

GRAND AFRICA

South Africa, Zimbabwe,
Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania,
Uganda, Rwanda



27 day private package
small group safari, private primate tour
(standard accommodation)

Our Grand Africa includes multiple highlights, including game drives in eight of Africa's top game parks. You visit iconic sights in Cape Town, Victoria Falls and Nairobi as well as have the opportunity to sit with rare mountain gorillas in Uganda. The small group safari portion, combined with city stays and game lodge packages, offers both personal exploration and time spent with like-minded travellers.





Cost includes:
South Africa, Kenya, Zimbabwe & Tanzania:

- meet and greet, all airport and inter lodge transfers
- accommodation as listed
- breakfast daily, 19 lunches, 17 dinners
- game activities as hosted by your Kruger lodge
- half day Cape Town tour, full day Cape Point tour, Zambezi River cruise, tour of the Falls, Victoria Falls helicopter flight, Boma dinner, Panorama Route tour, Chobe National Park day tour, elephant orphanage visit, Karen Blixen Museum and giraffe centre
- small group safari Kenya & Tanzania in a 4WD with English speaking guide
- game park fees

(Rwanda, Uganda):

- accommodation and meals on safari
- private 4WD vehicle with guide
- meals on safari

Cost excludes:

- gorilla trek permit at USD700 per permit, per person
- visas and flights
- drinks, gratuities, dining rooms tips, portorage, laundry and any items of a personal nature, personal travel, baggage and medical insurance.

Important information:

This is Africa will purchase permits on your behalf. Gorilla permits are non-changeable and non-refundable. Full payment and a copy of your current passport must be provided at the time of booking.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Cape Town to Kigali

Accommodation: standard

Departs: Saturdays and Mondays

Itinerary overview:

- Day 1: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge
- Day 2: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge
- Day 3: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge
- Day 4: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Private Game Lodge
- Day 5: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Private Game Lodge
- Day 6: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Private Game Lodge
- Day 7: South Africa, White River - Pine Lake Inn
- Day 8: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - The Kingdom
- Day 9: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - The Kingdom
- Day 10: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - The Kingdom
- Day 11: Kenya, Nairobi - Ole Sereni Hotel
- Day 12: Kenya, Masai Mara - Mara Sopa Lodge
- Day 13: Kenya, Masai Mara - Mara Sopa Lodge
- Day 14: Kenya, Lake Nakuru National Park - Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge
- Day 15: Kenya, Amboseli National Park- Amboseli Sopa Lodge
- Day 16: Kenya, Amboseli National Park- Amboseli Sopa Lodge
- Day 17: Tanzania, Lake Manyara - Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge
- Day 18: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Sopa Lodge
- Day 19: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Sopa Lodge
- Day 20: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge
- Day 21: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge
- Day 22: Tanzania, Tarangire National Park - Tarangire Sopa Lodge
- Day 23: Kenya, Nairobi - Ole Sereni Hotel
- Day 24: Kenya, Nairobi - Ole Sereni Hotel
- Day 25: Uganda, Bwindi Impenetrable Park - Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge
- Day 26: Uganda, Bwindi Impenetrable Park - Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge
- Day 27: Rwanda, Kigali - ends

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is a compulsory requirement for some countries in eastern and central Africa. We strongly advise you seek advice from a travel doctor regarding inoculations.

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Day 1: Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town airport you will be met by our representative and assisted to the transfer vehicle, before being driven to your hotel. Cape Town is one of the world's most picturesque tourist destinations and is a city offering a mix of attractions. Situated amidst majestic mountains and surrounded by pristine white beaches, the city is truly very beautiful. Often called the 'cosmopolitan hub of Africa', Cape Town is home to a rich cultural and historical heritage, vibrant restaurants, scenic cruises and world-class, affordable shopping. Your accommodation is located at the rear of the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge - standard room.**

Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge

Just a minute away from restaurants, theatres and shops, the Breakwater Lodge, one of the best value hotels operated by Protea Hotels, is a perfectly positioned Cape Town hotel in the heart of the V&A Waterfront. The hotel lies within easy reach of the best beaches, visitor hotspots and the airport, making it an ideal base during your stay in Cape Town. Once a 19th century prison, this fine hotel today provides comfortable and affordable accommodation in a spectacular setting that looks out over Cape Town's harbor and up to Table Mountain. The rooms are all comfortable, welcoming and attractively furnished as well as being equipped with LCD televisions with an 11 channel DSTV package.

Day 2: Cape Town

After breakfast you depart on a guided half day tour of the city. Highlights of the tour include: a visit to the top of Table Mountain on the cableway where the various flora and fauna will be explained (the cableway ticket is not included as the mountain visit is weather permitting); the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens and, time permitting, the Castle of Good Hope.

This afternoon is free to enjoy an optional excursion or the facilities at your hotel. Perhaps try some retail therapy in Cape Town's popular boutiques, linger over a long lunch or join anything from Cape Malay cookery classes to helicopter flight over the city. A popular excursion is Robben Island where tours are guided by former inmates. Their personal recollections are a moving tribute to the prison's most famous inmate, Nelson Mandela, and his fellow prisoners. We suggest you book this early online. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge - standard room (B).**

Day 3: Cape Town

Today is a full day tour of Cape Point. This tour is an ideal way to appreciate the surrounding natural beauty. You will travel along the Atlantic seaboard to Hout Bay, following gorgeous white beaches and rugged mountains. If time permits you have the option of taking a half hour boat trip to Duiker Island to see a Cape Fur Seal colony (cost not included). You continue on Chapman's Peak Drive, renowned as one of the most stunning roadways in the world.

Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve at the tip of the Cape Peninsula to view the dramatic surrounding scenery and learn about the point's fascinating history. The return journey to Cape Town takes you along the False Bay coast with the option of visiting the colony of African penguins at Boulders Beach (small entry fee applicable) Pass through the naval village of Simon's Town, Fish Hoek, Kalk Bay and Muizenberg. Finally visit the world-famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens before arriving back at your hotel. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge - standard room (B).**



Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge



Day 4: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Kruger

After breakfast you are transferred to Cape Town airport for your flight to Hoedspruit (flight not included). On arrival you are met and transferred to the lodge where you will enjoy a buffet lunch (dependant on arrival time). After a rest and afternoon tea, you join your first game drive in the late afternoon. Your lodge is in the Makalali Private Game Reserve, a private reserve adjacent to the Kruger National Park. The reserve offers the chance to see the 'big five' and more. Your open sided game vehicle is guided by your ranger, whilst a 'spotter' tracks animals from the front of the vehicle. This gives guests the best opportunity of viewing wildlife up-close. Upon your return to the lodge, you enjoy dinner at the open air boma or indoor dining room. **Makalali Private Game Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Makalali Private Game Lodge

Nestled on 22,000 hectares of conservancy, Makalali Private Game Lodge prevails as one of the most unique game lodges in South Africa. The property consists of four exclusive camps each consisting of six spacious air-conditioned suites with en suite bathrooms, outdoor showers and private salas situated on the banks of the Makhutswi River. Amenities at each camp include a swimming pool, boma and dining and lounge area. Makalali Private Game Lodge is the ideal safari destination, with activities including: game drives in open Land Rovers, game walks accompanied by professional game rangers, photographic excursions and bird watching safaris. The lodge cooks up culinary delights to equal its extraordinary settings. A taste adventure awaits you as chefs create a fusion of African flavours to be enjoyed at bush breakfasts, leisurely lunches overlooking the river and romantic boma dinners under the stars. For ultimate relaxation, the on-site therapist provides a comprehensive range of treatments.

Days 5 - 6: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Kruger

Each day begins with a wake-up call at 5.00 am before you meet for tea and coffee at 5.30 am. After a cuppa you head out on your morning game drive. The fresh morning air in your face as you travel on an open 4WD with the prospect of seeing the 'big five' (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino, elephant) is an exhilarating experience. Animals are often most active at this time of day and spotting wildlife is guaranteed. Experienced rangers and trackers will share their knowledge of the African bush with you as you enjoy a range of animal sightings.

You return to the lodge late morning for breakfast. Choose to relax around the pool, or on your own private sala day bed, watch the cheeky vervet monkeys as they jump between the trees or scan the riverbed in search of larger animals from the lodge's communal terrace. After lunch, afternoon tea and some time to relax, you set off again at around 3:30 pm for another game drive to experience wildlife at dusk. This is your opportunity to view the interaction between animals as they search for food. Once back at the lodge, dinner is served a-la-carte in the open dining area. **Makalali Private Game Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Day 7: White River

After breakfast you drive via the scenic Panorama Route to the Kruger gateway town of Hazyview. This route is best known for its cultural heritage and its dramatic landscapes. One of the major highlights of the region is the Blyde River Canyon Reserve, home to spectacular wildlife and birdlife and some of the best views in South Africa. The Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon of its kind in the world. During your drive you will also stop at 'God's Window' for a truly breathtaking view of canyons, rock formations and waterfalls. God's Window offers a panoramic view of the lowveld more than 900 m down into a lush indigenous forest-clad ravine. Your overnight stay is at the relaxing Pine Lake Inn at White River. **Pine Lake Inn - standard room (BL).**

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Pine Lake Inn

Nestling in the woodlands and overlooking a vast lake, Pine Lake Inn Hotel exudes peace and tranquillity. All 128 en-suite rooms feature air-conditioning, colour TV and telephones. Facilities include a swimming pool, bowling green, floodlit tennis courts and a 9-hole golf course on the property. Just 35km from the world renowned Kruger National Park and only a short distance from other highlights, including the Sudwala Caves, Sabie Falls and the historical Pilgrim's Rest. The hotel is an inspirational setting for conferences and incentives.

Day 8: Victoria Falls

After breakfast you will be transferred to Nelspruit airport for your flight to Livingstone airport, Zambia (flight not included). On arrival you are met and transferred by shuttle into Zimbabwe, which includes a border crossing.

Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders in the world. There is a magic about the falls manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the Batoka abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and crocodiles lurk. The falls are 1,708 metres wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860s.

In the late afternoon you board your boat for a gentle sunset cruise, including drinks and snacks, on the Zambezi River. As you drift down the river, watching the incredible orange sunset, you really do feel that you are in Africa. The sunsets here are stunning, with the red soil of nearby Namibia providing deep orange skies. Your accommodation is at the Kingdom, which has plenty of facilities to keep you busy this evening. **The Kingdom Hotel - standard room (B).**

The Kingdom Hotel

The Kingdom is a modern-day tribute to the ancient and alluring Africa. Great billowing domes, pillars and bridges built on a man-made lake, mark a style that belies the modern facilities within. The decor is full of character and forms part of the hotel's persona. This hotel is the closest hotel to the mighty Victoria Falls and is the perfect family destination. There are 294 rooms (70 with bunk beds), three restaurants, four swimming pools and four bars. Located only a few minutes' walk from Victoria Falls and the national park entrance, this popular hotel is perfect for travellers wanting good value.

Day 9: Victoria Falls

After breakfast you enjoy an informative guided tour of Victoria Falls. You will be accompanied through the rainforest by a qualified guide who will give a brief history of the falls and detail the flora and fauna. Raincoats are provided when needed. You visit several lookouts which give you the best views of the falls. Make sure you bring your camera. This afternoon you are in for a real treat as you join a scenic helicopter flight, which offers an aerial view of the falls. The flight showcases the massive power of the river system as it flows over the cliffs surrounding the Batoka gorge, creating the waterfall. This evening your dinner is at The Boma. Enjoy a buffet dinner whilst being entertained with traditional drumming and dancing. **The Kingdom Hotel - standard room (BD).**

Day 10: Victoria Falls

Today you enjoy a full day trip to Botswana's premier game park; Chobe National Park. Your drive takes around 1.5 hours each way and includes the border crossing into and out of Botswana. Chobe offers unique game viewing and is known for its 100,000 strong elephant population.





Your day includes a game drive in the Chobe National Park and a pontoon style boat safari, where you silently drift within metres of the river's inhabitants. It is not unusual to sit only metres away from large herds of elephants as they graze for their favourite food along the river banks. Predators, giraffe and grazers are also easily seen in this park. You return to Victoria Falls in the early evening for your last night in Africa. **The Kingdom Hotel - standard room (BL).**

Day 11: Nairobi

After breakfast, transfer to Victoria Falls (or if applicable, Livingstone airport) to board your flight to Nairobi (flight not included). On arrival in Nairobi you will be transferred to your hotel. Day at leisure. **Ole Sereni Hotel – deluxe room (B).**

Ole Sereni Hotel

A short drive from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the four star Ole-Sereni Hotel is located for both convenience and an introduction to your safari as its backyard is the Nairobi National Park. Each room has an LCD flat screen television, minibar and 24-hour in-room dining services. They also come equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi and wired internet to help you stay connected. Boasting modern technology and furnishings with an African-inspired decor, all rooms have an ensuite bathroom. Ole Sereni's four dining options all offer views to the national park. Choose from fresh seafood flown in from Kenya's coast, aged steaks at Eagles' The Steakhouse, a range of international cuisines or room service. An extensive wellness centre, tours and travel desk and infinity pool facing the plains of the park complete the hotels facilities.

Day 12: Masai Mara National Reserve

Today your small group safari commences. Leaving Nairobi at 7:30 am you travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the Rift Escarpment on a road built by World War II Italian prisoners of war.

The Masai Mara is Kenya's premier wildlife viewing reserve and is famous for its exceptional population of game and the annual migration of over one million wildebeest and thousands of zebra and gazelle. The migration takes place from July to October and watching these animals cross the Mara River from Tanzania into Kenya is truly a remarkable spectacle. Thousands die in the dramatic river crossing, with predators and crocodiles the winners. The concentration of game during the mass migration is phenomenal and this is one of the few areas in East Africa where you are likely to see all of the 'big five' (buffalo, elephant, rhino, lion and leopard) in one place. Other animals found in the Mara include: cheetah, zebra, spotted hyena, black-backed jackal, hippo, giraffe and eland. Following lunch is an afternoon game drive, which returns you to the lodge as the sun sets. **Mara Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Mara Sopa Lodge

The lodge is set in the Oloolaimutia Valley and built into the surrounding hillside landscape. A fabulous wealth of wildlife, birdlife and natural flora can be seen in every direction. The lodge is luxuriously appointed with all the mod cons one would expect from a Sopa styled lodge in the bush. The bedrooms are spacious, the large pool has wonderful views and there's evening wildlife films and CNN to enjoy during down-time.

Day 13: Masai Mara National Reserve

Following an early breakfast, depart on a game drive returning to the camp mid - morning. (*Instead of a game drive this morning it is possible to pre-book an optional early morning balloon safari*). After lunch, set off on another game drive and visit a Masai village, before returning to the lodge as the sun sets. Habitual pastoralists, the Masai are often seen tending to their cattle from the side of the road. **Mara Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

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Day 14: Lake Nakuru National Park

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, you travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya where acres of wheat and barley litter the landscape as you head back to Narok. Travel across the vast plains of the Rift Valley and up the Mau Escarpment, before arriving at Lake Nakuru around midday. After lunch you depart for an afternoon game drive in the national park. Within the park's 188 square kilometres lies the shallow and strongly alkaline Lake Nakuru, which at times can support up to a million lesser flamingos. The park is set in a picturesque landscape of surrounding wood and grasslands. Aside from flamingo and other waterbirds which abound, other wildlife highlights include black and white rhino, hippo, Rothschild giraffe, lion, leopard and a variety of primates, including vervet monkeys, baboons and black and white colobus. **Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

Located on the range of hills that form the western limits of Africa's Great Rift Valley Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge offers spectacular views over the lake and it's surrounding National Park. Opened in 2015 the lodge is a showcase for modern African décor. Each of the sixty suites has an open balcony, private ensuite, mini-bar and Wi-Fi connectivity. The lodges 'communal lounges, two bars and dining areas are all located on sheltered terraces affording extensive views of the local wildlife. The infinity pool overlooks Lake Nakuru itself which is often home to a vast flamingo population.

Day 15: Amboseli National Park

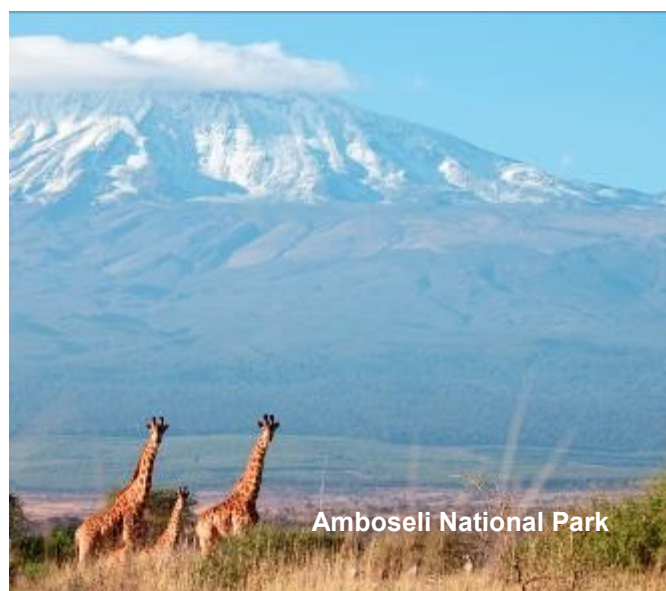
After an early breakfast you continue to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. The lake supports resident hippo and a host of waterbirds, including: African fish eagles, pied kingfishers, pelicans, flamingos and waterfowl. Following the boat ride, you leave the Rift Valley behind and proceed to Nairobi, where you collect a picnic lunch. From Nairobi you head south towards Amboseli, arriving at your lodge by late afternoon. **Amboseli Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Amboseli Sopa Lodge

Set on 200 acres of private land on the foothills of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, the lodge is perfectly poised to provide a luxurious base to explore the park and get great pictures of this incredible mountain. Each of the 47 rooms has a private veranda on which to relax, sunbathe and take in the views. All rooms have an en suite and are modern, spacious and comfortable. Meals are a cosmopolitan combination of European, African and Asian dishes and are made with fresh produce. There are also several bars, a great pool, TV lounge and many other small niceties that make this a superb location.

Day 16: Amboseli National Park

Enjoy a sumptuous breakfast before heading off on a full day's safari game drive in Amboseli. Amboseli National Park covers 400 square kilometres of plains with the stunning spectacle of Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, towering over it. One of the most popular parks in Kenya, wildlife viewing here is great all year round. The melting snows of Kilimanjaro flow underground into the park, continually feeding water to springs, swamps and marshes. Amboseli is a favourite spot for wildlife, in particular elephant, with over 1000 living in the park eco-system. Along with elephant there's hippo, giraffe, oryx antelope, buffalo, wildebeest, zebra and gazelle, plus a profusion of birdlife. Lions are very rare, but cheetahs are seen fairly frequently. A hot lunch is served at a picnic site, followed by more game viewing before you return to the lodge at around 4.00 pm in time to relax and freshen up before dinner. **Amboseli Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**





Day 17: Lake Manyara National Park

After breakfast you continue your journey on to the Tanzanian border, before arriving in Arusha for lunch. After lunch we drive across the Masai Steppe and onto the Great Rift Valley, where your lodge is located high on the rim of the valley overlooking the national park. **Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge

Set in lush green gardens and offering stunning views over Lake Manyara, and on a clear day, Mount Kilimanjaro, Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge is the ideal place to explore the great rift valley. Each of the 50 suites and two bed villas have inside and outside showers, a bath, air-conditioning, fire places and private balcony. The spacious main house highlights local stone work and includes a main lounge, grand hallway, dining room, spa, boutique and outside fire pit. Kilimamoja is a friendly lodge where guests can enjoy a refreshing dip in the infinity pool, linger over a dinner featuring a selection of dishes from around Africa and sit around the outside fireplace watching the sun set over the great rift valley.

Day 18: Serengeti National Park

After breakfast enjoy a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, returning to the lodge for lunch. Leaving Lake Manyara behind your journey continues the stunning countryside of the highlands and into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you will start spotting game well before you get into the park. At just 15,000 square kilometres in size, the Serengeti contains over three million animals. Most take part in seasonal migrations, unparalleled in nature. **Serengeti Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Located in the Nyarboro Hills in the south-west of the Serengeti National Park, the lodge is the only tourism development in this section of the park. A year round supply of water and the acacia woodland create an ideal environment for the wide variety of wildlife seen in the immediate vicinity of the lodge. Looking out over the seemingly endless Serengeti plains, this hillside lodge is a tranquil oasis set within thousands of square kilometers of Serengeti National Park. The lodge can accommodate around 170 guests in 79 suites, each enjoying wall-to-wall carpeting, a private lounge with a mini bar, a bedroom with two queen size beds and ample room for a third guest. Each has a private veranda which offers stunning views over the plains. As the sun sets you can enjoy sundowner cocktails by the pool, and in the evening after a four-course dinner, traditional dancers entertain guests.

Day 19: Serengeti National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Serengeti. This impressive park is well known for its flat topped acacia trees, which provide shade for wildlife during hot days. **Serengeti Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Day 20: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast you depart for the Ngorongoro with a picnic lunch, viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains en route. After stopping for a picnic lunch you continue on to your lodge, which is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. The views to the crater floor from your room are spectacular. A major advantage of this lodge is its close proximity to the park gate, allowing guests to be on safari in the crater within minutes. **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

The lodge is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, making it the only tourist development on the eastern rim of the crater. The views to the crater floor are spectacular and the sunsets are magnificent. A major advantage of this lodge is that you are on safari within five minutes of leaving the property as the park gate is very close.

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The lodge is tastefully decorated, spacious and all the bedrooms are modern, comfortable and well equipped. With an altitude of 2,375 metres, the lodge experiences cool and even cold weather, especially during the winter months of June and July.

Day 21: Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast you descend with a picnic lunch 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. You will spend a whole day game viewing in the crater which is home to an estimated 25,000 animals. Grazing animals dominate with zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, buffalo, eland, hartebeest, warthog and rhino all common. A large concentration of predators, mainly lion, add to this unequalled wildlife experience. **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Day 22: Tarangire National Park

Today you head east to Tarangire. Once you enter the park game can be spotted en route to your lodge, arriving for lunch. After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon is spent game driving in the park. Famous for its huge elephant herds and thousands of distinctive baobab trees, Tarangire offers unique game viewing. **Tarangire Sopa Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire is recognized as one of the best parks on the northern circuit for elephant viewing during the dry season and Tarangire Sopa is ideally placed to experience this. The lodge welcomes guests to its vast marble-floored reception area with cold flannels and iced juice. In the pretty gardens a large circular pool with a central island, a pool bar and elegant wooden loungers demonstrates the lodge's commitment to comfort. Delicious barbecue lunches are often served here. A broad veranda wraps itself around the lodge and gives prime viewing for the waterhole below, which is filled during the dry season and becomes a magnet for wildlife. The rooms at the lodge are simple, comfortable and spacious and arranged in groups of four, in African-style buildings.

Day 23: Nairobi

Depart Tarangire after breakfast and drive back to Arusha, arriving in time for lunch. The journey will pass through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. After lunch you continue on to Nairobi, arriving in time for a farewell dinner with your group before transferring to your hotel. **Ole Sereni Hotel - deluxe room (BLD).**

Day 24: Nairobi

Your day in Nairobi is a day dedicated to the welfare of Kenya's wildlife. Visit the Sheldrick Trust Elephant Orphanage, where you view the remarkable inhabitants of the orphanage, along with the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Giraffe Centre, where you can hand feed the rare Rothschild's giraffe. **Ole Sereni Hotel - deluxe room (BL).**

Day 25: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Your day begins with a transfer to Nairobi airport to board your flight to Rwanda (flight not included). On arrival in Kigali you will be greeted and briefed on your tour. Your drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Uganda usually takes between four and five hours. However, as the drive includes a border crossing to enter Uganda, and is affected by local weather and road conditions, this drive can take longer.





Central Africa offers travellers the chance to view thick jungle, a series of volcanoes and lush green hillsides when travelling. Driving times can be long, but the scenery is often outstanding and certainly very different to most of Australia. Your next two nights are spent in the jungle, at Bwindi. **Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge or similar - standard room (BLD)**. (Lunch is dependant on flight arrival time).

Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge

Located only ten minutes' walk from the Rushaga gate, Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge offers spectacular views of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park right from your room. Each chalet has a wrap-around balcony, mosquito netted beds and a private en-suite. The lodge's restaurant serves hearty meals and the friendly bar offers vast views across the forest.

Day 26: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

This morning you leave early, with a packed picnic lunch, and drive to the headquarters of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. The park is one of four forests where these primates inhabit. At the park headquarters you are briefed by the park rangers who will guide you on your gorilla trek. Travellers are sorted into small groups of eight and guided into the park to visit the gorilla troop. Two rangers accompany the trekkers to ensure safety. The trek usually takes between 45 minutes and four hours. The duration of your trek is dependant upon the location of the troop on the day. The trek is through jungle, and at a high altitude, and therefore requires a good level of fitness. Travellers with contractible illnesses, such as colds, are not encouraged to visit the gorillas as this can be detrimental to the gorilla's health.

Mountain gorillas are the largest of the great apes. They live in family groups of 10 to 30 members. It is believed that there are less than 800 mountain gorillas left in the wild. Your trek, to one of the families living in the park, is through thick jungle. When you first sight the troop it is common for the alpha male silverback to beat his chest at your group as a warning. Around one hour is spent with the troop. Gorillas pass their time eating, playing and interacting while you sit only metres away. Spending time with a gorilla troop is one of the world's greatest wildlife experiences. It is an activity reserved for a privileged few each year.

After your trek you return to park headquarters, before transferring back to your lodge. **Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge or similar - standard room (BLD)**.

Day 27: Kigali

Today you are transferred to Kigali. If flying out of Kigali after 6.00 pm you are taken on a city tour prior to transferring to the airport, or being dropped at your hotel if you stay an additional night. Kigali is a sprawling city set amongst a series of hills. The tour includes a poignant visit to the Genocide Memorial, which was erected on the 10th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide in April 2004. The memorial is built on the site where 250,000 people were buried. You are transferred to the airport for your onward flight (flight not included). **(BL*)**. Lunch is dependent on flight times).

Important information

- Grand Africa is the combination of an independent travel package in south Africa and Zimbabwe, followed by a small group safari in Kenya and Tanzania and a private tour in Rwanda and Uganda. The travel itinerary from Cape Town to Victoria Falls is a private travel package, it is not a fully guided, group tour. There are shared service day tours, and shared service game drives included within the itinerary.
- The small group safari is modular. On the Kenyan section of the safari you will have a Kenyan guide and vehicle. This will change to a Tanzanian guide and vehicle once in Tanzania.
- Transfers may be in a sedan, minibus or 24 passenger coach.
- A transfer vehicle may be used between the border and Arusha where you meet your guide and vehicle for the Tanzanian section of your safari. During peak season in Kenya and Tanzania multiple vehicle departures may occur and vehicles may travel together.
- River crossing sightings during the months of the migration are not guaranteed as animal movements are seasonal and unpredictable. However every effort will be made to see animals cross the Mara River.
- Children younger than seven are unable to join seat-in-vehicle safaris, however we would be pleased to book a private safari for families with young children.
- Due to limited luggage space, suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs and 65 x 46 cm.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Distances and times mentioned within the itinerary may vary due to local conditions at time of travel.
- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the departure point at the time assigned by the operator. On completion of the package, flights must be booked with consideration of the time recommended by the operator.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- At times, the sequence or inclusion of activities may vary due to local conditions, arrival and departure times, opening hours or non-availability.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Prices for airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase will be passed on to the client.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.

Gorilla trek permits:

Gorilla permits are not included in this tour price. This is Africa will purchase the trekking permits on your behalf at the time of booking. A copy of your current passport is required to issue permits. If your passport needs to be re-issued prior to your visit, permits can be issued on your current passport. Your new passport details will then be forwarded to our Uganda office. Full payment for the permit must be made at the time of booking. Once the permit is issued it is non-changeable and non-refundable. There are no exceptions made to this rule as permits are issued by a Ugandan government authority. Children under the age of 15 years of age cannot be issued a permit.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is a compulsory requirement for some countries in eastern and central Africa. We strongly advise you seek advice from a travel doctor regarding inoculations.

