



## Transafrica 2017

You may wonder why an Italian tour operator proposes a motorcycle tour to Africa simply because Mototouring have been organizing trips to Africa since 1985. We have therefore decided to add the Transafrica to our travel list. The Transafrica tour has been organized every year since 1996 with Italian customers. Groups consist of 15 up to 34 persons (in 2003).

From Johannesburg to Zanzibar, 5500 kms across South Africa - Zimbabwe - Zambia-Malawiand-Tanzania.

This bike tour is within everyone's reach, routed almost exclusively on tarmac. The exception is a couple of legs where the tarmac is in "African" condition, although never too difficult for any average motorcyclist, even with a pillion rider. All nights are spent in top-class hotels except for a couple where no alternatives exist in the area. The legs are around 350/400 kilometres per day with 4 sizeable rest stops in enchanting places and hotels: Kruger National Park, Victoria Falls, Lake Malawi, Mikumi National Park, Zanzibar.

From 31-07-2017 to 18-08-2017

## Description

### Day 1 - Johannesburg

Day of arrival in Johannesburg, collection of motorcycles, followed by a free afternoon to relax and gain confidence with the bike and the South African left hand drive.



## **Day 2 - Johannesburg - Kruger Park**

After breakfast we make our way to the Kruger Park, one of the biggest in Africa and one of the most spectacular for the number of animals to be found there. We will dine and spend the night near the park gates. (450 km)

## **Day 3 - Safari in Kruger Park**

The day is spent with a minibus at our disposal for the visit to Kruger National Park, after which we will return to the lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight.

## **Day 4 - Kruger - Tzaneen**

Departure from Kruger for Tzaneen, area of tea plantations, via the beautiful mountainous region of the Drakensberg. The temperatures may go down to close to zero, especially in the morning. Arrival at Mogobaskloof hotel.

## **Day 5 - Tzaneen - Louis Trichardt**

After breakfast we depart northward, stopping on the way to visit a typical tea farm in the region. In the evening we'll arrive at the end of the last leg in South Africa, staying in the town of Louis Trichardt.

## **Day 6 - Louis Trichardt - Great Zimbabwe**

From Louis Trichardt to Great Zimbabwe and across the first border of the motorcycle tour, entering Africa, or rather, a "more African" Africa. Board and lodging at the Great Zimbabwe Hotel, practically within sight of the famous ruins.

## **Day 7 - Great Zimbabwe - Bulawayo**

After breakfast, we have planned a two-hour visit to the Great Zimbabwe fortifications with a local guide, a truly magical experience, and then on towards Bulawayo with planned arrival in the afternoon.



### **Day 8 - Bulawayo - Victoria Falls**

Morning visit to the Matopo Hills, a marvellous national park where Cecil Rhodes, the founder of Rhodesia (now called Zimbabwe), is buried. In the afternoon we move on to Victoria Falls, arriving in the early evening.

### **Day 9 - Victoria Falls**

Day spent on visits and excursions to the Victoria Falls. It will be possible to go rafting on the Zambezi, take helicopter or private plane flights, play golf, and visit the falls. Just simply relaxing around the hotel's swimming pool is also always an option.

### **Day 10 - Victoria Falls - Lusaka**

Departure and crossing the second border of our journey, thus entering Zambia and heading for the capital Lusaka, A demanding day of almost 600 kilometres without alternative, but luckily the roads are in good condition.

### **Day 11 - Lusaka - Chipata**

From Lusaka to Chipata, along a real African road! The road is in bad condition in some parts and a good dose of prudence will be important. There are numerous villages we will go through and endless landscapes which is incomparable in its natural beauty.

### **Day 12 - Chipata - Lake Malawi**

From Chipata towards the border with Malawi and its incredible natural scenery. Malawi is a little known country, with almost no tourism except for a few South Africans that spend their holidays along the splendid banks of the lake which stretches for over 600 kilometres from north to south, practically covering the whole length of the country.



### **Day 13 - Lake Malawi**

Day of relaxing at Livingstonia Beach Hotel in Senga Bay. This is a little corner of paradise on the coast of the lake where waters are clear and clean, making it possible to swim, snorkel and scuba dive.

### **Day 14 - Lake Malawi - Mzuzu**

Back on the bikes to take the coastal road as far as Mzuzu. Going through a lot of villages and back routes, we take in a real slice of African life. This is a marvellous opportunity for those wanting to take some photos before we return to an altitude of over 1000 metres in the Malawian mountains.

### **Day 15 - Mzuzu - Utengule**

The road, which leads us to the fourth and last border of our journey, is one of the most attractive, but also in awful condition. We will need considerable caution to avoid the numerous potholes in the tarmac which is often almost non-existent. Arrival in the evening at Utengule, a lodge immersed in the Tanzanian coffee plantations.

### **Day 16 - Utengule Coffee farm**

Day of relaxing and visits to the Coffee farm. A swimming pool and various games will be available.

### **Day 17 - Utengule - Mikumi Park**

Crossing virtually the whole of Tanzania from west to east to arrive in a place where the wild animals can stroll around the state road. Beware of the lions!!

### **Day 18 - Mikumi - Dar Es Salaam**

Morning safari (by car) inside the Mikumi park and in the afternoon on to Dar Es Salaam, the final destination of our journey.



### **Day 19 - Dar es Salaam - Flight back home**

During the morning we will pack the bikes in a container for the shipment back to South Africa, sorry your holiday is over thanks for joining us in this wonderful adventure

## **Info**

International airfare is not included: meeting Johannesburg 31-07-2017

→ Upon request we can book the plane for you!

Needed equipment: Adequate Motorcycle Equipment

Skill: Intermediate

Guide: Expert Mototouring Guide

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