



ZANZIBAR, ZAMBEZI & THE FALLS, (YDF)

Zanzibar to Victoria Falls 19 Days, departing 23rd February 2023



TRIP OVERVIEW

Trip Style: Overlanding

Route: Zanzibar to Victoria Falls

Duration: 19 Days

Transport: Overland Expedition Vehicle, Jeep, Private Bus, Ferry, Canoe

Accommodation: Comfortable Hotel 4 nights
Camping 12 nights
Camping without facilities 2 nights

Meals: Breakfasts x 18, Lunches x 13, Dinners x 13

Physical Challenge:

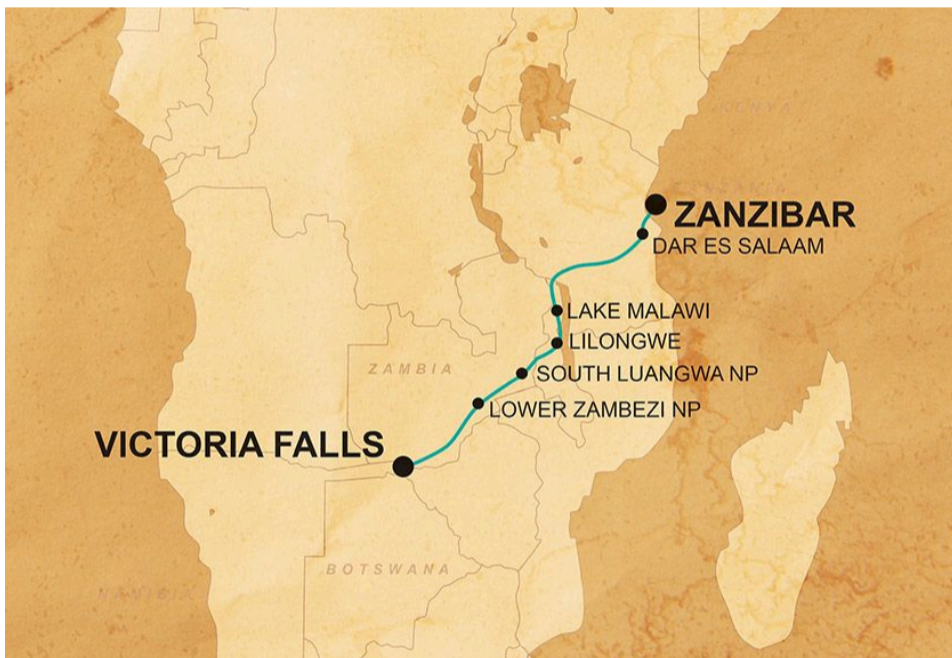


Depending on the trip, activities may include treks of 3-4 hours at altitude or across hilly terrain, multi-day treks at sea level, horseback riding, canoeing and other adventurous activities. A moderate level of fitness is required.

Lifestyle Challenge:



This is a fairly challenging trip; you may well be travelling at high altitudes, across deserts or through cold and windy or hot and steamy areas. The terrain and roads may be rough and the facilities can be very basic or non-existent. There may be some long drive days followed by wild camps, and physically and mentally it can be tough, but there will be some rest days and time to relax as well.



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Zanzibar (23rd February 2023)

Border Information: If joining at Zanzibar, you will most likely enter Tanzania from Zanzibar Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (IATA code: ZNZ).

There will be an informal meet-and-greet and orientation of Stone Town with our local Zanzibar guide at 6:00pm - please meet at the reception of the joining hotel at this time if you wish to take part in this orientation. Please note that you will not usually meet your regular crew tonight, as they will be arriving in Dar es Salaam this evening and will travel to Zanzibar with members of their previous group tomorrow.

Please note that the first 4 days of this section overlap with our "YND - Nairobi to Zanzibar" trip, so some of the group that come to Zanzibar will leave before we take the ferry to Dar es Salaam. This is because Zanzibar is part of both trips, so it means customers going all the way through do not follow our Zanzibar itinerary twice!

Accommodation: Safari Lodge A""

Day 2 - Zanzibar (24th February 2023)

Meals: Breakfast

Today will be a free day to explore Stone Town, the atmospheric old town on the exotic and beautiful island of Zanzibar!

Your crew will arrive on Zanzibar this afternoon, and there will be an important meeting at 6:00pm at the joining hotel - there will then be the option going for sunset drinks at Africa House and heading out to the night markets for a local dinner.

Day 3 - Zanzibar (25th February 2023)

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, enjoy a local lunch with our guide, then head to Nungwi beach at the very north of the island. Nungwi is the Indian Ocean at its best - bright white sand, sparkling blue sea outstanding seafood and a fantastic chilled atmosphere.

Daily Activities

Included Activities

Guided tour of Spice Plantations and local lunch on the spice island of Zanzibar

Included

Take a guided tour of the beautiful and historic streets of Zanzibar's Stone Town

Included

Day 4 - Zanzibar (26th February 2023)

Meals: Breakfast

On our third day on Zanzibar, we will have free time to enjoy Nungwi beach and relax, or to try snorkeling, diving, or other beach activities, or maybe go further afield looking for Red Colobus monkeys in the Jozani Forest.

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Enjoy a sunset trip in a traditional dhow

Beach activities: 20 USD

Scuba diving in the incredible waters of the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar (per dive)

Beach activities: 55 USD

Head out on a boat trip out of Zanzibar in search of the local dolphins

Beach activities: 30 USD

Walk through the Jozani Forest in search of the very rare Red Colobus monkeys

Tour: 40 USD

Explore the beautiful 'Prison' Island near Zanzibar

Beach activities: 35 USD

Go on a snorkelling trip in the turquoise waters off Zanzibar

Snorkelling Trip: 40 USD

Day 5 - Dar Es Salaam (27th February 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will return to Stone Town and then take a ferry from Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam, before travelling on the local commuter barge from the city centre to the suburb of Kigamboni. The ferry will take about 2 hours and 30 minutes. The rest of the afternoon will be free to relax at the campsite.

Day 6 - Iringa (28th February 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We have a couple of big drives ahead of us to reach Malawi, starting with a journey out of Dar es Salaam and through the hills of the Mikumi NP.

We will stay on a working ranch 52kms south of the town of Iringa.

Day 7 - Chitimba (1st March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Border Information: Exit Tanzania at Songwe, enter Malawi at Songwe.

Today is another travel day as we cross the southern highlands of Tanzania and enter Malawi, arriving at the beaches of Chitimba on the northwestern shores of Lake Malawi.

Day 8 - Kande (2nd March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning, depending on the preferences of the group, we may have to chance for a short village walk or a woodcarving lesson in Chitimba. We will then continue south along the coast of Lake Malawi to Kande beach, a beautiful spot on the lake shore.

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Head out for a hike through Chitimba and surrounding areas

Day hike: 20 USD

Village walk around Chitimba

Village walk: 10 USD

Woodcarving lessons with the locals in Chitimba

Price: 10 USD

Day 9 - Kande (3rd March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a free day on Kande beach to relax or to get involved in some of the optional activities available here - there are watersports on the lake, horse riding through the forests and on the beaches, and village walks to see a little bit of the life of the local Tonga people.

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Canoe hire to explore Lake Malawi from the water

Price: 10 USD

Scuba dive, Lake Malawi

Price: 85 USD

Horse Riding excursions in the forests and beaches near Lake Malawi

3hrs: 90 USD

Snorkelling excursion to Lake Malawi

Price: 15 USD

Guided walk and visit to a local Tonga village

Price: 10 USD

Windsurfing on Lake Malawi

Price: 10 USD

Day 10 - Lilongwe (4th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will head to the Malawian capital of Lilongwe. Hopefully we will arrive by mid-afternoon so that we have the chance to explore the city, its markets and its shops.

Day 11 - South Luangwa NP (5th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Border Information: Exit Malawi at Mchinji, enter Zambia at Mchinji.

Today our journey continues across the Zambian border to the stunning South Luangwa NP, where we will stay for 2 nights.

If we make good enough time on the drive to the campsite, then there may be opportunity for an optional extra game drive upon arrival tonight.

Daily Activities

Included Activities

2 nights in South Luangwa National Park, known for its abundance of wildlife, with two included game drives

Included

Optional Activities

Optional extra evening game drive (if time allows)

Price: 40 USD

Walking safaris in South Luangwa National Park

Optional upgrade to walking safari: 50 USD

Day 12 - South Luangwa NP (6th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have an included early morning game drive and an included evening game drive, both in open-sided safari vehicles.

South Luangwa NP is a hidden gem on the safari circuit; it is rarely visited due to its remote setting, but has some incredible populations of wildlife and is one of the only parks in Southern Africa that is open for night driving with spotlights when many of the big game is at its most active.

Day 13 - Luangwa River (7th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we have a full day drive towards the Lower Zambezi area.

Day 14 - Lower Zambezi Area (8th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we drive to our well equipped campsite on the banks of the Lower Zambezi.

Tonight we will meet our guides who will take us on our two-day canoeing expedition on the Lower Zambezi on the following day - they will give us a full briefing about the canoeing trip on arrival.

Day 15 - Lower Zambezi Area (9th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we head out on our 2-day/2-night canoeing trip on the Lower Zambezi river.

This is a fully participatory expedition - everyone will pair up, go out in 2-person canoes and paddle themselves, following the lead boat! Everyone also gets involved in setting up the camps and cooking. All of our gear will be carried in a supply canoe, and wild camps are erected on islands in the river along the way.

This is a fantastic way to see the river, the scenery and some of the wildlife in the area!

Daily Activities

Included Activities

Spend 2 days and 2 nights on the Zambezi, travelling in canoes and wild camping on the islands - an experience of a lifetime!

Included

Day 16 - Lower Zambezi Area (10th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we have our second day out on the river. By now you will have a keen eye for wildlife and be well on your way to being a pro at paddling!

Day 17 - Livingstone (11th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast, we have an early morning transfer from our second island wild camp on a fast barge back to the truck, and then continue our journey to Livingstone, on the Zambian side of the world-famous Victoria Falls.

Day 18 - Victoria Falls (12th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast

Border Information: Exit Zambia at Victoria Falls, enter Zimbabwe at Victoria Falls.

Today we cross the border to Zimbabwe and to the world famous Victoria Falls, the largest waterfalls in Africa!

Upon arrival in Victoria Falls we will go for a briefing for possible optional adventure activities, then we will have an included visit to the main viewpoints over the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls.

Daily Activities

Included Activities

Visit to the incredible Victoria Falls

Included

Day 19 - Victoria Falls - End Date (13th March 2023)

Meals: Breakfast

Border Information: If you are leaving the trip in Victoria Falls, you will most likely depart Zimbabwe at Victoria Falls Airport (IATA code: VFA).

Today is a free day to take advantage of the vast array of adventure activities on offer in the area. If you are interested in a full day of activities here, we advise that you don't book a flight out earlier than 6:00pm, or just aim to stay an extra night, in order to give yourself enough time to do so.

Today is the end day for passengers finishing their trip in Victoria Falls. 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 listed below.

Accommodation:

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Bungee jump or swing from the bridge (111 m) over the Second Gorge of the Victoria Falls

Bridge Swing or Bungee Jump: 160 USD

Enjoy a relaxing canoeing trip on the River Zambezi

Price: 110 USD

Take a relaxing cruise on the Zambezi

Dinner Cruise: 90 USD

Sunset Cruise: 60 USD

See the incredible Victoria Falls from the air with a helicopter flight over the waterfalls

Long Flight (25 min): 294 USD

Short Flight (12-13 min): 162 USD

Horse riding along the scenic banks of the Zambezi

3 hrs: 85 USD

4-5 hrs: 125 USD

8 hrs: 155 USD

White water rafting on the Zambezi

Full day (high water): 140 USD

Full day (low water): 150 USD

Rafting and Riverboarding Combo: 203 USD

Take a guided walk to a local Matabele village

Price: 55 USD

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.

TANZANIA NOTES

ZIMBABWE NOTES

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Please note that due to a shortage of money in banks and ATMs in Zimbabwe, many ATMs are running dry of cash and some local banks are putting restrictions on international cards being used. It is also illegal to exit Zimbabwe with more than **USD1000** per person, so please make sure that you do not bring a greater amount than this out of Zimbabwe.

MALAWI NOTES

ZAMBIA NOTES

Please ensure you have an up to date version of these notes. **These notes were printed on the 15th June 2021**