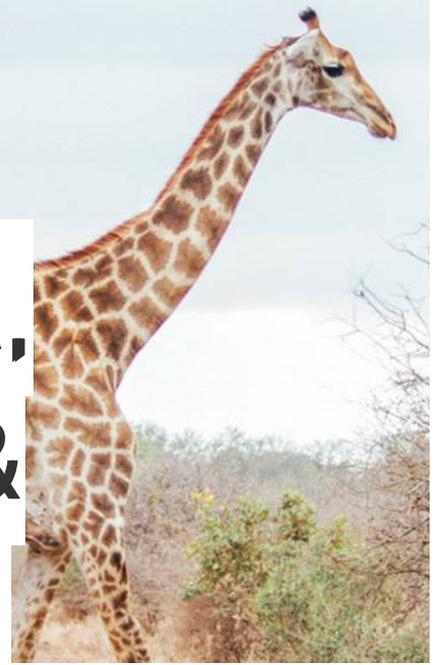


Topdeck

22 DAY ZANZIBAR, VICTORIA FALLS & KRUGER 2019-20



TRIP CODE:

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Topdecker, MEET AFRICA

Buckle up, explorers - it's adventure time. This once-in-a-lifetime safari from Dar es Salaam to Pretoria will see you travelling through some of Africa's most memorable and Instagram-worthy landscapes. Relax on idyllic Zanzibar, test the water in Lake Malawi, get a load of Victoria Falls and mingle with the wildlife in Kruger National Park. This action-soaked expedition is guaranteed to float your boat!

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 Zanzibar
- + Visit Lake Malawi
- + Visit Mosi
- + oa
- + Tunya National Park (Victoria Falls)
- + Visit Matobo National Park
- + Shangaan cultural evening
- + Visit Kruger National Park

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Ferry to Zanzibar
- + Ferry to Dar Es Salaam
- + Visit Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park (Victoria Falls)
- + Half day Matobo National Park game drive and wilderness walk
- + Shangaan cultural evening
- + Kruger National Park game drive

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Dar es Salaam
Africa

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Pretoria
Africa

Trip currencies

- + Tanzania - TZS
- + Malawi - MWK
- + Zambia - ZMW
- + Zimbabwe - BWP
- + South Africa - ZAR

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP LEADER



DRIVER

DAY 1 | DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA TO ZANZIBAR

After kicking things off in Dar es Salaam, we'll hop on a ferry and set a course for the island of Zanzibar. Once in Stone Town, choose from the optional activities: a spice tour, a visit to the Arab Fort, the site of the old slave market or the Palace Museum are all here. 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.



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Ferry to Zanzibar



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Spice tour
- + Visit the old slave market site
- + Visit the Arabic Fort
- + Visit the Palace Museum

DAY 2 | ZANZIBAR

Zanzibar is known as 'Spice Island'. Go for a wander around the bazaars today and you'll soon discover why! This afternoon, we'll swap Stone Town for the beautiful beaches in the north of the island. Why not try a spot of optional scuba diving or a snorkelling safari? If you just wanna relax, you could always opt in for a massage...



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Spice tour
- + Scuba diving
- + Dhow snorkelling safari
- + Massage
- + Sunset cruise

DAY 3 | ZANZIBAR

You've got a free day to spend on Zanzibar's palm-fringed beaches. Snorkel, scuba dive and round off your day with a sunset cruise (all optional). We won't blame you if you never want to leave!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Spice tour
- + Scuba diving
- + Dhow snorkelling safari
- + Massage
- + Sunset cruise

DAY 4 | ZANZIBAR TO DAR ES SALAAM

Bye bye, Zanzibar! We're jumping on the ferry back to vibrant Dar es Salaam, where we've got your dinner covered.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Ferry to Dar Es Salaam

DAY 5 | DAR ES SALAAM TO MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK

Today we'll make our way east to Mikumi, where there's an optional National Park visit on offer. Tonight: sip sundowners at the local bar before gathering around the open fire and stargazing at our camp.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit Mikumi National Park

DAY 6 | MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK TO IRINGA

For a taste of Tanzania's scenic Southern Highlands, we'll hit the road for Kisolanza Farm House – a working farm famous for its hot showers and chocolate brownies. Home to the Ghai family for over 70 years, Kisolanza provides beef, lamb, chicken and vegetables to the surrounding markets, as well as further afield in Dar es Salaam.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 7 | IRINGA TO CHITIMBA BEACH

After our last night in Tanzania, we'll head through lush mountain passes, rich grazing land and both banana and tea plantations on the way to Songwe, the border post into Malawi. For the next two nights we'll stay at the Chitimba Beach campsite.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 8 | CHITIMBA BEACH

Got itchy feet? Then you may wanna take an optional hike to Livingstonia with a local guide. Be sure to rest up beforehand – the trek may take a while!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Hike to Livingstonia

DAY 9 | CHITIMBA BEACH TO KANDE BEACH

Today we'll take a scenic drive through rubber plantations to Mzuzu, the capital of the northern region and the third largest town in Malawi. After stopping to grab supplies, we'll head to Kande Beach – our home for the next two nights.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 10 | KANDE BEACH

Wanna grab a slice of today's optionals? Go for it! We've got horse riding, snorkelling and scuba diving on offer. It's also worth taking the time to get to know some of the locals – they're renowned for being some of the friendliest in Africa!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Horse riding
- + Scuba diving
- + Snorkelling

DAY 11 | KANDE BEACH TO CHIPATA, ZAMBIA

Chipata is a colourful town with a number of fruit and vegetable markets – and a handful of ornate mosques, thanks to its large Indian community. If time allows, we'll make a stop in town before arriving at our campsite.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 12 | CHIPATA TO LUSAKA

Today we'll make tracks to Zambia's urban metropolis, Lusaka. A commercial hub and centre for the government, Lusaka is home to dusty tree-lined streets and bustling local markets that ooze African flair. Our campsite for the evening is set in a tranquil and relaxing spot on a farm, far from the hustle and bustle of the city.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 13 | LUSAKA TO LIVINGSTONE

Next up: adventure-loving Livingstone, where we'll visit the thundering Victoria Falls. At over a mile wide, the falls form the largest curtain of falling water in the world, with spray visible from 20 kilometres away – hence the local name Mosi-oa-Tunya ('the smoke that thunders').



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park (Victoria Falls)



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Victoria Falls bungy jump
- + Chief Mukumi Village tour
- + Gorge Swing
- + Zambezi jetboating and cable car
- + Half-day canoe safari
- + Zambezi sunset cruise
- + Whitewater rafting
- + Fishing

DAY 14 | LIVINGSTONE

This is Africa's adventure capital, so get out there and make the most of it! We've got optional whitewater rafting, gorge swinging and even bungee jumping to fulfil all of your adventure needs. If you want to take it easy, you could go fishing or take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi (both optional).



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Victoria Falls bungee jump
- + Chief Mukumi Village tour
- + Gorge Swing
- + Zambezi jetboating and cable car
- + Half-day canoe safari
- + Zambezi sunset cruise
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DAY 15 | LIVINGSTONE

If Jinja in Uganda is Africa's adrenalin playground, then Livingstone is its Disney World. With so many action-packed adventures to be had, you'll be guaranteed a good night's sleep tonight.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Victoria Falls bungee jump
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DAY 16 | LIVINGSTONE

Of course, there's more to Livingstone than hair-raising activities – which is why you have another day to check out the markets and museum, visit a nearby village, or simply relax on the serene campsite deck and watch the Zambezi River flow rapidly to the Falls.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



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DAY 17 | LIVINGSTONE TO BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE

Departing Livingstone, we'll cross the border to Zimbabwe and pass through Victoria Falls town on the way to Bulawayo, a pleasant city with broad tree-lined avenues and wide open spaces.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 18 | BULAWAYO

Today: Matobo National Park! This place is home to a wide variety of animals, including black and white rhinoceroses, zebras, wildebeest and giraffes. We've got a half-day game drive to soak it all in – or, if you fancy it, you could opt in to extend the experience with a full-day upgrade.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Half day Matobo National Park game drive and wilderness walk



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Full-day Matobo National Park game drive upgrade

DAY 19 | BULAWAYO TO TSHIPISE, SOUTH AFRICA

Leaving Bulawayo behind, we'll continue to Tshipise, a town situated in the northern Limpopo province.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 20 | TSHIPISE TO HAZYVIEW

Next up: Hazyview, where a cultural Shangaan dance show awaits. Kruger is South Africa's premier national park – and, in connection with parks in adjoining Mozambique and Botswana, it covers a whopping 24,000 square kilometres of land used for the protection of African wildlife. Wowee.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Shangaan cultural evening

DAY 21 | HAZYVIEW

Get your camera at the ready! Today we've got a full day's game drive in store, so keep your eyes peeled for the Big Five (lions, elephants, buffaloes, rhinos and leopards). Want more? Well, you could be lucky enough to see giraffes, hippos and zebras, too! Nothing will prepare you for the first time you spot these incredible creatures in the wild. Expect goosebumps, and lots of them. If you want, you can even opt in to do a game drive after dark tonight.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Kruger National Park game drive

DAY 22 | HAZYVIEW TO PRETORIA

Today we'll leave Kruger National Park behind and make our way to Pretoria, where our unforgettable adventure will come to a close. If you're up for exploring more of the city, chat to your guide about adding a few cheeky nights on to your itinerary.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

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!

