



Full Itinerary & Trip Details

East African Explorer

21 Days

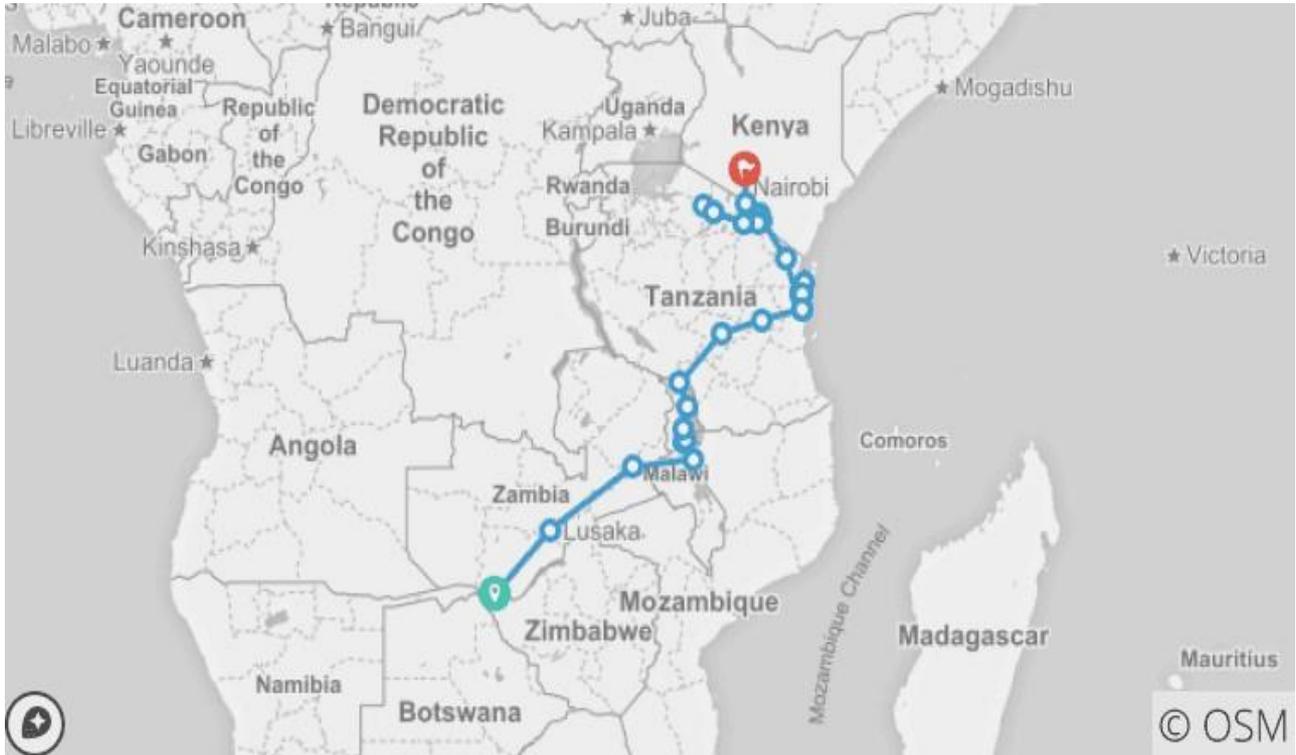
- ✓ Travel through small villages to Lusaka
- ✓ Visit Chipata and taste colourful fruit, vegetables
- ✓ Enjoy a walk to South Luangwa National Park
- ✓ Trek up to the Manchewe Falls in Chitimba
- ✓ Game driving in search of the biggest wild animals

BEST SELECTION

BEST PRICES

TRUSTED PAYMENTS

Trip Overview



PRICE STARTING FROM

\$2,355

DURATION

21 days

IDEAL AGE

18 to 39 year olds

STARTS IN  **ENDS IN**

Livingstone  Nairobi

STYLE

Safari

OPERATOR

Acacia Adventure Holidays

TOUR CODE

#2019

Itinerary

Introduction

Explore East Africa's top highlights on this group adventure holiday...

Day 1: Livingstone to Lusaka

Start Point



Livingstone,
Zambia

Leaving the majestic Victoria Falls behind we hit the road and start our safari today. Travelling through small villages and lush countryside our journey takes us to the southern plateau and Zambia's capital, Lusaka.

Day 2: Lusaka to South Luangwa National Park

South Luangwa National Park covers over 9,000 sq. km is one of the world's greatest wildlife sanctuaries with high concentrations of wildlife. The Luangwa River flows through the park and the riverbanks are popular for sightings of elephant, hippo and other wildlife. Our camp overlooks a bend in the river giving us excellent views over the sandy riverbed to view passing animals. On arrival at our camp, there are opportunities to book various optional activities including village walks and walking safaris.

Day 3: Luangwa National Park

This morning is free to enjoy some relaxation time - lounge in the communal area at the pool or take an optional excursion to game walk or game drive in the park this morning. In the afternoon we board the Open Game Drive vehicles with a local ranger in search of some of the animals and birdlife that the park is so famous for. With one of the highest concentrations of leopard for any National Park, we hope that South Luangwa will show us these and many of its other inhabitants.

Day 4: South Luangwa National Park - Kande Beach

Out of the park today we cross the border and into our next country on our safari, Malawi. Malawi, The Warm Heart of Africa will welcome you with waves and smiles. This beautiful country is dominated by the lake which covers almost a fifth of the country's area and also provides a livelihood to many of the Malawian people. Home for the next couple of nights is on the lakeshore at Kande Beach.

Day 5: Kande Beach

Top up the tan Go horse riding Take a village walk Snorkel or Dive The choice is yours! Today is free to enjoy some of the many activities on offer at Kande.

Day 6: Kande Beach - Chitimba

It's a leisurely drive today up towards the Northern lakeshore through rubber plantations and via the market town of Mzuzu to stock up on supplies before heading back down to the beach at the foot of the Livingstonia Plateau.

Day 7: Chitimba Beach

Feeling energetic We have the opportunity to trek up to the Manchewe Falls in the hills surrounding Chitimba. The views are well worth it as is the chance to cool off in a natural bath at the top. Alternatively, relax on the beach or head into the village for a game of Bao with the locals.

Day 8: Chitimba Beach to Iringa, Tanzania

Passports out again! Crossing the border at Songwe Bridge we climb steadily up through tea plantations into Tanzania's Southern Highlands. The working farm that is home for the night is at an altitude of 1,600m so it has a pleasant climate and some fantastic produce. Be sure to check out the chocolate brownies and a warming hot chocolate in the colder months.

Day 9: Iringa- Mikumi National Park area

Departing after breakfast from the Southern Highlands of Iringa we head to Mikumi National Park. Making our way across a landscape of baobabs, black hardwood trees and grassy plains as we reach our accommodation. Boasting a relaxing swimming pool, bar/restaurant and the opportunity for an optional game drive before ending the day under a starry sky.

Day 10: Mikumi to Dar es Salaam

Our journey to Tanzania's hub, Dar es Salaam. The route takes us through Mikumi National Park where we may be lucky enough to spot a variety of wild animals close to the road. After working our way through the hustle and bustle of the city of Dar es Salaam we reach our camp, on the beach, next to the Indian Ocean.

Day 11: Zanzibar

Leaving the Acacia vehicle and the mainland behind, mode of transport swaps today as we jump on the ferry across to the Spice Island Zanzibar. Our first night is spent in Stone Town which is best explored on foot exploring the bazaars and markets. Don't forget to sample some of the fantastic seafood.

Day 12 - 14: Zanzibar

Kendwa is home to some of the white sandy sun kissed beaches that Zanzibar is famous for and this morning we transfer North from Stone Town to this resort. Relax and take some of the optional activities that are available here or explore the surrounding area.

Day 15: Kendwa - Dar es Salaam

Catch that last swim or bag a bargain in the market before catching the ferry back to Dar es Salaam and on to the beach fronted camp site.

Day 16: Dar es Salaam - Marangu

Were up early this morning, putting the city behind us it's on inland and northwards. Our journey takes us past the Usambara and Pare Mountains through sisal plantations. Our camp for the night is close to the base of the mighty Mount Kilimanjaro and if the weather is clear we might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of its snow-capped peak.

Day 17: Marangu - Arusha

It's only a short drive today through the town of Moshi and onwards to Arusha. Arusha is Safari Town and mid-way between Cape Town and Cairo. After a short break to explore the town and stock up on provisions we continue a short distance out of town to our camp for the night on the edge of the Masai plains. Here we visit a local school, village, Masai museum and snake park making for a fascinating afternoon.

Day 18: Arusha to Serengeti National Park

We're off the Acacia vehicle again and onto specialised 4x4 safari vehicles with local guides for the next 3 days. Passing west across the Great Rift Valley we stop for lunch on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater before descending into the seemingly endless plains of the Serengeti. This is the land of the Lion King and we enjoy game drives to our designated camp for the night.

Day 19: Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Crater

Were up early this morning for a game drive in search of the Big 5 Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino and Buffalo and you are sure to be rewarded with some amazing animal sightings. Our day continues with more game driving before heading up to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. Our camp for the evening is perched on the crater rim and at over 2,400m it provides stunning vistas across the crater some 600m below.

Day 20: Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha

Wrapped up against the cool of the morning we descend to the floor of the crater and game drive in this animal paradise. The only major mammal you won't see is the giraffe as the steep crater walls keep them out. Reluctantly this afternoon it's time to retrace our steps back to our camp outside Arusha for the final night of the tour.

Day 21: Arusha to Nairobi, Kenya

End Point



Nairobi,
Kenya

Passports for the final time on the tour! Our route this morning takes us through Arusha and onwards to the border town of Namanga where we complete the last crossing of the tour and onwards to Kenyas capital Nairobi where we bid farewell to our fellow travellers and crew.

What's Included

Accommodation

- 16 nights camping in 2-person dome tents, 4 nights' twin share tourist class hotel

Guide

- Services of two crew

Meals

- 20 Breakfasts
- 16 Lunches
- 16 Dinners

Transport

- Fully equipped safari vehicle

Others

- Fully equipped safari vehicle
- Camping and cooking equipment
- All road tolls and vehicle taxes
- All ground transportation
- Sleeping mattress
- Meals as indicated
- Services of two crew

Departure Dates

STARTING IN Livingstone	→	ENDING IN Nairobi
17 July 2020		06 August 2020
31 July 2020		20 August 2020
14 August 2020		03 September 2020
28 August 2020		17 September 2020
11 September 2020		01 October 2020
25 September 2020		15 October 2020
09 October 2020		29 October 2020
23 October 2020		12 November 2020
06 November 2020		26 November 2020
20 November 2020		10 December 2020
04 December 2020		24 December 2020
18 December 2020		07 January 2021
01 January 2021		21 January 2021
15 January 2021		04 February 2021
29 January 2021		18 February 2021
12 February 2021		04 March 2021
26 February 2021		18 March 2021

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07 May 2021	27 May 2021
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18 June 2021	08 July 2021
02 July 2021	22 July 2021
16 July 2021	05 August 2021
30 July 2021	19 August 2021
13 August 2021	02 September 2021
27 August 2021	16 September 2021
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24 September 2021	14 October 2021

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20 Reviews



Overall rating

★★★★

Guide

★★★★

Transportation

★★★★

Accommodation

★★★★

Meals

★★★★

Value for money

★★★★

RossCrozier

Review on June 28th, 2018

★★★★

Not long back from this tour and I had a great time so I thought I'd let others know. Overall, the tour was well organised and the guides ensured we felt safe at all times. The truck was well equipped and I was surprised at how comfortable the seats were - so comfortable I was able to sleep despite the 'African massages' along the way. Despite the fact that some of the journeys were quite long, being able to sleep certainly helped. Some of the journeys on this trip are quite long but they are unavoidable if you want to see these parts of Africa. Anyway, the route was quite scenic and the guides provided info about the surrounding area along the way and we stopped every so often to stretch our legs. The main guide, Sammy, also informed us when to stock up on snacks and drinks at the better supermarkets as a lot of the local shops were poorly supplied as you can imagine. Most of the stops had some form of toilet however my group found that the bush toilets were generally cleaner (this is Africa after all). The tents provided were pretty good and the mattresses were spot on too. I have to say, one of the things I was anxious about before going on

the trip was the quality of the meals as catering for large groups often leads to small portions of massively overdone food but both Sam and Ali were great cooks and we always had plenty to eat. We also stopped at local kitchens to try some of the local cuisine for lunch which was another good experience. Our particular group had lots o...



Sophia Wilsher Review on

June 9th, 2018



We love this trip and would highly recommend to others



Leandra Roos Review on

June 3rd, 2018



Awesome countries, beautiful nature and fantastic people! Thanks to acacia, thanks to sammy which made everything perfect!



Samantha Breheny Review

on June 3rd, 2018



The Tour was amazing! I've been on many overseas trips and nothing can compare to my experience with Sammy and acacia in Africa!



Jake Riddler Review on

June 2nd, 2018



Sammy was a very knowledgeable and easy going guide. Couldnt of been any happier with our tour.

Question & Answers



What is the Adventure Pass?

Every Overland tour has an Adventure Pass which is paid to your tour leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour (or pre-paid by arrangement prior to your tour). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price, and covers selected park entries, activities and excursions along the way where payment goes directly to the supplier to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from the income.



Does this tour allow travellers over the age of 40 join the tour?

Acacia Africa specifically markets their tours to 18-39 year olds exclusively as they encourage backpackers and young travellers. This is simply so that first time travellers or other young people can be comfortable that they will be travelling with people their own age only.

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