



Essence of Africa

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Visit: Addis Ababa-Bahir Dar-Gondar- Lalibela-Kampala-Bwindi-Manyar-Nairobi-Victoria Falls- Cape Town- Nairobi- Victoria Falls-Serengeti National Park-Ngorongoro

Escorted Experience

- Fixed Dates
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle
- First Class Hotels

Tour Vehicle

Multi Seater AC van

Tour Guide

Local English only guide

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: DAY 1: Arrival into Addis Ababa

On arrival at the Bole International Airport, you will meet by representative at exit of luggage claim and transfer you to the hotel. Today you will have city tour and site seeing tour of Addis Ababa including the national museum, Merkato, Trinity cathedral and Entoto

Day 02: DAY 2: Bahir Dar

Early morning, a short flight will take you to Bahir dar. Own Arrangements Upon arrival, you will be met by our tour guides, drive to a hotel where you will check and rest for few minutes. Your first visit will be to Lake Tana on a boat ride where you will visit to the medieval period island monasteries (beautiful mural paintings, religious books & sacred) on Lake Tana such as: Kibran Gabriel (only for men), Entos and on the Zegien peninsula visit Ura Kidan Mehret, Azuwa Mariam, Mahal Giorgis. After lunch, you will drive (some 30 Km) and visit to the Blue Nile Falls. In the evening, you will have dinner and stay the night at the hotel

Day 03: DAY 3: Gondar

You will be driven to Gondar (185 Km) right after breakfast. Then you will check into a hotel and after a brief break, you will have lunch. Then, you will visit to the Royal Castles & the Bath of Emperor Fasiledes (the bath is filled with water for the important Timkat (epiphany) ceremony once a year. You will continue your visit to Debre Birhan Selassie Church (Trinity at the Mount of Light), the Castle of Empress Mintewab, and Kuskwam Complex which is a royal compound built by the Empress Mentewab. Early in the evening, you will visit 'Azmaribet' at Traditional Music Houses after which you will have dinner at the hotel and stay there for the night.

Day 04: DAY 4: Gondar

Morning drive to Semien Mountain to visit the marvellous scenery of the Semien Mountain, the endemic animals of Walya Ibex, Chilada Baboon and birds. Five Kms from Gonder you will see the old village of the black Jewish. The full day you are in the semien mountain around Sankaber campsite. Sankaber lies within the park and found at an altitude of 3825msl. It is the place to see troops of Gelada Baboon on the way. They are very attractive and so taking picture of them is unforgettable. These are a different primates found only in

Ethiopia and live on vegetables and soft roots. Walk to the wonderful viewpoints around Sankaber. Walk to Jimbar Waterfalls and then drive back to Gonder.

Day 05: DAY 5: Lalibela

After breakfast, another short flight will take you to Lalibela. Own Arrangements Upon arrival, you will be met by our tour guides, drive to a hotel where you will check and rest for few minutes. Your first visit will be to the eleven Rock-hewn Monolithic (carved from a single rock) Churches of Lalibela (UNESCO World heritage site, with magnificent architecture & paintings inside the churches). In the evening you will get back to the hotel, rest, have dinner and relax.

Day 06: DAY 6: Kampala

After a relaxed breakfast, a short flight will bring you back to Addis Ababa. (Flight Own Arrangements) Then you to check in for your flight to Entebbe Airport. (Flight Own Arrangements) 11:45 Depart Bole International Airport 13:50 Arrival into Entebbe Airport Upon arrival at Entebbe Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by our guide who will then take you your hotel

Day 07: DAY 7: Bwindi

7.30am Transfer by private car from Kampala to the Gorilla Sanctuary of Bwindi. Lunch will be en-route in Mbarara at Igongo cultural centre. Depending on the arrival time, you may opt for a guided village walk around the community depending on the interest. Transit Time: 7-9 hours, Meal Plan: Lunch and Dinner

Day 08: DAY 8: Bwindi

After an early breakfast, depart to the park headquarters and proceed for briefing from park ranger guides at 7.30 before starting your Gorilla trek at 8.00am through steeply forested and beautiful landscape along several animal trails. The climax of the adventure is the opportunity to view the gentle and endangered mountain Gorillas which is an exciting and memorable experience, later return to your lodge for lunch. This may take 3 to 8 hours.

Day 09: DAY 9: Manyara

Packed breakfast, transfer to Entebbe Airport Proceed to check in for your onward flight from Entebbe to Lake Manyara (Flight Own Arrangements) Note this flight operates on Tue, Thurs, Sat & Sun only Min 4 pax required 11:55 Depart Entebbe 14:45 Arrival into Manyara Airstrip Upon arrival at Manyara Airstrip you will be met and transferred to your lodge in Lake Manyara National. Rest of the day at leisure Optional gam drive in Lake Manyara National Park – time permitting

Day 10: DAY 10: Serengeti National Park

After breakfast drive Serengeti National Park arriving in time for check-in and hot lunch at Serengeti Serena Lodge, post lunch proceed for an afternoon game drive, dinner and overnight.

Day 11: DAY 11: Serengeti National Park

Balloon Safari in the morning, and thereafter follows bush breakfast. This may be the most beautiful area in the world for a balloon flight. There are no power lines, fences and few roads. Our capacity is limited making this experience a special and exclusive one. Each and every balloon flight is different and therefore an adventure – even for us. We aim to provide the high point of your safari and an experience that you will remember always. Thereafter continue with you Game Drive in the Serengeti National Park All Meals Included.

Day 12: DAY 12: Serengeti National Park

After breakfast proceed for a full day game drive in Serengeti National Park with all meals at the lodge, dinner and overnight Serengeti Serena Lodge.

Day 13: DAY 13: Ngorongoro

After breakfast drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area and proceed to Ngorongoro Serena Lodge arriving in time for lunch and check-in, afternoon spent at leisure, dinner and overnight.

Day 14: DAY 14: Ngorongoro

Early breakfast with packed lunch descend the crater for a full day game drive, after a day well spent ascend and drive back to Ngorongoro Serena Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Day 15: DAY 15: Nairobi

Breakfast at the lodge Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport for your onward flight to Nairobi, Kenya (flight under own arrangement) 14:25 Depart Kilimanjaro Airport 15:20 Arrive into Wilson Airport, meet your English Speaking Driver and transfer to your airport hotel

Day 16: DAY 16: Victoria Falls

Early wakeup call Meet your English speaking driver and transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Victoria Falls (flight under own arrangement) 07:25 Depart Jomo Kenyatta International Airport 09:40 Arrive into Victoria Falls Airport Arrival at Victoria falls meet your English speaking driver and transfer to your hotel.

Day 17: DAY 17: Victoria Falls

Breakfast at the hotel You have the full day at your leisure Optional Activity not included Meet your English speaking driver / guide and depart on your Victoria Falls Tour The Victoria Falls – Now in Its 150 millionth Fantastic Year - Reaches Its Zenith in May each year. It's a truly awe-inspiring experience – the sight, the sound, the smell; the humbling feeling that here indeed is Nature's Supreme Masterpiece. No photograph can begin to depict the reality, and nothing prepares you for your first sight This tour is conducted in the morning and afternoon. En route, you may be taken past the 'Big Tree' where they may stop and take photos. You will be accompanied through the Rainforest by one of our qualified Guides who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. 12:30 Return to the hotel

Day 18: DAY 18: Chobe National Park

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel 09:00 Meet your English speaking driver / guide cross the border into Botswana and transfer to the lodge 13:00 Lunch at the lodge 16:00 Meet your lodge ranger and depart on your (shared) afternoon game drive Game drives in the Chobe National Park offer excellent game viewing opportunities. If you allow yourself adequate time here you will probably see nearly all the major species: giraffe, elephant, zebra, impala, tsessebe, roan, sable, wildebeest, kudu, buffalo, waterbuck, warthog, eland and accompanying predators including lion, hyena, jackal, bat-eared fox and possibly even cheetah and wild dog. 19:00 Return to the lodge 19:30 Dinner at the lodge

Day 19: DAY 19: Chobe National Park

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel 06:00 Meet your lodge Ranger and depart on your (shared) morning game drive Game drives in the Chobe National Park offer excellent game viewing opportunities. If you allow yourself adequate time here you will probably see nearly all the major species: giraffe, elephant, zebra, impala, tsessebe, roan, sable, wildebeest, kudu, buffalo, waterbuck, warthog, eland and accompanying predators including lion, hyena, jackal, bat-eared fox and possibly even cheetah and wild dog. 09:00 Return to the lodge for breakfast Lunch at the Lodge 16:00 Meet your English speaking guide and depart on a boat cruise From the comfort of your boat view mighty elephant, giraffe, hippo and other wild animals returning to the Chobe River to quench their thirst. 19:00 Return to the lodge 19:30 Dinner at the lodge

Day 20: DAY 20: Chobe National Park

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel 06:00 Meet your lodge Ranger and depart on your (shared) morning game drive Game drives in the Chobe National Park offer excellent game viewing opportunities. If you allow yourself adequate time here you will probably see nearly all the major species: giraffe, elephant, zebra, impala, tsessebe, roan, sable, wildebeest, kudu, buffalo, waterbuck, warthog, eland and accompanying predators including lion, hyena, jackal, bat-eared fox and possibly even cheetah and wild dog. 09:00 Return to the lodge for breakfast Lunch at the Lodge 16:00 Meet your English speaking guide and depart on a boat cruise

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Day 21: DAY 21: Chobe National Park

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel 06:00 Meet your lodge Ranger and depart on your (shared) morning game drive Game drives in the Chobe National Park offer excellent game viewing opportunities. If you allow yourself adequate time here you will probably see nearly all the major species: giraffe, elephant, zebra, impala, tsessebe, roan, sable, wildebeest, kudu, buffalo, waterbuck, warthog, eland and accompanying predators including lion, hyena, jackal, bat-eared fox and possibly even cheetah and wild dog. 09:00 Return to the lodge for breakfast Lunch at the Lodge 16:00 Meet your ESG and depart on a boat cruise From the comfort of your boat view mighty elephant, giraffe, hippo and other wild animals returning to the Chobe River to quench their thirst. 19:00 Return to the lodge 19:30 Dinner at the lodge

Day 22: DAY 22: Cape Town

Breakfast at the lodge Meet your lodge safari guide and depart on your Morning game drive Game drives in the Chobe National Park offer excellent game viewing opportunities. If you allow yourself adequate time here you will probably see nearly all the major species: giraffe, elephant, zebra, impala, tsessebe, roan, sable, wildebeest, kudu, buffalo, waterbuck, warthog, eland and accompanying predators including lion, hyena, jackal, bat-eared fox and possibly even cheetah and wild dog. Meet your English-Speaking Driver and transfer across the border to Victoria Falls Airport On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport check in on your flight to Cape Town (Own Arrangement) Note this flight operates on Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri only 13:15 Depart Victoria Falls Airport 16:20 Arrival into Cape Town International Airport Upon arrival in Cape Town, you will be met and transferred to your hotel Rest of the afternoon at your own leisure

Day 23: DAY 23 -26: Cape Town

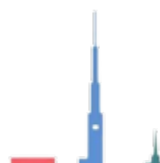
Breakfast at the hotel You have full days at your own leisure

Day 24: DAY 27- Departure Cape Town

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be met and transferred to Cape Town International Airport for your onward flight back home End of services.

Inclusion

- Accommodation as specified in itinerary
- Meals as specified in itinerary
- Transfers as specified in itinerary
- English Speaking Driver as specified in itinerary
- English Speaking Guide as specified in itinerary



- Services of an experienced English-speaking driver-guide
- All entrance fees and guided excursions as described in itinerary
- All park fees
- 1 litre bottled water per person per day
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Exclusion

- International Flights and Airport Taxes
- Visa Fees (if applicable)
- Medical & Travel Insurance
- Incidental tips to hotel/lodge staff.
- Gratuity to tour driver/guide.
- All expenses of personal nature
- Any entrance fees and guided excursions not included in the above itinerary
- Early Check In & Late Check Out
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Note

Optionals on requests.

Internal flights at an additional cost

Hotels/ Lodges

Addis Ababa - Hilton Hotel

Bahir dar - Kuriftu Resort and Spa

Gondar - Goha Hotel

Lalibela - Mezena Lodge

Kampala - Hotel Africana

Bwindi - Bakiga Lodge

Manyara - Manyara Serena Lodge

Serengeti National Park - Serengeti Serena Lodge

Ngorongoro - Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Nairobi - Four Point By Sheraton Nairobi Airport

Victoria falls - A'Zambezi River Lodge

Chobe National Park - Chobe Safari Lodge

Cape Town - Cape Milner Hotel

- All quotes are subject to availability and change due to airfare increases, hotel rate increases, currency exchange fluctuations and any other unforeseen circumstances all without prior notice.
- Itinerary and journey times are close approximations and are subject to change without prior notice.
- Light Aircraft Flights:
- Baggage allowance is normally restricted between 15kg to 30 kg (depending on country, aviation supplier and seat class chosen) per passenger, inclusive of hand luggage in soft bags. Excess baggage will be charged at prevailing rates and only carried subject to space availability.
- Timings in remote areas such as national parks may vary from day to day. It is very important that your clients ask their tour guide or lodge manager to reconfirm flights 24 hours before departure. This reconfirmation process will give the departure and arrival details for the flight(s) the following day and will save unnecessary waiting time and discomfort. Charter companies reserves the right to change departure times or carrier when so required for operational, weather or safety reasons.

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- Passenger weights limits apply for light aircraft flights and additional seats may be required if exceeding the weight limit. However, please let us know in advance if this is likely to apply so we can do whatever is possible to minimize the likelihood of this becoming an issue.

Tour Dates & Pricing

