

## Kenya & Tanzania Adventure (20KTA13) – Tour Dossier

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### **Included Highlights**

Maasai Mara Excursion with small vehicle  
 Maasai Village Walk with Resident Guide  
 Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater Excursion in Purpose Built

Vehicles, Game Drives with Resident Guide  
 Zanzibar, Return Ferry & Accommodation

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### **Intended Itinerary**

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only. This is a participation tour. Our accommodated tour option travels together with the camping counterpart.

**Duration:** 13 Days  
**Countries visited:** Kenya and Tanzania

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#### **Day 1:**

##### **Nairobi – Maasai Mara Reserve, Kenya**

Distance travelled: +/- 300 Km  
 Approx. driving time: 5 hours

We depart the city early and make our way across the Great Rift Valley to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, enjoying views of the vast vista en route. We travel in small specialized safari vehicles that enable us to have a more intimate view of wildlife. We spend two nights camping on the edge of the Reserve with time to explore the park on morning and afternoon game drives.

**Accommodation:** *Maasai Mara: Chronicle Tented Camp*  
**Meals included:** *Lunch, Dinner*  
**WiFi:** *No*  
**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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#### **Day 2:**

##### **Maasai Mara Reserve, Kenya**

Approx. driving time: Full day including game drives

We have the day to explore the Reserve in search for wildlife including the 'Big 5' – lion, rhino, elephant, buffalo and leopard.

The sweeping plains, distant horizons, low slung acacia trees, and plentiful wildlife ensure a deeply evocative few days. The 'Mara' is crossed every year between July and October by great herds of wildebeest, zebra and other grazing animals in their migration from the adjoining Serengeti plains to the south (in Tanzania). How long they stay is dependent on rainfall and subsequent grass growth in the rainy season. Predators (such as lion, cheetah, leopard) and scavengers (hyena, vultures) follow the grazing animals and this enormous congregation of wildlife forms a spectacular display of Africa's natural resource. But the Mara is excellent for game viewing at any time of year and regardless of when you can visit, we hope to see some, if not all, of Africa's 'Big

Five' (elephant, lion, rhino, buffalo and leopard) and an array of other wildlife.

We stop for a lunch before returning to our tented camp for the evening.

**Accommodation:** *Maasai Mara: Chronicle Tented Camp*  
**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*  
**WiFi:** *No*  
**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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#### **Day 3:**

##### **Maasai Mara Reserve – Nairobi, Kenya**

Distance travelled: +/- 300 Km  
 Approx. driving time: 5 Hours

From the Mara we make our way back across the Great Rift Valley to Nairobi, where we overnight.

**Nairobi:** *Karen Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*  
**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*  
**WiFi:** *Yes*  
**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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#### **Day 4:**

##### **Nairobi – Arusha, Tanzania**

Distance travelled: +/- 270 Km  
 Approx. driving time: 5 Hours

After crossing the border into Tanzania at the busy Namanga frontier we arrive at our destination, Arusha, in the late afternoon. Situated mid-way between Cape Town and Cairo, this is very much Tanzania's 'safari capital' - a bustling city with colourful markets, shops, vehicles and people, all nestling in the shadow of the brooding Mt Meru (4556m).

After exploring the curio markets, we head to our camp just outside Arusha on the open plains to the west of the city. It

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is from here that we prepare for our two night/three-day excursion to the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater.

This afternoon, if time allows, we enjoy a walk to one of the local Maasai villages to enjoy an insight into everyday life and traditions of this colourful culture.

**Accommodation:** *Meserani Snake Park - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*  
**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*  
**WIFI:** *No*  
**Optional Activities:** *Camel Ride US\$5.*

### Day 5:

#### Arusha - Serengeti National Park

Distance Travelled: +/- 250 Km

Approx. driving time: Full day including game drives

This morning we transfer to smaller, more 'game park friendly' vehicles and drive west across the Great Rift Valley, passing through Mto Wa Mbo ('mosquito creek') and enter the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area. We enter the park and drive around the 'Crater's rim and down onto the Serengeti plains. Green after the rains, brown and burnt in the dry, this is home to an enormous variety of grazing animals, predators, and birdlife. Flatter and larger than the Maasai Mara the Serengeti is simply huge - indeed the name derives from the Maasai word *Siringitu* – 'the place where the land moves on forever'. We game drive to our designated (but unfenced) campsite for the evening where lion and hyena roam nearby, for an unforgettable experience.

**Accommodation:** *Serengeti National Park: Bush Camp - Camping in twin share tents with basic shared facilities*  
**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*  
**WIFI:** *No*  
**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

### Day 6:

#### Ngorongoro Crater

We drive out of the plains, game driving en route, and after lunch ascend the outer wall of the Ngorongoro Crater. We spend the night camping on the rim (you may need a jacket; it can be cold at night due to the altitude), where wildlife also roams free. At 326 square kilometres, the Ngorongoro is Africa's largest intact caldera and a World Heritage Site. If the view from the rim (2400 metres above sea level) is spectacular, the site from the Crater floor (some 600 metres below) is equally enjoyable.

**Accommodation:** *Simba Camp - Camping in twin share tents with basic shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

### Day 7:

#### Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha, Meserani Snake Park

Distance Travelled: +/- 250 Km

Approx. driving time: Full days including morning game drive

We wake early and descend the steep dirt road of the Ngorongoro Crater for a morning of game driving in this spectacular wildlife haven. All the large mammals are present except giraffe (which cannot manage the steep slopes leading down onto the Crater floor). After our game drive we ascend to our campsite on the rim for a final view over the Ngorongoro Crater, pack up our camp and have lunch before retracing our steps to Arusha and our campsite at the Meserani Snake Park.

Note: We may enjoy the Maasai walk on this day if we were unable to make this on day 4.

**Accommodation:** *Meserani Snake Park - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

### Day 8:

#### Arusha – Bagamoyo

Distance travelled: +/- 560 Km

Approx. driving time: 11 Hours

This morning we wake early and head south via Moshi to Bagamoyo. If the weather is clear we will be afforded a view of the magnificent snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak (5895m). The quaint town of Bagamoyo was founded at the end of the 18th century and was one of the most significant trading ports along the East African coast. Our camp for the evening is situated close by to the palm fringed beaches of the Indian Ocean.

**Accommodation:** *Firefly Camp - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

### Day 9:

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### Bagamoyo – Dar es Salaam

Distance travelled: +/- 60 Km

Approx. driving time: 2 - 3 Hours

Leaving Bagamoyo we make our way south to Dar es Salaam. 'Dar' is Tanzania's main port and is a hub of commerce and industry - a hot, humid and bustling seaport city of high rises, colourful markets and Arab influenced architecture on the coast, accessing one of the most important sea routes in the world. To most travellers, this city is the port of entry to the more exotic island of Zanzibar and other archipelago islands. We set up camp on the beach just outside of the city, take in the balmy Indian Ocean sea breeze, and prepare for our trip to Zanzibar.

**Accommodation:** Kipepeo Beach Resort - Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 10:

#### Zanzibar Island

Distance Travelled: Ferry crossing

Evocative and exotic, Zanzibar conjures up images of idyllic, sandy, palm fringed beaches; romantic winding cobbled alleys and lush tropical forests. You will find all these here – and an intriguing history. Zanzibar was the base of the great 19<sup>th</sup> century explorers such as John Hanning Speke, Richard Burton and David Livingstone and once was a major trading centre of spices. Indeed, the spice trade here is centuries old: Zanzibaris have traded with the people of the Arabian Peninsula for many generations, navigating the ocean in simple dhow sailboats, relying on the annual trade winds for passage. The Arab influence is evident in the architecture and diverse street stall offerings of the capital, Stone Town. This influence can be seen right along the Eastern coast – the Swahili language itself is a result of the mixing of Arab and African languages and cultures over many centuries. Zanzibar's other history is not so romantic. The island was also a staging post for slaves bought from the African interior, being held before shipping to slave owners in the Middle East. You can still see the places where these men and woman were held – and even a short visit is enough to convey the appalling conditions they had to endure.

Our time on the island over the next 3 nights is not structured and your time is at leisure. Perhaps the best way to see Stone Town is on foot: explore the bazaars for old maritime trinkets, fabrics and wooden carvings, or visit mosques, palaces, courtyards and alleyways of the old town.

Spices are grown in plantations nearby and you can take day tours to visit some and have your senses dazzled by the tastes and scents experienced. If it's white sand, sparkling ocean and hot sun you prefer – head to the northern beaches and enjoy the Indian Ocean at its best. Try snorkelling and diving, indulge in some sumptuous seafood, or simply relax beneath a coconut palm with a cocktail and a good book.

**NB:** On Zanzibar breakfast is included for the sake of flexibility other meals are left for your own account. Typically, we spend one night in Stone Town and the next two nights in the north of the island at one of the beaches. Your tour leader will be available to assist if you if you have any questions or need activities arranged.

Please note that some group members may be starting their tour in Dar es Salaam. Both old and new are invited to join in any group outings.

**Accommodation:** Stone Town – Mazon's or similar – twin/triple rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Spice Tour US\$35, Slave Markets US\$15, Arabic Fort US\$5, Palace Museum US\$10

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### Day 11:

#### Zanzibar Island

Enjoy free time on Zanzibar and transfer to the northern beaches from Stone Town. Relax on the sun kissed beaches of Kendwa, in the northwest part of the island, take an optional diving trip to the rich colourful reefs or grab a snorkel and goggles to explore these from above.

**Accommodation:** Kendwa Northern beaches – Sunset Bungalows or similar – twin/triple rooms with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** Spice Tour US\$35, Scuba Diving local US\$150, Yacht Trip US\$120, Snorkelling safaris from US\$40, massages from US\$20

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### Day 12:

#### Zanzibar Island

Browse markets or enjoy hanging in a hammock with a cocktail and a good book. The beach is a great place to catch

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up with the locals who will pass by selling their wares, offering henna tattoos and inexpensive massages. Round the day off with a sunset dhow cruise or chilling to the tunes from the nearby beach bars.

**Accommodation:** *Kendwa Northern beaches – Sunset Bungalows or similar – twin/triple rooms with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast is included with hotel accommodation*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *See day 11*

### Day 13:

#### Zanzibar – Dar es Salaam

Distance Travelled: Ferry crossing

We have the morning to do any last-minute shopping or enjoy one last swim before catching the ferry back to the African mainland and Dar es Salaam where our tour ends.

**Accommodation:** *Nil*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**WIFI:** *NA*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

### Tour Information

#### TOUR STYLE:

Adventure Camping Tour

Travelling on a camping adventure tour is great fun, but it can also be challenging! This is a *participation* tour and your help will be needed in setting up the camp each night and assisting (usually on a rota basis) with the various day to day campsite duties, such as shopping, cooking and keeping the Acacia vehicle and camp tidy. But don't worry it's not all hard work and it's a great way to meet the local people and get to know your fellow travellers. Your contribution benefits the success of the tour - most people find the greater their involvement, the greater their enjoyment of the whole trip. Our accommodated tour option travels together with the camping counterpart.

Africa is an adventure destination and travelling here is not always predictable so be prepared to 'expect the unexpected' in difficulties or delays which might come our way! However, you'll soon find that the diversity of the African landscape, the wildlife and the communities we pass on our way, make the sometimes-rough travel and long driving days worthwhile. Come with a sense of adventure and a flexible attitude and you will be sure to enjoy your African adventure across this amazing continent.

Africa provides an ever-changing environment, power failures, water and fuel shortages, temperature fluctuations, and other uncontrollable / unplanned situations do occur. You will need to remain flexible, understanding and good-humored. "African time" can be difficult and frustrating for those who are used to a very structured life, so this is something to keep in mind!

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

All tour highlights, 2-person dome tents, fully equipped safari vehicles, camping and cooking equipment, sleeping mattresses, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Visa's, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks, sleeping bag and items of personal nature. **NB** lunch and dinners on Zanzibar are not included.

#### ACTIVITIES &

#### EXCURSIONS:

These are optional activities that are paid directly to the provider while on tour and you are free to decide what activities you would like to do. Please see table below for prices.

#### EXTENDING YOUR TOUR:

This tour can be extended to travel to Livingstone, Cape Town and Johannesburg. Ask your agent for more information.

#### ACCOMMODATION:

We use 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, sewn-in ground sheets, zip-up insect screens and foam mattresses. We mainly use campsites, which usually have reasonable wash and shower facilities,

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electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar or swimming pool. On Zanzibar we use basic tourist class local hotels.

**TRANSPORT:** 24-seater, self-contained, custom-built vehicle with on-board tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers, pop top minivan, 4x4 safari vehicle and fast ferry. Travel times indicated are approximate and do not include stops en-route.

**GAME PARK VISITS** To maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as enhancing our experience using local guides and smaller vehicles it also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit.

### Tour Preparation

#### BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent the booking documents and a pre-departure booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for your trip. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving details of your joining hotel. Nairobi (NBO), Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam (DAR) are well served by several airlines and your travel agent can advise on flights to the start of the tour.

#### JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in Nairobi. **The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour departs at 08:00 on Day 1 and ends in Dar es Salaam in the afternoon of Day 13.**

\*The group will get back to Dar es Salaam in the late afternoon on Day 13 – we do not recommend you book international flights before 20:00.

Meeting point in **Nairobi:**

**Address:** **Boulevard Hotel**  
Harry Thuku Rd  
PO Box 42831, Nairobi

**Contact details:** Tel. +245 2 337221/ 227567/ 8/ 9  
Fax: +245 2 334071  
E-mail: [hotel@hotelboulevardkenya.com](mailto:hotel@hotelboulevardkenya.com)

**Pre-Dep meeting:** 18:00 prior to departure Day 1

**Tour start time:** 08:00 on Day 1

Tour end Point in **Dar es Salaam:**

**Address:** **Kipepeo Village**  
Kipepeo Beach, Mjimwema  
PO Box 1530,  
Dar es Salaam

**Contact details:** Tel: + 255 754 276 178  
Tel: + 255 713 757 515  
Fax: +245 2 334071  
E-mail: [info@kipepeo.co.tz](mailto:info@kipepeo.co.tz)

#### PRE-TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Nairobi early on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and to acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation and transfers for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements. However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extras (after your tour) to make the most of this part of Africa. Accommodation is usually available locally on arrival, but you can pre-book this with Acacia or your agent. There is a variety of activities and excursions in Zanzibar/ Dar es Salaam area's that can be arranged locally.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guideline only and are subject to change so please check with Acacia or your agent for current prices**

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Description	Price (USD)	Description	Price (USD)
<b>Nairobi – Hotel Boulevard</b>		<b>Dar es Salaam – Kipepeo Village</b>	
Pre tour accommodation – Twin/ double pp/pn	<b>\$ 70</b>	Post tour accommodation – Double/ Twin pp/pn	<b>\$ 45</b>
Pre tour accommodation – Single pp/pn	<b>\$ 100</b>	Post tour accommodation – Triple pp/pn	<b>\$ 70</b>
Pre tour accommodation – Triple pp/pn	<b>\$ 60</b>	Post tour accommodation – single pp/pn	<b>\$ 40</b>

### LUGGAGE

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. It should be brought in a soft holdall or rucksack along with a smaller day bag. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings and early morning game drives. You also need a sleeping bag (and small pillow if preferred). We recommended you pack a small torch or headlamp, mosquito spray and a money pouch/ belt that can be easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. A power bank is useful for recharging electronic devices. A full ‘What to Bring’ list is included in our **pre-departure booklet**, issued when you book.

**NB KENYA PLASTIC BAG BAN** - All forms of plastic carrier bags are banned in Kenya; including ‘Airport Duty Free’ plastic bags, airport security plastic bags for liquids, shopping bags, storage bags, zip-lock plastic bags. The strict ban applies to everyone and it is mandatory that you leave any form of plastic bag/s at your country of origin.

**NB TANZANIA PLASTIC BAG BAN** – Tanzania has a ban on single-use plastic. Prohibited items include single-use plastic carrier bags, shopping bags/packing plastic carrier bags. Ziplock bags and storage compartment bags (e.g toiletries) will be permitted as they are expected to remain in possession of traveller. We do however suggest that you leave these items behind in your country of origin.

### VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial**. We strongly recommend you seek professional medical advice for the appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Kenya	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Tanzania	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R

**C** = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, \* = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required  
**NB To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice.**

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk). For other nationalities several travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Kenya	Yes																
Tanzania	Yes																

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**UPDATE Kenya E-VISA:** Should you wish to have your visa before arrival, Kenya now offers the option to pre-apply for an e-visas online. This may take up to 7 days to process. Alternatively, qualifying passport holders can obtain an entry visa on arrival in Kenya. To check whether you qualify, please check with the Kenyan Embassy or Mission in your country of origin.

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### **INSURANCE**

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour.

In the UK the Foreign & Commonwealth Office ([www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)) issues free up to date travel advice for all countries visited on tour. Most other governments offer a similar service to citizens. We recommend you review this information before you book your tour. Naturally we welcome any questions you may have about security and safety on tour.

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### **Money Matters**

#### **PERSONAL EXPENSES**

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for Activities and Excursions, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 per day. Also keep US\$ cash for relevant airport taxes and visas needed, optional activities and any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

**Spending money** is best carried as cash in US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, **post 2008** edition notes), Sterling or Euro which you then exchange into local currency on arrival and as you go. Your guide can advise how and when you can change the rest of your money throughout the tour.

**Currencies** are as follows: Kenya – Kenya Schilling; Tanzania – Tanzania Schilling

**ATM machines** are found in Nairobi, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, and Zanzibar. Please note they are sometimes unreliable (and therefore should not be relied upon).

**Credit cards** can be used to pay for optional activities although charges may be high by western standards (+/- 5%).

We recommend you bring your spending money in several different ways (some cash and some cards); your guide can best advise on what to use where.

#### **TIPPING**

This is always a matter for your own individual discretion but as in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your tour leader and driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

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### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

To give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer several optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
<b>Arusha</b>		Snorkelling Day Trip	\$40
Camel Ride	\$5	Zanzibar Food (per day)	\$30 - \$35
<b>Zanzibar</b>		Spice Tour	\$35
Massages	From \$20	Scuba Dives	From \$130
Yacht Trips (Snorkelling and sunset)	\$120	Slave Markets	\$10
Palace Museum	\$10	Arabic Fort	\$5