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⇒ If you are young, fun, like to live on adrenaline, enjoy exploration or want to break down cultural barriers, then an Encounter expedition is right up your street.

On an Encounter expedition you can try white-water rafting down the White Nile, trek from the High Andes down to steaming cloud forest or perhaps riding camels across the Thar desert of Rajasthan. Encounter trips are designed to be fun and to get the adrenaline flowing.

Encounter trips are run with a spirit of exploration. We prefer to be off the beaten track. We will push out the boundaries of adventure travel and look for the undiscovered.

On an Encounter expedition you can break down the cultural divides that separate the peoples of the world. You can even travel and work within a local community on one of our Volunteer Projects.

⇒ go wild with encounter

Encounter runs adventurous active holidays and overland expeditions through South America, Africa and Asia. We will take you there (wherever 'there' may be) and you can choose what you want to do. Biking, hiking, rafting, trekking. Boating, diving, riding, driving. Each trip will have a number of different activities, ranging from cultural exploration to really wild adventures such as climbing or rafting.

A few of these activities are included in the price but most will be optional so that you can decide how wild you want to get. You can be completely flexible to suit your own requirements and budget. Each itinerary has a "Wild Side", listing the activities available.

the wildside



⇒ Salt pans, Bolivia

⇒ group sizes

34 People? ...NEVER..... We believe that groups should not overwhelm the areas they visit but should travel in harmony with the surroundings. This is part and parcel of responsible tourism. We have small groups, usually between 8 and 16 people. Some operators carry 30 or more passengers - and that is what you would be - a "passenger" being herded about rather than participant. Most of our vehicles only take a maximum of about 20 people. (One or two vehicles do take up to 23).

Our groups are made up of young people, most in their twenties and thirties, but we do get older adventurers. Often you will be with several different nationalities. Some people join trips together with a friend or partner, but many travel on their own.

⇒ overland loyalty discount

We operate a system of discounts similar to that used by Air Miles but instead of using miles, we use weeks. To qualify for a 5% discount, clients must have travelled with us for more than 10 weeks since February 2001.

New client(s) can also earn a discount on a multiple trip booking - either one client booking several trips or more than one client on a single booking. Trips are treated by date order and once the figure of 10 weeks has been reached, any subsequent trip (by date order) will be eligible to the 5% discount. The threshold of 10 weeks must be exceeded before any discount becomes available on later dated trips.

These discounts are non-transferable, are subject to conditions and cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount. Qualification for the discount will be reassessed should any relevant trip be cancelled. These discounts are only available for trips booked from this brochure.

⇒ the wild life - involve yourself

While some of our trips are pretty relaxed, others will require a higher than average level of fitness. We will take you to places where conditions are not always easy.

It is a nomadic lifestyle and days will vary. Sometimes there will be lots of driving, with stops for shopping, picnic lunches, villages, etc. At other times you may be away from the vehicle, trekking or exploring for a few days. There are no strict schedules and itineraries will vary. The published itineraries are merely a suggestion of what can be done.

At night we will either stop in the wilderness, or perhaps stay in a campsite or local hotel/hostel. Camping gives freedom to explore where tourists cannot. In Africa the majority of nights will be spent camping. In Asia and especially in South America we frequently stay in traveller's hotels/hostels.

You will be expected to participate in all aspects of the expeditions, whether it is in some of the "Wild Side" activities, doing the cooking or the camp chores. On the longer, more challenging expeditions, you will be instrumental in making the journey happen. Your will and determination will be an important element of the trip. You will often find that you will need to work together, whether it's bartering in the local markets for the day's dinner, or digging the truck out of sand in the desert.

Involve yourself, participate, throw yourself into the frenzy of overland life and you will have a wild time.

⇒ responsible tourism

Encounter is committed to raising environmental awareness and to promoting responsible tourism and has been awarded 3-Star Responsible Tourism status - the highest level achievable by the Association of Independent Tour Operators.



⇒ Quad bikes, Namib Desert

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⇒ the best overland backup

Our office in the UK provides the best back up available. This is because, unlike most budget overland operators, Encounter has the backup and resources of our larger and more comprehensive sister organisation, Dragoman. Unlike other budget operators we provide liability insurance, mechanical and logistical backup, comprehensive training for our leaders and bonding and membership of AITO, the Association of Independent Tour Operators. The value of this backup should never be overlooked when booking a trip.

We can deal with any pre-travel plans, helping to arrange flights and travel insurance and also advising on visas and vaccinations. Our operational staff work very closely with the expedition leaders on the road to ensure everything is running smoothly.

⇒ well trained leaders

Encounter & Dragoman are one of the only (if not the only) reputable overland company to still staff and maintain a workshop and training centre in the UK.

Our leaders have been through a training programme and have been pre-trained with our sister organisation, Dragoman. When booking a trip it is worth realising that most other budget price operators also cut costs wherever possible and few companies have staff who can compete with Encounter leaders.

Before going on the road, Encounter leaders will have training in mechanical instructions, equipment repairs, PCV or HGV tests. They also receive training in administration, visa and embassy procedures, dealing with different cultures, and most importantly, training in group dynamics, leadership skills and expedition management.

Because we want to involve Encounter travellers with most aspects of the trip, we only use one leader. We feel that this is an excellent way of creating group cohesion as the leader and the expedition members work together as a team. You are not passengers on an Encounter trip.



⇒ 40 years - encounter lives on

Encounter Overland started running trips back in 1964. Since then the name Encounter has been synonymous with adventure, a byword for getting out into the wilds and the discovery of new experiences and challenges. Encounter Overland has always been renowned for professionalism.

⇒ our vehicles & equipment

Our fleet of overland vehicles is a mixture of Mercedes and Fords. They are specially designed expedition trucks. Each continent encounters different terrain and climate, and we adapt the trucks to suit the area we are travelling through.

In South America the truck is our home and it becomes the social club during the cold nights in the Andes and yet it is also suited to the heat of the Amazon basin. This requires a hard-sided vehicle but includes large sunroof tops – the best of both worlds.

In Africa and Asia we have a mixture of inward and forward facing seats to create sociable travelling. These vehicles are open sided; the roof rolls back, the sides roll up allowing for maximum visibility.

Our vehicles are able to tackle the toughest terrain. They have great game viewing vision, but are good for desert, mud and tarmac. They are fitted with comfortable, individual fully sprung seats with headrests.

The vehicles are equipped with kitchens, cook tents, campstools, strong durable tents, and all other camping equipment. All you need to bring is yourself, your clothes, a sleeping bag and mat and any personal medicines. For emergencies each truck carries a comprehensive medical kit.

⇒ expedition & local food

When we are camping we will cook on camp stoves and fires and eat camp food. This includes three meals a day including a picnic lunch or the occasional local meal. When staying in hotels we eat out in local restaurants. You are free to eat where and what you like. Trying out the local cuisine is part of local life and a major part of the experience.

...the price

The Encounter philosophy is to treat its expedition members as individuals with individual goals. That is why we do not have all-inclusive prices. We know that everyone will want to do different things.

Therefore we keep our expedition price to a minimum and use a group camping kitty. All other expenses such as site entrances, "Wild Side" adventure activities, etc. are personal costs.

⇒ the expedition price

This pays for all land transport by expedition vehicles including road tolls and ferries, seaport taxes and vehicle fees, all vehicle entrances to national parks or sites, use of all expedition equipment, the services of the crew and local guides and vehicle accident liability insurance. This cost is paid direct to Encounter or to your travel agent.

⇒ the kitty

On Encounter trips we use a kitty. This is a group fund, administered by the group that will pay for all camping and hotel accommodation and all meals while camping. Meals while staying in hotels are not included in the kitty. It will also pay for all expedition members entrance fees to national parks and other activities that are outlined in bold in the itineraries – these will be activities and areas which form a fundamental part of the trip and that everyone is likely to do. Unlike local payments, the kitty is refundable if there is any left over at the end of your holiday.

⇒ personal spending

You will also need to bring along a personal spending fund for activities not included in the trip price, meals while staying in hotels, for souvenirs and for day to day spending on drinks, laundry, etc. In the Trip Notes for each trip we recommend a daily allowance. Each trip will vary, depending on the country, and full details can be found in the Trip Notes.

⇒ Hard sided vehicle in South America



quality adventure at budget prices

What other budget operator offers you?

- Small Groups
- Comprehensive Backup
- Dragoman Trained Leaders
- Liability Insurances
- Membership of AITO
- Cheap Prices
- Quality Equipment
- Quality Organisation
- 40 Years of Experience
- Refundable Kitty

⇒ Soft sided vehicle in Africa





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safari

⇒ So you want a safari, but how long? 2 - 17 weeks, Encounter safaris can be mixed and matched to make long combination trips. Alternatively hop off at any start or finish point and join the next truck through on our 'Hop-Off Hop-On' option.

volunteer projects

encounter.co.uk/projects

Why not combine your safari with a volunteer project which can be linked into our trips at a given start or finish point? 2 weeks or more, they are perfect for those who want to experience working within a community and travel in Africa.

⇒ Soft Power Schools

14 Nights Jinja (nr. Kampala)

Charity: Soft Power Education
Registered Charity No 1098936.
www.softpowereducation.com

Project Aim: To help reconstruction of primary schools in the Jinja area of Uganda. The emphasis is to create a rich learning environment by improving school infrastructures

Your Work: Helping with simple building, decorating and landscaping jobs as well as helping in and around the schools. You will be introduced to the local community and work with a western supervisor, other volunteers and a team of Ugandan builders and teachers. After a day of orientation, the Soft Power supervisor will discuss with you the jobs and projects best suited to your skills.

Project Provides: Meet and greet, induction, daily transport to/from work, on site supervision, three meals a day and dormitory accommodation at Nile River Explorer campsite.

Project Costs & Duration:
14 nights £450

Starts: Monday or Saturday
Finishes: Sunday or Friday

Additional weekly extensions to projects and/or upgrades to village accommodation can be arranged with Soft Power after arrival in Uganda. These costs are payable locally.

Not included: Personal costs, transfer to and from airport or Kampala. Dragoman will provide details and costs for all these in the trip notes.

Project Code: SPP Map OS
Full details www.encounter.co.uk/project/spp

⇒ Malealea Community

14 Nights Malealea, Lesotho

Organisation: Malealea Lodge
www.malealea.co.ls/projects

At the time of writing, this project is still under development pending a local village trust decision. Full details will be available on the Encounter website at www.encounter.co.uk/project/mlp

Project Aim: To help with community work within a local Basotho mountain community, including development of local schools, sports centres, community gardens and landscaping projects.

Your Work: To date, projects that volunteers have worked on range from tree planting, installing a wind turbine, helping excavate a dam, temporary teaching, building a craft centre, school and classroom development, etc.

Project Costs & Duration:
14 nights

Full details of costs and dates will be found on the website as soon as they are available.

Project Code: MLP Map OS
Full details www.encounter.co.uk/project/mlp



⇒ Nairobi to Kampala

Gorillas & Gameparks

15 nights

Map

Chimps, gorillas, big game in Uganda and Kenya.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 100%. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost.

Trip Profile

Moderate: Gorilla trek, white water rafting, wildlife parks, roads can be poor. Because of the nature of the area, this itinerary may vary.

Wild Side

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. See the big five in the

Masai Mara or Nakuru NP. Walk with giraffes in Naivasha's Crescent Island Wildlife Sanctuary. White-water raft the White Nile. Boat safari to see chimpanzees of Ngamba Island. Trek to find mountain gorillas. Volcano trek at Mt. Kenya.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-3: Depart Nairobi through the Rift Valley for big game safari in Masai Mara. **Days 4-5:** Visit Lake Naivasha for game walks on Crescent Island and then head to Nakuru Nat. Park for more wildlife experiences. **Days 6-8:** Cross into Uganda and onto Bujagali Falls where we have the option of white water rafting down the Nile and a boat trip out on Lake Victoria to see chimpanzees. **Days 9-14:** Drive through stunning country and forests of Uganda to Lake Bunyonyi for opt. canoe trips to Muko Forest. Search for the mountain gorillas in their own habitat, with experienced local guides and take opt. one day volcano trek. **Days 15-16:** Return to enjoy the nightlife of Kampala.

Project Link: this trip can be linked to the Softpower Schools Project on Page 6

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/GAG.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Gorillas and Gameparks

Nairobi to Kampala	Price	Kitty US\$
GAG15 13 May 05 - 28 May 05	£350	230
GAG25 03 Jun 05 - 18 Jun 05	£350	230
GAG55 11 Nov 05 - 26 Nov 05	£350	230
GAG16 12 May 06 - 27 May 06	£350	230
GAG26 09 Jun 06 - 24 Jun 06	£350	230
Kampala to Nairobi	Price	Kitty US\$
GAG14 04 Dec 04 - 19 Dec 04	£350	230
GAG35 04 Jun 05 - 19 Jun 05	£350	230
GAG45 16 Jul 05 - 31 Jul 05	£350	230
GAG65 03 Dec 05 - 18 Dec 05	£350	230

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

⇒ Kampala to Dar

Beaches and Gameparks

14 nights

Map

Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Wildlife and stunning beaches.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 100%. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost.

Trip Profile

Moderate: Beaches, white water rafting, wildlife.

Wild Side

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Boat safari to see the

Chimpanzees of Ngamba Island. White water raft the White Nile. Wildlife safari in the Serengeti Nat. Park. Jeep safari in the Ngorongoro Crater. Meet Masai warriors. Snorkel with dolphins and explore the tropical island of Zanzibar.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-4: Kampala and opt. boat on Lake Victoria to see chimps on Ngamba Island. At Jinja go white water rafting down the Nile or quadbiking or help out at a local primary school for a day. **Days 5-8:** Cross into Kenya and travel down Lake Victoria to Tanzania and into the grasslands of the Serengeti, home to the world's largest wildlife herds. Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater in search of the prolific wildlife. **Days 9-10:** Drive through the Masai lands of the Rift Valley to Arusha and visit the villages of these tribal people as well as meeting snakes at a snake sanctuary. Hike into the beautiful Usambara Mountains and meet the local villagers. **Days 11-15:** Head down to the Indian Ocean Beaches of Tanzania. Optional side trip to the spice island of Zanzibar with its beautiful white sand beaches and azure coves; time for snorkelling, diving and boating.

General Notes: This trip can be linked with our Gorilla Safari Add On. See page 7.

Project Link: this trip can be linked to the Softpower Schools Project on Page 6

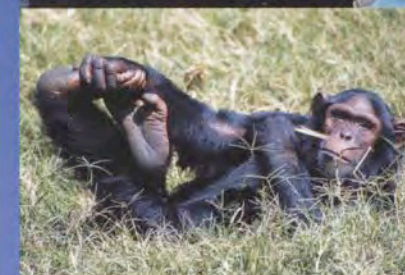
Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/BAG.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Beaches and Gameparks

Kampala to Dar	Price	Kitty US\$
BAG14 19 Dec 04 - 2 Jan 05	£330	230
BAG35 19 Jun 05 - 3 Jul 05	£330	240
BAG45 31 Jul 05 - 14 Aug 05	£330	240
BAG65 18 Dec 05 - 1 Jan 06	£330	240
Dar to Kampala	Price	Kitty US\$
BAG15 29 Apr 05 - 13 May 05	£330	240
BAG25 20 May 05 - 3 Jun 05	£330	240
BAG55 28 Oct 05 - 11 Nov 05	£330	240
BAG16 28 Apr 06 - 12 May 06	£330	240
BAG26 26 May 06 - 9 Jun 06	£330	240

Gorilla Add On: If you wish to extend this journey to see the gorillas, we can arrange for you to join our Gorillas and Gameparks trip midway in Kampala. Please ask Encounter or your travel agent for details and costs.

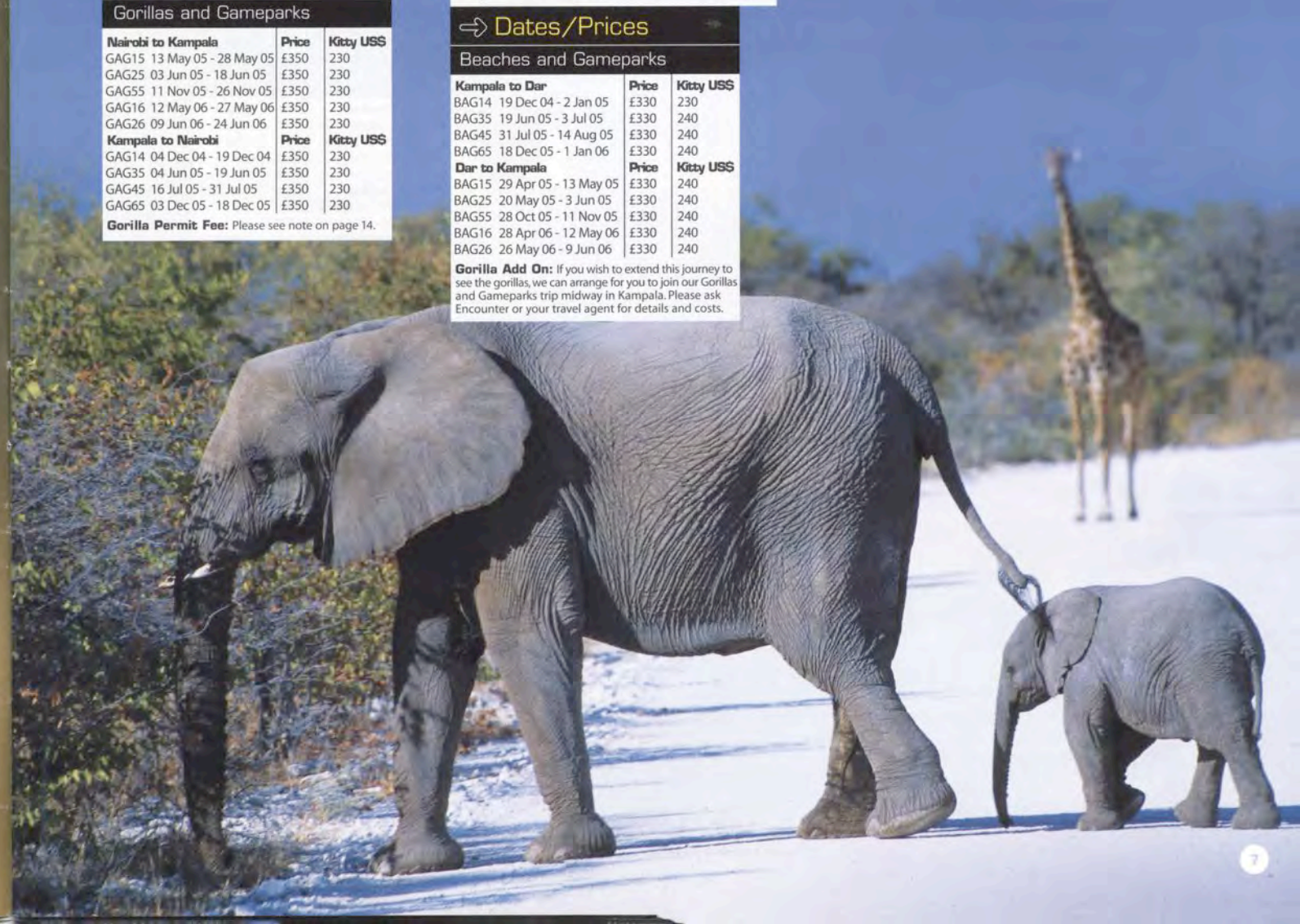


Future Projects

Over the next year or two, Encounter intends to develop further projects in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa. These will be built into our Safari and Hop-off Hop-on programme.

For details on future projects that will be available please see:

www.encounter.co.uk/projects



⇒ Dar to Lusaka

Zanzibar, Malawi & Zambia

16 nights Map

Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia. Indian Ocean beaches, Lake Malawi & Zambia's wildlife.

Food & Accommodation

100% camping. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost, except in Zanzibar.

Trip Profile

Moderate: Some rough roads, wildlife, beaches, water sports, horseriding, village visits.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Sail an Arab Dhow. Snorkel

with dolphins and explore the tropical island of Zanzibar. **Relax on the white sand beaches of the Indian Ocean.** Ride horses along Lake Malawi. Altitude dive or windsurf on Lake Malawi. **Big game safari in the remote South Luangwa Nat. Park.**

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-5: Dar es Salaam, chill out time. Relax on the beautiful beaches of the Indian Ocean, take dhow trips along the coast, visit local Swahili villages or take optional side trip to the spice island of Zanzibar with its beautiful white sand beaches and azure coves; time for snorkelling, diving and boating. **Days 6-7:** Drive through Southern Tanzania and Mikumi Nat Park, home to a large number of big game. Enter the eastern fork of the Southern Rift that forms Lake Malawi. **Days 8-11:** Drive along the shores of the lake visiting local fishing communities. Relax on the shores of this stunning lake; take time out for R&R on the beaches of Kande, horse ride along Lake Malawi or visit the local schools. Visit Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. **Days 12-14:** Enter Zambia to visit South Luangwa Nat. Park supporting over a hundred species of mammals; jeep safaris and opt. night safaris. **Days 15-17:** South Luangwa Nat. Park and then we drive through thick bush and across rural Zambia to the capital city of Lusaka.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/ZMZ.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Zanzibar, Malawi and Zambia

Dar to Lusaka	Price	Kitty US\$
ZMZ14 30 Dec 04 - 15 Jan 05	£300	180
ZMZ35 30 Jun 05 - 16 Jul 05	£300	180
ZMZ45 11 Aug 05 - 27 Aug 05	£300	180
ZMZ65 29 Dec 05 - 14 Jan 06	£300	180
Lusaka to Dar	Price	Kitty US\$
ZMZ15 16 Apr 05 - 2 May 05	£300	180
ZMZ25 07 May 05 - 23 May 05	£300	180
ZMZ55 15 Oct 05 - 31 Oct 05	£300	180
ZMZ16 15 Apr 06 - 1 May 06	£300	180
ZMZ26 13 May 06 - 29 May 06	£300	180

⇒ Lusaka to Livingstone

Zambezi, Wildlife and the Falls

13 nights Map

Wildlife and nat. parks of the Zambezi, Lake Kariba and Vic Falls.

Food & Accommodation

Accommodation: 80% camping, 20% hotels. Huts, camping, and houseboats. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost, except in Vic Falls.

Trip Profile

Challenging: Canoeing, houseboats, wildlife viewing from boats, white water rafting and other adventure activities. Short drives.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Go wild at Vic Falls - bungi

2 day canoe wildlife experience in Lower Zambezi Nat. Park. 3 night houseboat exploration of Lake Kariba. Explore the beauty and wildlife of the Zambezi on Jungle Junction Island. Trek in search of rhino near Vic Falls. Go wild at Vic Falls - bungi jump, white-water raft, elephant ride...

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-4: Leaving Lusaka we take canoes into the Lower Zambezi Nat. Park along the Zambezi between the Kafue and Chongwe Rivers. We should see plenty of wildlife on the banks and get close to the herds of elephants. **Days 5-8:** Up-river we take a 3 day houseboat safari on Lake Kariba; fishing, game walks and visit the world's biggest crocodile farm. The lake islands are home to elephant. **Days 9-11:** 35 kms up-river from the Victoria Falls, we stay at Jungle Junction, a tropical island in the middle of the Zambezi, with opt. game walks, canoeing, fishing, etc. **Days 12-14:** Back to Livingstone and Vic Falls. Opt. rafting, elephant riding, horse safari, bungi jumping, canoe trips, and an excellent rhino walking safari.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/ZWF.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Zambia, Wildlife and the Falls

Lusaka to Livingstone	Price	Kitty US\$
ZWF15 15 Jan 05 - 28 Jan 05	£250	350
ZWF45 16 Jul 05 - 29 Jul 05	£250	370
ZWF55 27 Aug 05 - 9 Sep 05	£250	370
ZWF16 14 Jan 06 - 27 Jan 06	£250	370
Livingstone to Lusaka	Price	Kitty US\$
ZWF25 03 Apr 05 - 16 Apr 05	£250	370
ZWF35 24 Apr 05 - 7 May 05	£250	370
ZWF65 02 Oct 05 - 15 Oct 05	£250	370
ZWF26 02 Apr 06 - 15 Apr 06	£250	370
ZWF36 30 Apr 06 - 13 May 06	£250	370



⇒ Livingstone to Windhoek

Botswana, Namibia and the Falls

17 nights Map

Wildlife and tribes, Okavango Delta, adventure activities.

Food & Accommodation

85% camping, 15% hotels. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost, except at Vic Falls.

Trip Profile

Easy: Wildlife, exploration in boats, sky diving white water rafting and other adventure activities.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Go wild at Vic Falls - bungi

jump, white water raft, elephant ride... Trek in search of rhino near Vic Falls. **See Chobe NP's prolific wildlife by boat.** Jeep safari in Chobe NP. Meet the Himba tribe and the Caprivi people. **Dugout canoeing in the Okavango Delta. See cheetahs face to face.** Trek through the stunning landscape of Spitzkoppe. **Smell the seals at Cape Cross. Be dwarfed by the sand-dunes of the Namib Desert.** Quad bikes and sand-boarding at Swakopmund.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

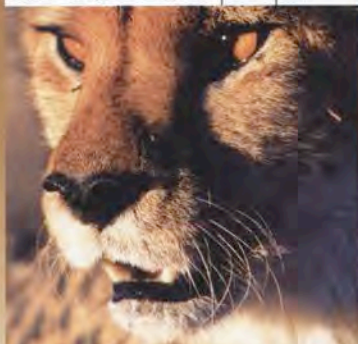
Days 1-4: Visit Vic Falls, opt. adventures incl. white water rafting and trekking with rhinos. Into Botswana to Chobe Nat. Park for an evening boat safari and morning game drives. **Days 5-6:** Into Namibia's Caprivi Strip to visit a traditional Caprivi community. **Days 7-9:** From the beautiful Ngepi Camp we enter the Okavango Delta in Botswana for a houseboat trip and dugout canoe safari. **Days 10-11:** Rundu on the Angolan border, for tribal evening and if time, opt. trip into Angola. **Days 12-15:** Visit a San Bushman community project; visit a cheetah sanctuary to see these magnificent beasts at close quarters. North into the lands of the Himba to meet this tribe and then hike through the stunning landscape of Spitzkoppe. **Day 16-17:** Up the Skeleton Coast to the fur seals of Cape Cross. Swakopmund and the start of the dunes, ideal for sand-boarding, quad bikes and sky-diving. **Day 18:** Finish the trip in Windhoek.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/BNF.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Botswana, Namibia and the Falls

Livingstone to Windhoek	Price	Kitty US\$
BNF15 28 Jan 05 - 14 Feb 05	£350	390
BNF35 29 Jul 05 - 15 Aug 05	£350	410
BNF45 09 Sep 05 - 26 Sep 05	£350	410
BNF16 27 Jan 06 - 13 Feb 06	£350	410
Windhoek to Livingstone	Price	Kitty US\$
BNF25 07 Apr 05 - 24 Apr 05	£350	400
BNF26 13 Apr 06 - 30 Apr 06	£350	400



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⇒ Windhoek to Cape Town

Namibia and the Cape

15 nights Map

The deserts, adventure and wildlife of Namibia.

Food & Accommodation

75% camping, 25% hotels. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost.

Trip Profile

Easy: Deserts, adventure activities, wildlife and some hikes.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Wildlife Safari in Etosha

Nat. Park. Quad bikes and sand-boarding at Swakopmund. **Be dwarfed by the sand-dunes of the Namib Desert.** Trek around the Fish River Canyon. Canoe the Orange River. Climb Table Mountain. **Visit Cape of Good Hope.**

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-3: From Windhoek we head for Swakopmund and the start of the great dunes of Namibia, ideal for sand-boarding, dune buggies and sky-diving. **Days 4-6:** Safari in Etosha Nat. Park. The park harbours a huge variety of animals: springbok, oryx, giraffe, lion and wildebeest. **Days 7-9:** Head via Windhoek to the great shifting dunes of the Namib Desert and Sossusvlei. Climb dune 45 and trek through the desert or go ballooning. **Days 10-11:** Explore the Quiver Tree Forest and the Giants Playground and then trek around the spectacular Fish River Canyon, second only to the Grand Canyon. **Days 12-14:** Cross to South Africa to the Orange River for canoeing and onto the rugged mountains and sandstone formations of the Cederburg wilderness. **Days 15-16:** Tour of the vineyards of Stellenbosch and down to the Cape of Good Hope before finishing in Cape Town.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/NAC.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Namibia and the Cape

Windhoek to Cape Town	Price	Kitty US\$
NAC15 14 Feb 05 - 1 Mar 05	£350	160
NAC35 15 Aug 05 - 30 Aug 05	£350	160
NAC45 26 Sep 05 - 11 Oct 05	£350	160
NAC16 13 Feb 06 - 28 Feb 06	£350	160
Cape Town to Windhoek	Price	Kitty US\$
NAC25 23 Mar 05 - 7 Apr 05	£350	170
NAC26 29 Mar 06 - 13 Apr 06	£350	170

⇒ Cape Town to Jo'burg

Southern Africa Explorer

15 nights Map

The Garden Route, Natal, Swaziland and Lesotho.

Food & Accommodation

95% camping, 5% hotels. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost.

Trip Profile

Easy: Wildlife, adventure activities, mountains and bushlands.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Climb Table Mountain. Cage

dive with great white sharks. Explore the Cango Caves and race ostriches. **Steam train along the Garden Route.** The World's highest bungi jump in Tsitsikamma NP. **Wildlife safaris in Addo Elephant Park and Kruger Nat. Park.** Ride or trek through the Lesotho Mountains. Hike, bike or raft in Swaziland's Mlilwane NP. Tour of Soweto Township.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-3: Cape Town and Table Mountain. The Garden Route; opt. boat trip or cage diving to watch great white sharks feeding. June to November whale watching at Hermanus. Explore the Cango Caves and visit an ostrich farm. **Days 4-6:** Abseil, bungi jump and other adventures in Tsitsikamma Nat. Park; meet the elephants in Addo Nat. Park. **Days 7-9:** Into the mountainous country of Lesotho to Malealea Lodge. Opt. pony treks or visit local school community project. **Days 10-12:** Natal and onto the Kingdom of Swaziland and Mlilwane Nat. Park for hiking, biking or rafting. **Days 13-14:** Gamedrives in Kruger Nat. Park. **Days 15-16:** Drive to Jo'burg for opt. tour of Soweto.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/SAE.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Southern Africa Explorer

Cape Town to Jo'burg	Price	Kitty US\$
SAE15 06 Mar 05 - 21 Mar 05	£305	250
SAE25 04 Sep 05 - 19 Sep 05	£305	250
SAE16 05 Mar 06 - 20 Mar 06	£305	250



⇒ Jo'burg to Livingstone

Bushmen, Okavango and the Falls

13 nights Map

Okavango Delta, Kalahari Desert & Western Zimbabwe

Food & Accommodation

90% camping, 10% hotels. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost, except at Vic Falls.

Trip Profile

Moderate: Desert crossing, tribal treks, canoeing, adventure activities and wildlife.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Tour of Soweto Township.

Trek into the Kalahari with Bushmen. Dugout canoeing in the Okavango Delta. Big game safari in Moremi NP. Explore Sowa Salt Pan and Nata Bird Sanctuary. Walking wildlife trek in Matobo NP to find rhino. Go wild at Vic Falls - bungi jump, white water raft, elephant ride...

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-3: Explore the seething Soweto Township and drive into the Kalahari Desert. **Days 4-5:** Experience the Kalahari with the Bushmen, track wildlife, search for and cook traditional desert foods and witness tribal dances. **Days 6-8:** Dugout canoe safari in the Okavango Delta; walking wildlife safaris and overnight bushcamp in the wilderness. Jeep Safari in Moremi NP in search of lion, elephant, zebras, giraffe. **Day 9:** Exploration of Sowa Salt Pan in the Nata Bird Sanctuary, a local community run ecological project. **Days 10-11:** Search for white or black rhino on foot and by jeep in Zimbabwe's beautiful Matobo Nat. Park, excellent wildlife. **Days 12-14:** Enjoy the spectacular Vic Falls, the adventure playground of Africa.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/BOF.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Bushmen, Okavango and the Falls

Jo'burg to Livingstone	Price	Kitty US\$
BOF15 21 Mar 05 - 3 Apr 05	£275	330
BOF25 19 Sep 05 - 2 Oct 05	£275	330
BOF16 20 Mar 06 - 2 Apr 06	£275	330



— Windhoek to Cape Town
— Cape Town to Jo'burg
— Jo'burg to Livingstone

Hop-off Hop-on, or link with a volunteer project



Nairobi to Dar es Salaam

4 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Dar		
NFD14 04 Dec 04 - 2 Jan 05	£670	470
NFD35 04 Jun 05 - 3 Jul 05	£670	470
NFD45 16 Jul 05 - 14 Aug 05	£670	470
NFD65 03 Dec 05 - 1 Jan 06	£670	470
Dar to Nairobi		
NFD15 29 Apr 05 - 28 May 05	£670	470
NFD25 20 May 05 - 18 Jun 05	£670	470
NFD55 28 Oct 05 - 26 Nov 05	£670	470
NFD16 28 Apr 06 - 27 May 06	£670	470

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Lusaka

6 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Lusaka		
NFL14 04 Dec 04 - 15 Jan 05	£960	650
NFL35 04 Jun 05 - 16 Jul 05	£960	650
NFL45 16 Jul 05 - 27 Aug 05	£960	650
NFL65 03 Dec 05 - 14 Jan 06	£960	650
Lusaka to Nairobi		
NFL15 16 Apr 05 - 28 May 05	£960	650
NFL25 07 May 05 - 18 Jun 05	£960	650
NFL55 15 Oct 05 - 26 Nov 05	£960	650
NFL16 15 Apr 06 - 24 Jun 06	£960	650

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Livingstone

8 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Livingstone		
NFV14 04 Dec 04 - 28 Jan 05	£1200	1020
NFV35 04 Jun 05 - 29 Jul 05	£1200	1020
NFV45 16 Jul 05 - 9 Sep 05	£1200	1020
NFV75 03 Dec 05 - 27 Jan 06	£1200	1020
Livingstone to Nairobi		
NFV25 03 Apr 05 - 28 May 05	£1200	1020
NFV55 24 Apr 05 - 18 Jun 05	£1200	1020
NFV65 02 Oct 05 - 26 Nov 05	£1200	1020
NFV26 02 Apr 06 - 27 May 06	£1200	1020
NFV36 30 Apr 06 - 24 Jun 06	£1200	1020

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Livingstone

10.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Livingstone		
NBW14 04 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£2240	2170
NBW35 04 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£2240	2170
NBW65 03 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£2240	2170

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Windhoek

10.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Windhoek		
NFW14 04 Dec 04 - 14 Feb 05	£1480	1430
NFW35 04 Jun 05 - 15 Aug 05	£1480	1430
NFW45 16 Jul 05 - 26 Sep 05	£1480	1430
NFW65 03 Dec 05 - 13 Feb 06	£1480	1430
Windhoek to Nairobi		
NFW25 07 Apr 05 - 18 Jun 05	£1480	1420
NFW26 13 Apr 06 - 24 Jun 06	£1480	1420

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Cape Town

12.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Cape Town		
NFC14 04 Dec 04 - 1 Mar 05	£1780	1590
NFC35 04 Jun 05 - 30 Aug 05	£1780	1590
NFC45 16 Jul 05 - 11 Oct 05	£1780	1590
NFC65 03 Dec 05 - 28 Feb 06	£1780	1590
Cape Town to Nairobi		
NFC25 23 Mar 05 - 18 Jun 05	£1780	1590
NFC16 29 Mar 06 - 24 Jun 06	£1780	1590

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Cape Town

12.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Cape Town		
NFC14 04 Dec 04 - 1 Mar 05	£1780	1590
NFC35 04 Jun 05 - 30 Aug 05	£1780	1590
NFC45 16 Jul 05 - 11 Oct 05	£1780	1590
NFC65 03 Dec 05 - 28 Feb 06	£1780	1590
Cape Town to Nairobi		
NFC25 23 Mar 05 - 18 Jun 05	£1780	1590
NFC16 29 Mar 06 - 24 Jun 06	£1780	1590

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Jo'burg

15.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Jo'burg		
NFJ14 04 Dec 04 - 21 Mar 05	£2020	1840
NFJ35 04 Jun 05 - 19 Sep 05	£2020	1840
NFJ65 03 Dec 05 - 20 Mar 06	£2020	1840

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Livingstone

17 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Livingstone		
NBV14 04 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£2240	2170
NBV35 04 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£2240	2170
NBV65 03 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£2240	2170

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Livingstone

17 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Livingstone		
NBV14 04 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£2240	2170
NBV35 04 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£2240	2170
NBV65 03 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£2240	2170

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Nairobi to Livingstone

17 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Nairobi to Livingstone		
NBV14 04 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£2240	2170
NBV35 04 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£2240	2170
NBV65 03 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£2240	2170

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Kampala to Lusaka

4 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Lusaka		
KFL14 19 Dec 04 - 15 Jan 05	£630	410
KFL35 19 Jun 05 - 16 Jul 05	£630	420
KFL45 31 Jul 05 - 27 Aug 05	£630	420
KFL65 18 Dec 05 - 14 Jan 06	£630	420
Lusaka to Kampala		
KFL15 16 Apr 05 - 13 May 05	£630	420
KFL25 07 May 05 - 3 Jun 05	£630	420
KFL55 15 Oct 05 - 11 Nov 05	£630	420
KFL16 15 Apr 06 - 12 May 06	£630	420
KFL26 13 May 06 - 9 Jun 06	£630	420

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.

Kampala to Livingstone

5.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Livingstone		
KBV14 19 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£1950	1890
KBV35 19 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£1950	1940
KBV65 18 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£1950	1940

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.

Kampala to Windhoek

8 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Windhoek		
KFW14 19 Dec 04 - 14 Feb 05	£1170	1150
KFW35 19 Jun 05 - 15 Aug 05	£1170	1200
KFW45 31 Jul 05 - 26 Sep 05	£1170	1200
KFW65 18 Dec 05 - 13 Feb 06	£1170	1200
Windhoek to Kampala		
KFW25 07 Apr 05 - 3 Jun 05	£1170	1190
KFW26 13 Apr 06 - 9 Jun 06	£1170	1190

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.

Kampala to Cape Town

10.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Cape Town		
KFC14 19 Dec 04 - 1 Mar 05	£1480	1310
KFC35 19 Jun 05 - 30 Aug 05	£1480	1360
KFC45 31 Jul 05 - 11 Oct 05	£1480	1360
KFC65 18 Dec 05 - 28 Feb 06	£1480	1360
Cape Town to Kampala		
KFC25 23 Mar 05 - 3 Jun 05	£1480	1360
KFC26 29 Mar 06 - 9 Jun 06	£1480	1360

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.

Kampala to Cape Town

10.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Cape Town		
KFC14 19 Dec 04 - 1 Mar 05	£1480	1310
KFC35 19 Jun 05 - 30 Aug 05	£1480	1360
KFC45 31 Jul 05 - 11 Oct 05	£1480	1360
KFC65 18 Dec 05 - 28 Feb 06	£1480	1360
Cape Town to Kampala		
KFC25 23 Mar 05 - 3 Jun 05	£1480	1360
KFC26 29 Mar 06 - 9 Jun 06	£1480	1360

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.

Kampala to Jo'burg

13 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Jo'burg		
KFJ14 19 Dec 04 - 21 Mar 05	£1730	1560
KFJ35 19 Jun 05 - 19 Sep 05	£1730	1610
KFJ65 18 Dec 05 - 20 Mar 06	£1730	1610

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.
Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Kampala to Livingstone

15 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Livingstone		
KBV14 19 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£1950	1890
KBV35 19 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£1950	1940
KBV65 18 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£1950	1940

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.
Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Kampala to Livingstone

15 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Livingstone		
KBV14 19 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£1950	1890
KBV35 19 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£1950	1940
KBV65 18 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£1950	1940

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.
Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Kampala to Livingstone

15 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Livingstone		
KBV14 19 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£1950	1890
KBV35 19 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£1950	1940
KBV65 18 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£1950	1940

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.
Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Kampala to Livingstone

15 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Kampala to Livingstone		
KBV14 19 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£1950	1890
KBV35 19 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£1950	1940
KBV65 18 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£1950	1940

Gorilla Note: To extend this trip and see the gorillas see note on Beaches and Gameparks page 7.
Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Dar to Livingstone

4 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Livingstone		
DFV14 30 Dec 04 - 28 Jan 05	£550	530
DFV35 30 Jun 05 - 29 Jul 05	£550	550
DFV55 11 Aug 05 - 9 Sep 05	£550	550
DFV75 29 Dec 05 - 27 Jan 06	£550	550
Livingstone to Dar		
DFV25 03 Apr 05 - 2 May 05	£550	550
DFV45 24 Apr 05 - 23 May 05	£550	550
DFV65 02 Oct 05 - 31 Oct 05	£550	550
DFV26 02 Apr 06 - 1 May 06	£550	550
DFV36 30 Apr 06 - 29 May 06	£550	550

Dar to Windhoek

6.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Windhoek		
DFW14 30 Dec 04 - 14 Feb 05	£880	920
DFW35 30 Jun 05 - 15 Aug 05	£880	960
DFW55 11 Aug 05 - 26 Sep 05	£880	960
DFW65 29 Dec 05 - 13 Feb 06	£880	960
Windhoek to Dar		
DFW25 07 Apr 05 - 23 May 05	£880	950
DFW26 13 Apr 06 - 29 May 06	£880	950

Dar to Cape Town

8.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Cape Town		
DFC14 30 Dec 04 - 1 Mar 05	£1180	1080
DFC35 30 Jun 05 - 30 Aug 05	£1180	1120
DFC55 11 Aug 05 - 11 Oct 05	£1180	1120
DFC65 29 Dec 05 - 28 Feb 06	£1180	1120
Cape Town to Dar		
DFC25 23 Mar 05 - 23 May 05	£1180	1120
DFC26 29 Mar 06 - 29 May 06	£1180	1120

Dar to Jo'burg

11.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Jo'burg		
DFJ14 30 Dec 04 - 21 Mar 05	£1440	1330
DFJ35 30 Jun 05 - 19 Sep 05	£1440	1370
DFJ65 29 Dec 05 - 20 Mar 06	£1440	1370

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Dar to Livingstone

13.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Livingstone		
DBV14 30 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£1680	1660
DBV35 30 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£1680	1700
DBV65 29 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£1680	1700

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Dar to Livingstone

4 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Livingstone		
DFV14 30 Dec 04 - 28 Jan 05	£550	530
DFV35 30 Jun 05 - 29 Jul 05	£550	550
DFV55 11 Aug 05 - 9 Sep 05	£550	550
DFV75 29 Dec 05 - 27 Jan 06	£550	550
Livingstone to Dar		
DFV25 03 Apr 05 - 2 May 05	£550	550
DFV45 24 Apr 05 - 23 May 05	£550	550
DFV65 02 Oct 05 - 31 Oct 05	£550	550
DFV26 02 Apr 06 - 1 May 06	£550	550
DFV36 30 Apr 06 - 29 May 06	£550	550

Dar to Windhoek

6.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Windhoek		
DFW14 30 Dec 04 - 14 Feb 05	£880	920
DFW35 30 Jun 05 - 15 Aug 05	£880	960
DFW55 11 Aug 05 - 26 Sep 05	£880	960
DFW65 29 Dec 05 - 13 Feb 06	£880	960
Windhoek to Dar		
DFW25 07 Apr 05 - 23 May 05	£880	950
DFW26 13 Apr 06 - 29 May 06	£880	950

Dar to Cape Town

8.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Cape Town		
DFC14 30 Dec 04 - 1 Mar 05	£1180	1080
DFC35 30 Jun 05 - 30 Aug 05	£1180	1120
DFC55 11 Aug 05 - 11 Oct 05	£1180	1120
DFC65 29 Dec 05 - 28 Feb 06	£1180	1120
Cape Town to Dar		
DFC25 23 Mar 05 - 23 May 05	£1180	1120
DFC26 29 Mar 06 - 29 May 06	£1180	1120

Dar to Jo'burg

11.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Jo'burg		
DFJ14 30 Dec 04 - 21 Mar 05	£1440	1330
DFJ35 30 Jun 05 - 19 Sep 05	£1440	1370
DFJ65 29 Dec 05 - 20 Mar 06	£1440	1370

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Dar to Livingstone

13.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Dar to Livingstone		
DBV14 30 Dec 04 - 3 Apr 05	£1680	1660
DBV35 30 Jun 05 - 2 Oct 05	£1680	1700
DBV65 29 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£1680	1700

Kitty Note: There is a half week break in Cape Town not covered by kitty.

Lusaka to Windhoek

4.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Lusaka to Windhoek		
LFW15 15 Jan 05 - 14 Feb 05	£590	740
LFW45 16 Jul 05 - 15 Aug 05	£590	780
LFW55 27 Aug 05 - 26 Sep 05	£590	780
LFW16 14 Jan 06 - 13 Feb 06	£590	780
Windhoek to Lusaka		
LFW25 07 Apr 05 - 7 May 05	£590	770
LFW26 13 Apr 06 - 13 May 06	£590	770

Lusaka to Cape Town

6.5 weeks combination trip

	Price	Kitty
Lusaka to Cape Town		
LFC15 15 Jan 05 - 1 Mar 05	£930	900



Encounter overland africa

⇒ East and Southern Africa are the areas of Africa that most travellers will visit. They have prolific wildlife, some of the most interesting tribal cultures and the inevitable beauty of the African bushland. The beaches of the Indian Ocean, and Lake Malawi are ideal places for R&R. For the lover of adventure and the adrenaline junkie this area is a perfect playground. Whatever your thing, from the highest bungi jump in the world to skydiving or horse riding amongst the wildlife of Africa, you will find it in this region.

Gorillas to the Falls

7 weeks combination trip

	Nairobi	Nairobi	Livingstone
Nairobi to Livingstone			
NUV144	31 Jul 04 - 18 Sep 04	£1270	730
NUV154	27 Nov 04 - 15 Jan 05	£1160	720
NUV25	03 Feb 05 - 24 Mar 05	£1270	740
NUV16	28 Jan 06 - 18 Mar 06	£1090	750
Livingstone to Nairobi			
NUV184	02 Oct 04 - 20 Nov 04	£1200	730
NUV174	09 Dec 04 - 27 Jan 05	£1200	730

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note opposite.

Overland East & South

8 weeks combination trip

	Nairobi	Livingstone	Cape Town
Nairobi to Cape Town			
NTC134	31 Jul 04 - 25 Sep 04	£1210	850
NTC144	21 Aug 04 - 16 Oct 04	£1210	850
NTC184	18 Dec 04 - 12 Feb 05	£1210	850
NTC25	24 Feb 05 - 21 Apr 05	£1360	890
NTC115	25 Jun 05 - 20 Aug 05	£1140	890
NTC95	17 Dec 05 - 11 Feb 06	£1140	890
NTC16	18 Feb 06 - 15 Apr 06	£1140	890
Cape Town to Nairobi			
NTC154	04 Sep 04 - 30 Oct 04	£1140	870
NTC164	16 Oct 04 - 11 Dec 04	£1140	870
NTC174	11 Nov 04 - 6 Jan 05	£1140	870
NTC75	07 May 05 - 2 Jul 05	£1140	910
NTC85	15 Oct 05 - 10 Dec 05	£1140	910
NTC105	05 Nov 05 - 31 Dec 05	£1140	910
NTC36	06 May 06 - 1 Jul 06	£1140	910

Gorillas to the Cape

11 weeks combination trip

	Nairobi	Nairobi	Livingstone	Cape Town
Nairobi to Cape Town				
NUC144	31 Jul 04 - 16 Oct 04	£1750	1200	
NUC154	27 Nov 04 - 12 Feb 05	£1650	1190	
NUC25	03 Feb 05 - 21 Apr 05	£1890	1230	
NUC16	28 Jan 06 - 15 Apr 06	£1580	1240	
Cape Town to Nairobi				
NUC184	04 Sep 04 - 20 Nov 04	£1680	1210	
NUC174	11 Nov 04 - 27 Jan 05	£1680	1210	

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note opposite.

Gorilla Permit Fee:

The Uganda Wildlife Authority has imposed strict regulations regarding gorilla tracking permits. To guarantee that you are able to track gorillas we must now collect a non refundable deposit of £130 at the time of booking. This is to part cover the up front payment of the Gorilla Tracking Permit and is in addition to the trip price and kitty contribution. (Not all operators abide by these regulations and therefore some cannot guarantee getting permits.) Viewing of the gorillas cannot be guaranteed as they are wild animals.

⇒ Nairobi to Nairobi

East Africa & Gorilla Overland

21 nights Map

Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda. A journey that encompasses the best of East Africa's wildlife and tribal culture.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 95%, Hotels 5%. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost.

Trip Profile

Moderate: Gorilla trek, white water rafting, wildlife parks, roads can be poor. Because of the nature of the area, this itinerary may vary.



Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Meet Masai warriors. Jeep safari in the Ngorongoro Crater. Explore

Serengeti Nat. Park. White water raft the White Nile. **Work to rebuild a Ugandan Primary School.** Boat safari to see chimpanzees of Ngamba Island. **Trek to find Mountain Gorillas.** Volcano trek.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-3: Nairobi; cross to Arusha in Tanzania through the lands of the Masai. **Day 4:** Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater in search of the prolific wildlife. **Days 5-7:** Into the plains of the Serengeti, home to huge wildlife herds; Up to Lake Victoria and into Kenya to visit the last rainforest in Kenya, the Kakamega Forest Reserve. **Days 8-10:** Cross to Uganda to Bujugali Falls for white water rafting down the Nile. Spend a day at a local community project helping to rebuild local schools. **Days 11-13:** Boat trip on Lake Victoria to see Chimps on Ngamba Islands; drive through stunning country and forests. **Days 14-17:** Search for the Mountain Gorillas with experienced local guides; one day volcano trek. **Days 18-19:** Relax and enjoy the nightlife of Kampala. **Days 20-21:** Return to Kenya and visit Lake Naivasha for game walks and then finish our journey in the bustling city of Nairobi.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/EAG.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

East Africa & Gorilla Overland

	Nairobi to Nairobi	Price	Kitty US\$
EAG104	26 Jun 04 - 17 Jul 04	£605	350
EAG114	31 Jul 04 - 21 Aug 04	£605	350
EAG134	30 Oct 04 - 20 Nov 04	£605	340
EAG154	27 Nov 04 - 18 Dec 04	£495	340
EAG15	06 Jan 05 - 27 Jan 05	£605	340
EAG25	03 Feb 05 - 24 Feb 05	£605	340
EAG16	28 Jan 06 - 18 Feb 06	£495	350

Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

⇒ Nairobi to Livingstone or v.v.

African Genesis

4 weeks Map

Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia. Explore East & Southern Africa.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 100%. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost, except for on Zanzibar and at Vic Falls.

Trip Profile

Moderate: Some trekking options, roads okay, some long driving stretches, wildlife, beaches.



Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Meet Masai warriors. Safari

in Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater. Sail an Arab Dhow. Snorkel with dolphins in Zanzibar. Hike to Livingstone. Dive or windsurf on Lake Malawi. **Safari in the remote South Luangwa Nat. Park.** Go wild at Vic Falls - bungi jump, white water raft, elephant ride... **Explore the beauty and wildlife of the Zambezi on Jungle Junction Island.**

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-3: From Nairobi to Tanzania for safari in Lake Manyara Nat. Park to see tree-climbing lions. **Days 4-5:** Wildlife safari in Ngorongoro Crater. **Days 6-7:** Meet Masai warriors before heading to Dar es Salaam on the Indian Ocean. **Days 8-10:** Opt. side trip to the spice island of Zanzibar with its beautiful white sand beaches and azure coves; time for snorkelling, diving and boating. **Days 11-12:** Drive through Southern Tanzania and Mikumi Nat. Park. Enter the Southern Rift Valley at Lake Malawi. **Days 13-14:** Head up to Livingstone, walk the trails before returning down to the beaches on the lakeshore. **Days 15-18:** Visit local fishing communities, take time out for R&R on the beaches of Kande, horse ride along Lake Malawi or visit the local schools. Visit Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. **Days 19-21:** In Zambia visit South Luangwa Nat. Park home to over a hundred species of mammals. **Days 22-26:** Cross Zambia to Livingstone and stay on an island on the Zambezi, to see the unspoilt side of this great river. **Days 27-28:** Head to the spectacular Vic Falls, the adventure playground of Africa.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/AGE.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

African Genesis

	Nairobi to Livingstone	Price	Kitty US\$
AGE134	31 Jul 04 - 28 Aug 04	£695	380
AGE144	21 Aug 04 - 18 Sep 04	£695	380
AGE184	18 Dec 04 - 15 Jan 05	£695	380
AGE25	24 Feb 05 - 24 Mar 05	£695	400
AGE105	25 Jun 05 - 23 Jul 05	£620	400
AGE95	17 Dec 05 - 14 Jan 06	£620	400
AGE16	18 Feb 06 - 18 Mar 06	£620	400
Livingstone to Nairobi			
AGE124	26 Jun 04 - 24 Jul 04	£695	390
AGE154	02 Oct 04 - 30 Oct 04	£620	390
AGE164	13 Nov 04 - 11 Dec 04	£620	390
AGE174	09 Dec 04 - 6 Jan 05	£620	390
AGE55	04 Jun 05 - 2 Jul 05	£620	410
AGE75	12 Nov 05 - 10 Dec 05	£620	410
AGE85	03 Dec 05 - 31 Dec 05	£620	410
AGE26	03 Jun 06 - 1 Jul 06	£620	410

⇒ Livingstone to Cape Town or v.v.

Southern Cross of Africa

4 weeks Map

Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 80%, Wilderness Camping 10%, Hotels 10%. All camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost, except for at Vic Falls.

Trip Profile

Easy: Easy days, no hard trekking, good roads, game drives and wildlife.



Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Go wild at Vic Falls - bungi

jump, white water raft, elephant ride... Chobe NP, boat safari down Chobe River. Dugout canoeing in the Okavango Delta. Safari in Etosha Nat. Park. Play with cheetahs. **Smell the seals at Cape Cross.** Quad bikes and sand-boarding at Swakopmund. **Be dwarfed by the sand-dunes of the Namib Desert.** Trek around Fish River Canyon. Canoe the Orange River. Climb Table Mountain.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-4: Visit Vic Falls, the adventure playground of Africa. Into Botswana to Chobe Nat. Park for an evening boat safari and game drives. **Days 5-8:** In Namibia we drive through the Caprivi Strip; from the beautiful Ngepi Camp enter the Okavango Delta in Botswana for a mokoro (dug out) safari in the Delta. **Days 9-10:** Drive to Rundu for opt. trip into Angola. **Days 11-14:** Safari in Etosha Nat. Park. The park has a huge variety of animals; springbok, oryx, giraffe, lion and wildebeest. **Days 15-16:** Head to the cheetah sanctuary to play with and feed these magnificent animals; cross the Brandenburg Mountains; pass petrified trees and mysteries in 16,000 year old rock paintings; Along the Skeleton Coast to the fur seal colony of Cape Cross. **Days 17-19:** Swakopmund and the great dunes of Namibia, ideal for sand-boarding, dune buggies and sky-diving. **Days 20-21:** To the shifting dunes of the Namib Desert and Sossusvlei. **Days 22-23:** Luderitz and the ghost diamond mining town of Kolmanskop; check out the rare wild horses of the Namib. **Days 24-25:** Time for trekking around the Fish River Canyon. **Days 26-28:** Cross to South Africa to the Orange River for canoeing; the rugged mountains and sandstone formations of the Cederburg wilderness; then onto Cape Town and Table Mountain.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/SCA.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

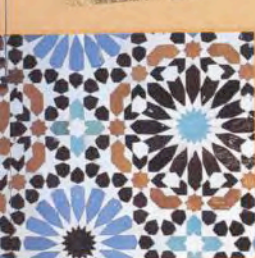
Southern Cross of Africa

	Livingstone to Cape Town	Price	Kitty US\$
SCA134	28 Aug 04 - 25 Sep 04	£580	470
SCA144	18 Sep 04 - 16 Oct 04	£580	470
SCA15	15 Jan 05 - 12 Feb 05	£580	470
SCA45	24 Mar 05 - 21 Apr 05	£730	490
SCA105	23 Jul 05 - 20 Aug 05	£580	490
SCA16	14 Jan 06 - 11 Feb 06	£580	490
SCA26	18 Mar 06 - 15 Apr 06	£580	490
Cape Town to Livingstone			
SCA154	04 Sep 04 - 2 Oct 04	£580	480
SCA164	16 Oct 04 - 13 Nov 04	£580	480
SCA174	11 Nov 04 - 9 Dec 04	£580	480
SCA65	07 May 05 - 4 Jun 05	£580	500
SCA85	15 Oct 05 - 12 Nov 05	£580	500
SCA95	05 Nov 05 - 3 Dec 05	£580	500
SCA36	06 May 06 - 3 Jun 06	£580	500

General Notes: Okavango Delta: If the group is too small we will be unable to use the houseboats and will enter the Delta by mokoro canoe and bushcamp for 2 nights in the Delta.

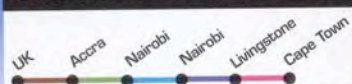


Encounter the trans africa



Trans To The Cape

34.5 weeks combination trip

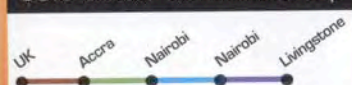


UK to Cape Town	Price	Kitty
USC24 23 Aug 04 - 21 Apr 05	£4770	2450
USC25 17 Aug 05 - 15 Apr 06	£4500	2520
Cape Town to UK	Price	Kitty
USC174 11 Nov 04 - 10 Jul 05	£4590	2470

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Trans Continental Exploratory section.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Trans To Vic Falls

30.5 weeks combination trip

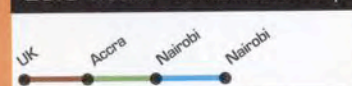


UK to Livingstone	Price	Kitty
USZ24 23 Aug 04 - 24 Mar 05	£4180	1960
USZ25 17 Aug 05 - 18 Mar 06	£4040	2030
Livingstone to UK	Price	Kitty
USZ174 09 Dec 04 - 10 Jul 05	£4120	1990

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Trans Continental Exploratory section.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Trans To Kenya & Uganda

26.5 weeks combination trip



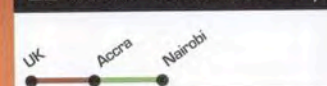
UK to Nairobi	Price	Kitty
USG24 23 Aug 04 - 24 Feb 05	£3630	1560
USG25 17 Aug 05 - 18 Feb 06	£3540	1630
Nairobi to UK	Price	Kitty
USG15 06 Jan 05 - 10 Jul 05	£3630	1600

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Trans Continental Exploratory section.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

⇒ These pages cover the Africa that so many travellers miss. They cover areas through which it is difficult to travel without the expertise of an organisation like Encounter. West Africa is the most colourful part of the continent, with fascinating tribal cultures and history. The Sahara crossing is an ultimate adventure and to travel from one side of the continent to the other, on a true Trans Africa expedition, through the Sahel regions in Chad and Sudan, is an epic journey. These trips are not for the timid.

Trans To Kenya

22 weeks combination trip

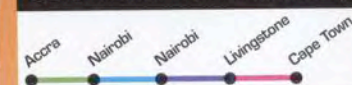


UK to Nairobi	Price	Kitty
USN24 23 Aug 04 - 23 Jan 05	£3140	1220
USN25 17 Aug 05 - 17 Jan 06	£3140	1280
Nairobi to UK	Price	Kitty
USN15 07 Feb 05 - 10 Jul 05	£3140	1260
USN16 01 Feb 06 - 4 Jul 06	£3140	1290

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Trans Continental Exploratory section.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Ghana To The Cape

26.5 weeks combination trip

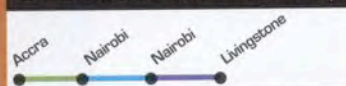


Accra to Cape Town	Price	Kitty
ASC24 23 Oct 04 - 21 Apr 05	£3710	1980
ASC25 17 Oct 05 - 15 Apr 06	£3440	2030
Cape Town to Accra	Price	Kitty
ASC174 11 Nov 04 - 10 May 05	£3530	1970

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Trans Continental Exploratory section.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Ghana To Vic Falls

21.5 weeks combination trip

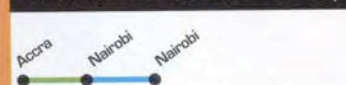


Accra to Livingstone	Price	Kitty
ASZ24 23 Oct 04 - 24 Mar 05	£3120	1490
ASZ25 17 Oct 05 - 18 Mar 06	£2980	1540
Livingstone to Accra	Price	Kitty
ASZ174 09 Dec 04 - 10 May 05	£3060	1490

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Trans Continental Exploratory section.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

Ghana To Kenya

17.5 weeks combination trip



Accra to Nairobi	Price	Kitty
ASG24 23 Oct 04 - 24 Feb 05	£2980	1090
ASG25 17 Oct 05 - 18 Feb 06	£2880	1140
Nairobi to Accra	Price	Kitty
ASG15 06 Jan 05 - 10 May 05	£2980	1100

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Trans Continental Exploratory section.
Gorilla Permit Fee: Please see note on page 14.

⇒ Accra to Nairobi or v.v.

Trans Continental Exploratory

13 weeks Map

Expedition, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 50%, Wilderness Camping 25%, Hotels 25%. Most camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Extreme: Rough roads, remote tribal regions, deserts, few western amenities, a true expedition. Because of the nature of this tour, the itinerary may well vary from that published. We may have to cross into other countries, take diversions or run alternative itineraries. This tour should only be attempted by those who are prepared for real adventure. We will be crossing very remote areas of Africa and the Southern Sahara and you must be prepared to really get stuck in and to put up with discomfort. This is a tough but very rewarding trip. You should be aware that this area of Africa is not politically stable and may be considered by some as relatively unsafe.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Lome Fetish Markets. Hike the rainforest canopy in Kakum Nat. Park. Boat through stilt villages of Ganvie. Witness the Dan Horney palace & museum. R&R on Cameroons beautiful beaches; Climb Mt Cameroon. Trek the jungles with the Pygmies. Safari in Yankari & Waza Nat Parks. Sudanese Desert Crossing. Explore the remote Kushite Meroe pyramids and temples. Omdurman Whirling Dervishes. Lake Tana Boat Trip & Monasteries. Tour of Lalibela Churches. Bale Mountains. Northern Kenyan Desert. Safari in Samburu & Nakuru Nat Parks.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Week 1&2: Ghana: Accra; Kakum Rainforest NP; Togo: Lome and fetish markets. Benin: Grand Popo beautiful Atlantic beaches; Cotonou; Ouidah, slaving centres; Ganvie, fishing village on stilts; Abomey, Nigeria, Abuja and Jos Plateau. **Weeks 3&4:** Yankari NP, Nigeria's finest; cross into Cameroon's vast rainforests to the beaches of the Atlantic at Limbe. **Weeks 5&6:** Relax on Kribi Beach; expedition into the rainforest with local pygmies; north via jungles to Foubam and into the savannah for tribal trek in the Rhumsiki Mountains. **Weeks 7&8:** see the wildlife at Waza NP. Cross to Chad for R&R in N'Djamena and head along remote trade routes through the Sahel via Abeche. Cross the Sudanese border into Western Darfur and drive through semi desert to the trading town of Nyala. We travel along the routes of the local traders on this remote desert crossing, stopping at small communities for water and vitals. **Weeks 9&10:** Khartoum and Omdurman, great fruit juices. Head north back into Sahara to the amazing Kushite temples and pyramids and temples at Meroe, Naqa and Musawwarat. Return to Khartoum for the Omdurman market and whirling dervishes. Heading south to Ethiopia's border and medieval Gondar; Bahir Dar and Lake Tana, island monasteries, lake boat trip, the source of the Blue Nile and the Blue Nile Falls. **Weeks 11&12:** Onto Lalibela's impressive rock hewn churches; Addis Ababa for R&R; Rift Valley and Lake Langano and trek in Bale Mountains NP; tribal Southern Ethiopia and enter the deserts of Northern Kenya. **Week 13:** Safaris in Samburu NP and Lake Nakuru NP; Opt. Rhino and wildlife treks in Naivasha Wildlife Reserve and Elsamere; Nairobi.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/TCX.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Trans Continental Exploratory

Accra to Nairobi	Price	Kitty
TCX24 23 Oct 04 - 23 Jan 05	£2600	750
TCX25 17 Oct 05 - 17 Jan 06	£2600	790
Nairobi to Accra	Price	Kitty
TCX15 07 Feb 05 - 10 May 05	£2600	760
TCX16 01 Feb 06 - 4 May 06	£2600	790

⇒ UK to Accra or v.v.

Trans Sahara & West Africa

8.5 weeks Map

UK to West Africa, Morocco, the Sahara, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso & Ghana.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 60%, Wilderness Camping 25%, Hotels 15%. Most camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Challenging: Crossing remote deserts, optional trekking, often poor roads, away from civilisation. Because of the nature of this tour, the itinerary may well vary from that published. We may have to cross into other countries, take diversions or run alternative itineraries. This tour should only be attempted by those who are prepared for real adventure. We will be crossing very remote areas of Africa and the Southern Sahara and you must be prepared to really get stuck in and to put up with discomfort. This is a tough but very rewarding trip. You should be aware that this area of Africa is not politically stable and may be considered by some as relatively unsafe.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Discover the royal city of Fes. Explore markets of Marrakech. Hike through Todra Gorge. Traverse the Mauritanian Sahara. Discover West Africa's finest music in colourful Bamako. Trace the footsteps of explorers up the Niger River to Timbuktu. Ride camels with Tuareg Nomads. Trek to the Dogon Villages. Explore West Africa's old slave towns and forts. Roam the beaches of Gold Coast.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

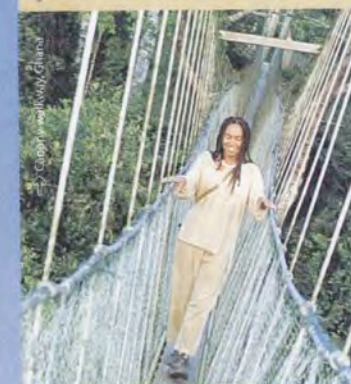
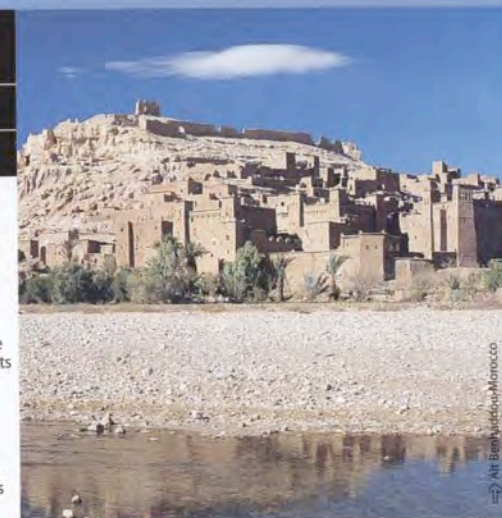
Week 1: France, Spain to Morocco. **Week 2:** Rabat, explore Roman Volubilis and the ancient medina of Fes; cross the Middle Atlas and hike up Todra Gorge. **Week 3:** Climb through the High Atlas to the hustle and bustle of Marrakech; onto the Atlantic coast for R&R on the beaches. **Week 4:** Expedition into the Western Sahara for desert crossing to Nouadhibou and Nouakchott in Mauritania. **Week 5:** Through Southern Sahara and remote Sahel region past oasis villages. **Week 6:** Mali, the Niger River, R&R in the capital Bamako. Visit to the great mud mosque of Djenné. **Week 7:** Explore Mali's Niger River inland delta from Mopti on an opt. Niger River canoe adventure to Timbuktu. **Week 8:** Cliff villages of Bandiagara Escarpment and trek in Dogon Country; cross into Burkina Faso to Ouagadougou. **Week 9:** Cross to Ghana to explore the Ashanti Kingdom at Kumasi, the rain forest canopy of Kakum NP and relax on the Gold Coast beaches or explore the old slaving forts.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/TSW.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Trans Sahara & West Africa

Dover to Accra	Price	Kitty
TSW24 23 Aug 04 - 23 Oct 04	£1325	470
TSW25 17 Aug 05 - 17 Oct 05	£1325	490
Accra to Dover	Price	Kitty
TSW15 10 May 05 - 10 Jul 05	£1325	500
TSW16 04 May 06 - 4 Jul 06	£1325	500





Encounter the Nile Trans

⇒ The words "Cape To Cairo" have a romantic ring but in reality this is a unique journey through an area seldom visited by travellers. The desert crossing in Sudan and the wonderful hospitality of its people, makes these journeys so appealing. Add the wealth of history in the Middle East, Egypt and Ethiopia, to ample time for trekking, horseriding, camel treks and boat trips and you have some idea of what these epic journeys can offer.

Nile Trans To The Cape

24.5 weeks combination trip

UK	Cairo	Nairobi	Livingstone	Cape Town
UK to Cape Town	Price	Kitty	US\$	
UNC44 26 Aug 04 - 12 Feb 05	£2790	1590		
Cape Town to UK	Price	Kitty	US\$	
UNC164 16 Oct 04 - 4 Apr 05	£2730	1620		
UNC85 15 Oct 05 - 3 Apr 06	£2730	1690		

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Nile Exploratory section.

Nile Trans To Vic Falls

20.5 weeks combination trip

UK	Cairo	Nairobi	Livingstone
UK to Livingstone	Price	Kitty	US\$
UNZ44 26 Aug 04 - 15 Jan 05	£2310	1120	
UNZ65 25 Aug 05 - 14 Jan 06	£2250	1170	
Livingstone to UK	Price	Kitty	US\$
UNZ164 13 Nov 04 - 4 Apr 05	£2250	1140	
UNZ75 12 Nov 05 - 3 Apr 06	£2250	1190	

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Nile Exploratory section.

Nile Trans To Nairobi

14.5 weeks combination trip

			
UK to Nairobi		Price	Kitty US\$
UNN44	26 Aug 04 - 7 Dec 04	£1920	740
UNN65	25 Aug 05 - 6 Dec 05	£1920	770
Nairobi to UK		Price	Kitty US\$
UNN34	22 Dec 04 - 4 Apr 05	£1920	750
UNN25	21 Dec 05 - 3 Apr 06	£1920	780

Cairo To The Cape

18.5 weeks combination trip

Cairo	Nairobi	Livingstone	Cape Town
Cairo to Cape Town	Price	Kitty	US\$
CNC34 06 Oct 04 - 12 Feb 05	£2140	1340	
CNC15 05 Oct 05 - 11 Feb 06	£2080	1400	
Cape Town to Cairo	Price	Kitty	US\$
CNC164 16 Oct 04 - 22 Feb 05	£2080	1360	
CNC85 15 Oct 05 - 21 Feb 06	£2080	1430	

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Nile Exploratory section.

Cairo To Vic Falls

14.5 weeks combination trip

Cairo to Livingstone		Price	Kitty	US\$
CNZ34	06 Oct 04 - 15 Jan 05	£1840	870	
CNZ15	05 Oct 05 - 14 Jan 06	£1770	910	
Livingstone to Cairo		Price	Kitty	US\$
CNZ164	13 Nov 04 - 22 Feb 05	£1770	880	
CNZ75	12 Nov 05 - 21 Feb 06	£1770	930	

There is a one and a half week break in Nairobi before or after the Nile Exploratory section.



⇒ Cairo to Nairobi or v.v.

The Nile Exploratory Expedition

9 weeks Map

Egypt, Sudan Ethiopia and Kenya. Explore some lesser known parts of Africa.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 45%, Wilderness Camping 20%, Hotels 35%. Most camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Extreme: Crossing hot remote deserts, opt. treks, poor roads, away from civilisation. Cooler in Egypt and mountains of Ethiopia. Because of the nature of this tour, the itinerary may well vary from that published. We may have to cross into other countries, take diversions or run alternative itineraries. This tour should only be attempted by those who are prepared for real adventure. We will be crossing very remote areas of Africa and the Southern Sahara and you must be prepared to really get stuck in and to put up with discomfort. This is a tough but very rewarding trip. You should be aware that this area of Africa is not politically stable and may be considered by some as relatively unsafe.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional.

Pyramids & Sphinx. Overnight camel safari. Sail up the Nile in a Felucca. **Cross Lake Nasser to Sudan and Sudanese Desert Crossing.** Explore the remote Kushite pyramids. Khartoum & Omdurman Whirling Dervishes. Meander through ruined Axum. **Trek in the Simien Mts.** Explore the churches of Lalibela. Boat on Lake Tana to the royal tombs & monasteries. **Trek in the Bale Mountains. Safari in Samburu & Lake Nakuru.**

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Weeks 1&2: In Cairo, admire the treasures of Tutankhamen, the Pyramids and Sphinx. Into the Western Desert, to the Bahariya and Dakhla Oases; return to the Nile Valley. Luxor, Karnak and the Valley of the Kings; south to Aswan; opt. visit to Abu Simbel or felucca boats down the Nile. Sail across Lake Nasser to Sudan. **Weeks 3&4:** Desert crossing from Wadi Halfa; visit the Kushite temples and pyramids at Meroe, Naqa and Musawwarat Temples. Khartoum for R&R, visit the Omdurman market and whirling dervishes. Head south to the Ethiopian border and to the castles and churches of medieval Gondar. **Weeks 5&6:** Explore and trek in the Simien mts. and to the ruins of Axum and Mekele; south to the rock hewn churches of Lalibela; onto Bahir Dar and Lake Tana, island monasteries, lake boat trip, the source of the Blue Nile and the Blue Nile Falls. **Weeks 7&8:** Addis Ababa for R&R and then trek in Bale Mts. Nat Park. Descend the Rift Valley through tribal Ethiopia to the deserts of Northern Kenya. **Week 9:** Safari in Samburu & Nakuru Nat. Parks; opt. wildlife treks in Naivasha Wildlife Reserve and Elsamere; Nairobi.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/NEX.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

The Nile Exploratory Expedition

Cairo to Nairobi	Price	Kitty	US\$
NEX24 06 Oct 04 - 7 Dec 04	£1325	490	
NEX15 05 Oct 05 - 6 Dec 05	£1325	510	
Nairobi to Cairo	Price	Kitty	US\$
NEX34 22 Dec 04 - 22 Feb 05	£1325	490	
NEX25 21 Dec 05 - 21 Feb 06	£1325	520	



⇒ UK to Cairo or v.v.

Middle East Nomad

6 weeks Map

Europe, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Jordan and Egypt.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 70%, Wilderness Camping 15%, Hotels 15%. Most camping and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Easy: Easy days, simple trekking, good roads, cultural explorations.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional.

Discover Istanbul. Visit the WW1 site at Gallipoli. Explore the Roman ruins of Ephesus. Relax on the Turkish coast. **Off-Piste exploration of the Syrian desert.** Float in the Dead Sea. Trek to the lost city of Petra. Scuba dive, snorkel or waterski in the Red Sea. Climb Mt. Sinai. Explore the Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

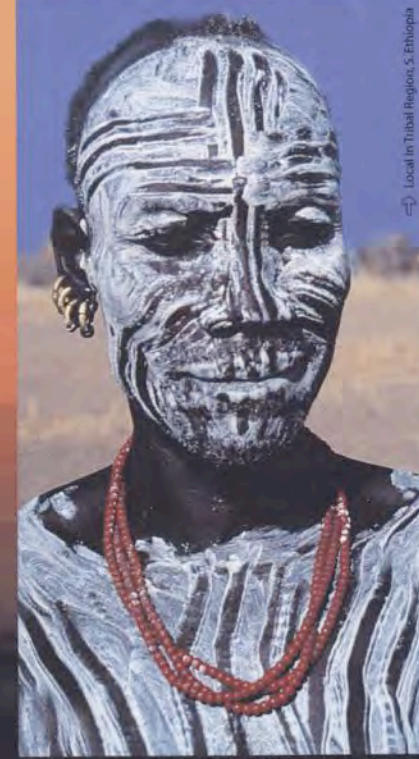
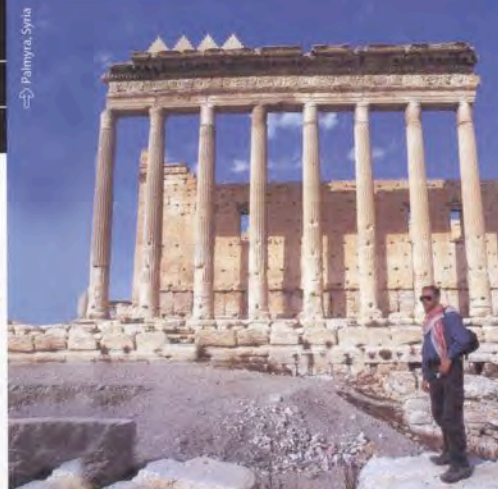
Week 1: Europe and Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and Macedonia. **Week 2:** Relax on the Med. at Kavalla in Greece and then into Turkey. Explore the grand bazaar, mosques and palaces of Istanbul and the WW1 Gallipoli. **Week 3:** Wander amongst the ruins of Troy and Ephesus; relax or boat from the beaches of the Med. at Olu Deniz, hike up the Saklikent Gorge and up a mountain to the ruins of Termessos. **Week 4:** Cross the Anatolian plateau to explore Cappadocia's ancient cave cities. Enter Syria and visit the ancient Aleppo with its large souks; cross the desert to Palmyra's impressive Roman ruins. **Week 5:** Onto Damascus for baklava, fruit juices, roast chicken and culture. Into Jordan to the ruins of Jerash and the Dead Sea; marvel at the ancient sandstone temples of Petra. **Week 6:** Explore Wadi Rum, Lawrence of Arabia's favourite desert before crossing to the Sinai peninsula in Egypt. Dive amongst the coral reefs of the Red Sea and climb Mt. Sinai. In Cairo, admire the treasures of Tutankhamen and the world famous Pyramids and Sphinx.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/MEN.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Middle East Nomad

Dover to Cairo	Price	Kitty	US\$
MEN34 14 Aug 04 - 24 Sep 04	£795	250	
MEN44 26 Aug 04 - 6 Oct 04	£795	250	
MEN35 05 May 05 - 15 Jun 05	£795	260	
MEN55 13 Aug 05 - 23 Sep 05	£795	260	
MEN65 25 Aug 05 - 5 Oct 05	£795	260	
Cairo to Dover	Price	Kitty	US\$
MEN15 22 Feb 05 - 4 Apr 05	£795	260	
MEN25 30 Apr 05 - 10 Jun 05	£795	260	
MEN45 21 Jun 05 - 1 Aug 05	£795	260	
MEN16 21 Feb 06 - 3 Apr 06	£795	260	
MEN26 29 Apr 06 - 9 Jun 06	£795	260	



The Backroads of Asia

16 weeks combination trip

UK	Cairo	Kathmandu
UK to Kathmandu	Price	Kitty
UTK34 14 Aug 04 - 3 Dec 04	£2010	640
UTK55 13 Aug 05 - 2 Dec 05	£2010	670
Kathmandu to UK	Price	Kitty
UTK15 19 Feb 05 - 10 Jun 05	£2010	660
UTK16 18 Feb 06 - 9 Jun 06	£2010	660

Nepal, the Ganges & Rajasthan

4.5 weeks combination trip

Kathmandu	New Delhi	Mumbai
Kathmandu to Mumbai	Price	Kitty
KTM54 23 Oct 04 - 22 Nov 04	£730	150
KTM64 11 Dec 04 - 10 Jan 05	£690	150
KTM35 22 Oct 05 - 21 Nov 05	£690	170
KTM45 10 Dec 05 - 9 Jan 06	£690	170
Mumbai to Kathmandu	Price	Kitty
KTM15 10 Jan 05 - 9 Feb 05	£690	160
KTM25 28 Feb 05 - 30 Mar 05	£690	170
KTM16 09 Jan 06 - 8 Feb 06	£690	170
KTM26 27 Feb 06 - 29 Mar 06	£690	170

India, North & South

5.5 weeks combination trip

New Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai
New Delhi to Chennai	Price	Kitty
DCH54 07 Nov 04 - 15 Dec 04	£840	200
DCH64 26 Dec 04 - 2 Feb 05	£790	200
DCH35 06 Nov 05 - 14 Dec 05	£790	220
DCH45 25 Dec 05 - 1 Feb 06	£790	220
Chennai to New Delhi	Price	Kitty
DCH74 18 Dec 04 - 25 Jan 05	£790	210
DCH25 05 Feb 05 - 15 Mar 05	£790	220
DCH16 17 Dec 05 - 24 Jan 06	£790	220
DCH26 04 Feb 06 - 14 Mar 06	£790	220

All India

7.5 weeks combination trip

Kathmandu	New Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai
Kathmandu to Chennai	Price	Kitty	
KCH54 23 Oct 04 - 15 Dec 04	£1190	270	
KCH74 11 Dec 04 - 2 Feb 05	£1140	270	
KCH35 22 Oct 05 - 14 Dec 05	£1140	300	
KCH45 10 Dec 05 - 1 Feb 06	£1140	300	
Chennai to Kathmandu	Price	Kitty	
KCH64 18 Dec 04 - 9 Feb 05	£1140	290	
KCH25 05 Feb 05 - 30 Mar 05	£1140	300	
KCH16 17 Dec 05 - 8 Feb 06	£1140	300	
KCH26 04 Feb 06 - 29 Mar 06	£1140	300	



Encounter
asia

⇒ Cairo to Kathmandu or v.v.

Middle East & Asian Overland

10 weeks Map

Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, India, Nepal.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 60%, Wilderness Camping 20%, Local Hospitality 20%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Moderate: Simple trekking, roads from good to poor, some long driving days, cultural explorations.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Explore the Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza. Overnight camel safari in Egypt's Western Desert.

Sail up the Nile in a Felucca. Visit the temple of Abu Simbel. Scuba dive, snorkel or waterski in the Red Sea. Be the first back to Beirut. Explore Crusader castles, lost cities and Roman ruins. Have a Turkish bath in Goreme. Wander through Iranian streets hidden by a 'chador'. Discover the mud city of Bam. Contemplate the Golden Temple. Marvel at the Taj Mahal. Explore the pink city of Jaipur. Try out the erotic carvings at Khajuraho. Drift down the holy river Ganges. Search for tigers at Chitwan Nat. Park.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Weeks 1&2: Admire the treasures of Tutankhamen and Pyramids and Sphinx; wander the old city of Cairo. Western Desert expedition to Bahariya & Dakhla Oasis for an overnight camel safari. Luxor, to visit Karnak and the Valley of the Kings. South to Aswan; opt. visit to the Sun Temple at Abu Simbel; felucca boat trip down the Nile. Up to the Red Sea Coast. **Weeks 3&4:** Cross the Sinai to St Catherine's Monastery and climb Mt. Sinai in time for dawn. Dive amongst the coral reefs of the Red Sea at Dahab. Cross to Jordan and explore the desert scenery of Wadi Rum, before discovering the lost city of Petra. Through the desert to Jerash and into Syria; Damascus, baklava, fruit juices, roast chicken, culture. Into Lebanon, stopping at Baalbek and the Bekaa Valley and vibrant Beirut; up to the ancient ruins of Byblos and on to Tripoli with its dramatic crusader castle. **Weeks 5&6:** Explore the crusader castle of Krak des Chevaliers in Syria. Head into Turkey to the fairytale rock dwellings of Cappadocia. Cross into Iran via ancient trade routes into the heart of Asia. Explore Esfahan with its beautiful squares and blue tiled mosques. **Weeks 7&8:** Desert pillars of King Darius' Persepolis and the mud city and fortress of Bam; cross the Dasht-e-Lut desert to Pakistan and onto the Baluchi city of Quetta. Drive up the Indus Valley to Lahore and cross into India. Visit the Golden Temple. **Weeks 9&10:** Explore the twin cities of Delhi and visit the pink city of Jaipur and onto the marble shades of Agra and the Taj Mahal; through to the remote Orchha Palace. Discover the erotic carvings of Khajuraho and the holy river Ganges at Varanasi. Track tiger first in Panna Nat. Park and then in Nepal's Chitwan Nat. Park before driving through the Himalayan foothills to Pokhara and onto Kathmandu.

Contingency Note: Due to security in Pakistan at the time of writing, we will fly from Tehran to Mumbai. Dragoman will help subsidise this flight but please bring along an extra US\$150 in cash to cover your contribution to the flight and airport taxes. We will spend more time in Iran or India.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/MEA.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Middle East & Asian Overland

Cairo to Kathmandu	Price	Kitty
MEA24 24 Sep 04 - 3 Dec 04	£1350	390
MEA25 23 Sep 05 - 2 Dec 05	£1350	410
Kathmandu to Cairo	Price	Kitty
MEA15 19 Feb 05 - 30 Apr 05	£1350	400
MEA16 18 Feb 06 - 29 Apr 06	£1350	400

⇒ UK to Kathmandu or v.v.

The Classic Overland

11 weeks Map

Western & Eastern Europe, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, India, Nepal.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 70%, Wilderness Camping 10%, Local Hospitality 20%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Moderate: Simple trekking, roads from good to poor, some long driving days, cultural explorations.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Discover Ottoman Istanbul.

Visit the WW 1 site at Gallipoli. Explore Roman Ephesus. Relax on the Turkish coast. Trek the ruins of Termessos. Discover the underground cities of Cappadocia. Trawl the souks of Esfahan. Contemplate the Golden Temple. Marvel at the splendour and wealth of Jaipur. Hang out with the hippies in holy Pushkar. Prowl around in search of Ranthambore NP's elusive tigers. Marvel at the Taj Mahal. Explore the pink city of Jaipur. Try out the erotic carvings at Khajuraho. Search for tigers at Chitwan Nat. Park.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Weeks 1&2: Cross Western Europe, and former Yugoslavia to Greece and Turkey. In Istanbul wander among its bustling bazaars, mosques and palaces; explore the Anzac beaches at Gallipoli. **Weeks 3&4:** Explore the Roman Ephesus and Troy; laze on the beaches of the Mediterranean; cross the Anatolian plateau and explore Cappadocia's ancient cave cities. **Weeks 5&6:** From Mount Ararat enter Iran and explore Tabriz and the legendary city of Esfahan, with its slender minarets and blue domed mosques. Across the desert to the ruined pillars of King Darius' Persepolis and then into the Dasht-e-Lut Desert. **Week 7:** Cross Pakistan's Baluchistan Desert to the oasis city of Quetta and drive down the Indus Valley to Lahore and on into India. **Weeks 8&9:** Wander around the Golden Temple at Amritsar and the infamous rat temple near Bikaner; explore the Maharaja city of Jaipur and take a camel safari into the desert; onto the cities and palaces of Jodhpur before mellowing out at holy Pushkar. Hunt for tigers in Ranthambore NP; marvel at Jaipur's Rajput wealth and attack Delhi's chaotic fervour. **Weeks 10&11:** The Taj Mahal and Red Fort at Agra, Akbars Fatehpur Sikri, and then to Jhansi and the temples of Khajuraho and Panna Nat. Park; up to the Ganges and the holy city of Varanasi. Cross into Nepal and track tiger and rhino in Chitwan Nat. Park; drive to Kathmandu.

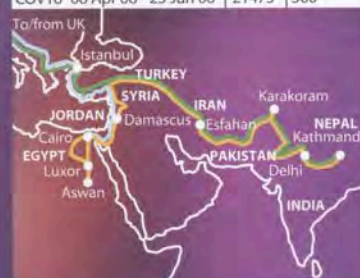
Contingency Note: Due to security in Pakistan at the time of writing, we will fly from Tehran to Mumbai. Dragoman will help subsidise this flight but please bring along an extra US\$150 in cash to cover your contribution to the flight and airport taxes. We will spend more time in Iran or India.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/COV.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

The Classic Overland

Dover to Kathmandu	Price	Kitty
COV34 31 Jul 04 - 15 Oct 04	£1675	480
COV25 30 Jul 05 - 14 Oct 05	£1475	500
Kathmandu to Dover	Price	Kitty
COV15 09 Apr 05 - 24 Jun 05	£1475	500
COV16 08 Apr 06 - 23 Jun 06	£1475	500



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⇒ Kathmandu to Delhi or v.v.

The Moghul Path to Nepal

15 nights Map

India. An exciting journey encompassing India's most potent features, the elusive tiger and the spectacular Taj Mahal.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 75%, Wilderness Camping 10%, Local Hospitality 15%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Easy: Easy days, no trekking, some poor slow Indian roads, amazing sites, wildlife.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Get lost in the three cities of Kathmandu. Search for tigers at Chitwan Nat. Park. Drift down the holy river Ganges. Trail the tiger through Panna Game Reserve. Try out the erotic carvings at Khajuraho. Marvel at the Taj Mahal. Discover the hidden secrets of Fatehpur Sikri. Explore the pink city of Jaipur.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights
Days 1-3: Drive through the Himalayan foothills before reaching Chitwan Nat. Park, to look for rhino and tigers; choose your adventure - jeep, elephant or jungle walk. **Days 4-6:** Into India, to Varanasi, watch pilgrims bathe in the sacred waters of the Ganges. **Days 7-9:** At Khajuraho swim in the river at the Treehouse and visit the erotic temples and Panna NP. **Days 10-12:** Visit the temple at Orchha and explore the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort at Agra, discover the deserted Moghul city of Fatehpur Sikri. **Days 13-15:** To the pink city of Jaipur to see the city palaces and forts; cross the Rajasthan desert to the bustling streets, forts and bazaars of Delhi.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/MPN.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

The Moghul Path to Nepal

Kathmandu to Delhi	Price	Kitty
MPN54 23 Oct 04 - 7 Nov 04	£370	70
MPN64 11 Dec 04 - 26 Dec 04	£370	70
MPN35 22 Oct 05 - 6 Nov 05	£370	80
MPN45 10 Dec 05 - 25 Dec 05	£370	80
Delhi to Kathmandu	Price	Kitty
MPN15 25 Jan 05 - 9 Feb 05	£370	80
MPN25 15 Mar 05 - 30 Mar 05	£370	80
MPN16 24 Jan 06 - 8 Feb 06	£370	80
MPN26 14 Mar 06 - 29 Mar 06	£370	80

⇒ Delhi to Mumbai or v.v.

Desert Backroads of India

15 nights Map

India. The deserts of Rajasthan, the quiet backroads of Madhya Pradesh state and the remote caves of Maharashtra state.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 50%, Wilderness Camping 25%, Local Hospitality 25%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Easy: Easy days, camel trekking, some poor Indian roads which can be very slow, cultural exploration.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Search for tigers at Sariska.

Discover the friendly rats at the rat temple near Bikaner. Explore the Rajasthan Desert by camel trek. Marvel at the splendour and wealth of Jaipur and Jodhpur. Hang out with the hippies in holy Pushkar. Visit the Lake Palace of 007. Ponder on the Buddhist caves of Ajanta and Ellora.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-2: Head for the Bikaner and the rat temple. **Days 3-5:** Visit Jaipur and trek on camels through the desert. **Day 6:** To Jodhpur where the cliff-top fortress is now an amazing museum of the Maharajah's heyday. **Days 7-10:** Visit the holy city of Pushkar; Udaipur, a fabulous lake city of island palaces, gardens and fountains. **Days 11-12:** Along the quiet backroads of Madhya Pradesh state through to Ajanta. **Days 13-15:** Visit Ajanta where Buddhist monks carved a series of monolithic caves into the cliffs; in the 7th Century the monks left for a new site at Ellora; final stop is the the great city of Mumbai.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/DBI.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Desert Backroads of India

Delhi to Mumbai	Price	Kitty
DBI54 07 Nov 04 - 22 Nov 04	£370	80
DBI64 26 Dec 04 - 10 Jan 05	£325	80
DBI35 06 Nov 05 - 21 Nov 05	£325	90
DBI45 25 Dec 05 - 9 Jan 06	£325	90
Mumbai to Delhi	Price	Kitty
DBI15 10 Jan 05 - 25 Jan 05	£325	80
DBI25 28 Feb 05 - 15 Mar 05	£325	90
DBI16 09 Jan 06 - 24 Jan 06	£325	90
DBI26 27 Feb 06 - 14 Mar 06	£325	90

⇒ Mumbai to Chennai or v.v.

Goa and South India

23 nights Map

India. The beaches of Goa to the southern tip of India taking in the wildlife of the Nilgiri Hills, the backwaters of Kerala and the shore temples of Mahabalipuram.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 15%, Wilderness Camping 15%, Local Hospitality 70%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostels (not included).

Trip Profile

Easy: Easy days, no trekking, some poor Indian roads which can be very slow, cultural exploration.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Explore Goa's old city. Relax on the beaches. Taste the coffee in Mangalore. Buy incense in Mysore. Game viewing in Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary. Horse trek at Ooty. Search for panthers in the Nilgiri foothills. Ride elephants in Periyar Nat. Park. Test the Chinese fishing net system in the backwaters of Kerala. Journey to the southernmost tip of India. Bargain for silks in Kanchipuram. Encounter the snake and crocodile farm near Mahabalipuram.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights
Days 1-5: Mumbai; relax on the palm fringed beaches in Goa. **Days 6-8:** Mangalore, explore Portuguese churches and fishing villages; wander around the palaces and temples of Mysore, 'the sandalwood city'. **Days 9-10:** Game viewing in the Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary; tea plantations and the toy train at Ooty; search for panthers in the forests of the Nilgiri foothills. **Days 11-14:** Cochin, sail past the coconut groves and paddy fields of the Kerala backwaters; ride elephants in search of game in Periyar Nat. Park. **Days 15-18:** Down the Malabar coast to the beaches of Kovalam. **Days 19-20:** Watch the sun set at the tip of India, Cape Comorin; explore the fort at Trichy and wander the streets of Madurai and Kanchipuram, crammed with temples. **Days 21-23:** Pondicherry, explore the mystical Pallava shrines and rock-cut shore temples at Mahabalipuram beach; Chennai.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/GSI.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Goa and South India

Mumbai to Chennai	Price	Kitty
GSI54 22 Nov 04 - 15 Dec 04	£480	120
GSI15 10 Jan 05 - 2 Feb 05	£480	120
GSI35 21 Nov 05 - 14 Dec 05	£480	130
GSI16 09 Jan 06 - 1 Feb 06	£480	130
Chennai to Mumbai	Price	Kitty
GSI64 18 Dec 04 - 10 Jan 05	£480	130
GSI25 05 Feb 05 - 28 Feb 05	£480	130
GSI45 17 Dec 05 - 9 Jan 06	£480	130
GSI26 04 Feb 06 - 27 Feb 06	£480	130



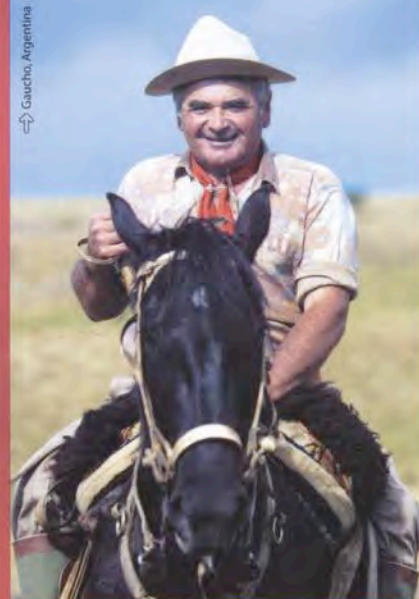
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Encounter south america

⇒ South America is perhaps the continent best suited to overland travel. When in the towns and cities we will stay in hotels and eat the local cuisine in restaurants. Then we head out into the country to cross remote areas of the Andes or Amazon, to venture into areas that most visitors miss. We will not confine ourselves to the main attractions, but will get off the beaten track. Why not try out some of the Wild Side activities in some of the worlds most spectacular locations.

⇒ Los Glaciares Nat. Park, Argentina



⇒ Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



⇒ Bahiana woman, Brazil



⇒ Tapir in jungle, Ecuador

⇒ Quito to Santiago or v.v.

Trans Andean Explorer

9 weeks

Map

Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile. From the tropical jungle of Ecuador to the Andes, the barren Atacama desert and the great Inca sites.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 25%, Wilderness Camping 10%, Local Hostelry 65%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostelries (not included).

Trip Profile

Moderate: Some trekking, variable roads, away from civilisation. Due to its nature, the trip will vary. Be prepared for cold weather at high altitude.

the wildside

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Ride Horses at Otavalo.

Amazon Jungle longboat expedition. Trek to the Tungurahua Volcano. Have a massage in the Andes at Vilcabamba. Deep sea fishing at Punta Sal. Explore the pre-Inca ruins at Chan Chan. Spot seals by boat on the Ballestas Isles. **Paracas Nat. Park.** Fly over the Nazca Lines. **Search for the Condors of the Colca Canyon.** Trek to Pisac Ruins. **Hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.** Visit the floating islands on Lake Titicaca. Take a boat to the Isla del Sol. Take jeeps out onto the Bolivian Salt Flats. **Exploration of Bolivia's high Andean Altiplano and the Laguna Colorado & Verde.** Cross the Atacama Desert & Moon Valley.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Week 1: From Quito to the markets at Otavalo and onto the hot springs at Papallacta; trip into the rainforest of the Amazon by longboat. **Week 2:** Horseriding and treks in the Andes around Banos; relax and ride at the hillside retreat of Vilcabamba. **Week 3:** Cross to Peru to deep sea fish or relax on the beaches at Punta Sal; visit the Chimu ruins of Chan Chan, the largest adobe city in the world. Explore Lima's cathedrals. **Week 4:** Northern Atacama, to the Nazca lines; boat trip to the Ballestas Islands for marine wildlife. Explore colonial Arequipa. **Week 5:** Search for the Condors at the Colca Canyon; drive to Cusco, past highland pastures of llama and remote Indian villages; trek the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. **Week 6:** White water raft the Rio Urubamba; visit the Uros Indians floating reed islands on Lake Titicaca and Bolivia's Isla del Sol. **Week 7:** Bargain for crafts in the backstreets of La Paz; explore colonial Sucre. **Week 8:** Clamber down tunnels of the Potosi silver mines; ascend Bolivia's Altiplano and head by jeep to the vast salt flats; wilderness drive across high Altiplano to Laguna Colorado. Descend into Chile's Atacama. **Week 9:** Drive down the rugged Pacific coastline through the Atacama Desert; visit the Pan de Azucar Nat. Park famed for its coastal scenery, on to the beaches of La Serena and finish at Santiago.

Itinerary Notes: Occasionally road conditions are too adverse in the rainy season (Jan. & Feb.) to cross from Uyuni to San Pedro. If this is the case the leader will take an alternative route via the coast.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/TAE.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Trans Andean Explorer

Ref	Quito to Santiago	Price £	Kitty US\$
TAE34	16 Oct 04 - 17 Dec 04	£1380	830
TAE25	05 Nov 05 - 6 Jan 06	£1380	870
Ref	Santiago to Quito	Price £	Kitty US\$
TAE15	30 Mar 05 - 31 May 05	£1380	880
TAE16	19 Apr 06 - 20 Jun 06	£1380	880

General Notes: Occasionally road conditions are too adverse during the rainy season (Jan. & Feb.) to make the crossing from Uyuni to San Pedro. If this is the case the leader will take an alternative route via the coast.

⇒ Quito to La Paz or v.v.

Peruvian & Ecuadorian Encounters

5 weeks

Map

Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia. Tropical beaches of Ecuador, Amazon Jungle, Peru Desert, the Andes, Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 25%, Wilderness Camping 20%, Local Hostelry 55%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostelries (not included).

Trip Profile

Moderate: From tropical heat to cold high altitudes, some trekking, variable roads, away from civilisation. Due to its nature, this itinerary will vary.

the wildside

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Ride Horses at Otavalo. Kickback

on Ecuador's tropical beaches. 2 day Amazon Jungle trip. Trek up Andean Volcano. Deep sea fishing at Punta Sal. Explore the pre-Inca ruins at Chan Chan. Fly over the Nazca Lines. **Paracas Nat. Park.** Spot seals by boat on the Ballestas Isles. White water raft the Rio Urubamba. **Hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.** Visit the floating islands on Lake Titicaca. Take a boat to the Isla del Sol.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Week 1: From Quito to the Indian market town of Otavalo; explore the birdlife and cloud forests of Bellavista; descend through rainforest to the tropical beaches of Ecuador. **Week 2:** Horseriding and treks in the Andes around Banos and an opt. 2 day Amazon Jungle trip. Cross to Peru to the beaches of Punta Sal for deep sea fishing. **Week 3:** Visit the Chimu ruins of Chan Chan, the largest adobe city in the world; explore Lima's cathedrals; boat trip to the Ballestas Isles, Peru's answer to the Galapagos; northern Atacama Desert, beautiful oasis and dunes. **Week 4:** View the Nazca Lines and up through the Andes, past highland pastures of llama and remote Indian villages; arrive Cusco; trek the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. **Week 5:** Cusco and white water raft the Urubamba River; visit the Uros Indians floating reed islands on Lake Titicaca and Bolivia's Isla del Sol; bargain for Indian crafts in the backstreets of La Paz.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/PEE.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Peruvian & Ecuadorian Encounters

Ref	Quito to La Paz	Price £	Kitty US\$
PEE54	03 Jul 04 - 6 Aug 04	£895	530
PEE64	04 Sep 04 - 8 Oct 04	£895	530
PEE84	30 Nov 04 - 3 Jan 05	£895	530
PEE25	30 Apr 05 - 3 Jun 05	£760	560
PEE35	24 Jun 05 - 28 Jul 05	£760	560
PEE55	19 Aug 05 - 22 Sep 05	£760	560
PEE75	28 Sep 05 - 1 Nov 05	£760	560
PEE95	20 Dec 05 - 23 Jan 06	£760	560
PEE26	20 May 06 - 23 Jun 06	£760	560
Ref	La Paz to Quito	Price £	Kitty US\$
PEE44	26 Aug 04 - 29 Sep 04	£760	530
PEE74	13 Oct 04 - 16 Nov 04	£760	530
PEE15	13 Mar 05 - 16 Apr 05	£760	560
PEE45	11 Aug 05 - 14 Sep 05	£760	560
PEE65	25 Sep 05 - 29 Oct 05	£760	560
PEE85	02 Nov 05 - 6 Dec 05	£760	560
PEE16	02 Apr 06 - 6 May 06	£760	560

⇒ Bolivian children on the Salt Flats



⇒ Santiago to Ushuaia
or v.v.

Patagonia & Tierra del Fuego

24 nights

Map

Chile & Argentina. Wild fjords, volcanoes and spectacular glacial national parks.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 55%, Wilderness Camping 30%, Local Hostelry 15%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostelries (not included).

Trip Profile

Moderate: Some high altitudes, many trekking options, roads okay, variable climate.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Drink South America's finest

wines. Trek up active Volcanoes. Go white water rafting in Pucon. Visit some of Argentina's & Chile's stunning Nat. Parks. Travel the Fjords of Chile. Ice walk the Moreno Glacier. Trek in Los Glaciares Nat. Park. Horse ride through Torres del Paine Nat. Park. Trek in Tierra del Fuego Nat. Park.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-3: Santiago; travel through Chile's wine producing valleys to Temuco and Concepcion, with stunning Andean backdrops. **Days 4-5:** Onto the Lake District, climb Mt. Villarrica, mountain biking, etc. **Days 6-11:** Puerto Montt; drive through the fjords and Chile's isolated coastline. **Days 12-15:** Cross into Argentina to the Los Glaciares Nat. Park in the Fitz Roy Massif for trekking. **Days 16-21:** Visit the Moreno Glacier, the fastest moving glacier in the world; onto the snow clad volcanoes and pacific fjords of Torres del Paine. **Days 22-24:** Enjoy the stunning scenery of Patagonia with its jagged mountains and glaciers; cross into Tierra del Fuego at Punta Arenas and visit Tierra del Fuego Nat. Park; Ushuaia.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/PTF.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Patagonia & Tierra del Fuego

Ref	Santiago to Ushuaia	Price £	Kitty US\$
PTF34	17 Dec 04 - 10 Jan 05	£605	250
PTF16	06 Jan 06 - 30 Jan 06	£605	260
Ref	Ushuaia to Santiago	Price £	Kitty US\$
PTF25	06 Mar 05 - 30 Mar 05	£605	260
PTF26	26 Mar 06 - 19 Apr 06	£605	260



⇒ Local Indian woman, Bolivia

⇒ La Paz to Rio or v.v.

Altiplano, Gauchos & The Falls

4.5 weeks

Map

Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil. The Andes, salt flats, horseride with Gauchos, the driest desert, waterfalls, stunning beaches and the carnival city.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 65%, Wilderness Camping 15%, Local Hostelry 20%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostelries (not included).

Trip Profile

Moderate: Some treks, poor road conditions, away from civilisation. Because of its nature, this itinerary will vary. Be prepared for the cold at high altitude.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Buy a charm in the witchcraft

markets of La Paz. Take jeeps out onto the Bolivian Salt Flats. Exploration of Bolivia's high Andean Altiplano and the Laguna Colorado & Verde. Ride purebred horses with Gauchos in the 'Sierra Chicas', the oldest mountains in South America. Discover the Foz do Iguaçu, the world's most spectacular waterfalls. Scuba dive on the Emerald Coast. Party All Night Long in Rio.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Week 1: Explore the witchcraft markets of La Paz; drive over the Andean Altiplano to Potosi to explore the tunnels of the infamous mines; take a day's jeep adventure across the vast salt flats, the Salar de Uyuni. **Week 2:** Remote crossing of the high Altiplano, with its distant peaks, fresh-water lakes, volcanoes and geysers to explore Laguna Colorado and Laguna Verde. Cross into Chile and into the Atacama Desert; explore the desert terrain of the Moon Valley; head into the Argentinian Andes to Salta, gateway to wine growing area. **Week 3:** Quilmes Inca ruins and then down towards Cordoba; nearly in the Sierra Chicas, the oldest mountain range in South America, we sample gaucho hospitality at a working Anglo Argentinian estancia with horseriding, biking or hiking expeditions to neighbouring estancias. Perhaps one of the most unique experiences on any Encounter trip. **Weeks 4&4.5:** The Pampas, cattle country; El Palmar Nat. Park, north to the Jesuit Missions and onto Foz do Iguaçu (waterfalls); admire the majestic Iguassu Falls. Relax on the tropical beach at Parati, Brazilian coast and islands; then into Rio de Janeiro.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/AAX.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Altiplano, Gauchos & The Falls

Ref	La Paz to Rio	Price £	Kitty US\$
AAX34	18 Jun 04 - 20 Jul 04	£730	410
AAX54	06 Aug 04 - 7 Sep 04	£730	380
AAX15*	03 Jan 05 - 4 Feb 05	£785	380
AAX35	03 Jun 05 - 5 Jul 05	£670	400
AAX55	28 Jul 05 - 29 Aug 05	£670	400
AAX16*	23 Jan 06 - 24 Feb 06	£670	400
AAX36	23 Jun 06 - 25 Jul 06	£670	400
Ref	Rio to La Paz	Price £	Kitty US\$
AAX44	25 Jul 04 - 26 Aug 04	£670	400
AAX25*	09 Feb 05 - 13 Mar 05	£670	410
AAX45	10 Jul 05 - 11 Aug 05	£670	410
AAX26*	01 Mar 06 - 2 Apr 06	£670	410

General Notes: Occasionally road conditions are too adverse during the rainy season (Jan. & Feb.) to make the crossing from Uyuni to San Pedro. If this is the case the leader will take an alternative route via the coast.
* Rio Carnival. Opt. 5 night Rio Carnival Package is available.



⇒ Riding Gaucho horses at the Estancia, Argentina



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⇒ Rio to Caracas or v.v.

Brazilian & Venezuelan Discoverer

10 weeks

Map

Brazil, Venezuela. From Rio to the white sands of the Caribbean, the Orinoco, the mighty Amazon and the wildlife wilderness of the Mato Grosso.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 55%, Wilderness Camping 10%, Local Hostelry 45%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostelries (not included).

Trip Profile

Challenging: Jungle & river excursions, beaches, wildlife & wild walks, adventure activities, variable road conditions. Due to its nature, this trip will vary.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Party All Night Long in Rio.

Explore the gold mines of Ouro Preto. Hike, bike or raft in the mountains near Vittoria. Kickback on the stunning Bahia beaches. Discover the backwaters and wildlife of the unique Brazilian Pantanal. Explore by canoe the tributaries of the Amazon Jungle. Riverboat through the Amazon Jungle. Canoe trek to the highest waterfalls in the world. Explore the Orinoco Delta by boat. Hangout on the unspoiled Caribbean beaches. Snorkel in mangrove lagoons in Henri Pittier Nat. Park. Trek, mountain bike or raft in Merida. Jeep trek into Los Llanos in search of crocodiles and anacondas.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Week 1: From Rio drive to colonial Ouro Preto for a gold mine tour; next to the mountains near Vittoria for rafting, hiking or rappelling. **Week 2:** Relax on the stunning beaches of Porto Seguro and Itacare, opt. boat trips, scuba diving; soak up the atmosphere of the carnival city of Salvador. **Week 3:** Hike in the Chapada Diamantina Nat. Park and in the beautiful Chapada dos Veadeiros Nat. Park; Brasilia. **Week 4:** Drive to the Mato Grosso and the Pantanal marshlands, teeming with birdlife, caiman and rare mammals; head to the jungle port of Puerto Velho. **Week 5:** Opt. jungle boat trip up tributaries of the Amazon visiting local villages; river boat journey through the Amazon to Manaus. **Week 6:** Explore the great trading port of Manaus; the Trans Amazon highway to Venezuela and the Gran Sabana with jungle hung Tepuys, flat-topped mountains and high waterfalls. **Week 7:** Visit El Dorado; opt. canoe trip in Canaima Nat. Park to the Angel Falls from Ciudad Bolivar. **Week 8:** Boat to Indian communities and to see the wildlife of the Orinoco Delta; visit the Oilbird caves of Caripe; go fishing and snorkelling on the Caribbean beaches. **Week 9:** Explore the exquisite Caribbean scenery of Henri Pittier Nat. Park, forest walks, snorkelling and boat trips; stay on a ranch in Los Llanos for riding and boat trips to see the varying wildlife, caiman & anacondas. **Week 10:** Up into the Andes and Merida for hiking, rafting, mountain biking and horseriding; drive to Caracas.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/BVD.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Brazilian & Venezuelan Discoverer

Ref	Rio to Caracas	Price £	Kitty US\$
BVD34	11 Sep 04 - 20 Nov 04	£1650	640
BVD15*	09 Feb 05 - 20 Apr 05	£1750	680
BVD35	01 Oct 05 - 10 Dec 05	£1450	680
BVD16*	01 Mar 06 - 10 May 06	£1750	680
Ref	Caracas to Rio	Price £	Kitty US\$
BVD44*	26 Nov 04 - 4 Feb 05	£1450	650
BVD25	26 Apr 05 - 5 Jul 05	£1450	690
BVD45*	16 Dec 05 - 24 Feb 06	£1750	690
BVD26	16 May 06 - 25 Jul 06	£1450	690

* Rio Carnival. Opt. 5 night Rio Carnival Package is available.

⇒ Ushuaia to Rio or v.v.

Argentinian & Brazilian Encounters

25 nights

Map

Chile, Argentina, Brazil. From Tierra del Fuego, the Pampas, to the penguins of Valdez Peninsula, Iguassu Falls, the Emerald Coast & Rio.

Food & Accommodation

Campsites 60%, Wilderness Camping 25%, Local Hostelry 15%. All accom. and camp meals are incl. in the kitty cost. To add local flavour we eat out in restaurants when staying in local hostelries (not included).

Trip Profile

Moderate: No high altitude, excellent beaches and landscapes, cultural exploration, roads okay, variable climate.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Trek in Tierra del Fuego Nat.

Park. See the elephant seals and visit the Valdez Peninsula. Dance the Tango in Buenos Aires. See the water falls of Foz do Iguaçu. Explore the swamps and meet the wildlife of the Esteros del Ibera. Dive on the Emerald Coast. Party All Night Long in Rio.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

Days 1-4: Ushuaia, the world's most southern city; trek in the spectacular Tierra del Fuego Nat. Park; cross the plains of Patagonia. **Days 5-8:** Explore the Atlantic Coast; watch sea lions, penguins and whales at Valdez Peninsula. **Days 9-12:** Discover Buenos Aires and Montevideo. **Days 13-16:** Visit the historic Jesuit missions and vast Pampas lowlands, home to Gauchos & the cattle ranches of the beef barons; explore by boat or on foot the swamps of the Esteros del Ibera, which are full of caiman, anaconda, capivara and birds. **Days 17-21:** Admire the majestic Iguassu Falls and see the rock formations of Vila Velha Nat. Park. **Days 22-26:** Relax on the tropical beach at Parati, Brazilian coast and islands; into Rio de Janeiro on the final day.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/ABE.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Argentinian & Brazilian Encounters

Ref	Ushuaia to Rio	Price £	Kitty US\$
ABE15	10 Jan 05 - 4 Feb 05	£685	190
ABE16	30 Jan 06 - 24 Feb 06	£685	200
Ref	Rio to Ushuaia	Price £	Kitty US\$
ABE25	09 Feb 05 - 6 Mar 05	£685	210
ABE26	01 Mar 06 - 26 Mar 06	£685	210

General Notes: Rio Carnival. All departures link with opt. 5 night Rio Carnival Package.

⇒ Rio Carnival

Rio Carnival Package 5 nights

Food & Accommodation Local Hostelry 100%. Accommodation only, no meals.

Wild Side Encounters in bold are incl. in the price and kitty, others are optional. Because of the difficulty in

obtaining accommodation in Rio over the Carnival, we are offering a package that includes basic shared accommodation, a city tour to orientate yourself and a ticket to the Sambadrome. Other Wild Side encounters are the Red & Black Ball and the Gay Ball.

Guideline Itinerary & Highlights

FRIDAY: Red and Black Ball. **SATURDAY:** City tour incl. Cocacabana and Ipenima beaches. **SUNDAY:** The Sambadrome. **MONDAY:** Free day. **TUESDAY:** Gay Ball.

Note: This trip is only available in conjunction with one of our other journeys.

Trip Note: www.encounter.co.uk/RIO.html

⇒ Dates/Prices

Rio to Rio	Price	Kitty US\$
R15 04 Feb 05 - 09 Feb 05	£300	0
R16 24 Feb 06 - 01 Mar 06	£300	0



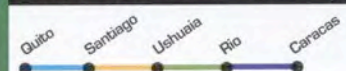
⇒ Toucan, Brazil



⇒ The Salt Flats, Bolivia

Circle 1, Quito to Caracas

26.5 weeks combination trip

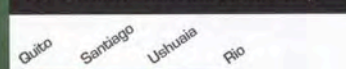


Quito to Caracas	Price	Kitty US\$
QFC34 16 Oct 04 - 20 Apr 05	£4220	1950
QFC25 05 Nov 05 - 10 May 06	£4220	2010
Caracas to Quito	Price	Kitty US\$
QFC44 26 Nov 04 - 31 May 05	£3950	2000
QFC45 16 Dec 05 - 20 Jun 06	£4220	2040

Rio Carnival. The trip price includes a 5 night Rio Carnival Package. For full details please see page 25.

Circle 1, Quito to Rio

16 weeks combination trip



Quito to Rio	Price	Kitty US\$
QFR34 16 Oct 04 - 4 Feb 05	£2510	1270
QFR16 05 Nov 05 - 24 Feb 06	£2510	1330
Rio to Quito	Price	Kitty US\$
QFR25 09 Feb 05 - 31 May 05	£2510	1350
QFR26 01 Mar 06 - 20 Jun 06	£2510	1350

Rio Carnival. Optional 5 night Rio Carnival Package is available. For full details please see page 25.

Circle 1, Quito to Ushuaia

12.5 weeks combination trip

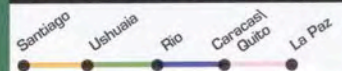


Quito to Ushuaia	Price	Kitty US\$
QFU34 16 Oct 04 - 10 Jan 05	£1890	1080
QFU16 05 Nov 05 - 30 Jan 06	£1890	1130
Ushuaia to Quito	Price	Kitty US\$
QFU25 06 Mar 05 - 31 May 05	£1890	1140
QFU26 26 Mar 06 - 20 Jun 06	£1890	1140



Circle 1, Santiago to La Paz

24 weeks combination trip



Santiago to La Paz	Price	Kitty US\$
SFP34 17 Dec 04 - 3 Jun 05	£3960	1680
SFP16 06 Jan 06 - 23 Jun 06	£3710	1700
La Paz to Santiago	Price	Kitty US\$
SFP74 13 Oct 04 - 30 Mar 05	£3690	1650
SFP85 02 Nov 05 - 19 Apr 06	£3710	1720

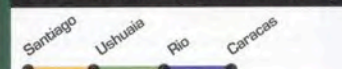
Rio Carnival. The trip price includes a 5 night Rio Carnival Package. For full details please see page 25.

General Notes: Between the 'Brazilian & Venezuelan Discoverer' and 'Peruvian & Ecuadorian Encounters' sections there is a flight from Caracas to Quito or v.v. This is included in the price.

Kitty Notes: There is a one and a half week break in Caracas/Quito (allows time to visit the Galapagos), not covered by kitty.

Circle 1, Santiago to Caracas

17.5 weeks combination trip

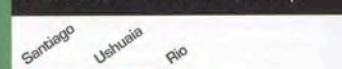


Santiago to Caracas	Price	Kitty US\$
SFC34 17 Dec 04 - 20 Apr 05	£3110	1120
SFC16 06 Jan 06 - 10 May 06	£3110	1140
Caracas to Santiago	Price	Kitty US\$
SFC44 26 Nov 04 - 30 Mar 05	£2830	1120
SFC45 16 Dec 05 - 19 Apr 06	£3110	1160

Rio Carnival. The trip price includes a 5 night Rio Carnival Package. For full details please see page 25.

Circle 1, Santiago to Rio

7 weeks combination trip



Santiago to Rio	Price	Kitty US\$
SFR34 17 Dec 04 - 4 Feb 05	£1260	440
SFR16 06 Jan 06 - 24 Feb 06	£1260	460
Rio to Santiago	Price	Kitty US\$
SFR25 09 Feb 05 - 30 Mar 05	£1260	470
SFR26 01 Mar 06 - 19 Apr 06	£1260	470

Rio Carnival. Optional 5 night Rio Carnival package is available. For full details see page 25.

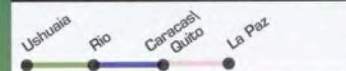
⇒ Moreno Glacier, Argentina



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Circle 1, Ushuaia to La Paz

20.5 weeks combination trip



Ushuaia to La Paz	Price	Kitty US\$
UFP15 10 Jan 05 - 3 Jun 05	£3460	1430
UFP16 30 Jan 06 - 23 Jun 06	£3210	1440
La Paz to Ushuaia	Price	Kitty US\$
UFP74 13 Oct 04 - 6 Mar 05	£3190	1390
UFP65 02 Nov 05 - 26 Mar 06	£3210	1460

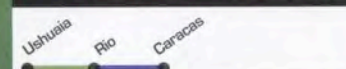
Rio Carnival. The trip price includes a 5 night Rio Carnival Package. For full details please see page 25.

General Notes: Between the 'Brazilian & Venezuelan Discoverer' and 'Peruvian & Ecuadorian Encounters' sections there is a flight from Caracas to Quito or v.v. This is included in the price.

Kitty Notes: There is a one and a half week break in Caracas/Quito (allows time to visit the Galapagos), not covered by kitty.

Circle 1, Ushuaia to Caracas

14.5 weeks combination trip



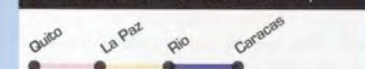
Ushuaia to Caracas	Price	Kitty US\$
UFC15 10 Jan 05 - 20 Apr 05	£2580	870
UFC16 30 Jan 06 - 10 May 06	£2580	880
Caracas to Ushuaia	Price	Kitty US\$
UFC44 26 Nov 04 - 6 Mar 05	£2300	860
UFC45 16 Dec 05 - 26 Mar 06	£2580	900

Rio Carnival. The trip price includes a 5 night Rio Carnival Package. For full details please see page 25.



Circle 2, Quito to Caracas

20 weeks combination trip



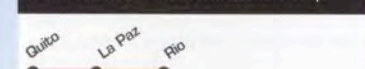
Quito to Caracas	Price	Kitty US\$
QSC54 03 Jul 04 - 20 Nov 04	£3020	1550
QSC84 30 Nov 04 - 20 Apr 05	£3440	1590
QSC95 20 Dec 05 - 10 May 06	£3210	1640
Caracas to Quito	Price	Kitty US\$
QSC44 26 Nov 04 - 16 Apr 05	£2930	1620
QSC25 26 Apr 05 - 14 Sep 05	£2650	1660
QSC45 16 Dec 05 - 6 May 06	£3210	1660

♦ Rio Carnival. The trip price includes a 5 night Rio Carnival Package. For full details please see page 25.

Kitty Notes: There is a 5 night break in Rio not included in kitty. However trips with a ♦ coincide with carnival and do include a 5 night Rio Carnival Package.

Circle 2, Quito to Rio

9.5 weeks combination trip



Quito to Rio	Price	Kitty US\$
QSR54 03 Jul 04 - 7 Sep 04	£1570	910
QSR84 30 Nov 04 - 4 Feb 05	£1620	910
QSR35 30 Apr 05 - 5 Jul 05	£1380	960
QSR55 24 Jun 05 - 29 Aug 05	£1380	960
QSR95 20 Dec 05 - 24 Feb 06	£1380	960
QSR36 20 May 06 - 25 Jul 06	£1380	960
Rio to Quito	Price	Kitty US\$
QSR44 25 Jul 04 - 29 Sep 04	£1380	930
QSR25 09 Feb 05 - 16 Apr 05	£1380	970
QSR45 10 Jul 05 - 14 Sep 05	£1380	970
QSR26 01 Mar 06 - 6 May 06	£1380	970

♦ Rio Carnival. Optional 5 night Rio Carnival Package is available. For full details please see page 25.



Circle 2, La Paz to La Paz

21.5 weeks combination trip



Anticlockwise La Paz to La Paz	Price	Kitty US\$
PSP54 06 Aug 04 - 3 Jan 05	£3250	1550
PSP15 03 Jan 05 - 3 Jun 05	£3540	1620
PSP16 23 Jan 06 - 23 Jun 06	£3180	1640
Clockwise La Paz to La Paz	Price	Kitty US\$
PSP74 13 Oct 04 - 13 Mar 05	£3160	1590
PSP25 13 Mar 05 - 11 Aug 05	£2890	1660
PSP85 02 Nov 05 - 2 Apr 06	£3180	1660

♦ Rio Carnival. The trip price includes a 5 night Rio Carnival Package. For full details please see page 25.

General Notes: Between the 'Brazilian & Venezuelan Discoverer' and 'Peruvian & Ecuadorian Encounters' sections there is a flight from Caracas to Quito or v.v. This is included in the price.

Kitty Notes: There is a one and a half week break in Caracas/Quito (allows time to visit the Galapagos), not covered by kitty. However trips with a ♦ coincide with carnival and do include a 5 night Rio Carnival Package.

Circle 2, La Paz to Caracas

15.5 weeks combination trip



La Paz to Caracas	Price	Kitty US\$
PSC54 06 Aug 04 - 20 Nov 04	£2240	1020
PSC15 03 Jan 05 - 20 Apr 05	£2670	1060
PSC16 23 Jan 06 - 10 May 06	£2560	1080
Caracas to La Paz	Price	Kitty US\$
PSC44 26 Nov 04 - 13 Mar 05	£2280	1060
PSC25 26 Apr 05 - 11 Aug 05	£2000	1100
PSC45 16 Dec 05 - 2 Apr 06	£2560	1100

♦ Rio Carnival. The trip price includes a 5 night Rio Carnival Package. For full details please see page 25.

Kitty Notes: There is a 5 night break in Rio not included in kitty. However trips with a ♦ coincide with carnival and do include a 5 night Rio Carnival Package.

Circle 2, Rio to Rio

21 weeks combination trip



Anticlockwise Rio to Rio	Price	Kitty US\$
RSR34 11 Sep 04 - 4 Feb 05	£3310	1550
RSR15 09 Feb 05 - 5 Jul 05	£3170	1640
RSR35 01 Oct 05 - 24 Feb 06	£2640	1640
RSR16 01 Mar 06 - 25 Jul 06	£2920	1640
Clockwise Rio to Rio	Price	Kitty US\$
RSR25 09 Feb 05 - 5 Jul 05	£2900	1660
RSR26 01 Mar 06 - 25 Jul 06	£2640	1660

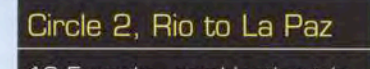
Rio Carnival. Optional 5 night Rio Carnival Package is available on all departures. For full details please see page 25.

General Notes: Between the 'Brazilian & Venezuelan Discoverer' and 'Peruvian & Ecuadorian Encounters' sections there is a flight from Caracas to Quito or v.v. This is included in the price.

Kitty Notes: There is a one and a half week break in Caracas/Quito (allows time to visit the Galapagos), not covered by kitty.

Circle 2, Rio to La Paz

16.5 weeks combination trip



Rio to La Paz	Price	Kitty US\$
RSP34 11 Sep 04 - 3 Jan 05	£2640	1170
RSP25 09 Feb 05 - 3 Jun 05	£2610	1240
RSP35 01 Oct 05 - 23 Jan 06	£2070	1240
RSP16 01 Mar 06 - 23 Jun 06	£2350	1240
La Paz to Rio	Price	Kitty US\$
RSP74 13 Oct 04 - 4 Feb 05	£2330	1180
RSP15 13 Mar 05 - 5 Jul 05	£2330	1250
RSP65 02 Nov 05 - 24 Feb 06	£2350	1250
RSP26 02 Apr 06 - 25 Jul 06	£2070	1250

♦ Rio Carnival. Optional 5 night Rio Carnival Package is available on these departures. For full details please see page 25.

General Notes: Between the 'Brazilian & Venezuelan Discoverer' and 'Peruvian & Ecuadorian Encounters' sections there is a flight from Caracas to Quito or v.v. This is included in the price.

Kitty Notes: There is a one and a half week break in Caracas/Quito (allows time to visit the Galapagos), not covered by kitty.



red tape and planning

Trip notes

We have FREE trip notes for each itinerary in this brochure. These are available on request. They outline the itineraries in more depth and give details of cost such as personal spending and 'Wild Side' optional activities. They also give you an idea about the nature of these activities and a variety of other useful information that you need before booking.

What is adventure travel?

The Oxford English Dictionary gives the definition of adventure as ...

"**Adventure** [ME. aventure - (O) Fr. aventure - Rom...] ... 4. Chance of danger or loss; risk, jeopardy ME. 5. A hazardous enterprise or performance ME;..."

We run 'adventure journeys', off the beaten track, often in areas without western infrastructure. As many of these areas do not adhere to western safety standards and may have political or economic instability, there may be some risk. Do not book an overland trip unless you are prepared to accept these risks, though the risks vary from trip to trip. (Also see booking conditions regarding foreign office/state department warnings.)

Adventure rating

As you would expect, no two of our trips are the same. There are all sorts of conditions that can affect their ease or difficulty. These include:

Road conditions; climatic conditions; dust and altitude; the frequency and regularity of nightstops with 'facilities'; the variety and quality of available food; the frequency and number of free 'relaxing' days; the likelihood of delays and disruption, etc. The list is endless.

Our trips are rated into four broad adventure ratings.

Easy, moderate, challenging, extreme

The ratings are an overall view of each trip. Some trips with a low rating will have the odd 'demanding' day and other trips with a high rating will have many 'easy' periods. The ratings are meant as a guide to ensure that the reality matches your expectations.

Adventure & age policy

Generally, these trips are designed for people in their twenties & thirties. Anyone aged 60 or over (up to a maximum of 70) must fill in a travel questionnaire and also have a fitness statement signed by their doctor. We also impose a minimum age limit of 18.

Adventure itineraries

As mentioned in the front of the brochure itineraries often vary. Therefore in booking a trip you must accept that the itinerary may vary from that described. This is the nature of this travel. Also many trips in this brochure are sections of longer journeys and we cannot guarantee the arrival and departure dates. In Africa and South America, they may vary by a few days. In Asia it would be unusual for them to vary by more than a day or so. We regret we cannot be responsible for any additional expenses incurred due to the late arrival or departure of any trip, however caused.

Contingency routes

Occasional political conflicts, border closures or route diversions may result in our intended route becoming impossible. If this occurs, Encounter will have to use a contingency route. We may have to employ alternative transport such as flights, or extra vehicles. In such eventualities the costs will be split between the group. Depending on the circumstances Encounter may be able to help with some of these costs.

trip price and kitty does not include

Entrances to sites, parks and other activities that are not in bold in the itinerary; contingency route expenses; optional extras; travel insurance; personal spending; connecting flights; passports; visas; vaccinations; personal taxes (including personal border taxes) and all other items of a personal nature.

Also the trip price does not include taxes, transportation and other personal expenses incurred prior to joining the trip at the joining hotel or after leaving the trip.

Personal spending

Personal spending varies enormously depending on the individual and the area visited. Items such as entrances to sites and museums, food while staying in hotels, drinks, souvenirs, laundry and optional extras, etc., are all part of personal spending.

For each itinerary we give a rough guide to the amount people spend in our trip notes. Please ask Encounter or your travel agent for copies.

Optional extras

There are many 'Wild Side' activities such as rafting and horse riding that are treated as 'Optional Extras' and not included in the trip price and do not form part of the contract.

Please note: Encounter does not operate these optional extras. Our leaders may help organise some of these extras, but it is purely as a service and we are not necessarily recommending them. Encounter takes no responsibility for these extras and clients take them at their own risk. Many excursions are operated by local operators and standards of safety are NOT always as you will find in the western world. These options are adventurous with the accompanying risks. Please also see the Booking Conditions.

For each itinerary details and prices of optional extras can be found in the trip notes. Ask Encounter or your agent for your copy.

Connecting flights from the UK

For connecting flights to the tours mentioned here please contact Encounter or your travel agent.

Flights if booking outside the UK

For those passengers booking outside the UK, our network of sales agents around the world can provide excellent flight connections. When you book flights for your adventure holiday remember that it pays to take the advice of an expert who understands the needs of the adventure traveller.

Passports

All clients must be in possession of a full passport. For some countries it should be valid for six to twelve months after the finish date of the trip. Your passport should have at least one blank page per country to be visited, plus four spare blank pages. The photo should be easily recognisable as you now appear. Time taken to issue a new passport varies according to country, nationality and time of year. If you do need a new passport, we urge you to apply in plenty of time. As an example British passports can take up to two months to be issued in the UK at peak times.

Visas

Visa requirements vary greatly according to nationality, country and where each visa is applied for. (For details of visas required by British passport holders please see the chart on page 29.)

Costs also fluctuate wildly and without notice. Your Trip Update and Joining Instructions (sent about 10 weeks before departure) will list which visas need to be applied for before joining the trip and will give a list of the visas which will be obtained en-route and their approximate costs.

Vaccinations

Vaccination requirements do change regularly. You will find guidelines in the chart on page 29.

Costs vary enormously depending on where and when you get the vaccinations. Please consult your doctor or a specialist travel vaccination clinic.

Extra accommodation

We are able to book hotels before the start or after the end of your trip. To be sure of securing a reservation, we strongly recommend that you request accommodation at least 6 weeks before arrival. Please contact Encounter or your agent for the latest prices.

Vehicle accident insurance

In many countries we visit, the local vehicle insurance includes either very limited passenger accident liability or none at all. We have therefore arranged our own passenger liability protection. This policy has a total indemnity of £3,000,000 per incident. The high cost of this insurance, which is included in the trip prices, should be considered when comparing our prices with those of some other operators.

Personal travel insurance

It is a **condition of booking** (see booking conditions) that you have comprehensive travel insurance. If you cannot prove you have insurance you may not be allowed on the trip.

Encounter recommend their own insurance, but you must ensure whatever policy you have has been designed for adventure travel and will cover you for personal accident, medical and repatriation costs, and loss, damage or theft of personal belongings. Most policies limit baggage cover for valuable items, such as cameras and jewellery, and impose security conditions. You must read your policy to make sure you understand these.

Warning: Travel policies only cover overseas medical expenses and we recommend that you take out an insurance policy to cover future consequential loss that you may incur (e.g. loss of earnings, disability, medical care, etc.) caused by illness, accident or injury.

An overland policy

Please also see Clause 11a) & 11b) in the booking conditions. This policy has been designed for overland travel. You do not have to purchase this policy, but you must have one with similar benefits. Please indicate on the booking form if you would like to have this policy issued.

Summary of benefits:

Medical and other expenses (includes repatriation)	£5,000,000
Additional hospital benefit	£10 per day up to £200
Personal liability	£2,000,000
Criminal injuries	£5,000
Personal Accident	Up to £25,000
Cancellation & curtailment (includes loss of deposit)	£5,000
Delayed aircraft departure or arrival	£100 to £1,000
Aircraft hijack	£100 per day up to £3,000
Failure of European flight connections	£25 per day up to £150
Interruption of scheduled public transport (for additional travelling and accommodation costs).	Up to £300
Travel restrictions (if war, invasion, riot, etc. mars your travel plans, then up to £750 cover for cancellation or £300 additional expenses.)	Up to £750
Legal expenses	£15,000
Loss of baggage & personal effects*	£2,000
Loss or theft of personal money*	£500
Loss or theft of tickets*	£1000

Full details of benefits, exclusions, etc. are available on request.

* **NOTE:** It is possible to delete these three items from the policy for a 20% premium reduction.

The rates apply to policies with start dates up to 31st December 2005 provided the policy is issued and paid for before 31st December 2004.

EUROPE: Means Europe west of the Ural Mountains and also any country with a Mediterranean coastline (Turkey, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria & Morocco), plus Iceland, Jordan, Madeira, the Canary, Azores and Mediterranean Islands.

Double the above premiums apply for winter sports and for persons aged 66 years or more.

Premiums per person:

Duration	Europe	Worldwide (excl USA)	Worldwide (incl USA)
4 days	£14.50	£43.50	£50.50
9 days	£18.50	£51.00	£59.50
17 days	£23.50	£57.00	£66.50
24 days	£32.50	£63.00	£73.50
32 days	£40.50	£68.50	£80.00
45 days	£61.50	£96.00	£113.00
62 days	£84.50	£124.00	£147.00
75 days	£107.00	£150.50	£175.50
3 months	£130.00	£176.50	£204.00
4 months	£152.50	£202.50	£232.00
5 months	£175.50	£229.00	£260.50
6 months	£198.00	£255.00	£289.00
7 months	N/A	£281.00	£317.50
8 months	N/A	£307.50	£346.00
9 months	N/A	£333.50	£374.00
10 months	N/A	£359.50	£403.00
11 months	N/A	£385.50	£431.00
12 months	N/A	£397.00	£454.00
13 months and over	- prices on application.		

Notice to the proposer/insured

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Any enquiries/complaints should be addressed in the first instance to your broker, Campbell Irvine Ltd, Alma House, Alma Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0AX.

visas & vaccinations

Notes for visa chart

Visa requirements and costs change constantly and it is not possible to give an accurate cost until nearer the time when visas are applied for. Full details of costs, will be included in your Trip Update sent about 10 weeks before departure. The chart opposite is intended for quick reference only for holders of full British passports (being citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Other nationalities should make their own enquiries, apply to Encounter or their travel agent. Up to date information on costs and requirements can be given by Encounter or your travel agent.

Key to Visa codes in the chart

p A Tourist Card or Visitors Pass is required rather than a full visa. Ask your travel agent or Encounter whether this should be obtained before travelling.

Health and vaccinations

Recommended vaccinations and other health protection measures vary according to country and recent bulletins issued by health authorities. They vary frequently. Costs vary according to the route and where you have your vaccinations. The chart opposite is intended for quick reference only and you should obtain the latest advice near the departure date.

1 COMPULSORY

Check the chart opposite for each country's immigration requirements. Unless you can show a certificate proving that you have the appropriate immunisations, you are quite likely to be refused entry to the country. Key to codes used in the chart opposite:

yf Yellow Fever
yf^a Yellow Fever is only compulsory if arriving within 6 days from or via an infected area. The 'yf' may also appear in the recommended column in which case we recommend you be immunised against Yellow Fever even if you are not arriving from an infected area.

2 RECOMMENDED FOR ALL COUNTRIES

On all our trips, we strongly recommend you be immunised against:

- Tetanus
- Hepatitis A & B. A new vaccine, Havrix Hepatitis A is now available in most countries. This gives much better and longer lasting protection than the old gammaglobulin.
- TB - Most people have been vaccinated against TB in childhood, but please remember that when you travel in the developing world you are at higher risk.
- Poliomyelitis
- You should also have a dental checkup and find out your blood group.

3 RECOMMENDED FOR SELECTED COUNTRIES

Key to codes used in the chart opposite:

- yf Yellow Fever
- g Meningitis - because of the frequent epidemics of meningitis insub-Saharan Africa and in the Indian subcontinent, travellers to those areas should check the advisability of having a vaccination before they travel.
- m Malaria - Many of our trips pass through malaria zones. Malaria is a serious disease and should not be taken lightly. You must ensure you are aware of the risks and take appropriate preventive measures. The risk may vary according to time of year. More detailed advice on malaria protection will be shown in your Advance Information Dossier at the time of booking.
- If the risk of malaria is seasonal, the risk months are shown in brackets. For example, 'm (5-10)' signifies that there is a malarial risk in the months of May to October. If there are no bracketed figures, malaria is present throughout the year.
- m^c At the time of printing, there have been reports that a strain of malaria resistant to chloroquine has been identified.
- m^{cs} At the time of printing, there have been reports that a strain of malaria resistant to chloroquine and sulfadoxinepyrimethamine (Fansidar & Maloprim) has been identified.
- t Typhoid
- d Diphtheria
- r Rabies - We have only shown this code against the countries where rabies is present and make no attempt to estimate the risk of being bitten by a rabid animal.
- j Japanese B Encephalitis

COUNTRY	VISA	VACCINATIONS
British	Comp.	Recommended

AFRICA

BENIN	Yes	yf	m ^a , r, t, d, g
BOTSWANA	No	yf ^a	m ^a , r, t, d
BURKINA FASO	Yes	yf	m ^a , r, t, d, g
CAMEROON	Yes	yf	m ^a , r, t, d, g
CHAD	Yes	yf ^a	m ^a , r, t, d, yf
EGYPT	Yes	yf ^a	m (6-10), r, t, d
GHANA	Yes	yf	m ^a , r, t, d, g
KENYA	No	yf ^a	m ^a , r, t, d, g, yf
MALAWI	No	yf ^a	m ^a , r, t, d, g
MALI	Yes	yf	m ^a , r, t, d, g
MAURITANIA	Yes	yf	m, r, t, d, g
MOROCCO	No		m (5-10), r, t, d
NAMIBIA	No	yf ^a	m ^a (11-6), t, d, r
NIGER	Yes	yf	d, m, g, t, r
SOUTH AFRICA	No	yf ^a	m, t, r, d
SUDAN	Yes	yfa	mcs, r, t, d, g, yf
TANZANIA	Yes	yf ^a	g, m ^a , r, t, d, yf
TOGO	Yes	yf	m ^a , r, t, d, g, r
UGANDA	Yes	yf ^a	g, m ^a , r, t, yf, d
ZAMBIA	Yes		g, m ^a , r, t, d, yf

ASIA

INDIA	Yes	yf ^a	m ^a , r, t, d, j
IRAN	Yes		m ^a (3-11), r, t, d
JORDAN	Yes	yf ^a	r, t, d
NEPAL	Yes	yf ^a	g, m ^a , r, t, d, j
PAKISTAN	Yes	yf ^a	m ^a , r, t, d, j
SYRIA	Yes	yf ^a	m (5-10), t, d, r
TURKEY	Yes		m (4-10), r, t, d

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA	No		m, r, t, d
BOLIVIA	No	yf ^a	m ^a , t, yf, d, r
BRAZIL	No	yf ^a	m ^a , t, yf, d, g, r
CHILE	No		t, d, r
ECUADOR	No	yf ^a	m ^a , t, yf, d, r
PERU	No	yf ^a	m ^a , t, yf, d, r
VENEZUELA	Yes ^p		m ^a , t, yf, d

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FINANCIAL PEACE OF MIND

For those clients who are resident in the UK at the time of booking their trip, Encounter gives financial peace of mind through our bonding.

The air holidays and flights in this brochure are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 4157. Therefore those people who buy flights from Encounter that connect to the land tour are financially protected (for both the air and land content).

Those people who buy a 'land only' trip are financially protected for the land content by Encounter's AITOT (Association of Independent Tour Operators Trust) bond.

In the event of our financial failure before you depart, these bonds will be used to reimburse you with the money you have paid towards the trip. If you have already embarked on your trip and financial failure occurs, these bonds will either ensure that the trip is completed or that you are repatriated to the UK depending on what bond is activated.

NB. The above bonds cannot be used to reimburse the costs of other expenses such as travel insurance, visas, vaccinations, etc.

Encounter is a member of AITO, the Association of Independent Tour Operators. Established in 1976, the AITO symbol has become the hallmark of good holidays from specialist tour operators. All AITO companies are fully bonded and governed by AITO's independent dispute settlement service, which means you are in safe hands when you book with an AITO member.



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THE AITO QUALITY CHARTER

AITO is the Association for independent and specialist holiday companies. Our member companies, usually owner-managed, strive to create overseas holidays with high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

● Exclusive Membership

AITO sets criteria regarding ownership, finance and quality which must be satisfied before new companies are admitted to membership. All members are required to adhere to a Code of Business Practice which encourages high operational standards and conduct.

● Financial Security

AITO members are required to protect money paid by customers to the member for any holiday sold under the AITO logo and to comply with UK Government Regulations in this respect. Members submit details of their bonding and guarantee arrangements to the Association on a regular basis.

● Accurate Brochures and Websites

All members do their utmost to ensure that all their brochures and other publications, print or electronic, clearly and accurately describe the holidays and services offered.

● Professional Service and Continual Improvements

All members are committed to high standards of service and believe in regular and thorough training of employees. Members continually seek to review and improve their holidays. They listen to their customers and always welcome suggestions for improving standards.

● Monitoring Standards

AITO endeavours to monitor quality standards regularly. All customers should receive a post-holiday questionnaire the results of which are scrutinised by the Association.

● Responsible Tourism

All members acknowledge the importance of AITO's Responsible Tourism guidelines, which recognise the social, economic and environmental responsibilities of tour operating. Those demonstrating their achievements beyond the pure acceptance of this principle are recognised by the award of 2 or 3 star status.

● Customer Relations

All members endeavour to deal swiftly and fairly with any issues their customers may raise. In the unlikely event that a dispute between an AITO member and a customer cannot be settled amicably, AITO's low-cost Independent Dispute Settlement Service may be called upon by either side to bring the matter to a speedy and acceptable conclusion.

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