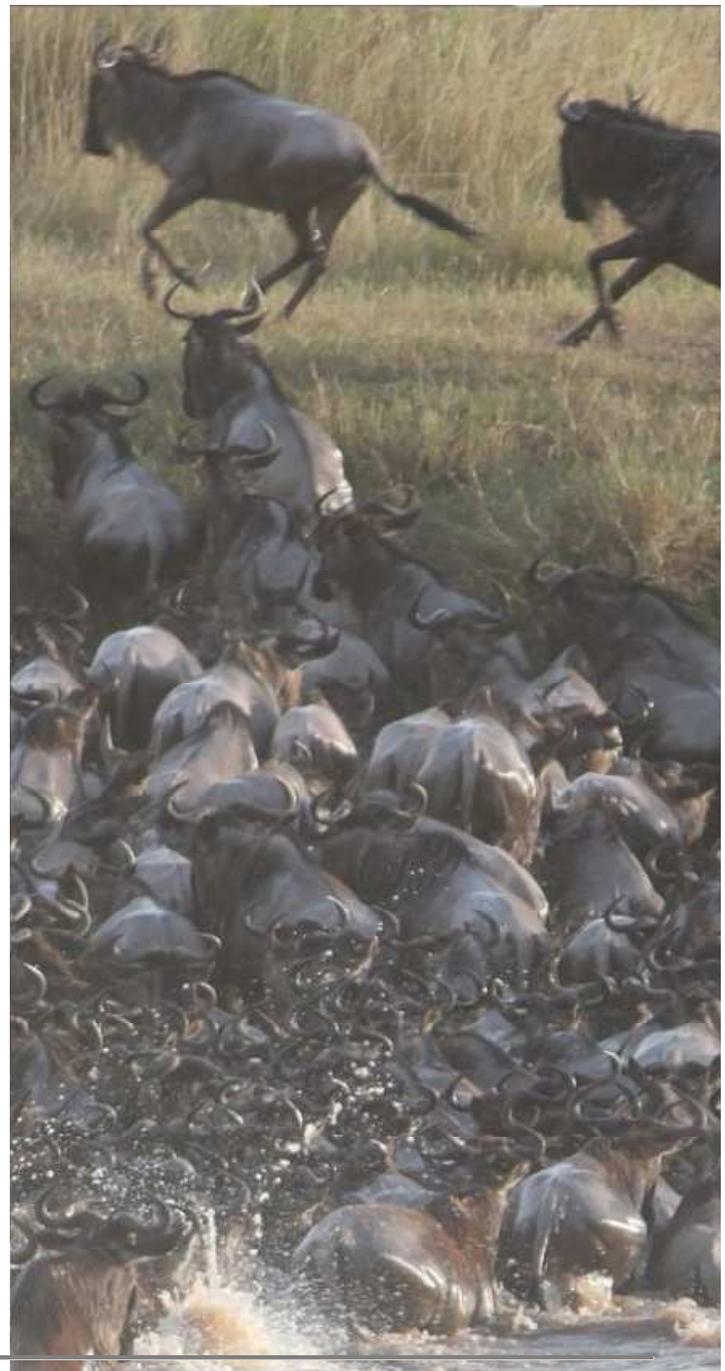


# 22 Day East African Safari

## THE ESCORTED ESCAPES INCLUSIONS

- ✓ AIRFARES INCLUDED\*
- ✓ FULLY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS\*
- ✓ VISAS, TRANSFERS & TIPPING INCLUDED\*
- ✓ SMALL GROUPS\*
- ✓ INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING\*



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

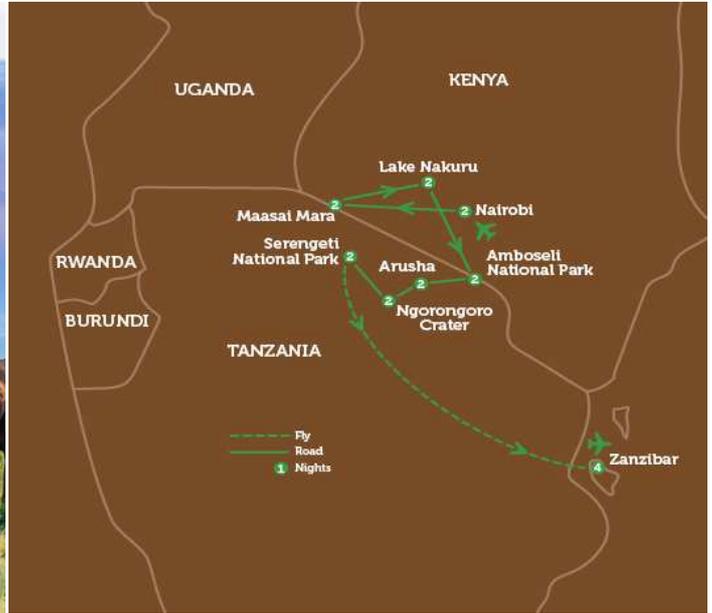
- ✓ Travel to the Maasai Mara in the ideal season to maximise your chances of seeing the annual migration of wildebeest and zebra
- ✓ Search for the renowned "Big 5" - lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant and buffalo
- ✓ Experience open-vehicle game drives in the world-famous Serengeti National Park
- ✓ Enjoy game drives in Lake Nakuru National Park, a sanctuary for endangered rhinos
- ✓ View spectacular Mount Kilimanjaro from Amboseli National Park
- ✓ Spend a memorable day on safari in the Ngorongoro Crater
- ✓ Explore historic Stone Town and the spice plantations of Zanzibar
- ✓ Visit a local Maasai village and learn about the traditional Maasai lifestyle and culture
- ✓ Relax on the stunning beaches of Zanzibar's north coast

## ACTIVITY RATING

This tour requires an adequate level of fitness and mobility to participate

It is essential that all passengers are able to:

- Walk 1km at any one time unaided
- Get in and out of Safari vehicles unassisted
- Manage your own luggage
- Long travel days may be on rough, bumpy roads



## AIRFARES INCLUDED

Economy class airfares are included from most Australian capital cities (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide) plus all internal flights as per the group itinerary. We fly with Qatar Airways Internationally and use Precision Air for the internal flights (to be advised). Your Escorted Escapes host will travel from Brisbane on the proposed flights\* below:

<b>DAY 1</b>	VA 942	Brisbane (BNE)	11:05	Sydney (SYD)	12:40
<b>DAY 1</b>	QR 63	Sydney (SYD)	15:05	Doha (DOH)	23:40
<b>DAY 2</b>	QR 1345	Doha (DOH)	02:10	Nairobi (NBO)	08:05
<b>DAY 20</b>	QR1352	Zanzibar (ZNZ)	15:30	Doha (DOH)	23:50
<b>DAY 21</b>	QR 906	Doha (DOH)	08:25	Sydney (SYD)	06:40#
<b>DAY 22</b>	VA 925	Sydney (SYD)	09:00	Brisbane (BNE)	10:30

\*These are proposed flight times only and may change depending on your tour departure date and airline schedules. # arrives into destination the next calendar day

You have three options available to join your host and group:

1. Travel with your host from Brisbane
2. Meet your host in Sydney
3. Meet your host en-route at either Doha or in Nairobi

Upgrades and extensions are available on request please contact your travel agent for further information and availability.

# FULLY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS

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Your Escorted Escape is personally hosted from Australia by an experienced travel professional. Our hosts have travelled extensively themselves and have a passion for exploring our wonderful world. We are there to liaise with the local operators to ensure you relax and enjoy your holiday while we take care of the details.

## VISAS, TRANSFERS & TIPPING

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### Passports

All information provided regarding passports and visas is based on Australian Passport holders only – please advise your travel consultant as soon as possible if you will be travelling on a different passport. **Australian passport holders must have a minimum of 6 months validity on their passport from the date they return home, and a minimum of four (4) blank pages.**

### Visas

Kenya – Australian citizens entering Kenya for tourism purposes are required to obtain a single entry visa prior to departing. All fees associated with this visa will be paid via Escorted Escapes as this is included in your tour cost. We will forward instruction to your travel agent on the necessary documentation required for us to process your visa application.

Tanzania – Australian citizens entering Tanzania for tourism purposes are required to pay for a single entry, 30-day visa on point of entry. All fees associated with this visa will be paid via Escorted Escapes as this is included in your tour cost.

Qatar – (transit) Visas are not required for Australian Passport Holders

### Transfers

We believe travel should be simple and easy for you, which is why we include transfers from your home to the airport to the value of \$100 per person. Your transfers will be arranged by your travel agent to ensure the best available option for your needs. Should your transfers exceed \$100 per person, you may choose to pay the difference, or alternatively, if you wish to make your own way to the airport your agent can deduct the transfer value from the total cost of your tour.

### Tipping

Our Escorted Escapes are designed to make travel easier for you, so we take care of tipping for all of our group activities and meals, as well as for your tour leader, local guides and drivers.

You will be responsible for tipping any services or meals outside of the group inclusions, including during your free time.

## SMALL GROUPS

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We offer a small-group experience on all of our tours. We believe travelling in smaller groups will ensure a more personalised and comfortable group travel experience for everyone.

This tour will run with a minimum of 12 Passengers and a maximum of 18 (plus your tour host).

# INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING

At Escorted Escapes we pride ourselves on including the very best sightseeing on offer in each location. Our sightseeing highlights on this tour include:

- Visit to David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Rothschild Giraffe Rehabilitation Centre
- Welcome dinner at local restaurant
- 4 x game drives in Maasai Mara
- Visit a local Maasai village
- multiple game drives in Lake Nakuru
- 1 full day and 1 half day game drive in Amboseli National Park
- 1 x game drive in Lake Manyara
- 1 full day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater
- 3 x game drives in Serengeti National Park
- Zanzibar - Stone Town guided tour
- Zanzibar - spice tour

# ACCOMMODATION

We use a range of quality accommodation, including hotels and lodges. All of our accommodation includes private en-suite facilities.



*Serengeti Serena Lodge*



*Bluebay Beach Hotel Zanzibar*

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>25 AUG 19</b>
<b>Nairobi</b>	Eka Hotel
<b>Maasai Mara</b>	Keekorok Lodge
<b>Lake Nakuru</b>	Lake Nakuru Lodge
<b>Amboseli Nat Park</b>	Amboseli Sopa Lodge
<b>Arusha</b>	Four Points by Sheraton
<b>Ngorongoro Crater</b>	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge
<b>Serengeti Nat Park</b>	Serengeti Serena Lodge
<b>Zanzibar Town</b>	Dhow Palace Hotel
<b>Zanzibar Beach</b>	Bluebay Beach Resort

# TRANSPORT

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We will be travelling in an overland vehicle similar to the one below for the majority of our tour. We cap our numbers at 6 guests per vehicle; this will allow everyone to have a window seat and plenty of room. Please note: vehicles pictured below are an indication only, exact vehicles may vary. Each vehicle has one representative who is the driver/guide for each country.



# LUGGAGE

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For this tour our Escorted Escapes baggage recommendation is one soft sided duffel bag with a maximum weight of 20kg. You may also carry a small backpack or overnight bag as carry on luggage - Escorted Escapes provide you with a suitably sized daypack ideal for use as carry on luggage and throughout the tour.

**There are restrictions in our Overland Vehicle; soft sided bags are essential due to the limited space available for storage under the vehicle. Hard suitcases cannot be transported.**



Individual airlines also have their own limits, for this tour they are as follows\*:

Qatar Airways – 30kg of checked luggage per person (this can be distributed over 2 bags) + 7kg carry-on luggage.

Precision Air – 1 x 23kg checked luggage per person + 7kg carry-on luggage.

\* Airline baggage limits listed above are based on our included, economy class flights. If you have upgraded your flights your baggage limits may change.

Please keep in mind you will be required to manage your own luggage at times throughout the tour, so we recommend bringing luggage that is of a size and weight that you can comfortably handle.

On this tour, excess luggage is not permitted

Liquids in carry on luggage – You are allowed to bring ONE plastic zip lock bag containing **liquids, aerosols, gels, creams or pastes** (e.g. lipstick) in your carry-on bag and through security checkpoints. These are limited to travel-sized containers that have a maximum size of 100mL or less per item. At certain airports these may need to be removed from your hand luggage to be screened, so we recommend keeping them close at hand.

## CLIMATE & SEASONAL INFORMATION

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For most of East Africa, the dry season lasts from June to October. During this time, rainfall is limited, while the weather is typically sunny and warm. This is the best time to go on safari. Some early morning game drives will be quite cool.

### Temperature Averages – Minimum to Maximum

CITY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Nairobi	13° to 25°	15° to 26°
Serengeti	15° to 26°	16° to 27°
Amboseli	13° to 25°	15° to 26°
Zanzibar	21° to 30°	22° to 31°

## SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

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It's always best to layer when in Africa at this time of year. Make sure to pack a warm jumper, as well as comfortable and casual clothing. Long sleeves are recommended for insect and sun protection on game drives. Enclosed walking shoes, hats and sunglasses are a must. It is advisable to pack sunscreen and insect repellent as well.

### RECOMMENDED:

- A good quality, high-beam headlamp or torch for around the lodges
- Waterproof/windproof jacket is a good idea for wet days, as well early morning or evening activities when it can be cool and/or windy, and will also protect against dust
- Warm fleece, beanie and a scarf for morning and evening activities including game drives
- Personal medical kit. We recommend you carry items such as mild pain killers, electrolytes and bandaids, as well as your own prescribed medication

- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- A camera with good zoom for capturing priceless memories!
- Binoculars
- A good book, journal or music playing device for the longer drive days
- A copy of your travel insurance policy and vaccination documents (if required)
- Headscarf to protect you from dust in the safari vehicles

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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### HOT AIR BALOON OVER MASAI MARA



**Cost for balloon ride is approximately USD 500.00 Per Person.**

It includes:

- Pick up and drop off from the lodge by 4x4 vehicles
- Balloon ride (takes approx 1hr)
- Full bush breakfast with champagne/wine
- Brief game drive en-route back to the lodge
- Balloon certificate duly signed by the Pilot.

## CURRENCY & MONEY MATTERS

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Kenya: Kenyan Shilling

Tanzania: Tanzanian Shilling

**Before you depart** - ensure you notify your bank that you will be travelling overseas. You will need to advise each country you will be travelling to. In this case it will be **Kenya, Tanzania and Qatar (in transit)**.

Credit/debit Cards are accepted at Hotels, Supermarkets and larger shops and for your optional Hot Air Balloon Safari.

## WI-FI

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Mobile phone coverage is fairly good throughout our journey; however internet is not available for majority of the tour. We will receive good Wi-Fi service in Nairobi, Arusha and Zanzibar; everywhere else will be mostly unavailable. Many places advertise free Wi-Fi, however it does not always work reliably.

# TIME ZONES

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All countries we visit on this tour are on Eastern Africa Standard Time (EAT) which is 3 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and 7 hours behind Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

# POWER OUTLETS

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Escorted Escapes supply you with a universal adapter - this also has 2 USB ports for charging electronic items.

Voltage: Electrical sockets (outlets) in Kenya and Tanzania supply electricity at **220-240 volts** AC. The Primary Socket Type is British BS-1363 – three prong (Type G, however Type D may also be seen in Tanzania).

# SAFETY

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We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe-keeping of your passport, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Your host and Tour Leader will accompany you on all included activities, however during your tour you'll have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. Please use your own good judgement when selecting your free time activities and exercise due caution when you are out and about exploring. Ensure you carry your host's phone number and ideally the address and phone number of your hotel as well.

Please also note that your Tour Leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the tour itinerary if it's deemed necessary due to safety concerns.

# FOOD & DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

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Please advise us if you have any specific dietary requirements upon booking your tour. This information can be provided on our standard booking form.

African food is diverse and full of flavour. Ground maize or corn is used as the basis for many meals. Maize flour is cooked with water to form a stiff porridge (called ugali or nsima in certain countries). Sometimes it's made into dough. This starchy staple is served with sauces or stews. In the South and East residents rely mainly on grains, beans and vegetables, with fish providing protein in coastal, lake or river regions. Oranges, lemons and limes are frequently used in cooking, while other fruits such as mangoes, papayas and pineapples are eaten for dessert.

## Meals not included:

For meals not included, a budget of USD10 to USD15 per meal (lunch) and USD12 to USD25 (dinner/main course) should be sufficient for most, of course these are indicative prices and will vary depending on your personal budget and preferences. Local "street" food may be less expensive, on the other hand if you want to try the finest food at the finest restaurants, you can expect meals to cost as much as in western countries.

### Water and Ice:

The tap water throughout Africa is generally not suitable for drinking. The safest option is to drink purified bottled water. Make sure you are purchasing sealed bottles and watch the seal being broken on the bottle. Bottled water will be provided on the bus for your convenience. We also recommend you use bottled water for brushing your teeth while on tour, and if in doubt ask for no ice in your drinks when at local establishments.

## MEDICAL & HEALTH

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We suggest that you consult with your own physician prior to your tour to ensure your routine immunizations, such as tetanus, are up-to-date before travelling. Older travellers in particular may wish to consider preventive measures against influenza and pneumonia.

We also recommend consulting your local doctor, travel medical service or specialist vaccination clinic to ensure you are aware of any health requirements and recommended precautions relevant to your tour. Ensure you carry all necessary vaccination documents (e.g. proof of Yellow Fever vaccination, if required) on your tour.

It is advised to carry any personal medication in its original container and it should have a clearly printed label. Prescription and controlled medication must be accompanied by a prescription from the prescribing physician on letterhead stationery and include the medication's generic name.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

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It is a condition of travelling with Escorted Escapes that you have a valid, fully comprehensive travel insurance policy for the whole duration of your travel arrangements.

It's important that you protect yourself in case of natural disasters, lost or delayed baggage and unforeseen medical expenses. We strongly recommend that the policy covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Please make sure you bring a copy of your policy with you on tour.

If you lose any of your belongings while on tour you may be required to obtain a police report. Make sure you keep any receipts for anything you may wish to claim for on your return – i.e. medical receipts etc.

## GROUP TOUR ETIQUETTE

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We endeavour to make group travel with Escorted Escapes a truly enjoyable experience and showing respect to everyone we encounter will help ensure that the group travel memories you bring home are happy ones.

We ask you to remember that patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience.

Rules of tradition, superstitions and religion play a large role in day-to-day life in Africa, we ask that you listen and respect the tour leader and host when they address the group.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why does this tour require an adequate level of fitness?**

Our tour is designed to be a leisurely pace however there are a number of long travel days on uneven roads, and we will be frequently climbing in and out of 4WD transport and game vehicles. Safari vehicles have elevated seats, and can be reached with two or three high steps, so a suitable mobility will be required.

### **Are there laundry facilities?**

Most of the Lodges will be able to organise for washing to be done for a low fee. We suggest this be done where we have 2 or 3 night stays.

### **What are the toilets in Africa like?**

Most of the time there are western style toilets available although occasionally squat toilets might be found in bus or train stations, as well as some smaller local restaurants.

All of our accommodations provide private en-suites with western style toilet facilities.

### **How much spending money will I need?**

When it comes to spending money on the tour, every traveller is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do so please budget a sensible amount for things like meals that are not included, drinks, shopping and optional activities. Don't forget to allow enough to treat yourself to a special meal and buy some souvenirs!