

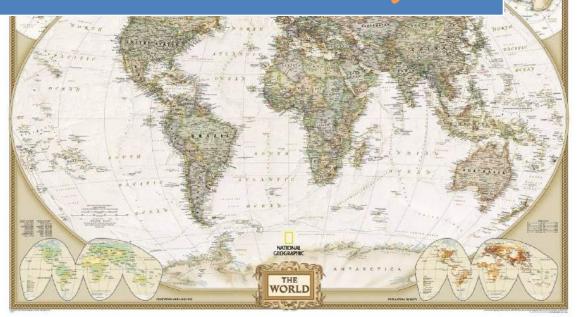
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Around the World in 80 trips

#53. Tanzania & Southeast Africa











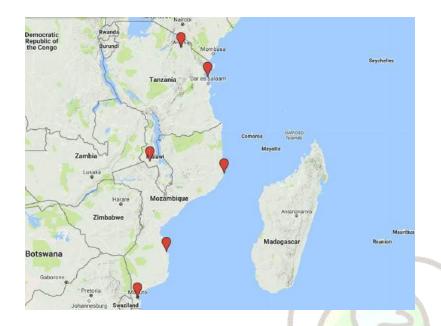




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TANZANIA & SOUTHEAST AFRICA (11+ days, 2000€+)

Tanzania 7-11, Zanzibar 3-6, Malawi/East Zambia 3-9, Mozambique 3-8



Top Highlights

Tanzania is the best place for the **ultimate African Safari**, with abundant wildlife, primeval tribes, relaxing white beaches, and charming Arab trading posts.

- ✓ African plains safari
- ✓ Stone Town alleys
- ✓ Indian Ocean shores





Average cultural difference or physical strain (rare exotic travels)



Summer

INTRODUCTION

Tanzania is arguably the capital of African safaris, full of exciting names like iconic Serengeti or Ngoro Ngoro, that capture the imagination conjuring images right after National Geographic's wildest programmes. Here you can check all of Africa's "Big Five", follow the wildebeests' Great Migration, walk on the footsteps of some of our earliest humanoid ancestors, stay among primeval local tribes, and climb the slopes of the mighty Kilimanjaro, the "Rooftop of Africa". Afterwards, just a short flight away, you can relax and unwind on tropical white sanded beaches, explore the enchanting alleyways and spice farms of Zanzibar and other Swahili trading posts, or discover the laid back pace of Malawi around its enormous lake. Regarding UNESCO Heritage sites, there are numerous National Parks in Tanzania, like Serengeti, Ngoro Ngoro or Kilimanjaro, the lake Malawi, some rock art areas, and the exquisite architecture of the trading posts of Stone Town and Island of Mozambique.

TOP HIGHLIGHTS

African plains safari: Hop on a sturdy 4x4 and explore the abundant wildlife of the African savannah, spending the night from adventurous tented camps to pampering luxury lodges.

Stone Town alleys: Zanzibar was the key trading post between Arab merchants and African Swahili people, still capturing the best of both worlds in a unique and enchanting mix.

Indian Ocean shores: The white sanded beach shores beckon you to relax, sail on a traditional dhow, explore islands of breathtaking beauty, and snorkel in colourful coral reefs.

ULTIMATE SOUVENIR: Maasai handicrafts

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MAIN DESTINATION: **Tanzania** (7-11 days), **Zanzibar** (3-6 days)

EXTENSIONS: Malawi/East Zambia (3-9 days), Mozambique (3-8 days)

FULL LENGTH: **34 days** (full programme)

INDICATIVE COST: **4695€** (full programme, +975€ international flights)

THEMES: Wildlife, Beach, Adventure, Tribal

DIFFICULTY: 3

IDEAL SEASON: Summer (15/06-15/09)

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

→ Spot far more **wildlife** than you can imagine, elephants, rhinos, hippos, giraffes and more

- → See lions, leopards, cheetahs and other **predators** in action in the endless African plains
- → Follow on the hoofsteps of the **Great Migration** alongside 2 million wildebeests
- → Walk in the ancestral footsteps of the very first **hominids** in Olduvai Gorge
- → Spend the night among the **local tribes**, and join them in their early morning bush hunt
- → Hike the slopes of the "Rooftop of Africa", the legendary Mount Kilimanjaro
- → Wander the **enchanting alleyways** of ancient Arab-Swahili trading ports
- → Watch the sun setting from tropical Indian Ocean white sanded beaches
- → Sail on a traditional dhow among idyllic islands, and snorkel in colourful **coral reefs**
- → Discover a laid back rhythm of life on the blue water shores of **Lake Malawi**

ESTIMATED COMBO PRICES*

*per person, assuming double/twin rooms, 6 people on safari tours, 4 people per rental car, exchange rate 1€=1.08\$

- → Tanzania 11 days **2000**€ (main programme, +790€ international flights ATH-JRO/DAR-ATH)
 - ✓ Safari 7 days/1330€ (Tarangire/Manyara/Eyasi/Ngoro Ngoro/Serengeti/Natron, camping safari, lodge +395€)
 - ✓ Safari add-ons +4 days/670€ (Arusha NP, Maasai village, Chegga village, Kilimanjaro hike, 3* hotel/B&B)
- → **Zanzibar** 6 days **670€** (extension or main programme, international flights as above)
 - ✓ Zanzibar extension 5 days/350€ (flight JRO-ZNZ, 3* hotel, guided activities +240€)
 - ✓ Dar Es Salaam add-on +1 day/80€ (ferry ZNZ-DAR, 3* hotel)
- → Malawi/East Zambia 9 days 985€ (extension, +940€ international flights ATH-JRO/LLW-ATH)
 - ✓ Malawi extension 6 days/565€ (flight DAR-LLW, questhouse, car rental +driver, Liwonde NP activities)
 - ✓ South Luanga NP add-on +3 days/420€ (camping safari, lodge +150€)
- → **Mozambique** 7 days **1040**€ (extension, +975€ international flights ATH-JRO/APL-ATH)
 - ✓ Maputo/Vilanculos 4 days/705€ (flights LLW-MPM-VNX-MPM, guesthouse, activities)
 - ✓ Ilha de Mozambique add-on +3 days/335€ (flight MPM-APL, car rental, questhouse, activities)

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Tree climbing lions, Tanzania



Acacia tree in Serengeti, Tanzania



Elephant herds, Tanzania



Sunset in Zanzibar, Tanzania

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

• <u>TANZANIA (7-11 days)</u>

- → optional: **Tarangire NP** Huge elephant herds roaming free underneath baobab and acacia trees
- Lake Manyara NP Marvel at the unique tree-climbing lions, baboons, and abundant birdlife
- → Lake Eyasi Discover the Hadzabe, one of the last hunter-gatherer tribes, and join them in their morning bush hunt
- → **Ngoro Ngoro crater** Spot all of the "Big Five", including the endangered black rhino, and visit the Oldupai Gorge
- → **Serengeti** Endless plains as far as the eye can see, ideal to witness the big cats and other predators in thrilling action
- → optional: **Great Migration** Follow on the hoofsteps of 2 million wildebeests, zebras, and gazelles
- → optional: **Lake Natron** Striking red coloured alkaline lake, breeding ground of dwarf pink flamingos
- → optional: **Arusha NP** Enjoy a walking and canoe safari, amidst the largest concentration of giraffes in Africa
- → optional: **Maasai Village** Make an overnight stay among the pastoral Maasai tribe, taking part in their ceremonies
- → optional: **Chegga Village** Visit the peaceful agricultural Chegga people, their markets and coffee plantations
- → optional: **Mount Kilimanjaro** Hike the slopes of the Roof of Africa, conquering the top or at least the first camp

• **ZANZIBAR** (3-6 days)

- → **Stone Town** Explore the magical UNESCO alleyways of Stone Town, and take a romantic sunset dhow cruise
- → **Spice Farm** Visit a colourful spice farm, taste the local products, and combine it with a dip from a nearby beach
- → optional: **Nungwi** Spend a day relaxing on the northern white beaches, and observe the way of life in the local village
- optional: **Jozani** A swamp mangrove forest, home to endangered red colobus monkeys, very close to the eastern beaches
- → optional: **Fumba** Sail on a traditional dhow boat, spot dolphins, swim on a sandbank and snorkel among the coral reefs
- ightarrow optional: $f Dar\ Es\ Salaam$ Take the ferry and visit the chaotic de facto capital, while waiting to catch your flight home

MALAWI/EAST ZAMBIA (3-9 days)

- → **Lilongwe** Spend some time exploring the capital and get to know the local culture of the "Warm Heart of Africa"
- optional: **Senga Bay** *If you are really pressed for time, you can always visit lake Malawi as a day trip from Lilongwe*
- → **Dedza** Hike to one of the UNESCO Chongoni rock art sites, and discover the East African stone age petroglyphs
- → Cape Maclear Relax on the backpacker haven, visit some nearby islands or just chill on the beach waiting for sunset
- → optional: **Liwonde NP** The wildlife star of the country, the small but compact Park offers walking and canoe safaris
- → optional: **Blantyre/Zomba** Visit the former capital and economic heart of the country, or hike the Zomba Plateau
- → optional: **South Luanga NP** Take a 3 (or even 4) day safari on one of the best wildlife sanctuaries in the world

• MOZAMBIQUE (3-8 days)

- → **Maputo** Explore one of the least known African capitals, with a colonial legacy and unique cultural suburbs
- → optional: **Maputo** Stay an extra day for a trip to the nearby beaches or islands, or to explore the wildlife on the reserve
- → optional: **Tofo** Enjoy the excellent beach and party vibes in this backpacker haven, sometimes touted as the next Goa
- → optional: **Tofo** Go snorkelling, whale watching, or swimming with whale sharks and other giant marine animals
- → **Vilanculos** Relax at the beach, do some horse riding, and catch the sun setting on the Indian Ocean from a dhow
- → Bazaruto Archipelago See flamingos and amazing scenery, climb majestic sand dunes, snorkel on coral reefs
- → optional: **Island of Mozambique** Marvel at the architecture of the small UNESCO protected Swahili trading port
- → optional: **Island of Mozambique** Sail on a traditional dhow to secluded islands, pristine beaches and mangroves
- → optional: **Pemba/Quirimbas** Discover a paradise on earth, with laid back style, amazing beach and rich coral reef

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