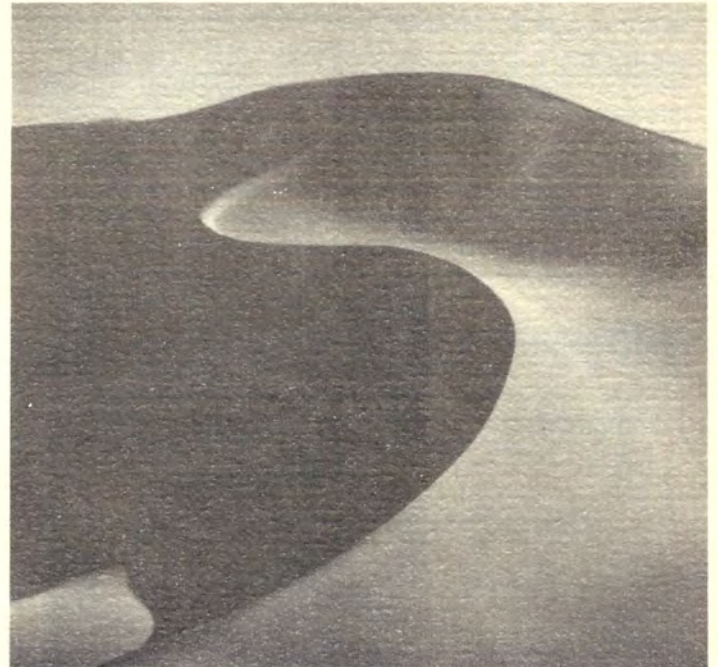


TRANS AFRICAN EXPEDITION

OVERLAND ACROSS AFRICA

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Africa

Across Africa by Expedition Vehicle

London to Johannesburg 112 Days Camping

Countries Visited: France, Spain, Morocco, Algeria, Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Central African Empire, Zaire, Rwanda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia, Botswana and South Africa.

An overland expedition through the heart of Africa is still one of the most exciting prospects for the truly adventurous traveller. Even today, despite the slow but inevitable spread of civilization, such a journey remains a challenging venture.

Our 3-month, 9000 mile expedition is a safari in the true sense of the word. We travel by powerful, specially equipped, expedition truck, and camp each night at "wherever the day takes us." Everyone joins in, from assisting with setting up camp to planning the daily travel route. It is hardly a luxury trip and there will be a fair amount of discomfort from heat, dust and muddy tracks. However, the rewards of the journey will far outweigh any hardships you may encounter.

The desolate landscapes of the Sahara; the tropical forests of Zaire; primitive native peoples; the fabulous wild life parks of Kenya and Tanzania; and the fabulous lights and nightlife of Johannesburg, South Africa; are all part and parcel of crossing this vast continent. We guarantee a stimulating, once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

The Expedition in Brief...

FRANCE and SPAIN: Travelling through France and Spain quickly, we use the first few days as a chance for the group to get to know each other and to familiarize themselves with the camping routine and vehicle. Then we cross into the African continent via ferry from Algeciras to Ceuta.

MOROCCO: A beautiful beginning to our trek through Africa, Morocco is still unspoiled by tourism and is very much as nature intended. The mixture of magnificent beaches, awesome high Atlas mountains, and peaceful desert oases make it a most interesting country to visit. During our stay we visit the fabled city of Marrakesh, with its fascinating Muslim medinas and colorful markets.

ALGERIA: Soon we are in the deep Sahara. The word Sahara means emptiness in Arabic and that at first is what it seems to be—three and a half million square miles of it. A land of thirst, with three inches or less of rainfall a year, constantly swept by hot, desiccating winds and by the dreaded Simoon, (dust storms)—this land affords no shelter for man and beast nor hold for vegetation.

It is said that no one leaves the Sahara unchanged, and this is certainly true, if only because of the understanding one gains of the hardships that have to be undergone by those who live there. Indeed, crossing the Sahara is for many the most memorable part of the trek. To sit at a campfire, amidst silver sand dunes, with date palms silhouetted against a full desert moon, is an experience that's difficult to forget. We follow the old caravan routes, still no more than tracks, every now and then meeting other members of the nomadic community to which we now belong. Occasionally we come upon waterholes, the social centers of the desert, where tribesmen come to water their herds of goats and camels. There is a lot of gossip and laughter, as the latest news is exchanged.

NIGER and NIGERIA: The peace and solitude of the Sahara is finally broken by our arrival in Niger. Agades, the capital of the Air Mountains region, is a fascinating desert town and a melting pot of people from all over the desert area. Here Touareg nomads stroll through the narrow streets, carrying flat-bladed swords and iron shields. Berbers sit in the doorways selling their bright striped carpets and pale skinned Moors come to trade all the way from Mauritania.

Ahead of us is Black Africa. We stay briefly in Kano, capital of Northern Nigeria. Once a center of the Slave Trade, today Kano is a bustling market town at the junction of many caravan routes. Thick, red mud walls, crenellated and fortified with weird octagonal towers, enclose the bazaars where tradesmen sit in open-fronted shops selling everything from yams to old tires.

CAMEROON and CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE: We head towards the Cameroon with the expectation of tropical vegetation and admire the beautiful scenery of emerald trees against deep blue skies. We are now entering the high rainfall equatorial forest area of the Central African Empire. We take a welcome break for a few days in Bangui, a town with a strong French influence. It's a



chance to stock up, relax and mail letters home, as well as to dine on French cuisine, instead of our regular camp fare.

At Bangassou we cross the Oubangui River on a ferry which looks as if it has been put together with a few planks and a couple of oil drums.

ZAIRE: The Congo, or Republic of Zaire as it is now known, is still a difficult place for travellers. The roads are rutted, muddy tracks, and it is not unusual for the vehicles to get stuck and need an awful lot of pushing to get moving again! It may take us a day to cover a mere 20 miles, yet it obviously is not practical to leave the tracks, as in places the forest is so dense that it is almost impossible to walk through, let alone drive.

The Pygmies, the smallest race in the world, live in the Ituri Forest east of Isiro. Full grown males average about 4 ft. in height. They are older inhabitants of the Congo than their Bantu neighbors and their life-style has not changed much in centuries; skillful hunters and trackers, they are still armed with bows and arrows and primitive spears.

RWANDA, TANZANIA and KENYA: Rwanda, a mountainous country is often called the "Switzerland of Africa." It has crystal clear lakes and active volcanoes. We travel around Lake Victoria into Tanzania, where we visit some of the best known game parks.

Nowhere in the world is there such a concentration of wildlife. The Serengeti National Park is the most important reservation for plains game in Africa. Within its vast area it has elephant, giraffe, zebra, rhinoceros, wildebeest, buffalo, lion, cheetah, hyena, every sort of antelope, impala and gazelle. It is a truly thrilling experience to see a huge herd of zebra thundering across the plain kicking up great clouds of dust, or to hear a lion roaring just outside our camp in the darkness. From here we head for Nairobi, Kenya's capital and the final destination for those on our 91 day expedition.

ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA and SOUTH AFRICA: Leaving Nairobi behind us, we again head into bush country to Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Manyara, two of the most heavily populated game parks in the world. Then it's on to Dar-Es-Salaam - an exotic city which still shows signs of Arab influence. The African interior speeds by as we approach Lusaka on our way south to the thunder of "Mosi-Y-Tunya" (Victoria Falls). A loose translation of this local name for the falls is "The Smoke that Thunders," and the name can be readily understood when you hear the mighty roar and see clouds of spray cascading hundreds of feet in the air. Crossing the Zambesi River from Zambia brings us into Botswana. And after passing through its capital, Gabarone, we head south again to the beckoning lights and nightlife of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Tour Highlights:

- Crossing of the Hoggar Mountains and the great Sahara Desert
- Visit to the markets of Agades
- Ancient city of Kano
- Mud villages of Northern Cameroons
- Bangui, capital of the Central African Empire
- Tropical rain forests of Zaire
- Exotic wildlife of Tanzania
- Indian Ocean resort of Dar-Es-Salaam
- Spectacular Victoria Falls



Itinerary:

- Days 1 to 4: Depart London. Arrive in France (Calais, Abbeville, Le Mans, Angouleme).
 Days 5 to 9: In Spain (San Sebastian, Madrid, Algeciras).
 Days 10 to 18: In Morocco (Tangier, Rabat, Marrakech, Fez, Oujda).
 Days 19 to 29: In Algeria (Oran, In Salah, Arak, Tamanrasset, In Guezzam).
 Days 30 to 35: In Niger (Assamakka, Agades, Tanout, Zinder).
 Days 36 to 40: In Nigeria (Kano, Potiskum, Maiduguri).
 Days 41 to 46: In Cameroon (Mokolo, Rhumsiki, Garoua, Boulai).
 Days 47 to 52: In Central African Empire (Boali, Bangui).
 Days 53 to 66: In Zaire (Zongo, Gemena, Kisangani, Goma).
 Days 67 to 70: In Rwanda (Gisenyi, Kigali, Rusumo Falls).
 Days 71 to 76: In Tanzania (Biharamulo, Mwanza, Nyahanga).
 Days 77 to 81: In Kenya (Nairobi, Masai Mara).
 Days 82 to 90: In Tanzania (Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Kilimanjaro).
 Days 91 to 95: In Kenya (Nairobi, Mombasa).
 Days 96 to 102: In Tanzania (Tanga, Dar-Es-Salaam).
 Days 103 to 108: In Zambia (Kundalila Falls, Lusaka, Victoria Falls).
 Days 109 to 111: In Botswana (Kazangula, Gaborone).
 Day 112: Arrive in Johannesburg.

Johannesburg-London

30, Jan., 20 Feb.	\$2,460.00
26 Mar., 30 Apr.	\$2,480.00
16 Jul., 20 Aug.	\$2,515.00
24 Sep.	\$2,545.00

London-Johannesburg

9 Feb., 5 April,	\$2,480.00
17 May	\$2,480.00
30 Aug., 27 Sep.	\$2,700.00
18 Oct., 22 Nov.	\$2,775.00

Tour may also be joined in DAR-ES-SALAM

Return Airfare from New York - Low Season \$1,125.00*
 High Season \$1,182.00*

*Plus \$3.00 departure tax.



Tour Details :

LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: Transport by expedition truck and ferries, including road tolls and taxes; use of camping and cooking equipment; services of an expedition leader/driver.

TRANSPORT: Our expedition truck for this particular expedition will tow a trailer for extra supplies and is fitted with forward facing high backed coach seats for extra comfort.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: We camp at accredited campsites in Europe and parts of North Africa. For the remainder of the time we choose our own campsites and rough camp. Included in the tour price are three camp meals daily. Meals are prepared on a communal basis and everyone is expected to share in the work. If you have never camp cooked before do not worry, we will soon teach you.

BAGGAGE: On an expedition of this type it is best to bring a sailor type kit bag or duffle bag, one for your sleeping bag and overnight kit and one for your personal effects. Your total luggage must be able to fit into a locker 2'6" x 1'6" and should not be more than 35 lbs. **RUCKSACKS AND BACKPACKS WILL NOT BE CARRIED AT ANY TIME.**

PHOTOGRAPHY: Be sure to bring an ample supply of film with you. Film is generally very expensive abroad, and in remote areas, may be difficult to obtain.

IMPORTANT: On any long overland journey, breakdowns are apt to occur and these can sometimes cause frustrating delays and moments of discomfort. Furthermore, in some areas in which you may travel, accommodations and toilet facilities may often seem primitive. If you would not be able to accept these moments of inconvenience or discomfort, we advise you to reconsider booking this type of trip.

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL DATES: Due to the nature of these treks all departure dates and arrival dates shown are approximate, but are generally correct to within a few days.

DETAILED INFORMATION: Upon confirmation of your booking, you will receive an information booklet about your journey, including full details on applicable visas, vaccinations and other health requirements, (if any), baggage, suggested reading matter, general travel tips and mailing

Booking Information :

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$150.00 is required at the time of booking. **NO ORDER CAN BE PROCESSED WITHOUT A DEPOSIT.** Full and final payment is required 65 days prior to the tour departure. The tour operator reserves the right to charge a \$10.00 booking fee for last minute reservations. Reservations should be made as much in advance as possible to insure yourself a place on the tour desired.

CANCELLATIONS: Notification of cancellation must be made in writing to Trek Adventures. The following conditions and charges apply to cancellations: The deposit is non-refundable. For cancellations received 65 days or more before the trek departure, all money (except for the initial booking deposit) less the cost of any actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred (i.e. telex, cable charges, etc.) will be refunded. No money can be refunded for cancellations received less than 65 days prior to the start of the trek.

NOTE: We strongly advise all participants to insure themselves against loss of deposit and/or all other non-recoverable monies, following the necessary cancellation of a tour.

PASSENGER TRAVEL INSURANCE: It should be clearly understood that for many countries through which we travel only limited passenger liability insurance is available, or none whatsoever; and therefore, participants may not be covered in the event of injury, death or delay resulting from an accident or other occurrence in connection with tours in these countries. It is therefore compulsory that participants insure themselves against personal injury, illness or death while a member of a tour.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Trek Adventures, a Cortell Group Company, holds itself free of responsibility for any damage occasioned from any cause, in all matters connected with hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by rail, air, bus, truck, boat, foot or any other means.

The usual passage contract used by the tour operator concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the tour operator and the purchase of the tours.

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WHAT IS AND IS NOT INCLUDED: Specific items included in the expedition price are listed under 'Land Tour Price Includes'; your trek price does not include visa fees, insurance, campsite fees, airport taxes, entrance fees to museums etc., laundry and all other items of a personal nature.

EXPEDITION LEADERS AUTHORITY: In all matters concerning the safety of the tour participants and/or the well being of the trek in general, the decisions of the expedition leader and/or representative shall be final. Participants must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and other regulations of the countries visited. Failure to comply with the aforementioned regulations or in any other way contravene the expedition leader's or representatives' authority may result in the offending party being asked to leave the trek.

In the event that a participant is asked to leave the expedition by the expedition leader and/or trek operators' representative, or a participant leaves on his or her own accord, the participant shall be responsible for his or her own maintenance and travel expenses, and shall have no claim of refund for monies paid nor any other liability against the expedition operator and/or its agents.

DOCUMENTS: A valid passport and visas are required. Visa information and vaccination requirements will be forwarded upon receipt of deposit. Visas can be obtained through Trek Adventures, however, there is a charge for this service and Trek Adventures cannot be held responsible for the non issuance of a visa for whatever cause.

TREK OPERATOR: This expedition is operated in conjunction with Encounter Overland Ltd., London who is a party to all general conditions stated herein.

AIRFARE INFORMATION: Any applicable airfare may be used in conjunction with this expedition. As airfares are likely to change during the life of this brochure we show a sample airfare only. Airfares from other points in the U.S.A. can be supplied upon request.

The tour operators and/or their agents will not be responsible for any damage or expense or inconvenience caused by late trains or departures or change of schedule or strikes or other conditions; nor will we be responsible for the loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings. The tour operators reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour at any time before or during the actual tour.

All prices quoted in this brochure are based on the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar, tariffs and costs in effect at the time of publication, Sep. 1, 1979, and are subject to change should there be any revision in such exchange rate, tariffs and/or costs prior to departure date of the tour. The standard day by day itineraries shown in this brochure are planned by this time, but are subject to minor revisions should circumstances make such changes necessary.

All arrangements for land accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operators and/or their agents; all arrangements for transatlantic transportation are made by various steamship and airlines shown, which companies are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event after the passenger has disembarked from the ship or plane. The usual passage contract used by the steamship or airline, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between such steamship or airline and the purchaser of these tour and/or of the passengers.

Baggage and personal effects are at owners risk throughout the tour unless insured.

MY TRAVEL AGENT IS:

Reservation Form :

Please fill out this form and forward it to Trek Adventures. One form is to be completed for each participant (form may be photocopied for additional members of a party).

To Trek Adventures

Please make a reservation for the following trek:

Trek Name _____

Trek Reference No. _____ Departure Date _____

Enclosed is my deposit of \$150.00; the balance to be paid as per booking requirements.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I first heard of Trek Adventures through

an advertisement; my travel agent; Other: _____

I understand and accept all of the general and specific conditions applying to the tour that I wish to take.