Dahab. **Days 8-9 Cairo** Cairo's never-ending stream of life and noise makes it a captivating city to explore. Head out to discover the Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza, then board a sleeper

train for the overnight journey to Aswan. **Days 10-11 Aswan** An important market town situated by the banks of the Nile, Aswan is awash with attractions. **Day 12 Nubian Homestay** Join a local family to experience a slice of Nile culture first-hand. **Day 13 Nile Felucca** Watch Nubian life unfold while drifting down this legendary river. **Days 14-15 Luxor** Travel through the Valley of the Kings to uncover the secrets of the 63 tombs that line this famous passageway, then wander through the Temple of Karnak. **Days 16-17 Hurghada** Venture out by boat to the island of Mahmya for a full day of world-class snorkelling. **Day 18 Cairo** Plunge into the hustle and bustle of the Khan al-Khalili bazaar. **Days 19-20 Alexandria** Get lost among the shelves of the Bibliotheca Alexandria or visit the catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa. **Days 21-22 Cairo** Head back to Egypt's capital for final sightseeing.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (16 nts), desert camp (1 nt), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), felucca (1 nt), homestay (1 nt), beach hut (1 nt)



21 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Plane, ferry, minibus, jeep, overnight sleeper train, felucca, van, bus



COMBO

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Wadi Rum, Jordan - Sally Johnson

## Egypt's mistreated animals

Animal Care in Egypt (ACE) provides professional veterinary care for thousands of mistreated animals. Animals are vital for local livelihoods but a lack of knowledge results in using traditional 'cures' instead of professional help. ACE focuses on prevention through education and early intervention. See their work first hand on XEKI, XESB, XESTC, XESPC, XESIC.



Cairo, Egypt

## Discover Egypt & Jordan

15 DAYS, CAIRO TO MADABA



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (8 nts), overnight sleeper train (2 nts), felucca (1 nt), desert camp (2 nts), homestay (1 nt)



14 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Plane, van, camel, overnight sleeper train, felucca, jeep, ferry



**Days 1-2 Cairo** Head out on camelback to behold the Great Sphinx and the Pyramids of Giza. Discover King Tutankhamun's treasures at the Egyptian Museum. Later, climb aboard an overnight train to Aswan.

**Days 3-5 Aswan/Nile Felucca** Pick up a souvenir in Aswan's chaotic bazaar, visit a Nubian village, and join a local family for dinner. Then cruise Egypt's iconic Nile River on a memorable felucca ride. Settle in and be rocked gently to sleep as the boat bobs under a starry night sky. **Days 6-7 Luxor** Arrive in Luxor and head out to explore the monumental Karnak temples. Take a donkey ride through fields of sugar cane and discover the epic tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Later, enjoy a traditional home-cooked meal with some friendly locals before boarding an overnight train. **Day 8 Amman** Cross into Jordan with a flight to Amman in the morning. **Days 9-10 Wadi Rum** Experience a

memorable night with friendly Bedouin hosts and eat dinner cooked on an earthen oven. Tour through the breathtaking landscape of Wadi Rum desert in a jeep, admiring the ancient rock formations and towering sand dunes. Drift off to sleep counting stars in the night sky. **Days 11-12 Petra** Ancient pink-hued buildings carved into the rock of the surrounding mountains make visiting this ancient city a unique experience. Your first glimpse of the Treasury after emerging from the Siq Canyon is an unforgettable experience. Those feeling energetic can walk up the steps to the magnificent Monastery for incredible views of the area. **Days 13-15 Madaba** Cover yourself in rejuvenating mud and try your best to duck dive in the Dead Sea before driving on to the historic town of Madaba. Discover beautiful Byzantine mosaics and Ottoman-style houses as you stroll the city streets.

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Jerusalem, Israel - Ella Hanochi



Jerusalem, Israel - Itamar Grinberg

## Discover Israel

### 7 DAYS, JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV



Explore the famous towns of Jericho, Bethlehem and Nazareth, and find out about daily life in the city of Jerusalem. Chat with locals on the way to the Western Wall.

Journey to the village of Taybeh to uncover daily Palestinian life, and sip a beer from the first microbrewery in the Middle East.

**Days 1-4 Jerusalem** Welcome to Jerusalem, a city steeped in spirituality and legend. Drive out to the Mount of Olives, which overlooks Jerusalem's Old City, and enter the Garden of Gethsemane. See the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and take a walking tour of the city. Head south to Masada, stopping in at the shrine of Nabi Musa and Monastery of St George of Koziba en route. Take a dip in the Dead Sea and call in at a pioneering microbrewery in the West Bank. Conclude your time in Jerusalem with a visit to Yad Vashem – the Israel Holocaust Museum. **Days 5-6 Nazareth** Visit the ancient walled port-city of Acre, explore the secret tunnel of the Templars and view the immaculate Baha'i Gardens. Travel to the western shores of the Sea of Galilee and Tiberias. Along the way, stop in the Jordan Valley to visit the ancient fishing village of Capernaum. **Day 7 Tel Aviv** Journey along the coast and visit Caesarea. Arrive in Tel Aviv, where this trip comes to an end.

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Hotel (6 nts)



6 Breakfasts



Minibus

## Real Food Adventure – Israel



### 10 DAYS, TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM

Feast on classic dishes in Israel's legendary local eateries, from shakshouka in Tel Aviv to a beloved hummus institution in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Get behind the scenes at both farm and factory level. Tour a Samaritan-run tahini factory in Mount Jerazim and see how goat's cheese is made in the Negev Desert.

**Day 1 Tel Aviv** Be welcomed with a plate of shakshouka at a local institution. **Day 2 Haifa** Visit the prominent wine region of Zikhron Ya'akov for a wine tasting and a picnic among the vines. **Days 3-4 Tiberias** Wander through Akko's fish market then journey to the Church of Annunciation in Nazareth. **Day 5 Dead Sea** Visit Masada, Herod's mountaintop fortress. Float on the Dead Sea. **Days 6 Negev Desert** Wake early for a sunrise view of the Dead Sea, then visit some fascinating food producers of the Negev desert. **Day 7 Jerusalem** Breakfast on falafel before a day tour of Jerusalem, finish at the delicious Machane Yehuda market. **Day 8 Nablus** Visit a tahini factory, then take a Palestinian cooking class with the local chapter of the Slow Food Movement. **Day 9 Bethlehem** Marvel at the terraced farms of Battir before reaching the holy city of Bethlehem. Enjoy lunch at a celebrated barbecue restaurant. **Day 10 Jerusalem** Finish up in Jerusalem's old city.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), guesthouse (3 nts)



9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 1 Dinner



Private vehicle, boat, cable car





Jerusalem, Israel



Wadi Rum, Jordan - Cameron Gaze

# Jordan & Israel Adventure



14 DAYS, AMMAN TO TEL AVIV

Hop in a jeep and drive across the rugged moonscape of Wadi Rum, then get to know your Bedouin hosts at a traditional desert camp.

Spend a day exploring the great lost city of Petra. The Treasury, with its rose-coloured, stone-carved grandeur, is arguably Jordan's most awe-inspiring sight.

Visit places of biblical significance – Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Garden of Gethseman and Sea of Galilee.

**Day 1 Amman** Travel to Jordan's modern capital, the starting point of this exciting trip. Those arriving early should head to the Roman Theatre or the Citadel for superb views of the sophisticated city of Amman.

**Days 2-3 Wadi Rum** Stare out in wonder on Wadi Rum's lunar landscape, then eat a traditional meal and share stories with your Bedouin hosts. **Days 4-5 Petra** Head north to Petra, a World Heritage site also known as the Rose City. The lost city of the biblical Nabateans is an impressive series of tombs and dwellings hidden behind ornate facades carved directly into the rock, and one of the new Seven Wonders of the World.

**Days 6-7 Madaba** Famous for its Ottoman-style houses and beautiful Byzantine-era mosaics, the historical town of Madaba has a friendly village atmosphere.

**Days 8-11 Jerusalem** Cross the Jordan River into Israel and meet your new leader. Spend three days getting

to know Jerusalem and its many sights. Climb up to the Mount of Olives for panoramic views over the Old City, delve into quiet contemplation in the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of the Nativity. Journey south to the plateau-top fortification of Masada, stopping in at the Shrine of Nabi Musa and St George's Monastery, before enjoying a float in the Dead Sea. Join the faithful on early morning visits to the Dome of the Rock Courtyard and Wailing Wall, then travel by bus to the village of Taybeh. **Day 12-13 Nazareth** Head to the western shores of the Sea of Galilee today and visit Tiberias. Tour the ancient walled port-city of Acre and make a stop at the Church of the Annunciation. **Day 14 Tel Aviv** Head to Caesarea, the ancient capital of Israel, then visit the ancient port city of Jaffa before arriving in Tel Aviv, where this trip ends on arrival.



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Hotel (11 nts), desert camp (2 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners



Jeep, van

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Dead Sea, Jordan - Cameron Gaze



Cairo, Egypt

## Explore Egypt, Jordan & Israel

21 DAYS, CAIRO TO TEL AVIV



Explore vibrant Cairo's bustling markets and colourful streets and be astounded by the Pyramids of Giza – the last remaining ancient Wonder of the World.

Spend the night trying to count the billions of stars or chat with the locals at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum.

Journey to the village of Taybeh and pay a visit to one of the first microbreweries in the Middle East.

**Days 1-2 Cairo** Welcome to the 'Mother of the World'.

A jumble of animated energy, Cairo rivals New York in the sleepless stakes. Travel to Giza and see the Pyramids and the Sphinx across the dunes from camelback, and be sure to visit the treasures found in the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Egyptian Museum.

**Days 3-5 Aswan/Nile Felucca** Explore Aswan's sights before boarding a traditional felucca for an overnight cruise down the Nile. **Days 6-7 Luxor** Known as Thebes to the ancient Egyptians, Luxor conceals amazing treasures. Visit the Valley of the Kings, the Colossi of Memnon and the Temples of Karnak, then join a local family for lunch. Pay a visit to an Intrepid-supported animal care project. **Day 8 Cairo/Amman** Return to Egypt's pulsating heart and catch a short flight to Amman. Perhaps visit the Citadel or Jordan museum. **Days 9-10 Wadi Rum** Channel your inner Lawrence of

Arabia for a jeep safari into 'The Valley of the Moon'. Camp under the stars with welcoming Bedouin hosts.

**Days 11-12 Petra** Head on to the breathtaking ancient Nabataean rock city of Petra – one of the New Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO-listed site.

**Days 13-14 Madaba** Explore the 12th-century crusader castle of Karak before heading on to Madaba. Visit the colonnaded streets of ancient Jerash, once one of the grandest Roman cities in the world. **Days 15-18 Jerusalem** Spend four days getting to know legendary Jerusalem. Visit the Wailing Wall, take a dip in the Dead Sea, climb up the Mount of Olives to enjoy panoramic views of the Old City, and journey out to Taybeh and visit a pioneering microbrewery. **Days 19-20 Nazareth** Visit Tiberias via the Sea of Galilee. Head underground to explore the secret tunnels of the Templars. **Day 21 Tel Aviv** End this Middle Eastern adventure in Tel Aviv.



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	Maximum group size 12	
	Hotel (15 nts), overnight sleeper train (2 nts), felucca (1 nt), desert camp (2 nts)	
	21 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners	
	Plane, van, camel, overnight sleeper train, felucca, jeep, ferry	

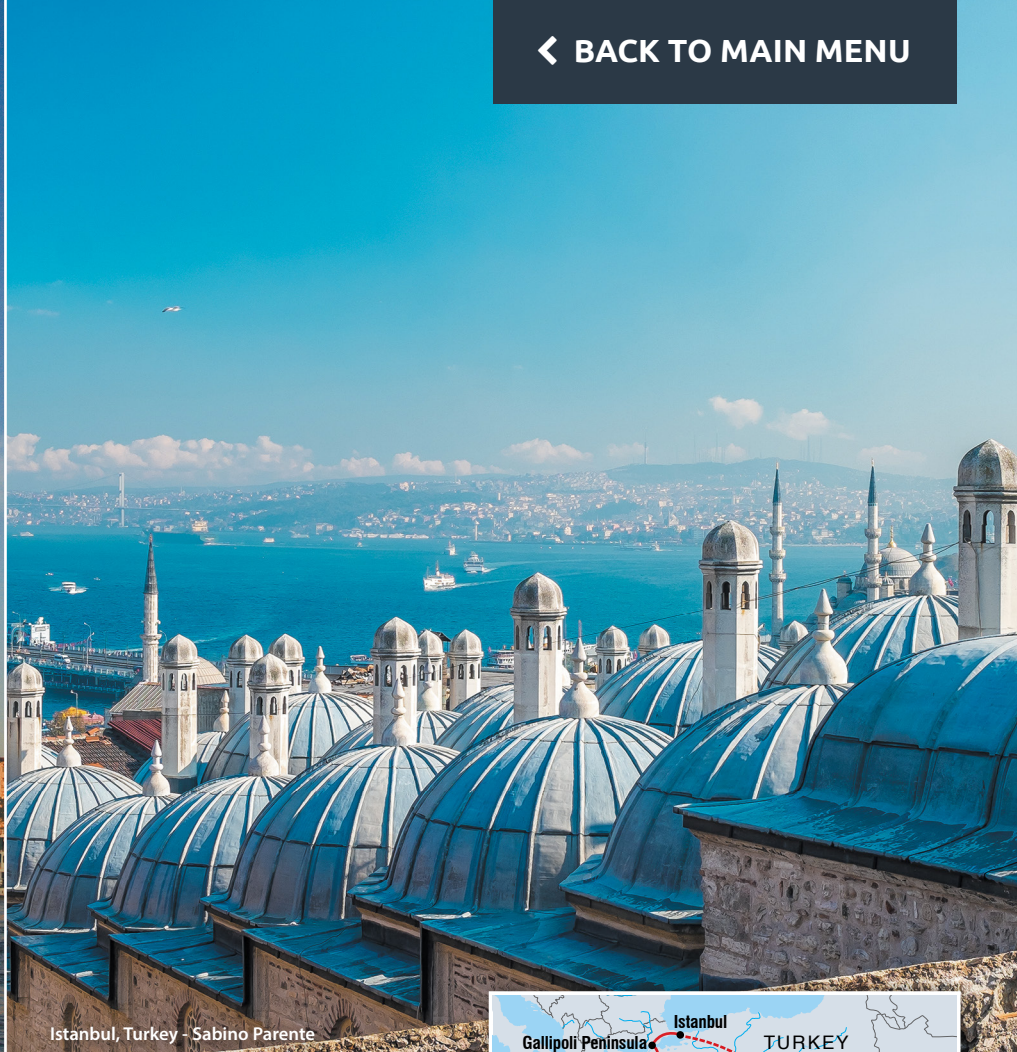


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Nile Felucca, Egypt



Istanbul, Turkey - Sabino Parente

# Middle East Discovery

24 DAYS, CAIRO TO ANTALYA



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Maximum group size 12



Desert camp (2 nts), felucca (1 nt), hotel (15 nts), overnight sleeper train (2 nts), pension (3 nts)



23 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Bus, felucca, gulet, jeep, overnight sleeper train, van, plane



**Days 1-2 Cairo** Be immersed in Cairo's chaos and colour with a trip to Khan al-Khalili, Egypt's most famous bazaar. See the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. **Days 3-5 Aswan – Nile Felucca** Join a local Nubian family for dinner to experience a slice of Nile culture firsthand. Sail down the Nile on an overnight felucca journey. **Days 6-7 Luxor** Tour Luxor's amazing treasures and enter the Valley of the Kings. **Day 8 Amman** Perhaps visit the capital's Citadel and museum. **Days 9-10 Wadi Rum** Head out on an exciting desert safari and camp out with Bedouin hosts. **Days 11-12 Petra** Head to Petra, Jordan's famous ancient city. Squeeze through the narrow Siq for your first glimpse of Petra's stunning Treasury. **Days 13-14 Madaba** Visit an ancient crusader castle and take a dip in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea. Next, stop by legendary Mt Nebo, one of the most

revered holy sites in Jordan, then visit Jerash. **Days 15-16 Istanbul** Discover a magical city of minarets, mosques and markets. Bargain with vendors in the Grand Bazaar, be dazzled by the exquisite architecture of the Blue Mosque, sniff out the spice markets, or grab a strong Turkish coffee and watch the world go by. **Day 17 Canakkale** Reflect on a tragic moment in history amid the moving memorials and windswept scenery along the Gallipoli Peninsula en route to Canakkale. **Day 18 Ayvalik** Feast on regional delicacies like Ayvalik Tost and mezes made with local olive oil and stuffed mussels. **Days 19-20 Selcuk** Explore the ancient city of Pergamon and take a cable car up to a mountainside acropolis. **Day 21 Pamukkale** Wander about Pamukkale's mineral-rich stepped pools. **Days 22-24 Antalya** Discover a bewitching mix of history and culture in sophisticated Antalya.

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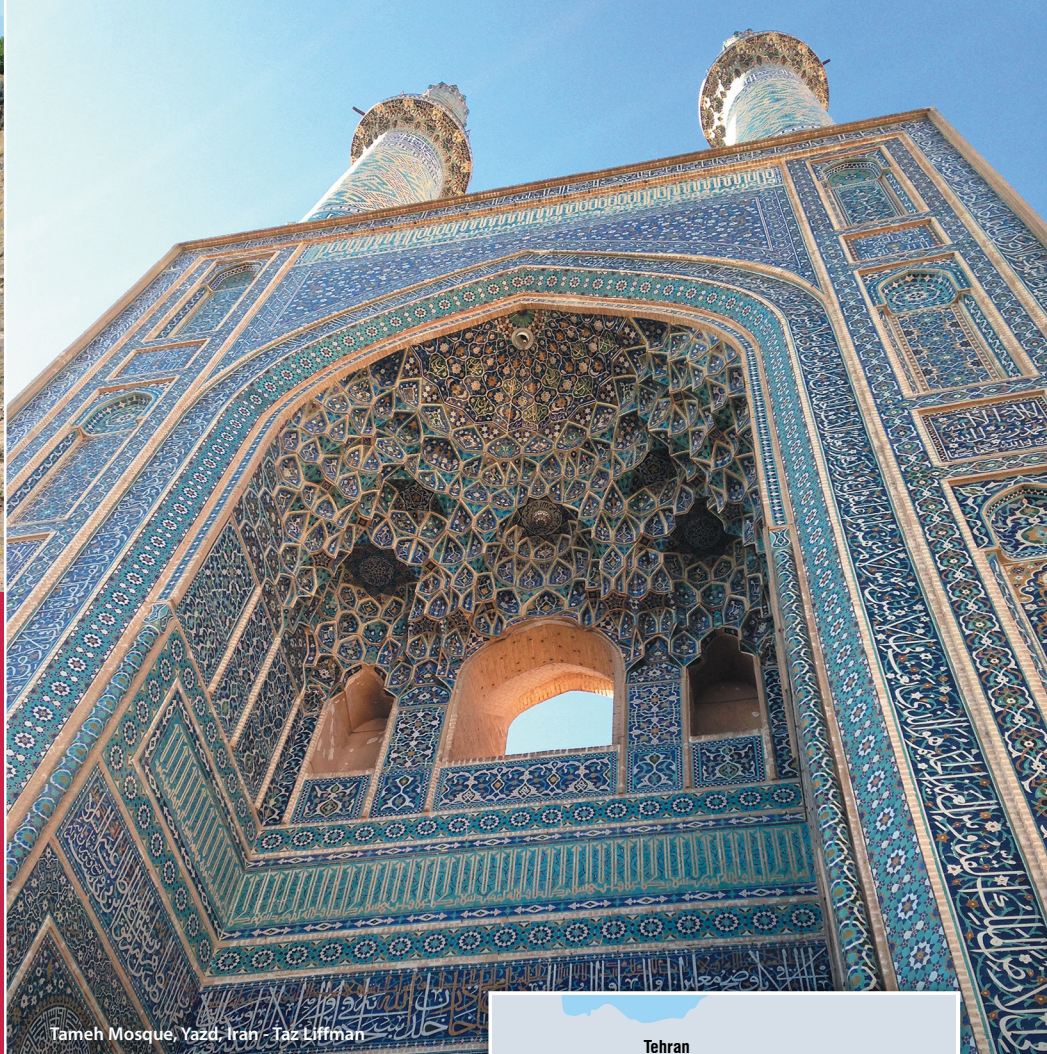


Alborz Mountains, Iran

## BEYOND TEHRAN

Escape the hustle of Tehran and experience a different side of the city on a mountain retreat. Known as the gateway of the mountain, Darband is the starting point of a beautiful hiking trail, plus it's a hotspot for traditional Dizi cuisine.

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Tameh Mosque, Yazd, Iran - Taz Liffman

# Iran Adventure

14 DAYS, TEHRAN TO TEHRAN



Discover an Iran beyond the media portrayals of a repressive and dour regime – this is a country full of warm, lively and friendly people.

Experience the wondrous remains of the ancient capital of Persepolis. The scale and grandeur will leave you in no doubt that this was once the centre of the known world.

Slip into the exotic shoes of a Silk Road merchant with an overnight stay in a classic 16th century caravanserai.

**Day 1 Tehran** Travel to Iran's chaotic capital and venture through teeming bazaars and busy streets to the ornate Golestan Palace. The marbled terraces, artistic treasures and gilded mirrors all attest to the power and influence of the Qajar rulers. **Days 2-3 Shiraz** Discover beautiful, cultural Shiraz, 'the city of flowers and nightingales'. Visit elaborate mausoleums and gardens, and stop to chat with friendly locals. **Day 4 Nomad Stay** Journey to Persepolis, once the centre of the Persian Empire and one of the great cities of the ancient world. Later, enjoy an overnight stay with local nomads. **Day 5 Eghlid** Get off the beaten track with a visit to Eghlid. Visit Sassanid empire ruins dating back 1,800 years, a Zoroastrian 'tower of silence', and Eghlid's sacred shrine. **Day 6 Caravanserai Zein-o-Din** Imagine what it would have been like to be a Silk Road merchant with a stay in a classic caravanserai. Set in the desolate Dasht-e Lut

Desert, this place of shelter has changed little since the 16th century. **Days 7-8 Yazd** Visit the sacred Atashkadeh Fire Temple in Yazd, an ancient town of wind-catchers. The flames in the Fire Temple are said to have been continuously burning since 470 AD. **Days 9-11 Esfahan** Explore the tree-lined boulevards and atmospheric bazaars of Esfahan, the jewel of ancient Persia. Visit the immense Imam Square, which is surrounded by some of the city's great architectural sites, such as Ali Qapu Palace, Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, Qeysarieh Portal and the majestic Imam Mosque. **Day 12 Kashan** See fine examples of traditional Iranian houses and try khoreshht – a tasty Iranian stew – on a visit to a local family's house. **Days 13-14 Tehran** Stop by the shrine of Imam Khomeini on the way back to Tehran, where this adventure comes to an end.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (11 nts), nomad tent (1 nt), guesthouse (1 nt)



13 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners



Plane, private bus, bus

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Dubai, UAE



Grand Mosque, Abu Dhabi, UAE

## Dubai Discovery

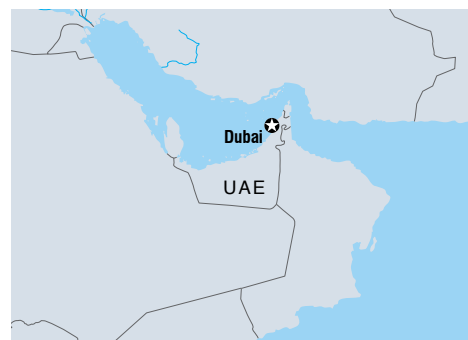
3 DAYS, DUBAI TO DUBAI



Walk the wide city streets, discover the centuries-old Al Fahidi Fort, visit the Dubai Museum and hit the spice-filled souq with a local guide.

Travel across Dubai Creek in a traditional abra, then venture out of town on an unforgettable desert safari and experience some legendary Bedouin hospitality.

**Day 1 Dubai** Welcome to the jewel in the crown of the United Arab Emirates. The second largest city in the UAE is well known for its plethora of wealth and opulence (a vending machine for gold, anyone?), but it's also known for its history and culture. An included arrival transfer will shuttle you to your hotel, after which your day is free to spend as you wish. Head out for some retail therapy, enjoy the rooftop pool, or jump on the complimentary bus to the beach. **Day 2 Dubai** Discover the history of Dubai on a city tour. Drive through the heritage area of Bastakiya, where you can find labyrinthine streets formed in the 19th century by textile and pearl merchants. Pass the ornate Al Fahidi Fort and its museum, then cross the Dubai Creek to the aromatic spice souq and glittery gold market. In the afternoon, head out into the sands for a desert safari to a Bedouin campsite. Experience Bedouin culture and a delicious feast. **Day 3 Dubai** Depart Dubai today with a shuttle transfer to the airport.

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Hotel (2 nts)



2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



4x4, coach

## Abu Dhabi Discovery

3 DAYS, ABU DHABI TO ABU DHABI



The Emirati capital makes a delightful getaway. Gaze in awe at the majestic Grand Mosque, delve into the opulent shopping malls, or cool off with a swim at the beach.

Take a 4x4 adventure to a Bedouin camp out in the desert. Ride a camel across golden sands, or simply settle in for an evening of barbecue and belly dancing.

**Day 1 Abu Dhabi** Ahlan Wa Sahlan! Welcome to this spectacular capital city. Indulge in some retail therapy or take a dip at the city beach. **Day 2 Abu Dhabi** Enjoy a free morning, perhaps visiting the massive, Taj Mahal-like white marble Grand Mosque, wandering the perfectly manicured waterfront of the Corniche, or browsing the stores of the Marina Mall. In the afternoon, join safari guides for a 4WD adventure into the golden sand dunes of Arabia. Experience the thrill of a lifetime while riding through the undulating dunes, then see a beautiful scenic sunset over the desert. Continue to a Bedouin campsite, where you can enjoy henna design, Arabic gava (coffee), local dresses, refreshments, a Hubbly Bubbly (hookah) and a delicious barbecue buffet. Adding to the atmosphere of the night is an enchanting belly dancer performing to Arabic rhythms. After this desert adventure, return to your Abu Dhabi Hotel. **Day 3 Abu Dhabi** Depart with a shuttle transfer to the airport.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (2 nts)



2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



4x4, coach





Bedouin woman, Oman - Christophe Cappelli



Nizwa, Oman

## Discover Oman

### 8 DAYS, MUSCAT TO MUSCAT



Experience some traditional Omani hospitality with a one-night camping getaway under the stars in Wahiba Sands.

Discover Oman's most phenomenal fortresses and mosques, including the beautifully preserved Jabrin Fort.

Explore the busy fishing harbour of Muttrah and mine the bustling souq for hidden treasures – anything from unique silverware to frankincense.

**Days 1-2 Muscat** Soak up the lovely portside atmosphere of the Omani capital. Visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque and stop at the bazaar, where you can mingle with the locals and browse the silver and spice shop. See the 16th-century Portuguese forts, Jalali and Mirani, which guard the entrance to the city. **Day 3 Ras Al Jinz** Drive through rugged mountains to the small fishing town of Quriyat. Cool off with a swim in the gorgeous oasis of Wadi Shab. Visit a turtle sanctuary at Ras Al Jinz, where green turtles come from thousands of kilometres away to lay eggs at night. **Day 4 Wahiba Sands** Head to palm-lined Wadi Bani Khalid. Take a swim in this desert oasis, then grab a bite at a local Bedouin house. Make the exhilarating drive over the dunes to your desert camp. Enjoy music, a campfire dinner, and sleep under a blanket of stars. **Day 5 Nizwa** Check out the famous Cattle Market inside

the Nizwa Souq to see how the Omanis carry out an auction. Perhaps browse some of Nizwa's famous silver jewellery or watch expert craftsmen fashion exquisite silverware. Continue to Jabrin Fort, considered one of the finest residential forts in the country, stopping to visit the ruins of Bahla en route. **Day 6 Jebel Shams** Drive to traditional Al Hamra and Misfat Al Abyreen to see 400-year-old mud houses that are still occupied. Enjoy a traditional lunch before heading to Jebel Shams for the night. **Days 7-8 Muscat** Explore Jebel Shams, known as the 'Grand Canyon of Oman', in the morning and then head to Wadi Bani Awf, where the breathtaking 'snake gorge' cuts through the cliffs. Drive to the town of Nakhl, and see its fully restored fort on a rocky outcrop, before returning to Muscat for the night. Take the time to explore Oman's port capital before this adventure comes to an end.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), desert camp (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners



Minibus, 4x4



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Wahiba Sands, Oman



Bedouin host, Wadi Rum, Jordan - Ahmad Atwah

## Oman & Jordan Discovery



15 DAYS, MUSCAT TO MADABA

From the stunning Islamic architecture of Oman to the blazing colours of Jordan's remote desert dunes, this Middle Eastern adventure has both adventure and grandeur.

Discover towering fortresses and mosques, explore the busy fishing harbour of Muttrah, and venture into the mountains, where canyons and gorges cut through cliffs.

Spend a day uncovering the majesty and mystery of ancient Petra. The first glimpse of the Treasury from the narrow Siq is simply unforgettable.

**Days 1-2 Muscat** Visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Natural History Museum, Muttrah fishing harbour and the spice-filled bazaar. **Day 3 Ras Al Jinz** Visit the turtle sanctuary at Ras Al Jinz where turtles come from miles away to lay eggs. **Day 4 Wahiba Sands** Learn about the local Bedouin people and their culture with a campfire dinner, then sleep out under the stars. **Day 5 Nizwa** After breakfast, check out the famous Cattle Market to see how the Omanis do an auction. Continue to one of the country's finest forts – Jabrin – visiting the ruins of Bahla en route. **Day 6 Jebel Shams** Drive to traditional Al Hamra and Misfat Al Abyreen to see 400-year-old mud houses that people still live in. Enjoy a traditional lunch before heading to Jebel Shams. **Day 7 Muscat** Visit the 'Grand Canyon of Oman', then head to Wadi Bani Awf, where the breathtaking 'snake gorge' cuts through

the cliffs. **Day 8 Amman** Travel to Jordan's modern capital. Check out the Roman Theatre or the Citadel for superb views of the sophisticated city of Amman. **Days 9-10 Wadi Rum** Spend another night out in the desert with our Bedouin hosts. Along the way, take in Wadi Rum's stark desert scenery, full of unique rock formations featuring inscriptions carved by people in prehistoric times. **Days 11-12 Petra** Travel to Petra, Jordan's ancient city of enigmatic wonder, carved from rose-coloured stone. Those feeling energetic can walk up the steps to the magnificent Monastery for incredible views of the area. **Days 13-15 Madaba** Visit an ancient crusader castle then take a dip in the salty waters of the iconic Dead Sea – the mineral-rich waters are thought to have therapeutic properties. Walk the colonnaded streets of ancient Jerash, once one of the grandest Roman cities in the world.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (11 nts), desert camp (3 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners



Minibus, 4x4, bus, van, jeep

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