

16 days Kigale - Zanzibar Island Rainforests & Reefs



Dhows at sunset, Zanzibar

what you pay

£ **320** PLUS the Kitty from \$ **291** paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting: Rwanda, Tanzania and Zanzibar Island



Game drives, Ngorongoro Crater

The price covers

- A fully equipped and diesel expedition truck/vehicle including all camping and cooking gear, a fridge, gas cooker, tents, sleeping mats etc
- Services of a driver and safari leader
- The ongoing advice and back up from The Absolute Team
- All road tolls and taxes are paid.

The kitty covers

- Ngorongoro Crater
- Maasai village

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck. Remember the kitty is a group fund that you pay in Kigale on day one in USD cash.

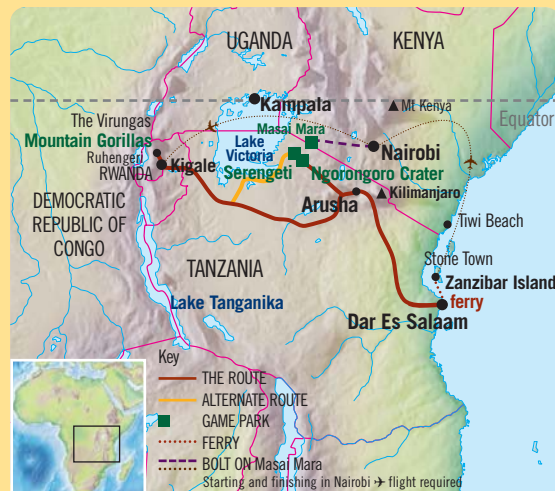
A visit to the Parc National de Volcans, a sanctuary for the endangered mountain gorilla is our first big highlight, the visit taking us deep into the gorilla's verdant forest world, to sit with a family group led by a dominant, older adult male, a silverback.

On the road to Tanzania below Lake Victoria, the scenery changes as we leave the land of "many hills" for a world of rolling savanna plains. The Serengeti National Park, quite simply offers some of the best wildlife viewing on the planet, the rich volcanic soils the base from which the migration is nourished, as herds of wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelle follow seasonal rains to head south each year to settle on the the grasslands of the Serengeti. Large predators including lions, cheetahs, and hyenas are drawn to the area also by this abundance of prey. The famous Ngorongoro Conservation Area is also found beside the Serengeti. Three days are allocated for guided game drives in these reserves, where we camp under the African stars. We also stop over to visit a Maasai village and school.

Our safari finishes on the barefoot paradise of Zanzibar Island. Wander the winding passageways of Stone Town, browse the bazaars, sip fruit cocktails as the dhows sail into the harbour at sunset,

and enjoy the evening food markets. A snorkelling trip to Prison Island to view the giant tortoise can be arranged and visit Jozani Forest, home to Zanzibar's rare red colobus monkeys.

Zanzibar's coastline offers superb white, palmfringed beaches, for dazzling days in the sun where we can relax and swim in warm waters. Snorkelling and dive excursions take us around Mnemba Atoll to enjoy a wide variety of corals, tropical fish, as well as larger species such as turtles and dolphins. The spice island of Zanzibar is an idyllic exotic tropical paradise of white sand beaches, azure waters and colourful coral reefs of tropical fish, a perfect place to finish your safari.



optional excursions

Approx. guide for the most popular excursions as at Dec 09. Usually paid in USD. The rate used is 1.6:USD.

- Mountain gorillas £370
- Golden monkeys £63
- Serengeti National Park* £153
- Manyara National Park £94
- Zanzibar including ferry to Zanzibar Island, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour £125
- One way ferry £25
- Dolphin boat trip including a visit to the red colobos monkeys £28
- Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll £19
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68
- Scuba Diving Padi Course £308

* Some months the truck drives the alternate route through the Serengeti and the Serengeti then comes out of kiddy with the resultant price reduction to £115.

Also to consider:

- 3-4 days Masai Mara from £380

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drink, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 eg donation at the genocide museum and at the children's orphanage. We recommend £180 to £230 for this trip.

visas

Between £38 and £100

Remember to also budget for flights, insurance, vaccinations, any pre and post safari costs such as taxis, add on excursions etc, as well as for any equipment you might need to purchase.

safari dates

Depart Kigale	Finish Dar es Salaam
23 Dec 09	7 Jan 10
8 Feb 10	23 Feb 10
1 Mar 10	16 Mar 10
14 Apr 10	29 Apr 10
5 May 10	20 May 10
7 Jun 10	22 Jun 10
28 Jun 10	13 Jul 10
28 Jul 10	12 Aug 10
13 Aug 10	28 Aug 10
8 Sep 10	23 Sep 10
4 Oct 10	19 Oct 10
12 Oct 10	27 Oct 10
18 Oct 10	2 Nov 10
30 Nov 10	15 Dec 10
17 Dec 10	2 Jan 11
23 Dec 10	7 Jan 11
7 Jan 11	22 Jan 11
9 Feb 11	24 Feb 11
14 Mar 11	29 Mar 11
12 Apr 11	27 Apr 11
8 May 11	23 May 11

Special departure details • 23 Dec 09 and 23 Dec 10 - Christmas at the Gorilla Parks
• 17 Dec 10, 17 day itinerary, Christmas on leaving the game parks New Years on Zanzibar

Red colobus, Jozani Forest

