



52 days Nairobi - Cape Town *the* Southern Safari



Malawi carvings



what you pay

£ **900** PLUS local payment
\$ **640** paid in \$US in Africa

Highlights

- Game drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Visit a Maasai village, the Bushmen, a local school and township
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Lake Malawi
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the lions
- Matopos for a game drive and rhino trek
- Victoria Falls
- White water rafting on the Zambezi
- Bungee jump and gorge swing
- Boat cruise on the Chobe River
- Mokoro safari in the Okavango Delta
- The floodlit waterholes of Etosha
- Visit a cheetah sanctuary
- Sky dive over the Namibian coast
- Climb Namibia's famous dunes
- Quad biking and sandboarding
- Wine tour at Stellenbosch
- Cape Town

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Victoria Falls



Journey south from bustling Nairobi to safari across the vast plains of the Serengeti and into the ancient caldera, Ngorongoro Crater, parks teeming with wildlife. The chance to glimpse Kilimanjaro, visit traditional Maasai, and days to relax on Zanzibar, a jewel in the Indian Ocean. Overnight in traditional Stone Town to enjoy the evening seafood markets, then stay in beach cottages on palm-fringed beaches, snorkel and scuba dive amongst tropical coral reefs teeming with marine life, fun beach bars, and visit the giant tortoise at Prison Island and the red colobous monkeys in Jozani.

Travelling the lakeside of Malawi, known for its sun and sand, enjoy horse riding in and by the Lake, and water sports, time in rural fishing villages including a visit to a school and the carving markets. Through Zambia and we arrive in Kariba for a houseboat cruise across Lake Kariba and into Matusadona National Park. View elephant and game by the shoreline, and hippo and crocodile in the Lake. Throw a line in to catch a fighting tiger fish, and relax in the jacuzzi on the deck of the boat under the Africa sky. In a game reserve near Gweru, head out on foot in the African bush to walk with lion, get up close with lion cubs, ride an elephant and relax in small chalets by a tranquil lake alive with a myriad of birdlife.

The Matopos Hills have the largest concentration of raptors (birds of prey) in the world. Black eagles soar high over the dramatic ancient landscape. Home to both the endangered black and white rhino, as well as giraffe, kudu, sable antelope, eland, zebra and leopard we trek rhino on foot across the bushveld amidst dramatic boulder stacks with professional guides. Cecil Rhode's grave can be viewed at World's View as well as exquisite San Bushman paintings in caves in the park.

Then to the spectacular Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world. This is the place to enjoy adventure activities – white water rafting, bungee jump, the gorge swing and abseiling. There are also “Flights of the Angels” over the Falls in microlights and ultralights, as well as canoeing, a sunset cruise, interactive drumming and horse riding. You can also head out on an antipoaching experience as well for a different perspective on Africa's precious game reserves.

In Botswana we cruise the Chobe River viewing huge herds of elephant as well as hippo and crocodile. Then on a mokoro safari meander through a maze of waterways and fields of water lilies to camp under the stars in the wilderness of the Okavango Delta flood plain.

Travelling into Namibia, mysterious “nothingness land” we camp for two nights in Etosha National Park. A vast array of animals live around the Etosha Pan including elephant, lion, gemsbok, zebra, black rhino, cheetah and leopard. We view tame and wild cheetah in a nearby reserve, then into Damaraland visit a local Himba group who still maintain traditional ancestor worship and fire rituals. Driving a section of the barren Skeleton Coast we stop over at the Cape Cross Seals before arriving in Swakopmund, another adventure hub - skydive, and head out on the dunes on quad bikes, sand board or horseride. Then to Sossusvlei. With an early start at sunrise, we climb 1,000 foot dunes and watch the gorgeous colours break over the dunes, before heading to Fish River Canyon.

Across the Orange River and into South Africa we spend a lazy afternoon canoeing before a stop over at Stellenbosch for a wine tour, arriving in Ashanti Lodge in Cape Town at the foot of Table Mountain.

Visiting: Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa



Himba kids

what's included

Highlights

Over 8 days in total in game parks & reserves incl:

- Game drives in national parks - Matopos and Etosha (2 days)
- Rhino trek in Matopos National Park
- Mikumi National Park
- Private Game Reserve
- Cheetah Park
- Spitzkoppe rock formations or similar
- Cape Cross Seal Colony
- Namib Naukluft National Park and Sossusvlei dunes
- Fish River Canyon

Accommodation and meals

42 nights accommodation (over 10% in dorms), 37 breakfasts, 37 dinners including pre-prepared bbqs, a spit roast in Lake Malawi and a contribution to the final meal in Cape Town

As well as two experienced English speaking crew, specialist local guides en route, transport in a custom-built overland truck including all camping and cooking gear - fridge, gas cooker, tents, sleep mats etc. Advice and back up from the Absolute team. Road tolls and taxes paid

Maasai, Kendwa Beach, Zanzibar



On the Dunes, Namibia

optional excursions

Approx. guide for the most popular excursions as at Feb 12. Usually paid in USD. The rate used is 1.55:USD.

Select from the following during your safari:

- Ngorongoro Crater overnight safari from £148
- Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater game drives 3 days/2 night safari from £277
- Zanzibar incl. return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a spice tour £155
- Scuba diving from £45
- Snorkelling from £26
- Prison Island with the giant tortoise £19
- Day excursion Jozani Forest red colobos monkey visit £48
- Horse riding Lake Malawi £39
- Houseboats on Lake Kariba £90
- Lion walks £48
- Elephant rides £29
- Entrance Victoria Falls National Park £19
- Bungee jump £77
- ½ day adrenaline gorge swing, zip line, flying fox £84
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £58
- White water rafting The Zambezi £90
- Flight of the Angels in microlight/helicopter £90
- Sunset cruise £32
- Interactive drumming £16
- Chobe National Park - game cruise £20
- Flights over the Delta, from £61
- Okavango Delta guided mokoro safari £90
- Evening game drives Etosha £48
- Tandem skydive Swakopmund £171
- Sandboarding £29
- Quadbiking £42
- Township tour £33
- Open sea fishing £79
- Rafting on the Orange River £21
- Wine tour Stellenbosch £30

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £340

spending money

Remember to bring spending money for lunch, drinks, meals when the truck is parked up at activity hubs eg Vic Falls, & camping on the offchance you stay back on an overnight excursion such as the Delta. It is also needed for incidentals such as internet, upgrades from camping, souvenirs & cheap excursions costing under £10 such as local walks. Clients usually take between £655 and £800 for this trip.

visas

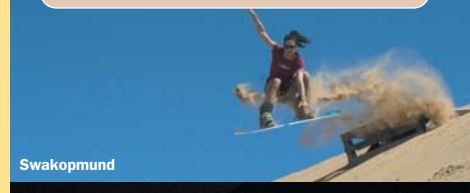
Between £39 and £148

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.

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Swakopmund



safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Cape Town
* 14 Feb 12	5 Apr 12
6 Mar 12	26 Apr 12
20 Apr 12	10 Jun 12
10 May 12	30 Jun 12
12 Jun 12	2 Aug 12
* 3 Jul 12	23 Aug 12
* 8 Aug 12	28 Sep 12
* 14 Aug 12	4 Oct 12
* 16 Sep 12	6 Nov 12
* 10 Oct 12	30 Nov 12
* 10 Nov 12	31 Dec 12
* 5 Dec 12	25 Jan 13
* 28 Dec 12	17 Feb 13
* 25 Jan 13	17 Mar 13
* 15 Feb 13	7 Apr 13
* 20 Mar 13	10 May 13
9 Apr 13	30 May 13
18 May 13	8 Jul 13
* 12 Jun 13	2 Aug 13

Special departure details

- 10 Nov 12 - Christmas at Ai Ais hot springs and New Years in Cape Town
- 5 Dec 12 - Christmas on the houseboats on Lake Kariba and New Years in Victoria Falls
- 28 Dec 12 - New Years party on leaving the Tanzanian parks

* Bolt on Safari in the Masai Mara available.



TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOUR SAFARI:

- **Masai Mara** Depart 4 days prior to visit the Masai Mara, Kenya's premier park incl. a visit to The Elephant Sanctuary and The Giraffe Park as well as Lake Naivasha. £480
- **Climb Kilimanjaro** Arrive 7-9 days prior to climb to the "roof of Africa", Kilimanjaro. A range of different trekking routes available.
- **Beach stays, Kenyan Coast** Arrive a few days early to unwind on the white beaches of the Kenyan coast, swim and snorkel.
- **Nairobi excursion** Arrive a day early to visit The Elephant Sanctuary and The Giraffe Park from £45.

For these and other options see pages 44 - 49.