

Proposed Africa Trip

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I have put together a very **loose itinerary** to give an idea of the sort of things I have in mind.

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Picture Gallery:

<http://www.africatavelco.co.uk/gallery.php>

Visas:

<http://www.visalink.com.au>

Insurance - [Full details](#)

Medical Advice: May I recommend visiting one of the **TMVC Centres**.

Full details: <http://www.tmvc.com.au>

Recommended Reading: TBA

Luggage:

Soft Bags. They make them with wheels these days
+Day Bag

Climate:

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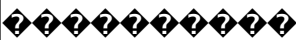
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Frequently Asked Questions:

<http://www.africatavelco.co.uk/faq.php>

Itinerary as of 16Mar 2007



Description From the local markets of Africa to the welcoming campfires en-route, from the big game parks Africa to the wildlife waterways of the Okavango Delta in Botswana, from tranquil waters of the island paradise Zanzibar to the thunderous splendor of the mighty Victoria falls, from the traditional mud and cattle dung huts of the Masai to the colourful townships of South Africa, these 32 days promise wide ranging and an ever changing mix of culture, scenery and wildlife. This trip certainly offers a true taste of what Africa has to offer.

Expedition Company's Website: <http://www.africatavelco.co.uk>

Abbreviated Itinerary

Day 1 - Day trip to Lake Nakuru
Days 2 -5 Arusha, Serengeti Natiuonal Park (optional), Ngorongoro Crater (optional), Arusha
Days 6 ♦ 10 Pangani, Dar Es Salaam, Zanzibar
Days 11 - 18 Dar Es Salaam, Mikuni National Park, Malawi Beaches, Lusaka
Days 19 - 23 Lake Kariba, House Boats (optional), Victoria Falls
Days 24 ♦ 26 Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Game Drive (optional), Boat Cruise
Days 27 ♦ 28 Maun, Okavango Delta (optional)
Day 28 - Maun - Cape Town



Included Highlights

- ◆ Zanzibar Ferry
- ◆ Lake Malawi
- ◆ Lake Kariba
- ◆ Chobe National Park, Boat Cruise

Optional Excursions

- ◆ Ngorongoro Crater (1 day) US\$200
- ◆ Serengeti/Ngorongoro Crater (3 days) US\$340
- ◆ Zanzibar Accommodation US\$15p/pn
- ◆ Kariba House Boats 2 day/2 night US\$110
- ◆ Chobe National Park Game Drive US\$35
- ◆ Victoria Falls National Park US\$20
- ◆ Scenic Flight Okavango Delta US\$65
- ◆ Okavango Delta with Mokoro◆s (3 days) US\$150

(all prices approximate)

Trip Info: [Click Here](#)

[Proposed Dates for Itinerary](#)**DETAILED ITINERARY**

Southern Safari
(Trip Code: NJ32)

NAIROBI TO MAUN

This trip starts in Nairobi and travels south through Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana.

Pre Departure Meeting: Held at departure point at 5:00pm the day before your departure.

Departure Point: Nairobi, Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road.

Day 1:

Lake Nakuru Natational Park - **Flamingoes** - is a full day trip to the Great rift Valley escarpment, 160kms from Nairobi. Lunch is taken before an afternoon game drive. On return journey there is stop at Lake Naivasha where bird watchers will delight in the fanstastic array of birdlife among the acacia trees

NAKURU DAY TRIP ITINERARY

0600hrs: Pick-up at different places depending on location.

0700hrs: Depart Nairobi for Nakuru National park

1000hrs: Arrive at the Nakuru National park and proceed for a 2hr game drive.

1230hrs: Enjoy lunch

1430hrs: game drive enrout to Nairobi.

1830hrs: Arrive in Nairobi and be dropped off at a location of your choice within the city.

DAY 02: Nairobi to Arusha:

We depart Nairobi and drive south, crossing the border into Tanzania at Namanga and continue to Arusha. This is a pleasant town situated at the base of Mount Meru and is the starting point for your optional excursion to Ngorongoro Crater and/or Serengeti.

We conduct these excursions in locally operated Land Rovers, which are specially adapted for safari use. Depending on which option you choose, you will be away from the Arusha campsite for either one or two nights. (L, D)

DAY 03: Serengeti (Optional)

If you take up the two-night/three day option you will depart Arusha in the morning with your vehicles and guides. The drive to the Serengeti National Park takes us through the Masai town of Mtu Wa Mbu (Mosquito River) and up into the Ngorongoro Reserve for a glimpse of the Ngorongoro Crater before descending down onto the plains of the Serengeti. The abundance of plains game in this area is truly astounding. The afternoon will be spent game viewing before setting up camp in the midst of the national park. With some luck we will be able to listen to the nighttime noises of the wildlife! (B, L, D)

DAY 04: Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Crater

After a full morning game drive in the Serengeti we will return to pull down camp and head back towards the Ngorongoro. Here we travel up to Ngorongoro Crater◆s edge for our campsite for the evening. We suggest you pack your winter woollies as it can get very cold on the rim of the crater during night times.

For those taking the one-night/two day option you will be collected from Arusha today in the afternoon and transferred to the town of Karatu for the evening. Tomorrow we will join the rest of the group for your Ngorongoro game drive. (B, L, D)

DAY 05: Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha

This morning we descend into the Ngorongoro Crater with its 600 metre walls and 20-kilometre width is a natural wonder, and offers a spectacular view from the rim. The true size of this caldera is only appreciated from the floor itself and the abundance of its animal inhabitants becomes apparent. It is home to nearly every species of African animal and offers a chance to view an incredible concentration of East African mammals, such as elephant, rhino, buffalo, hippo, lion, and plain game. After spending the full morning in the crater you will return to the campsite near Arusha for another night. Both optional excursions will follow the same schedule today. (B, L, D)



DAY 06 Arusha to Pangani

We leave Arusha and head towards the warm Indian Ocean. Travelling through the town of Moshi we cross the southern slopes of the highest mountain in Africa, Kilimanjaro. There is also an opportunity to view the snowy summit, weather dependant. This calls for a photo stop! Continuing south we pass the Usambara Mountains where we encounter vast sisal plantations on our way to Dar es Salaam. (B, L, D)

DAY 07: Pangani to Dar es Salaam

Today is another long days drive through beautiful lush scenery and palm trees. We set up camp for the night. On arrival in Dar es Salaam, we spend the night at a beach hotel/campsite that is situated to the north of the city, and prepare for our departure to Zanzibar the next morning. (B, L, D)



DAY 08: Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar

A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the "Spice Island", where we will spend three nights on this legendary island. Zanzibar is steeped in history and was one of the major starting points for most East African explorers in their quest for new lands. (B)

Please note: From our experience our clients have felt the need to explore the island on their own, therefore accommodation and food is for clients own account whilst on Zanzibar, but our trip leader accompany clients to the island and will be able to book accommodation and tours on the island

DAYS 9 & 10: Zanzibar

History aside, Zanzibar offers a wealth of experiences for the visitor. Today the quiet streets of the old Stone Town still retain their Arabic influence, from the Medina-like shops to the palaces of the Sultans, who founded their vast empires on the spoils of the slave and ivory trade. The island is still famous for its spices, and tours around a spice plantation can be organised. Other options include a trip to the nearby Prison Island with its giant tortoises, and beautiful beaches to enjoy. Or perhaps you would enjoy the opportunity to hire a motorbike and explore the more remote areas of the island.

Zanzibar is a seafood lover's paradise. Numerous restaurants offer a great variety of the freshest catch from the ocean - giant lobsters being a popular speciality. Alternatively, joining the locals for dinner in the waterfront market is an experience not to be missed. The market stalls offer an unusual selection of fast food African style at a very reasonable cost.



DAY 11: Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam

Leaving Zanzibar we take the ferry back to mainland for an overnight in Dar es Salaam. (D)

DAY 12: Dar es Salaam to Iringa

Leaving Dar es Salaam we head for Iringa, passing through Mikumi National Park. It is possible to view a range of wildlife from the roadside, totally impervious to humans and their vehicles. Tonight we camp at the Old Farmhouse, a beautiful rustic campsite in rural Tanzania. Try one of the signature Amarula Hot chocolates! (B, L, D)

DAY 13 to 15 Iringa to Lake Malawi

The next morning we head for Malawi passing through the beautiful tea plantations of Tikuku before exiting Tanzania. We enter Malawi through the border post of Songwe and head to Chitimba Beach campsite in Malawi for the night.

The newly democratic Malawi is a landlocked country with 20% of its total area being the beautiful Lake Malawi. The country's temperate climate allows for swimming in these clear blue fresh-waters all the year round. We travel the full length of western side of lake, stopping off at various bays and inlets for the next 4 days. This is the time for rest and relaxation. Lake Malawi offers a variety of water sports from various beachside campsites. Alternatively, you can go wandering along quieter shorelines where you can see the fishermen sorting their daily catch. Traditional methods are still used in their fishing techniques and you can appreciate their boating skills by trying to paddle in a dugout canoe yourself.

Visit the nearby villages and schools as well as dine in the local village, haggle for a bargain at the local markets, learn the game of bao with some locals or simply relax on the pristine white beaches. (B,L,D)

(B, L, D)

DAY 17: Lake Malawi to Chipata

We cross the border into Zambia, heading to a beautiful little campsite just 10kms before the Zambia/Malawi border, where we spend the night. (B, L, D)

DAY 18: Chipata to Lusaka

The landlocked country of Zambia is quickly crossed, passing through the capital Lusaka for one night. The campsite is home to some local wildlife and has beautiful facilities. (B, L, D)

DAY 19 & 20: Lusaka to Lake Kariba

This morning we will pack up camp early and head south for Lake Kariba. We head to the western waters of Lake Kariba and our base camp for the next 2 nights. The lake is one of the largest man made lakes in the world, boasting a wide variety of African game, bird life and unique flora and fauna.

Here you have the option to take a 2 night trip on the House Boats on Lake Kariba. For those of you who do not want to partake in the House Boats there are many activities you can do at the campsite such as fishing, canoeing, hikes, explore the local village or

just relax on the tranquil banks of Lake Kariba. The campsite also has a swimming pool where you can enjoy soaking up the sun. (B,L,D)

House Boat option 2 night/2 day:

We board the House Boats at approx 1pm and have lunch after you have settled yourself in. We depart the harbour at approx 2pm and sail out to the Maaze River for a beautiful sunset and overnight on the House Boats. Lake Kariba is famous for its spectacular sunsets. (B; L, D)

The next day you can relax the entire day on the deck of the House Boat and enjoy the on board Jacuzzi. House Boats on Lake Kariba are truly one of the most relaxing ways to spend a few days. For those of you feeling a bit more active in the early morning we take a Fishing/Game Cruise on tender boats or you have the option to do a game walk on the island in the Maaze area. There is opportunity to see plains game and many different species of bird life. After lunch and head to Maaze Island where we do a tour of the Crocodile Farm. Dinner is prepared on the boat while we sit back and enjoy our sundowners over the lake. (B, L, D)

DAY 21: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Today we cross the border into the town of Victoria Falls. 1700 metres wide and around 100 metres high, Victoria Falls are one of the most memorable sights on your African safari. A couple of days are spent here to enable you to experience the sights and the many activities available. All year round, flights can be taken which give you a panoramic view of the Falls, Batoka Gorge and the islands above the Falls.

Flights can be taken in fixed wing planes, micro lights or helicopters. Back on the ground, the Falls can be seen from the Victoria Falls Park. All offer fantastic photographic opportunities. (B)

White water rafting in the Batoka Gorge is considered to be world class. Besides the excitement of the grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats" where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.

Bungi jumping enthusiasts can take the plunge from the Zambezi Bridge, which connects Zambia and Zimbabwe. The leap into the Batoka Gorge is one of the latest activities at Victoria Falls and is certainly not for the faint-hearted.

Other optional activities around Victoria Falls include day trips into the Zambezi National Park, horse riding safaris, a visit to the Crocodile Ranch, Snake Park, golf at the Elephant Hills Hotel, parachuting, the Falls Craft Village.

DAYS 22 & 23: Victoria Falls

The next few days are at your own leisure to explore the town of Victoria Falls and partake in the many activities available. (B)

DAY 24: Victoria Falls to Kasane

This morning we depart Victoria Falls after breakfast and cross the border of into Botswana where we set up camps for the night near the Chobe National Park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for the large herds of elephant around the Chobe River. Late afternoon we take a boat cruise along the Chobe River in search of elephant, hippo and many bird species which can be viewed from the boat while we watch the renowned Chobe sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 25: Kasane to Maun

An early morning start sees us travelling in southwesterly direction to Maun, our base camp before we start our Optional Excursion into the Okavango Delta. Today is a long days drive with lunch on the roadside. (B, L, D)

DAY 26: Okavango Delta

The Delta is a huge expanse of water, which has travelled from the Angolan highlands, spreading out to form the largest inland Delta in the World.

Studded with exotic islands, the Delta is renowned for its incredible variety of bird life as well as many other animals unique to Southern Africa.

Here you have the opportunity to partake in the optional 3 day / 2 night excursions into the Delta. In this excursion we travel approximately 1-2 hours north to the Mokoro poles station. From there we board Mokoro's, the local dug out canoes, which are poled by local guides through the winding waterways. Your guides will select a place to set up camp. An afternoon game walk will allow you to experience the Delta wilderness. (B,L,D)

DAY 27: Okavango Delta

A day of rest, relaxation and Delta experiences await. Today you will have the opportunity to partake in a number of activities including game walks, mokoro cruises, swimming and even a chance to try your hand at poling your own mokoro! (B,L,D)

DAY 28: Okavango Delta to Maun

There is a final opportunity for a morning game walk before packing up camp and setting off back to Maun. After arriving back in the early afternoon you have the opportunity to complete your picture of the Okavango Delta by taking an optional sunset scenic flight over the Delta region. (B,L,D)

DAY 28: Maun to Cape Town

Local Payment: US\$585

On most of our trips we have a communal local payment. This payment forms part of the overall cost of the trip and covers in part the game park fees and camping fees as detailed in the individual trips, plus as number of other excursions that other companies say "Highlights included", but in reality you actually have to pay for. Check this out before you book with another company as you could be paying for a lot more at the end of the day. It is this fund which also covers the meals outlined in the Trip Dossier, which relates to the trip you are travelling on.

What's Included

Fully equipped expedition truck/vehicle, all cooking and camping equipment, meals, game park fees and excursions as detailed in the Trip Dossier. Trip Leader, Driver and Safari Cook are on all trips operated by Africa Travel Co unless stated in the individual trips.

What's Not Included

Sleeping bag and mat, personal insurance, visas, items of a personal nature, optional excursions and meals taken outside which are detailed in the Trip Dossier.

Safe and Responsible Tourism

Wherever you travel there is sometimes an adverse situation happening and as a responsible safari operator we conduct our trips in accordance with the guidelines of the relevant authorities. This is an unpredictable continent and we consider that a responsible attitude to itineraries will ensure a safe and rewarding trip for you. Your safety and enjoyment are our primary concern. We are the only overland company to have our own offices in East and Southern Africa, which allows us unparalleled support to our passengers and crew.

Optional Excursions:

Serengeti/Ngorongoro Crater option (3 day) US\$340

Ngorongoro Crater option (1 day) US\$200

Zanzibar Accommodation US\$15 p/p/p/n

Kariba House Boats (2 nights) US\$125

Game Walk on Maaze Island US\$10

Victoria Falls National Park US\$20

Scenic Flight over the Okavango Delta US\$65

Okavango Delta with Mokoro (3 days) US\$150

((Prices subject to change)

Please note: This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road conditions, weather, political situations, and group decisions. Due to new tourism laws in some of the countries we operate in there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. All prices & Local Payments are subject to change with prior notice.

Cape Town 3 nights

Welcome to Cape Town and the Western Cape, an area considered one of the most beautiful in Africa.

The paternal presence of Table Mountain, the pristine coastline with its white sandy beaches, the magnificent countryside with its bountiful rivers, vleis and dams, and the unique flora kingdom, together with the warm summer climate and friendly community, makes the Western Cape perfect for any vacation.



Table Mountain



Water Front



Cape Point