



**Full Itinerary & Trip Details**

# Road to Zanzibar

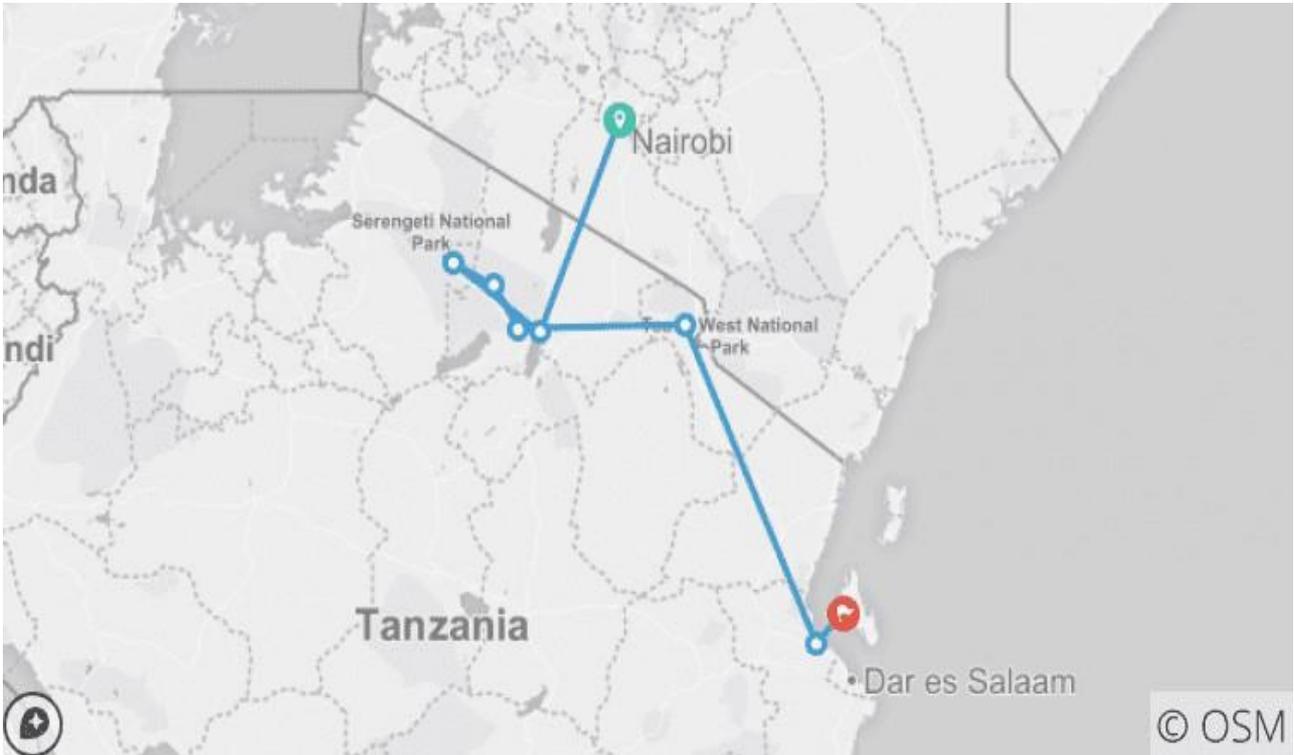


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# Trip Overview



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

\$2,340

**DURATION**

12 days

**IDEAL AGE**

15 to 99 year olds

**STARTS IN**  **ENDS IN**

Nairobi  Stone Town

**STYLE**

Jeep & 4WD

**OPERATOR**

Intrepid Travel

**TOUR CODE**

#83175

# Itinerary

## Introduction

Overland with Lonely Planet and Intrepid on a 12-day eastern Africa experience, all the way to Zanzibar. Whether you're spotting lions deep in the Serengeti, hiking a lush mountain trail in the Usambara Mountains, cruising on a traditional dhow in the Indian Ocean's azure waters or interacting with local communities near Mto wa Mbu, you're set to learn a thing or two about the wonders of these lands and its people. Travel with an expert local leader and a group of likeminded adventurers keen to scour every inch of the Ngorongoro Crater for the Big Five and share travel stories over a seafood meal in Zanzibar.

This is an overland trip. That means you'll be travelling with a group in a purpose-built vehicle, visiting remote communities, setting up your own tent, occasionally roughing it in the bush with no facilities, and getting the best possible views of the Big Five. While the trucks don't have air conditioning, they do have sliding windows which let in the breeze and make it even easier to take spectacular snaps of the local wildlife. The drive days can be long, but it's as much about the journey as the destination, and half the fun is the camaraderie. For more info on this style of travel, see our Africa overland page: <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/africa/overland> Camp in the Serengeti National Park itself without fences between you and the animals. Your leader will brief you on the safety measures the group will need to take for the two nights spent in the park. At Usambara Mountains, the group will do an easy hike to the beautiful Irete viewpoint. The overland vehicle is large enough to seat up to 22 passengers and carries all the camping equipment needed for the duration of this trip. Some passengers on this trip will have been travelling together prior to the start of your trip. To see what you're missing out on check out our Gorillas, Game Parks & Beaches adventure – search trip code YXOCC on the Intrepid website for more information and to book. As the early bird catches the worm, the early camper sights the animals. There will be many early starts either to make use of the better safari time or to beat the morning traffic on long travel days.

## Day 1: Nairobi

Start Point



Nairobi,  
Kenya

Jambo! Welcome to Kenya. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. You can arrive at any time as there are no activities planned until this important meeting. If you arrive early, perhaps head out and explore the National Museum of Kenya, the Karen Blixen Museum or the highly recommended Bomas of Kenya, where traditional homesteads of several Kenyan tribes are displayed in an outdoor village.

Accommodation: Hotel

## Day 2: Mto wa Mbu

Depart early for Mto wa Mbu in your overland truck (approximately 10 hours). The trip includes a border crossing from Kenya into Tanzania, so be sure to have your passport handy. While you're on the road, there will be a stop at an ATM and a market or shop to stock up on any supplies you might need for the coming days. Arrive in Mto wa Mbu and acquaint yourself with this delightful small village – it's a fascinating snapshot of small-town African life, situated well off the tourist trail.

Accommodation: Camping (with facilities)

## Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater / Serengeti National Park

Get up early, put your camping and personal gear into a six-person jeep and head out for an excursion into the Serengeti via the Ngorongoro Crater. Enjoy a safari in the crater, spending 3–4 hours exploring this incredible, perfectly intact volcanic caldera. Watch for black rhinos, lions, leopards, elephants, impalas, zebras and hippos. The crater floor offers excellent game viewing all year round (some 30,000 animals live here) and the photo opportunities are unrivalled. Next, it's on to the wide-open plains of the Serengeti. Green after the rains, brown and burnt in the dry season, this is perhaps the quintessential image of Africa – the home of thousands of hooved animals and fierce predators. Your campsite is within the Serengeti itself, so listen out for the sounds of nocturnal animals as you drift off to sleep.

Accommodation: Camping (with basic facilities)

## Day 4: Serengeti National Park

Awake at dawn and embark on a game drive. You will head out while the animals are at their most active, then head back to camp for brunch at around 11 am. After spending the middle of the day relaxing, just like the animals do, head out again as the day begins to cool. You'll return from this second game drive in time for dinner. There's also the option of a balloon ride over the park this morning – in place of some of today's game drives. If you have pre-booked this activity, you will be picked up before dawn and driven to the launch site. After a safety briefing, glide through the dawn, sometimes at tree height, getting some amazing photo opportunities. Sometimes you will ascend, getting an overview of the enormity of the plains and the early morning movements of the teeming herds. After landing, indulge in a five-star bush breakfast, then be returned to camp.

Accommodation: Camping (with basic facilities)

## Day 5: Serengeti National Park / Mto wa Mbu

Rise with the sun and enjoy another game drive as you leave the Serengeti in your dust. Jump back into your overland vehicle and head for Mto wa Mbu. Once camp is set up, join the local community for a guided stroll around the farming areas, milling machine, and local homes and farmlands, before a local meal in town.

Accommodation: Camping (with facilities)

## Day 6: Usambara Mountains

Prepare yourself for a long travel day heading for the Usambara Mountains (approximately 10 hours). Stretch your legs during a brief supply stop in Arusha, then jump back in the vehicle and watch the ever-changing scenery, read your favourite book or get to really know your fellow travellers. Your base will be Lushoto – an old German colony and home to the Wasambaa people. This highland town sits at approximately 1400 metres and this evening you'll camp in the grounds of one of the oldest hotels in Africa.

Accommodation: Camping (with facilities)

## Day 7: Usambara Mountains

Explore the beautiful Usambara Mountains today – a lovely unspoilt area of Tanzania. Unlike the coast and the north, very few tourists visit this part of the country, so it has a freshness that can be hard to find elsewhere. As beautiful as the surrounding mountains and rainforests are, however, the real jewels here are the local people and villages. You'll experience some

hospitality on a visit to some of the small local communities. From your base, you will take a walk out to the gorgeous Irente viewpoint. It's best to pack some water and snacks in a day pack for this trip. On your way back, visit a local cultural project based at an Irente farm and enjoy a picnic lunch.

Accommodation: Camping (with facilities)

## Day 8: Dar es Salaam

Leaving the mountains behind, travel further south to the coastal town of Kipepeo Beach in Dar es Salaam (380 km, approximately 8–9 hours). Your camp at Kipepeo is by the beach, so make the most of it – perhaps take a stroll along the shore after you arrive and settle in.

Accommodation: Camping (with facilities)

## Day 9: Stone Town

Catch a ferry to Africa's 'Spice Island' of Zanzibar. Filled with pristine white-sand beaches, winding cobblestone alleyways and fragrant bazaars, Zanzibar has had a colourful history – everything from slave traders to Arabian sultans and fruit exporters. The sight of traditional dhows sailing along the coast evokes what the island must have been like in centuries ago. The old part of Zanzibar's main city is known as Stone Town, and the best way to see this is on foot, exploring the markets, shops, mosques, palaces and courtyards. When the sun is setting, why not grab a drink from a bar overlooking the seafront. A seafood curry at a local restaurant is also a great choice. You'll spend the night in Stone Town at a basic inn.

Accommodation: Hotel

## Day 10: Zanzibar Northern Beaches

Once checked out of your Stone Town accommodation, consider booking in to an optional guided tour of the island's spice plantations, learning all about the history of this town's spice trade. You will have the opportunity to smell and taste various spices, such as cinnamon, vanilla and ginger, plus sample some teas made with these spices too. After lunch, head to the Northern Beaches, where white sands and sparkling blue seas await. This is the Indian Ocean at its best.

Accommodation: Bungalow

## Day 11: Zanzibar Northern Beaches

Enjoy free time in this beautiful archipelago today. There are many ways you can spend your day – perhaps talk to your leader for any recommendations they might have. Snorkelling in search of exotic fish is an excellent option, or you could take a traditional dhow boat on the water. You might also like to feast on a sumptuous lunch of grilled local seafood, or just relax in a hammock underneath a coconut tree with a good book. It's totally up to you!

Accommodation: Bungalow

## Day 12: Stone Town

**End Point**



Stone Town,  
Tanzania

After checking out of your accommodation this morning, you will make your way back to Stone Town, arriving at a centrally-located hotel around 12 pm. With no activities planned for today, you are free to leave at any time. That doesn't mean your adventure has to come to an end! If you wish to stay on in Zanzibar, either at the Northern Beaches beach resort or in Stone Town, we'll be happy to organise additional accommodation (subject to availability).

# What's Included

## Accommodation

Accommodation on this trip is mainly in two-person canvas dome tents with camping mattresses supplied.

The type and variety of accommodation is determined by conditions on each of our routes. Each route is different - on some we use a mixture of campsites and wild camps; on others we also use hotels. In Africa it's not usually practical to camp when staying in towns and cities so we use hotel accommodation and eat out in local restaurants.

There may be the occasional night stop, when we stay in the grounds of a hotel or at a campsite which may also have rooms/cabins available. In this case there may be a choice of camping or upgrading to a room. Rooms cost approximately USD60-120 per room per night for a twin room and cannot be pre-booked. Standards of these rooms vary greatly and we recommend viewing

the room before purchasing the nights' accommodation. The day by day itinerary advises when upgrades may be possible (subject to availability).

Keep in mind that if we are staying in dormitory accommodation, you may have to share with other passengers or be split into same sex rooms.

Campsites do have facilities but they usually aren't to the same standard you would find in western countries. For example, the bathroom facilities can be very basic. There is rarely toilet paper provided and shower facilities can be as simple as a hose pipe spurting out cold water. Wild camps have no facilities at all.

At times there may be spare tents in the vehicles. Unfortunately, these cannot be used without purchase of a single supplement. This is to ensure the tents avoid wear and tear, or are clean and ready for the customers arriving on the next section of the trip.

Camping (with basic facilities) (2 nights), Camping (with facilities) (5 nights), Hotel (2 nights), Bungalow (2 nights)

## Guide

On this trip you will be accompanied by three crew members - Group Leader, Cook and Driver who will usually be Kenyan.

Your Group Leader's role involves organizing the overall operation and smooth-running of the trip, managing trip logistics, coordinating the tipping kitty (where applicable) and will form work groups to take turns cooking, cleaning and shopping. (From time to time your leader may drive as well)

Your Group Leader will work towards making the trip as safe and enjoyable as possible for all travellers. Intrepid trips are built around the co-operation and participation of all the group members under the supervision of the group leader. The group leader will show the group how to set up and use the equipment.

While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting, especially when tracking and identifying game - we think it's the best of both worlds. Regardless of the country of origin, our Group Leaders are chosen for their leadership skills and are wonderful ambassadors for our company and our beautiful continent and its people.

Your Cook is responsible for the cooking and will help to coordinate the work groups for preparing the meals and washing up! Cooks are also responsible for organizing food shopping

(they are always happy to have you on board) and most importantly, they make sure high hygiene standards are kept at all times while camping.

Your Driver's main responsibility is to get you to your destination safely; they are also responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles along the way.

Everyone is expected to participate and carry their share of the workload/duties, making camp chores easier. The duties Route system is adopted where all members share in general camp duties – cooking, shopping, washing up etc.

If the whole group participates it will be quicker, easier, and more fun.

We endeavour to provide the services of an experienced leader and crew; however, situations may arise where your leader is new to a particular region or training other group leaders.

## Meals

11 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners

## Transport

*Overland vehicle, 4x4 Safari Vehicle Ferry, Minibus*

Our trucks are purpose-built, self-contained safari vehicles. Our fleet of vehicles varies depending on your group size, trip route and style. Your vehicle type may differ from those listed above. It is also important to note that our overland vehicles are not air-conditioned, but all vehicles have windows that can be opened to allow for fresh air. Each seat will have access to a power socket to charge your devices. This outlet will use a

UK/K: Kenyan 3 pronged outlet.

There are many early starts with long hours spent driving on rough roads on all African itineraries. While most people love the chance to watch the changing landscape and daily village life, feedback shows that long periods of inactivity do not appeal to all clients. We provide the approximate distance covered each day and how many hours this normally takes to drive so that you can choose the safari experience that is right for you.

African conditions are extremely tough on vehicles. While we fastidiously maintain our vehicles at our workshops, you should not expect Africa to be your traditional touring experience. While it's certainly our aim to avoid them, it's important that you set off on your trip knowing that the occasional breakdown can happen and are best treated as part of the African adventure. Due to wet weather there may be times when we have to take an alternative route which will mean longer travel times.

## Others

Included activities

Ngorongoro Crater - 4x4 Game Drive

Serengeti National Park - 4x4 Game Drive

Mto Wa Mbu - Village walk & market visit

Marangu - village walk & lunch

Irente - Lushoto hike & local lunch

Zanzibar - Spice tour

# Departure Dates

STARTING IN Nairobi	→	ENDING IN Stone Town
18 October 2020		29 October 2020
25 October 2020		05 November 2020
01 November 2020		12 November 2020
15 November 2020		26 November 2020
22 November 2020		03 December 2020
29 November 2020		10 December 2020
13 December 2020		24 December 2020
20 December 2020		31 December 2020
03 January 2021		14 January 2021
31 January 2021		11 February 2021
07 March 2021		18 March 2021
14 March 2021		25 March 2021
04 April 2021		15 April 2021
09 May 2021		20 May 2021
23 May 2021		03 June 2021
06 June 2021		17 June 2021
20 June 2021		01 July 2021

27 June 2021	08 July 2021
04 July 2021	15 July 2021
11 July 2021	22 July 2021
18 July 2021	29 July 2021
25 July 2021	05 August 2021
01 August 2021	12 August 2021
08 August 2021	19 August 2021
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# 7 Reviews

Overall rating ?????

Guide ?????

Transportation ?????

Accommodation ?????



**Meals**

★★★★★

**Lucy Osborne**

Review on March 24th, 2020

★★★★★

This tour was amazing the places I went to and the people of met made this trip an unforgettable experience.



**Elizabeth Kennedy**

Review on February 18th, 2020

★★★★★

Wonderful experience of Serengeti, Ngorogoro Crater, Omoroko mountains and Zanzibar. Camping was fine, good food, great people, wonderful guides and not too expensive. But way too much driving in between.



**Charley**

Review on June 19th, 2019

★★★★★

My Intrepid Travel tour was exceptional and amazing. My tour guides really went out of their way to teach us about how the locals lived and their day to day lives. I'd highly recommend considering them for your trip. Erellah was my tour leader and was very energetic and enthusiastic.



**Tracy Wigzell**

Review on January 7th, 2019

★★★★★

Safari component was outstanding with wonderful guide (Simon) who seemed to be able to locate the most camouflaged animals. He was a delight. Intrepid staff were lovely, informative and friendly and Wilson deserves a special mention for the outstanding food. Finishing in Zanzibar relaxing on the beach made this an ideal Xmas vacation



Егор Чупринин Review on

May 13th, 2018

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The tour was fantastic! Everything was according to itinerary but we got so much more!) Saw the big 5, a lot of lions and other wild animals at a very close distance, had a night in the rainforest under Kilimanjaro, visited a lot of cool places and welcoming local communities. Thanks for everything to Intrepid, our guide and leader

Jacob and the awesome cook Sylvia!)

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