Under African Skies Camping Safari

Trip Code: AAS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Fascinating journey through four African countries
- Two day canoeing adventure on the Zambezi with wild camping
- Game safari drives and walks in the wildlife prolific South Luangwa National Park
- Enjoy the sandy beaches, dhow sailing and scuba diving on the Indian Ocean
- Game drives in South Africa's Kruger National Park

AT A GLANCE

- 22 day African journey
- Safari game walks and drives
- 2 day canoe adventure
- Dhow boat ride
- Snorkelling off paradise beaches
- Join at Livingstone, ends Johannesburg

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

This extraordinary overland holiday is a truly epic journey travelling through some of the most specular parts of four countries: Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa. We include opportunities to see many of the classic African wildlife species on walking safaris and game drives. On the Zambezi River we have an unforgettable two day canoe adventure, wild camping overnight on an island in the heart of the untamed Zambezi river. Our time in Malawi is focused on its beautiful lake and we explore the bays and coves by boat.

We travel for three days through Mozambique, camping in remote parts and ending up on its white-sand beaches on the Indian Ocean coastline at Vilankulos. A local dhow takes us to explore the Bazaruto Islands, where we can swim in the warm sea and walk on the paradise beaches. More snorkelling and a fish braai (BBQ) and we are off to the world famous Kruger National Park in South Africa for a final blast of African wildlife viewing before we finish in Johannesburg. With a mix of lodges and camping in remote locations under the vast African skies this journey really is a dream experience you will treasure forever.

Is this holiday for you?

These trips cover thousands of kilometres on bumpy and sometimes unmade roads, in functional vehicles making them a physically demanding but rewarding experience. They start very early, often at or before dawn, and finish late, and require all members of the party to assist in food preparation and loading vehicles. On these camping trips you will also be required to help with pitching and dismantling tents. Helping each other with these straightforward tasks is a great part of the adventure, whilst also helping to break ice and galvanise the group.

We have 2 days canoeing on the Lower Zambezi River. You do not need to have canoeing experience, however you should be confident in the water. Buoyancy aids are provided and must be worn at all times when on the river.

There are several walks in this itinerary. These may be on paved surfaces, uneven sandy dunes or rocky terrain and are always accompanied by your experienced guide. Each walk is paced with time for your guide to interpret the environment around you. On walks within game reserves it is vital to keep up with the group line and move together in case of any animal encounters.

For further information on our participation safaris and what they entail, **click here.**

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- Two professional and qualified guides
- Airport transfers on Day 1 and Day 22 of the Land Only itinerary
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Local payment paid on arrival by most other (non KE) clients
- National Park entrance fees
- All activities/excursions mentioned except where specified as 'optional'

What's not Included

- Travel Insurance
- Visas (if applicable)
- Some meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional
- Tips for local staff
- Miscellaneous personal expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the accommodation in Livingstone (Zambia).

Arrival transfers from Victoria Falls Airport (Zimbabwe) or Livingstone Airport (Zambia) are provided for all clients to the group accommodation. On Day 1 at 1400 at the accommodation in Livingstone, you will meet your guide for an introduction and briefing.

On the last day of the Land Only itinerary, the itinerary ends in the late afternoon at the group hotel near Johannesburg Airport via one stop at the airport. Flights should not depart before 1900.

We can provide private transfers at an additional cost. Taxis are also available and are often cheaper.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

21 breakfasts, 19 lunches and 16 dinners are included.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

Water from the taps may not be drinkable in all locations on this trip - please check with your guide. We recommend taking water purification tablets and a reusable bottle with a filter such as **Water-to-Go**, which can both be used to help make safe other water sources. Please note that we do not encourage the purchase of single use plastic bottles.

The majority of the meals are provided. Breakfast will be cereals and yoghurt, with coffee, tea, toast and the occasional cooked breakfast. Lunch will typically be picnic style - cold meats, cheese, salads, bread, rolls and fruit. Dinner will be potjies (traditional stews), braais (barbecue), stir fries, pasta dishes, curries etc. Very often cooking will be on an open fire. Fresh produce will be used wherever possible and fruit squash, tea and coffee will be served with breakfast and dinner.

Many of the meals are prepared by the guides and it is good group etiquette to help with preparation and washing up on these days and this is usually done on rotation. Some meals are taken at the accommodation or in local restaurants. Vegetarians and special dietary requirements (allergies) can usually be catered for, but it is essential that this information is received on booking.

There is one cool box available for the group to put your own drinks in. Stops at supermarkets are regular to pick up fresh food and supplies such as alcohol and soft drinks.

Accommodation

For 14 nights we stay at designated campsites, in or bordering national parks and towns. Campsite facilities are generally very good but in places can be basic. There are mainly hot showers available, but on a couple of occasions only cold showers available. Restaurants, a bar are available at most of the campsites. A few of the campsites have swimming pools as well. Some camps in Zambia have simple reed enclosures for showers but do not have flush toilets.

For 1 night while canoeing on the Zambezi River we camp wild on an island in the middle of the river. Wild camps have no facilities; we will need to take our own water and all equipment. Wild camping can be very enjoyable but please remember that we leave no trace of our stay and take all rubbish away with us. Toilets will be of the "dig and bury" variety.

We supply all the camping equipment with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. The dome tents we use are 2.2 x 2.2 x 1.8 meters and putting them up or down takes only 5 minutes. Tents have built-in insect nets. We supply mattresses, which are about 5 cm thick, warm and comfortable. The camp chairs have a backrest. You will need to put your tent up, and help pack up the truck in the mornings.

There are 7 nights staying at variety of different guesthouses, lodges and tented lodges. Often they have an African style to them with colourful traditional blankets, ornaments and smiling friendly staff. The rooms are twin/double with en suite facilities. Some of the accommodations have a bar and a swimming pool.

At some overnight stops Wi-Fi is not available.

Most of the meals are prepared by the guides and it is good group etiquette to help with preparation and washing up on these days and this is usually done on rotation - it's all part of the adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip runs smoothly.

If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired up with another single client of the same sex. Single tents and rooms are available for a supplementary cost. If you are planning on extending your holiday additional nights at the group accommodation are available on request.

Group Leader & Support Staff

Group leaders are the key to any successful safari. On this adventure safari, you will travel with two, qualified and experienced, registered field guides (FGASA). Two guides as crew, not a guide and a driver, adds up to an informative and interesting small group holiday. Our guides have a passion for Africa, her people and wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing their knowledge with you.

Altitude

This holiday does not involve any significant ascent to altitude and we would not expect any altitude issues with this trip.

Spending Money

We estimate that a total of around £400-500 per person (or equivalent in euros/dollars) should be allowed for personal spending. This amount should be sufficient to cover non-included meals (£10-15 per meal) and miscellaneous expenses, including tips to local staff. If you are intending to buy expensive souvenirs, considerable quantities of soft drinks / beer or undertake additional activities or excursions, you should budget accordingly (credit cards can be useful in this respect).

In the countries you are travelling through on this trip, both local currencies and USD$ are both widely accepted. There will be the opportunity to change money into local currency on arrival at the airport (which we advise you to do) and your local leader will advise further places to change money, or extract money from ATMs en-route and at borders. Worldwide credit cards are useful in this case, most countries accept Mastercard and Visa, except for Mozambique where only Visa is accepted. American Express cards are not widely accepted.

Many small traders will accept USD$, or local currencies. Your notes should be clean and undamaged. And please avoid USD$100 and old issue 'small head' USD$ notes as they might not be accepted.

Guidance on Tipping

Your tour leader also works extremely hard to ensure that your holiday runs smoothly and that you are happy. We suggest that a tip of £2-5 per client per day for your tour leader is reasonable. As in all cases with tipping, the final decision of the amount tipped is up to the individual. It is up to you to decide if you thought the service was poor, or exceptional, and the amount tipped should reflect that. The amounts quoted above are guidelines for you to get an idea of what to tip.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Your baggage will travel in the gear compartment of the truck with the group, and there is a finite amount of space. Please keep the weight of your main luggage to 12kg. You should bring a soft bag as these are more suitable to pack in the vehicle. For the 1 nights wild camping on the Zambezi River you will take only what you need for the overnight. These items will be packed in waterproof barrels.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

Group Members

We sell this holiday in conjunction with our local operator in Southern Africa. This enables us to gather together sufficient numbers of like-minded adventurers to get the holiday up and running quickly. For this holiday the minimum age is 12 yrs, however it is unusual to have people under 16yrs.

South Africa Indemnity Form

As a member of the South African Tourism Service Association, our ground agent in South Africa may require you to complete an indemnity form at the start of your holiday, which you will need your insurance details for. As a client of KE Adventure Travel, your rights under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangement Regulations (2018) are unaffected and KE Adventure Travel will remain liable for the actions of our suppliers.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

Visa Zambia

British passport holders do not need a visa in advance and can obtain a visa on arrival. The Government of Zambia recently announced the removal of all visa fees for British passport holders. However implementation of the policy has not yet been confirmed and British nationals may still be charged $25 on arrival.

Other nationals should check details online to see if they need an e-visa.

Important Note for Victoria Falls: Please check your itinerary and your arrival/departure flights. If your accommodation and flights are from a different side of the falls you may need both a Zambian and a Zimbabwe visa. The town of Victoria Falls is in Zimbabwe, and the town of Livingstone is in Zambia.

Additionally If you visit the falls (on the border) and wish to cross the bridge to the other side you will require a visa for both countries.

A KAZA UNIVISA for Zimbabwe and Zambia is cheaper than purchasing the two visas for Zambia and Zimbabwe separately. The visa is valid for 30 days as long as you remain within Zimbabwe and Zambia. It is also valid for day trips to Botswana crossing over the Kazangula borders. It will not be valid if you overnight in Botswana.

It's available at the international airports in Lusaka and Livingstone and at the land borders at Livingstone (Zimbabwe border) and Kazungula (Botswana border). You can also apply online. It costs US$50 for single entry, or US$75 for double entry. Both are valid for 30 days from date of purchase.

Please note: The Government of Zambia recently announced the removal of all visa fees for British passport holders. However implementation of the policy has not yet been confirmed and British nationals may still be charged $25 on arrival. This may affect your decision to purchase a Kaza Univisa.

Visa South Africa

UK and USA passport holders do not require a visa for short stays. You must have 2 blank pages in your passport.

Rules on **travelling with children under 18 years** have been relaxed. Visa exempt children entering South Africa only need passports, and not birth certificates as previously required. This applies if the child is travelling with both parents, one parent or an adult who is not a biological parent, and school groups. There are some different requirements for unaccompanied children, and children who do not have UK passports or visa exempt passports. For full details please see the FCDO website.

Visa Zimbabwe

A visa is required. This is obtained on arrival and is $55 single entry and $70 for double. Payment must be in cash and you should take small denomination notes for this.

Important Note: Please check your itinerary and your arrival/departure flights. If your accommodation and flights are from a different side of the falls you may need both a Zambian and a Zimbabwe visa. The town of Victoria Falls is in Zimbabwe, and the town of Livingstone is in Zambia.

Additionally If you visit the falls (on the border) and wish to cross the bridge to the other side you will require a visa for both countries.

Visa Mozambique

Visitors to Mozambique intending to stay less than 30 days do not require a visa to entre the country. Therefore for this trip, all passengers are visa exempt, however you must pay a fee of 650 Mozambican meticais using cash or card, and will be required to show a confirmed hotel reservation, an invitation from your host and a return or onward air ticket. Your guide will help you with this, and if you have booked land only, keep your air tickets handy.

Visa Malawi

UK citizens require a visa to enter Malawi, and this is best done in advance via the Malawi e-visa portal. This saves time at the border and is recommended by our ground agent for smooth and speedy passage on the day. **You must do this in good time (at least 5 weeks) prior to your departure.** Failing this, you can also obtain a visa for Malawi on arrival at the border, and our guides will help you through the process on the day, but this could result in extensive delays particularly if the border post is busy. The visa fee is $50 for single entry and $150 for multiple entry. Payment for visa on arrival must be in cash and you need to have the correct amount of in USD.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Climate

This central region of Southern Africa is subtropical and generally warm and mild / humid. October and November are hot, day and night. November to April is the hottest time of the year with chances of showers to heavy rains later in the season. May to September is cool and dry.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Explore International

This holiday is part of our Explore International range. Participants on these trips can book through KE or through our international partner. This helps us to gather together sufficient numbers of like-minded adventurers to get your holiday up and running quickly. Led by an English-speaking guide, the cosmopolitan nature of these groups can be an important part of the experience!

Equipment Information

Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

You should bring the following items:

- Lightweight walking shoes or trainers
- Sandals (waterproof for canoeing is useful but not essential)
- Socks and underwear
- Long lightweight trousers
- Shorts

- Lightweight waterproof jacket & trousers
- T-shirts
- Casual shirts with sleeves
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Sunhat with wide brim
- Sunglasses
- Buff/scarf for dusty days
- Small towel/Travel towel
- Daypack 20-25 litres
- Sleeping bag (rated to 0 degrees Celsius - see notes)
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottles 1 litre - (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Washbag and toiletries (biodegradable soap is preferred)
- Antibacterial handwash
- Insect repellent
- Basic First Aid Kit including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, re-hydration salts (Dioralite), anti-nausea tablets and antihistamine cream/tablets.

The following items are optional:

- Light cotton dress or sarong
- Swimwear
- Pillow/travel pillow
- Pen-knife (remember to pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- A selection of dry bags for daypack/kit bag
- Camera
- Binoculars (highly recommended)
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Notes:

Please be aware than in the Southern African the winter months, June-September, the nights can be cold with an average of between 0-5 degrees Celsius in some places, and the days can be warm between 20-30 degrees Celsius

Bright bold colours and white are not suitable for game viewing or bush wear as they attract insects and the attention of animals. Please do not bring camouflage or military style clothes as they can cause problems with local authorities

Please dress appropriately for border crossings, village and market visits - ie: no bare feet, no bare chests, no bikinis and no hats. A few restaurants are also not keen on T-shirts and jeans either.

Tents have mosquito netting on the windows and doors.

For the 1 night wild camp on the Zambezi you will take only your essential items in supplied waterproof barrels.

Land Only Information

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary joining in Livingstone (Zambia). Airport transfers are provided from/to Livingstone Airport (Zambia) or Victoria Falls Airport (Zimbabwe). This itinerary ends in Johannesburg, airport transfer provided.

Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Victoria Falls (Zimababwe), and returning from Johannesburg. Airport transfers are provided from/to Livingstone Airport (Zambia) or Victoria Falls Airport (Zimbabwe).

Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the evening, arriving the morning of the following day (day 1 of the Land Only itinerary). Return flights will depart Johannesburg in the evening of the last day of the land only itinerary, arriving in the UK the following morning.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 11/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change