JOURNEYS & SAFARIS TO AFRICA



Morocco Imperial Treasures & Desert Wonders

Morocco is an exquisite land known for its potent mystique and exotic aura. Europe's closest link to Africa, Morocco is neither European nor African. It is a rich mix of both with a flavour distinctly its own. This tour offers an excellent introduction to this magnificent country and its Berber culture including visits to the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara Desert. We visit 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

DAY 1 Arrive Casablanca.

DAY 2 Full day tour of the capital city of Rabat, including the Royal Palace, Oudaya Kasbah, Mohamed V Mausoleum and Hassan Tower.

DAU 3 Visit the World Heritage Sites of the Historic City of Meknes and the Roman ruins of Volubilis on our way to Fez.

DAY 4 Full day tour of the exotic Medina of Fez World Heritage Site.

DAY 5 Travel to Marrakech through the Middle Atlas range stopping at the Berber villages of Immouzer du Kandar, Ifrane and Beni Mellal.

DAY 6 Visit of the Medina of Marrakech World Heritage Site.

DAY 7 Day at leisure in the Imperial city of Marrakech.

DAY 8 Travel in a 4x4 through the Atlas Mountain to Ouarzazate.

DAU 9 Visit the Ait Ben Haddou Kasbah World Heritage Site, on the caravan route to Zagora.

DAU 10 Drive through the mountains of the Anti-Atlas ranges from Zagora to Marrakech.

DAY 11 Depart Marrakech.





Great East African Migration

Tanzania & Kenya



Seeing the wildebeest migration in East Africa is one of the most spectacular wildlife sightings in the world. Almost 2 million animals roam the plains of East Africa, but it can be surprisingly hard to find them in the vast area that they cover, as their movements are governed by the rains and predicting their location can be a gamble. We designed this itinerary to include all the areas frequented by the migration on their annual route, which virtually guarantees that you will see them! Enjoy 15 game viewing safaris



DAY 2 Drive from Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park.

DAY 3 Cultural encounter with the Mtowa-Mbu and Chagga peoples around Lake

DAU 4 Game viewing safaris in Tarangire National Park.

DAU 5 Safari from Manyara to Serengeti National Park with a game viewing safari in the Ngorongoro Crater.

DAY 6 Game viewing safaris in Serengeti National Park.

DAY 7 Additional wildlife viewing in Serengeti National Park.

DAY 8 Safari from Serengeti National Park to Lake Victoria, followed by an afternoon boat cruise on the lake.

DAU 9 Safari from Lake Victoria to Masai Mara.

DAY 10 Game viewing safaris in the magnificent Masai Mara.

DAY 11 Safari from Masai Mara to Nairobi. City tour of Nairobi.

DAU 12 Visit Karen Blixen Museum and Giraffe Centre or Sheldrick Animal Orphanage. Drive to Amboseli.

DAU 13 Game viewing safaris in Amboseli National Park with Mount Kilimanjaro in the background.

DAY 14 Drive from Amboseli to Arusha stopping at Marangu waterfalls.

DAY 15 Airport transfer in Arusha.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ZANZIBAR

DAY 15 Arusha/Zanzibar flight.

DAY 16 Explore Stone Town UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 17 Relax by the Indian Ocean.

DAY 18 Depart Zanzibar.





Victoria Falls with Kenya Tanzania Safari

Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya & Tanzania

This tour-safari combines the spectacular scenery of Victoria Falls with world famous African wildlife of East Africa. We embark on safaris in some of the most renowned game parks of Kenya and in Tanzania, including Masai Mara, Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Manyara and Amboseli. Combine this majestic journey with a tour to Zanzibar, Egypt or Morocco. This unforgettable tour is ideally suited for families with children. The tour includes 15 game viewing drives.

DAU 1 Arrive Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Livingstone, Zambia. Transfer to Victoria Falls.

DAY 2 Tour Victoria Falls. Sunset cruise over the mighty Zambezi River.

DAY 3 Drive to Livingstone, Zambia. Flight to Nairobi, Kenya.

DAY 4 Optional activities in Nairobi.

DAY 5 Drive through the Rift Valley to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride.

DAU 6 Travel from Lake Naivasha to the Masai Mara for a Game viewing safaris.

DAY 7 Game viewing safaris in Masai Mara.

DAY 8 Travel from Masai Mara to Serengeti, Tanzania.

DAY 9 Game viewing safaris in Serengeti National Park.

DAY 10 Journey from Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater.

DAU 11 Travel from Ngorongoro Crater to Lake Manyara.

DAU 12 Game viewing safaris in Lake Manyara National Park.

DAY 13 Safari from Lake Manyara via Arusha to Amboseli, Kenya.

DAU 14 Game safaris Amboseli National Park in the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

DAY 15 Amboseli/Depart Nairobi.







Egypt: A Journey Through Time





Discover the wonders of Ancient Egypt, Egypt's Early Christian and Medieval Islamic heritage and cruise on the River Nile on our 13-day journey through time. On our journey through this ancient land you will not only visit the pyramids, sphinx and the world famous Egyptian Museum, but you will also explore Greco-Roman ruins in Alexandria, wonder through the remains of the early Christian holy city of Abu Mena and admire the achievements of the medieval Islamic period in old Cairo. This journey includes international air fare from Toronto and visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

DAY 1 Toronto/Cairo flight.

DAY 2 Arrive in Cairo. Drive to Alexandria by the Mediterranean Sea.

DAY 3 Alexandria city tour. Visit Abu Mena.

DAY 4 Visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

DAU 5 Tour Islamic Cairo. Evening Cairo/Aswan flight.

DAY 6 Morning Aswan/Abu Simbel flight. Tour Abu Simbel.

DAU 7 Abu Simbel/Aswan flight. Visit Temple of Philae and Obelisk quarries. Felucca boat ride.

DAU 8 Deluxe Nile Cruise from Edfu to Esna visiting Kom Ombo and the Horus Temple.

DAY 9 Continue Nile Cruise from Esna to Luxor visiting the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes on the West Bank of the Nile, including the Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

DAY 10 Visit the Karnak Temple Complex and the Temple of Luxor.

DAY 11 Luxor/Cairo flight. Tour of Coptic Cairo.

DAY 12 Cairo/Toronto flight.

World in One Country

South Africa, Swaziland & Lesotho





DAU 1 Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa.

DAY 2 Johannesburg/Mpumalanga.

DAY 3 Scenic drive along the Panorama Route with stops at Blyde River Canyon, and Bourke's Luck Potholes to Kruger National Park.

DAY 4 Game viewing safaris in the world famous Kruger National Park.

Situated on the tip of the African continent, South Africa has often been described as a world in one country. It has a wealth of natural beauty, pristine wilderness areas, warm and friendly people, cosmopolitan cities and excellent infrastructure - making South Africa a favourite safari destination. We also will visit the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Kingdom of Swaziland.

DAY 5 Discover the traditions and culture of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

DAY 6 Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary Kingdom of Swaziland.

DAY 7 Re-enter South Africa in Zululand. Explore iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Boat cruise on the St Lucia Estuary.

DAU 8 Game viewing safari in HluhluweiMfolozi Game Reserve in search of endangered rhinos.

DAY 9 The Cavern, private mountain reserve, adjacent to the Royal Natal National Park.

DAU 10 Explore uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 11 Experience traditional Basotho life in the Kingdom of Lesotho.

DAY 12 Pony trek in Malealea, Kingdom of Lesotho.

DAY 13 Lesotho/Cradock, South Africa.

DAY 14 Game viewing safaris in Addo Elephant National Park.

DAY 15 Journey along the Garden Route to Storms River Village.

DAU 16 Explore the Tsitsikamma Forest.

DAY 17 Knysna/ Outeniqua Mountains/ Oudtshoorn/Cango Caves.

DAY 18 Stellenbosch wine tasting and a cellar tour. Drive to Cape Town.

DAU 19 Cape Point tour to the Good Hope Nature Reserve, Hout Bay, Simons Town, the Boulders Beach penguin colony and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

DAY 20 Depart Cape Town.

Journey in Diversity

Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda & UAE

Our Journey in Diversity starts off in Ethiopia, where we explore the famous Historic Route visiting Baher Dar, Gondar, Axum, Lalibela and Addis Ababa. Next we head to Uganda and Rwanda where the focus is on gorilla tracking and rural East African culture. This tour concludes in the United Arab Emirates, where we experience how the traditional Arab society blends with the new world. This tour includes two very special gorilla viewing treks.

DAY 1 Depart home city.

DAY 2 Arrive Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

DAU 3 Addis Ababa/Baher Dar flight. Visit of the Blue Nile Falls. Afternoon boat trip on Lake Tana to Aswa Mariam and Ura Kidane Meheret Monasteries.

DAY 4 Drive to Gondar to explore the city

DAY 5 Gondar/Axum flight. Visit pre-Christian stelae granite monoliths, Queen of Sheba's Palace, Axum Museum and Santa Maria of Zion Church.

DAY 6 Axum/Lalibela flight.

DAY 7 Visit the first and second group of churches in Lalibela.

DAY 8 Lalibela/Addis Ababa flight. Visit National Archaeological Museum and the Mercato.

DAY 9 Addis Ababa/Entebbe, Uganda flight.

DAY 10 Kampala/Bwindi National Park (Southern Part).

DAY 11 Gorilla trek in Bwindi National Park.

DAY 12 Bwindi National Park/Parc National des Volcans, Rwanda.

DAU 13 Gorilla trek in Parc National des Volcans.

DAY 14 Ruhengere/Kigali.

DAY 15 Kigali/Dubai, UAE flight.





DAY 16 Tour of historical Dubai.

DAY 17 Dubai at leisure.

DAY 18 Depart Dubai.

Great Trans-African Safari

Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe

Overland small group safari in comfortable air-conditioned 4 x 4 vehicles filled with adventures, including the world's highest sand dunes of Sossusevlei in Namib Naukluft National Park, visiting the Himba & Bushmen in the Caprivi strip, exploring the Okavango Delta, game drives in search of the Big Five Game in Etosha, Chobe and Hwange National Parks, culminating at the majestic Victoria Falls.

DAY 1 Arrive Windhoek, Namibia.

DAY 2 Windhoek/Namib Naukluft National Park.

DAY 3 Sunrise Sossusevlei and Deadvlei sand dune excursion.

DAY 4 Namib Naukluft National Park/ Swakopmund.

DAY 5 Swakopmund/Waterberg Plateau Park.

DAY 6 Waterberg Plateau/Kamanjab. Visit a Himba village.

DAU 7 Kamanjab/Etosha National Park Game viewing safari.

DAY 8 Game viewing safaris in Etosha National Park.

DAY 9 Travel from Etosha to Grootfontein.

DAY 10 Visit a local Bushmen community. Journey to Mahangu in the Caprivi.

DAY 11 Drive from Mahangu to Maun, Botswana.

DAU 12 Explore the Okavango Delta by dug-out canoe.

DAY 13 Game viewing safaris in the Okavango Delta.

DAY 14 Safari from the Okavango via Makgadikgadi Pan to Nata Bird Sanctuary.

DAY 15 Nata/Chobe.

DAY 16 Game viewing safaris in Chobe National Park.

DAU 17 Chobe/Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe.

DAU 18 Game viewing safaris in Hwange National Park.

DAY 19 Hwange National Park/Victoria Falls.

DAY 20 Depart Victoria Falls.







Ethiopia Spiritual Discoverer





The tour starts and ends in Addis Ababa and includes almost all the major highlights of Northern Ethiopia. We explore the famous Historic Route visiting Baher Dar, Gondar, Axum, Lalibela and Addis Ababa.

DAY 1 Arrive Addis Ababa.

DAY 2 Addis Ababa city tour, including visits to the Ethnological Museum and the National Museum and the Mercato.

DAU 3 Addis Ababa/Axum flight. Visit pre-Christian stelae granite monoliths and Santa Maria of Zion Church.

DAY 4 Axum/Adigrat visiting to Yeha Temple and Debre Damo Monastery.

DAY 5 Adigrat/Mekele visiting the Tigray Churches.

DAY 6 Mekele/Lalibela journey by Lake Ashenge visiting Ambalage, Alamata and the Tekeze River. Encounters with Tigray, Azebo, Afar and Wollo people.

DAY 7 Visit the first and second group of churches in Lalibela.

DAY 8 Visit Naktule'ab church. Drive to Gondar. Visit the historical site of Debre Tabor.

DAY 9 Morning visit of Gondar. Afternoon drive to Bahir Dar.

DAU 10 Morning visit of the Blue Nile Falls. Afternoon boat trip on Lake Tana to Aswa Mariam and Ura Kidane Meheret Monasteries.

DAY 11 Drive from Bahir Dar to Addis Ababa visiting the Amhara people, the Blue Nile Gorge and Debre Libanos Monastery. Transfer to the airport for departure.

Zambezi Valley & Beyond

Zimbabwe & Zambia







A 16-day exciting overland small group safari in comfortable air-conditioned 4 x 4 vehicles filled with adventures and Game viewing safaris in the best game viewing areas of Zimbabwe and Zambia search of the Big Five Game starting in majestic Victoria Falls. The tour includes 14 game viewing safaris.

DAU 1 Arrive Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

DAY 2 Tour of the majestic Victoria Falls.

DAY 3 Journey from Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park.

DAY 4 Game viewing safaris in Hwange National Park, Zulu Warrior King Mzilikazi's hunting ground.

DAU 5 Visit the Painted Dogs Conservation Centre. Drive to Livingstone, Zambia. Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River.

DAY 6 Livingstone/Kafue National Park, Zambia.

DAY 7 Game viewing safaris in Kafue National Park, Zambia's largest park.

DAU 8 Game viewing safaris observing a vast array of wildlife in Kafue National Park.

DAY 9 Travel from Kafue National Park to Lusaka, capital of Zambia.

DAY 10 Travel from Lusaka to the Chiawa Game Management Area.

DAU 11 Game viewing safaris in Lower Zambezi National Park, renowned for its large wildlife population.

DAY 12 Scenic drive from the Lower Zambezi Valley to Lake Kariba.

DAY 13 Travel from Lake Kariba to Mana Pools National Park, Zimbabwe.

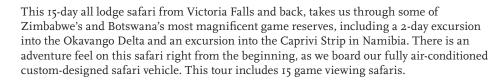
DAU 14 Game viewing safaris in Mana Pools National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 15 Travel from Mana Pools National Park to Harare visiting Chinhoyi Caves.

DAY 16 Depart Harare.

Botswana Wildlife Safari

Zimbabwe, Botswana & Namibia



DAY 1 Arrive Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

DAY 2 Journey from Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park.

DAU 3 Game viewing safaris in Hwange National Park, Zulu Warrior King Mzilikazi's hunting ground.

DAU 4 Game viewing safaris in Hwange National Park. Visit Painted Dogs Conservation Centre.

DAY 5 Drive through the Matetsi safari area on our way to Nata, Botswana.

DAY 6 Travel from Nata Bird Sanctuary to the Greater Khwai River Region.

DAY 7 Game viewing safaris in Greater Khwai River Region.

DAY 8 Game viewing safaris in Moremi Game Reserve.

DAU 9 Travel from the Khwai to Maun, gateway to the Okavango Delta.

DAU 10 Drive to the Western Okavango Delta and Etsha for a mokoro boat ride & guided wildlife viewing walk.

DAU 11 Okavango/Mahangu, Namibia. Game viewing safari in Greater Bwabwata National Park.

DAY 12 Caprivi Strip/Chobe National Park, Botswana.

DAU 13 Game viewing safari and boat cruise in Chobe National Park observing the park's exceptional elephant population.





DAU 14 Chobe/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Victoria Falls Tour.

DAU 15 Depart Victoria Falls.

Photo Safari of Madagascar







Madagascar is a photographer's dream! The amazing landscapes are home of five percent of the world's plant and animal species. The island's legendary uniqueness is best reflected by its abundance of photogenic lemurs, colourful chameleons, stunning birds, incredible reptiles and a fascinating array of endemic flora, all of which combine to make for a truly exceptional photographic expedition. Our carefully crafted photographic safari focuses on Madagascar's astonishing diversity, and we can expect to return with stunning images of some our planet's strangest creatures.

DAU 1 Arrive in Antananarivo and drive to the Natural Reserve of Andasibe for a night walk to photograph lemurs and other nocturnal animals.

DAU 2 Photograph the forest canopy, featuring chameleons, lemurs, birds and orchids, in Andasibe.

DAY 3 Drive south to Antsirabe along beautiful rice fields in the highland landscape.

DAU 4 Travel from Antsirabe via Ambositra to Ranomafana.

DAU 5 Photograph rainforest wildlife in Ranomafana National Park.

DAY 6 Journey via Ambalavao and Fianarantsoa to Isalo.

DAY 7 Wildlife & landscape photography in Isalo National Park.

DAY 8 Travel from Isalo via Tuléar to Ifaty.

DAU 9 Photograph Vezo fishermen and Reserve Domergue.

DAY 10 Ifaty/Tulear/Antananarivo flight. Antananarivo city tour.

DAY 11 Antananarivo/Morondava flight.

DAU 12 Capture sunrise at Baobab Avenue and lemur photo shoot in Kirindy Reserve. Ferry to Belon'i Tsiribihina/Bekopaka.

DAU 13 Photo shoot in the Great Tsingy limestone formation in Tsingy de Bemaraha National Park.

DAU 14 Photography of Manambolo Gorge, Vazimba Tombs and Little Tsingy geological formation.

DAY 15 Return to Morondava with photo stops at the Sakalava tribe tombs & Baobab Alley at sunset.

DAY 16 Morondava/Antananarivo flight. Depart Madagascar.

Indian Ocean Islands

Madagascar, Comoros, Mayotte, Mauritius, Reunion & Seychelles



The Indian Ocean is home to a large variety of fascinating islands each of which is inhabited by peoples from Asia, Africa and Europe. This vivid mix of cultures is exemplified in the unique and truly delicious cuisine found on these islands. In addition to the fascinating flora, fauna, green forest and culture you also enjoy spectacular scenery, friendly people, arts and crafts and of course for those who love the beach it is silver sanded alongside the rich blue Indian Ocean.

DAY 1 Arrive Antananarivo, Madagascar.

DAY 2 Excursion to the Natural Reserve of Andasibe.

DAU 3 Antananarivo/Moroni, Comoros flight.

DAY 4 Full day tour of Grand Comoros.

DAY 5 Moroni/Dzaoudzi, Mayotte flight.

DAY 6 Full day tour of Grande-Terre (Maore) Island.

DAY 7 Mayotte/Nosy Be, Madagascar flight.

DAY 8 Full day tour of Nosy Be Island.

DAY 9 Nosy Be/Port Louis, Mauritius flight.

DAY 10 Full day tour of Mauritius Island.

DAY 11 Mauritius/Rodrigues Island.

DAY 12 Full day tour of Rodrigues Island.

DAY 13 Rodrigues/Port Louis/Reunion Island (flights).

DAY 14 Full day tour of Reunion Island.

DAU 15 Reunion Island/Victoria, Seychelles (flight). Explore Mahé Island.

DAY 16 Mahé Island/Praslin (flight).

DAY 17 Full day tour to La Digue Island by traditional schooner and oxcart.

DAU 18 Morning tour of Praslin, including the Vallée de Mai UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 19 Departure from Praslin.





We offer tours to other islands in the Indian Ocean, such as Zanzibar, Lamu, Pemba, Desroches Island, Amirantes Islands, Maldives, Andaman Islands, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.



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