



13 Day Victoria Falls Odyssey 2016/17

South Bound Trip (Nbi - Vic Falls) and North Bound Trip (Vic Falls - Nbi)

Available Dates: South Bound 21st Dec to 2nd Jan & North Bound: 3rd Jan - 16th Jan

Victoria Falls is rated as the Extreme Adventure capital of Africa. It's definitely a journey in itself to get to Victoria Falls Overland from Nairobi Kenya. This experience will take you over an amazing 4,000 Kilometers of overland travel and another 2000km return trip by flight.

Trip Itinerary

KENYA - TANZANIA -MALAWI -ZAMBIA (BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE)

**Day 1: 21st Dec
Nairobi to Babati (Tanzania)**

We depart early at 0500hrs from Bata Hilton and head southwards to the Namanga border. After border clearance we depart South Bound via Arusha to enjoy lunch en-route. Proceed on the Dodoma road with views of the beautiful Tanzania countryside to arrive at Lake Babati for dinner and overnight camping by the shores of the tranquil lake.

Meals: Dinner

**Day 2: 22nd Dec
Babati to Iringa**

Depart early at 0500hrs and head Southwards on the Singida-Dodoma highway. Enjoy a brief stop-over in Dodoma City, Tanzania's national capital. The city is right at the middle of the vast country. Dodoma was founded in 1907 by German colonists during construction of the Tanzanian central railway. South of Dodoma the road crosses the largest dam in Tanzania Mtera, its main source of hydro -electric power. Iringa is the perfect stop over point on the

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way down through the Southern Highlands. It's a top tourism spot preferred to the distant Morogoro. We travel to Iringa where we spend the night in a beautiful rustic Farm campsite.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - 6: 23rd Dec -26th Dec
Iringa to Chitimba & Kande Beach (Lake Malawi)

Today our drive leads us through the beauty of the Tukuyu tea and banana plantations, we head towards Malawi entering the 'Warm Heart of Africa' through the border post at Songwe. Malawi is a landlocked country with 20% of its total area made up of beautiful Lake Malawi. We spend the next 2 days in 2 separate campsites right next to the beach. Christmas will be at Malawi Beach.

Lake Malawi

Malawi's temperate climate allows for swimming in the clear blue fresh-water lake all year round. Explore the beautiful shore where you'll happen upon the local fishermen sorting their catch. Traditional fishing techniques are still practiced and to appreciate their boating skills, try to paddle a dugout canoe yourself! At night you'll see the 'fairy' lights of the fishermen out on the lake. The various beachside campsites along Lake Malawi's shores offer many optional Excursions including a variety of water sports, horseback rides and a visit to the local village. We highly recommend the water sports activities on the beach especially snorkeling and cliff jumping a tour you do for just USD 15. For the village tour the climax is visiting a local school, with prior planning you can carry some books and stationery from Nairobi to donate to the school.

You also get a chance to do the Livingstonia Mission Hike, in the footsteps of the great explorer. A 30 Kilometre walk if it's in it for you. For the avid hikers on the trip challenge yourself for a hike up Mt Chombe from whose peak the Lake Malawi peninsula open up in unrivalled panorama of beauty.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: 27th Dec
Kande Beach - Chipata (Zambia)

We head away from Lake Malawi, and stop off in the capital, Lilongwe, a small city distinctively divided into the old town and the new administrative centre, to stock up on supplies before crossing into Zambia where we spend the night in a beautiful little campsite just 10 km after the Malawi/Zambia border.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: 28th Dec
Chipata - Lusaka (Zambia)

In the morning we depart and drive through the vast lands of Zambia. As we drive, we pass through a few of the villages and towns of Zambia along the way. Prosperous during the copper boom in the 60's, Zambia was able to build infrastructure at the main mining and farming communities. The drive is characterized by a scenic road with well forested hills and panoramic views to complement the well maintained tarmacs.

We stop over for dinner and overnight in Lusaka the nation's capital.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: 29th Dec Lusaka - Victoria falls, Zimbabwe

On this day we make a final push for the Great Adventure Capital in the South. Departing early we head further south, we journey through the southern Zambian towns mostly supporting local agriculture and farming on our way to Victoria falls.

We arrive early in the afternoon to camp at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe for the night gearing up to 3 days full of adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10 - 12: 30th Dec -2nd Jan Victoria Falls Zimbabwe & Botswana

Victoria Falls is definitely the adventure capital of Africa! With 3 full days to spare, the area presents countless options. Zambia is just a walk across the bridge and Botswana only 40 minutes away!

Victoria Falls, or Mosioa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders), was named by David Livingstone on his explorations, and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari! After our adventure activities briefing (see price guide at the end of this document for options), we set you on 3 days full of adrenaline adventures and even the little pleasures!

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Most of the activities are optional but on the 3rd Day we will embark on a trip to Chobe National Park Botswana for a Sundowner River Cruise.

Day Trip to Chobe National park Botswana

The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia and is the main water-source to the Chobe National Park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Embark on a day trip to the park and enjoy a Speed

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Boat Cruise in the afternoon that gets you as close to the elephants than you have ever been. Look out for the rare Sable and Roan Antelope on your game drive, with their majestic backward slanting horns, or try keep a count of the Lilac Breasted Roller's that swoop by! I still rate this as the best river cruise we have ever done in East and South Africa. The sunset is also epic as is the plan to also carry drinks on board and entertain yourself.

Optional Adventure Activities at Livingstone, Victoria Falls

If you are an adventure-junkie, you will not be short of activities during stay. If you prefer the culture, shopping and history of the land, Victoria Falls will also do well to accommodate your needs:

Victoria Falls New Year's Eve Party

There is nothing as great as a welcome to Vic Falls with the New Year's party at the same venue we will be coming on! This is largely a South African House music affair with top Djs on the decks and only for a \$5 ticket you get a chance to shake legs with our brothers from down south.

Bungee Jumping - best done off the Victoria Falls bridge (one of the highest and most spectacular in the world), the plunge will see you heading straight down towards the raging Zambezi River.

Abseiling, Gorge Swing or Zip Line - A little downstream from the falls suspended across the deep Batoka Gorge is a range of fun activities to thrill all the senses! Go by yourself or with a friend in the tandem option.

Walk with Lions - a rare opportunity to walk with lions with no leashes or collars through the African bush as they get rehabilitated for reintroduction to the wild.

White Water Rafting - The Zambezi River below the Falls offer a world class rafting experience as your guide steers your boat skillfully over 23 raging rapids. Or you can try surfing them on a river board. Kayaking in tandem or on your own is also available.

Scenic Helicopter Flights - your flight over the area will allow you to spot game from above and marvel at the incredible Victoria Falls. The zig zag swathe that the Falls have cut into the land over millions of years is astounding to see from this height.

Bush Walks - there is no better way to enjoy the intricacies of the African bush, than by walking through it.

Microlight Flights - if you're keen for the wind in your hair and an exhilarating ride, a flight over the Falls in a microlight is unmatched.

Quad and Mountain Biking - There are a number of tracks for you to enjoy as you take to the cliffs along the gorge.

Jet boats - thunder along the Zambezi River in one of the high-powered jet-boats and experience a fast-paced thrill along on the water's edge.

Devil's Pool - enclosed by rocks, this natural Pool is accessed by walking along the edge of the lip of the fall in the dryer season. It is enclosed by rocks which keep you from falling over the 100 meter drop, but makes for excellent photographs

Horseback Trails - along the Zambezi and surrounding forests.

Elephant Back Safaris - Tame elephants give the best view for spotting wildlife in the Reserve.

Fly Fishing - the Zambezi offers good fishing, fly-fishing and tiger fishing being the most popular.

Day 13-14: 2nd Jan Fly Back Day/Extra Stay Days

Depart early and fly out of Victoria Falls or head north to Lusaka, Zambia for onwards flights to Nairobi or Dar - Es Salaam. Separate return packages exist. There is an option to still extend your trip and do a few more or simply relax at the hotel and the pool. On arrival, we part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

Tour Information

SELF-ASSESSMENT

We want you enjoy your trip to the fullest extent possible, so we ask that you take some time before departing to fully consider the nature of your trip. Please take time to fill the attached self-assessment and registration form.

WHAT TO CARRY

To make your trip more comfortable, please use the following checklist.

1. Passport, Visa if required and International Yellow Fever Certificate
2. Big Rucksack or duffel bag
3. Head lamp
4. Sleeping Bag (You can get this from us)
5. Personal effects (wash kit, sun-screen, slippers, soap, tissue paper, tooth brush + paste)
6. Small day pack (bag) for day trips and excursions

7. Swimming costume
8. Camera, spare batteries and Memory Sticks
9. Clothing
10. A hat and shades to shield from the sun
11. Insect repellent
12. Cash for personal use, see section on currency
13. Warm Clothing for evening
14. Anti Malaria tablets

Any other personal items you may deem necessary.

PS: Heavy suitcases discouraged for bush trips. Rucksacks are easier to drag from tents every day.

EXPEDITION CHARGES

The expedition rates are as follows:-

East African Citizens/ Resident/ Foreigners Road package: KES 86,750

****Return with Fast Jet: From USD 260**

****Return with RwandAir: USD 363**

****Return with Ethiopian Airlines: USD 375**

Great Discounts on couples and families or group of friends apply.

Deposits are **refundable** and or **transferable** at least 45 Days to departure date. T&C apply thereafter.

**** PS:** Subject to prevailing flight rates, could be lower or higher. Also group flights discounts may apply.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Transport in Overland expedition truck
- Meals as per itinerary
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Statutory camping fees
- Professional Tour Leader
- Activities as per itinerary

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- Visa fees for Non Kenyans
- International Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate (Mandatory)
- Non Compulsory Activity Extras; refer to tour information below.
- Tips for guides and staff
- Personal items as in “D” above
- Drinking Water and Drinks
- Select lunches as per itinerary

PAYMENT TERMS

Please refer to Bucketlist Travel Club Booking Terms and conditions. A deposit of 15% is required to secure the trip. This is a 15 - 20 guest’s trip.

The following is the recommended payment chart. You may contact us for a more flexible arrangement. The early payments allow you to use your December Christmas budgets for activities and extra pocket monies.

Date	1 st June	1 st July	1 st August	1 st September	1 st October	1 st Nov :	1 st Dec : Final Install
Amount	10,000	13 500	13,500	USD 300	13,500	22,750	13, 500
% of Total Investment	11%	15%	15%	Flight Booking	15%	26%	15%

With the above payment chart you will enjoy the whole of December to get the pocket money for the activities.

Please make all payments payable to:-

KES Payments

A/c Name: Bucketlist Travels

A/c No: 7719010014

Bank: CBA Bank,

Branch: Westlands Branch

For **MPESA** or card payments please contact our bookings team.

USD Payments

A/c Name: Black Hammock Consult

A/c No: 001215001000213

Bank: ABC Bank,

Branch: Westlands Branch

MEALS ON TOUR

Meals and menu's vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menu's with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home. The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus are on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQ's and even roasts!

TRANSPORT ON TOUR

Our overland vehicles are custom built SCANIA® trucks that have seating space for our passengers and storage areas for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 25-30 passengers but we keep the clients number to 20 for comfort. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. Vehicles have sliding glass windows. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the rear area.

PARTICIPATION ON TOUR

All of the tours operated are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another and learn a new skill while on the trip.

ACCOMODATION AND VEHICLES

This is a camping trip. It is designed for people who have an adventurous spirit in mind, who'd like to visit East, Central and Southern Africa. Though primarily the accommodation is on tents, accommodation upgrades to rooms are available in most of the camps.

Accommodation on this trip is in two person dome tents with mosquito nets over the door and window areas, a sewn in ground sheet and a separate flysheet. All cooking and camping equipment, with the exception of your sleeping bag is provided.

Transport is on specially converted SCANIA® trucks that are completely self-sufficient - carrying all the necessary equipment, passenger's luggage, fuel, fresh water and food stocks. All our vehicles carry full cooking and camping equipment, music players, and interior lighting, long-range fuel tanks and 300 to 400 litre water tanks. (Bring along a USB disk to connect your selection.) They have either all forward facing seats or a combination of forward and backward facing seats with little tables between.

Before each truck begins a trip it will have been thoroughly serviced and overhauled, but it is comforting to know that in the unlikely event of a breakdown the necessary spares and experience are available. In addition, vehicles carry a range of spare parts and the driver is well versed at fixing common faults.

ACCOMMODATION UPGRADES

For those who believe tents to be too military, you have an option of accommodation upgrades to ensure you get that much desired dorm room or single room at various campsites along the way. Please see below chart for insight:-

CAMP	APPROX RATE PER NIGHT in USD
Old House Iringa	Stables and Kanga Rooms- \$29 for 2 pax Doubles or twins- \$54. The families Cottages are \$88 but can sleep four people.
Chitimba Camp, Malawi	Dorm Room \$5 Single Room \$7 Double Room \$13 for Two Ensuite Rooms
Kande Beach, Malawi	Dorm Beds - \$5 PP Single Cabins -\$8 PP Beach Chalets -\$8 PP Standard Rooms - \$10.50 PP En-Suite Double -\$19 PP En-Suite Triple -\$13 PP En-Suite Family 4 Beds -\$10.50 PP Cottage -\$13 PP
Mamarula Camp, Zambia	TBC
Eureka Camp, Lusaka	Dorm - \$15 A Frames (Not Ensuite) - \$45 for Three Chalets (Ensuite) - \$60 for Three
Victoria Falls Rest Camp (3 nights)	Double Room : \$130 for 2 pax Single Room : \$85 This rate will be confirmed as they keep on changing.

CREW

Your Tour will have 3 crew members - your Driver, Trip Leader and Safari Cook.

ITINERARY FLEXIBILITY

This information and the itinerary outlined herein given you, is intended to serve as a guideline only. Each trip must be flexible to allow for all variables that are beyond our control - such as adverse road conditions, complications caused by the weather, unstable

political situations, etc. Our trips generally run as planned, and you will, more than likely, get to see and experience everything listed, if not more.

PRE-DEPARTURE MEETINGS AND DEPARTURES

The Pre-Departure Meetings usually lasts for approximately one hour and are a great opportunity for you to meet your fellow travelers. They are held 4 weeks before departure at a venue to be communicated in Nairobi. The meetings cover a range of topics and important information that should make you feel a lot more comfortable with how your trip will operate as well as ways for you to maximize your experience. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Africa is a photographer's paradise. There will be a few opportunities to download your photos, but these will only be in the bigger centres. We therefore suggest you invest in an extra memory card with a high storage capacity so that you won't have to delete your precious memories. If your camera still uses film, bring along a good stock, as film can be scarce (and, when available, expensive). Consider bringing along a re-sealable polythene bag to protect your camera from the dust. If you're planning on videoing your trip, make sure you bring along an extra battery as it isn't always possible to re-charge your batteries every day.

SPENDING MONEY

Only you know to what extent your spending habits will tax you! We advise you to bring your spending money in both cash preferably in US dollars. Credit Cards are not widely accepted. US\$ notes should be clean, un-torn and of *the latest universally accepted series*. Larger denomination notes attract a better exchange rate, but we suggest you bring along a mix of both small and large denomination notes. You may need to change only a small amount to tide you over in a country and you should try to get rid of each country's currency before you leave that country as you won't be able to change it anywhere else! Your trip leader will advise you on when & where to change to local currencies.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS: Below is a selection of Optional Excursions available on this trip. Please Note - these prices are approximate and are subject to change - Where activities occur away from your base, there may be an additional transfer cost.

MALAWI	
Speed Boat Visit to Devils Island, Snorkelling and cliff jumping	\$15 only
Village Walk At Kande Beach	\$10
Livingstonia Mission Hike / Mt Chombe Hike	\$10
Johns Reef (Advanced)	\$50

2 Dive Package	\$80
Snorkelling	\$15
Refresher Course (Includes 1 Dive)	\$75
Canoe Hire ½ Day	\$15
Pedalo Boat Hire ½ Day	\$25
Boat Trips To Kande Island	\$5
Catamaran Sail Boats Per Hour	\$10
Windsurfers Per Hour	\$5
BOTSWANA	
Chobe River Cruise	\$35
VICTORIA FALLS	
Devils Pool Visit	95US\$
White Water Rafting-Full Day	120 US\$
Big Air Combo : Bungee Jump (111m) ,Bridge Swing and Bridge Slide package	150 US\$
Elephant Back Safari	150 US\$
Walk with Lions	140 US\$
Micro Light over the Falls-15mins	170 US\$
Helicopter Flight over the Falls 12 mins	155 US\$
Sunset Cruise	
Zambezi Swing : Abseiling, Gorge Swing, Flying Fox, Cable Slide, Half Day Unlimited	140US\$

A more comprehensive list of Zambezi activities and rates can be shared by our team.

PLEASE NOTE: That this is not a full list of available activities. There are many more to choose from. Prices are approximate and can change at any given time. Only to be used as a guideline.

“Let’s do this!!

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