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15 Day East African Discoverer **(Trip Code: ZV15)** **Dar Es Salaam to Victoria Falls**

This trip begins in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and travels to Zanzibar and then south through Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Botswana, before ending in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

This trip departs from Dar Es Salaam early on Saturday morning. Should you wish to explore Dar Es Salaam, an earlier arrival should be planned and accommodation booked through your agent or the Africa Travel Co office.

Pre Departure Meeting: Held at the Departure Point at 17h00 the day before your departure.
Departure Point: Kipepeo Campsite, Plot 4, Mjimwema, Kigamboni.
Check-In Time: 07h30
Departure Time: To be advised at the pre-departure meeting
Accommodation: Camping
Local Payment: US\$460

Please Note:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. Your arrival transfer and pre-trip accommodation in a dorm bed is included in your trip price. Should you choose not to make use of these, or in the event that Africa Travel Co was not updated with your arrival details, no refund will be paid for services not used.

Please ensure you've received a copy of our pre departure information document with information on what to expect on this overland safari.

This fantastic trip offers scenic landscapes, tranquil lakes, mighty waterfalls and tropical beaches. Victoria Falls is one of the world's natural wonders, and there are plenty of adventure activities on offer based around the mighty Zambezi River. The Chobe National Park is famous for its elephants, and a great place to view resident wildlife. Lake Malawi is a peaceful inland freshwater sea where it's impossible not to relax on the sandy beaches, while Zanzibar is a cultural melting pot where you can explore the intriguing alleyways of old Stone Town and enjoy the exotic palm-backed beaches.

Included Highlights

Dar Es Salaam, Zanzibar Ferry, Lake Malawi, South Luangwa National Park, *Chobe Overnight Safari, Chobe National Park.

DAY 1: Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar (OPTIONAL) (B)

A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the "Spice Island," where we have the option to spend the next 3 nights. Zanzibar is steeped in history and was one of the major starting points for most East African explorers in their quest for new lands. New passengers may join us to replace those that'll leave us at the end of our excursion to Zanzibar.

PLEASE NOTE: Accommodation and Meals are for your own account whilst on Zanzibar, as it is our experience that passengers prefer to explore the island on their own, and in accordance with their own budget. The Trip Leader joins you and can arrange your accommodation, while meals can be enjoyed from a wide selection of restaurants. There are also a wide variety of optional excursions on offer – please see the price guide on the end of this document for more details.

For those not opting to visit the island of Zanzibar, the next 3 days are spent at leisure at the beach campsite in Dar es Salaam. There are various optional excursions available from the camp including diving, snorkelling and fishing trips. The driver and cook remain behind in Dar es Salaam during the excursion.

DAYS 2 & 3: Zanzibar

History aside, Zanzibar offers a wealth of experiences for the visitor. Today the quiet streets of the old Stone Town still retain their Arabic influence, from the Medina-like shops to the palaces of the Sultans, who founded their vast empires on the spoils of the slave and ivory trade. The island is famous for its spices and an excursion around a spice plantation is always a fascinating experience. Other options include a trip to the beautiful beaches and giant tortoises of Prison Island, a full day scuba dive in Nungwe or a fishing trip in a traditional dhow. Mopeds are available for hire if you'd like to explore the more remote areas of the island. Zanzibar is a seafood lover's paradise. Numerous restaurants offer a great variety of the freshest catch from the ocean - crayfish being a popular speciality. Alternatively, mingle with the locals for dinner at the Forodhani Gardens seafront market, where delicious, inexpensive seafood is on offer.

DAY 4: Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam (D)

Leaving Zanzibar in the afternoon, we return to the mainland and another night in Dar es Salaam. Arrival back to camp is usually in the late afternoon, or early evening.

DAY 5: Dar es Salaam to Iringa (B / L / D)

This morning we leave Dar es Salaam and head south. We pass through the Mikumi National Park where it is possible to view a range of wildlife from the roadside, totally impervious to the passing traffic. We travel towards Iringa where we spend the night in a beautiful rustic campsite famous for its Amarula Hot Chocolates and its steamy showers!

DAYS 6 to 8: Iringa to Lake Malawi (Malawi) (B / L / D)

Winding our way 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 travel the length of the western side of the lake, stopping off at various bays and inlets over the next 3 days.

Spend the days learning the game of bao from the locals, scour the markets for a bargain or simply relax on the pristine beaches. 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 and school (see pricing guide at the end of this document).

DAY 9: Lake Malawi to Chipata (Zambia) (B / L / D)

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.

DAY 10: Chipata to Luangwa National Park (B / L / D)

This breath taking park is situated on the Luangwa River in the Eastern part of Zambia, and it is the southernmost of three national parks in this region. South Luangwa was founded in 1938 as a game reserve, 1972 was the year it was declared as a national park, and today it covers over 9000 kilometres squared. Animals such as Giraffe, buffalo and Elephants can be found in abundance. The Luangwa river is home to many a hippo and croc.

Day 11: Luangwa National Park to Eastern Zambia (B/L/D)

Today we depart this amazing National Park and make our way down south. 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. After the fall of the copper industry, the country was left virtually bankrupt and existing infrastructure was left to fall to ruin. Due to foreign investment and a rise in the mining industry, Zambia is today once again starting to prosper.

DAY 12: Eastern Zambia to Livingstone (B / L / D)

Heading further south, we journey through the southern Zambian towns mostly supporting local agriculture and farming on our way to Livingstone. The Victoria Falls or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders) is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and it's not difficult to see why. 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! The Falls can be viewed from the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia - a fantastic photo opportunity. Tonight we have the option of enjoying a sunset dinner cruise on the mighty Zambezi.

DAY 13: Livingstone to Chobe National Park (Botswana) (B / L / D)

We leave Zambia and cross the border into Botswana at the Kazangula Ferry. Once we've completed the border formalities, we continue to the town of Kasane, situated on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia and is the main water source to the Chobe National Park. After lunch, we have time at leisure to relax. In the afternoon, we leave for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife. 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! After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before packing up the camp and heading back to Kasane.

DAY 14: Chobe National Park to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (Brunch)

Once returning to camp, we get back on our truck and continue to the border of Zimbabwe. Once we've completed border formalities, we have a short drive to the nearby Victoria Falls. Named after the famous World Heritage site and Water Falls, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park. Our campsite is conveniently situated in the centre of town, and within walking distance of the adventure booking agents, restaurants and shops. A 20 minute walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-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), the afternoon is spent relaxing at the campsite's swimming pool, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town!

DAY 15: Victoria Falls (B)

After breakfast, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime! We suggest booking additional days after your trip to take advantage of the optional excursions available at Victoria Falls.

OPTIONAL Excursions include elephant back safaris, horseback safaris, walking with lions, a visit to the crocodile ranch, boat cruises and golf at The Elephant Hills Resort. Adrenalin junkies can bungee from the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia or abseil down the Batoka Gorge - neither activity is for the faint hearted! All year round, flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra light aircraft or helicopters provide an aerial perspective over this magnificent World Heritage Site. White water rafting on the Zambezi is world class. Beside the excitement of the Grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats," where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and the occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.

What's not included?

Flights, Airport departure taxes departure transfer, visas, meals unless otherwise stated, travel insurance, laundry, personal items & tips.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Below is a **selection** of Optional Excursions available on this trip.

- where activities occur away from your base, there may be an additional transfer cost.

| Zanzibar: | |
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| Transfer to Nungwe | 20 US\$ |
| Zanzibar Accommodation | From 40 US\$ - 60 US\$ per day |
| Spice Tour including lunch | 40 US\$ |
| Prison Island Snorkeling Trip | 30 US\$ |
| Diving, Snorkeling & Fishing | From 40US\$ |
| Dhow Sunset Cruise | 40 US\$ |
| Motorbike/ Car Hire | From 60 US\$ - 80 US\$ +local drivers license / insurance at 5 US\$ |
| MALAWI: | |
| Freshwater Diving at Kande Beach | 55US\$ (Additional dives 30 US\$ each) |
| Horse Riding at Kande Beach 2Hr / 3Hr (Bush, Beach & Swim) | 70 US\$ / 100 US\$ |
| Village Walk & Meal at Kande Beach | 20 US\$ |
| Traditional Healer Visit | 10 US\$ |
| Livingstonia Mission Hike - 30km return | 10 US\$ |
| Carving Lessons & Local Fishing. | *Price to be negotiated on arrival |
| ZIMBABWE: | |
| Please ensure that you pay for activities in Victoria Falls with Cash | |
| Victoria Falls National Park Entry (viewing the Falls) | 35 US\$ |
| Trip T-Shirt | 30 US\$ |
| VICTORIA FALLS: | |
| White Water Rafting-Full Day | 140 US\$ |
| River Boarding combo Raft & Board | 180 US\$ |
| Bungee Jump (111m) | 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\$ |

*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.

***Please note that all activities in Victoria Falls must be paid for in US\$ cash

The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with us. Please feel free to email us at feedback@africatravelco.com with your trip comments, or post a review on Facebook, Twitter or Tripreview.com.

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