



ABSOLUTE AFRICA

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AFFORDABLE ADVENTURE CAMPING SAFARIS

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Safari on a journey of a lifetime to experience Africa's incomparable wildlife, landscapes and cultures.



Dave in the taxi, Cameroun, 1979

Want to experience the thrills of Africa first hand?

Prepare for a challenge, expect the unexpected and head out on an overland trip with Absolute Africa.

Living on the road in Africa in a customised overland truck, fully kitted out with all your camping needs, offers the adventure of a life time. Participatory in style the trips also provide a fun opportunity to make some great mates on the way.

We specialise solely in Africa, operating 10 overland trucks, and have a workshop and regional African office in Arusha, Tanzania. Take advantage then of dealing directly with an African operator with established effective ground handling arrangements in place, as well as around the clock back up and support from our office in London.

Our team has thirty years experience running overland safaris from London to Cape Town since an initial journey in the 70's in a London taxi across the Sahara to Kenya from the UK.

Our experience shows, with routes developed from crew and customer feedback, and well trained local staff regularly working on the road and in our workshop.

Want help with your budget and the organising of your trip? Want to know when is the best time of

year to get the best game viewing? See the migration? Trek Kilimanjaro? Head out on a mokoro into the Okavango? Or scuba dive off Zanzibar? We get a real buzz out of taking the time to carefully answer all your questions to find the best trip for you, with supporting you as you plan, and making all the arrangements to show you Africa. Airport transfers and pre and post safari accommodation can be arranged. For gorilla trips to ensure your trek to the "big G's" is all in place this highlight is always booked well in advance for our groups so you can be totally assured all is in order. And there is so much more. We've been there before. We know what is needed and can help with all your queries and concerns.

And our prices are blinding. By booking directly, your money goes straight to your safari arrangements and not to sales commissions, our core aim being to allow passengers to experience Africa at an affordable price.

You will find inside an overview of the itineraries for many of our safaris with maps, budget details and departure dates. Most safaris also have special add on short tours, safaris, treks or breaks that you might like to do before or after

if you want to experience more. Volunteering to spend some hands on time on the ground away from the truck is also an option.

Further itinerary information and detailed dossiers for all the safaris can be found on our website with a lot more information. Dossiers can also be posted out. For special offers including group specials and rewards for repeat travellers check out the website.

You are considering the adventure of a lifetime. Read on into the brochure, And take it further at

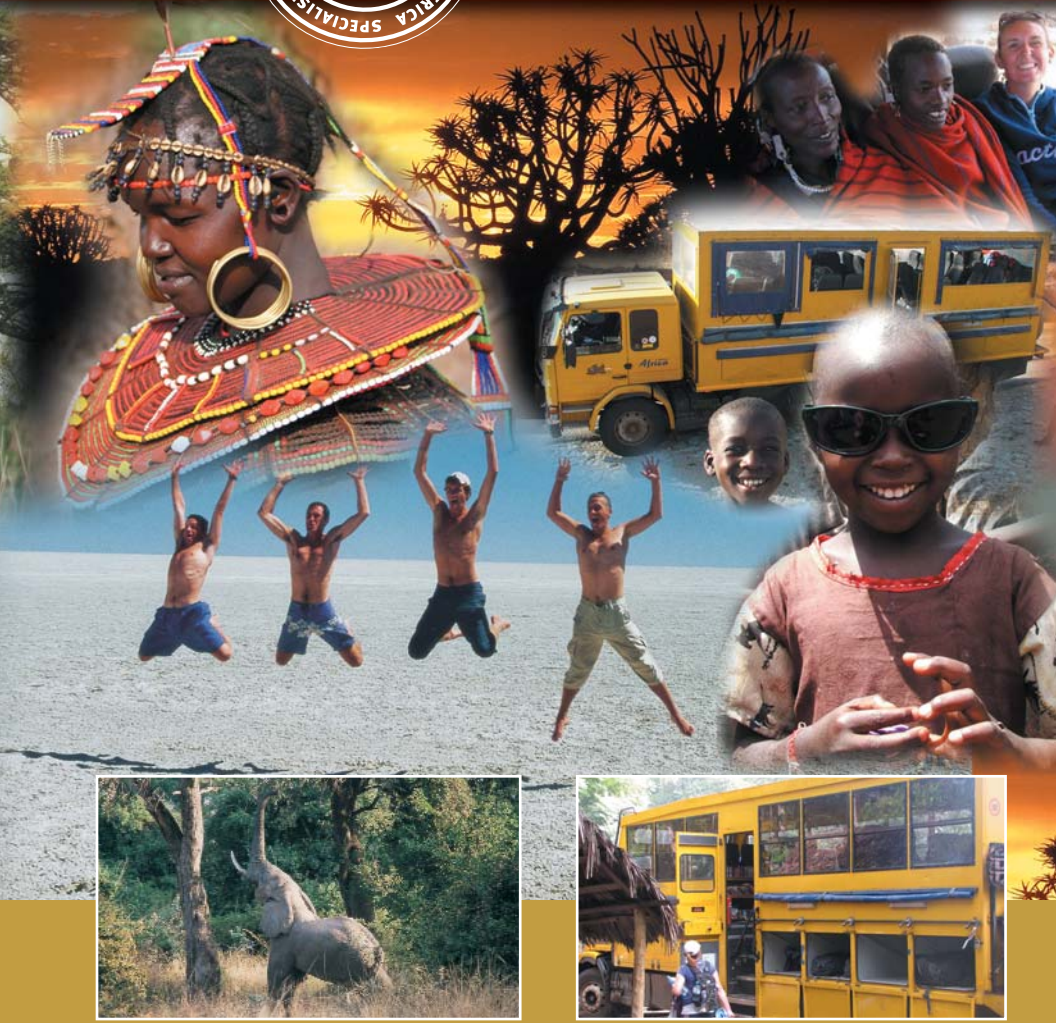
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And don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email, or to visit us in our London office to discuss your Africa travel plans. In the office you can also look at DVD footage and photos of past safaris and we are always happy to have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee to discuss the different options available for your trip.

We look forward to your enquiry. Make tracks for Africa...



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WHY ABSOLUTE ?

- SOLELY IN AFRICA** - We specialise solely in Africa and know the 'ins and outs' of what you want from your trip - the diversity of wildlife, cultures, landscapes and adventure activities that you will only find on the Africa continent.
- RELIABILITY** - Lean on the experience of 30 years for your 'big trip' in Africa. We know, care and understand the needs of travellers in Africa. Having been involved in Africa for 30 years we can answer all your queries and assist with your arrangements including pre and post safari transfers, accommodation and excursions.
- TRUCKS THAT BECOME YOUR HOME** - Reliable, comfortable, spacious, secure and well equipped - with all round viewing from comfortable coach seats positioned so you can see straight out, ample secure storage, camping gear including dome tents, professional camp mattresses now provided to ensure a good night sleep, gas cooker, a fridge, tarps, charge facilities for UK 3 pin power sockets, intercoms, stereos and seatbelts.

What do you want...

- ROUTES**
Developed from over 30 years of experience to maximise your time on the ground to get you to the big (and small highlights off the beaten track) in East and Southern Africa, including new gorilla routes that avoid doubling back.
- GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**
A range of well paced, carefully selected itineraries of varying lengths from which to choose, departing on a range of dates.
- VALUE FOR MONEY** - By paying direct to the operator you pay the lowest possible price for your trip and once in Africa only pay for what you want day to day. You choose extra activities as you travel so you know where your money is going, avoiding banking charges and commissions to agents and middle men.
- NO HIDDEN COSTS** with clearly laid out itineraries and transparent budget information detailing what is included with all extra costs identified.

Absolute Safari Trucks



Absolute Safari Trucks

A safari is a journey and some of your experiences of Africa will be from your seat in the specialised adventure trucks we use. It is essential this vehicle is well serviced and maintained and has all the essential features needed to maximise your viewing from the truck, as well as your comfort and security.



At the workshop

The 10 strong fleet is fully serviced and maintained in Arusha, Tanzania. Apart from comfort and viewing, security and storage are design priorities. The trucks have internal lock up facilities for day bags and valuables, ample space to carry food including pre-purchased bulk stores and large supplies of fuel and water.



Truck design

- No inward facing seats to ensure excellent all round viewing.
- Individual spacious coach seats with ample leg room. Most seats are forward facing.
- Roll up tarps with large PVC windows, or large tinted drop down windows.
- Spacious storage and security lockers for backpacks under the truck.
- Storage facilities for bedding.
- Long range fuel tanks.
- Large water-carrying and food storage capacity.

Absolute Safari Trucks



Camping equipment

- ▲ Three person dome tents with sewn-in mosquito net and separate fly. Please note we allow two people per tent to ensure adequate space.
- ▲ Professional camp mattresses for a comfortable nights sleep.
- ▲ All cooking and catering equipment with built-in kitchen.
- ▲ Gas cookers for convenience and to minimise environmental impact. Barbecue grill.
- ▲ Tables and camp stools.
- ▲ Water storage containers.
- ▲ 115 litre fridge/freezer as well as cool box.
- ▲ Awnings for wet-weather cooking and shade.

Other features

- Under seat personal lock up for your day bag.
- Cassette stereo/amp with an adaptor for discmans & iPods, so you can listen to your own music.
- Intercom link with driver.
- Internal and external lights.
- Medical kit.
- Maps and resource files.

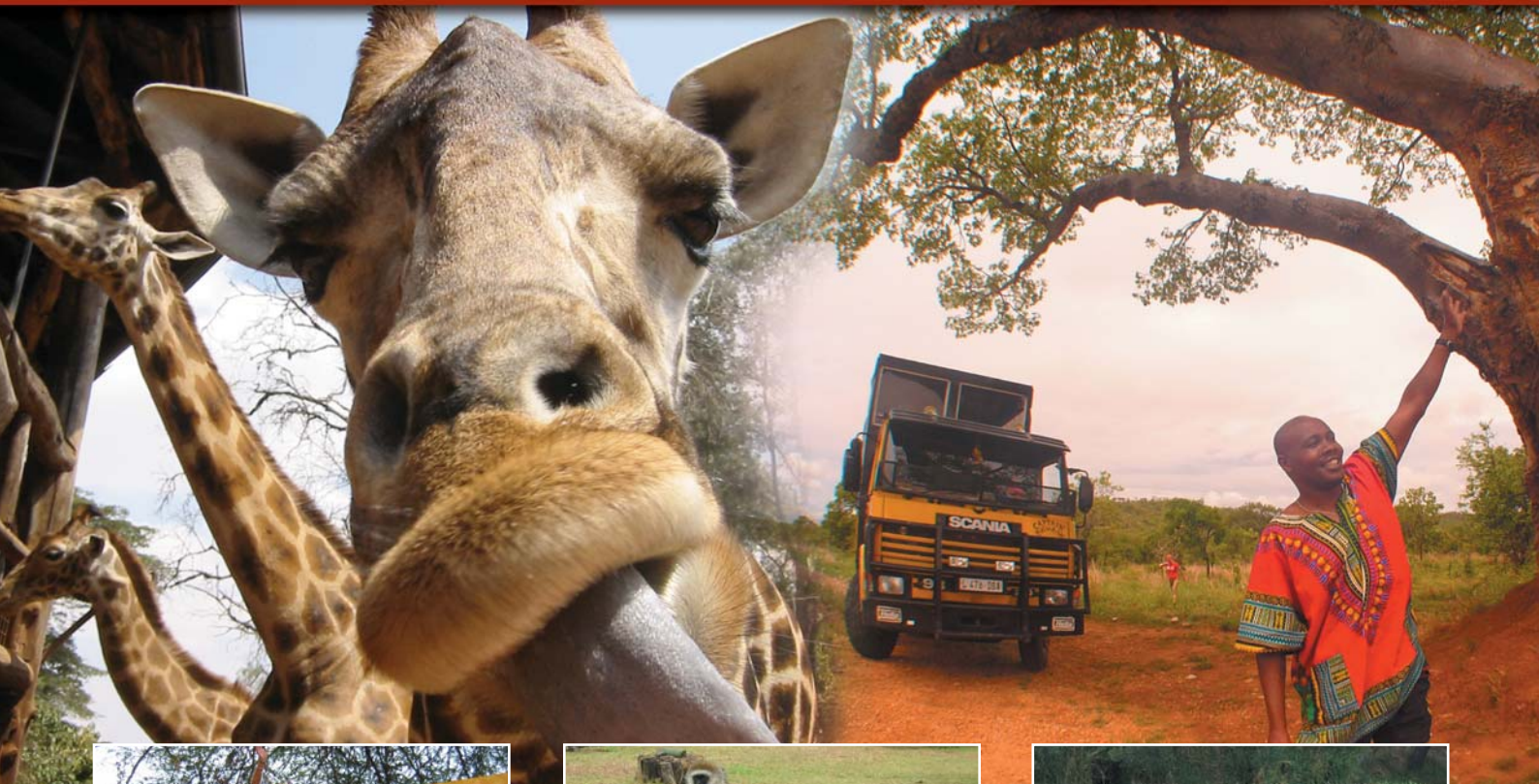


Other features

- A safe bolted into the truck for your valuables.
- Charging facilities:
 - 12 volt cigarette lighter sockets
 - 230 volt mains power points for UK 3 pin plugs.
- Comprehensive range of spares and tools.
- Seatbelts fitted on all seats.



What to expect on your safari



An Absolute safari is usually made up of about 15 - 25 Britains, Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans, aged between 18 and 35 years. We tend to attract travellers rather than tourists. Most clients join us directly via word of mouth recommendation, backpacking magazines and the web.

If you are considering joining on your own, please don't worry, many people do and quickly make friends. Safaris operate most effectively when everyone gets fully involved in the day to day running of the trip and part of your experience in Africa will be the fun of your day to day participation as well as the friendships you will make on the way.

On the trip in the main you will be travelling on one of the specially designed adventure vehicles we operate. At times though you may also find you will travel in smaller 4-wheel drive vehicles, by overnight sleeper train, ferry, traditional dug out mokoro canoes or even a traditional Arab dhow!

Do be aware itineraries are given as a guide only. Uncontrollable factors can arise regularly in Africa that will influence the timing and actual route. Built-in flexibility in the routes is a must and your crew will discuss with the group the very best options for your safari to ensure a unique journey. Much time and care is spent liaising with your crew and local operators ahead of time to ensure all your needs are communicated and itineraries with realistic time frames carefully constructed.

Security issues are monitored on an ongoing basis. Seasonal adjustments to ensure you get the very best possible game viewing on your specific safari are carefully considered. Some longer drive days are unavoidable on any overland trip and itineraries are

also paced carefully to avoid spending day after day unnecessarily on a truck driving. Whilst an immense amount can be seen and enjoyed on safari from the comfort of the vehicle, our aim is to encourage you to experience Africa fully and at first hand at the most affordable price possible.

Each safari has two (or at times three) crew members who have been trained and selected for their professional skills as well as their experience, love and knowledge of Africa. Apart from your driver/mechanic we also provide a safari leader, and on some safaris a cook.

The crew are there to be your companions as well as to lead the group ensuring all runs as smoothly as possible. They consult regularly with the group to keep everyone informed on a daily basis of requirements, activities and facilities available as you travel including the organising of bookings and rosters. They manage the kitty and monitor equipment, supplies and routines on an ongoing basis. To ensure you get more in depth knowledge in different locations and the most relevant guidance for specific activities specialist guides are also available at different destinations.

We stay in campsites most of the time with running water, power and good security but we do also occasionally free camp in the bush carefully selecting sites that are secure and where we will do minimal damage to the environment. The experience of camping under the African night sky is a very special part of your African adventure. Facilities will vary considerably from one campsite to the next and your crew will set up rosters with the group to ensure all stays hygienic, safe, secure and comfortable on the truck.

During most safaris as well there are one or two nights where you will get a break from sleeping in your tent and enjoy the luxury of a real bed. Some campsites on route also have chalet accommodation and upgrades can be arranged.

Cooking is regularly done on an open fire but we also provide gas cookers for convenience and to lessen environmental impact. Crew provide all the assistance, support and advice needed on a daily basis for meal preparation. Your safari leader is directly involved in the day to day cooking and meal arrangements.

Africa is an extraordinary continent of many faces, constantly changing and regularly presenting new challenges. Flexibility and a sense of humour are essentials to pack! And you can relax and enjoy your safari knowing you are travelling with experienced crew, in a well maintained and equipped vehicle on a planned and monitored route with immense back up and support, so that it all flows as effortlessly as possible.

Do be aware trips can book well in advance of the departure date so let us know promptly once you wish to book. This also helps us with future planning. A booking form can be found at the back of this brochure. Alternatively you can book online.

Upon booking you will receive a Predeparture Pack with all the details you will need to prepare for your safari. We can also advise on flights, insurance, immunisations, visas as well as excursions and accommodation for before and after your safari.

How to budget for your safari



How to BUDGET for your safari

Inside you will find budget information for each safari outlining what is included and then the optional excursions available, recommendations for personal spending money and visa costs. Pre and post safari costs can be found on page 48-49.

Your costs to consider when travelling overland are:

- The safari price
- Airfares
- The kitty
- Optional excursions
- Personal spending money
- Visas
- Pre and post safari costs
- Vaccinations
- Insurance
- Personal equipment

Do remember to budget for each of these items.

We are keen for you to have a realistic budget to ensure you have the very best time possible in Africa. Do feel free to call or email if you need further assistance to make sure your budget is tailored to get what you want out of your safari.

group kitties Each trip forms a central fund called the group kitty or local payment. This is paid in Africa in US\$ cash on day one of the safari.

Overland kitties are the group's money to pay for day to day expenses on the road. They dictate the group's lifestyle, well being and security. The higher your kitty the more your safari is 'inclusive' and the more you experience. You travel a long way through different regions with varying conditions and facilities. In consequence kitties need to be adequate to cover the ongoing costs and cope with currency fluctuations and price shifts. Please note the kitty price can shift as it is linked to costs on the ground. At the same time we guarantee not to lift the kitty once it is collected in Africa. Where there is money over at the end it is returned to you. Your kitty is vital to ensure the group gets to enjoy and experience the Africa you came to see.

The following are paid from the kitty-

1. The core game parks as well as some highlights.
2. Camping when you are eating and sleeping with the truck as a group, as distinct from times when you are away from the truck such as on Zanzibar Island. Camp sites are selected for their facilities such as security, communications and waste disposal. Bush camps are chosen to enhance your safari and encourage respect for the wilds of Africa.
3. Two meals a day when you are with the truck as a group, as distinct from the occasional period such as on Zanzibar when you are not with the vehicle. We stock up on non perishables before the trip which are bought in bulk to stretch the kitty further. Wherever possible we then access fresh fruit, salad and vegetables as well as some meat and fish from local suppliers. So you have more time to enjoy Africa we also cost in some meals prepared for the group at restaurants and campsites on route. Variety and quality of food as well as catering for vegetarians are priorities. For lunch, as everyone's needs vary, we encourage you to get out and mix with the local community, shop in the markets and try the street stalls.

personal spending money We are currently recommending you take as a rough guide between £80 to £100 a week for spending money on top of the optional excursions. This is an overall weekly average covering lunch, drinks, shopping, occasional cheaper options costing under £10 such as bike and snorkel hire, as well as personal expenses such as communication home and toiletries.

How much spending money you actually need is very individual and often depends on how much you drink, eat and shop. Bear in mind you may be tempted to haggle in the markets for a Malawi chair or wooden giraffe or buy a DVD of your group braving the rapids white water rafting. Some campsites also have dorm or chalet accommodation so if you feel like an extra night in a bed you can upgrade. Spending money also covers meals when the group is away from the truck and particularly on those safaris visiting Zanzibar Island.

airfares - We are happy to advise on flight costs and departure taxes to co-ordinate with safari departure dates. Do remember to allow 2 days overrun on safaris when booking flights.

working out a full budget for your safari

It is often helpful to talk with a staff member to work out how much money you might realistically need as well as to get a clear picture as to what different activities involve on safari.

If you would like more assistance to work out your own personalised budget focusing on your specific interests and requirements - be it ensuring you see enough wildlife, have an occasional nights sleep in a bed, trek the mountain gorillas, spend a day riding an elephant, climb Kilimanjaro or shop 'until you drop' please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to your enquiry.



Harry and the Himba

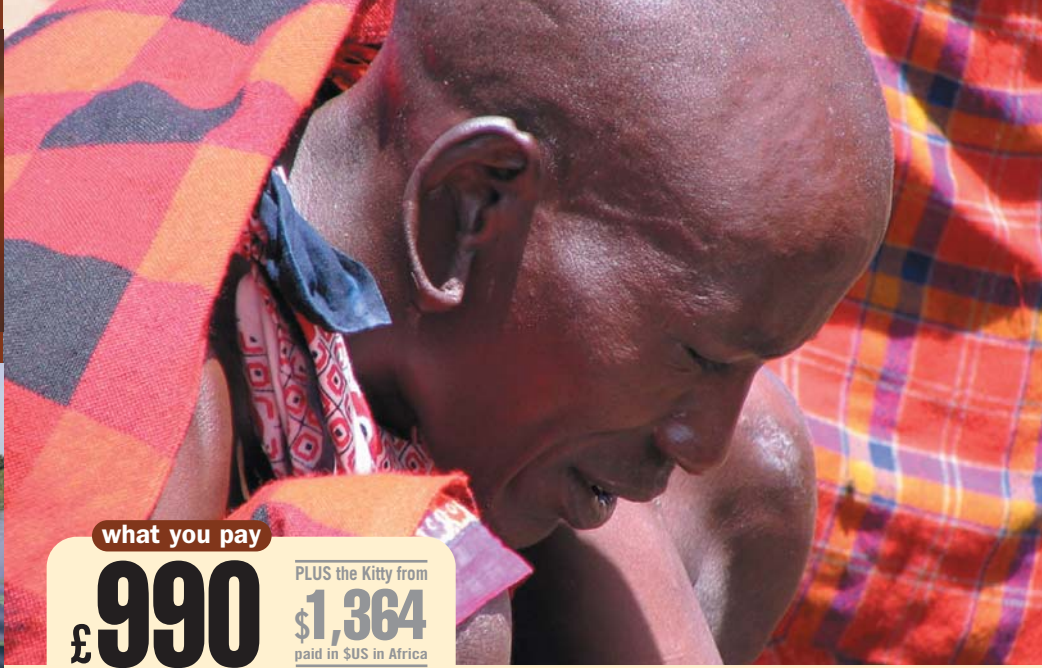


View from the truck, Queen Elizabeth National Park



Okavango Delta

71 days Nairobi - Cape Town *the* Absolute Safari



what you pay

£990

PLUS the Kitty from
\$1,364
paid in \$US in Africa

Highlights

- A gorilla trek
- The Masai Mara
- Queen Elizabeth National Park with a game cruise on Kazinga Channel
- A chimpanzee sanctuary
- Help out in a village school
- Visit a Maasai village, a Himba tribe, a children's orphanage and a local township.
- Lake Nakuru National Park
- Lake Naivasha with afternoon tea at Elsamere
- Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage
- Nairobi Giraffe Park
- The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Lake Malawi
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the lions
- South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- 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
- A cheetah sanctuary
- Sky dive the expanse of Namibia
- Quad biking on the dunes
- A guided tour at Sossusvlei, Namibia's famous dunes
- Cape Town

Action in The Mara



The overland safari that does it all

Starting in Nairobi, Kenya, visiting all the highlights you want to see over 71 days to South Africa finishing in Cape Town, at the Ashanti Lodge at the foot of Table Mountain. From the lush volcanic jungle of the Virunga gorilla parks, with a stay by the idyllic Lake Bunyoni and the White Nile, across the sweeping savannah plains of East Africa, and onto the white beaches of Unguja, the exotic Zanzibar Island.

Wander the winding alleys and colourful bazaars of Zanzibar's capital, Stone Town, enjoy local seafood in the evening markets and fun beach bars. With time for market shopping in Mto Wa Mbu and the wood carving markets of Malawi. Visiting local townships, villages and tribes - the Maasai, traditional Himba and fishing villages by Lake Malawi. Stretch your legs on a hike on wooded Livingstonia Plateau with magical views over the Lake. Staying at Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world. Travelling through the varied landscapes of Namibia with its breathtaking scenery including the monumentally high red gold dunes and visiting special sanctuaries and reserves to come face to face with some of

Africa's unique wildlife from cheetah, to chimps to lion and elephant.

The best of Africa's game parks to ensure superb wildlife viewing - a trek to the mountain gorillas and game drives in the Masai Mara and the Serengeti - the combined stage for the famous movement of



up to 1.4 million wildebeest as well as zebra and Thomson's gazelle. Visiting Nakuru National Park - a sanctuary for black and white rhino, and home to lion, leopard and greater and lesser flamingo, Queen Elizabeth for a game cruise, Hells Gate for a cycling safari, Ngorongoro Crater, Mikumi, South Luangwa (season pending) for evening game drives, The

Okavango Delta for a mokoro safari and Etosha National Park.

With loads of action and adventure - walks in the African bush with habituated lion, elephant rides, a cycling safari, a "Flight of the Angels" over The Victoria Falls in a micro light or ultralight, sky diving, white water rafting, water sports, quad biking, the bungee, abseil and gorge swing, scuba diving, snorkelling and so much more...

itinerary
& dossiers

Check our website for the latest prices, departure details and dossiers
@ www.absoluteafrica.com or phone 0208 742 0226

Visiting: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, (Zimbabwe), Botswana, Namibia, South Africa



On the dunes, Namibia

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

- The Masai Mara
- Nakuru National Park
- Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Mikumi National Park
- South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)
- Etosha National Park (2 nights)
- Namib Naukluft National Park
- Fish River Canyon
- Maasai village
- The Giraffe Park
- The Cheetah Park
- Cape Cross Seal Colony

Breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck, some barbecues, a village meal and contributions to restaurant meals throughout including the final meal in Cape Town.

Camping and accommodation whilst with the truck including three nights in chalets or similar in Swakopmund and the final night in Ashanti Lodge in Cape Town.

Please note access to some game parks, particularly Luangwa is seasonal, due partly to road conditions.

Remember this is a participation trip. Your kitty payment is part of your contribution to your group travelling on your departure date. Where there is money left over the group together decide what then happens to any remaining funds.

Bungee, Victoria Falls



Bushcamping

optional excursions

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

■ Hells Gate National Park	£16
■ White water rafting The White Nile	£78
■ Volunteer work in a local school	£11
■ Chimpanzee reserve	£31
■ Mountain gorillas	£370
■ Serengeti National Park*	£153
■ Manyara National Park	£94
■ Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour	£150
■ Dolphin boat trip incl. visit to the red colobos monkeys	£28
■ Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll	£19
■ Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar	£68
■ Horse riding in Lake Malawi	£31
■ Houseboats on Lake Kariba	£81
■ Lion walk	£75
■ Elephant rides	£100
■ Bungee jump	£66
■ Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day)	£72
■ Gorge swing - (1 jump)	£38
■ White water rafting The Zambezi	£88
■ Flight of the Angels in ultralight/microlight/helicopter	£41 - £150
■ Breakfast drift canoe	£44
■ Sunset cruise	£25
■ Interactive drumming	£16
■ Chobe National Park	£27
■ Flights over the Delta	£50
■ Okavango Delta guided mokoro safari	£88
■ Tandem sky dive Swakopmund	£155
■ Sandboarding	£20
■ Quadbiking	£40
■ Township tour	£32
■ Open sea fishing	£69
■ Guided Walk on the Sossusvlei Dunes	£15
■ Wine tour Stellenbosch	£25

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

Also to consider:

■ Balloon safari in the Masai Mara	£340
■ Balloon safari in the Serengeti	£370

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 eg. visiting the elephant orphanage. Spending money is also needed for meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari such as the Okavango, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend between £80 and £100 a week for spending money. Clients usually take between £800 to £1,000 for this safari.

visas

Between £69 and £166

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.

If you would like assistance to work out your own personalised budget don't hesitate to contact us.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Cape Town
23 Jan 10	3 Apr 10
13 Feb 10	24 Apr 10
29 Mar 10	7 Jun 10
19 Apr 10	28 Jun 10
22 May 10	31 Jul 10
12 Jun 10	21 Aug 10
12 Jul 10	20 Sep 10
28 Jul 10	6 Oct 10
23 Aug 10	1 Nov 10
18 Sep 10	27 Nov 10
26 Sep 10	5 Dec 10
2 Oct 10	11 Dec 10
14 Nov 10	23 Jan 11
7 Dec 10	15 Feb 11
24 Jan 11	4 Apr 11
26 Feb 11	7 May 11
27 Mar 11	5 Jun 11
22 Apr 11	1 Jul 11
21 May 11	30 Jul 11
11 Jun 11	20 Aug 11

Special departure details

- 14 Nov 10 - Christmas on the houseboats on Lake Kariba and New Years in Victoria Falls
- 7 Dec 10 - Christmas with the gorillas



OTHER SPECIAL EXTRAS TO CONSIDER BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER YOUR SAFARI: Want to climb Kilimanjaro? Or balloon over the Mara or Serengeti? For further details and other options see pages 44-49.



UPDATED 15.12.09



63 days Kampala - Cape Town *the* **Wildlife Journey**



Rhino crossing



what you pay

£ **890**

PLUS the Kitty from

\$1,103

paid in \$US in Africa

A journey to Africa's most special places

Highlights

- A gorilla trek
- Queen Elizabeth National Park with a game cruise on Kazinga Channel
- A chimpanzee sanctuary
- Help out in a village school
- Visit a Maasai village, a Himba tribe, a children's orphanage and a local township.
- The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Lake Malawi
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the Lions
- South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- Victoria Falls
- White water rafting on the White Nile and the Zambezi
- Bungee jump and gorge swing
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- Mokoro safari in the Okavango Delta
- The floodlit waterholes of Etosha
- Visit a cheetah sanctuary
- Sky dive the expanse of Namibia
- Quad biking on the dunes
- Sossusvlei, Namibia's famous dunes
- Cape Town

To trek the mountain gorillas in the jungles of the Virungas. To safari on the sweeping plains of the Serengeti to see the migration. Descend into an ancient caldera to visit the Noah's ark of all wildlife destinations, the Ngorongoro Crater. Trek rhino on foot. Spy leopard in South Luangwa on evening game drives (season pending). Walk with habituated lion and mokoro through the water ways of the Okavango Delta. Drive the expanse of the Etosha Pan surrounded by lion, rhino, elephant and all the game you wish to see.

Relax on palmfringed white beaches and snorkel with dolphins in the crystal clear waters off Zanzibar. Feel the spray of the Zambezi as over 5 million litres of water per second plummets into the gorge at Victoria Falls. Climb Namibia's breathtaking dunes.

Visit Maasai in their village. Help out in a local school. Take a spice tour through the plantations on Zanzibar visiting the Maharaja's palace and harem, as well as guided tours in local townships. On the dunes of Namibia find out about the creatures of the desert such as the tok tokkie beetle. Travel by Sesse canoe to Ngamba Island to view the cheeky chimps.

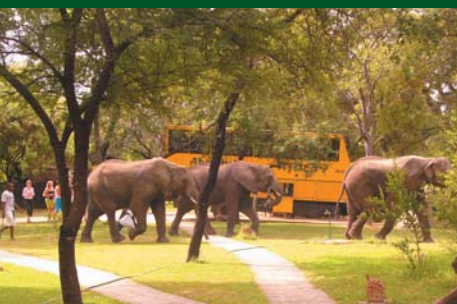
There are opportunities as well for adventure sports - sky diving, white water rafting, quadbiking, the bungee and gorge swing, scuba diving, sand boarding, snorkelling, fishing, elephant and horse riding.

The Wildlife Journey commences in Kampala, Uganda and finishes at Ashanti Lodge in Cape Town, South Africa at the foot of the 1,000 metre high Table Mountain.



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Visiting: Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, (Zimbabwe), Botswana, Namibia, South Africa



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

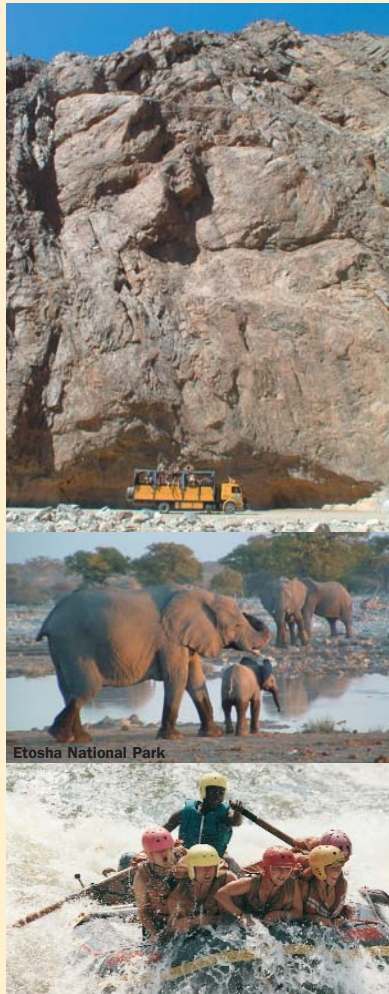
- Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise on the Kazinga Channel
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Mikumi National Park
- South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)
- Etosha National Park (2 nights)
- Namib Naukluft National Park
- Fish River Canyon
- Maasai village
- The Cheetah Park
- Cape Cross Seal Colony

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Etosha National Park

White water rafting The Zambezi

optional excursions

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

■ White water rafting The White Nile	£78
■ Kayaking	£46
■ Volunteer work in a local school	£11
■ Chimpanzee reserve	£31
■ Mountain gorillas	£370
■ Serengeti National Park*	£153
■ Manyara National Park	£94
■ Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour	£150
■ Dolphin boat trip incl. visit to the red colobus monkeys	£28
■ Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll	£19
■ Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar	£68
■ Horse riding in Lake Malawi	£31
■ Houseboats on Lake Kariba	£81
■ Lion walk	£75
■ Elephant rides	£100
■ Bungee jump	£66
■ Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day)	£72
■ Gorge swing - (1 jump)	£38
■ White water rafting The Zambezi	£88
■ Flight of the Angels in ultralight/microlight/helicopter	£41 - £150
■ Breakfast drift canoe	£44
■ Sunset cruise	£25
■ Interactive drumming	£16
■ Chobe National Park	£27
■ Flights over the Delta	£50
■ Okavango Delta guided mokoro safari	£88
■ Tandem sky dive Swakopmund	£155
■ Sandboarding	£20
■ Quadbiking	£40
■ Township tour	£32
■ Open sea fishing	£69
■ Guided Walk on the Sossusvlei Dunes	£15
■ Rafting on the Orange River	£13
■ Wine tour Stellenbosch	£25

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Also to consider:

■ Balloon safari in the Serengeti	£370
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spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 eg. canoe hire. Spending money is also needed for meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend £720 to £900 for this safari.

visas

Between £69 and £150

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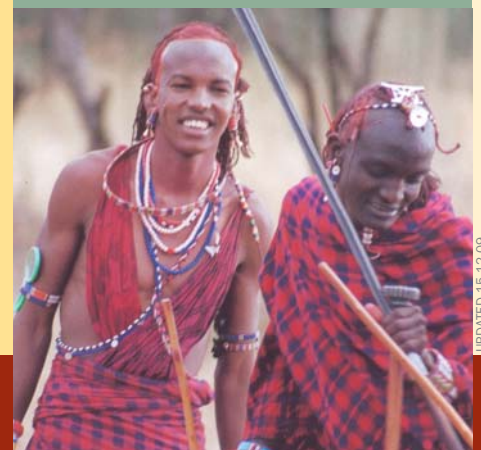
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31 Jan 10	3 Apr 10
21 Feb 10	24 Apr 10
6 Apr 10	7 Jun 10
27 Apr 10	28 Jun 10
30 May 10	31 Jul 10
20 Jun 10	21 Aug 10
20 Jul 10	20 Sep 10
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26 Sep 10	27 Nov 10
4 Oct 10	5 Dec 10
10 Oct 10	11 Dec 10
22 Nov 10	23 Jan 11
15 Dec 10	15 Feb 11
30 Dec 10	2 Mar 11
1 Feb 11	4 Apr 11
6 Mar 11	7 May 11
4 Apr 11	5 Jun 11
30 Apr 11	1 Jul 11
29 May 11	30 Jul 11
19 Jun 11	20 Aug 11

Special departure details

- 22 Nov 10 - Christmas on a houseboat on Lake Kariba, & New Years at Victoria Falls
- 15 Dec 10 Christmas at the Gorilla Parks
- 30 Dec 10 - New Years by the White Nile



TO CONSIDER: Want to help out in a local school or climb Kilimanjaro? For further details and other options see page 44 to 49.



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Mzungu Maasai



Etosha National Park, Namibia

58 days Nairobi - Cape Town *the* **Classic Safari**



what you pay

£ **800**

PLUS the Kitty
\$1,425
paid in \$US in Africa

A safari from the savanna plains of East Africa

Highlights

- Game drives in the Masai Mara
- Lake Nakuru National Park
- Cycling in Hells Gate National Park
- Visit a Maasai village, the Bushmen, a local school and township
- Lake Naivasha with afternoon tea at Elsamere
- Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage
- Nairobi Giraffe Park
- Game drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Lake Malawi
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the lions
- South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- 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 the expanse of Namibia
- Quad biking on the dunes
- A guided tour on Namibia's famous dunes, Sossusvlei
- Cape Town

Kendwa Beach, Zanzibar



A safari from the savanna plains of East Africa and the dramatic scenery of the Rift Valley to visit magical Zanzibar and Lake Malawi, to stand by the mighty Zambezi as it plummets 100 metres over Victoria Falls, climb the monumental dunes of Namibia, arriving in Cape Town at the foot of Table Mountain at the end of our journey.

With game drives in the very best of East and Southern Africa's game parks... Nakuru National Park, centred around a soda lake, home to black and white rhino, greater and lesser flamingo, hippo, lion, leopard and giraffe. Camping by papyrus fringed Lake Naivasha to cycle into Ol Njorowa Gorge in Hells Gate surrounded by the evidence of past volcanic history and to view game as it congregates at the water holes - zebra, gazelle and hartebeest. Then to the vast grassy plains of the Masai Mara, the stage for the world famous migration of wildebeest, Thomson's gazelle and zebra and in consequence a great chance to see the Big Cats, and on to the world famous Serengeti and the ancient caldera, Ngorongoro Crater. South Luangwa (season pending) for evening

game drives, a houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba, Chobe National Park for a game cruise, Etosha for three nights and a mokoro safari through the tranquil waterways of the Okavango Delta.

With time to visit a traditional Maasai village, Nairobi's Elephant Orphanage and The Giraffe Park, and adventure plus - walking with the lions in the African bush, white water rafting on grade 5 rapids on the Zambezi, bungee jumping, quad biking, sandboarding and sky diving over the Namib desert.

Explore local villages, wander the meandering streets of Stone Town, Zanzibar, and unwind on the island's white beaches. Scuba dive and snorkel with the dolphins in turquoise waters, and visit the giant tortoise on Prison Island. Barter in the famous carving markets of Malawi, enjoy sundowners as the sun sets on the Zambezi River at Victoria Falls with hippo languidly cruising nearby, discover the creatures of the desert with a guide on the dunes in Namibia and at our journey's end take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, Cape Town.



Ballooning in The Serengeti

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Kilimanjaro

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- Services of a driver and safari leader. A cook in East Africa • The ongoing advice and back up from The Absolute Team • All road tolls and taxes are paid.

The kitty covers

- The Masai Mara
- Nakuru National Park
- Serengeti National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Mikumi National Park
- South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)
- Etosha National Park (2 nights)
- Namib Naukluft National Park
- Fish River Canyon
- Maasai village
- The Sheldricks Elephant Orphanage
- The Giraffe Park
- The Cheetah Park
- Cape Cross Seal Colony

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Mara River crossing

optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Hells Gate National Park or Crater Lake Sanctuary £16
- Zanzibar Island including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour £150
- Dolphin boat trip including a visit to the red colobos monkeys £28
- Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll £19
- Prison Island with the giant tortoise £10
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68
- Horse riding in Lake Malawi £31
- Houseboats on Lake Kariba £81
- Lion walk £75
- Elephant rides £100
- Bungee jump £66
- Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day) £72
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £38
- White water rafting The Zambezi £88
- Flight of the Angels £41 - £150
- Breakfast drift canoe £44
- Sunset cruise £25
- Interactive drumming £16
- Chobe National Park £27
- Flights over the Delta £50
- Okavango Delta guided mokoro safari £88
- Tandem sky dive Swakopmund £155
- Sandboarding £20
- Quadbiking £40
- Township tour £32
- Open sea fishing £69
- Rafting on the Orange River £13
- Guided walk on the Sossusvlei dunes £15
- Wine tour Stellenbosch £25

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs, and meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari such as the Okavango Delta, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. Clients usually take £660 to £830 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £110

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.

Tiger fishing



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safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Cape Town
5 Feb 10	3 Apr 10
4 Jun 10	31 Jul 10
25 Jul 10	20 Sep 10
10 Aug 10	6 Oct 10
5 Sep 10	1 Nov 10
9 Oct 10	5 Dec 10
15 Oct 10	11 Dec 10
20 Dec 10	15 Feb 11
4 Jan 11	2 Mar 11
18 Jun 11	14 Aug 11

Special departure details

- 20th December 10 Christmas in the Masai Mara

TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOUR SAFARI:

Want to climb Kilimanjaro or stay in beach cottages on the Kenyan Coast? Then have a look at details of these and other options on pages 44 to 49.





Sunset on the savannah



Hope they had breakfast...



Flying high over The Victoria Falls

55 days Kigale - Cape Town African Drums



what you pay

£800

PLUS the Kitty from
\$944
paid in \$US in Africa

Highlights

- A gorilla trek
- Orphanage visit
- Visit a Maasai village, the Himba and a local township
- The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Lake Malawi
- Help out in a village school
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the lions
- South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- 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 the expanse of Namibia
- Quad biking on the dunes
- Sossusvlei, Namibia's famous dunes
- Cape Town



Zanzibar Island

Get with the beat of Africa

Travel from Rwanda, the “Land of a Thousand Hills”, a lush and beautiful country and home to the endangered mountain gorilla where we trek deep in the thickly forested Virungas.

With game drives in Tanzania’s Serengeti National Park across miles upon miles of sweeping plains and in Ngorongoro Crater, the world’s largest extinct volcano. With a little luck we see rhino, hippo, lion, elephant, giraffe, hyena, buffalo, zebra, impala, wildebeest, monkey, ostrich and flamingo. The famous vast herds of wildebeest, gazelle, antelope and zebra are usually on view from November through to June, and “the big cats” lion, leopard and cheetah, are usually not far behind. We also visit South Luangwa famous for its large herds of elephant and leopard on view on evening game drives, season pending. And Etosha National Park where we can sit at night with our hot chocolate and watch game come down to the flood lit water holes to drink. Etosha boasts all of “the big five.”

Let the barefoot paradise of Zanzibar work its charm – the bazaars, meandering alleys of Stone Town, the evening food markets at Fordhani Gardens and the crystal clear

warm turquoise waters lapping against the sandy white beaches. Relax with a fruit cocktail on the porch of traditional Africa House as the dhows arrive, swim with the turtles at Nungwi, snorkel off Prison Island and at Mnemba Atoll amongst corals and tropical fish and trek through Jozani Forest to view rare red colobos monkeys.

With time in rural Malawi visiting in local villages and markets and staying at Victoria Falls, the mighty Mosi-O-Tunya “The Smoke that Thunders”, one of the natural wonders of the world where the largest sheet of falling water in the world plummets 100 meters into the gorge. With fun adventure activities including the famous “walking with lions”, gorge swinging, micro lighting and bungee jumping, white water rafting, canoeing, rhino trekking and

riding an African elephant. Head off deep into the Okavango Delta on a traditional mokoro safari and climb the mighty sand dunes of the Namib Desert.

Finishing in Cape Town at Ashanti Lodge at the foot of Table Mountain, offering you the chance to experience Africa’s untamed wildlife, stunning landscapes, traditional villages and exciting adventure activities.



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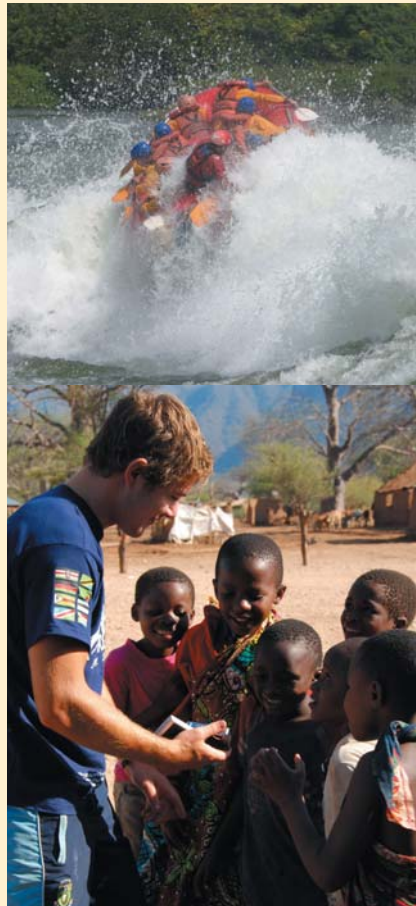
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Mikumi National Park
- South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)
- Etosha National Park (2 nights)
- Namib Naukluft National Park
- Fish River Canyon
- Maasai village
- The Cheetah Park
- Cape Cross Seal Colony

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optional excursions

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■ Mountain gorillas	£370
■ Serengeti National Park*	£153
■ Manyara National Park	£94
■ Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation, transfers with Spice Tour	£150
■ Dolphin boat trip with red colobos monkey visit	£28
■ Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll	£19
■ Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar	£68
■ Horse riding in Lake Malawi	£31
■ Houseboats on Lake Kariba	£81
■ Lion walk	£75
■ Elephant rides	£100
■ Bungee jump	£66
■ Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day)	£72
■ Gorge swing - (1 jump)	£38
■ White water rafting The Zambezi	£88
■ Jet boating on the Zambezi	£59
■ Flight of the Angels	£41 - £150
■ Breakfast drift canoe	£44
■ Sunset cruise	£25
■ Interactive drumming	£16
■ Chobe National Park	£27
■ Flights over the Delta	£50
■ Okavango Delta guided mokoro safari	£88
■ Evening game drives, Etosha	£46
■ Tandem sky dive Swakopmund	£155
■ Sandboarding	£20
■ Quadbiking	£40
■ Township tour	£32
■ Open sea fishing	£69
■ Guided walk on the Sossusvlei dunes	£15
■ Rafting on the Orange River	£13
■ Wine tour Stellenbosch	£25

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Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

spending money

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visas

Between £38 and £100

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safari dates

Depart Kigale	Finish Cape Town
8 Feb 10	3 Apr 10
1 Mar 10	24 Apr 10
14 Apr 10	7 Jun 10
5 May 10	28 Jun 10
7 Jun 10	31 Jul 10
28 Jun 10	21 Aug 10
28 Jul 10	20 Sep 10
13 Aug 10	6 Oct 10
8 Sep 10	1 Nov 10
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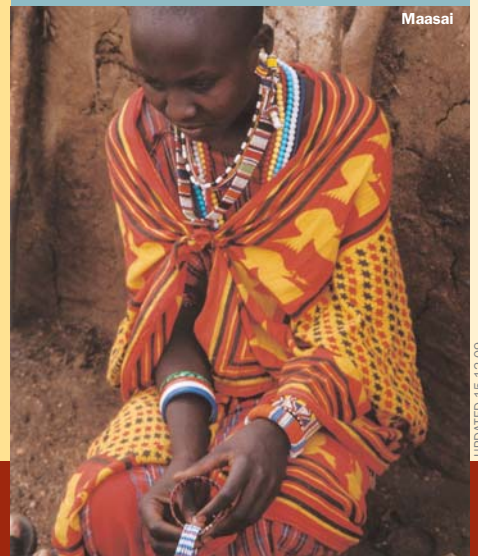


Special departure details

- 30 Nov 10 - Christmas on the houseboats on Lake Kariba and New Years in Victoria Falls
- 23 Dec 10 - Christmas with the gorillas

OTHER SPECIAL EXTRAS TO CONSIDER: Want to climb Kilimanjaro? For further details and other options see page 44 to 49.

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Ngorongoro Crater



Malawi carvings

50 days Nairobi - Cape Town *the* Southern Safari



what you pay

£ **780** PLUS the Kitty
\$ **888**
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
- South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- 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
- A guided tour on Namibia's famous dunes, Sossusvlei
- Sky dive over the expanse of Namibia
- Quad biking and sandboarding
- Wine tour at Stellenbosch
- Cape Town

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Victoria Falls



Journey south from bustling Nairobi to safari in Tanzania's premier game parks, across the vast plains of the Serengeti and into the ancient caldera, Ngorongoro Crater, with its superb year round game viewing. We visit a Maasai cultural museum, village and school to gain some insight into this traditional pastoral people's rich way of life. Then with the chance to glimpse Kilimanjaro we head south to the coast and Zanzibar Island, a jewel in the Indian Ocean. Staying in cottages at the northern tip of Zanzibar on palm fringed beaches, enjoy superb snorkeling and scuba diving, fun nights in the beach bars, volley ball on the white sands and a boat trip with the dolphins. A spice tour brings the island's intriguing history to life with a stay in the capital, Stone Town, offering the flavour of Swahili culture including an abundance of cuisine in the evening fish markets.

Our journey from the Coast takes us through Mikumi National Park to Malawi, Africa's 'warm heart'. Camping by the Lake, famous for its water sports, sun and sand, there is time to visit a local village and school and to barter in the carving markets. We now head to the wilds of South Luangwa on departures between late March and late October. The park has all the game you would want to see including elephant and lion. Evening game drives also provide a good chance of seeing leopard, as well as other nocturnal creatures. On the other months there is time to get a feel for rural life in a remote Malawian village. Then to Lusaka, and some needed shopping before our cruise on Lake Kariba. Time on the lake provides us with some luxury cruising. With our onboard chef to cook for us, we have a break from camping and truck life. The boat has beds, a splash pool, and we can fish and get up close to wildlife by the Lake shore.

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, lion walks as well as horse riding, sunset cruises, interactive drumming, canoeing, horse riding and rhino trekking.

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 and dune buggies, 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.

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Himba kids

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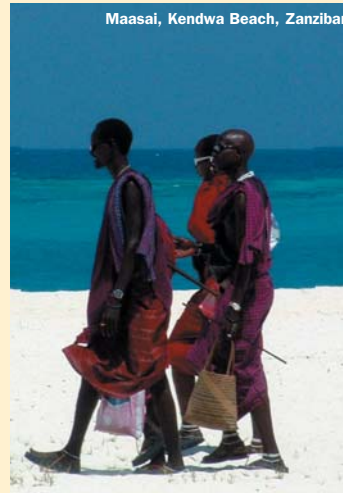
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Mikumi National Park
- South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)
- Etosha National Park (2 nights)
- Namib Naukluft National Park
- Fish River Canyon
- Maasai village
- The Cheetah Park
- Cape Cross Seal Colony

Breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck, some barbecues, a village meal and contributions to restaurant meals throughout including the final meal in Cape Town.

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Maasai, Kendwa Beach, Zanzibar



On the Dunes, Namibia

optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Serengeti National Park £153
- Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour £150
- Dolphin boat trip including a visit to the red colobos monkeys £28
- Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll £19
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68
- Horse riding in Lake Malawi £31
- Houseboats on Lake Kariba £81
- Lion walk £75
- Elephant rides £100
- Bungee jump £66
- Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day) £72
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £38
- White water rafting The Zambezi £88
- Flight of the Angels £41 - £150
- Breakfast drift canoe £44
- Sunset cruise £25
- Interactive drumming £16
- Chobe National Park £27
- Flights over the Delta £50
- Okavango Delta guided mokoro safari £88
- Evening game drives, Etosha £46
- Tandem sky dive Swakopmund £155
- Sandboarding £20
- Quadbiking £40
- Township tour £32
- Open sea fishing £69
- Guided walk on the dunes £15
- Rafting on the Orange River £13
- Wine tour Stellenbosch £25

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs, incidentals costing under £10 eg. snorkel hire, and meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari such as the Serengeti, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend between £80 and £100 a week for spending money. Clients usually take £570 to £715 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £110

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safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Cape Town
28 Dec 09	15 Feb 10
* 13 Feb 10	3 Apr 10
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Special departure details

- 5 Dec 10 - Christmas on a houseboat on Lake Kariba, New Years at Victoria Falls.
- * 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. Price: £210
- **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. Price: £55

For these and other options see pages 42 - 49.





Kendwa Beach, Zanzibar



Rafting, the White Nile



7 wives, 39 children and still time to chat

49 days Nairobi - Livingstone *the* **Big 6**



what you pay

£ **760**

PLUS the Kitty from
\$ 938
paid in \$US in Africa

Highlights

- A gorilla trek
- The Masai Mara
- Queen Elizabeth National Park with a game cruise on Kazinga Channel
- A chimpanzee sanctuary
- Help out in a village school
- Lake Nakuru National Park
- Visit a Maasai village, a children's orphanage and a local township.
- Lake Naivasha
- Cycling in Hells Gate National Park
- Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage
- Nairobi Giraffe Park
- The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Lake Malawi
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the lions
- South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- Victoria Falls
- White water rafting on the Zambezi
- Bungee jump and gorge swing



More than just the Big 5

All the highlights you want - gorilla trekking to visit the region's most famous great ape, the mountain gorilla, with game drives in East Africa's best parks to view all the wildlife you would wish to see - the Masai Mara and the Serengeti, the stage of the world famous migration of wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelle, and also onto the floor of the ancient caldera Ngorongoro Crater. With four lazy days on Zanzibar Island, finishing in Livingstone by the mighty Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.

Spend time in a Maasai village with a stop over at Jinja for the thrill of white water rafting on the White Nile, quad bike, horse ride and throw a line into the river. Here you can also help out in a local Ugandan school and visit a local village.

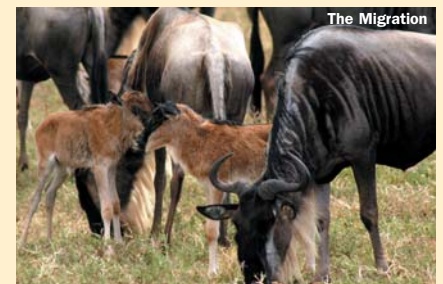
On Zanzibar Island wander traditional Stone Town for a taste of Swahili culture, enjoy fresh seafood in the evening food markets, sundowners at Africa House, relax on white sands and snorkel in warm tropical waters. Into Malawi for the opportunity to experience the welcome of rural fishing villages and a traditional meal and dancing as well as some shopping in traditional markets. Amidst breathtaking scenery hike Livingstonia Plateau and enjoy water sports and horse riding in and by the lake.

With the Luangwa River as its life blood, South Luangwa National Park is home to an immense amount of game. At night we often view leopard by spot light and hippo come out to graze by the shore. The park contains some of the largest concentrations of elephant and lion in Africa. Elephant frequent the popular campsites where we stay.

Get up close and personal in some special sanctuaries, enjoying the antics of the Ngamba cheeky chimps, hand feeding the giraffe at the Giraffe Park in Nairobi and view baby elephant at Nairobi's famous elephant orphanage. Cruise down the Kazinga Channel amongst hippo and crocodile in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

There is time also for a luxury break from "life on the road" cruising on a houseboat on Lake Kariba. Your houseboat crew cook for the group whilst we enjoy real beds again as well as game viewing and fishing from the boat, a splash pool and relaxing on the deck under African skies.

And then to the mighty Mosi Oa Tunya - Victoria Falls - "the smoke that thunders" to view one of the natural wonders of the world as well as enjoy the adventure activities on offer such as white water rafting, gorge swinging, bungee, flights over the Falls, a sunset cruise, elephant rides, trekking rhino and the popular lion walks - all on offer for our last few exciting and fun filled days.



The Migration

Check our website for the latest prices, departure details and dossiers @ www.absoluteafrica.com or phone 0208 742 0226

Visiting: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, (Zimbabwe)



Sunset in The Mara

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

- The Masai Mara
- Nakuru National Park
- Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise on the Kazinga Channel
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Mikumi National Park
- South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)
- Maasai village
- The Giraffe Park

Breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck including some barbecues and a village meal.

Camping and accommodation whilst with the truck.

Please note access to some game parks, particularly Luangwa is seasonal, due partly to road conditions.

Remember this is a participation trip. Your kitty payment is part of your contribution to your group travelling on your departure date. Where there is money left over the group together decide what then happens to any remaining funds.



Kids at Jinja

Want to get to Jo'burg after your safari?

We offer a short ADD-ON safari to Jo'burg from Livingstone via Chobe National Park. Price £200. Kitty USD\$87 including a game cruise on the Chobe River. Departures dates are shown in the ADD On Box below right.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Livingstone
23 Jan 10	12 Mar 10
13 Feb 10	2 Apr 10
29 Mar 10	16 May 10
19 Apr 10	6 Jun 10
22 May 10	9 Jul 10
12 Jun 10	30 Jul 10
12 Jul 10	29 Aug 10
28 Jul 10	14 Sep 10
23 Aug 10	10 Oct 10
18 Sep 10	5 Nov 10
26 Sep 10	13 Nov 10
2 Oct 10	19 Nov 10
14 Nov 10	1 Jan 11
7 Dec 10	24 Jan 11
24 Jan 11	13 Mar 11
26 Feb 11	15 Apr 11
27 Mar 11	14 May 11
22 Apr 11	9 Jun 11
21 May 11	8 Jul 11
11 Jun 11	29 Jul 11

Special departure details

- 14 Nov 10 - Christmas on a Houseboat, Lake Kariba, New Years at Victoria Falls.
- 7 Dec 10 - Christmas with the gorillas



Bushcamp



Please note this safari can finish in Vic Falls on either the Livingstone or the Victoria Falls side of the Zambezi River. When budgeting be aware there can be extra visa and transfer costs incurred if you need to cross the border to fly out. Feel free to contact us for further information.

TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOUR SAFARI: Want to climb Kilimanjaro or stay in beach cottages on the Kenyan coast? For further details of these and other options see page 43 to 49.

optional excursions

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

■ Hells Gate National Park	£16
■ White water rafting The White Nile	£78
■ Kayaking	£46
■ Quad biking	£42
■ Volunteer work in a local school	£11
■ Chimpanzee reserve	£31
■ Mountain gorillas	£370
■ Serengeti National Park*	£153
■ Manyara National Park	£94
■ Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour	£150
■ Dolphin boat trip incl. visit to the red colobos monkeys	£28
■ Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll	£19
■ Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar	£68
■ Horse riding in Lake Malawi	£31
■ Houseboats on Lake Kariba	£81
■ Lion walk	£75
■ Elephant rides	£100
■ Bungee jump	£66
■ Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day)	£72
■ Gorge swing - (1 jump)	£38
■ Tandem sky dive from	£180
■ White water rafting The Zambezi	£88
■ Flight of the Angels in ultralight/microlight/helicopter	£41 - £150
■ Breakfast drift canoe	£44
■ Sunset cruise	£25
■ Interactive drumming	£16

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

Also to consider during your safari:

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

5 day Botswana Bolt On Safari

at the end of your safari: Including mokoro safari in the Okavango Delta and Chobe game cruise. Price £100. Kitty 205 USD

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 eg. visiting the elephants orphanage. Spending money is also needed to cover meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend £560 to £700 for this safari.

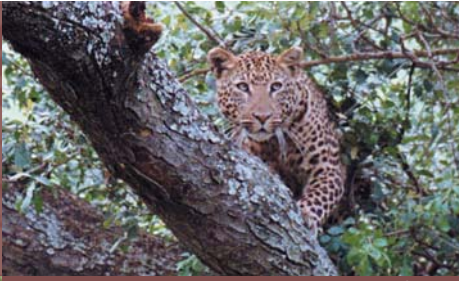
visas

Between £69 and £150

ADD-ON Livingstone to Johannesburg

Price £200. Kitty including Chobe Game Cruise 87 USD

Depart Livingstone	Finish Johannesburg
13 Mar 10	15 Mar 10
3 Apr 10	5 Apr 10
17 May 10	19 May 10
7 Jun 10	9 Jun 10
10 Jul 10	12 Jul 10
31 Jul 10	2 Aug 10
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Ngorongoro Crater



Red colobus monkey, Zanzibar

41 days Kampala - Livingstone Rivers of Africa



what you pay

£ **660**

PLUS the Kitty from

\$ **677**
paid in \$US in Africa

Highlights

- A gorilla trek
- Queen Elizabeth with a game cruise on the Kazinga Channel
- A chimpanzee sanctuary
- Help out in a village school
- Quadbiking
- Orphanage visit
- Visit a Maasai village and a local township
- The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Lake Malawi
- Help out in a village school
- South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the lions
- Victoria Falls
- White water rafting on the Nile and the Zambezi
- Bungee jump and gorge swing

From the Source of the Nile to the Zambezi

Stay by the White Nile in the equatorial sunshine, white water raft amidst lush tropical vegetation, help out in a local school, canoe and quad bike. With the option to take a Sesse canoe over to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary on Lake Victoria, and to trek with local rangers to see the endangered mountain gorilla in Rwanda, "the land of a thousand hills", whilst they play, eat and relax in their forest home.

Camp in the wilds in Queen Elizabeth National Park and the Serengeti. Enjoy a cruise on the Kazinga Channel, famous for its hippo pods and a wide variety of bird life. With game drives in Ngorongoro Crater, the world largest unflooded caldera, formed from a collapsed volcano some 2 to 3 million years ago, and, season pending in South Luanga, unique for its night game drives, where we often spot leopard.

Just outside Ngorongoro Crater's ridge, visit a traditional Maasai village, the Maasai still herding their cattle and goats through the highland slopes and living alongside the wildlife as they have for centuries. With the option for a stay over on the legendary spice island of Zanzibar, with a day to explore Stone Town and some of the history of the island on a spice tour. Enjoy fresh seafood at the evening Food Markets and drinks at sunset at Africa House as the traditional dhows sail into the harbour. Relax on picture-perfect palm lined white beaches. Dive and snorkel at Mnemba Atoll amongst tropical corals, and off the coral islet of Prison or Changuu Island, famous for its giant Aldabran tortoise, as well as its role as a detention centre for rebel slaves at the height of the slave trade. Swim with the dolphins and view the red colobus monkeys in Jozani Forest.

Enjoy fun nights out in local restaurants and traditional dancing. Shop in the drum markets, the Maasai markets, and Malawi's famous wood markets.

With time for a days hiking on Livingstonia Plateau with sweeping views across Lake Malawi 900 metres below, horse riding in and by the Lake, as well as a houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba. Our last days are spent by the Zambezi River at the Victoria Falls - white water rafting, bungee or gorge swing, tandem sky dive, canoe, jet boat and enjoy a sunset cruise. Take a Flight of the Angels in an ultra light for breathtaking views over the Falls. Lion walking, elephant rides, horse riding, the fun of interactive drumming and much more.



Malawi school

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Visiting: Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, (Zimbabwe)



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

- **Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise on the Kazinga Channel**
- **Ngorongoro Crater**
- **Mikumi National Park**
- **South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)**
- **Maasai village**

Breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck including some barbecues and a village meal.

Camping and accommodation whilst with the truck.

Please note access to some game parks, particularly Luangwa is seasonal, due partly to road conditions.

Remember this is a participation trip. Your kitty payment is part of your contribution to your group travelling on your departure date. Where there is money left over the group together decide what then happens to any remaining funds.

Kazinga Channel, Queen Elizabeth National Park



Queen Elizabeth National Park

Want to get to Jo'burg after your safari?

We offer a short ADD-ON safari to Jo'burg from Livingstone via Chobe National Park. Price £200. Kitty USD\$87 including a game cruise on the Chobe River. Departures dates are shown in the ADD On Box below right.

optional excursions

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

- White water rafting The White Nile £78
- Kayaking £46
- Quad biking £42
- Volunteer work in a local school £11
- Chimpanzee reserve £31
- Mountain gorillas £370
- Serengeti National Park* £153
- Manyara National Park £94
- Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour £150
- Dolphin boat trip including a visit to the red colobus monkeys £28
- Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll £19
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68
- Horse riding in Lake Malawi £31
- Houseboats on Lake Kariba £81
- Lion walk £75
- Elephant rides £100
- Bungee jump £66
- Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day) £72
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £38
- Tandem sky dive from £180
- White water rafting The Zambezi £88
- Flight of the Angels £41 - £150
- Breakfast drift canoe £44
- Sunset cruise £25
- Interactive drumming £16

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

Also to consider during your safari:

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370
- **5 day Botswana Bolt On Safari** at the end of your safari: including mokoro safari in the Okavango Delta and Chobe game cruise. Price £100. Kitty 205 USD

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 eg. snorkel hire. Spending money is also needed for meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking between £450 to £585 for this safari.

visas

Between £69 and £130

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.

ADD-ON Livingstone to Johannesburg

Price £200. Kitty including Chobe Game Cruise 87 USD

Depart Livingstone	Finish Johannesburg
13 Mar 10	15 Mar 10
3 Apr 10	5 Apr 10
17 May 10	19 May 10
7 Jun 10	9 Jun 10
10 Jul 10	12 Jul 10
31 Jul 10	2 Aug 10
30 Aug 10	1 Sep 10
15 Sep 10	17 Sep 10
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15 May 11	17 May 11
10 Jun 11	12 Jun 11
9 Jul 11	11 Jul 11
30 Jul 11	1 Aug 11

safari dates

Depart Kampala	Finish Livingstone
31 Jan 10	12 Mar 10
21 Feb 10	2 Apr 10
6 Apr 10	16 May 10
27 Apr 10	6 Jun 10
30 May 10	9 Jul 10
20 Jun 10	30 Jul 10
20 Jul 10	29 Aug 10
5 Aug 10	14 Sep 10
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26 Sep 10	5 Nov 10
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1 Feb 11	13 Mar 11
6 Mar 11	15 Apr 11
4 Apr 11	14 May 11
30 Apr 11	9 Jun 11
29 May 11	8 Jul 11
19 Jun 11	29 Jul 11

Special departure details

- 22 Nov 10 - Christmas on the houseboats and New Years in Victoria Falls.
- 15 Dec 10 - Christmas with the gorillas.
- 30 Dec 10 - New Years by the White Nile

OTHER OPTIONS TO ACCOMPANY YOUR SAFARI:

- **Help out** in a local school in Uganda before your safari
- **Climb Kilimanjaro**
See pages 42 - 49.



Please note this safari can finish in Vic Falls on either the Livingstone or the Victoria Falls side of the Zambezi River. When budgeting be aware there can be extra visa and transfer costs incurred if you need to cross the border to fly out. Feel free to contact us for further information.

33 days Kigale - Livingstone

Tusker Trails



Another day in paradise



Maasai



These kids have got rhythm



what you pay

£570

PLUS the Kitty from
\$518
paid in \$US in Africa

Highlights

- A gorilla trek
- Orphanage visit
- Game drives in The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- The spice island of Zanzibar
- A Maasai village visit
- Time in local schools and markets
- Lake Malawi
- Evening game drives in South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the lions
- Victoria Falls
- Elephant rides
- White water rafting
- Bungee jump and gorge swing
- Flights of the Angels



A journey you'll never forget

Set off early morning through the cultivated foothills of the Virungas, with stirring views in all directions, before abruptly heading into the thick jungle of the rainforest, alive with the calls of colourful birds, and the chattering of the rare golden monkey. Nothing can prepare you for the impact of encountering a gorilla family munching bamboo, dangling from the trees, and tumbling down the thickly vegetated slopes. Time with the gorillas is the most poignant wildlife experience to be had on the planet.

Into Arusha we make preparations for our first big game drives across the Serengeti and in the Ngorongoro Crater for our next wildlife adventure in the African bush. These two parks give us the chance to see all the game for which Africa is famous and balloon rides can also be booked to sail over the plains of the Serengeti whilst you are here. Home to the big herds of migratory wildebeest, Thomson's gazelle and zebra for at least half the year, the herds can usually be found on the Serengeti plains below the Ngorongoro Crater where the grass growth is most productive and nutrient contents high from December to June. The big cats and other predators remain nearby. Elephant, rhino, giraffe, impala, buffalo, warthog, hippo and numerous other antelope species are resident here as well.

A ferry crossing to Zanzibar Island and we can relax on miles upon miles of picture perfect white beaches, enjoy beach volley ball, a massage under the palms, a beach barbecue, fruit cocktails, and watch the waves roll in over white sands... Wander the alleys of traditional Stone Town, pick up a snack in the evening food markets and enjoy a fun night in the bars by the ocean. On a

visit to a plantation savour the fruits and spices of the island on a spice tour. Snorkelling and diving trips can be organised to Prison Island and the Mnemba Atoll teeming with an overwhelming number of tropical reef fish and a wealth of marine creatures.

With time in rural fishing villages in Malawi for a traditional meal, music and dancing and to visit local markets, schools and orphanages on route. Leaving Malawi during dry season we head to South Luangwa, a Park centred around the Luangwa River. Famous for its leopard population as well as huge concentrations of elephant we take game drives during the evening with spot lights, hoping to see the elusive cat. Elephant also at times frequent our camp.

Finishing in the historic colonial city of Livingstone, at The Victoria Falls, enjoy a range of adventure sports, the Zambezi River and the mighty Falls being the focus for white water rafting on grade 5 rapids, jet boating, a leisurely canoe trip and a sunset cruise. "Flights of the Angels" over the Falls are a fabulous way to experience stunning views of this natural wonder of the world and other activities for an adrenalin rush are the gorge swing, bungee jump and tandem sky dive. For your final encounter with Africa's wildlife head out with a local guide on a rhino trek, an elephant ride, or the always popular lion walks. The Falls is a truly awe inspiring destination to spend your last nights on safari.

This safari can finish in Vic Falls on either side of the Zambezi River in Livingstone, Zambia or Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. NB. Extra visa and transfer costs apply if you need to cross to fly out. Contact us for further information.

Visiting: Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, (Zimbabwe)



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
- Mikumi National Park
- South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)
- Maasai village

Breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck including some barbecues and a village meal.

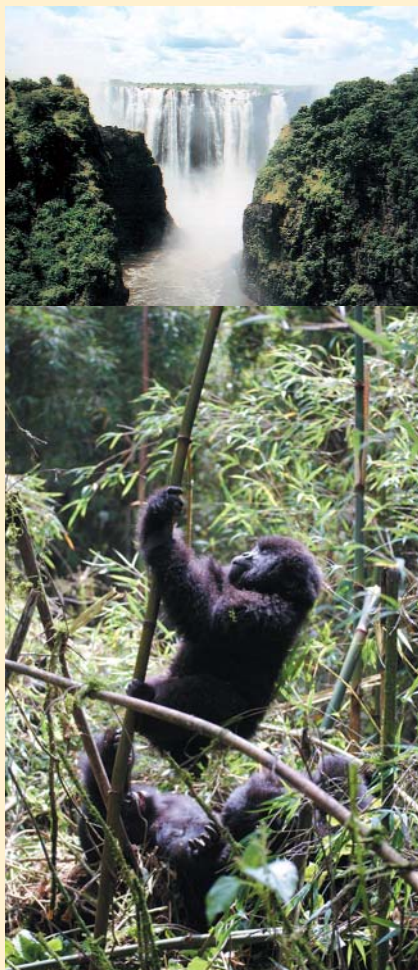
Camping and accommodation whilst with the truck.

Please note access to some game parks, particularly Luangwa is seasonal, due partly to road conditions.

Remember this is a participation trip. Your kitty payment is part of your contribution to your group travelling on your departure date. Where there is money left over the group together decide what then happens to any remaining funds.

Want to get to Jo'burg after your safari?

We offer a short ADD-ON safari to Jo'burg from Livingstone via Chobe National Park. Price £200. Kitty USD\$87 including a game cruise on the Chobe River. Departures dates are shown in the ADD On Box below right.



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 monkey trek	£63
■ Serengeti National Park*	£153
■ Manyara National Park	£94
■ Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour	£150
■ Dolphin boat trip including a visit to the red colobos monkeys	£28
■ Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll	£19
■ Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar	£68
■ Horse riding in Lake Malawi	£31
■ Houseboats on Lake Kariba	£81
■ Lion walk	£75
■ Elephant rides	£100
■ Bungee jump	£66
■ Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day)	£72
■ Gorge swing - (1 jump)	£38
■ Tandem sky dive from	£180
■ White water rafting The Zambezi	£88
■ Flight of the Angels	£41 - £150
■ Breakfast drift canoe	£44
■ Sunset cruise	£25
■ Interactive drumming	£16

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

Also to consider during your safari:

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

5 day Botswana Bolt On Safari

at the end of your safari: Including mokoro safari in the Okavango Delta and Chobe game cruise. Price £100. Kitty 205 USD

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10. Spending money is also needed to cover meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari such as the Houseboats, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking between £350 to £470 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £100

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

If you would like assistance to work out your own personalised budget don't hesitate to contact us.

ADD-ON Livingstone to Johannesburg

Price £200. Kitty including Chobe Game Cruise 87 USD

Depart Livingstone	Finish Johannesburg
25 Jan 10	27 Jan 10
13 Mar 10	15 Mar 10
3 Apr 10	5 Apr 10
17 May 10	19 May 10
7 Jun 10	9 Jun 10
10 Jul 10	12 Jul 10
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30 Aug 10	1 Sep 10
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14 Mar 11	16 Mar 11
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15 May 11	17 May 11
10 Jun 11	12 Jun 11

safari dates

Depart Kigale	Finish Livingstone
23 Dec 09	24 Jan 10
8 Feb 10	12 Mar 10
1 Mar 10	2 Apr 10
14 Apr 10	16 May 10
5 May 10	6 Jun 10
7 Jun 10	9 Jul 10
28 Jun 10	30 Jul 10
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23 Dec 10	24 Jan 11
7 Jan 11	8 Feb 11
9 Feb 11	13 Mar 11
14 Mar 11	15 Apr 11
12 Apr 11	14 May 11
8 May 11	9 Jun 11
6 Jun 11	8 Jul 11

Special departure details

- 30 Nov 10 - Christmas on a houseboat on Lake Kariba, New Years at Victoria Falls
- 23 Dec 10 - Christmas with the gorillas



OTHER SPECIAL EXTRAS TO CONSIDER: Want to climb Kilimanjaro, visit the Masai Mara or relax on the Kenyan Coast before your trip? For these and other options see pages 42 to 49.



Collecting firewood



Hippo pools, Ngorongoro Crater



Victoria Falls

Highlights

- Game drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Visit a Maasai village, a local school and township
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Snorkel with the dolphins
- Help out in a village school
- Lake Malawi
- Houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba
- Walk with the lions
- Elephant rides
- South Luangwa National Park, for the dry season
- Victoria Falls
- White water rafting on the Zambezi
- Bungee jump and gorge swing
- Boat cruise on the Chobe River

Dhow off Stone Town



31 days Nairobi - Johannesburg the Southern Cross



Walk with the lions, Game Ranch

what you pay

£ **680**

PLUS the Kitty
\$ **549**
paid in \$US in Africa

Up close and personal with the big five

Experience the wildlife for which Africa is famous in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. Get up close and personal to walk with lion, trek rhino on foot, spot leopard on evening game drives, snorkel with dolphins and cruise to watch elephant in and by the shores of the Chobe River.

Magical days on Zanzibar, a barefoot paradise, to explore traditional Swahili culture in ancient Stone Town and on a spice tour, staying in beach cottages on palm fringed white beaches. Snorkel and scuba dive amongst colourful coral reefs and tropical fish, and visit Prison Island's giant tortoise.

Time to visit in traditional villages and a local school. Enjoy market shopping and haggling for jewellery and carvings. Cruise Lake Kariba on a luxury houseboat to view elephant, hippo and impala, throw a line for a tiger fish and relax on the deck of the boat under the immense blue skies of Africa.

Then to the breathtaking Victoria Falls where raging waters pour 1,000 metres over the Zambezi gorge. Here we can white water raft, bungee, take flights over the Falls, gorge swing, quad bike into a local village, canoe, horse ride, try interactive drumming and wander in the National Park.

The last leg of our safari finds us in Botswana on a game cruise on the Chobe River surrounded by herds of elephants and the chance to see all the wildlife for which Africa is famous. Finishing in bustling Johannesburg, the City of Gold at the Ritz Backpackers.

Bungee, Victoria Falls



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. Price: £210
 - **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. Price: £55
- For these and other options see pages 42 – 48.

Visiting: Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, (Zimbabwe), Botswana, South Africa



Kendwa, Zanzibar Island

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
- Mikumi National Park
- South Luangwa National Park (or alternative)
- Game cruise in Chobe National Park
- Maasai village

Breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck, some barbecues, a village meal and contribution to the final meal in Johannesburg.

Camping and accommodation whilst with the truck including the final night in the Ritz Backpackers of Johannesburg.

Please note access to some game parks, particularly Luangwa is seasonal, due partly to road conditions.

Remember this is a participation trip. Your kitty payment is part of your contribution to your group travelling on your departure date. Where there is money left over the group together decide what then happens to any remaining funds.



Fire lighting



Zebra with Oxpeckers

optional excursions

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

- Serengeti National Park £153
- Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour £150
- Dolphin boat trip including a visit to the red colobos monkeys £28
- Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll £19
- Prison Island and the giant tortoise £10
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68
- Horse riding in Lake Malawi £31
- Houseboats on Lake Kariba £81
- Lion walk £75
- Elephant rides £100
- Bungee jump £66
- Tandem sky dive from £180
- Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day) £72
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £38
- White water rafting The Zambezi £88
- Flight of the Angels £41 - £150
- Breakfast drift canoe £44
- Sunset cruise £25
- Interactive drumming £16

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 eg. visiting the Maasai Museum. Spending money is also needed to cover meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari such as the Serengeti, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend between £80 and £100 a week for spending money. Clients usually take between £350 to £440 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £110

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

If you would like assistance to work out your own personalised budget don't hesitate to contact us.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Jo'burg
* 13 Feb 10	15 Mar 10
6 Mar 10	5 Apr 10
19 Apr 10	19 May 10
10 May 10	9 Jun 10
* 12 Jun 10	12 Jul 10
* 3 Jul 10	2 Aug 10
* 2 Aug 10	1 Sep 10
* 18 Aug 10	17 Sep 10
* 13 Sep 10	13 Oct 10
9 Oct 10	8 Nov 10
* 17 Oct 10	16 Nov 10
* 23 Oct 10	22 Nov 10
5 Dec 10	4 Jan 11
* 28 Dec 10	27 Jan 11
* 12 Jan 11	11 Feb 11
* 14 Feb 11	16 Mar 11
19 Mar 11	18 Apr 11
17 Apr 11	17 May 11
13 May 11	12 Jun 11
* 11 Jun 11	11 Jul 11
* 26 Jun 11	26 Jul 11
* 2 Jul 11	1 Aug 11

Special departure details

- 5 Dec 10 - Christmas on a houseboat on Lake Kariba, New Years at Victoria Falls.
- * Bolt on Safari in the Masai Mara available.



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Working in a Maasai village



Rhino trekking



36 days Nairobi - Livingstone Classic Component



optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Hells Gate National Park and Crater Lake Sanctuary £16
- Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour £150
- Dolphin boat trip including a visit to the red colobos monkeys £28
- Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll £19
- Prison Island with the giant tortoise £10
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68
- Horse riding in Lake Malawi £31
- Houseboats on Lake Kariba £81
- Lion walk £75
- Elephant rides £100
- Bungee jump £66
- Tandem sky dive from £180
- Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day) £72
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £38
- White water rafting The Zambezi £88
- Flight of the Angels £41 - £150
- Breakfast drift canoe £44
- Sunset cruise £25
- Interactive drumming £16

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

spending money

You will also need some spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and times when we are not with the truck. We recommend clients take between £410 to £515 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £110

Make sure you also budget for your flight, insurance, vaccinations and any equipment you might need to buy as well as pre and post safari costs.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Livingstone
5 Feb 10	12 Mar 10
4 Jun 10	9 Jul 10
25 Jul 10	29 Aug 10
10 Aug 10	14 Sep 10
5 Sep 10	10 Oct 10
9 Oct 10	13 Nov 10
15 Oct 10	19 Nov 10
20 Dec 10	24 Jan 11
4 Jan 11	8 Feb 11
18 Jun 11	23 Jul 11

Special departure details

20 December 10 Christmas in the Mara

TO CONSIDER WITH YOUR SAFARI

■ **Climb Kilimanjaro** - Arrive 7-9 days prior to the Safari departure to climb Kilimanjaro. A range of different routes available.

■ **Bolt On 3 day safari** to Johannesburg with cruise on the Chobe River £200. Kitty including Chobe Game Cruise 87 USD

■ **Bolt On 5 day Safari** to the Okavango Delta with cruise on the Chobe River £100. Kitty including 2 day Mokoro Safari and Chobe Game Cruise: 205 USD

This safari can finish in Vic Falls on either side of the Zambezi River in Livingstone, Zambia or Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. NB. Extra visa and transfer costs apply if you need to cross to fly out. Contact us for further information.

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. A cook in East Africa
- The ongoing advice and back up from The Absolute Team
- All road tolls and taxes are paid.

The kitty covers

- The Masai Mara • Nakuru National Park • Serengeti National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater • Mikumi National Park • South Luangwa National Park (or alternative) • Maasai village • The Sheldricks Elephant Orphanage • The Giraffe Park

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly Luangwa can be seasonal due to road conditions.



what you pay

£ **600** PLUS the Kitty **\$999**
paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting: Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, (Zimbabwe)

Safari in the Mara - when in season vast herds of wildebeest and zebra arrive in search of better pastures closely followed by Africa's predators - lion, leopard and cheetah. Visiting Nakuru, a sanctuary for rhino, flamingo, hippo, lion, leopard and giraffe. As well as The Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and Hells Gate. With time to visit a traditional Maasai village, Nairobi's Elephant Orphanage and The Giraffe Park before our journey to the coast and four days to unwind on the magical beaches of Zanzibar.

In Malawi we visit a local village for a traditional meal, barter in the famous markets and relax by the Lake enjoying water sports, horse riding and a beach barbecue. The village children extend a warm welcome to visit their school and for a game of football or two!

Relax on a houseboat on Lake Kariba and visit a reserve to walk in the bush with habituated lion. Where the mighty Zambezi plummets 100 metres over the Gorge, wander the lush rainforest by the Victoria Falls, visit a local township and enjoy the many activities on offer - white water rafting, bungee jumping, a "Flight of the Angels" over the Falls, sky diving, rhino trekking, elephant and horse riding, interactive drumming, canoeing and a sunset cruise. The mighty Mosi Oa Tunya, Victoria Falls, is a perfect place to finish our safari.



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30/34 days Lilongwe - Cape Town or Lusaka - Cape Town

Southern Explorer



Swakopmund

Visiting: (Malawi), Zambia,
(Zimbabwe), Botswana,
Namibia, South Africa



Visiting the Bushman

optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Houseboats on Lake Kariba £81
- Lion walk £75
- Elephant rides £100
- Bungee jump £66
- Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day) £72
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £38
- White water rafting The Zambezi £88
- Flight of the Angels £41 - £150
- Breakfast drift canoe £44
- Sunset cruise £25
- Interactive drumming £16
- Chobe National Park £27
- Flights over the Delta £50
- Okavango Delta guided mokoro safari £88
- Evening game drives, Etosha £46
- Tandem sky dive Swakopmund £155
- Sandboarding £20
- Quadbiking £40
- Dolphin cruise including brunch £38
- Horse riding £34
- Township tour £32
- Open sea fishing £69
- Guided walk on the Sossusvlei dunes £15
- Rafting on the Orange River £13
- Wine tour Stellenbosch £25

what you pay

£ **570** PLUS the Kitty
\$ **595**
paid in \$US in Africa

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

- South Luangwa National Park on Lilongwe departures - May to Nov
- Etosha National Park (2 nights) • Namib Naukluft National Park
- Fish River Canyon • The Cheetah Park • Cape Cross Seal Colony

The kitty is also budgeted to cover breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck as well as camping and accommodation including three nights in chalets in Swakopmund and the final night in Ashanti Lodge in Cape Town.

Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash.



Lion walk

Visiting Southern Africa's highlights including its favourite playgrounds - the mighty Victoria Falls and Namibia's awe inspiring Sossusvlei dunes, as well as Etosha, the Okavango, and a visit with traditional tribes people in the remote African bush to discover something of traditional ways. With a choice of departure points from Lilongwe or Lusaka, on Lilongwe departure dates visit South Luangwa National Park, home to an immense amount of game and unique for its night game drives where we often spot leopard and lion. From here we head to Kariba for a two night houseboat cruise with game viewing to watch elephant at play, antelope and hippo. Tender boats are available for fishing - the chance to encounter the fighting tiger fish at the end of a rod.

Then to Victoria Falls explore Mosi Oa Tunya National Park, walk with lion in the bush, enjoy the thrill of white water rafting, the gorge swing, bungee jump, a flight over the Falls and a sunset cruise on the Zambezi.

On to Botswana and Chobe National Park with its massive herds of elephants for a river cruise. Explore the wilderness of the vast flood plain of the Okavango Delta in a dug out canoe and on game walks, camping under the African stars.

Etosha's vast pan shimmers in the sun. The surrounding floodlit water holes offer unparalleled game viewing. Wait quietly at sunset and savor the experience as a multitude of species including elephant, rhino and giraffe arrive on mass...

Visit a cheetah sanctuary to get up close and personal with these most beautiful cats, Namibia having the largest cheetah population in the world.

Swakopmund is where the action is... sand boarding and quad biking on the dunes. Wash down a fun day with a cold German beer in the local bars. An early morning start, before the day heats up, offers the best chance to scale the monumental dunes as well as take some spectacular photos of the red golds of sunrise. Then on to Fish River Canyon created by the rushing waters of the Fish River, before a leisurely canoe on the Orange River and a stop over in the wine region of Stellenbosch. Arriving into Ashanti Lodge in Cape Town, our final destination.



spending money

You will also need some spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and meals and camping when the group is not with the truck such as the safari in the Okavango. We recommend you carry between £80 and £100 a week for spending money. Clients usually take between £380 to £490 for this safari.

visas

Up to £35

Make sure you also budget for your flight, insurance, vaccinations and any equipment you might need to buy as well as pre and post safari costs.

safari dates

Depart Lilongwe	Depart Lusaka	Finish Cape Town
-	17 Jan 10	15 Feb 10
-	5 Mar 10	3 Apr 10
-	26 Mar 10	24 Apr 10
5 May 10	9 May 10	7 Jun 10
26 May 10	30 May 10	28 Jun 10
28 Jun 10	2 Jul 10	31 Jul 10
19 Jul 10	23 Jul 10	21 Aug 10
18 Aug 10	22 Aug 10	20 Sep 10
3 Sep 10	7 Sep 10	6 Oct 10
29 Sep 10	3 Oct 10	1 Nov 10
25 Oct 10	29 Oct 10	27 Nov 10
2 Nov 10	6 Nov 10	5 Dec 10
8 Nov 10	12 Nov 10	11 Dec 10
-	24 Dec 10	23 Jan 11
-	17 Jan 11	15 Feb 11
-	1 Feb 11	2 Mar 11
-	6 Mar 11	4 Apr 11

Special departure details

Departures May to Nov arrive in 4 days early to Lilongwe Malawi as above for the option to visit South Luangwa National Park.

- 24 Dec 10 Houseboats on Lake Kariba for Xmas, New Years at Victoria Falls.

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28 days Nairobi - Livingstone African Adventurer



Walk with the lions

optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Serengeti National Park £153
- Zanzibar including return ferry, 4 nights accommodation and a Spice Tour £150
- Dolphin boat trip including a visit to the red colobos monkeys £28
- Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll £19
- Prison Island with the giant tortoise £10
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68
- Horse riding in Lake Malawi £31
- Houseboats on Lake Kariba £81
- Lion walk £75
- Elephant rides £100
- Bungee jump £66
- Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day) £72
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £38
- Tandem sky dive from £180
- White water rafting The Zambezi £88
- Flight of the Angels £41 - £150
- Breakfast drift canoe £44
- Sunset cruise £25
- Interactive drumming £16

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs, incidentals under £10, meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari such as the Serengeti, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking £320 to £400 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £110

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Livingstone
* 13 Feb 10	12 Mar 10
6 Mar 10	2 Apr 10
19 Apr 10	16 May 10
10 May 10	6 Jun 10
* 12 Jun 10	9 Jul 10
* 3 Jul 10	30 Jul 10
* 2 Aug 10	29 Aug 10
* 18 Aug 10	14 Sep 10
* 13 Sep 10	10 Oct 10
9 Oct 10	5 Nov 10
* 17 Oct 10	13 Nov 10
* 23 Oct 10	19 Nov 10
5 Dec 10	1 Jan 11
* 28 Dec 10	24 Jan 11
* 12 Jan 11	8 Feb 11
* 14 Feb 11	13 Mar 11
19 Mar 11	15 Apr 11

Special departure details

- 5 Dec 10 - Christmas on a houseboat on Lake Kariba, New Years at Victoria Falls.
- * Bolt on Safari in the Masai Mara available.

TO CONSIDER WITH 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. Price: £210
- **Climb Kilimanjaro** Arrive 7-9 days prior to climb to the "roof of Africa", Kilimanjaro. A range of different trekking routes available.
- **Nairobi excursion** Arrive a day early to visit The Elephant Sanctuary, Karen Blixen's house and The Giraffe Park. Price: £55
- **Okavango Delta** Stay another 5 - 6 days at the end of your safari to visit Chobe National Park and take a mokoro safari into the Okavango Delta in Botswana. Price: £100. Kitty: 205 USD

For these and other options see pages 42 - 49.

what you pay

£520 PLUS the Kitty \$462 paid in \$US in Africa

The Zambezi



On the edge

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 • Mikumi National Park • South Luangwa National Park (or alternative) • Maasai village

Breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck, some barbecues and a village meal. Camping and accommodation whilst with the truck.

Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly Luangwa can be seasonal due to road conditions.

Guided game drives across the sweeping plains of the Serengeti and into Ngorongoro Crater, with the chance to view the Big Five and more - lion, giraffe, elephant, black and white rhino, hippo, crocodile, zebra, wildebeest, cape buffalo, numerous species of antelope, as well as pink flamingo, and with a little luck cheetah and the elusive leopard.

Visiting a traditional Maasai village with its mud and cow dung huts, and markets and townships from East to Southern Africa with time for adventure sports - white water rafting, gorge swinging, bungee and 'Flights of the Angels' over the Falls.

Barter for African carvings in Malawi's craft markets, discover the origins of man at Olduvai and the chance glimpse of the snow peaks of Kilimanjaro on our journey to bustling Dar Es Salaam. Feel the Indian Ocean lap at your feet, wander the narrow alleys of traditional Stone Town and enjoy seafood delicacies in the fish markets. Snorkel and scuba dive in the crystal clear waters off Zanzibar, staying in cottages on palm fringed white beaches. By Lake Malawi, Africa's warm heart, enjoy a local meal with traditional dancing by a village fire, and visit the kids in the local school.

Walk with tame lion through the African bush and at your journey's end spot game at sunset by the water's edge on the Zambezi sundowner cruise at the majestic Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.



Please note this safari can finish in Vic Falls on either the Livingstone or the Victoria Falls side of the Zambezi River. When budgeting be aware there can be extra visa and transfer costs incurred if you need to cross the border to fly out. Feel free to contact us for further information.

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32 days Nairobi - Zanzibar Island Wildlife & Spice Island



Kids on Zanzibar Island



what you pay

£560

PLUS the Kitty from
\$711
paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting:
Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania

optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Hells Gate National Park £16
- White water rafting The White Nile £78
- Kayaking £46
- Quad biking £42
- Volunteer work in a local school £11
- Chimpanzee reserve £31
- Mountain gorillas £370
- Serengeti National Park* £153
- Manyara National Park £94
- Zanzibar including one way ferry, 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 Nmemba Atoll £19
- Prison Island with the giant tortoise £10
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68

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

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

spending money

You will also need spending money for lunch, drinks, souvenirs, incidentals costing under £10 eg. canoe hire, meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking £360 to £460 for this safari.

visas

Between £69 and £116

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.

If you would like assistance to work out your own personalised budget don't hesitate to contact us.

OTHER OPTIONS TO ACCOMPANY YOUR SAFARI

■ **Climb Kilimanjaro**
Climb Kilimanjaro before your safari. A range of different routes available.

■ **Learn to scuba dive**
Learn to scuba dive on the idyllic Zanzibar Island at the end of your safari. Price: £308
For these and other options see pages 42 - 49.

A safari to view the endangered mountain gorilla in the Virungas and all the wildlife for which Africa is famous - game park after game park - the Masai Mara, Queen Elizabeth National Park for a game cruise on the Kazinga Channel, Lake Nakuru, a chimpanzee sanctuary, Hells Gate, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti - the very best game viewing Africa has to offer.

With chances to mingle with local tribes in villages and markets, discover the origins of man at Olduvai, and on Zanzibar explore the winding alleys and charm of ancient Stone Town with its ornate architecture. Discover the history behind the island on a spice tour visiting the plantations, the Maharaja's palace and ancient slave prisons.

Reflect at the Genocide Museum in Kigale. Help out in a local school. Quad bike, white water raft, bungee jump, kayak and fish by the White Nile. Visit Kumbu, a working upcountry Kenyan farm and cycle to the Maasai Cultural Centre deep in Hells Gate National Park amidst antelope, zebra and giraffe.

Travelling through the extraordinary landscape of the Great Rift Valley with its sweeping plains dotted with soda and fresh water lakes, the dramatic climb into the Mau Escarpment, and into the misty mountains of the lush volcanic forest-clad Virungas. With idyllic camps by Lake Bunyoni in the Mfumbiro Hills and the White Nile, and fun nights in a Nairobi restaurant, the evening seafood markets in Stone Town, and beach bars at Kendwa, finishing with a few days on the palm fringed white beaches of magical Unguja, Zanzibar Island.

The price covers

- A fully equipped and dieselled 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

- The Masai Mara • Nakuru National Park • Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise on the Kazinga Channel
- Ngorongoro Crater • Maasai village • The Giraffe Park

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly The Masai Mara can be seasonal due to road conditions.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Dar es Salam	Depart Nairobi	Finish Dar es Salam
23 Jan 10	23 Feb 10	26 Sep 10	27 Oct 10
13 Feb 10	16 Mar 10	2 Oct 10	2 Nov 10
29 Mar 10	29 Apr 10	14 Nov 10	15 Dec 10
19 Apr 10	20 May 10	1 Dec 10	2 Jan 11
22 May 10	22 Jun 10	7 Dec 10	7 Jan 11
12 Jun 10	13 Jul 10	24 Jan 11	24 Feb 11
12 Jul 10	12 Aug 10	26 Feb 11	29 Mar 11
28 Jul 10	28 Aug 10	27 Mar 11	27 Apr 11
23 Aug 10	23 Sep 10	22 Apr 11	23 May 11
18 Sep 10	19 Oct 10	21 May 11	21 Jun 11

Special departure details • 7 Dec 10. Christmas with the gorillas
• 1 Dec 10. Christmas celebrations on leaving the Tanzanian parks and New Years on Zanzibar Island, 33 day safari.



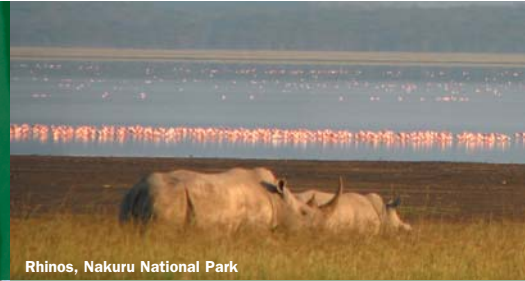
Rafting The Nile



Snorkelling with the dolphins



25 days Nairobi - Arusha Simba Sounds



Rhinos, Nakuru National Park



what you pay

£470

PLUS the Kitty from
\$684
paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania

optional excursions

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

- Hells Gate National Park £16
- White water rafting The White Nile £78
- Horse riding £31
- Kayaking £46
- Quad biking £42
- Volunteer work in a local school £11
- Chimpanzee reserve £31
- Mountain gorillas £370
- Serengeti National Park* £153
- Manyara National Park £94

* 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

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370
- Shuttle transfer to Nairobi £30

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 £280 to £360 for this trip.

visas

Between £69 and £116

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.

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

- The Masai Mara • Nakuru National Park • Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise on Kazinga Channel
- Ngorongoro Crater • Maasai village • The Giraffe Park

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly The Masai Mara can be seasonal due to road conditions.



Simba

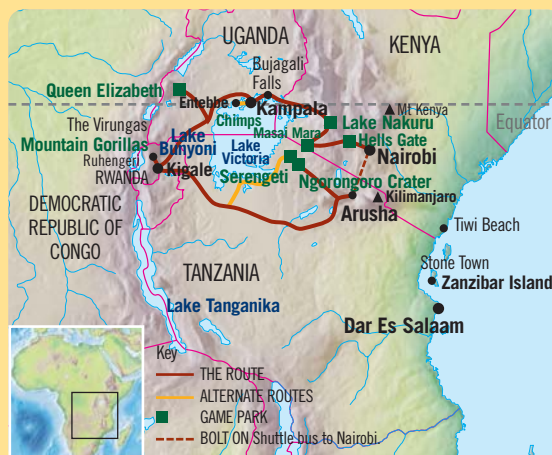
A safari taking in the sweeping vistas of the Rift Valley, visiting world famous game parks of rolling savanna plains in The Masai Mara and The Serengeti, the lush volcanic Afromontane world of the Virungas as well as soda and freshwater lakes – Nakuru, Naivasha and the exquisite Bunyoni.

Cycle through Hells Gate surrounded by evidence of past volcanic history, watched by curious antelope. Take a camel safari to a Maasai village. Maasai continue their traditional semi nomadic lifestyle. Dressed in distinctive red check and bedecked in jewellery, they can be found throughout the region. There is time to help out in a local school as well as for the thrills and spills of white water rafting on the White Nile, a leisurely kayak on Lake Victoria, and horse riding and quad biking to explore the Jinja environs.

Visit the Giraffe Park in Nairobi as well as Sheldrick's elephant sanctuary to get up close and personal with some of Africa's most famous residents. Take a Sesse canoe to Ngamba Island to watch the antics of the chimpanzees, and enjoy a hippo cruise on Lake Naivasha where we have afternoon tea on the lawns at Elsamere with the black and white colobos monkeys. The gorilla trek is one of the biggest highlights of our trip, taking us deep into the gorilla's forest home to sit with a family group led by a dominant, older adult male, the silverback.

The parks on route teem with wildlife, including the big herds of migratory wildebeest, Thomson's gazelle and zebra, that move between the Mara and the Serengeti. Predators including lion, cheetah and hyena are drawn by the abundance of prey. Nakuru National Park has both black and white rhino and the famous soda lake is regularly pink with greater and lesser flamingo. On a lucky day we might spy a leopard lounging in a tree. On the cruise in Queen Elizabeth we are surrounded by hippo as well as exquisite birdlife. With three days allocated for guided game drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro, we camp in the wilderness under the African stars during the last few days of your trip, a true African safari to remember.

NB. A shuttle bus can be arranged to Nairobi after your safari.



safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Arusha
23 Jan 10	16 Feb 10
13 Feb 10	9 Mar 10
29 Mar 10	22 Apr 10
19 Apr 10	13 May 10
22 May 10	15 Jun 10
12 Jun 10	6 Jul 10
12 Jul 10	5 Aug 10
28 Jul 10	21 Aug 10
23 Aug 10	16 Sep 10
18 Sep 10	12 Oct 10
26 Sep 10	20 Oct 10
2 Oct 10	26 Oct 10
14 Nov 10	8 Dec 10
1 Dec 10	25 Dec 10
7 Dec 10	31 Dec 10
24 Jan 11	17 Feb 11
26 Feb 11	22 Mar 11
27 Mar 11	20 Apr 11
22 Apr 11	16 May 11
21 May 11	14 Jun 11
5 Jun 11	29 Jun 11

Special departure details

- 1 Dec 10 - Christmas celebrations on leaving the Tanzanian parks and New Years on Zanzibar Island, 26 day safari.
- 7 Dec 10 - Christmas at the Gorilla Parks

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Balloon over the Serengeti



24 days Kampala - Zanzibar Island

A Taste of Africa



Zanzibar Island



what you pay

£ **470** PLUS the Kitty from **\$450**
paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting: Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania

Zanzibar Island



Evening fish markets



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

- Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise on Kazinga Channel
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Maasai village

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to Queen Elizabeth National Park occasionally can be seasonal due to road conditions.

A safari in Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania with the option to trek the endangered mountain gorilla on the densely forested slopes of the Virungas. Discover the charm and beauty of the lush tropical world of Uganda, finishing your journey with four lazy days on the exotic spice island of Zanzibar.

Travel by Sesse canoe to meet the cheeky chimps on Ngamba Island. Take a game cruise on the Kazinga Channel to view wallowing hippo, with buffalo in close company and the occasional Nile crocodile, lying disarmingly motionless nearby. Watch kingfishers diving behind the boat. With safaris in Queen Elizabeth, The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater enjoy game viewing to see all the wildlife for which Africa is famous including giraffe, zebra, gazelle, buffalo, elephant, black and white rhino, lion, ostrich, flamingo and so much more. And enjoy the stillness and thrill of camping under the stars in the African bush.

With time to visit in traditional villages, help out in local schools and stop over to reflect at the Genocide Memorial on the way to the gorilla parks. Browse local crafts markets - maybe pick up a drum from the Royal drum makers and haggle for bracelets and carvings in Mto Wa Mbu. Enjoy a night out in Kigale and Kampala. By the White Nile at the start of the trip take a leisurely kayak cruise on Lake Victoria. And for the adrenalin seekers white water raft on grade 5 rapids, bungee the Nile High, and quad bike in the equatorial sunshine amidst lush tropical vegetation.

Reaching Zanzibar wander the winding, narrow streets and colourful bazaars of traditional Stone Town for a taste of Swahili culture. Snorkel amongst colourful fish and corals in tropical waters and relax on the white beaches of the Indian Ocean under African skies. Enjoy fresh seafood in the evening food markets and a sundowner at Africa House as the traditional dhows sail into the harbour against the colours of sunset at your safari's end.

OTHER OPTIONS TO ACCOMPANY YOUR SAFARI:

- **Help out** in a local school in Uganda before your safari
- **Learn to scuba dive** on the idyllic Zanzibar Island at the end of your safari. Price: £308

For these and other options see pages 42 - 49.



optional excursions

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

- White water rafting The White Nile £78
- Kayaking £46
- Nile High Bungee £34
- Quad biking £42
- Volunteer work in a local school £11
- Chimpanzee reserve £31
- Mountain gorillas £370
- Serengeti National Park* £153
- Manyara National Park £94
- Zanzibar including one way ferry, 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
- Prison Island with the giant tortoise £10
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68

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

Also to consider during your safari

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

spending money

You will also need spending money for drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10. Spending money is also needed to cover meals and camping when the group isn't with the truck on the off chance you don't participate in an overnight safari and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking between £270 to £340 for this safari.

visas

Between £69 and £100

safari dates

Depart Kampala	Finish Dar es Salam
31 Jan 10	23 Feb 10
21 Feb 10	16 Mar 10
6 Apr 10	29 Apr 10
27 Apr 10	20 May 10
30 May 10	22 Jun 10
20 Jun 10	13 Jul 10
20 Jul 10	12 Aug 10
5 Aug 10	28 Aug 10
31 Aug 10	23 Sep 10
26 Sep 10	19 Oct 10
4 Oct 10	27 Oct 10
10 Oct 10	2 Nov 10
22 Nov 10	15 Dec 10
9 Dec 10	2 Jan 11
15 Dec 10	7 Jan 11
30 Dec 10	22 Jan 11
1 Feb 11	24 Feb 11
6 Mar 11	29 Mar 11
4 Apr 11	27 Apr 11
30 Apr 11	23 May 11
29 May 11	21 Jun 11

Special departure details

- 9 Dec 10 - Christmas celebrations on leaving the Tanzanian parks and New Years on Zanzibar Island, 25 day safari.
- 15 Dec 10 - Christmas with the gorillas.
- 30 Dec 10 - New Years by the White Nile.

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20 days Nairobi - Kigale the Gorilla Trek



Lake Bunyoni



what you pay

£360 PLUS the Kitty \$461
paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda

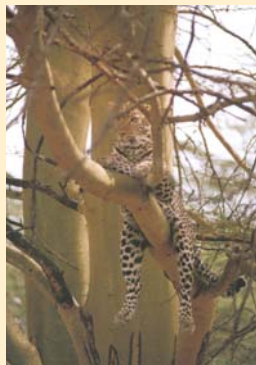
The price covers

- 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

- The Masai Mara • Nakuru National Park • Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise • Maasai village • The Giraffe Park

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly The Masai Mara can be seasonal due to road conditions.



Nakuru National Park

From the sweeping vistas of the Rift Valley with its soda and freshwater lakes and world famous game parks, the Masai Mara and Nakuru National Park, to the lush volcanic world of the Virungas. Canoe across Lake Bunyoni nestled in the terraced Mfumbiro Hills and cycle through Hells Gate surrounded by the evidence of past volcanic activity and watched by curious antelope. Travel to the legendary Source of the Nile. Help out in a local school and meet the Maasai tribe. With time for thrills and spills white water rafting on the White Nile, horse riding and quad biking to explore the local environs of Jinja.

The Mara is renowned for the world famous migration when around 500,000 wildebeest migrate into the Mara from the plains of the Serengeti usually by mid June accompanied by vast herds of zebra and Thomson's gazelle. They are closely followed by the region's famous predators particularly the big cats and hyena.

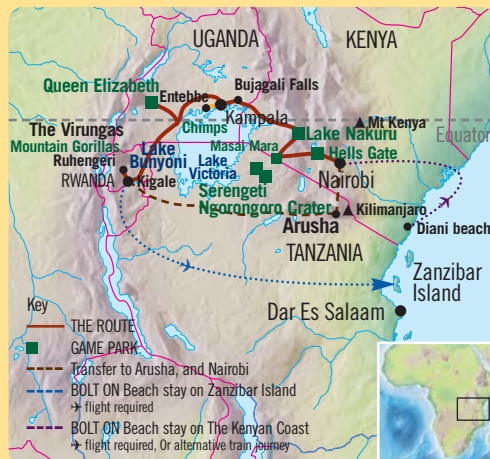
Nakuru National Park has both black and white rhino, lion, zebra, giraffe and the famous soda lake, often pink with greater and lesser flamingo. On a lucky day in Nakuru we might also spy a leopard lounging in a tree. We also visit a chimpanzee sanctuary in Uganda and Joy Adamson's Elsamere in Naivasha, Kenya, for afternoon tea on the lawns with the black and white colobus monkeys.

Without doubt the highpoint of the trip is the trek to visit the highly endangered mountain gorilla, a chance to come face to face with this gentle giant in the misty, montane cloud forests of the Virungas. Following the hike we return to celebrate that night in one of the fun restaurants in Ruhengeri, for our final night together. The safari finishes the following morning in Kigale where transfers can be arranged to Kigale's international airport.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Kigale	Depart Nairobi	Finish Kigale
7 Dec 09	26 Dec 09	26 Sep 10	15 Oct 10
23 Jan 10	11 Feb 10	2 Oct 10	21 Oct 10
13 Feb 10	4 Mar 10	14 Nov 10	3 Dec 10
29 Mar 10	17 Apr 10	1 Dec 10	20 Dec 10
19 Apr 10	8 May 10	7 Dec 10	26 Dec 10
22 May 10	10 Jun 10	24 Jan 11	12 Feb 11
12 Jun 10	1 Jul 10	26 Feb 11	17 Mar 11
12 Jul 10	31 Jul 10	27 Mar 11	15 Apr 11
28 Jul 10	16 Aug 10	22 Apr 11	11 May 11
23 Aug 10	11 Sep 10	21 May 11	9 Jun 11
18 Sep 10	7 Oct 10	5 Jun 11	24 Jun 11

Special departure details • 7 Dec 10 - Christmas with the gorillas



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optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Hells Gate National Park £16
- White water rafting The White Nile £78
- Kayaking £46
- Quad biking £42
- Bungee jump, The Nile High £34
- Horse riding £31
- Volunteer work in a local school £11
- Chimpanzee reserve £31
- Mountain gorillas £370
- Golden monkey trek £63

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340

Post safari:

- Bolt-on transit to Arusha £30 plus kitty \$42
- Bolt-on transit to Nairobi £60 plus kitty \$42

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover lunch, drinks, souvenirs, incidentals costing under £10 eg. entry to the Elephant Orphanage and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking £225 to £285 for this safari.

visas

Between £31 and £84

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.

For assistance with working out accurately how much your travel plans will cost please don't hesitate to contact us. We are keen for you to have a realistic budget based on your specific interests and travel arrangements so that you have the very best time possible in Africa.

TO CONSIDER BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR SAFARI:

Contact us now for details of relaxing beach stays on the Kenyan Coast or Zanzibar Island that can be organised in conjunction with this safari.

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22 days Livingstone - Cape Town

Namibia Nomad



Visiting: (Zimbabwe),
Zambia, Botswana,
Namibia, South Africa

what you pay

£ **360** PLUS the Kitty
\$ **426**
paid in \$US in Africa



Himba

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

• Etosha National Park (2 nights) • Namib Naukluft National Park • Fish River Canyon • The Cheetah Park • Cape Cross Seal Colony

The kitty is also budgeted to cover breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck including a contribution to the final group meal in Cape Town. It also covers camping and accommodation including three nights in chalets in Swakopmund and the final night in Ashanti Lodge in Cape Town. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash.

Etosha National Park

We arrive a few days early in Livingstone so join us before your safari to see the legendary Victoria Falls, one of the wonders of the world. The Falls are also renowned for a wide range of adventure activities such as white water rafting, a lion walk, elephant riding and the bungee. A sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River is a great way to finish the day.

We visit Chobe National Park, with its prolific herds of elephant, for our first game drives. Then in the wilderness of the Okavango Delta take a mokoro safari through lagoons of water lilies to view the wildlife of the wetlands and for walking safaris. Onto the Kalahari we visit a Bushmen tribe before embarking on game drives in "the place of dry water", Etosha National Park where we camp for two nights. A vast array of wildlife lives on the Pan - elephant, lion, black and white rhino, giraffe, gemsbok, zebra, cheetah and leopard. In the evening we wait at flood lit water holes for game to arrive ...

A Cheetah Park offers the chance of close up photos of both tame and wild cheetah before we arrive in Swakopmund. Here we stay in a lodge for a few nights. For those into adrenalin sports there is quad biking and sand boarding on the dunes. Township tours provide an opportunity to meet the locals.

Driving the Namib Desert we arrive at Sossusvlei for guided walks on the 300 metre dunes and to view the gorgeous red-gold colours at sunrise. Then onto Fish River Canyon, reputedly only second in size to the Grand Canyon, and a soak in Ai Ais Hot Springs. Crossing the Orange River and the South African border spend a lazy afternoon canoeing in wild terrain before travelling to Cape Town stopping over in the famous wine lands of Stellenbosch. We finish at Ashanti Lodge, at the foot of Table Mountain.

This safari starts in Vic Falls on either the Zambian side at Livingstone or Zimbabwean side of the Zambezi River. Flights can be arranged in to either side of the River and transfers booked to the meeting point. Note when budgeting there can be extra visa and transfer costs if you need to cross the River to meet us. Feel free to call for further information.



optional excursions

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

SELECT FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Prior to departure

- Lion walk £75
- Elephant rides £100
- Bungee jump £66
- Gorge swing, abseil, flying fox (full day) £72
- Gorge swing - (1 jump) £38
- White water rafting The Zambezi £88
- Flight of the Angels £41 - £150
- Sunset cruise £25
- Interactive drumming £16

On your safari

- Chobe National Park £27
- Flights over the Delta £50
- Okavango Delta guided mokoro safari £88
- Evening game drives, Etosha £48
- Tandem sky dive Swakopmund £155
- Sandboarding £20
- Quadbiking £40
- Township tour £32
- Open sea fishing £69
- Dolphin cruise including brunch £38
- Horse riding, Swakopmund £34
- Guided walk on the Sossusvlei dunes £15
- Rafting on the Orange River £13
- Wine tour Stellenbosch £25

Also to consider in Cape Town. Post safari:

- White shark dive, incl. transport £123
- Robben Island £13

spending money

We recommend you carry between £80 and £100 a week for spending money. This mainly covers drinks, lunch, souvenirs, incidentals costing under £10, upgrades from camping, and meals and camping if you elect not to safari in the Delta. Clients usually take £250 to £314 for this safari.

visas

Between £31 and £72

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.

If you would like assistance to work out your own personalised budget don't hesitate to contact us.

safari dates

Depart Livingstone	Finish Cape Town
2 Jan 10	23 Jan 10
25 Jan 10	15 Feb 10
13 Mar 10	3 Apr 10
3 Apr 10	24 Apr 10
17 May 10	7 Jun 10
7 Jun 10	28 Jun 10
10 Jul 10	31 Jul 10
31 Jul 10	21 Aug 10
30 Aug 10	20 Sep 10
15 Sep 10	6 Oct 10
11 Oct 10	1 Nov 10
6 Nov 10	27 Nov 10
14 Nov 10	5 Dec 10
20 Nov 10	11 Dec 10
2 Jan 11	23 Jan 11
25 Jan 11	15 Feb 11
9 Feb 11	2 Mar 11
14 Mar 11	4 Apr 11
16 Apr 11	7 May 11
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19 days Nairobi - Zanzibar Island Kenya & Tanzania



Zanzibar Island



Maasai



Ngorongoro Crater

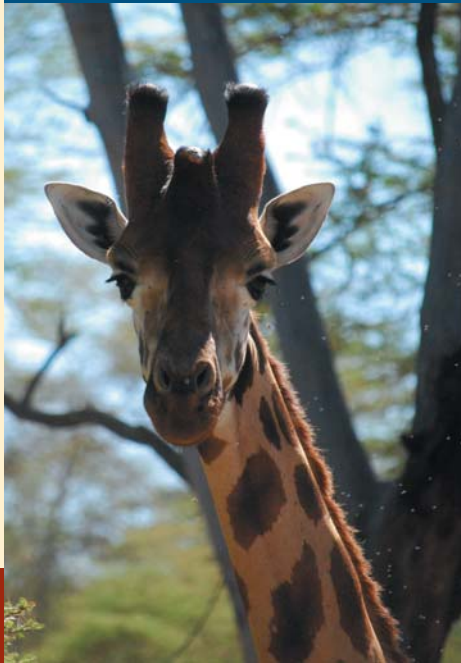
what you pay

£360 PLUS the Kitty \$772
paid in \$US in Africa

Highlights

- Game drives in the Masai Mara
- Lake Nakuru National Park
- Cycling in Hells Gate National Park
- The Rift Valley Look Out
- Visit a Maasai village
- Lake Naivasha with afternoon tea at Elsamere
- Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage
- Nairobi Giraffe Park
- Game drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Visiting Olduvai Gorge Museum
- Zanzibar, the magical Spice Island
- Snorkelling with the Dolphins
- Prison Island and the giant tortoise
- A spice tour

Nakuru National Park



From the savanna plains to Zanzibar

A safari in the dramatic setting of the 20 million year old Great Rift Valley amidst lakes and extinct volcanoes, from the savanna plains to Dar Es Salaam on the Indian Ocean Coast from where we set sail to magical Unguja, Zanzibar Island.

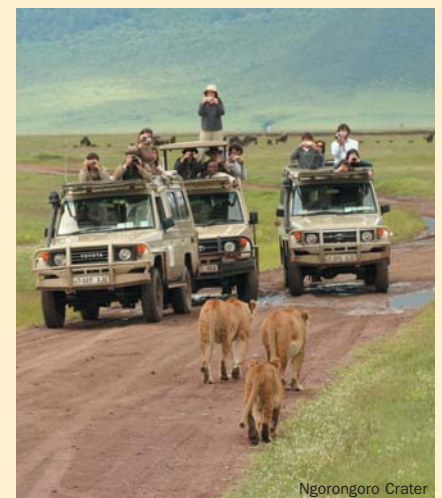
With game drives in the best of East Africa's game parks - the Masai Mara, the Serengeti, Nakuru National Park and the ancient caldera, Ngorongoro Crater. With time to head out early into the African bush to cycle through the red cliffs of Njorowa Gorge in Hells Gate amongst herds of plains game - zebra, hartebeest, Thomson's gazelle and buffalo, and for a peaceful camp at Lake Naivasha, a fresh water lake with hippo and spectacular bird life, where we enjoy afternoon tea on the grassy lawns of Elsamere with the black and white colobos monkeys.

Nakuru boasts flocks of greater and lesser flamingo as well as black and white rhino, lion, leopard and giraffe, and Ngorongoro has elephant, rhino, hippo, wildebeest, buffalo, zebra and gazelle.

The undulating grasslands of the Mara and the Serengeti are the place to view the greatest wildlife show on earth, the migration of herds of thousands of wildebeest, zebra, Thomson's gazelle and other antelope closely followed by the big cats - lion, leopard and cheetah. Camping in the parks listen to nocturnal wildlife in surround sound reverberating into the night.

There is also time to haggle in bustling markets, to visit Sheldrick's elephant

sanctuary, and a traditional Maasai tribe and local village. Finishing on the spice Island of Zanzibar for four nights, explore the evening food markets, wander the alleys of Stone Town and enjoy sundowners at Africa House as the traditional dhows sail into the harbour. Take a spice tour to experience some of the island's history. Trek in Jozani Forest to see the red colobus monkeys and visit Prison Island with its giant tortoise. Swim with the dolphin, snorkel or scuba dive amongst fantastic coral reefs at Mnemba Atol. Relax on palm fringed deserted long white beaches...



Ngorongoro Crater

Check our website for the latest prices, departure details and dossiers @ www.absoluteafrica.com or phone 0208 742 0226

Visiting: Kenya, Tanzania



Stone Town

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, safari leader and cook
- The ongoing advice and back up from The Absolute Team
- All road tolls and taxes are paid.

The kitty covers

- The Masai Mara
- Nakuru National Park
- Serengeti National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Maasai village
- The Sheldricks Elephant Orphanage
- The Giraffe Park

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck including a night out in Nairobi.

Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly The Masai Mara can be seasonal due to road conditions.

Remember this is a participation trip. Your kitty payment is part of your contribution to your group travelling on your departure date. Where there is money left over the group together decide what then happens to any remaining funds.



Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage



optional excursions

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

Select from the following during the safari:-

- Hells Gate National Park or Crater Lake Sanctuary £16
- Horse riding (3 hours) £31
- Zanzibar incl. one way ferry to Stone Town, 4 nights accommodation, transfers and a Spice Tour £125
- One way ferry £25
- Dolphin boat trip with red colobos monkey visit £28
- Snorkelling Mnemba Atoll £19
- Prison Island with the giant tortoise £10
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370
- Scuba Diving Padi Course £308

spending money

You will also need some spending money for drinks, lunch, souvenirs, cheap activities costing under £10 eg. snorkel hire and evening meals when you are not with the truck on Zanzibar Island. We usually recommend between £80 and £100 a week for spending money. Clients usually take between £215 to £270 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £78

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.

For assistance with working out accurately how much your travel plans will cost please don't hesitate to contact us.

TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOUR SAFARI:

- **Climb Kilimanjaro** Climb Kilimanjaro either before or after your safari. A range of different routes available.
- **Help out in a local school** Volunteer to help out in a local school or village community by building and renovating classrooms, and working in other health and educational projects, to become part of daily village life.
- **Gorilla Stops** Trek to see the endangered mountain gorillas in their jungle home in the Virungas.

For these and other options see pages 43 - 49.



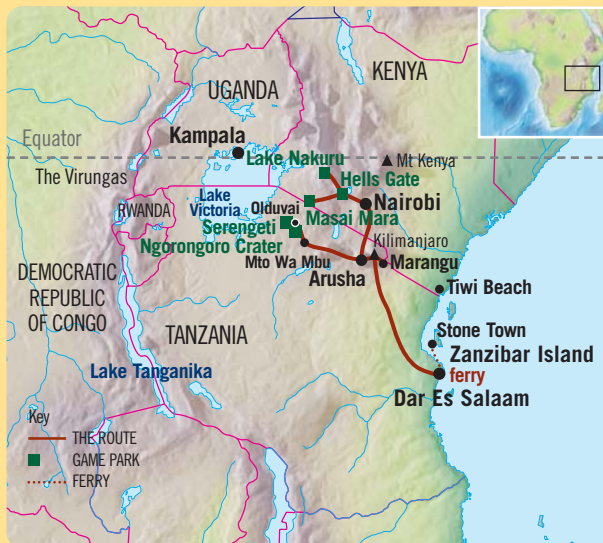
Giraffe Park



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safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Dar es Salam
14 Dec 09	2 Jan 10
5 Feb 10	23 Feb 10
4 Jun 10	22 Jun 10
12 Jul 10	30 Jul 10
25 Jul 10	12 Aug 10
10 Aug 10	28 Aug 10
5 Sep 10	23 Sep 10
9 Oct 10	27 Oct 10
15 Oct 10	2 Nov 10
14 Dec 10	2 Jan 11
20 Dec 10	7 Jan 11
4 Jan 11	22 Jan 11
6 Feb 11	24 Feb 11
18 Jun 11	6 Jul 11



Special departure details

- 14 Dec 09 and 14 Dec 10, 20 day itinerary, Christmas celebrations in Arusha after leaving the Tanzanian game parks, New Years on Zanzibar Island.
- 20 Dec 10 Christmas in the Masai Mara



Yellow Billed Stork

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.

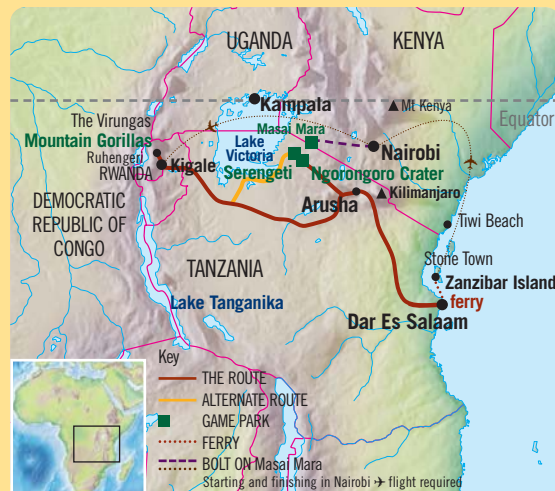
A visit to the Parc National de Volcans, a sanctuary for the endangered mountain gorilla is our first big highlight, the visit taking us deep into the gorilla's verdant forest world, to sit with a family group led by a dominant, older adult male, a silverback.

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



13 days Entebbe - Arusha Gorillas & Game Parks

Visiting: Uganda,
Rwanda, Tanzania



what you pay

£320 PLUS the Kitty from \$393 paid in \$US in Africa



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

• Queen Elizabeth National Park including a game cruise on Kazinga Channel • Ngorongoro Crater • Maasai village

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash.

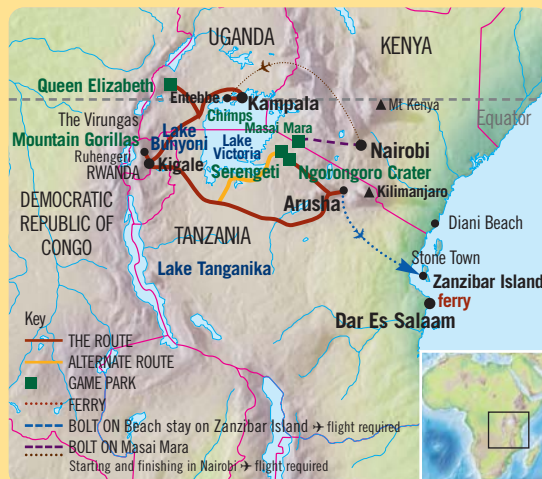
We meet you in Entebbe, Uganda, early morning to take the Sesse ferry to see the cheeky chimps on Ngamba Island in Lake Victoria. The following day we camp in the wild in Queen Elizabeth National Park and take a game cruise to view hippo and crocodile as well as buffalo and elephant by the waters edge. On our way we stop at the drum markets. Reaching the misty Virungas trek through lush forest to spend an hour with the endangered mountain gorilla, the big highlight of our safari. During our time in Rwanda we also stop over at the Genocide memorial and there is time to visit a children's orphanage.

A bumpy drive through to Arusha, Tanzania and we arrive at the gateway of the northern circuit game parks. Heading off on safari with local guides across the vast plains of the Serengeti and into the Ngorongoro Crater in customised land cruisers, this is our next chance to sleep under the African stars. Across the two parks you have a wonderful chance to see all the game you would want – lion, giraffe, elephant, rhino, zebra and so much more. The Serengeti is particularly famous for the migration of over 2.5 million wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelle who usually start to arrive back onto the Serengeti plains in November, heading for the southern plains where calving usually commences around February. The big predators including lion, cheetah and hyena are usually close by.

This is also the land of the cattle-herding Maasai who can be seen throughout the region in their distinctive red blankets. We visit a traditional village and school, and Maasai warriors perform a march by and the traditional adumu, the famous jumping dance. Our last night we enjoy a bbq together in Arusha town to say our good byes.

Shuttle transfers can be arranged the following day through to Nairobi, to Moshi, or to Arusha or Kilimanjaro airports.

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optional excursions

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

- Chimpanzee reserve £31
- Mountain gorillas £370
- Golden monkey trek £63
- Hike to Dian Fossey's grave £47
- Serengeti National Park* £153
- Manyara National Park £94

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

TO CONSIDER AFTER YOUR SAFARI:

- Transfer to Nairobi £30
- Climb Kilimanjaro A range of different routes available from 6 to 8 days
- Masai Mara Visit the Masai Mara, incl. a visit to The Elephant Sanctuary, The Giraffe Park and Lake Naivasha. Price £210
- Beach stay on Zanzibar Island Unwind on the palm fringed beaches of Zanzibar Island

For these and other options see pages 42 - 48.

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover lunch, drinks, souvenirs, incidentals costing under £10 eg a donation to the genocide museum, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking £150 to £190 for this safari.

visas

Between £69 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 Entebbe	Finish Arusha
4 Feb 10	16 Feb 10
25 Feb 10	9 Mar 10
10 Apr 10	22 Apr 10
1 May 10	13 May 10
3 Jun 10	15 Jun 10
24 Jun 10	6 Jul 10
24 Jul 10	5 Aug 10
9 Aug 10	21 Aug 10
4 Sep 10	16 Sep 10
30 Sep 10	12 Oct 10
8 Oct 10	20 Oct 10
14 Oct 10	26 Oct 10
26 Nov 10	8 Dec 10
13 Dec 10	25 Dec 10
19 Dec 10	31 Dec 10
3 Jan 11	15 Jan 11
5 Feb 11	17 Feb 11
10 Mar 11	22 Mar 11
8 Apr 11	20 Apr 11
4 May 11	16 May 11
2 Jun 11	14 Jun 11
17 Jun 11	29 Jun 11

Special departure details

- 19 Dec 10 - Christmas at the Gorilla Parks

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11 days Nairobi - Zanzibar Island Maasai & Migration



Sunset Bungalows, Zanzibar

optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Zanzibar including one way ferry, 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
- Prison Island with the giant tortoise £10
- Scuba diving - 2 tank on Zanzibar £68

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370
- Scuba Dive PADI course £308

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs, incidentals costing under £10 and any upgrades from camping. We recommend taking £125 to £160 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £78

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

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Dar es Salaam
* 13 Feb 10	23 Feb 10
6 Mar 10	16 Mar 10
19 Apr 10	29 Apr 10
10 May 10	20 May 10
* 12 Jun 10	22 Jun 10
* 3 Jul 10	13 Jul 10
* 20 Jul 10	30 Jul 10
* 2 Aug 10	12 Aug 10
* 18 Aug 10	28 Aug 10
* 13 Sep 10	23 Sep 10
9 Oct 10	19 Oct 10
* 17 Oct 10	27 Oct 10
* 23 Oct 10	2 Nov 10
5 Dec 10	15 Dec 10
* 22 Dec 10	2 Jan 11
* 28 Dec 10	7 Jan 11
* 12 Jan 11	22 Jan 11
* 14 Feb 11	24 Feb 11
19 Mar 11	29 Mar 11
17 Apr 11	27 Apr 11
13 May 11	23 May 11
* 11 Jun 11	21 Jun 11

Special departure details

- 22 Dec 10 – special 12 day itinerary with New Years on Zanzibar Island.
- * Bolt on Safari in the Masai Mara available dep, four days prior to departure. See page 42.

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. Price: £210
- **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. Price: £55

For these and other options see pages 42 - 49.



what you pay

£300 PLUS the Kitty \$480
paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting: Kenya, Tanzania

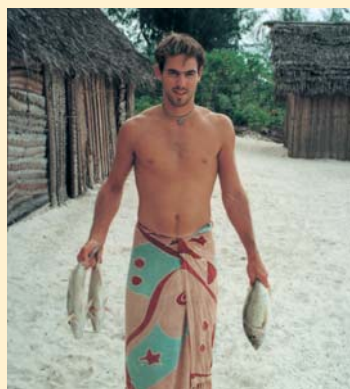
The price covers

- 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

- Serengeti National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Maasai village

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck.



Safari to see the best of Africa's wildlife then finish with a stay on the idyllic beach location of magical Zanzibar Island. Game drives from our base in Arusha across the sweeping plains of the Serengeti and into Ngorongoro Crater to see the big five and so much more - lion, buffalo, elephant, black and white rhino, giraffe, hippo, crocodile, zebra, wildebeest, numerous species of antelope as well as pink flamingo, and with a little luck cheetah and the elusive leopard.

Visit traditional Maasai villages of mud and cow dung huts. Explore the origins of man at Olduvai Gorge Museum and with the chance glimpse of the snow peaks of Kilimanjaro on our journey to bustling Dar Es Salaam.

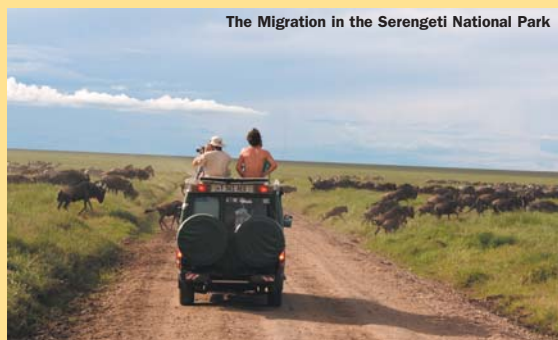


Zanzibar Island

Feel the Indian Ocean lap at your feet. Wander the narrow alleys of traditional Stone Town and enjoy delicacies in the evening seafood markets. Snorkel and scuba dive in crystal clear azure waters off Zanzibar and relax on palm fringed white beaches at your safari's end.



The Migration in the Serengeti National Park



12 days Nairobi - Arusha Kenya & Tanzania

component



what you pay

£310 PLUS the Kitty \$745 paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting: Kenya, Tanzania

optional excursions

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

Optional excursions to consider:

- Hells Gate National Park
Crater Lake Sanctuary £16
- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- Balloon safari in the Serengeti £370

Post safari:

- Bolt-on transit to Nairobi £30

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover lunch, drinks, souvenirs, incidentals costing under £10 eg. entry to the Elephant Orphanage and a hippo cruise, and also if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking £135 to £170 for this safari.

visas

Between £38 and £78

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.

For assistance with working out accurately how much your travel plans will cost please don't hesitate to contact us.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Arusha
14 Dec 09	25 Dec 09
5 Feb 10	16 Feb 10
4 Jun 10	15 Jun 10
12 Jun 10	23 Jun 10
12 Jul 10	23 Jul 10
25 Jul 10	5 Aug 10
10 Aug 10	21 Aug 10
5 Sep 10	16 Sep 10
26 Sep 10	7 Oct 10
9 Oct 10	20 Oct 10
15 Oct 10	26 Oct 10
7 Dec 10	18 Dec 10
14 Dec 10	25 Dec 10
20 Dec 10	31 Dec 10
4 Jan 11	15 Jan 11
6 Feb 11	17 Feb 11
18 Jun 11	29 Jun 11

Special departure details

- 14 Dec 09 and 14 Dec 10 Christmas celebrations in Arusha after leaving the Tanzanian game parks
- 20 Dec 10 Christmas in the Masai Mara

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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, safari leader and cook
- The ongoing advice and back up from The Absolute Team
- All road tolls and taxes are paid.

The kitty covers

- The Masai Mara • Nakuru National Park • Serengeti National Park • Ngorongoro Crater • Maasai village • The Sheldricks Elephant Orphanage • The Giraffe Park

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck including a night out in Nairobi. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly The Masai Mara can be seasonal due to road conditions.



No flies on me!

A safari to experience some of East Africa's premier game parks, to view the extraordinary landscapes of the Rift Valley, to stay by the shores of freshwater and soda lakes, to trace the origin of man in the Olduvai Museum, cycle through Hells Gate National Park amongst extraordinary landscapes created by past volcanic activity and find out about the traditional ways of the Maasai. We visit Sheldrick's famous Elephant Orphanage, The Giraffe Park, and Elsamere for afternoon tea with the black and white colobus. Hone your bartering expertise in the Arusha markets or in Mto Wa Mbu.

The sheer number of animal species in the region is staggering. Come face to face with the heaviest mammal - the elephant, the tallest mammal - the giraffe, the cats - lion, leopard and cheetah, as well as hippo lolling in pools in Nakuru and Ngorongoro, black and white rhino, and many antelope and bird species. Your game drives are in Nakuru with its prolific bird life including greater and lesser flamingo, and black and white rhino populations, in the Masai Mara for the migration, and then the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, World Heritage sites boasting all the species for which Africa is famous.

OTHER OPTIONS TO ACCOMPANY YOUR SAFARI:

- **Climb Kilimanjaro** Climb Kilimanjaro either before or after your safari. A range of different routes available.
- **Beach stays, Zanzibar and Kenyan Coast** Unwind on the white beaches of Zanzibar or the Kenyan coast.
- **Gorilla Stops** Trek to see the endangered mountain gorillas in their jungle home in the Virungas. For these and other options see pages 43 - 49.



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Ngorongoro Crater



8 days Nairobi - Nairobi

A Week in Kenya

Visiting: Kenya



what you pay

£250

PLUS the Kitty
\$292
paid in \$US in Africa

Rhinos, Nakuru National Park



At the Giraffe Park

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, safari leader and cook
- The ongoing advice and back up from The Absolute Team
- All road tolls and taxes are paid.

The kitty covers

- The Masai Mara • Nakuru National Park • Maasai village
- The Sheldricks Elephant Orphanage • The Giraffe Park

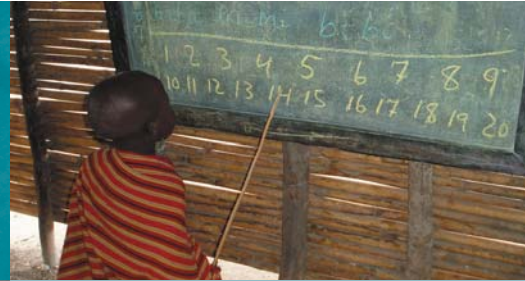
The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck including a night out in Nairobi. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly The Masai Mara can be seasonal due to road conditions.

Experience the wilds of Africa camping in Nakuru National Park, a small but beautiful wilderness area close to Nakuru town where we stop over for some market shopping. Nakuru is famous for its greater and lesser flamingoes, usually found feeding on the lake's edge. Hippo can be seen wallowing in the lake amidst a myriad of water birds. The park also boasts black and white rhino and the rare Rothschild giraffe. Game drives take us down by the lake and through thick forests of acacia and the distinctive candelabra euphorbia. With a little luck we might find a leopard or lion. The views are breathtaking overlooking the lake from Baboon Cliffs where we have breakfast.

Enjoy the antics of the resident troop of black and white colobus monkeys at Elsamere and a boat cruise. Watch for hippo in the lake and a wide variety of bird life. A region of quite recent volcanic activity, choose between a guided walk to the jade green Crater Lake Sanctuary or a cycling safari through Hells Gate (OI Njorowa) with its volcanic plugs, steaming volcanic vents and dramatic cliffs of columnar basalt. Enjoy nature close up and at its best with stunning views over the Rift Valley and in reserves rich in wildlife - giraffe, warthog, zebra, buffalo, Coke's hartebeest, impala and Grant's and Thomson's gazelle. And safari on true bush roads through the gently rolling hills, woodland and acacia trees of the savannah plains of the Masai Mara, host to the big herds of some 500,000 wildebeest, zebra and the distinctive Thomson's gazelle on their seasonal migration from June/July onwards when the Serengeti dries out. The big herds are

regularly accompanied by hungry lions on the lookout for a kill. Crocodile are also famous for their stake outs as the herds take on treacherous river crossings. The Mara also boasts year round resident herds of elephant, as well as giraffe, black rhino, buffalo, topi, Coke's hartebeest, impala, eland, hippos, leopard, cheetah, hunting dog, spotted and striped hyenas, as well as 540 bird species including raptors.

Visit a traditional Maasai village before returning to the capital, Nairobi, for a fun morning watching the adorable baby elephants at Sheldrick's Orphanage and to hand feed a giraffe at the Giraffe Sanctuary, with a final celebratory night out in Nairobi town.



optional excursions

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

- Hells Gate National Park or Crater Lake Sanctuary £16

Also to consider

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- 3 day stay on the Kenyan Coast £50

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 eg. visiting the elephant orphanage. Spending money is also needed if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking between £80 to £120 for this safari.

visas

Up to £16

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.

If you would like assistance to work out your own personalised budget don't hesitate to contact us.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Nairobi
14 Dec 09	21 Dec 09
5 Feb 10	12 Feb 10
29 Mar 10	5 Apr 10
19 Apr 10	26 Apr 10
22 May 10	29 May 10
4 Jun 10	11 Jun 10
12 Jun 10	19 Jun 10
12 Jul 10	19 Jul 10
25 Jul 10	1 Aug 10
10 Aug 10	17 Aug 10
5 Sep 10	12 Sep 10
26 Sep 10	3 Oct 10
9 Oct 10	16 Oct 10
15 Oct 10	22 Oct 10
14 Nov 10	21 Nov 10
7 Dec 10	14 Dec 10
14 Dec 10	21 Dec 10
20 Dec 10	27 Dec 10
4 Jan 11	11 Jan 11
6 Feb 11	13 Feb 11

Special departure details

- 20 Dec 10 - Christmas in the Masai Mara

Nakuru National Park



Sheldricks Elephant Orphanage



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9 days Kigale - Arusha Wildlife Encounter

Visiting:
Rwanda & Tanzania



Gorilla trek deep in the Virungas and safari across the savanna plains of the Serengeti and in Ngorongoro Crater.

Other highlights

- Maasai village
- Genocide Memorial & Museum
- Children's orphanage

Optionals • Mountain gorilla trek £370 • The Serengeti £153
• Shuttle transfer to Nairobi at the end £30
Also to consider: 3-4 days Masai Mara safari from £380

Departures 2010: 8 Feb - 16 Feb, 1 Mar - 9 Mar, 14 Apr - 22 Apr, 5 May - 13 May, 7 Jun - 15 Jun, 28 Jun - 6 Jul, 28 Jul - 5 Aug, 13 Aug - 21 Aug, 8 Sep - 16 Sep, 4 Oct - 12 Oct, 12 Oct - 20 Oct, 18 Oct - 26 Oct, 30 Nov - 8 Dec, 17 Dec - 25 Dec, 23 Dec - 31 Dec.
Departures 2011: 7 Jan - 15 Jan, 9 Feb - 17 Feb, 14 Mar - 22 Mar, 12 Apr - 20 Apr, 8 May - 16 May, 6 Jun - 14 Jun.



what you pay

£280 PLUS the Kitty **\$264**
Incl. Ngorongoro Crater paid in \$US in Africa

8 days Entebbe - Kigale A Week in Gorilla Lands



Visiting: Uganda, Rwanda

Safari in the wilds of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Cruise the Kazinga Channel to view hippo, elephant, buffalo and more. Check out Ngamba Island's cheeky chimps and browse traditional drum markets. The big highlight is a gorilla trek, deep in the Virungas, to spend an hour with the endangered mountain gorilla as they play, eat and relax in their forest home, a magical once in a lifetime. With time to visit the Genocide Museum, a local orphanage and for a night out in a local restaurant.

Optionals • Chimpanzee Sanctuary £31
• Mountain gorillas £370 • Hike to Dian Fossey's grave £47

Departures 2010: 4 Feb - 11 Feb, 25 Feb - 4 Mar, 10 Apr - 17 Apr, 1 May - 8 May, 3 Jun - 10 Jun, 24 Jun - 1 Jul, 24 Jul - 31 Jul, 9 Aug - 16 Aug, 4 Sep - 11 Sep, 30 Sep - 7 Oct, 8 Oct - 15 Oct, 14 Oct - 21 Oct, 26 Nov - 3 Dec, 13 Dec - 20 Dec, 19 Dec - 26 Dec.
Departures 2011: 3 Jan - 10 Jan, 5 Feb - 12 Feb, 10 Mar - 17 Mar, 8 Apr - 15 Apr, 4 May - 11 May, 2 Jun - 9 Jun, 17 Jun - 24 Jun.



what you pay

£280 PLUS the Kitty **\$160**
Incl. Queen Elizabeth paid in \$US in Africa

4 days Nairobi - Nairobi

A short safari in Kenya with game drives in the Masai Mara



Head out on safari for game drives in Kenya's Masai Mara, one of the natural wonders of the world. With afternoon tea with the black and white colobos monkeys on the grassy shores of Lake Naivasha, a visit to a Maasai Boma and Nairobi's famous elephant orphanage and the opportunity to hand feed giraffe at The Giraffe Park.

Included in price

- Park fees for the Masai Mara
- Entrance to Nairobi's Elephant Orphanage, The Giraffe Park, Elsamere for afternoon tea and a Maasai Boma.
- 2 meals a day
- Camping fees throughout

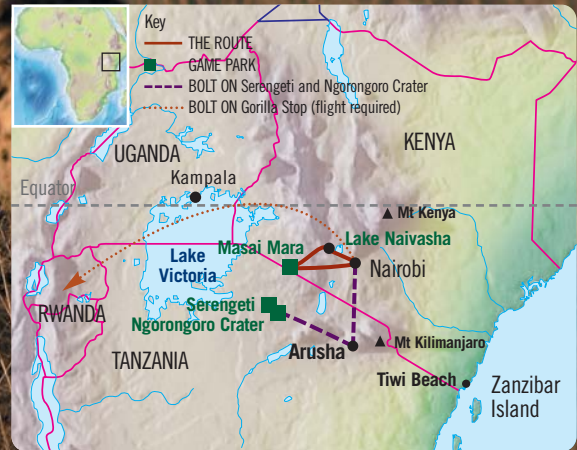
what you pay

£ **210**

■ Add a balloon safari £340

Safari code: BOM

Departures 2010: 9 Feb - 12 Feb, 8 Jun - 11 Jun, 16 Jun - 19 Jun, 29 Jun - 2 Jul, 16 Jul - 19 Jul, 29 Jul - 1 Aug, 14 Aug - 17 Aug, 9 Sep - 12 Sep, 30 Sep - 3 Oct, 13 Oct - 16 Oct, 19 Oct - 22 Oct, 18 Nov - 21 Nov, 11 Dec - 14 Dec, 18 Dec - 21 Dec, 24 Dec - 27 Dec.
Departures 2011: 8 Jan - 11 Jan, 10 Feb - 13 Feb.



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4 days Nairobi - Arusha

A short safari in Tanzania with game drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater



Safari across the famous Serengeti plains, and into the ancient caldera, Ngorongoro Crater, to view all the wildlife you came to Africa to see. With a visit to a traditional Maasai Boma and school.

Included in price

- Transfer from Nairobi, Kenya to Arusha, Tanzania
- Your guide
- 3 meals a day whilst in the parks & final bbq
- Park fees for Ngorongoro and the Serengeti
- Maasai village visit
- Camping fees throughout

Optional excursions

- Return Bolt On Shuttle to Nairobi: £30
- Balloon safari: £370
- Extra day for game drives in Tarangire National Park: £100
- Extra day for game drives in Serengeti National Park: £115

what you pay

£ **470**

Departures 2010: 13 Feb - 16 Feb, 6 Mar - 9 Mar, 19 Apr - 22 Apr, 10 May - 13 May, 12 Jun - 15 Jun, 20 Jun - 23 Jun, 3 Jul - 6 Jul, 20 Jul - 23 Jul, 2 Aug - 5 Aug, 18 Aug - 21 Aug, 13 Sep - 16 Sep, 4 Oct - 7 Oct, 9 Oct - 12 Oct, 17 Oct - 20 Oct, 23 Oct - 26 Oct, 5 Dec - 8 Dec, 15 Dec - 18 Dec, 22 Dec - 25 Dec, 28 Dec - 31 Dec.
Departures 2011: 12 Jan - 15 Jan, 14 Feb - 17 Feb, 19 Mar - 22 Mar.



Safari code: BOSC

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4 days Kigale - Kigale *the* Gorilla Stop

Visiting: Rwanda

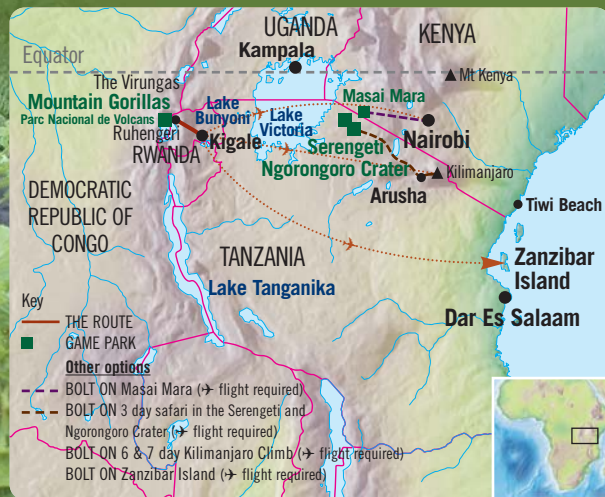


A short safari in Rwanda with a trek to see the endangered mountain gorillas on the slopes of the Virungas. A chance to sit quietly with the gentle primate as they while the day away in the "giant salad bowl" that is their forest home, with a stop over to reflect in the Genocide Museum in Kigale as well as a visit to a children's orphanage.

Also to consider: 3-4 days Masai Mara safari from £380

Departures 2010: 8 Feb - 11 Feb, 1 Mar - 4 Mar, 14 Apr - 17 Apr, 5 May - 8 May, 7 Jun - 10 Jun, 28 Jun - 1 Jul, 28 Jul - 31 Jul, 13 Aug - 16 Aug, 8 Sep - 11 Sep, 4 Oct - 7 Oct, 12 Oct - 15 Oct, 18 Oct - 21 Oct, 30 Nov - 3 Dec, 17 Dec - 20 Dec, 23 Dec - 26 Dec.

Departures 2011: 7 Jan - 10 Jan, 9 Feb - 12 Feb, 14 Mar - 17 Mar, 12 Apr - 15 Apr, 8 May - 11 May, 6 Jun - 9 Jun.



what you pay

£240

PLUS the Kitty

\$31 paid in \$US in Africa

■ Gorilla permit: £370

3 days Livingstone to Johannesburg visiting Chobe National Park

An add on safari of 3 days from Livingstone to Johannesburg, with a game cruise in Chobe National Park, arriving in to the Ritz Backpackers of Johannesburg.

Departures - The day after most safaris finish in Victoria Falls. Please check with the London office for availability.

- Price £200
- Kitty USD \$87

Included

- Game cruise on the Chobe River
- 2 meals a day, breakfast & dinner, including contribution to the final restaurant meal in Jo'burg.
- Camping fees throughout with dorm accommodation on the last night at the Ritz Backpackers of Johannesburg.



5 days Livingstone - Maun Botswana Safari visiting Chobe and the Okavango Delta



Cruise the Chobe River to delight in the park's herds of elephant that concentrate in and by the river particularly during dry season, as well as other wildlife. Then to Maun for a mokoro safari in the Okavango Delta, a vast wetland teeming with animals and birdlife.

- Price £100
- Kitty USD \$205 including game cruise on the Chobe River and two night mokoro safari in the Delta

Trek Kilimanjaro

Visiting: Tanzania



Snow capped Kilimanjaro is the highest point in Africa and one of the world's largest free standing mountains accessible to walkers. Kilimanjaro is situated near Moshi, Tanzania, approximately 190 miles from Nairobi. Absolute Africa ensures that all guides and porters receive a fair wage and are proud to work in partnership with our chief Guide Samson Lauwo, the grandson of the famous Kinyala "Mzee Lauwo" who led Hans Mayer, the first European to summit Kilimanjaro in 1889. With Samson's team not only will you have dedication and experience but also a proud history. All transfers and pre and post climb accommodation can be arranged.

We can depart any day of the year. We also aim to arrange group treks on the following dates:
Departures 2010: 18 Feb - 23 Feb, 11 Mar - 16 Mar, 25 Jul - 30 Jul, 7 Aug - 12 Aug, 23 Aug - 28 Aug, 18 Sep - 23 Sep, 14 Oct - 19 Oct.
Departures 2011: 17 Jan - 22 Jan, 19 Feb - 24 Feb.

- 6 day, 5 night Rongai Route..... £945
- 6 day, 5 night Marangu Route..... £910
- 6 day, 5 night Machame Route.... £930
- 7 day, 6 night Machame Route... £1070
- Other routes available including Mt Meru treks and one day Kilimanjaro hikes to the base camp and a local Chagga village.

Included in the price

- Experienced local guides, porters, cook
- Food, 3 meals a day and drinking water
- All fees - entry, hut and rescue
- Air Ambulance
- Transfers from the hotel in Moshi to the starting point and back after the climb
- 2 nights accommodation bed and breakfast in Moshi, one night before the climb and one after the climb



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Short stays on the Kenyan Coast

3 and 4 night half board stays in Diani, on the Kenyan Coast including tour of old Mombasa and snorkelling/diving dhow cruise with seafood buffet on Wasini Island. Transfers to and from the Coast arranged on request and/or to connect with your safari.

- Price 3 night stay £220
- Price 4 night stay £240



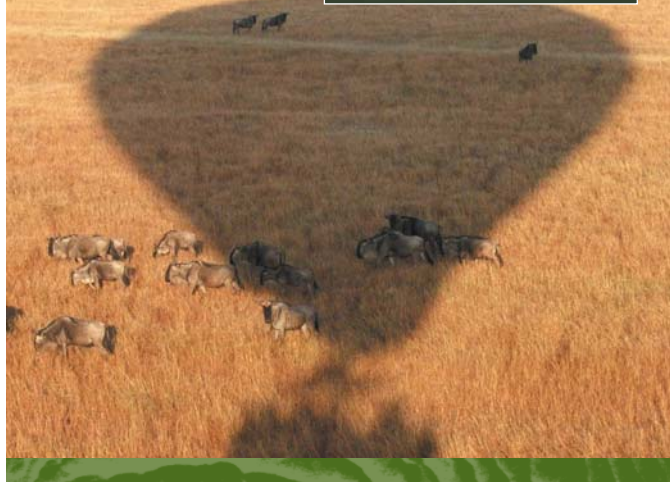
Treehouse accommodation, Diani beach

Ballooning in the Serengeti and the Masai Mara

Lift off at dawn to float off in silence across the African Plains.

- Ballooning in the Serengeti £370
- Ballooning in the Mara £340

Price includes champagne breakfast.



Voluntary work with Big Cats

Visiting:
Zambia or
Zimbabwe



Want to do voluntary work with animals?

Fancy working with 'big cats' every day? Like the idea of walking with lions each morning?

Then do a volunteer project with African Impact! Taking part gets you involved with programs designed for breeding, rehabilitation and release of these beautiful creatures, as well as as community education.

Daily tasks include direct caring of the 'big cats', walking, feeding and cleaning; assisting with the vital wildlife research projects and going into the community and local schools to help educate about conservation.

The price includes food and accommodation, and the support of project managers.

Centres are based in Livingstone, Victoria Falls and Antelope Park, Zimbabwe.

Project lengths range from 2 weeks up to 12 weeks. Prices start at £940 for 2 weeks at Victoria Falls Lion Breeding and Rehabilitation.

Please contact the office for more information on doing a lion volunteer project with African Impact, including start dates.



Short stays on Zanzibar Island

Zanzibar offers white palm fringed beaches and fun beach bars, warm waters for snorkelling and scuba diving amongst colourful corals and tropical fish, and the richness and colour of Swahili culture, history and traditions so evident in traditional Stone Town.



- Four nights bed and breakfast accommodation on the magical Spice Island, three at Kendwa and one night in historic Stone Town. Including transfers and a Spice Tour.
- Price from £185**



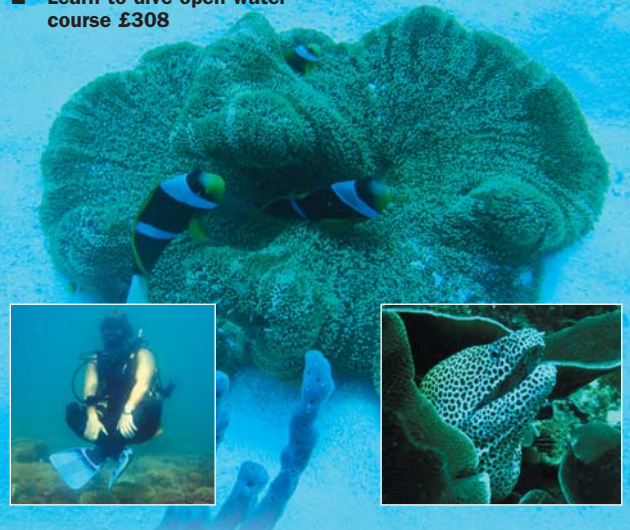
Open Water Scuba Diving Course Zanzibar Island

Learn to scuba dive on Zanzibar including theory and dives. Boat hire, equipment and open water kit included. Accompanying transfers and accommodation arranged. Many options available for all levels of divers.

Included in price

- 5 academic knowledge development sessions.
- 5 shallow water beach sessions
- 4 open water reef dives
- All equipment hire, boat trips and air fills

- **Learn to dive open water course £308**



Volunteering in Kenya ... with MADVENTURER

Education in Kenya is desperately underfunded. By staying in local accommodation and working alongside a community, building and renovating classrooms, toilets, water-tanks and other health and educational projects, including teaching in a local school, become part of daily village life in Kenya whilst aiming to offer something tangible to African communities.

Absolute Africa has worked closely with Madventurer for many years.

*So want to have a go,
Go Mad!!*

Projects are located deep in the Rift Valley based near Lake Nakuru and Lake Naivasha overlooking stunning scenes of the extinct volcano Mount Longonot, Lake Naivasha and the Aberdare Mountain range.



BUILDING

The core of each Madventurer project is the building work undertaken in the village. There is always a range of activities to get involved in - those less keen on heavy building work usually take up the lighter, but equally important work, such as painting or plastering depending on what stage you join the ongoing development work.

TEACHING

At what level, and to what extent, you get involved teaching is up to you. During the first week of the project, if you want to get involved teaching your crew will introduce you to the Principal of the local school to discuss how your interests and skills might fit in with the school's needs.

And when you are not doing all that there is always time to kick a football with the local kids, take in the gorgeous views in the breathtaking surrounds, and sample some of the local fare, enjoy chapatis and a local beer!



LENGTH OF PROJECT

The volunteer projects operate in six week blocks commencing on a Saturday and finish on a Friday. During that time the aim is for your project to come to completion so the communities feel the benefit as soon as possible and you leave with a greater sense of achievement. You can join for a two, four or the full six week block.

2 weeks £745

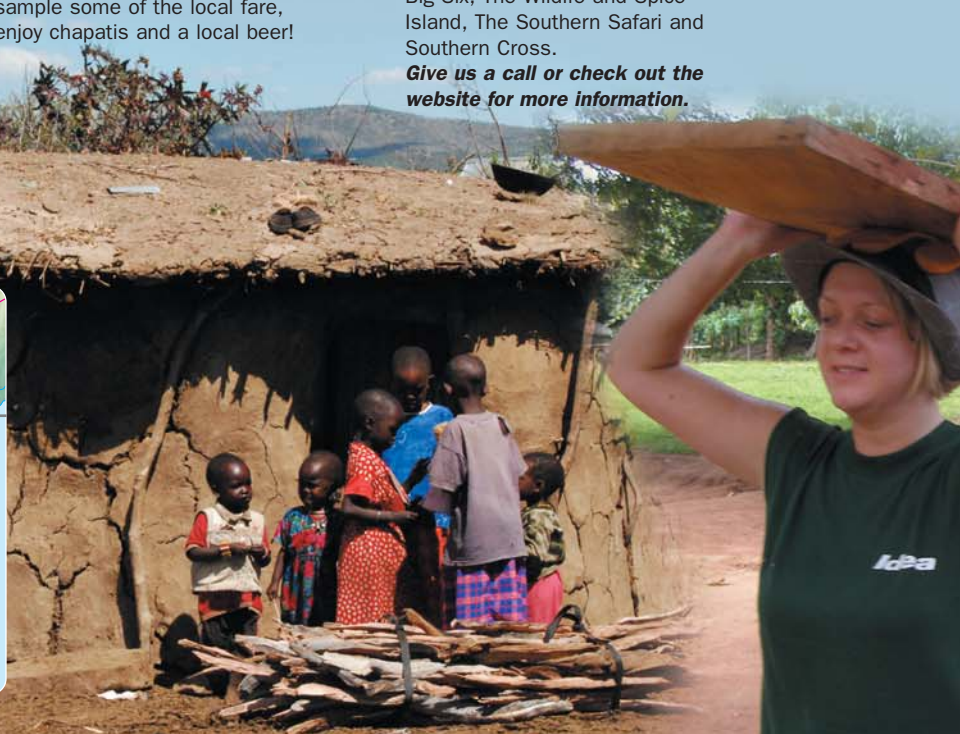
4 weeks £1045

6 weeks £1345

The price includes basic accommodation, 3 meals a day and transfers to and from the start point in Nairobi including airport pickup and transfers on day one of your project, and a contribution to project materials and local labour costs.

Combinations: Set project dates from January to July are designed to fit with several of our overland trips including The Absolute Safari, The Big Six, The Wildlife and Spice Island, The Southern Safari and Southern Cross.

Give us a call or check out the website for more information.



Volunteering in Uganda ... with **SOFTPOWER**

Soft Power Education is based in Jinja, Eastern Uganda and allows you to get involved at grass roots level in rural Ugandan communities for as little as a day or for as long as a year. It is set in an idyllic locale by the White Nile, near Kampala.



Soft Power works in several different areas

1) School Refurbishment

Programmes - creating inspiring learning environments.

2) Education Centres

Providing unique hands on interactive learning experiences.

3) Conservation Education

Working in partnerships to provide conservation education in areas of specific threat.

4) Community Programmes

Extending the education centres to adult learning.

5) Special Needs Programmes

Providing the same opportunities for education to children with disabilities.

Working with Soft Power in a local village and school to assist with teaching and building projects and directly assisting the community can be a great introduction to day to day life in Africa.

Combinations: Volunteer work can be combined with several of our trips including A Taste of Africa, Rivers of Africa and The Wildlife Journey which conveniently commence by the Nile.

**Voluntary Work
from £75 a week donation
plus accommodation and meals**


GUIDE ONLY


Contact us for further information.




Staying in NAIROBI

KENYA Nairobi		THE HERON HOTEL - Millimani Road		
		SINGLE	TWIN/DOUBLE	TRIPLE
	Bed and Breakfast (pppn)	£30	£20	£20
<p>One Way Airport Transfer: £11 Located within close proximity to Nairobi's city centre in a secure and serene environment, The Heron offers fully serviced ensuite bedrooms and self-contained apartment suites with an accent on comfort, cleanliness and security</p> <p>Facilities: Restaurant • swimming pool • sauna and massage • conference facilities • parking • laundry • 24-hour taxi service • safe-deposit • modern business and communication conveniences.</p>				

KENYA Nairobi		WILDEBEEST CAMP - Kibera Road			
		DORM	SINGLE	DOUBLE	DELUXE ENSUITE SAFARI TENTS
	Bed and Breakfast (pppn)	£7	£12	£10	£16 - £32
<p>One Way Airport Transfer: £13 Located 2 kilometres from the city centre Wildebeest Camp is a fixed tented camp set in peaceful tropical gardens offering dorms to ensuite fixed tents.</p> <p>Facilities: Internet • currency exchange • safety deposit box • lockers in the dorms • a restaurant and bar.</p>					

	<p>Half day excursion in Nairobi</p> <p>Visit Nairobi's famous elephant orphanage established by the Sheldricks and dedicated to the support of orphaned wildlife which are carefully raised and wherever possible rehabilitated to be released back into the wild. Their work particularly with elephants is world famous.</p>	<p>During the half day excursion we also visit The Giraffe Park set in the the extensive grounds of a traditional manor house. Here you can get eye to eye with giraffe to hand feed them including the rare Rothschild giraffe. We also visit the Karen Blixen museum, set in the farmhouse where the writer whose life was portrayed in the movie "Out of Africa" lived between 1914 and 1931. Price: £55</p>
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Staying in CAPE TOWN and further afield

SOUTH AFRICA Cape Town		ASHANTI LODGE - 11 Hof Street, Gardens		
		DORM	SINGLE	TWIN/DOUBLE
	Bed and Breakfast (pppn) from	£11	£19 - £23	£14 - £23
<p>One Way Airport Transfer: £10 - £12 per person A Victorian mansion with an Afro twist, set in park land in the heart of Cape Town, with unhindered views of Table Mountain within walking distance to shopping malls and the City centre.</p> <p>Facilities: Double and single rooms • dorms and campsite • swimming pool with sundeck • laundry service • secure lockup and baggage storage • fax and email service • 24 hour access • tv lounge • cable and videos • traveller bar with daily happy hour • pool table • garden • BBQ areas and tennis court • kumasi cafe and communal kitchen • travel centre • discounts for hostelling international and VIP card holders.</p>				

	<p>Do give yourself enough time to enjoy all Cape Town has to offer.</p> <p>ROBBEN ISLAND From the 17th to the 20th centuries, Robben Island served as a place of banishment, isolation and imprisonment. Nelson Mandela was held here for 18 years. Price: £14</p>	<p>TABLE MOUNTAIN Walk or catch the cable car up to Cape Town's most iconic land mark. Cable car £13</p>	<p>SHARK DIVING Get up close and personal from the safety of a floating cage of galvanised steel mesh. A 5 – 6 hour trip travelling by luxury catamaran. Price: £123 incl.transport</p>	<p>NUMEROUS BUS PASSES AVAILABLE INCLUDING:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cape Point and Peninsula Tour ■ Winelands tour ■ Township tours ■ Bo-Kaap culture Cape Malay cooking session ■ Cape Town Day Pass ■ Baz Bus Hop on Hop off
	<p>Want to head further afield in South Africa? Coming soon, NEW Garden Route Highlights featuring a shark dive, the highest bungee, De Hoop Nature Reserve and Addo Elephant Sanctuary, finishing in Johannesburg. Contact us for further details.</p>			

pre & post safari accommodation & transfers

UGANDA Entebbe ENTEBBE FLIGHT MOTEL

	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE
Bed and Breakfast (pppn)	£16	£10	£11

One Way Airport Transfer: FREE

Centrally located, close to the International airport.

Facilities: Rooms have a simple attached bathroom • fans and mosquito nets • An affordable garden restaurant.

UGANDA Kampala RED CHILLI HIDEAWAY

	DORM	SINGLE	TWIN	DOUBLE
Bed	£4	£6	£10	£12

One Way Airport Transfer: £19 (per car, 4 pax, 7am – 7pm)
£26 (per car, 4 pax, other time)

Situated in the leafy suburbs of Kampala, offers a peaceful haven close to the city centre. **Facilities:** A range of accommodation including camping, dorms, private and en-suite rooms and self-contained cottages. Fully stocked bar • restaurant • Free internet access • plunge pool, badminton • BBQ & food preparation area • Shops and markets a few minutes walk away.

ZAMBIA Lusaka EUREKA Campsite

	DORM (PER PERSON)	CHALET (PER CHALET)	CHALET WITH ENSUITE (PER CHALET)
Bed	£5.50	£22	£24

One Way Airport Transfer: £24 (per vehicle)
 15 kilometres out of Lusaka situated on a private game farm.

Facilities: Accommodation is in dorms and chalets some with ensuite bathrooms. The campsite has a swimming pool • bar • pool table and provides evening meals. There is a self catering kitchen and barbecues.

ZAMBIA Livingstone GUEST MATE GUESTHOUSE

	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Bed and Breakfast (pppn)	£17	£12

One Way Airport Transfer: £19

Less than 5 minutes drive from town and 15 minutes from the airport. En suite rooms

Facilities: Restaurant bar and lounge • Safe deposit box • Laundry services.

MALAWI Lilongwe MABUYO CAMP – LIVINGSTONE ROAD




	DORM	CHALET / A-FRAME
Bed	£4	£11

One Way Airport Transfer: £17

Centrally located.

Facilities: Hot showers • restaurant • bar • extensive book exchange • internet café • Wi-Fi • Swimming Pool • laundry • Airport Pick-ups and Drop-offs are available on request.

SOUTH AFRICA Jo'burg BACKPACKERS RITZ - 1A North Road, Dunkeld West



	DORM	SINGLE	TWIN/DOUBLE
Bed (pppn)	£9	£16	£13.50

One Way Airport Transfer: £6 - £21 per person

Centrally situated in a large, comfortable and historic mansion with spacious gardens in a safe and tranquil suburb. Located on the main bus route and close to restaurants, pubs, cinemas, flea markets, shopping malls, art galleries, theatres, airline offices and other amenities

Facilities: • Safe and secure location • 24 hour check in • money changing facilities available • clean rooms and comfortable beds • private swimming pool • spacious lounge with cable TV • private bar with pool table • courtyard cafe • self-catering kitchen • laundry facilities • mail holding • fax • telephone and email • secure storage • off road parking, major credit cards accepted.

Visa Requirements

Your passport needs to be valid for a least 6 months after your intended date of departure with adequate pages for all required visas. Opposite is an estimation of current visa requirements and their cost. Visas need to be paid for in US Dollars cash. Please be aware that visa requirements can change without warning. If your passport is not detailed to the right please contact the office for further details of your visa requirements.

VISA	Kenyan	Ugandan	Rwandan	Tanzanian	Zambian
PASSPORT					
Australian	\$25	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$50
New Zealand	\$25	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$50
South Africa	-	\$50	-	\$60	-
Canadian	\$25	\$50	-	\$50	\$50
American	\$25	\$50	-	\$100	\$50
British	\$25	\$50	-	\$50	\$50
German	\$25	\$50	-	\$50	\$50
Dutch	\$25	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$50
Irish	\$25	-	\$60	\$100	-

BOOKING CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Please read the following booking conditions.

1. Your Contract

a) Your contract is with Absolute Africa (UK) Limited, a Company registered in England No 6838950, registered office The 1929 Shop, Merton Abbey Mills, 18 Water Mill Way, London SW19 2RD, hereinafter called "The Company" or "we". When you make a booking you confirm that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms and conditions set out below. A booking can only be made by a person aged 18 years or over. Please read these conditions carefully as you will be bound by them.

b) Please note that these booking conditions change slightly, dependent on whether you book a package holiday with us. Most of our Safaris are not package holidays. However, in certain destinations, such as Zanzibar, you may choose to also to book accommodation with Absolute Africa, and this will constitute a package. If you book a package holiday through us, once your package holiday has been confirmed we will accept responsibility for it in accordance with these Booking Conditions as an "organiser" under the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. A package holiday is a combination of at least two elements out of (a) transport, (b) accommodation or (c) other tourist services (not ancillary to any transport or accommodation and forming a significant part of the arrangements) where booked through us at the same time, for which payment is made to us and which last at least 24 hours or include overnight accommodation.

c) Your contract with Absolute Africa is governed by South African law and you agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the South African courts.

2. Prices and payment

a) To make a booking you need to send us a signed completed booking request form and a deposit of £150 detailing your selected safari. The deposit is nonrefundable unless the Company is unable to offer you a place. Your contract with us will only come into existence when we confirm your booking by sending out a confirmation invoice. If we are unable to offer you a place your booking request will be declined and your deposit will be returned to you. Booking with us is regarded as an acceptance of these terms and conditions. If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you and retain all deposits paid or due at that time.

b) Upon receipt of the booking request form and deposit we will then confirm your booking and invoice you for the remainder of the safari cost which you must pay not later than 8 weeks before departure. The booking is not accepted and no contract exists until the date shown on the confirmation invoice issued by the Company.

c) The trip cost includes transport by a fully equipped expedition vehicle as per the itinerary for that trip in the brochure including the use of all expedition equipment, all applicable tolls and taxes on safari, truck permits and insurances, passenger liability insurance and the services of staff.

d) Package bookings. Whilst we reserve the right to change our prices at any time before you book, the price on your holiday invoice will not be increased or decreased except in the following circumstances. A surcharge or refund will be payable, where transportation costs and/or any taxes, or fees payable for services such as embarkation/disembarkation fees at ports that may increase/decrease. Even in such cases, we will absorb increased costs up to a total amount equivalent to 2 percent of the cost of your confirmed holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). Only if the increased costs exceed this 2 percent we will levy a surcharge. If any surcharge is greater than 10 percent of the cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your holiday booking and receive a full refund of all monies paid to us (except for any amendment charges), or you can book an alternative holiday if available, with the appropriate price adjustment. Decreases will be calculated on the same principles. In no circumstances will a surcharge be notified to you within 30 days of departure. The requirement of the company to absorb the 2 percent amount referred to in the clause is subject to any change in the law following the date of this brochure and to the extent that any change in law removes such requirements the Company will pass on the full amount of any surcharge to you.

e) For arrangements which are not packages, we guarantee not to increase the safari price upon booking, but this excludes kitty payments and any other costs such as optional excursions, for which we reserve the right to pass on any price increases in full.

f) In all cases there may be increases required in kitty payments and in the cost of optional excursions, which are beyond the control of the company.

3. Confirmation invoice

a) On receipt of your booking and all appropriate payments, we will, subject to availability, confirm your arrangements by issuing a confirmation invoice. Check this invoice carefully immediately. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. Where we act only as agent we will have no responsibility for any errors in any documentation except where those errors were made by ourselves.

4. Financial Protection

a) For all package bookings, you are protected in that our insurers in the unlikely event of our insolvency will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and arrangements will be made to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking.

5. Website and brochure accuracy

a) Every effort is made to provide as much pricing information as possible on our website and in our brochures and to ensure this information is accurate. Regrettably however changes and errors do occasionally occur. We cannot accept liability for errors. Prices and details of products and services and any offers posted online are subject to change without notice and all products, services and offers are subject to availability.

6. Insurance

a) It is a condition of booking that every passenger must have travel insurance in force for the entire duration of the safari. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are adequately insured, even if we have seen your policy. Your insurance must include adequate cover for any adventure sports you might do, medical expenses and the cost of repatriation to your home destination should you become too ill to continue including helicopter rescue and air ambulance. If you join the safari without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the safari with no right of refund. The suggested minimum cover is £5,000,000 which should extend the planned length of the trip. All reasonable care goes into the choice of guarded secure camp sites and the maintenance of storage, lock up and security procedures on the vehicles. At the same time the Company accepts no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, personal property or valuables. Insurance to cover the loss of baggage and valuables is also highly recommended. We reserve the right to request details of your insurance policy (policy number and insurer).

7. Fitness and special requests

a) We reserve the right at any time to require the Client to produce a Doctor's certificate of fitness to participate in the safari. If you are affected by any condition, medical or otherwise, that might affect your or other people's enjoyment of the safari, you must advise us of this at the time of booking. If we reasonably feel that we are unable to accommodate the needs of any client who has particular health requirements, we must reserve the right to decline their reservation or, if full details are not given at the time of booking, cancel when we become aware of these details and apply cancellation charges as described in Clause 11 of these conditions.

b) Special requests must be made at the time of booking. We will pass on your request to the relevant service provider but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated.

8. The kitty

a) The Kitty (or local payment) must be paid in cash at the start of the trip to the Safari Leader on the day of departure usually in USD at a rate determined by Absolute Africa. The kitty is the group's money to pay for accommodation, meals, game parks and excursions as well as associated costs, as detailed in the brochure. As this money is paid direct to operators and wildlife authorities in Africa it is accepted that the amount is subject to change due to exchange fluctuations and price shifts as it is based on estimates at the time of publishing.

9. Acceptance of risk

a) Your booking is accepted on the understanding that you realise the hazards involved in this kind of trip, particularly in consideration of the countries visited including injury, disease, loss or damage to property, inconvenience and discomfort and matters rising out of Force Majeure. See clause 13. The client acknowledges that by the very nature of the safari and the countries visited, they are exposed to an element of personal risk and that the safaris are of a personally hazardous and unpredictable nature above those associated with conventional holidays. The client therefore accepts and consents to the risks inherent in the implementation of this contract and accepts as reasonable the limitations of the Company's responsibility as set out herein. In many African countries visited the basic infrastructure such as communication and road networks are very poor, and are regarded therefore as less safe and reliable than that with which westerners may be familiar. In particular lack of road markings, warning signs, unmarked speed bumps, seasonal flooding of roads and bridges etc are factors beyond the Company's control.

10. If you change your booking

a) Should you wish to make any changes to your confirmed arrangements, you must notify us as soon as possible. Any such request must be in writing from the person who made the booking. We will do our best to meet your request but it may not always be possible. You will be asked to pay an administration charge and any further costs we incur in making the changes or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible.

b) If you are prevented by genuine circumstances from travelling on the trip on which you booked the Company may, at the entire discretion of the Company Director, allow the booking to be transferred to another person to travel on the same trip. You must notify us in writing not less than 21 days before the departure date. You must provide proof of why you are unable to travel at the time you transfer your

booking. A transfer fee of £50 will be due at that time, together with any charges or costs levied by a supplier, and we will not confirm such a booking transfer until all costs have been paid. The new passenger shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary travel documents.

11. If you cancel your booking

a) You or any member of your party may cancel your arrangements at any time. Should you or any member of your party need to cancel your chosen arrangements the party leader must immediately advise us in writing. Notice of cancellation will only be effective when it is received in writing by us.

b) The client acknowledges that payment for the safari is an intrinsic part of the safari's income and contributes to the overall costs of equipment, vehicle running costs, staff and crew costs, administration etc and that the Company will have incurred the largest part of its costs before the actual date of departure. If you cancel your booking more than 8 weeks before departure we will not refund your deposit. However you may if you wish transfer your deposit to another trip within our program departing within the next 12 months subject to your notifying us in writing within 4 weeks of cancellation and payment of a £50 transfer fee. At the time of writing you must also notify us of the safari to which you wish to transfer. If you subsequently cancel the safari to which you have transferred we will retain your full original deposit.

c) If you cancel your booking within eight weeks of departure, the following cancellation charges will be incurred:-

Period before scheduled departure date within which notice of cancellation is received in writing by the company	Charge
More than 55 days	Deposit
43-55 days	40% of the Safari cost or deposit (whichever is greater)
29-42 days	60% of the Safari cost or deposit (whichever is greater)
21-28 days	75% of the Safari cost
0-20 days	100% of the Safari cost

d) We would strongly recommend that you take out full insurance, which should then in most cases include cover, under certain circumstances, against loss of deposit or cancellation fees. See clause 6 of these conditions.

12. If we change/cancel your holiday

a) Arrangements are planned many months in advance aiming to deliver the scheduled itineraries. We will endeavour to keep to the original itinerary as far as possible, but it is inevitable that minor changes can occur at any time before or after the departure date due to the flexible nature of the adventure trips that we provide. Whilst we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you of minor changes, we are under no obligation to do so, nor to pay any compensation. A minor change is any change which, taking account of the information you have given us at the time of booking or which we can reasonably be expected to know as a tour operator, we could not reasonably expect to have a significant effect on your confirmed holiday.

b) A general indication is provided in the brochure in relation to the itinerary, style of travel, risks involved as well as what is included in the safari price, passport, visa and health formalities as well as all the costs payable direct in Africa including kitty, optional excursions and estimated spending money. This as well as dossier information is provided with all reasonable care to the best of the Company's knowledge at the time of publishing. Whilst every effort will be made to avoid any significant changes, please be aware changes may be made at any time. We will endeavour to keep you informed of all significant shifts in prices and any itinerary variations prior to departure. Please read the information contained in all the Pre-departure Information Packs as well as any updates sent to you. Information and updates provided to you after booking should be regarded as superseding prior information received.

c) The whole philosophy of this style of travel as outlined in the brochure is one which allows some alternatives and degree of flexibility. The outlined itineraries given for each safari must therefore be taken as an indication of what each group should accomplish, and not as a contractual obligation on the part of Absolute Africa. When necessary, the Company reserves the right to make alterations to a trip without notice, including to the itinerary, the vehicles or crew, excursions, accommodation or amenities. These alterations may be made if in our reasonable opinion it be regarded as essential to provide due care or to ensure the satisfactory progress of the safari but are not limited to these reasons. Changes in itinerary may be caused by local political conditions, flight cancellations, mechanical breakdown, road conditions, weather, border restrictions, sickness and other unforeseeable circumstances. No refunds will be given for services not utilised. It is a fundamental condition of joining any of the safaris described in this brochure that you accept this flexibility, and acknowledge that delays and alterations and their results, such as inconvenience, discomfort, or disappointment are possible. If a passenger is unable, or does not choose, to complete an itinerary outlined for a trip, the Company is not liable to supply alternative itineraries, excursions, accommodations, services or staff for the period when

the client is not present with the group. No refund will also be made in respect of the kitty payment.

d) We will endeavour to let you know as soon as we can if, through no fault of your own, we are forced to significantly alter your safari. In the unlikely event of the Company cancelling a safari, all moneys paid to the Company will be refunded in full. We shall not be liable to you for any incidental expenses incurred by you. Except in the case of extraordinary circumstances beyond our control (see clause 13), Absolute Africa will not cancel a safari less than 8 weeks prior to departure. Other than as provided for in this and the following subparagraphs, no refunds will be made and no compensation payable in respect of changes to your holiday. Please be aware that in some exceptional circumstances there may be a need to unexpectedly take unplanned flights over some countries for safety reasons. In the event that this happens, you agree that you will be responsible for these additional costs.

e) This sub-paragraph applies only where you have purchased a package from us as defined in Paragraph 1 above. If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of the following options:-

- i. (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or
- ii. purchasing alternative arrangements from us, of a similar standard to those originally booked if available (if the chosen alternative is less expensive than your original one, we will refund the difference but if it is more expensive, we will ask you to pay the difference) or
- iii. cancelling the booking and obtaining a full and prompt refund of all the money paid – as long as you have given us written notification of cancellation within 7 days of the date on which you were notified of the alterations.

If we have to make a significant change or cancel 8 weeks or less before departure, subject to the exception in Paragraph 13 below, we will pay you the following compensation:

Period before scheduled departure date within which a significant change is made known to the client.	Compensation
More than 55 days	Nil
55-43 days	£10
42-29 days	£20
15-28 days	£30
0-14 days	£40

13. Force majeure

a) We will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our contractual obligations is prevented or affected, or you otherwise suffer any loss or damage due to circumstances that come under the definition of 'force majeure'. In these booking conditions 'force majeure' means any event that we or the supplier of the services in question could not foresee or avoid even with all due care. Such events include but are not limited to war, the threat of war, insurrection, riots, strikes, civil action decisions by governments or governing authorities, natural disaster, bad weather, technical or maintenance problems with the transport, criminal and terrorist acts or similar circumstances beyond our control.

14. If you have a complaint

a) If you have a problem during your safari it is your responsibility to ensure, at the earliest possible opportunity, that any perceived failure in the performance or improper performance of the contract whether by the company or its suppliers is communicated to the Safari Leader or supplier so that the concerns can be addressed. With regard to any perceived unresolved serious complaint, please provide written details to the Safari Leader or supplier. We strongly recommend you communicate any complaint to the supplier of services and the Safari leader during your safari. Failure to do so may affect our ability to investigate the matter complained of, and your rights under the contract. Until we know about a problem or complaint, we or the supplier cannot begin to resolve it. If your complaint or problem is not resolved to your satisfaction you must write to us within 28 days of the Safari completion date. Please give your booking reference number and any other relevant information.

15. Our Liability to you

a) Non-package bookings: We are only liable for making a responsible choice of supplier or subcontractor to carry out the services provided for you. However, in the event that we are found liable on any basis whatsoever our maximum liability to you is limited to twice the cost of the booking in question. We do not limit any liability we may have for death or personal injury which arises as a result of our negligence.

b) Except in instances of personal injury or death, where the Company is found to be liable for damages in respect of its failure to carry out the contract, the maximum amount of such damages, compensation and loss of enjoyment will normally, but not necessarily, be limited to the basic safari price. The Company's passenger liability insurance is through Safari and Tourism Insurance Brokers (Pty Ltd) of South Africa and therefore all claims made against us are subject to South African law, and the passenger agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the South African courts. The client acknowledges at the same time that in many African countries we visit the local vehicle insurance includes either very limited passenger accident liability or none at all. In any event, you are strongly advised to insure yourself

against any possible risk that may occur and in particular to ensure that you carry proof of insurance with you.

c) No servant, agent, or authorised representative of the Company has authority to commit the Company to any liability whatsoever and we will not be bound by any statement or representations unless it is in writing and signed by the Director.

d) Package bookings. For package bookings we accept responsibility for the full and proper performance of your safari as described on our website or in our brochure. If any part of your safari is not provided as promised, due to the fault of our employees, agents or suppliers, we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your safari. Subject to paragraphs 15 b) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) below, our liability in all cases shall be limited to a maximum of twice the cost of your safari.

(i) We accept responsibility for death, injury or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents, our suppliers and sub contractors whilst acting within the scope of or in the course of their employment in the provision of your safari. Please note however that we will not be liable for any injury, illness or death or consequent losses suffered by you or any member of your party where such injury, illness or death was not caused by lack of reasonable care/skill on our part or that of our suppliers in performing our obligations under the contract. We will accordingly pay to you such damages as are applicable in such circumstances under South African Law.

(ii) We will not be responsible for any claim arising as a result of any or all of the following:-

- 1) the fault of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- 2) the fault of a third party not connected with the provision of your safari which we could not have predicted or prevented or
- 3) the fault of anyone who is not carrying out work for us (generally or in particular) at the time or
- 4) an event or circumstance that we or the supplier(s) of the service in question could not have predicted or prevented. This may include (but is not limited to) an occurrence of force majeure as described in these booking conditions.

(iii) In respect of travel by sea, rail and air, and the provision of accommodation, our liability will be governed by and limited in accordance with the relevant international conventions including, for carriage by air the Warsaw Convention 1929, and the Montreal Convention 1999, for carriage by sea, the Athens Convention 1974 for travel by rail, the Berne Convention and for accommodation arrangements the Paris Convention 1962. The provisions of these Conventions and any other convention in force at the time of your holiday are incorporated into these booking conditions and form part of your contract. Copies of these international conventions are available upon request at our offices.

(iv) In respect of claims for death and personal injury we will not be liable for any loss of profit or loss of business or any form of consequential loss or damage, whether or not arising as a result of physical damage to property and regardless of the actual cause of such loss or damage.

(v) Whilst all care will be taken to select reputable operators and suppliers, you accept that many of the local excursions available during your trip are booked directly with and delivered by local operators. Your participation in optional excursions is your own decision and are undertaken at your own risk. Optional excursions of this type do not form part of your contract with Absolute Africa, therefore we cannot accept responsibility for any kind of loss damage or injury suffered whilst using such services.

(vi) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws and regulations of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK.

16. Supplier conditions of carriage

a) Locally arranged transport including landcruisers, jeeps, trains, ferries, river craft, buses or coaches are often used on safaris. Where this is the case the client agrees that the obligation of the Company to the client is to select normally competent, independent sub-contractors to provide such transport and any other services related to the trip and in doing so to exercise reasonable care in their selection. The client agrees to also abide by the terms and conditions of all such carriers related to the trip.

17. Behaviour

a) The safaris are participatory group expeditions. At the same time the decision of the Safari Leader will be final in all matters relating to the organisation, progress, safety, and well being of the expedition, and the client understands that they must abide by the Safari Leader's authority and comply with all reasonable requests of the Safari Leader. A booking is accepted on the strict understanding that the client undertakes to comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange, drug and all other regulations of all countries visited on safari, as well as all hygiene, safety and security rules as outlined by the Safari Leader in regards to day to day life of the group on the expedition vehicle. Do be aware that in the event that a client is found

violating such rules or laws and regulations or otherwise prejudicing the safety or well being of the group or progress of the trip, we may terminate your trip with us without any liability on our part.

18. Marketing materials

a) Any likeness or image of you secured or taken on any of our safaris may be used by the Company without charge in all media for bona fide promotional or marketing purposes such as in brochures, slides, video shows and the internet.

19. Passports, Visas and Health

a) It is your responsibility to be in possession of a valid passport and any necessary visas or health documents. Requirements may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The name in the passport must match the name on your ticket where provided. It is recommended that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your planned return date. If you are not a British citizen, you should contact your Embassy for information and advice on the passport and visa requirements of the countries you propose to visit. We also cannot accept liability or consider refunds for clients who cannot travel because of incomplete or incorrect documentation.

b) The Foreign & Commonwealth Travel Advice Unit may publish information about your destination on the internet www.fco.gov.uk. The Department of health website at www.doh.gov.uk also provides health advice for travellers. If you are not a British citizen, you should check the equivalent sites in your home country.

c) Any information or advice provided by the Company on matters such as visas, medications, vaccinations, climate, clothing, baggage, special equipment, permits, which truck or crew you will have, specific itinerary details etc, is given in good faith to the best of our knowledge at the time, but without responsibility on the part of the Company as to individual requirements for specific trips. The passenger accepts responsibility for obtaining any necessary visas and travel documents including a valid passport as required for the entire duration of the safari.

d) Countries on route may be regarded as politically unstable, or have regions of some political insecurity. The client is then advised to keep themselves informed of current Foreign Office Travel advice in respect of the countries to which we travel.

e) There is no free health service in the countries on route and prior to the safari you are required to consult with a qualified medical practitioner/travel clinic as to all health issues and diseases that may arise on safari such as malaria, as well as to obtain the appropriate International Certificates of Vaccination valid for the duration of the expedition.

20. Data Protection

a) For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998 we, Absolute Africa, are a data controller. In order to process your booking and to ensure that your travel arrangements run smoothly and meet your requirements we need to collect certain personal details from you. These will include, where applicable, the names and addresses of party's members, credit/debit card or other payment details and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect the chosen holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs. If we need any other personal details, we will tell you before we obtain them from you. We must pass on your personal details to the companies and organizations who need to know them so that your holiday can be provided (for example your hotel, transport companies, credit/debit company or bank). The information may also be provided to security or credit checking companies, public authorities such as customs/immigration if required by them, or as required by law.

b) We have appropriate security measures in place to protect the personal details you give us. As your travel arrangements are to take place outside the European Economic Area, (EEA), controls on data protection in your destination may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country. We will not however, pass any information on to any company and/or organisation not responsible for providing any part of your travel arrangements. Where you provide us with personal details relating to any special requirements such as those mentioned above, you consent to this information being passed onto any organisation or companies responsible for any part of your travel arrangements whether in the EEA or not. If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, we cannot provide your travel arrangements.

c) We are entitled to assume you do not object to our doing any of the things mentioned above unless you tell us otherwise in writing. You are generally entitled to ask us (by letter or e-mail) what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed. We will charge a fee to respond to such a request. In limited circumstances we are entitled to refuse your request. Except where expressly permitted by the Data Protection Act 1998, we will only deal with the personal details you give us as set out above unless you agree otherwise. For example, if we wish to use any of your personal details for marketing purposes, we will tell you this when we ask for your details and give you the opportunity to say no if you do not want us to do so.

21. Governing Law

a) The contract (incorporating these booking conditions) and all matters arising from it are subject to South African Law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the South African Courts.

BOOKING FORM ▶ Please return your booking form to the Absolute Africa office or to your travel agent.


DETAILS OF PERSONS TRAVELLING				
1	Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc)	Surname	First name	
Occupation		Age on departure	Date of birth	Place of birth
Nationality on passport		Passport no.	Place of issue	Date of issue
				Date of expiry
Please state if you have any specific dietary requirements or known medical disorder or disability.				
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS <i>Please note: All predeparture information will be forwarded to this address unless we are notified otherwise.</i>				
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Home Tel.		Work Tel.	Email	
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My policy number is		Insurance emergency contact		Tel.

DETAILS OF SECOND PERSON TRAVELLING				
2	Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc)	Surname	First name	
Occupation		Age on departure	Date of birth	Place of birth
Nationality on passport		Passport no.	Place of issue	Date of issue
				Date of expiry
Please state if you have any specific dietary requirements or known medical disorder or disability.				
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My policy number is		Insurance emergency contact		Tel.

DO YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH		
Flights <input type="checkbox"/>	Pre safari accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Excursions: before / after safari <input type="checkbox"/> (please detail below)		

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?		
Friend <input type="checkbox"/>	Past Passenger <input type="checkbox"/>	
Travel Agent <input type="checkbox"/>	Travel Show <input type="checkbox"/>	
Internet <input type="checkbox"/>	Advertisement <input type="checkbox"/>	(please state below)

YOUR SAFARI CHOICE	Safari name	Departure date	Duration

AGENTS STAMP


I have read and fully accept the booking conditions. I have also noted that it is compulsory to purchase a comprehensive insurance policy for the duration of the expedition. I enclose the sum of £150 per person being the deposit which is non refundable in the event of my cancellation and will pay the balance of the fare 8 weeks prior to departure.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Looking for adventure...

What to expect on an overland safari in Africa

Truck life and day to day on the road

Our style of travel is group camping. Everyone participates in the daily routines and we keep physically busy. You will be responsible to pitch your tent and take turns in rostered tasks like cooking and shopping, packing away, fire lighting and cleaning. We find the more you get involved, the more you will get out of your trip. Those traveling with you are usually like minded people, equally committed to chipping in to experience the most. Your crew work alongside you as well, the leader assisting particularly with meals. Regular group meetings to discuss the day to day schedule and routines including rosters are organised on the road by the safari leader. Security, safety and hygiene procedures are vital to the group's safety and well being. The leader will outline these at the start of the trip. To ensure all runs smoothly everyone in the group needs to follow procedures. We also visit some very different destinations such as game parks and sites with specific risks. It is essential everyone follows all safety instructions and signs. Campsite facilities vary and the quality of food



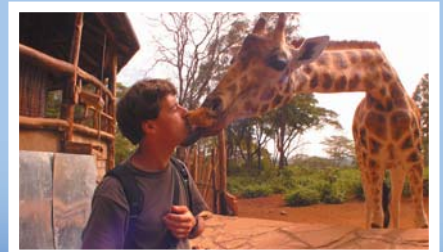
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can be found on the link to Campbell Irvine on our website. It is a condition of booking that you are adequately insured including arranging medical and accident rescue cover and cover in the event of theft and delay. Should you need cover for one way travel remember as well to arrange this. Many of the itineraries include exciting and different optional activities such as white water rafting, scuba diving, tandem sky diving as well as volunteering and lion walks which usually require a separate level of cover. Excursions like these are of an essentially adventurous nature with accompanying risks. So that all runs smoothly our safari leaders may help organise these for you as a service but they are not operated by Absolute Africa and we are not necessarily recommending these. When considering an optional activity once in Africa before booking and paying do take note of all the information available at the time. Excursions are booked with local operators and standards of safety may NOT always be as you might find in the Western world. Ensure your insurance covers for all the activities you might want to do.

same level as those in countries in the West including road and transport standards, building conditions, banking, post and communications and medical facilities. In general day to day standards and service delivery in camp grounds, restaurants, bars and hotels and from different local operators used during the trip, will at times, not be the same as you might find at home. An inherent flexibility that is part and parcel of your trip, making tightly structured itineraries impossible, needs to be accepted. Safari itineraries are presented as a guide only. Operational uncertainties can impact on itineraries for a variety of reasons before or during the safari. Arrival dates can occasionally vary by a few days. Please arrange flights accordingly allowing at least for two days overrun in particular. We regret we cannot be responsible for any additional expenses incurred due to the late arrival or departure of any trip, however caused. We endeavour to maintain routes true to the published itinerary and changes are, at times, unavoidable. We cannot then, whilst it is unusual, also guarantee your crew have always been to a specific area on route. Where significant changes occur ahead of time we inform you of these at the earliest possible. At the same time to book on an adventure 'tour' you need to accept there is an inherent element of risk and unpredictability with this style of travel.

Having overlanded in Africa since 1979 we bring a wealth of experience to your Africa trip and look forward to assisting with your travel plans to Africa. See you soon for the adventure of a lifetime.



Giraffe Park, Nairobi



available will not be the same as in the Western world. Day to day there can be some long dusty drive days. Remember you are living "off a truck" "on the road", in rough conditions with few home comforts. Most safaris schedule some free, more relaxing days but the pace varies. Generally these trips are designed for physically active people between 20 to 35 years.

Health considerations

In the different countries on route you can be exposed to diseases and parasites you may not have come across before including malaria, bilharzia, rabies, cholera and tsetse fly. There is also a high incidence of HIV aids. It is essential you speak to a medical professional who specialises in travel medicine before departure to discuss where you will be travelling, your immunisations and other requirements. We also ask you carry a small personal medical kit. When travelling in malarial areas you will be required to take a course of antimalarials and to adhere carefully to other preventative measures.

Your crew are experienced travellers in Africa, will keep you informed and advise to the best of their ability. Our staff though are not doctors and if, on the off chance, you feel unwell we will get you to the nearest medical facility as quickly as possible. The trucks are fitted out with a medical kit in the event of an emergency. It is also recommended you have a medical check up that covers tropical diseases upon your return.

Insurance - aspects to remember

Your safety and the enjoyment of your trip is very important to us. Being adequately insured is essential. Further insurance assistance for your trip

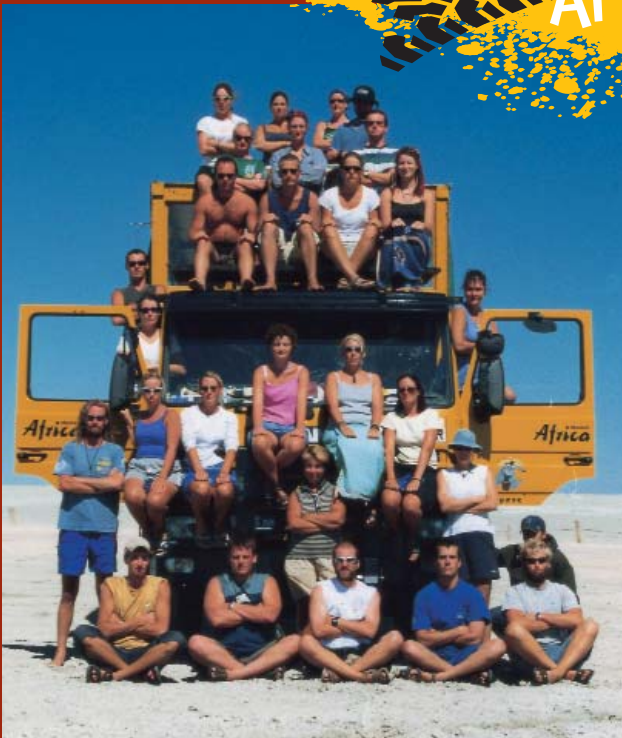
Adventure travel, Foreign Office Travel Advisories and your security

Countries where we travel are very poor and subject to some political and economic instability. Often related, there is a high level of crime. Foreign Office Travel advisories are an important source of information as to the situation on the ground, and we would encourage you to keep yourself informed.

As much as can be reasonably expected itineraries, locations and facilities are carefully monitored. Our vehicles and equipment are serviced by dedicated workers on the ground and much work goes on behind the scenes to check and reconfirm arrangements. Do be aware though basic infrastructures on route are not of the



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