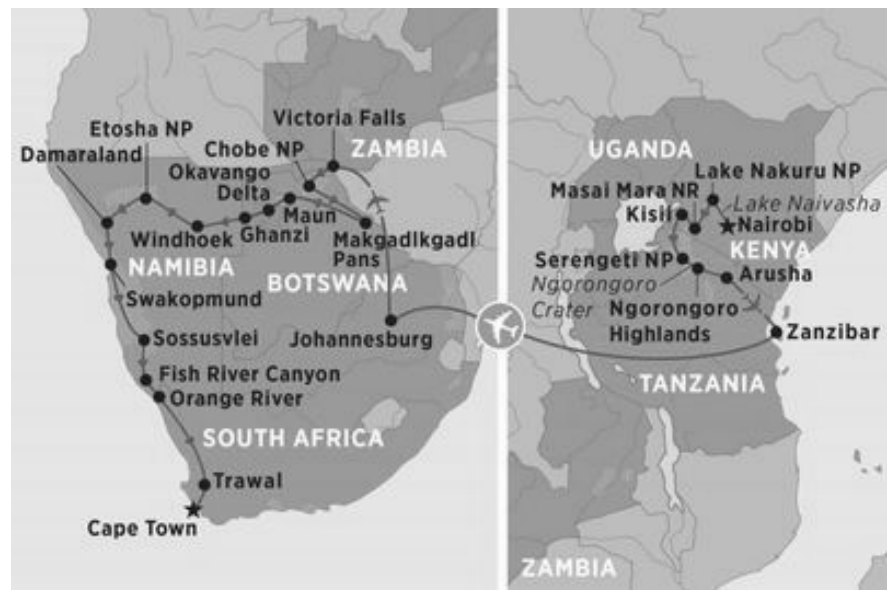


39 DAY CLASSIC AFRICA SAFARI

DESTINATIONS

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VICTORIA FALLS
CAPE TOWN
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DAY 1

Destination	Nairobi
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya's capital. Meet your Peregrine representative and be driven to your hotel (approximately 45 minutes). There will be an important group meeting at 6 pm this evening. More details about this meeting can be found at the hotel reception. Spend free time today at your leisure.

Optional Activities Nairobi - City Experience Urban Adventure - USD55 Nairobi - From Farm to Feast In Focus Urban Adventure - USD86

An airport arrival transfer is included. This transfer is only valid if arriving on day 1 or if you have booked pre-trip accommodation through Peregrine. Please provide your flight details at the time of booking, or at a minimum 15 days prior to travel.

DAY 2

Destination	Nairobi 🚗 Lake Naivasha
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Nairobi for Elsamere after breakfast and head north, driving along the escarpment of the Great Rift Valley (approximately 4 hours of driving in total). Elsamere is the former home of the writer Joy Adamson, whose 1960 book 'Born Free' helped bring wildlife conservation into the mainstream. The house is a veritable museum that dedicated to the works of Joy and George Adamson, with many photos of Elsa, the lioness that started it all. You'll then embark on a boat trip on Lake Naivasha, the highest of all lakes in the Great Rift Valley and home to many a hippopotamus. Later, enjoy lunch with the lake as a serene backdrop. After lunch, continue to your Lake Nakuru lodge, arriving in the early evening.

DAY 3

Destination	Lake Naivasha
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning you will visit Lake Nakuru National Park by 4WD. Mornings can be cold so it's important to bring warm clothes. You might see why this great soda lake has been described as the world's greatest ornithological spectacle; it amazingly turns into a sea of pink on occasion. Flooding in recent years has unfortunately caused a decline in birdlife. The park boasts substantial numbers of other species, including waterbuck, reedbuck and gazelle. Leopards are also to be found here, and the chances of sighting one is significant. Keep your eyes peeled too, for one of Africa's most endangered creatures, the elusive black rhinoceros (white rhinos are much easier to spot).

DAY 4

Destination	Lake Naivasha 🚗 Masai Mara National Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today you will head southwest to the Masai Mara (approximately 6–7 hours), arguably one of the finest game reserves

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in Africa. Before you arrive, you'll first cross the Great Rift Valley, Africa's immense and spectacular great divide. Pass by the remote region of Loita Hills, home of the traditional Maasai people known for their vibrant red dress and elaborate jewellery. This is one of the key places where the Maasai people still practice their traditional way of life, with little influence from the western world. Make a stop at Tepesua Village, which is known for championing Maasai women's health and education. You'll be welcomed by Maasai Warriors by way of traditional song and dance. Meet your Maasai hosts and enjoy a fascinating talk, full of insights into this remarkable and ancient culture. Take a walk to the community village which was founded for widows who had lost their cows due to drought, and can never remarry. The village offers support, safety and economic growth through the 'Tepesua Widows Income Project'. Here the women are engaged in making handicrafts and sewing eco-friendly handbags, washable sanitary pads, and backpacks to sell to visiting travellers and locals. Learn about village life and be shown around a traditional Maasai home, and their cattle enclosures. We then continue on your journey to 'The Mara'. After checking into the park, take a short game drive on the way to camp. Set in what is considered Kenya's prime wildlife area, Mara Leisure Camp is located along the Talek River, on the northern boundary of the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Facilities at the camp include a swimming pool, gift shop, bar and restaurant.

DAY 5

Destination	Masai Mara National Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Explore more of the park by 4WD today with further game drives in the morning and afternoon. Witness the wonderful procession of wildlife that inhabits the area. Wildebeest, zebra and gazelle are plentiful, and you might even spot predators keeping a casual eye on their movements. Elephants, giraffes and elands are also commonly sighted, along with plenty of bird life. The area is known for its rolling green plains and riverine woodlands, and amongst the many species of game, a black-maned lion, leopard or cheetah might appear, with some luck. As dusk falls, a variety of animals might be visible in the vicinity of your camp also.

DAY 6

Destination	Masai Mara National Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today is a free day. If you wish to continue your exploration of arguably one of the finest game reserves on the continent there are a number of optional activities that you can choose from including half-day or full-day game drives or walking safaris. A morning game drive involves waking at dawn for a light breakfast followed by an early morning game drive, setting off at sunrise and returning to the camp three to four hours later. An afternoon game drive departs around 4 pm and returns after sunset. On returning to the camp, freshen up before joining other guests around the campfire for a pre-dinner drink. An optional balloon ride over the Masai Mara at sunrise is an unforgettable experience. If you have pre-booked this activity you will be picked up from camp before dawn and driven to the launch site for a safety briefing with your pilot. You then glide through the dawn, sometimes at tree height, making the most of the amazing photo opportunities. Sometimes you'll ascend to get an overview of the enormity of the Masai Mara plains and the early-morning movements of the teeming herds. Upon landing you'll be treated to a bush breakfast before re-joining your group.

Optional Activities Masai Mara - Half Day Game Drive - KES8000 Masai Mara - Full Day Game Drive - KES16000 Masai Mara National Reserve - Guided Walking Safari - USD30

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DAY 7

Destination	Masai Mara National Reserve 🗨️ Kisii
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Say goodbye to the Mara and head to Kisii (approximately 5 hours). Once arrived stop for lunch (at your own expense) and visit a local soapstone factory in Kisii. This town is home to the best soapstone carvers on the continent. Their products are quite popular around the world. It's a favourite stopover for travellers seeking a taste of the exquisite Kisii carvings.

DAY 8

Destination	Kisii 🗨️ Serengeti National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Cross into Tanzania before heading to the Serengeti National Park (approximately 8 hours, not including time spent at the border). These 'Endless Plains' span some 14,700 square kilometres, but their main claim to fame is 3 million or so animals. The game most likely to be seen in the Serengeti are the wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, lion, cheetah, warthog, hyena, hippo and ostrich. You'll take a game drive en route to your camp and watch the landscape change within the park from the vast treeless central plains to thick scrub and forest in the north. Linking these areas is the savannah, dotted with acacia trees and magnificent rock outcrops. Pull up in the park and enjoy a refreshing sundowner and some nibbles before carrying on to your camp. The next two nights are spent at a mobile tented camp, our feature stay on this trip. Meru-style tents are a great place to relax at the end of the day and have large beds, table, clothes rack, sink, 'bucket' showers and a toilet. The eco-friendly camp has a comfortable lounge area, and a cosy mess tent located in the centre of the camp where meals are served. The campfire is ready every evening for appetizers before dinner. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy a real safari camp experience with modern comforts.

DAY 9

Destination	Serengeti National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy a full day of game drives in the truck in the magnificent Serengeti. Pull up in the park and enjoy a refreshing sundowner and some nibbles before returning to camp. Perhaps the ultimate way to go game viewing is on a hot air balloon safari over the great plains of the Serengeti National Park. Hot-air ballooning in East Africa can be an unforgettable experience, an exceptional way to see this part of the world. We strongly recommend booking this extra activity prior to departure if you're interested. Tonight we have a private dinner under the stars within our permanent tented camp while listening to the sounds of the Serengeti.

DAY 10

Destination	Serengeti National Park 🗨️ Ngorongoro Highlands
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After an early morning game drive, it's time to leave the park and travel through the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area to Karatu (approximately 5 hours). It's one of Africa's most beautiful nature reserves and the world's largest intact caldera. Upon arrival you will check into your accommodation, which is located on the lower slopes outside of the

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crater. This small and exclusive lodge faces the Oldeani Volcano and is located approximately 15 kilometres from the Ngorongoro Lolduare gate.

DAY 11

Destination	Ngorongoro Highlands
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

In the morning, climb aboard the 4WD for your descent to the crater floor. Hopefully you'll see some, or all, of the 'big five' creatures that rule here. Animals within the Ngorongoro Crater are less shy of people and safari vehicles, so it's easier to see them up close. Views from the rim of the crater are sensational. On the crater floor, grassland blends into swamps, lakes, rivers, woodlands and hills. The Masai are permitted to water their cattle at the permanent lake and can be seen leading their animals in and out of the crater. The most commonly seen animals are the lion, wildebeest, zebra, eland, bushbuck, cheetah, jackal, buffalo, Grant's gazelle, Thompson's gazelle and black rhinoceros. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please, perhaps with optional walking activities or a coffee tour.

Optional Activities Karatu - Bicycle tour - USD30 Karatu - Village walk & coffee tour - USD25

DAY 12

Destination	Ngorongoro Highlands 🚗 Arusha ✈️ Zanzibar
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast head to Arusha (approximately 4 hours) where some of the group may be leaving the trip, along with your tour leader from the East Africa sector. Once arrived, transfer to Arusha Airport for a flight to Zanzibar. You will be unescorted for the Zanzibar sector, but local representatives will be on hand to look after you. Just the name Zanzibar conjures up images of a remote island paradise where the water is transparent and the air is filled with the heady scent of spices. On arrival you will be transferred to the east coast of the island and your wonderful resort situated along beautiful white sands. Here you can run your hands through the perfectly fine white sands and enter the warm waters of the Indian Ocean – deep blue in colour, filled with marine life, and perfect for swimming and snorkelling. This is the perfect place to climb into a hammock with drink and a book, watch a gorgeous sun set and then relax underneath a blanket of glowing stars.

DAY 13

Destination	Zanzibar
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

During your time on the coast you can enjoy swimming or simply relax on the beach. Or there are a number of optional activities to take advantage of, from full or half-day deep sea fishing expeditions, sailing trips on a dhow ship, snorkelling, or a visit to Prison Island (named for its former use but now home to giant land tortoises). There is a fitness centre at the accommodation for those who want to exercise to work off all the excellent meals that are served in the restaurant. There's also a swimming pool, water sports, restaurants, bars and shopping bazaar. It's a perfect place for an unwind during your busy African journey.

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DAY 14

Destination	Zanzibar
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your third day in Zanzibar will be spent in atmospheric and historic Stone Town (approximately 1 hour), and the remainder of the day will be at your leisure. explore Stone Town's maze of narrow streets with whitewashed coral stone buildings, magnificently carved, brass-studded teak doors, quaint shops and bazaars that all reflect a unique blend of architectural traditions. The market and bazaars are fascinating and are ideal spots for topping up your spice collection at home or shopping for souvenirs. Zanzibar was also one of the headquarters for slave trading and the starting point for many of the famous explorers such as Speke, Livingstone, Burton and Grant. From here they ventured into the vast interior of east Africa. Perhaps learn more about the island's history at the Old Fort, the Slave Markets, or at the House of Wonders (so-called because it was the first building on the island to have electricity and running water), which houses the Zanzibar National Museum of History and Culture. Alternatively you might like to join a highly recommended tour of the spice plantations, which can be easily arranged through your local operator, Zanzibar Unique. On this tour you'll have the opportunity to see and taste a variety of spices (cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, mace, etc.), as well as tropical fruits. Your guide may also introduce you to some rare plant species, including the henna bush and lipstick tree. Perhaps end your time in Zanzibar enjoying a dawa cocktail as you watch dhows sail along the Zanzibar coastline.

DAY 15

Destination	Zanzibar → Johannesburg
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today will be largely a transport day heading to Johannesburg. You will be transferred from your Zanzibar hotel to take a flight from Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam. From here you will then take a flight south to Johannesburg – the largest city in South Africa. You will be unescorted during this portion of the tour. You can expect to arrive at the Peermont Metcourt Hotel Johannesburg by mid-afternoon. Peermont Metcourt is one of many hotels located within the Emperors Palace Hotel Casino Convention Resort, which is conveniently situated alongside OR Tambo International Airport. There are a number of facilities within the resort such as restaurants, entertainment and retail shops so you won't need to venture out of the resort to have dinner. Tomorrow you'll be flying direct to Victoria Falls.

Your Zanzibar representative will provide your flight ticket for Stone Town to Dar es Salaam, while your sales consultant will provide your flight tickets from Dar es Salaam to Victoria Falls (via Johannesburg) prior to you leaving home.

The Courtesy Shuttle runs between the hours of 6 am and midnight daily. For any transport requirements after this time, you will need to arrange a private transfer or take a taxi.

On arrival at OR Tambo International Airport, please make your way to the shuttle terminus located in the Parkade building, between the domestic and international terminals. If you are unsure on where to go please ask for directions at the information desk located within the Arrivals area. At the shuttle terminus, please wait for the black and gold 'Emperor's Palace' bus at the terminus. The shuttle runs every 20 minutes. Tell the driver you are staying at Peermont Metcourt.

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DAY 16

Destination	Johannesburg ✈ Victoria Falls
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, take the courtesy airport shuttle from your hotel to Johannesburg International Airport for your flight to Victoria Falls. On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, you will be met by a Peregrine representative and transferred to your lodge (approximately 45 minutes). The afternoon will be free to spend at your leisure. Take a stroll around town and book with local tour operators any optional activities that you'd like to do while you're here. Victoria Falls is known as a centre of adventures and in free time tomorrow you could white water raft on the river below the falls on some of the best rapids in the world or take a leisurely cruise at sunset. For something a little more hair-raising there are rope-based activities around the gorge, or a jaw-dropping helicopter flight over the falls and the Zambezi Gorges. This evening at 6 pm there will be a welcome meeting where you will meet your new leader and the rest of the group.

DAY 17

Destination	Victoria Falls
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning you will visit the magnificent Victoria Falls, named by Dr David Livingstone in honour of his English queen. One of the world's true natural wonders, Victoria Falls form the largest sheet of falling water in the world when in full flow. Once inside the park, your guide will take you through the falls area, stopping at different vantage points along the way to explain the history of the falls and their surrounds. After your tour, return to your lodge, where you can take a dip or relax on the deck overlooking a waterhole – look out for elephants passing by! Later in the afternoon, it's back to the Zambezi River for a 2-hour river cruise. The specially designed jet-propelled boats allow you to reach the shallow water among the islands directly above the Victoria Falls. Enjoy included drinks and snacks while meandering between the islands and getting a glimpse of the mist after it has rumbled over the edge of the falls. Keep an eye out for crocodiles bathing in sunshine on the banks, or even elephants submerging themselves in the river.

Optional Activities Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (12 mins) - USD165 Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (25 mins) - USD299 Victoria Falls - Village & township tour - USD61 Victoria Falls - Whitewater rafting (half day) - USD130

DAY 18

Destination	Victoria Falls 🚗 Chobe National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, visit Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust – one of The Intrepid Foundation's projects. Here you can learn about the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife, human-wildlife conflict and the trusts role in anti-poaching. There may also be a chance to meet any rescued or orphaned wildlife currently in their care. Afterwards, follow the Zambezi River to Botswana and make your way to Chobe National Park (100km; approximately 3 hours, not including border formalities). You will arrive at your lodge at around midday. There you can relax by the pool or take an optional afternoon game drive in Chobe National Park. This can be arranged locally with your leader. You will spend the next two nights in a lodge located just outside Chobe National Park.

Optional Activities Chobe National Park - 4x4 Game Drive - BWP295 Chobe National Park - River Safari Cruise - AUD270

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DAY 19

Destination	Chobe National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today, embark on a game drive in Chobe National Park. You might see elephants drinking at the water's edge, large herds of cape buffaloes and many impalas within the park. Then head back to the lodge for breakfast. In the afternoon, take a cruise along the picturesque Chobe River – an ideal location for spotting bird life such as saddle-billed storks, malachite kingfishers, fish eagles and beautiful bee-eaters as well as hippos, crocodiles and large families of elephants. You will be joined by other travellers on the boat cruise and is equipped with bathroom facilities and small bar to purchase drinks. Enjoy a drink as the sun goes down on the river – a truly special moment.

DAY 20

Destination	Chobe National Park 🚗 Makgadikgadi Pans
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Heading south, you will continue your journey to the Makgadikgadi Pans for an afternoon excursion (410km; approximately 6 hours). Witness the immensity of this sprawling salt flat, one of the largest in the world. Later you will head to Gweta Lodge, located near the edge of the pans. In the afternoon, leave the lodge in an open game vehicle to and travel out to the Nxaisini pan. Here you'll sit out in the wild enjoy sundowners and snacks while observing the amazing scenery. With the aid of trackers, you'll spend some time in the company of the local meerkat colony. Be sure to look out for elephants that meander their way down to the watering hole to quench their thirst. Soak in this incredible place while the sun sets behind the old beautiful baobab. Back at the lodge, relax in the lounge area while you take in your surroundings and reflect on the day's adventure.

DAY 21

Destination	Makgadikgadi Pans 🚗 Maun
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast this morning, it's time to head to Maun, the gateway of the Okavango Delta (approximately 4 hours). For those interested, there is the opportunity to fly over the delta in a small plane for a bird's-eye view. This is a great way to appreciate the vast scale of this waterscape. Your leader can give you more information on this activity and how to reserve a place. Otherwise, the afternoon yours to spend as you please.

Optional Activities Okavango Delta - Plane Scenic Flight - From USD75 - USD390 Okavango Delta - Helicopter Scenic Flight - From USD150 - USD450

DAY 22

Destination	Maun 🚗 Okavango Delta
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Venture to the Okavango Delta (350kms; approximately 6 hours) and board your speedboat. This will take you to your home for the next two nights – a houseboat in the Okavango Delta Panhandle. You will need to pack a small bag or backpack for this trip, as there won't be room for everyone's full luggage. The houseboat has twin-share cabins with

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bedding, towels and mosquito nets provided. There is also a dining area on the deck, tea and coffee-making facilities and a small collection of books and board games. As evening falls, head to the deck, where your captain will serve dinner. Grab a sundowner, pull up a chair and witness the breathtaking sunset. This is a unique and memorable way to experience the Delta – not really for what you do, but more for the absence of anything to do. The sounds of hippos breaching and grunting, cicadas trilling, and a million mosquitoes seduce you blissfully into the night.

DAY 23

Destination	Okavango Delta
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning after breakfast, take a speedboat and 4WD to a nearby poling station. From here you will experience the myriad waterways in a traditional mokoro (dugout canoe) with a local guide. Your guide will also take you on a short nature walk around one of the many islands in the Delta. After a picnic lunch, return to the houseboat for some relaxation time. You might like to read a book or do some fishing. In the evening, enjoy a drink, pull up a chair and watch the day turn to night before your captain serves up dinner once again on the deck.

DAY 24

Destination	Okavango Delta 🚗 Ghanzi 🚗 Central Kalahari
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel on to Ghanzi, the 'Capital of the Kalahari' (400km; approximately 7 hours). Your accommodation tonight is at a community project in Ghanzi and is a much more basic than what you will encounter throughout your journey. However, the concept and experience of the lodge is well worth it. The lodges support the local San and San D'Kar community through employment. The San people are renowned as the most skilful trackers on Earth and have an extraordinary knowledge of the Kalahari for both plants and animal tracking. If time permits you may choose to do the optional walk. Here you will be shown the wide variety of both edible and medicinal plants, while also tracking a variety of animals and learning about their habitats. Of course, you will also spend quality time with your guides to understand their very different world view. Later, a traditional meal will be served in the communal lounge and dining area. You will then experience the ancient dance rituals of the San around the campfire. This is a real cultural experience and a great way to get to know the locals. On special occasions this could be a healing or trance dance, which can continue all night, and is an intense spiritual experience for both participants and visitors alike.

Optional Activities Central Kalahari - Bush Walk - BWP80

DAY 25

Destination	Central Kalahari 🚗 Windhoek
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Cross the border into Namibia and head to Windhoek (approximately 6 hours). On arrival, take a stroll around the town and visit some of its museums or perhaps take a township tour. Take in the German architecture evident in a number of buildings. The finest are the Tintenpalast (Ink Palace), the Christuskirche (church), the gymnasium and the Genossenschaftshaus. Keep in mind that there will be another group meeting at 6 pm – a great opportunity to meet any new travellers who will accompany you through Namibia.

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Destination	Windhoek 🚗 Etosha National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel to our lodge located just outside Etosha National Park (400 km; approximately 7–8 hours including stops). On arrival the afternoon will be free to relax at the Lodge. Maybe cool off in the pool, read a book, or enjoy a sundowner by the bar. Be sure to charge your camera's tonight. Tomorrow we will have a full day in the Park. This is one of the world's premier game-viewing destinations; spotting animals in the park is relatively easy due to the man-made waterholes and the large, sparsely vegetated pans. The bushland surrounding the pans is difficult to see through, but there are enough clearings, pans and waterholes to allow for sightings. Namibia has protected its game reserves against poaching, so there are large herds of elephants, antelope and other herbivores.

DAY 27

Destination	Etosha National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Rise early and enjoy a full day of game viewing in the truck. Keep a close eye on the landscape for black rhino, Hartmann's mountain zebra, black-faced impala, roan antelope and the tiny Damara dik-dik. The park is also home to some 340 bird species. Return to the lodge and reflect on the day's adventures with your fellow travellers over dinner.

DAY 28

Destination	Etosha National Park 🚗 Damaraland
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy a morning Game Drive in the Park then venture off the beaten track as you head into the heart of Damaraland (220 km; approximately 5 hours). Home to Namibia's highest peak, ancient rock paintings and petrified forests, the harshly beautiful and sparsely populated Damaraland region is a land of spectacular contrasts. Depending on the time of year, you might be lucky enough to see the desert elephants that roam the area.

DAY 29

Destination	Damaraland
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Spend the morning visiting the surrounding sights such as Twyfelfontein Heritage Site and the Petrified Forest. Twyfelfontein has one of the largest concentrations of ancient rock engraving in southern Africa and is a fascinating insight into the past. The Petrified Forest looks back into nature's history, where 280 million-year-old fossilised tree trunks lie. Continue on to the Living Museum of the Damara, which aims to reconstruct and preserve the 'lost culture' of the Damara. Learn about this fascinating traditional culture that is, along with the Bushmen, the oldest nation in Namibia. Their original culture was a mixture of an archaic hunter-gatherer culture and herders of cattle, goats and sheep. Due to their loose social structures, the Damara struggle to defend themselves against colonisation – one of the reasons that the culture faced extinction. Return to the lodge around 2 pm, with the rest of the day free to relax by the pool, with a book or a nap.

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Destination	Damaraland 🚗 Swakopmund
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Travel on through the Namib Desert today (330 km; approximately 6 hours with stops) to reach the Atlantic Ocean coastline. Take in the beautiful, diverse and colourful landscapes that stream past along the way; mountains, sand dunes, ocean waves and, shipwrecks. Your destination is the beachside town of Swakopmund on the Skeleton Coast. Upon arrival at Swakopmund, you will check into your hotel and have free time to enjoy this interesting township of German-Namibian atmosphere. The accommodation is within walking distance of the town, and you can enjoy a walk on the beach, or visit the open-air markets or local museum.

DAY 31

Destination	Swakopmund
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

With free time today, you may wish to take an optional trip north to Cape Cross, a breeding site for Cape fur seals. There can be in excess of 100,000 seals there at any given time, making for quite the spectacle. Quite a smell too, if the wind happens to change direction. Wander the coastline and attempt to document these beautiful creatures in a photo or two, and visit the large cross that sits nearby, left there by Diego Cao (the first European to arrive on Namibian soil in 1485). There are also a number of optional activities available here (at extra cost) for those who are interested.

Optional Activities Swakopmund - Swakopmund Museum - USD2 Swakopmund - Horse riding - USD65 Swakopmund - Seal and dolphin cruise - USD60 Swakopmund - Fishing trip - USD120

DAY 32

Destination	Swakopmund 🚗 Sesriem
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Depart your coastal retreat in Swakopmund and head south today towards Sesriem (300 km; approximately 6 hours). Walvis Bay is the hibernation area for thousands of migratory birds, most notably flamingos. If in season you may take quick detour to see these elegant birds. Continue on past moon valley; an eerie rocky granite valley, and the Tropic of Capricorn. Stop by the small settlement of Solitaire before arriving at your lodge. Scattered with abandoned trucks, cars, petrol pumps and cacti, it's the only place between Walvis Bay and Sossusvlei to feature a petrol station, post office, general dealer, and bakery! The local Apple Pie has earned itself quite a reputation too.

DAY 33

Destination	Sesriem
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Make an early-morning visit to Sossusvlei, which lies at the end of an ancient riverbed. This is a great opportunity for unsurpassed views of the surrounding area. Climbing to the top of Dune 45 will reward you with spectacular vistas of the surreal desert landscape. After breakfast, travel to Dead Vlei, a clay pan best known for the iconic postcard like

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images that many snap here. The pan is surrounded by some of the highest dunes in the world, 'Big Daddy' or 'Crazy Dune' average about 350 metres in height. In the afternoon you will visit Sesriem Gorge, a tranquil natural corridor that you can walk through and explore. Return to the lodge for the evening.

If you want to avoid a long walk in the sun you can opt to pay for a 4x4 transfer from the 2x2 car park out to the Dead Vlei entrance point. This will cost approximately NAD 130 per person.

DAY 34

Destination	Swakopmund 🚗 Fish River Canyon
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Sossusvlei early this morning and travel to Fish River Canyon (600 km; approximately 8-9 hours). Your accommodation for the next two nights is a gem hidden in this rugged environment. It's easy to see why the Canyon Lodge is a feature stay on this trip. A fusion of farmhouse flavour and natural splendour, walkways lead to 25 natural stone chalets nestled amongst granite boulders and perfectly landscaped gardens, making it really feel like an oasis in the middle of nowhere. After checking into the lodge you may like to cool off in the stunning pool, wrap up the day with a short excursion to our very own 'local' mountain, or simply have a drink and watch the sun go down.

DAY 35

Destination	Fish River Canyon
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Rise early and witness the colourful sunrise from the edge of Fish River Canyon. At 500 metres deep and over 160 km long, this gaping chasm is one of the largest canyons in the world, ranking close in size to Peru's Colca Canyon and the Grand Canyon in the USA. You will stop at various lookouts, which offer spectacular views and photographic opportunities. Keep an eye out for some of the birds that inhabit this area, including plovers, wagtails, hammerkops and herons. If you're lucky you might even catch a glimpse of a baboon or antelope. After capturing all the photos you like, make your way to the main viewpoint and sit down to enjoy picnic breakfast with an unforgettable view over the canyon. Return to the lodge and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. There are a number of optional activities that you might like to join: take a guided drive to the Fish River Canyon and be inspired by new perspective; meander along the 4x4 Wildebeest Drive watching plains animals; or celebrate sunset from a hillock, overlooking the spectacular scenery.

DAY 36

Destination	Fish River Canyon 🚗 Orange River
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Farewell Fish River Canyon and head on to Orange River, just a short 2.5-3 hour drive away (approximately 200 km). You should reach your destination on the banks of the river by lunchtime. The Orange River is the longest stream in South Africa, running from high up in the Drakensberg mountain range and down into the Atlantic Ocean. This stream is significant for its role in transporting diamonds, which in turn leaves the deposits that are found along the Namibian coastline. Set off this afternoon on a 3-kilometre canoe journey down the Orange River. The canoe trip will be done in two-person canoes with a local guide. It is a slow paced, easy trip, and you should be travelling simply down stream for most or all of the trip.

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DAY 37

Destination	Orange River 🚗 Trawal
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Leaving Namibia behind, you will cross the border and travel into South Africa (approximately 7 hours). The approximately 450-kilometre drive will be south of the Orange River to a wine farm in Trawal. You will arrive in the late afternoon or early evening (depending on border crossing formalities). Highlanders is a working wine farm nestled among the farmland of the Olifants River area, sitting at the foot of the Cedarberg mountain range. The farm uses water from the oldest irrigation scheme in South Africa and delivers its grapes to Klawer Cellars, a local cooperative wine cellar. Dutch settlers planted the first vineyards in the area in the late 1600s. However, the vineyards only flourished after the canal was built from Clanwilliam Dam during World War II, and have since won prizes both locally and internationally. This evening you'll enjoy a unique wine tasting, taking in seven of the regions finest wines with your experienced and knowledgeable host 'Sparky'.

DAY 38

Destination	Trawal 🚗 Cape Town
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Continue on to the South African capital, Cape Town (300 km; approximately 5 hours). With its stunning coastline, dramatic surrounding mountains and modern cityscape, Cape Town is one of Africa's most appealing cities and a great place to end the trip. The rest of the day until the evening is at your leisure. The infamous Robben Island (Nelson Mandela's prison for 18 years), vineyards, the V&A Waterfront, adventure activities and plenty of good restaurants and cafes are all at your doorstep. If time permits, you can take the cable car up to Table Mountain. This evening you'll enjoy a memorable dinner with the group in the Bo-Kapp region of Cape Town. Known for its brightly coloured houses and situated at the foot of Signal Hill, Bo-Kaap is the spiritual home of the Cape's Muslim community. Bo-Kaap has a fascinating history. Many of the residents are descendants of slaves from Malaysia, Indonesia and various African countries, who were imported to the Cape of Good Hope by the Dutch during the 16th and 17th centuries. The slaves were (often mistakenly) known as "Cape Malays", and the term has stuck, with Bo-Kaap known today as the Cape Malay Quarter. Get an insight into this history when you step inside the 'purple house' of Faldela and her family. Learn how to make samosas, before sitting down to an authentic home-cooked dinner. Taste some of the traditional dishes such as 'Bredie', 'Chilli Bites' and 'Koesisters'. Learn about why the houses are painted in bright colours and how the community supports each other from your story-telling host.

DAY 39

Destination	Cape Town
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your journey through Namibia and South Africa comes to an end today. There are no activities planned for the final day and this trip finishes after breakfast. There's plenty to see and do in Cape Town and extending your stay is recommended. Please speak to your booking agent about additional post tour accommodation.

Optional Activities Cape Town - Table Mountain Hike - ZAR720 Cape Town - Table Mountain Aerial Cable - ZAR250
Cape Town - Robben Island tour - ZAR260 Cape Town - Harbour cruise - ZAR200 Cape Town - False Bay by train and lunch Urban Adventure - USD59 Cape Town - Salt River Street Art Urban Adventure - USD59 Cape Town - Taste of Woodstock Urban Adventure - USD72

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

38 breakfasts, 26 lunches, 30 dinners
Expert tour leader
Flights between Zanzibar, Johannesburg and Victoria Falls are included.
Custom-built overland vehicle, 4WD Safari vehicle, Houseboat, Mokoro, Boat, Plane, Private vehicle
Hotel (8 nights), Lodge (14 nights), Feature Stay Lodge (4 nights), Permanent tented camp (5 nights), Feature Stay tented camp (2 nights), Beach resort (2 nights), Houseboat (2 nights), Cultural village (1 night)
Arrival airport transfers
In depth Sightseeing

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
Tipping/Gratuities

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OPTIONAL TOURS

Nairobi - City Experience Urban Adventure - USD55
Nairobi - From Farm to Feast In Focus Urban Adventure - USD86
Masai Mara - Half Day Game Drive - KES8000
Masai Mara - Full Day Game Drive - KES16000
Masai Mara National Reserve - Guided Walking Safari - USD30
Karatu - Bicycle tour - USD30
Karatu - Village walk & coffee tour - USD25
Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (12 mins) - USD165
Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (25 mins) - USD299
Victoria Falls - Village & township tour - USD61
Victoria Falls - Whitewater rafting (half day) - USD130
Chobe National Park - 4x4 Game Drive - BWP295
Chobe National Park - River Safari Cruise - AUD270
Okavango Delta - Plane Scenic Flight - From USD75 - USD390
Okavango Delta - Helicopter Scenic Flight - From USD150 - USD450
Central Kalahari - Bush Walk - BWP80
Swakopmund - Swakopmund Museum - USD2
Swakopmund - Horse riding - USD65
Swakopmund - Seal and dolphin cruise - USD60
Swakopmund - Fishing trip - USD120
Cape Town - Table Mountain Hike - ZAR720
Cape Town - Table Mountain Aerial Cable - ZAR250
Cape Town - Robben Island tour - ZAR260
Cape Town - Harbour cruise - ZAR200
Cape Town - False Bay by train and lunch Urban Adventure - USD59
Cape Town - Salt River Street Art Urban Adventure - USD59
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Optional tours are paid locally to your Tour Leader in local currency.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$5815 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$400 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$5954 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)

Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected

Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

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HOTEL LIST

Nairobi: Panafric Hotel or similar
Lake Nakuru: Lake Nakuru Lodge or similar
Masai Mara: Mara Leisure Tented Camp or similar
Kisii: Kamel Park Hotel or similar
Serengeti National Park: Feature Stay at Ang'ata Serengeti Tented Camp or similar
Ngorongoro: Farm of Dreams Lodge or similar
Zanzibar: Breezes Beach Club or similar
Zanzibar (Stone Town): Tembo House Hotel or similar
Johannesburg: Peermont Metcourt or similar
Victoria Falls: Feature Stay at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge or similar
Chobe National Park: Chobe Safari Lodge or similar
Makgadikgadi Pans: Gweta Lodge or similar
Maun: Royal Tree Lodge or similar
Okavango: Okavango Houseboat (with shared facilities)
Central Kalahari: Dqae Qare San Lodge or similar
Windhoek: Hotel Thule or similar
Etosha National Park: Toshari Lodge or similar
Damaraland: Mopane Lodge or similar
Swakopmund: Swakopmund Sands Hotel or similar
Sesriem: A Little Sossus Lodge or similar
Fish River Canyon: Feature Stay at Canyon Lodge or similar
Orange River: Norotshama River Resort or similar
Trawal: Highlanders Lodge or similar
Cape Town: The Commodore Hotel or similar