Wattletree Garden Tours

Kenya Tanzania Zanzibar August 2025



An African adventure timed to coincide with the Great migration. Masi Mara, Serengeti, Nairobi, Mt Kilimanjaro, Nairobi and Zanzibar Wildlife, national parks, farm visits, wildflowers and local culture.



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Tour highlights

•	Safaris	•	Wildflowers and Wildlife aplenty	•	Optional Balloon flight over the Serengeti	•	Local guides all the way
•	Beautiful scenery	•	Most meals	•	Local culture immersion	•	Organised!

- Amazing hotels
- Farm visits
- Zanzibar relaxation
- Private group tour

Brian Sams is a Toowoomba based horticulturist involved in running gardening workshops, consultation, leading garden based tours at home and overseas.

Brian has been leading garden since 2006. Why? He loves it!

Flight and stopover options to be advised. (likely to be either Doha or Dubai)

Saturday August 23 - Day 1 Australia to Nairobi

Depart today for overnight flight to Africa. Flights and stopover options will be advised closer to our travel time.

Sunday August 24 - Day 2 Nairobi

Today we land in Nairobi and transfer to the hotel. Our welcome – Karibu – dinner will the in the well known Carnivore restaurant which is an open air lively affair. I have been told it is a great night.... Included – meals in flight, transfer and dinner Karen Residences for 4 nights

Monday August 25 - Day 3 Nairobi – Safari Nairobi National park

Today we will kick-start our adventure with an unforgettable safari in Nairobi National Park. Situated in the heart of Kenya's capital, Nairobi National Park offers a unique wildlife experience and is one of the places where you can see a city skyline in the back of your safari pictures.

We will be collected from the hotel at **6am** and drive to the national park, where we will witness diverse species such as the endangered black & white rhino, lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, buffaloes and giraffes roaming freely against the backdrop of Nairobi's skyline.

Once the safari is complete, likely around **10 or 11am**, we will head back to the hotel where we will have time to relax. Severine has a wonderful spa that offer massages, facials and other treatments. All bookings need to be made the day before.

In the evening, enjoy one of Africa's best Japanese restaurants (Haru Japanese Restaurant). Food is prepared fresh daily (including seafood) and we highly recommend the Teppanyaki.

Included: Breakfast | Experience Safari Guides | Transport in 4WD safari jeeps | National Park Permits & Entry Fees

Tuesday August 26 - Day 4 Cultural Immersion

Today we will be picked up from our hotel at **8:30am** to explore the sights and sounds of Africa's largest slum with the incredible Mirror of Hope (MOH). Enjoy a specially prepared welcome ceremony and meet the team. We'll then have the opportunity to visit the home of one of MOH's sponsor students, meet their family and learn how to cook a delicious Kenyan feast. This is the perfect opportunity to immerse in Kenyan culture, practice your Swahili and get to know some of the most resilient and remarkable people on the planet. The Mirror of Hope (MOH) was founded in 2010 by Tommy & Judy Nyawir, to empower vulnerable women & children living in the Kibera Slums. MOH achieves their mission through the implementation of a range of innovative health, education

and entrepreneurship initiatives. Adventure out Loud first visited MOH in 2015 and have been supporting them ever since.

Included: Kibera Slum Immersion | Translators | Breakfast & Lunch



Wednesday August 27 – Day 5 Farm day

Today our journey to Kiambethu Tea Farm will begin at 9:30am. Upon arrival, we'll experience the rich history, guided tours, tea tastings and beautiful gardens surrounding the multigenerational farmhouse. We'll also get to enjoy a 3-course buffet lunch prior to departing for the Flower Farm tour at 2pm. Situated at 2,000m elevation, Kiambethu was bought and farmed by AB McDonell in 1910. He was a pioneer in the tea industry being one of the first to make and sell tea commercially in Kenya - now one of Kenya's largest exports. Five generations have lived on the farm and it is currently run by his granddaughter Fiona Vernon. The farm house is set within beautiful gardens surrounded by acres of tea and indigenous forest - home to the Colobus monkey. In the afternoon, we'll have the opportunity to explore one of Kenya's best flower farms. Here, we'll have the opportunity to witness the intricate process of flower cultivation and experience a wide range of breath-taking flowers that may include roses, lilies, sunflowers, daisies, gerberas, and more.

After a tranquil afternoon at the flower farm, we'll return to Nairobi for dinner at our lodge. Dinner will be at 7pm and we'll be joined by our safari manager who will brief us about our safari tomorrow. Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Thursday August 28 - 31- Day 6 - 9 Great Migration Safari Masai Mara

Welcome to Africa's best safari destination! The Masai Mara adjoins the infamous Serengeti National Park and is home to the most spectacular natural show on earth - the Great Migration (Jun - Oct annually). During our Masai Mara safari, we'll be living inside the Masai Mara Conservation Area. This will give us the best chance to spot all of Africa's exotic safari animals, including the Big 5 - lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant. We may even hear these animals as we relax around an open fire, eat dinner under the stars or from the safety of your tent at night.

Here is a summary of our safari:

Day 1: Today, we will fly to the Masai Mara. Beginning with a 7:30am airport transfer, followed by a 9am - 10am flight to Masai Mara. On the way to our lodge, we will enjoy a short safari 10am - 1pm, followed by lunch and check-in at Mara Maisha Safari Lodge. Our second safari will run from 3pm - 6pm and after we will return for a delicious buffet dinner and restful night at our safari lodge.

Day 2: Today our morning Masai Mara Safari is from 6am - 10am, followed by free time and lunch at the lodge. In the afternoon, enjoy another Masai Mara Safari from 3pm - 6pm.

Day 3: Start the day with breakfast at 5:45am (served at our lodge), followed by a full day Masai Mara Safari from 6:30am - 5:30pm (lunch box included)

Day 4: Today you have the option of the Hot air balloon safari. If you wish to do this please indicate on booking form. Alternatively you and do the Masai Mara Safari is from 6am - 10am, followed by free time and lunch at the lodge. In the afternoon we will visit a Masai Boma for a cultural experience (from 4pm - 6pm).

Included: Domestic Flight: Nairobi - Masai Mara | Masai Mara Permits | Experienced English Speaking Safari Guides | Transport & Game Drives in Luxury Safari Jeeps | 4 x Breakfast, 4 x Lunch and 4 x Dinner | Accommodation (Twin Share - Deluxe Tents): Mara Maisha (4 nights)

A full explanation about the Hot Air balloon ride are on the booking form website or please contact me.







September 1st and 2nd Days 10 - 11 Amboseli National Park

Day 1: This morning we'll enjoy an early morning game drive in the Masai Mara from 6am - 10am, followed by lunch and free time at the lodge prior to check-out 11am - 1pm. We will be picked up from the lodge at 1pm for our airport transfer and 2pm flight from the Masai Mara - Olkiombo to Amboseli (Mombasa Air Safari). Arriving in Amboseli, we'll be collected at the airstrip by our guides and taken to our lodge. If time permits, we will have the option of an afternoon game drive in Amboseli.

Day 2: Today our morning safari is from **6am - 11am** inside the majestic Amboseli National Park, followed by free time and lunch at the lodge and an afternoon safari from **3pm - 6pm.** Both game drives are optional so feel free to relax at our lodge if you prefer.

Included: Domestic Flight: Masai Mara to Amboseli | Game Drives | National Park Permits | Experienced English Speaking Safari Guides | Transport in Luxury Safari Jeep | Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner | Accommodation (Twin Share - Kibo Amboseli Superb Safari Tent): (2 nights)

September 3rd Day 12 Kilimanjaro Farm visit

Departing our lodge at **9am**, we will head for the Tarakea border. Here we say goodbye to our Amboseli guides before crossing into Tanzania and meeting our Tanzanian team who will drive us to Moshi. On the way, we will visit the farm of one of our Kilimanjaro guides who lives in this area. This area is very fertile and was originally settled by German missionaries and farmers. During the farm tour, we'll see the different crops they grow, how they manage pests, and we might even get to sample some fresh fruits. Lunch will be in the village and will be a traditional Chugga Stew.

After lunch, we will drive to Moshi where we will then check-in to our lodge and have time to relax by the pool. Dinner can ordered at the lodge's restaurant and charged to your room, to pay with cash or card when you check-out. **Included:** Breakfast & Lunch | Transfer I Accommodation (Twin Share) Chanya Lodge **for 2 nights**

September 4th Day 13 Materuni Waterfalls, Kilimanjaro

Departing at **9am**, today we'll get to experience Materuni Waterfalls, nestled in the foothills of Kilimanjaro. Surrounded by lush greenery and coffee plantations, this a hidden gem enchants visitors with its ethereal beauty and cascading waters, creating a serene and rejuvenating atmosphere. Returning to the lodge, we'll have the opportunity to relax,

At **6pm** we will be collected for dinner which will be at Indo-Italian, a local style restaurant in town that offers amazing Indian and Italian food. Please order directly from the menu and our team will pay the food bill at the end. Drinks you pay for yourself.

Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

September 5th Day 14 Zanzibar

We will be picked up at **8:30am** and taken to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for our **11am** - **12pm** flight to Zanzibar. Arriving in Zanzibar, we will be met by a driver from our hotel who will be waiting OUT-SIDE the arrival hall. He will have a sign with our name on it and will drive us to our lodge and help us check-in. Lunch can be purchased from a local cafe, or at our lodge. In the afternoon, we will meet at reception for our Prison Island Tour (approx. **3pm - 6pm**). Explore the haunted past of Prison Island, visit the giant tortoises, and soak in the captivating island scenery.

Included: Breakfast | Airport Transfers | Domestic Flight: Arusha/Kilimanjaro to Zanzibar | Accommodation (Twin Share - Deluxe Room or Similar): Seyyida Resort & Spa **for 2 nights**

September 6th Day 15 Stone Town and dinner at Emmerson Spice

Today our guide will meet us at our hotel at **9am** for a private tour through historic Stone Town; visit the old slave market, German colonial buildings, Freddie's house and many other historic sites. This tour will be very informative and will go at the pace we want. We will have a chance to ask our guide questions, and request they take us to specific places we pass. The Stone Town tour usually finishes around midday, where our guide can take us to eat lunch at a cafe. (Lunch not included) We'll then have the opportunity to enjoy some free time to explore Stone Town's bustling markets, or relax by the pool at our lodge.





In the evening we will be dining at **Emerson Spice**, a unique roof-top restaurant offering severing a 5-course Zanzibari dining experience, reflecting the intriguing mix of cultures. We will meet at reception at 5:45pm for the short 10 minute walk to Emerson Spice, aiming to arrive at 6pm to ensure we have the best spot for sunset. **Included:** Guided Stone Town Tour | Breakfast & Dinner

September 7th Day 16 Zanzibar Spice Farm Tour

At 9am we will be collected from our hotel to embark on a captivating spice farm tour. Immerse yourself in the aromatic wonders of this tropical paradise, learn about exotic spices like cloves, nutmeg, and cinnamon, and witness traditional cultivation techniques. Engage your senses with fragrant scents, vibrant colours, and the rich history of Zanzibar's spice trade.

After our tour ends at about 12pm, we will be transferred to the beach where we can check into our lodge and enjoy a free and relaxing afternoon.

Dinner will be served at our lodge

Included: Breakfast & Dinner | Beach transfer I Accommodation (Twin Share - Garden or Sea View Room/ Bungalow): Sharazad for 3 nights

September 8 - 10 Days 17 – 19 Relaxing in Zanzibar

This is the perfect finale to our African adventure. Zanzibar is renowned for pristine white beaches and this is your time to relax and soak them up before heading back to Australia. The pool at Sharazad is amazing, as is the beach. You can also practice yoga, get a massage or read a book in a hammock. Day activities can also be booked with reception.

Included: Breakfast each day & Dinner (on last night only)



September 10 Day 20 End of Tour and transit home

Enjoy a relaxing morning at the beach before boarding our plane back home or other destinations as arranged. Brian will organise you transfers with reception and communicate with you.

The drive from your lodge to the airport is approximately 1 hour and you should aim to arrive 2 - 3 hours before your departure. Brian will provide more information once flights are available.

Included: Airport Transfer | Breakfast Travel to Nairobi for flight home

Our Tour operator - Adventure Out Loud

Adventure Out Loud is a social enterprise based in Brisbane specialising in African travel with a purpose. The following words are from their website

To us, this means we put the same emphasis on making a difference as making a profit. That is why we donate 50% of our profits to keep disadvantaged children in school. We also believe in doing the right thing. To us this means:

- Buying local where possible,
- Paying fair wages for local staff and contractors,
- Taking responsibility for reducing our environmental impact,
- Contributing to animal conservation, and
- Respecting and preserving local culture.

I am really pleased to be working with Nate on this tour as I think we will see some amazing sites, thanks to his expertise and experience, and also play a small part in leaving something behind in the communities we visit.



Quality matters!

- ⇒ Great accommodation
- ⇒ Experienced tour guides and specialist tour company
- \Rightarrow The food will showcase some of the local culture and cuisine.
- ⇒ We always seem to have a wonderful, friendly & fun group to travel with!

Pricing Details

Full tour price including all land per person twin share	\$12850
Single supplement - if you wish to twin share please let us know and we will put	\$1800
you in contact with others who are keen to share.	

Booking process

1. Deposit – Payable asap to secure a place as seats are limited. Please follow this link to book and see the full payment schedule - <u>click here</u>

The tour prices includes:

- Good hotel and Luxury safari campa accommodation
- Exclusive transport (only our group)
- All Tipping for Coach driver, safari guides and porterage where applicable
- Local guides with us all the way
- Entry to all sightseeing and game parks as detailed in itinerary
- Quality meals listed in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) 40 in total
- Accompanied all the way with Australian guide Brian Sams
- Taxes where appropriate (but subject to change based on prevailing rates)
- Airport transfers (for whole group only—other arrangements to be made as required)
- Internal airfares where shown

The tour price excludes:

- International Air fares
- All items not stated as included
- Any visa or other entry requirements
- Travel insurance—essential for all travelers. Please discuss if you need help to organize.



Full terms and conditions are on the booking form on the booking website.

Airfares and Optional Stopover

We prefer to have a stopover where possible for long haul flights. It is likely that we will fly Qatar Air or Emirates airlines with an optional stopover for 2 nights in either Doha or Dubai on the way to Africa. Full details and prices will be advised closer to the departure date for your to consider.

If you would prefer to fly with a different Airline, fly direct or extend your stay that can be arranged as we get closer to booking air.



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