

EAST AFRICA FAMILY OVERLAND, (FEA)

Nairobi to Zanzibar 17 Days, departing 17th December 2020



TRIP OVERVIEW

Trip Style: Overlanding
Route: Nairobi to Zanzibar
Duration: 17 Days
Transport: Overland Expedition Vehicle, Jeep, Ferry
Accommodation: Camping 9 nights
 Comfortable Hotel 5 nights
 Basic Hotel 2 nights
Meals: Breakfasts x 16, Lunches x 9, Dinners x 9

Physical Challenge: ● ● ○ ○ ○

Your itinerary may include easy-paced day walks, bike rides, and other activities that are not too strenuous.

Lifestyle Challenge: ● ● ○ ○ ○

You may be camping some of the time but the pace of the trip is fairly relaxed and the facilities and road conditions are generally of a high standard.



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Nairobi (17th December 2020)

Border Information: Welcome to Kenya! If joining the trip in Nairobi, you will most likely enter Kenya at Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (IATA code: NBO).

There will be a group meeting at 6:00pm - your trip leader will leave a note on the reception with the details of this important meeting.

Please note that many of the options listed below will only be possible for those with extra time in Nairobi before the start of your trip with us - please contact the Sales team if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation with us to have extra time exploring Nairobi.

Accommodation: Wildebeest Eco Camp "A" - family trips

Day 2 - Nairobi (18th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast we will head out in our overland truck for included visits to the Langata Giraffe Sanctuary and the Nairobi Elephant Orphanage.

From late afternoon you will have free time to explore the sights of Nairobi or simply relax by the pool!

Day 3 - Arusha (19th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We will leave Nairobi early today, as we have a relatively long drive day ahead of us. We will travel overland through Kenya and cross the border to northern Tanzania as we head to our camp site outside of Arusha.

Day 4 - Arusha (20th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning we will take a walk to a nearby Maasai village - our Maasai guide will take us through the Maasai Cultural Museum first so that we understand what we are about to see in the village. The village is completely genuine, and the villagers show you as they actually live - nothing here is fixed up for tourists. We will also visit a free clinic run by the campsite for the local villagers.

After lunch we head back to our campsite to prepare ourselves for our safari the next day!

Day 5 - Serengeti NP (21st December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will be met at the campsite by our fleet of 6-person 4x4 jeeps - we will load the jeeps with our camping and personal gear, and then head out for our 3-day excursion to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, leaving our truck behind.

Today will be a full drive along the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater (stopping to take in the awe-inspiring views!) and then down into the plains of the Serengeti. We will take an evening game drive around the savannah before heading to our campsite - the area is one of the world's premier spot for wildlife viewing and we hope to be able to find elephants, lions, leopards, giraffe and other big game during our time here!

Tonight we will stay at a campsite within the Serengeti NP. The camp where we stay is very basic (with showers and flush toilets, but no other facilities) but is located right in the middle of the plains, surrounded by animals and their nocturnal noises! Your leader will outline the basic safety rules to be followed when camping in an unfenced location where wild animals are present.

Day 6 - Serengeti NP (22nd December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will get up very early and we set off in our jeeps for an early morning game drive in the heart of the Serengeti plains. The early morning is the best time of day for wildlife viewing, as many of the animals are at their most active while it is still cool.

There is an option this morning to take a hot air balloon flight over the Serengeti instead of the game drive - demand is high for this activity, so this must be pre-booked at the time that you book your trip with us to avoid disappointment.

We will have the chance to relax at the nearby Seronera Lodge during the heat of the day, before heading out for a second game drive in the afternoon.

We will return to our campsite in the heart of the Serengeti for the evening.

Day 7 - Mto Wa Mbu (23rd December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning we will have another early start to cross the Serengeti plains and head into the world-famous Ngorongoro Crater. Again, the Ngorongoro Crater is an outstanding area for wildlife spotting, often described as a 'natural wildlife enclosure'. This is the best chance on the excursion to spot black rhinos as well as a myriad of other big game.

We will have lunch in the crater and leave in the afternoon. We will then be dropped off at our next campsite in the small town of Mto Wa Mbu, where we are re-united with our truck.

We will have a well-deserved free evening to relax at our excellent campsite or to explore the town of Mto Wa Mbu.

Day 8 - Marangu (24th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will set off again in our overland truck and head east to Marangu, where we have a nightstop camping in the grounds of a beautiful colonial hotel at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro. We will go past the whole length of Mount Kilimanjaro where we'll hope for clear skies and fantastic views of the mountain from the road.

Day 9 - Marangu (25th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a short drive to the village of Mshiri, where we will visit the Marangu Village Education Project to learn about the Chagga people and have a delicious local lunch.

We will then make our way back to our campsite, where we can take a walk to some nearby waterfalls or simply relax at the pool!

Day 10 - Lushoto (26th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will leave the slopes of Kilimanjaro behind us as we make our way south to the cooler, less frequented Usambara Mountains and the old German colonial village of Lushoto.

Day 11 - Lushoto (27th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast we have an included easy half-day trek in the Usambara hills to the Irete lookout to see the breathtaking view over the Maasai Steppe below, and to visit the communities in the villages en route.

The rest of the day will be free for you to independently explore the area more, or to simply relax.

Day 12 - Dar Es Salaam (28th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we have another travel day south to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city on the coast of the Indian Ocean.

Day 13 - Dar Es Salaam (29th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a free day to enjoy a range of optional beach activities.

Day 14 - Zanzibar (30th December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast

This morning we will head to the exotic and beautiful island of Zanzibar! We will travel on the local commuter barge from Kigamboni to the city centre of Dar es Salaam, and then take a ferry from Dar es Salaam centre to Zanzibar. The ferry will take about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

When we reach Zanzibar, we will meet our local guide who will help us check in to our hotel in Stone Town, and then give a quick orientation of the town before we branch off and head to lunch! We will have a free afternoon to explore the atmospheric streets of the historic centre of Stone Town, with the option of meeting for sunset drinks at Africa House and heading out to the night markets for a local dinner.

Day 15 - Zanzibar (31st December 2020)

Meals: Breakfast

On our second day on Zanzibar we will join our local guide for a very interesting and informative tour around the sights of Stone Town and learn about the history of the island. We will then head away from town and take in a tour of a spice plantation and enjoy a local lunch with our guide, before heading back to our hotel for a free afternoon to independently explore and relax.

Day 16 - Zanzibar (1st January 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today is a completely free day for optional activities and exploration of the beautiful island of Zanzibar.

Day 17 - Zanzibar - End Date (2nd January 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Border Information: If leaving in Zanzibar, you will most likely exit Tanzania from Zanzibar Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (IATA code: ZNZ).

Today is the end day for passengers finishing their trip in Zanzibar. Please note there is no accommodation included on the trip tonight - please contact the Sales Team if you are interested in booking extra nights of accommodation in order to fully explore and take part in some of the optional activities available.

Accommodation:

ITINERARY DISCLAIMER

The routes, activities and places visited described in these notes are intentions and are meant as a rough guide only. By their very nature, overland itineraries need to be flexible and the regions that we are travelling through are often unpredictable. We intend to follow the planned route but exact night stops and inclusions cannot be guaranteed and it sometimes happens that we decide to make a change to our planned itinerary. This may be for a variety of reasons; climatic, road or bureaucratic conditions may demand it. Changes to the itinerary may occur with little notice so please be prepared for modifications to your trip.

Drive Times

Drive times are listed in the day-to-day itinerary. These are the approximate number of hours that the vehicle will be in motion, and does not include any time taken for coffee or lunch stops, border crossings, photo stops, activities en route, comfort breaks, shopping stops, toilet stops, etc. The times given are approximate estimates only and whilst given with the best of intentions, the drive times are heavily dependent on traffic, road conditions, weather, police roadblocks, and many other factors.

Accommodation and Meals Included

The type of accommodation and included meals are listed for each day of the itinerary. These listings show our intention and on most departures the listings will be accurate. However due to the flexible nature of overland itineraries, climatic, bureaucratic or road conditions may demand changes to our listed intentions or groups may simply decide to amend the plans from time to time.

Optional Activities

A selection of optional activities is listed in the day-to-day itinerary. This list is designed to be a helpful guide as to what is commonly available in each location, and is neither an exhaustive list, a guarantee that the activity is available, or an endorsement or recommendation. Certain activities may not be available on your particular visit and it may not be possible to do all the activities listed in the time available at each destination. It is recommended to give yourself extra time in your joining or ending city if you would like to participate in some optional activities there. Prices listed are for entrance only and do not include transport costs to and from the sites or local guides unless indicated. The prices are displayed according to our latest information and in the best faith, but prices do fluctuate due to exchange rates, season, numbers of participants, and simple increases from the operator, and therefore any prices listed are a guide only and cannot be guaranteed. If you partake in any optional activities, you do so at your own risk and it must be clearly understood that your participation is your own decision and does not form part of your contract with Dragoman. You may be required to sign/complete a waiver form or optional activity form for some optional activities. For more information around activity safety and insurance, please see the Essential Information document.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of a real emergency once you have left your home country, please contact us on our out of office hours number. If you cannot get through on the phone, please leave a message with your name, reference number, contact details and a message with the help that you need and we will get back to you. Please bear in mind that real progress or action may not be possible until normal office hours, depending on the issue.

If your flight is delayed, please inform us as soon as you can and then make your way to the joining hotel as instructed in the Joining Point section of these notes.

Out of hours Number: +44 (0) 7985 106564

A FEW RULES

We expect all group members to act respectfully towards our staff and other group members. Bullying will not be tolerated.

Engaging in commercial or exploitative sexual activities, committing acts of violence or threatening violence towards local people, other group members or any member of our staff is not allowed. Any customer engaging in such activities will be required to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price.

You must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited and conduct yourself in accordance with our responsible travel policy. Any customer found contravening such laws or regulations will be required to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price.

Although we are aware that in some parts of the world taking, carrying or selling drugs, or carrying weapons may be legal, it is not acceptable for Dragoman customers and our tour leaders have the right to ask you to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price if you are found to be engaging in such activities.

ISSUES ON THE TRIP

While we always endeavour to provide the best possible holiday experience, due to the nature of travel and the areas we visit sometimes things can and do go wrong. Should any issue occur while you are on your trip, it is imperative that you discuss this with your group leader or our local partner straight away so that they can do their best to rectify the problem and save any potential negative impact on the rest of your trip.

We recognise that there may be times when your group leader may not be able to resolve a situation to your satisfaction. If this is the case please contact our customer relations department on customer-relations@dragoman.co.uk.

You may also choose to provide details in your feedback questionnaire which we ask you to complete at the end of your trip, but we do ask you to be aware that it is very difficult for us to provide any practical help after the trip is complete.

IMPORTANT NOTES

OVERLANDING LIFESTYLE

Dragoman was founded in 1981, and has had many years of experience of leading overland trips across 4 continents. Overlanding is all about sharing a great travelling experience with like-minded people. On your trip you'll travel in one of Dragoman's purpose-built iconic expedition vehicles on an off-the-beaten-track adventure along rugged roads, experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of the world up-close. Your journey will be overland, sometimes across vast distances, so some long days spent driving are inevitable - but these will be interspersed with breaks of a day or two at a destination or activity.

On an overland journey, you are more than just a passenger and everyone gets involved setting up camp - we supply the tent but it's up to you to pitch it! As part of your trip, you will be assigned a truck job which could be collecting firewood or water, luggage loading, organising food, stores, etc. Like all great adventures, the more you put in the more you'll get out! For more details of how an overlanding trip works, please see the Essential Information document.

SAFETY STANDARDS

We run adventure journeys in off the beaten track areas, which often have poor infrastructure. You should expect that some of these areas do not adhere to 'Western' safety standards. For more information, please see the Essential Information document

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN REMOTE AREAS

We will be travelling to areas in remote locations where medical assistance will not be available, and communications may be sparse. We do not carry satellite phones on our regular trips. Therefore, if you have a medical condition such as a heart condition that would put you at risk, we would suggest that this is not the trip for you. Also, please be aware that should an emergency occur, there is likely to be a considerable delay in accessing medical care, and by joining our trip you accept this risk.

VISAS, HEALTH, INSURANCE & MONEY

Before you travel there are vital things to consider such as:

- Any visas needed for your trip
- Any vaccinations needed (please consult your GP or travel clinic)
- Organising your local payment (the kitty)
- Buying travel insurance (insurance is compulsory to be allowed to join our trips)

For more information on these topics, please see the Essential Information Document.

FAMILY TRIPS NOTE

Our Family Adventures are designed specifically for the spirited family. We understand that travelling with kids sometimes requires a slightly different perspective. Keeping this in mind, we travel at a slower speed - recognising that showing your family around our exotic destinations can take time. By travelling at a relaxed pace, while still offering plenty of optional activities along the way, we're providing your family with the ultimate travel experience together.

We limit travel times so that you're usually not on transport for more than seven hours or travelling too long after dark. We also try - where possible - to ensure you have at least two nights in each destination so you are not constantly having to unpack those bags.

Best of all, we find trips with children are so successful because kids have such a special ability to break down barriers with their natural curiosity, and because delighted locals always greet them with much affection. For all these reasons and more, you'll discover that Dragoman Family Adventures are an amazing experience for all.

KENYA NOTES

TANZANIA NOTES

Please ensure you have an up to date version of these notes. **These notes were printed on the 29th November 2020**