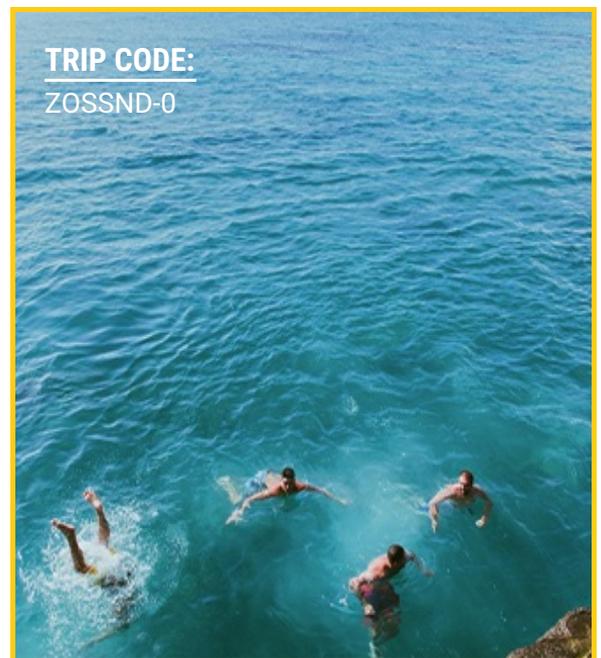


# Topdeck

## SUN & SAFARI



## TOPDECKER, meet Africa

\*Press play on Africa by Toto\*

Wanna feel real? Then say hello to this two-week, all-encompassing, UN-FOR-GETTABLE African extravaganza™. Travelling from Nairobi to Dar Es Salaam, you'll dive headlong into: pulse-quickening game drives. Eye-opening island discoveries. Local interactions that'll nourish your soul. By the time you get home, you'll be a whole new person.\*

\*We mean, you'll still be you. Just better.

### WORTH NOTING...

Due to the remote location of our camp in Serengeti National Park, accommodated passengers will join the campers for two nights sleeping in tents. All passengers (including those booked on camping options) will stay in beach bungalows and hotels whilst on the island of Zanzibar.

We strongly advise bringing a soft bag or backpack rather than a

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Overland



Nights



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A sleeping bag is required for those booking the camping option.

Visas are not included. Many countries in Africa require you to purchase visas before you travel; please ensure you have checked before you travel and obtained all of the necessary documents.

Please ensure you have obtained any required vaccinations and medications in advance of travel. Many African countries require you to have a yellow fever certificate o

# Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

**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)

- + Game drives in Maasai Mara National Reserve
- + Game drives in Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater
- + Island stay on Zanzibar

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + 4x4 game drive in Maasai Mara National Park
- + 4X4 Game Drive in the Serengeti
- + 4X4 Ngorongoro crater tour
- + Ferry from Bagamoyo to Zanzibar
- + Transfer from Nungwi to Stone Town
- + Ferry from Zanzibar to Dar Es Salaam

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Nairobi  
Kenya

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

## TRIP CURRENCIES

- + Kenya - KES
- + Tanzania - TZS

# YOUR ITINERARY



AWESOME  
TRIP  
LEADER

## DAY 1 | NAIROBI, KENYA TO MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Hellooooo, Africa! Touch down in Nairobi, meet the group and don't forget to pinch yourself. You're really here! After a round of introductions, we'll kick-start our adventure by travelling across the mesmerising Great Rift Valley to the Maasai Mara National Reserve - Kenya's best-known game park. Looking for the real Africa? This is it! This afternoon, we'll get our first taste of the great Kenyan outdoors on a game drive. Hold up - is that an elephant?



### MEALS:

- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + 4x4 game drive in Maasai Mara National Park

## 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 emojis at the ready! Also today: an optional visit to a Maasai village. Prep your peepers for an explosion of colour, 'cos the shukas (blankets) and jewellery that the locals wear are seriously bright and beautiful! While you're here, you may even get the chance to watch a traditional dance performance - and if you're really lucky, you might be invited to join in...



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + 4x4 game drive in Maasai Mara National Park



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit a Maasai village: from 25 USD

## DAY 3 | MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE TO NAIROBI

Today we'll leave the incredible natural wonderland of the Maasai Mara behind us and hit the road back to the chaotic city of Nairobi. Tonight, you're free to explore your way. Pro tip: head to Carnivore for the chance to try ostrich roasted on a traditional Maasai sword. Cool, huh?



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch

## DAY 4 | NAIROBI TO ARUSHA, TANZANIA

Next stop, Tanzania. Did you know? This unforgettable country is home to over 120 tribes - who speak over 120 languages! Try and wrap your vocal cords around a new phrase or two as we make our way to Arusha (Tanzania's 'safari capital'). This bustling city is filled with colourful markets and sits pretty at the foot of Mt Meru. Wanna take a look around? Good news - there's an optional town visit on the table today.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

## DAY 5 | ARUSHA TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Wave bye-bye to the truck - today we'll switch to smaller 4x4 vehicles as we head west to the epic Serengeti National Park ('the place where the land moves on forever'). Don your khaki greens, 'cos we're going all-out safari mode! Exciting. Don't forget to keep an eye out for lions and hyenas...



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + 4X4 Game Drive in the Serengeti

## DAY 6 | SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Rise and shine! This morning we're heading out on a game drive over the seemingly endless Serengeti plains. Safari fact: the animals here are usually more active during the cooler hours of the day, so we'll make an early start and head back to camp for lunch. If you're feeling sleepy, take forty winks - we'll be back on the wildlife trail this afternoon!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + 4X4 Game Drive in the Serengeti

## DAY 7 | SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK TO ARUSHA

Get excited, 'cos today we're headed inside the Ngorongoro Crater for a morning of game driving and wildlife spotting. Trust us - this place is like nowhere else on Earth! We'll weave past forests, plains and lakes as we search for the Big Five (who tend to be less shy here than in other wildlife reserves, FYI). You'll be dreaming of zebras, cheetahs and rhinos after hitting the hay back in Arusha tonight...



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + 4X4 Ngorongoro crater tour

## DAY 8 | ARUSHA TO BAGAMOYO

Off we go to 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. Sweet! Here's a bit of trivia for you - Bagamoyo was founded at the end of the 18th century and was once the capital of German East Africa. One for the pub quiz file!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

## DAY 9 | BAGAMOYO TO ZANZIBAR

Hop on the ferry - we've got a beautiful palm-fringed island to get to! Get out there and begin your stay on Zanzibar with a walk around the mosques, palaces, courtyards and alleyways of Stone Town. You're sure to find a whole bunch of souvenirs in the markets - from jazzy fabrics to unusual wooden carvings. Noticed that intoxicating aroma in the air? That'll be the spices. Head out on an optional spice tour to learn more about the fragrant vanilla, cinnamon, pepper, ginger and nutmeg that are grown here.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Ferry from Bagamoyo to Zanzibar

## DAY 10 | ZANZIBAR

If it's white sand, sparkling sea and hot sun you're after, you've come to the right place! You've got three days to get stuck into some optional snorkelling and scuba diving in the tropical waters of the Indian Ocean. Later, there's an optional sunset dhow trip with your name on it!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Spice tour of Zanzibar: from 25 USD
- + Snorkelling in Zanzibar: from 70 USD
- + Dhow boat trip in Zanzibar: from 70 USD
- + Sunset dhow trip: from 30 USD
- + Prison Island tour: from 40 USD
- + Scuba diving in the Indian Ocean: from 70 USD
- + Walk through the Jozani Forest: from 40 USD

## DAY 11 | ZANZIBAR

Awake to another day in this dreamlike haven. Why not indulge in some sumptuous seafood or simply relax beneath a coconut palm with a cocktail and a good book. Bliss.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## DAY 12 | ZANZIBAR

Eat, sleep, beach, repeat! You could totally get used to this...



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## DAY 13 | ZANZIBAR TO DAR ES SALAAM

Nooooooo - after one last breakfast as a group, it's time to jump on the ferry back to Dar es Salaam. Swap those socials and hug it out, 'cos this Sun & Safari adventure ends here.



## MEALS:

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## INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Transfer from Nungwi to Stone Town
- + Ferry from Zanzibar to Dar Es Salaam

# MEALS

Your included meals are detailed in the 'Included Essentials' 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 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'll make every effort to cater to your needs – as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book. You can also make a note of dietary requirements in the Topdeck app when you check-in.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Although we'll do everything in our power to cater to your needs, we cannot guarantee this will be possible in every restaurant we visit. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

# TIPPING

## NO TIP NECESSARY

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save traveling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

# TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

## TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

## ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

## CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

## BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

## MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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# PASSENGER SAFETY

## NIGHTS OUT

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.

## RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

## DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

**REMEMBER** – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!
- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues
- + Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you

are to feel homesick (trust us).

## HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and activities run by local guides
- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

## OTHER INFORMATION

### INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit [www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance](http://www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance).

### PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

# WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it! (As long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is.)

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen
- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Padlock
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Sleeping bag (for all camping and Sun & Safari passengers)



**THAT'S IT!**