Gorillas, East Africa & Zanzibar from USD $5890

Experience East Africa in style with this small group safari featuring the Gorillas, East Africa and the spice island of Zanzibar. We’ll visit East Africa’s major sights and parks including the Masai Mara, the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Manyara. Cap it off with the crystal blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Duration: 18 Days

Departure City: Zanzibar

Activities and Interest: Beach & Relaxation, Gorillas, Migration, Romantic, Trekking, Wildlife

Countries: Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya

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Price Includes:

Accommodation as indicated, meals as indicated, game drives as indicated, park fees, transportation on tour, bottled water, airport transfers, professional guides.

Price Excludes:

International airfare, visas if required, travel insurance, tips, drinks, flight Kigali - Nairobi, optional activities, items of a personal nature.

Itinerary

**Day 1 : Kigali**

On arrival at Kigali Airport you will be met and transferred to the Kigali Ubumwe Grande Hotel for your overnight rest.

**Accommodation** Ubumwe Grande Hotel

**Meal Basis** Bed And Breakfast

**Day 2 : Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**

This morning you will be briefed by your guide before we depart for the Uganda border to complete border formalities. A short drive to our first activity, the Batwa Trail, a cultural experience that offers a glimpse of the traditional life of the Batwa (pygmies) who were forest dwellers. The activity introduces travelers to Batwa life comprised of hunting, fruit gathering, collecting honey and performing of rituals.
in the caves within the forest. The Batwa lived in harmony with forest animals including the mountain gorillas for over 500,000 years. They are the main beneficiaries of the activity. Continue to check in to our lodge in the Bwindi area for check in, dinner and overnight rest.

**Accommodation** Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge

**Meal Basis** Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

### Day 3 : Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Today you set off on your Uganda gorilla tracking adventure in the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – home to half of the world’s total mountain gorilla population. While trekking through the dense forest you’ll have the opportunity to view the mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. Looking deep into the expressive brown eyes of the Gentle Giants of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park surely is the most exciting and poignant wildlife encounter that Africa has to offer. After this captivating and unforgettable experience you will head back to your lodge for some relaxation.

**Accommodation** Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge

**Meal Basis** Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

### Day 4 : Nairobi

We depart this morning to return back across the Rwandan border and on to Kigali where a tour will be undertaken the Genocide Memorial site, a grim reminder of a senseless massacre of innocent’s lives in 1994. Learn about Rwanda’s history from pre-colonial times to the 1994 genocide and how Rwanda has dealt with that past. The recovery has been incredible, a testament to humankind’s resilience. After a visit we continue to the airport for your flight to Nairobi (cost of flight not included). Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

**Accommodation** The Boma Hotel

**Meal Basis** Bed And Breakfast

### Day 5 : Masai Mara

Depart Nairobi after breakfast and drive to the Masai Mara National Reserve offering wonderful scenery and plenty of game. It is perhaps the only region left in Kenya where the visitor may see animals in the same super-abundance as existed a century ago. Settle in to the Entim Mara Camp for the next three nights that offers twelve luxury tents close to the Mara River. Entim was designed with a purpose in mind; to be in the best possible location to view the wildebeest migration. For a few months of the year the migration is on our doorstep on the Mara river. After lunch enjoy your first game drive in the Mara. Returning to the camp, enjoy some relaxation on your private veranda, sundowners and dinner in the central dining area.

**Accommodation** Entim Camp

**Meal Basis** Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

### Day 6 : Masai Mara

Spend the day on safari in the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives. The plains around the camp are filled with an extraordinary concentration of wildlife, from plains game to large herds of elephant and buffalo – and, of course, predators. You may wish to book an optional Mara Balloon Safari (cost extra).

**Accommodation** Entim Camp

**Meal Basis** Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

### Day 7 : Masai Mara

Depart again for a day of game drives in the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives. In the months of July - October you may be lucky to catch the ‘Great Migration’. The camp is situated right on the Mara River. It is these mighty rivers that are the greatest obstacles for the hundreds of thousands of wildebeest on their journey north. The currents are strong, the banks are steep and thousands perish in the jaws of massive Nile crocodiles. Crossings are spectacular and frenetic, and provide thrilling game viewing either from a vehicle or when simply relaxing in camp, watching from your own tent.
Day 8: Serengeti

After breakfast transfer to Ol Kiombo airstrip for a short 30 minute morning flight to Migori Airstrip where upon arrival you road transfer across the border for immigration procedures into Tanzania. Continue to Tarime airstrip for a 30 min flight to the Serengeti. Met on arrival by your Tanzanian guide and proceed for check in to Mbuzi Mawe Tented Camp for the next three nights. Enjoy lunch followed by your first game drive in the world-renowned Serengeti.

Accommodation Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 9: Serengeti

You will enjoy a full day of game drives in the Serengeti today either with morning and afternoon excursions or a full day exploring the reaches of the Seronera area, the most wildlife-rich region of the Serengeti. Whilst the annual migration is the Serengeti’s most famous attraction, the park is also renowned for its wealth of lion, cheetah, zebra, giraffe, Thomson’s and Grant’s gazelle, eland, impala, klipspringer, hippo and warthog.

Accommodation Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 10: Serengeti

Spend all day on safari in the reserve with morning and afternoon game drives. The Serengeti is one of the most densely populated wildlife arenas anywhere on earth. You also have the option of doing a memorable morning Hot Air Balloon Safari at an additional cost.

Accommodation Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 11: Karatu

After breakfast depart with game drive en route through the Serengeti to the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area. We will stop for a visit to the world-famous Olduvai Gorge Palaeolithic site and reputed ‘Cradle of Mankind’. This afternoon you will visit a traditional Masai homestead to gain insight into their life and customs. Continue to check into the elegant Acacia Farm Lodge located in the Karatu area set on a coffee plantation.

Accommodation Acacia Farm Lodge

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 12: Lake Manyara National Park

Rise early with a packed breakfast to descend for half day game drive in the crater. Often referred to as ‘the eighth wonder of the world’ the Ngorongoro Crater is one of Africa’s best-known wildlife arenas. The Ngorongoro Crater is one of the largest volcanic craters in the world covering a total area of 264 square kilometres. An utterly unique biosphere, the Crater harbours grasslands, swamps, forests, salt pans, a fresh water lake and a glorious variety of birdlife, all enclosed within its towering walls. It boasts a high concentration of wildlife with exceptionally close range viewing opportunities. Leaving the crater behind, we will continue to the visit our local school project, Simba Milima Primary School where you will have the opportunity to learn about the school and interact with the students. After this experience continue to check in to the Escarpment Luxury Lodge for a late lunch and much needed rest.

Accommodation Escarpment Luxury Lodge

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 13: Stone Town
Depart the camp this morning for a game drive at Lake Manyara. Stretching for 50km along the base of the rusty-gold 600m high Rift Valley Escarpment, Lake Manyara is a scenic gem with a setting extolled by Ernest Hemingway as “the loveliest I had seen in Africa”. Continue to check in for your flight from Manyara airstrip to Zanzibar. On arrival in Zanzibar you will be met and taken to your historic hotel in Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage City.

**Accommodation** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Stone Town

**Meal Basis** Bed And Breakfast

### Day 14 - 17: Zanzibar

Today you will enjoy a tour of the backstreets of Stone Town, a wonderful introduction of Zanzibar that gives you the feeling of the rich cultural heritage. Magnificent architecture, narrow alleys, sand and stone ancient built houses where some of them are over 200 Years old that have Arab/Indian carved wooden doors. We begin this tour at the main City market which was opened in 1904, where tropical fruits, vegetables, spices and fresh fish from the island are sold. Our next stop will be at the Anglican Church of Christ built by Bishop Steers in 1873 on the site where slaves were being auctioned. Other highlights include the Sultan’s Palace, House of Wonders, The Africa House, Jamituri Gardens and a visit to the Old Fort. After this experience transfer to KonoKono Beach Resort for the next four nights. Konokono Zanzibar Beach Resort is located on the Michamvi Peninsula, on the South East Coast of Zanzibar – one of the most authentic and secluded places on the island – and overlooks the wonderful Chwaka Bay. Several kilometres of white pristine beach face Konokono. The resort is a quiet paradise offering privacy and tranquility in the heart of nature. In this quiet surrounding you will find all the modern luxuries such as a beach bar, restaurant, pool and spa which were designed with your comfort in mind. Perched on top of a cliff, the restaurant offers a panoramic view of Michamvi bay. Guests will enjoy splendid cocktails and dinners while viewing sunsets, or star-filled nights. The 900-m2 restaurant offers the guest a unique culinary experience which matches its location and the menu, a fusion of local and international flavours, is conceived to satisfy all sensory needs. The attentive service offered by our staff will meet all your standards of what is expected of 5-star service. The pool at Konokono Zanzibar Beach Resort is an oasis of relaxation. The white and blue hues of the pool mirror the colors of the sea and its vast white beach stretching several kilometers. Guests can enjoy long private walks along the beach surrounded by lush forests. At the end of the day beautiful sunsets will provide the perfect setting for sundowners. With its huge white pristine beach, Konokono Zanzibar Beach Resort is the ideal place to indulge in rest and regeneration. The resort's unique and exclusive atmosphere is present also in the Infinity pool, overlooking the magnificent Chwaka Bay.

**Accommodation** Konokono Beach Resort

**Meal Basis** Breakfast & Dinner

### Departure Day

Today in time for your flight you will be transferred to the airport. Extra Nights and Room Upgrades at Zanzibar available on request.

**Meal Basis** None

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