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AFRICAN GENESIS

NAIROBI to HARARE
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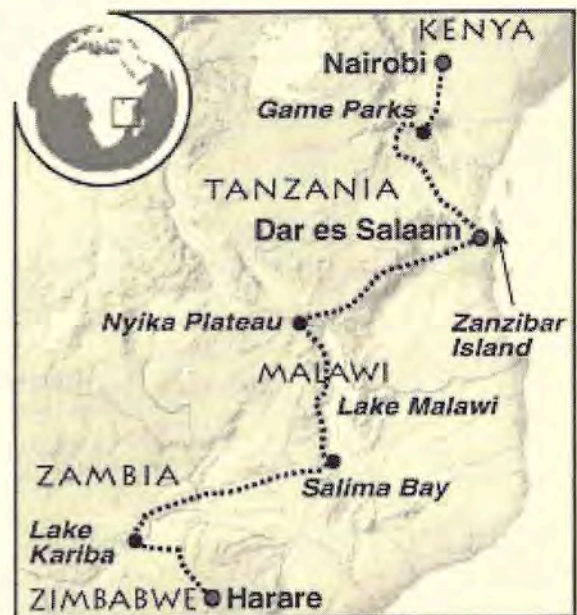
HARARE to NAIROBI
28 Days
4,000 kms (approx)

**Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi,
Zambia, Zimbabwe.**

Itinerary Guideline

NAIROBI to HARARE

- Day 1:** Nairobi to Tanzania & Arusha at foot of Mt Meru
- Day 2:** In Arusha (markets, local crafts), to Lake Manyara.
- Day 3:** In Lake Manyara National Park.
- Day 4:** (Ngorongoro Crater option), Mto Wa Mbu village & Masai market.
- Days 5-7: (Nov-March only:** Also to Tarangire National Park). Upland villages & plateau country of the Masai Steppe to Indian Ocean & Dar es Salaam.
- Days 8-10:** In Dar es Salaam: Kunduchi Beach, old city & harbour (optional visit by hydrofoil to Zanzibar island, approx. US\$ 60).
- Days 11-12:** The bush & hills of southern Tanzania to Mbeya, & Karonga on Lake Malawi
- Day 13:** Shores of Lake Malawi to Nyika Highlands.
- Day 14:** In Nyika National Park & foot trails.



- Day 15:** Highlands to Nkhata Bay on Lake Malawi.
- Day 16:** At Nkhata Bay.
- Day 17:** Shores of Lake Malawi to Salima Bay.
- Day 18:** At Salima Bay.
- Day 19:** To Lilongwe & into Zambia.
- Days 20 & 21:** Drive to South Luangwa National Park & stay 2 nights. **(April-Oct only:** Truck & foot safaris in Luangwa Valley National Park with local guide).
- Day 22:** To Chipata.
- Day 23:** To Lusaka.
- Day 24:** In Lusaka, to the Zambezi River & Kariba in Zimbabwe.
- Days 25 & 26:** House boats on Lake Kariba.
- Day 27:** To Harare.
- Day 28:** Harare. End of arrangements.

HARARE to NAIROBI

- Day 1:** In Harare.
- Day 2:** To the Zambezi & Kariba.
- Days 3 & 4:** House boats on Lake Kariba.
- Day 5:** To Zambia & to Lusaka.
- Days 6 & 7:** Drive via Chipata to South Luangwa National Park.
- Days 8 & 9: (April-Oct only:** Truck & foot safaris in Luangwa Valley National Park).
- Day 10:** To Lilongwe & Salima Bay on Lake Malawi.
- Day 11:** Salima Bay.
- Day 12:** Shores of Lake Malawi to Nkhata Bay.
- Day 13:** To Nyika Highlands.
- Day 14:** Nyika National Park & foot trails.
- Day 15:** Shores of Lake Malawi to Karonga.
- Days 16-18:** To Mbeya, the bush & hills of southern Tanzania to the Indian Ocean & Dar es Salaam.
- Days 19 & 20:** In Dar es Salaam: Kunduchi Beach, old city & harbour (optional visit by hydrofoil to Zanzibar island, approx. US\$ 60).
- Days 21-23:** Upland villages & plateau country of the Masai Steppe to Arusha at foot of Mt Meru.
- Day 24:** In Arusha (markets, local crafts), to Lake Manyara.
- Days 25 & 26:** Lake Manyara National Park. (Nov-March only: also to Tarangire National Park).
- Day 27:** (Ngorongoro Crater option), Mto Wa Mbu village & Masai market.
- Day 28:** To Kenya & Nairobi, evening arrival, end arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE:

The above is intended as a guide only and to indicate a typical itinerary and its highlights. While our intention is to adhere to this, it should be understood that group interests and wishes together with the constraints of weather, road conditions and local restrictions can alter our exact route, its activities and timings.

Highlights & Route

TANZANIA

Lake Manyara is one of a chain of lakes in the Great Rift Valley - stretching through Africa from Lake Malawi to Ethiopia. It is the escarpments & shores of Lake Manyara National Park that attract flamingos and flocks of aquatic birds; hippos,

giraffe, antelope & baboons. There are close-up meetings with elephant, and sightings of the famous lions of Manyara - who have long adapted to climbing trees during the heat of the day to avoid ground level tsetse flies. (Optional excursion by landrover & local guides from Karatu to Ngorongoro Crater - magnificent concentrations of wildlife within the natural sanctuary of the 16 km wide crater floor. Approx US\$ 60). Village market of Mto Wa Mbu - fabrics, carvings & Masai handicrafts. (November-March only: the season when rains frequently close Luangwa Valley a National Park in Zambia. We instead spend time in Tarangire National Park on the animal migration routes from the Masai Steppe to Manyara & the Serengeti). To the Indian Ocean & Dar es Salaam, time to relax on Kunduchi Beach or sail to Zanzibar (daily hydrofoil service, approx. US\$ 60).

MALAWI

Nyika National Park is at 2,000m in the cool highlands above Lake Malawi. There are no lion or elephant in these open grasses & moorlands scattered with pine plantations, and walking is allowed anywhere in the park. Trails lead to unobtrusive contact with grazing zebra & antelope herds - eland, reedbuck & warthog, and good chances of spotting a leopard. Lake Malawi is 580 kms long. Backed by the high escarpment, its beautiful shoreline is dotted with small fishing communities & long beaches like Nkhata & Salima Bays.

ZAMBIA

(April-October only: Luangwa Valley National Park is another of the few reserves in Africa to still allow safaris on foot. Its thorn scrub & forests beside a tributary of the Zambezi support over a hundred species of mammals. All the great game species are here and stalking them at ground level is a different & thrilling outlook on Africa's wildlife). To the capital, Lusaka.

ZIMBABWE

To the Zambezi & Lake Kariba. In houseboats slowly across the waters of the lake. Tiger-fish, crocodile, elephants & animal life along the banks & islands. To Harare - exciting capital & heart of the nation.

GAME PARKS & RESERVES

Time spent in the major wildlife reserves and included in the project cost is usually Lake Manyara (1 day), Nyika (1 day), Tarangire (**Nov-March only**: 1 day) or Luangwa Valley (1 day/2 nights: **April-Oct only**).

GROUP SIZE

21 max. including Encounter staff. Local guides will be employed at certain places of interest where their knowledge is advantageous to our visit.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

An easier project with no significant physical demands other than the camping/nomadic lifestyle.

THE LOCAL PAYMENT (as in the brochure)

This is the payment made to the Project Leader at the point of departure. This payment must be made paid in US\$ dollars, either in cash notes or recognised Travellers Cheques. This payment completes the total inclusive price of the project. This amount will be utilised by the project Leader to cover a proportion but not all of the 'on the ground' running costs of this project. There are no hidden extra payments.

INCLUDED IN THE COST

All transport, food, camping equipment & supplies, local guides, camping fees, entrance fees to National Parks as stated above from published starting date of project until Day 28 in Harare or Nairobi. There are no kitties or similar en route payment funds.

COST DOES NOT COVER

Flights to/from Nairobi/Harare, transfers to/from airport & airport taxes, vaccinations, visas, personal insurance, laundry, snacks, drinks, occasional lunches in major centres (minimal cost), personal clothing/equipment & items of a personal nature. Some individual entry fees, parks, museums & sites not stated above under Game Parks & Reserves (minimal cost), and any individual options noted in Highlights and Route (cost as noted). Accommodation and meals in Nairobi/Harare before/after expedition.

EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

Encounter truck equipment including 2 person tents, campbeds, kitchen/dining tent, tables &

stools, light, cooking equipment & utensils, mosquito nets, first aid kit etc.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

A warm sleeping bag, a medium sized bag or backpack and a daypack. Personal clothing and strong footwear, water bottle, personal medicines & toiletries etc. No specialised clothing or equipment is necessary. You probably already have most of what is needed. A complete suggested clothing list is included in our pre-departure information. Most airlines flying in/out of Africa impose a 20 kg baggage limit.

TRANSPORT

Encounter 4 WD expedition truck; on foot Nyika Highlands & Luangwa valley (**April-Oct only**: Day hike), houseboats on Lake Kariba.

ACCOMMODATION

Houseboats on Lake Kariba (2 nights). Otherwise camping throughout. Campground facilities in cities & main centres, otherwise open 'bush' camping with no facilities other than standard Encounter truck equipment. Your involvement is needed in camp set-up, domestic & day to day routines etc. (Accommodation on night 28 in Harare or Nairobi is not included).

MEALS, COOKING & FOOD

Camp cooked breakfast & evening meals, picnic lunches. Fresh vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, bread, cereals, cheese, preserves etc, supplemented by local & imported canned & dried goods in areas where no fresh supplies available. Group members involved in daily fresh food shopping & cooking. In larger towns where a day is spent in individual sightseeing or activities away from the truck, lunch will sometimes be at your own expense. The cost of these occasional lunches is minimal. (Lunch & evening meals on Day 28 in Harare/evening meal on Day 28 in Nairobi are not included).

PASSPORTS & VISAS

You will need a passport that is valid for not less than **6 months** after the end of the project, and which contains not less than **6 blank pages**. Visa requirements and costs vary according to your nationality, and are subject to change. Encounter or your agent can advise you of all the up to date visa requirements applicable to you, and their

costs. We can also help you in obtaining any visas you may require before departure.

INSURANCE

You must have personal Travel Insurance to cover Adventure Travel and it must cover all the aspects described on page 60 of the brochure. Please bring a copy of your policy with you to the pre-departure meeting. If your policy does not cover this minimum level then Encounter will not accept responsibility for the consequences.

MEDICAL & VACCINATIONS

All vaccination requirements and medical recommendations are detailed in the pre-departure information pack at the time of booking.

PERSONAL SPENDING MONEY

You should budget approx. **US\$ 110 per week** to cover personal day to day expenditure en route - drinks, snacks, occasional lunches in main centres, laundry, optional activities, some individual museum entry fees & some souvenirs en route. You should budget an additional **\$40 per day** that you spend in Nairobi or Harare before and after the project to cover hotel, meals & incidentals. Ethnic crafts and similar souvenirs can be attractive and tempting in Africa. (Ebony & hardwood carvings, bracelets & jewellery, baskets, weaving & pottery). Other than the above, there are no hidden expenses, funds or kitties to surprise your spending money in Africa. **Optional activities:** Approx US\$ 60 for the Ngorongoro Crater & approx. US\$ 60 for the Hydrofoil to Zanzibar Island.

ARRIVING AT START OF THE PROJECT

We recommend that you arrive in Nairobi or Harare a day before departure date to allow yourself time to acclimatise and get over intercontinental flights. **From Nairobi:** There will be a pre-departure meeting at our Nairobi hotel at 1700 hrs on the evening before Day 1. This meeting is also the latest arrival time. **From Harare:** There will be an informal pre-departure meeting at our Harare Hotel at 0900 hrs on the morning of Day 1.

Nairobi & Harare are both interesting cities. (In Nairobi: National Museum, Nairobi National Park, Karen Blixen's house, Snake Park & Railway Museum, Bomas of Kenya - traditional dance & songs, shopping along Kenyatta Avenue

& city market). (In Harare: Museums, National Gallery - masks, carvings & African artefacts, Shona sculpture at Chapungu Kraal, nightlife & contemporary southern African music, Larvon Bird Gardens/Lion & Cheetah park 30 kms from city). Reservations at the Nairobi and Harare hotels before departure may be made through Encounter, with payment by you directly to hotel on arrival.

LEAVING AT END OF PROJECT

In Harare: Arrangements end in Harare after breakfast on Day 28. Any flight connections home could be made this same day.

In Nairobi: Arrangements end on arrival at our Nairobi hotel on the evening of Day 28. You should not make any homeward flight arrangements for this same day. Any flight connections from Nairobi could be made the following day.

COMBINATIONS & CONNECTING PROJECTS

'African Genesis' connects in Harare with the 'Southern Cross of Africa' (Harare - Capetown or v.v.) which travels to Victoria Falls, the undeveloped game reserves of Botswana & Namibia, the Okavango Delta, Kalahari Desert & the Skeleton Coast wilderness. Put together these two projects form 'The Safari South' (Nairobi - Capetown or v.v.) It can also be combined with "The Roots of Southern Africa" (28 days) that travels an alternative route via Mozambique into South Africa also visiting Swaziland, Lesotho & the Garden Route to Cape Town. On Nairobi departures you may therefore be travelling with some group members who are continuing their travels in southern Africa. And on Harare departures you may be joining some group members who have already been travelling for 5 weeks from Cape Town.

CLIMBING MT KILIMANJARO (MKC)

The walking climb of Kilimanjaro 5,894m is a challenging but very worthwhile experience not to be missed if you are fit, in the area, and have the inclination & time! The climb, including hotel in Moshi at start and end, takes 7 days / 6 nights. A further travelling day should be allowed at each end to get between Nairobi & Moshi, just across the border in Tanzania at the base of the mountain.

The cost of the climb including all government, hut, & entry fees, guide, porters, food, hotel & meals before & after the climb is approximately US\$ 650 - 750. This is payable direct to the climb operators in Moshi or Nairobi on your arrival. The climb may be started on any day of the week. If you like, Encounter can make a confirmed reservation for you. (There is a reservation charge by Encounter of US\$ 50 for this). In the peak periods of **July - September and December - January** reservations are usually necessary as only a limited number of people at a time are allowed on the mountain. If you think you might be interested, ask for our information dossier on Climbing Kilimanjaro (MKC).

INTERESTING READING

Something of Value (Robert Ruark), Venture to the Interior (Laurens Van Der Post), Herd & Spear (Solomon Saibul). A full list of recommended reading & titles - in novels, guidebooks, animal field guides, history and maps is given in our pre-departure information.

OTHER COSTS/EXPENSES

Local Payment

Return flights.....

Visas.....

Vaccinations.....

Insurance.....

Personal spending money.....

Total _____

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