

Topdeck

KENYA & TANZANIA ADVENTURE



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Picture this: venturing through the vast plains of Tanzania's mighty National Parks, spotting wildlife you'd otherwise only see in guidebooks. Sound too good to be true? Trust us, this once-in-a-lifetime Kenya & Tanzania Adventure is oh-so-real. On this trip you'll experience the history and culture of two of Africa's most intriguing regions before stretching out on the pristine beaches of postcard-worthy Zanzibar. Now that's what we call an adventure!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Overland



Nights



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This is a principal
package.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Visit Maasai Mara National Reserve
- + Maasai village walk
- + Visit Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater

MORE INCLUSIONS

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- + Visit Ngorongoro Crater
- + Ferry to Zanzibar
- + Ferry to Dar Es Salaam

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Nairobi
Africa

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Dar es Salaam
Africa

Trip currencies

- + Kenya - KES
- + Tanzania - TZS

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



DRIVER

DAY 1 | NAIROBI, KENYA TO MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Welcome to Nairobi! Pro tip: try to arrive the day before the trip's scheduled departure date in order to relax (and combat any jet lag). That way, you can join us for our pre-departure meeting. On day one, we'll kick-start our adventure by travelling to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya's best-known game park. Looking for the real Africa? This is it! We'll spend two nights camping here, with plenty of time to explore the park and meet the locals on morning and afternoon game drives. Keep your eyes peeled for some (if not all) of Africa's 'Big Five' (elephant, lion, rhino, buffalo and leopard) and a whole bunch of other wildlife, too.



MEALS:

- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Maasai Mara National Reserve

DAY 2 | MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Yes! You've got another day to soak up the Mara's rolling grasslands and broad horizons (heart eyes emoji). Watch out for wildebeest and zebras!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Maasai Mara National Reserve

DAY 3 | MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE TO NAIROBI

Leaving the incredible natural wonderland of the Maasai Mara behind us, today we'll hit the road back to the chaotic city of Nairobi, where we'll stay overnight.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 4 | NAIROBI TO ARUSHA, TANZANIA

After crossing the border into Tanzania, we'll arrive at our next destination: Arusha. This place is Tanzania's 'safari capital' – a bustling city with colourful markets, nestling in the shadow of Mt Meru. If we have time, we'll take a guided walk in a Maasai village to learn about the local culture before heading to our camp (if not, we'll do it on day seven). But first: anyone for an optional camel ride?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Maasai village walk



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Camel ride

DAY 5 | ARUSHA TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Today we'll switch to smaller 4x4 vehicles as we head west to Serengeti National Park. Don your khaki greens, 'cos we're going all-out safari mode! Exciting. Passing into the park, we'll drive around the crater rim and down onto the Serengeti plains, which are home to an huge variety of grazing animals and birdlife. Flatter and larger than the Maasai Mara, the Serengeti certainly lives up to its nickname: 'the place where the land moves on forever'.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Serengeti National Park

DAY 6 | SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK TO NGORONGORO CRATER

Rise and shine! This morning we're heading out on a game drive beyond the plains – and after lunch, we'll ascend the outer wall of the awesome Ngorongoro Crater. Tonight, we'll stay on the rim of the crater (read: pack your warmest jacket).



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater

DAY 7 | NGORONGORO CRATER TO ARUSHA

Today, we're headed inside the Ngorongoro Crater for a morning of game driving and wildlife spotting. It's a tough life. Then: it's back to Arusha. If we didn't already do it on day four, we'll visit a Maasai village this afternoon.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Ngorongoro Crater

DAY 8 | ARUSHA TO BAGAMOYO

Next stop, Bagamoyo. If we're lucky with the weather, we might even get to see an ah-mazing snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa's highest peak) on the way.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 9 | BAGAMOYO TO DAR ES SALAAM

Today we're hitting the road south to Dar es Salaam, which is hot, humid and full of high rises, colourful markets and Arab-influenced architecture. Tonight we'll set up camp on the beach (OMG). Feel that balmy sea breeze yet?






MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



DAY 10 | DAR ES SALAAM TO ZANZIBAR

Hop on the ferry – we've got a beautiful palm-fringed island to get to! Fact: Zanzibar was once a major trading centre of spices. Did we mention this place has heaps of amazing optionals? We're talking spice tours, visits to the Old Fort and more. Please note: As we leave the truck on the mainland, basic safari lodge/hotel accommodation and breakfast on Zanzibar is included. However, you will need to arrange your own lunches and dinners. We usually divide our nights in Zanzibar between accommodation in Stone Town and accommodation on one of the northern beaches, but there are no set activities – the time is entirely yours to do as you please.

 MEALS:	 INCLUDED TODAY:	 OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
+ Breakfast	+ Ferry to Zanzibar	+ Spice tour + Visit the old slave market site + Visit the Arabic Fort + Visit the Palace Museum



DAY 11 | ZANZIBAR

After breakfast, why not head out on foot to explore Stone Town? You're sure to find a whole bunch of souvenirs here. Wanna get aquatic? Then an optional snorkelling or scuba diving session has your name on it.

 MEALS:	 OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
+ Breakfast	+ Spice tour + Scuba diving + Dhow snorkelling safari + Massage

DAY 12 | ZANZIBAR

If it's white sand, sparkling sea and hot sun you're after, you've come to the right place! Later, indulge in some de-LISH seafood or simply relax beneath a coconut palm with a cocktail and a good book. #Bliss

 MEALS:	 OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
+ Breakfast	+ Spice tour + Scuba diving + Dhow snorkelling safari + Massage

DAY 13 | ZANZIBAR TO DAR ES SALAAM

Noooooo – after one last breakfast as a group, it's time to jump on the ferry back to Dar es Salaam. Our trip ends here. Facebook friends, anyone?

 MEALS:	 INCLUDED TODAY:
+ Breakfast	+ Ferry to Dar Es Salaam

Meals

Your included meals are detailed in the 'More Inclusions' section of this document. While on the road, you will be provided with three meals a day unless otherwise stated. African overland trips are participation based, which means you will be expected to do your bit for the team by helping with purchasing, cooking and cleaning-up duties. In some places, we will be able to go out for a meal. If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs, as long as you advise your travel agent or Topdeck Trip Consultant when you book. Please be aware that it may not be possible to cater for every single dietary requirement, but we will always try our best to arrange it.

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!