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OPEN-BOOK EXAMINATION

Candidates may take student portfolios containing notes, maps, brochures, guides, case studies, assignments and tests, and textbooks, GSA magazine, pocket calculator and an atlas into the examination venue.

Candidates are entitled to 15 minutes reading time.

This question paper consists of 17 pages and two addenda of 6 pages.

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TIME: 3 HOURS
MARKS: 200

NOTE: If you answer more than the required number of questions, only the required number of questions will be marked. Clearly cross out ALL work you do NOT want to be marked.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. SECTION A is COMPULSORY.
 2. Answer any FOUR questions from SECTION B.
 3. Read ALL the questions carefully.
 4. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
 5. Start each question on a NEW page.
 6. Write each question number in CAPITAL LETTERS at the top of each page.
 7. Write neatly and legibly.
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SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

QUESTION 1

1.1 AFRICAN SECTION

Identify in which country the following national parks or game reserves are. Choose FIVE countries from the given list and match FOUR national parks/game reserves (from the given list) with those chosen countries. Write the country's name, then the FOUR matching national parks/game reserves.

For example: 1.1.10 SOUTH AFRICA: Golden Gate Highlands National Park; Kruger National Park; Pilanesberg National Park; Bontebok National Park

Choose FIVE COUNTRIES: 

1.1.1 Namibia

1.1.2 Botswana

1.1.3 Zimbabwe


1.1.4 Kenya

1.1.5 Tanzania

1.1.6 Uganda

1.1.7 Malawi 

Match FOUR national parks/game reserves:

Ai-Ais and Fish River Canyon	Lake Nakuru	Ngorongoro
Amboseli	Lengwe	Nxai
Bwindi	Liwonde	Queen Elizabeth
Central Kalahari	Makgadikgadi	Ruwenzori
Etosha Park	Masai Mara	Serengeti
Gonarezhou	Matusadona	Tarangire 
Gorongosa	Mgahinga	Tsavo
Kasungu	Moremi	Victoria Falls
Kaudom	Morroneu	Vwasa
Lake Manyara	Namib Naukluft	Zambezi

(5 x 4) (20)

1.2 **INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND SECTION: MAURITIUS; SEYCHELLES; COMOROS; MADAGASCAR; MALDIVES; REUNION**

Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Choose the answer and write only 'True' or 'False' next to the question number (1.2.1–1.2.10) in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 1.2.1 The most spoken language on the island of Comoros is Shimaswa.
- 1.2.2 Zebu is a type of bird found on Madagascar. ✈
- 1.2.3 Lhaviani Atoll is part of Maldives.
- 1.2.4 A gite is a type of accommodation on Maldives.
- 1.2.5 It will take 1 hour to travel by road from Port Louis to Curepipe.
- 1.2.6 Comoros provide 80% of the world's ylang-ylang.
- 1.2.7 Pamplemousses Gardens in Mauritius is famous for the giant water lilies. ✈
- 1.2.8 A shopping item in Mauritius is *zafimaniny*.
- 1.2.9 The time zone of Comoros and Madagascar are UT+3.
- 1.2.10 Seychelles is the archipelago closest to South Africa.
- 1.2.11 Maldivian Rufiyaa is the currency of Maldives. ✈
- 1.2.12 The full name of the international airport on Reunion is Roland Garros International.
- 1.2.13 The island of Rodriques is part of Reunion.
- 1.2.14 Montagne d'Ambre is a national park in Mauritius.
- 1.2.15 Esmeralda is a tortoise found on Desroches Island, Seychelles.
- 1.2.16 The currency of Reunion is Reunion Rupees.
- 1.2.17 Mohéli is part of Comoros geographically, but politically it is part of France. ✈
- 1.2.18 The Malagasy name of the Ile Ste Marie is Nosy Be.
- 1.2.19 The capital city on the island of Mayotte is Mamoudzou.
- 1.2.20 Morné Seychellois is the highest point in Seychelles.

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TOTAL SECTION A: 40

SECTION B





Answer any FOUR of the five questions in this section.

QUESTION 2**AFRICAN SECTION**

- 2.1 Answer the following question on the physical geographical features of the countries of the syllabus: Namibia; Botswana; Zimbabwe; Mozambique; Malawi; Zambia; Uganda; Tanzania; Uganda; Morocco. Your own map might be useful, as well as your own prescribed resources.
- 2.1.1 List TWO countries bordering Lake Tanganyika. (2)
- 2.1.2 List TWO countries bordering Lake Malawi. ✈️ (2)
- 2.1.3 List THREE countries (South Africa excluded) through which the Limpopo River flows. (3)
- 2.1.4 In which TWO countries will you find the Kalahari Desert (South Africa excluded)? ✈️ (2)
- 2.1.5 The Nyika Plateau features in TWO countries. Name them both. (2)
- 2.1.6 List FIVE of the countries mentioned above, where the Zambezi river can be seen. (5)
- 2.1.7 List the ONE African country mentioned in the list above that has a sea, as well as an ocean, as a border. ✈️ (1)
- 2.1.8 The Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park borders South Africa and which TWO other countries? (2)
- 2.1.9 Name ONE country from the list above that is crossed by the equator. (1)

INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND SECTION: MALDIVES

2.2 Choose a term from COLUMN B that matches a term in COLUMN A. Write only the letter (A–W) next to the question number (2.2.1–2.2.20) in the ANSWER BOOK.


COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
2.2.1	Currency 	A	Constance Moofushi
2.2.2	Local language	B	20 minutes
2.2.3	Neighbouring country	C	South Kaafu
2.2.4	A hotel on the South Ari Atoll	D	March
2.2.5	The Sultan's park	E	Nakatschfushi
2.2.6	The travel time by boat from the airport to Malé	F	Rufiyaa
2.2.7	National Day celebrations	G	Dhoni 
2.2.8	Embudu Village	H	Friday Mosque
2.2.9	Time zone	I	fish
2.2.10	Hulhule International Airport	J	Ramadan
2.2.11	A local boat powered by diesel engines	K	alcoholic drink
2.2.12	Hukuru Mosque	L	Dhivehi
2.2.13	The largest lagoon (Kaafu)	M	MLE
2.2.14	A Muslim festival 	N	bird
2.2.15	The hottest month	O	UT+5
2.2.16	The Maldivian Lady	P	India
2.2.17	A shining golden dome, Malé	Q	The Islamic Centre
2.2.18	The Banana Reef	R	a park in Malé with ponds, water lilies and trees
2.2.19	A ring-shaped coral reef enclosing a lagoon	S	atoll 
2.2.20	A fairy tern	T	50 minutes
		U	North Malé atoll
		V	Kenya
		W	April



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QUESTION 3**AFRICAN SECTION**

In order to answer this section, you need to choose ONE of the following countries. TANZANIA or ZAMBIA or MOROCCO. Answer only the questions about the country that you have chosen. Keep to the numbering system given.

3.1 TANZANIA 

Refer to ADDENDUM A, as well as your own references, in order to answer the following questions on Tanzania: 

- 3.1.1 Near which mountain is the growing city Arusha? (1)
- 3.1.2 In which national park will the visitors see tree-climbing lions? (1)
- 3.1.3 Briefly explain how the Great Rift Valley was formed. (2)
- 3.1.4 On Day 3 of this itinerary, the tour will travel by road via Olduvai Gorge to the Serengeti.
Why would Olduvai Gorge be included in this itinerary? (2)
- 3.1.5 Briefly explain what *The Great Migration* entails. (4)
- 3.1.6 Is the Ngorongoro Conservation Area a cultural or natural or mixed UNESCO World Heritage Site?  (2)
- 3.1.7 Briefly describe what a trip to the Ngorongoro Crater would entail. (2)
- 3.1.8 Name TWO spices that are grown on Zanzibar. (2)
- 3.1.9 Why would the tour choose to stay on the *east coast of Zanzibar* and not the west coast? (1)
- 3.1.10 What is the capital of Zanzibar? (1)
- 3.1.11 What kind of architecture is still visible in the Old Stone Town of Zanzibar?  (1)
- 3.1.12 How long will it take to travel by speedboat from Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam? (1)

OR





3.2 ZAMBIA

- 3.2.1 The lake where houseboat holidays are popular. (1)
- 3.2.2 The national park on the southern edge on the Kafue Flats. (1)
- 3.2.3 TWO rivers that have their origins in Zambia. ✈️ (2)
- 3.2.4 The railway museum can be seen here. (1)
- 3.2.5 The tourist capital of Zambia. (1)
- 3.2.6 The national park that is divided by the Kafue River. (1)
- 3.2.7 The national park situated 100 km downstream from Victoria Waterfall. ✈️ (1)
- 3.2.8 The national park known for its blossoming trees and exotic flowers. (1)
- 3.2.9 The national park located on the southwestern edge of Lake Bangweulu. (1)
- 3.2.10 The national park that borders on the beautiful Luangwa River. (1)
- 3.2.11 The national park that borders on Lake Tanganyika. (1)
- 3.2.12 Name the attraction that is devoted to the preservation of the indigenous arts and crafts. (1)
- 3.2.13 Name the destination where the attraction mentioned in QUESTION 3.2.12 is found. ✈️ (1)
- 3.2.14 The main attraction in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. (1)
- 3.2.15 The bridge that is world-famous for bungee-jumping. (1)
- 3.2.16 The river that is spanned by the bridge in QUESTION 3.2.15. (1)
- 3.2.17 Name ONE hotel in the Copperbelt area. Refer to your GSA. (1)
- 3.2.18 Give the travel time in hours and minutes from Lusaka to Ndola by rail. ✈️ (2)

OR

3.3 MOROCCO

Choose a term from COLUMN B that matches a term in COLUMN A. Write only the letter (A–F) next to the question number (3.3.1–3.3.20) in the ANSWER BOOK. You may use the letters in COLUMN B more than once.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
3.3.1	Saadian Tombs	A	Tangier
3.3.2	Souk Dabbaghine (Tanner's Quarter)	B	Meknes
3.3.3	Sidi Bounabib Mosque	C	Fèz 
3.3.4	Jamaal al-Atig 	D	Marrakesh
3.3.5	Al-Qarawiyin University	E	Rabat
3.3.6	Kasbah des Qudaias	F	Casablanca
3.3.7	El Jadida		
3.3.8	Palace de la Bahia		
3.3.9	Mamora Forest		
3.3.10	Volubilis 		
3.3.11	Djemmaa el-Fna		
3.3.12	Mohammedia		
3.3.13	Djevel Habri		
3.3.14	The Chellah		
3.3.15	Mendoubia Gardens		
3.3.16	Hassan II Mosque		
3.3.17	Grand Socco market		
3.3.18	Tour Hassan 		
3.3.19	Er Rsif mosque		
3.3.20	Azemmour		

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AND

INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND SECTION: MAURITIUS or REUNION

In order to answer this section, you need to choose ONE of the following Indian Ocean Islands: MAURITIUS or REUNION. Answer only the questions about the country that you have chosen. Keep to the numbering system given.

3.4 MAURITIUS




Refer to the following extract of an itinerary to Mauritius, as well as your own resources, and answer the following questions:

THE COLOURFUL SOUTH

DURATION: Full day

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS





Explore the very best of this island paradise, with wonderful opportunities for shopping and sight-seeing. Highlights include a visit to Trou aux Cerfs, the crater of an extinct volcano; the bustling town of Curepipe, famous for duty-free diamonds and visits to Mzare aux Vacaos, Grand Bassin Lake and the beautiful Black River Gorges. Enjoy lunch at either Varangue sur Morne or Chamarel, where you visit the Seven-coloured Earths and enjoy the magnificent view of Le Morne before returning to your hotel. Tour includes lunch.

- 3.4.1 On which days is this tour offered?  (1)
- 3.4.2 Which meals are included in the tour? (1)
- 3.4.3 Describe the location of Trou aux Cerfs. (2)
- 3.4.4 Name TWO other attractions in Curepipe, except for the diamond shopping. (2)
- 3.4.5 Grand Bassin is visited during this tour. Motivate a visit to it. (2)
- 3.4.6 Explain what the Black River Gorges is that will be visited during this tour, motivating a visit to it. (4)
- 3.4.7 The Seven-coloured Earths is another attraction on this tour.
Explain what it is and how it originated.  (3)
- 3.4.8 Name the waterfall that can be seen close to the Seven-coloured Earths. (1)
- 3.4.9 Describe where Curepipe is located on the island. (2)
- 3.4.10 Name TWO golf resort and spa hotels in Le Morné. Refer to your GSA.  (2)

OR

3.5 REUNION





Refer to ADDENDUM B, as well as your own resources, to answer the following questions:

- 3.5.1 In the article, the writer refers to the flying time from Australia to Reunion. Advise a potential client about the flight duration (in hours and minutes) from South Africa to Reunion if the flight departs at 11:50 and arrives at 17:40. Refer to your GSA.  (2)
- 3.5.2 Refer to your GSA and give the full name(s) of TWO of the airlines that offers direct flights from South Africa to Reunion. (2)
- 3.5.3 Name the airport of arrival that is used by most international business travellers to Reunion. Also include the three-letter IATA code of this airport. (2)
- 3.5.4 What is a *cirque*? (2)
- 3.5.5 The writer of the article mentioned Cirque de Cilaos.
Name TWO other cirques.  (2)
- 3.5.6 According to the article is the infrastructure on the island 'incredible'.
On which side of the road would a car be driven? (1)
- 3.5.7 Saint-Denis has '*French colonial architecture and lush gardens*'.
Name and describe ONE example of French colonial architecture and ONE example where '*lush gardens*' can be seen. (2 × 2) (4)
- 3.5.8 Name TWO hotels in St Gilles. Refer to your GSA. (2)
- 3.5.9 Name ONE tour operator. Refer to your GSA.  (1)
- 3.5.10 Which town is awarded the prestigious title of 'Most Beautiful Village' in 2000?  (1)
- 3.5.11 Name the main activity that takes place in the town mentioned in QUESTION 3.5.10. (1)

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QUESTION 4**AFRICAN SECTION**

4.1 Identify in which country you will find the following places. Choose between NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE or MOZAMBIQUE. Write only the name of the country next to the question number (4.1.1–4.1.20) in the ANSWER BOOK. Your own map and atlas could be useful.


- 4.1.1 Makgadikgadi Pans
- 4.1.2 Vilanculos 
- 4.1.3 Lake Cahora Bassa
- 4.1.4 Lake Mutirikwe
- 4.1.5 Savuti River
- 4.1.6 Ponta do Ouro
- 4.1.7 uPupa Falls
- 4.1.8 Pemba 
- 4.1.9 Chimanimani mountains
- 4.1.10 Lake Otjikoto
- 4.1.11 The Skeleton Coast
- 4.1.12 Brandberg/Burning Mountain
- 4.1.13 Fish River Canyon
- 4.1.14 Victoria Falls 
- 4.1.15 Mount Binga
- 4.1.16 Kasane
- 4.1.17 Gweru
- 4.1.18 Beira 
- 4.1.19 Francistown
- 4.1.20 The Aha hills

(20 × 1) (20)

4.2 INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND SECTION






In order to answer this section, you need to choose ONE of the following Indian Ocean Islands: COMOROS or SEYCHELLES. Answer only the questions about the country that you have chosen. Write the island of your choice in capital letters above your answers. Answers must be numbered exactly according to the numbering system used in the question paper.

- 4.2.1 Explain the location of the island in detail. Refer to its location in terms of how far it lies from surrounding islands and mainland countries and indicate directions as well. (5)
- 4.2.2 Name the main island in the archipelago. (1)
- 4.2.3 Name the capital of the island of your choice. (1)
- 4.2.4 Describe the location of the main international airport in detail. (3)
- 4.2.5 Describe the general appeal/attractiveness of the islands that make them an interesting destination.  (3)
- 4.2.6 Provide brief details about the historical and/or cultural influences on the islands that visitors will find interesting, and mention where these influences are visible. (3)
- 4.2.7 Recommend TWO specific attractions on the islands and motivate your recommendation in each case. (2 × 2) (4)
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QUESTION 5




AFRICAN SECTION

- 5.1 In order to answer this section, you need to choose ONE of the following countries: UGANDA or KENYA. Answer only the questions about the country that you have chosen. Keep to the numbering system given.
- 5.1.1 Name the capital city of the country of your choice.  (1)
- 5.1.2 Give the IATA code of the international airport. (1)
- 5.1.3 Name and describe TWO cultural attractions in the capital of the country of your choice. (2 × 2) (4)
- 5.1.4 Name any ONE lake in the country of your choice.  (1)
- 5.1.5 Give TWO examples of traditional shopping items for tourists, excluding fresh produce. (2)

- 5.1.6 Mention the months when it is the best time to visit the country of your choice. (1)
- 5.1.7 Give the time zone in summer of the country of your choice. (1)
- 5.1.8 List ONE tour operator who can assist in planning a tour to the country of your choice. Refer to your GSA.  (1)
- 5.1.9 Give the currency and currency code of the country of your choice. (2)
- 5.1.10 Name the public holiday in June. (2)
- 5.1.11 Name the highest point in the country of your choice and also give its height in meters. (2)
- 5.1.12 What is the travel time (in hours and minutes) from the airport to the city centre? (2)

AND

5.2 INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND SECTION: MADAGASCAR



- 5.2.1 What is the country's main agricultural product? (1)
- 5.2.2 Give the Malagasy name for 'The Blue City' or 'The Holy City' or 'The Forbidden City'.  (1)
- 5.2.3 Describe what a tourist can see at the city mentioned in QUESTION 2, with specific reference to the UNESCO World Heritage Site. (4)
- 5.2.4 Give ONE example of a Malagasy fady, when visiting the city mentioned in QUESTION 2. (1)
- 5.2.5 Give another word for a nosy. (1)
- 5.2.6 Name the most popular nosy archipelago that is located on the northern tip of the island. (1)
- 5.2.7 Name THREE other 'nosy' that form this archipelago.  (3)
- 5.2.8 Name THREE products found on this archipelago mentioned in QUESTION 6 that are used to make perfume. (3)
- 5.2.9 What are the TWO names of the main town on this nosy? (2)
- 5.2.10 Name the highest point on this nosy, from where the seven sacred crater lakes and the rest of the landscape can be enjoyed. (1)
- 5.2.11 Name Madagascar's largest port.  (1)
- 5.2.12 On which island of Madagascar will a tourist be able to see the world's only pirate cemetery? (1)

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QUESTION 6**AFRICAN SECTION**

In order to answer this section, you need to choose TWO of the following countries. NAMIBIA or BOTSWANA or ZIMBABWE or MOZAMBIQUE. Answer only the questions about the country that you have chosen. Keep to the numbering given.

6.1 NAMIBIA

- 6.1.1 Briefly explain what *welwitschia mirabilis* is and where it can be found.  (2)
- 6.1.2 Name the river that forms the northern border between Namibia and Angola. (1)
- 6.1.3 Name ONE three-star accommodation establishment in Lüderitz. Refer to your GSA. (1)
- 6.1.4 Name ONE of the German castles in Windhoek. (1)
- 6.1.5 Name ONE car rental company. Refer to your GSA. (1)
- 6.1.6 Name TWO of the cultural groups in Namibia.  (2)
- 6.1.7 Explain why the time zone is UT+1/UT+2. (2)

AND/OR**6.2 BOTSWANA**

- 6.2.1 Briefly explain the location of the Okavango Delta, with reference to the closest neighbouring country. (2)
- 6.2.2 List TWO charter companies that offer flights to the Okavango Delta. Refer to your GSA.  (2)
- 6.2.3 Name the airport that serves the Okavango Delta area. (1)
- 6.2.4 What is the flying time in hours and minutes from Gaborone to the above-mentioned airport if the flight departs at 11:45 and arrives at 13:15? (2)
- 6.2.5 What is the travel time, in hours and minutes, by bus from Francistown to Maun?  (2)
- 6.2.6 What is the *Savuti*?  (1)

AND/OR

6.3 ZIMBABWE

- 6.3.1 Name the THREE destinations in Zimbabwe that can be reached by direct flight from South Africa. Refer to your GSA. (3)
- 6.3.2 Give the full name(s) of the airline(s) that offer these flights. Refer to your GSA. (3)
- 6.3.3 Name the manmade lake in the north of the country. (1)
- 6.3.4 Name THREE main areas to explore in the Great Zimbabwe ruins. (3)



AND/OR**6.4 MOZAMBIQUE**

- 6.4.1 Name the FOUR destinations in Mozambique that can be reached by direct flight from South Africa. Refer to your GSA. (4)
- 6.4.2 Name THREE special shopping items. (3)
- 6.4.3 Explain what a *chapa* is. (1)
- 6.4.4 Give the complete address of the South African embassy in Mozambique. (2)

AND**INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND SECTION**

6.5 Answer the following questions about the Indian Ocean Islands, as prescribed in the syllabus. Select the correct answer from the TWO options given. Write only the answer next to the question number in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 6.5.1 The capital of Mauritius is (Port Louis/Victoria). (1)
- 6.5.2 (India/Sri Lanka) is the closest country to the Maldives.
- 6.5.3 The Aldabra Atoll is part of (Seychelles/Maldives).
- 6.5.4 Dhivehi is one of the languages spoken on (Madagascar/Maldives).
- 6.5.5 The equator crosses the (Bazaruto archipelago/Maldives archipelago). (1)
- 6.5.6 70% of the world's (lemurs/gorillas) live in Madagascar.
- 6.5.7 The international airport of Seychelles lies on the (east/west) side of the island Mahé.
- 6.5.8 Madagascar is the (fourth/fifth) largest island in the world.

- 6.5.9 Anse Lazio is a beach found on an island of the (Comoros/Seychelles).
- 6.5.10 Madagascar lies some 250 miles off the east coast of Africa, (south/north) of the equator 
- 6.5.11 Piton de la Fournaise is a volcano on (Maldives/Reunion).
- 6.5.12 Rodrigues is part of (Reunion/Mauritius).
- 6.5.13 Curieuse Island is part of (Maldives/Seychelles).
- 6.5.14 (Safiko Musik Festival/Festival Kreol) is a celebration of Reunion.
- 6.5.15 Tanzania lies (east/west) of Comoros.
- 6.5.16 Mitsamiouli is the second largest town of Comoros, situated on (Grand Comores/Mayotte).
- 6.5.17 Malé is the capital of (Maldives/Seychelles). 
- 6.5.18 The Tropic of (Cancer/Capricorn) is crossing Mauritius.
- 6.5.19 (Antananarivo/Nosy Be) is the capital of Madagascar.
- 6.5.20 The time zone of Mauritius is (UT+4/UT+3).

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TOTAL SECTION B: 160
GRAND TOTAL: 200

ADDENDUM A

TANZANIA

Tanzania Safari & Zanzibar Beach Holiday

Summary of this Lodge Safari

- Max. Group size 7 Travellers
- Departs from Arusha, Tanzania
- Ends at Stone Town, Tanzania
- Accommodation Safari Lodge/Lodge
- Transport Game Viewing Vehicle
- Wildlife Big 5, Elephant, Leopards, Lions, Migration Safari (Seasonal) & More

Quick Itinerary Overview

The 12-day **Tanzania Safari & Zanzibar Beach Trip** starts in the town of Arusha, followed by an overnight stay at a Lake Manyara lodge in Tanzania.

From Lake Manyara the next few days are spent exploring the wildlife-rich Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater passing through the Malanja Depression and Masai villages. The Tanzania safari then takes you to Arusha via Lake Manyara and the Great Rift Valley, for the flight to Zanzibar Island.

The next five nights of the **Tanzania and Zanzibar Trip** are spent on Zanzibar Island enjoying Zanzibar's sandy beaches, water sports and cultural or outdoor activities. Activities on Zanzibar include scuba diving, boat trips to Indian Ocean islands and tours of Stone Town or the spice plantations. Accommodation on Zanzibar Island is in Five Star resorts and hotels on the east coast of this scenic tropical island.

Itinerary for this tour

Day 01: Arusha – Tanzania

The **Tanzania Safari & Zanzibar Beach Trip** starts in Tanzania, where you are collected from the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your 5 Star lodge in Arusha. This growing city lies near the foot of Mount Meru, serving as the travel hub for safaris to Tanzania's famous Northern Safari Circuit.

- Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

Day 02: Arusha to Lake Manyara – Tanzania

On the second day we travel from **Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park**, taking an **afternoon game drive** and stopping for a picnic lunch along the way.

This incredibly scenic national park is noted for its tree-climbing lions, large troops of baboons and flamingo flocks. Keep an eye out for buffalos, elephants, zebras, wildebeest and giraffe, as well as antelopes, such as bushbuck. Lake Manyara also hosts an abundance of birds, including numerous water birds.

In the late afternoon we arrive at the 5 Star tented lodge for our overnight **stay at Lake Manyara**.

- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

Day 03: Serengeti National Park – Tanzania

After breakfast we continue by road from Lake Manyara to the expansive Serengeti National Park via Olduvai Gorge.

We stop to visit the Olduvai Museum and Gorge, the archeological site where fossils of our earliest human ancestors and their tools have been unearthed. There is also the option of visiting a Maasai village to encounter Kenya's best-known ethnic group – the semi-nomadic Maasai.

Then we enjoy an en-route game drive to our 5 Star lodge or tented lodge at the world-renowned Serengeti National Park.

- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

Day 04: Serengeti National Park – Tanzania

The entire day is spent game viewing in the beautiful Serengeti National Park on the fourth day of this **Tanzania Safari and Zanzibar Beach Trip**.

The largest national park in Tanzania, Serengeti covers about 14 760 km² of open plains and wilderness. This unique wildlife reserve hosts an awe-inspiring abundance of large mammals including masses of herbivores such as wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, topi, buffalo, and hartebeest among others. The Serengeti Park is also famous for predator populations, especially big cats - lion, cheetah and leopard.

Your choice of hot lunch at the lodge or a picnic lunch will be served and the night is spent at a 5 Star Serengeti luxury or tented lodge.

- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch or Hot Lunch, Dinner

Day 05: Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Crater – Tanzania

In the morning we embark on a game drive in **Serengeti National Park**, stopping for a picnic lunch along the way.

Our game drive then takes us through the Malanja Depression, passing various Masai villages en route to the renowned Ngorongoro Conservation Area. We arrive at our 5 Star Ngorongoro lodge in time for dinner and a relaxing evening recounting our adventures on the Serengeti Plains.

- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

Day 06: Ngorongoro Crater – Tanzania

After breakfast we descend into the Ngorongoro Crater for a six-hour game drive in this exceptionally wildlife-rich game park. The world's largest unflooded caldera, Ngorongoro hosts one of the highest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. Almost every large mammal species of Africa is commonly sighted on game drives in this crater, from black rhino to spotted hyena.

In the afternoon we visit one of the **local Masai villages**. We then proceed to **Lake Manyara** for dinner and an overnight stay at a 4 or 5 Star lodge or tented lodge in the area.

- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

Day 07: Lake Manyara to Arusha & Zanzibar Island

On day seven of the **Tanzania Safari and Zanzibar Beach Trip** we depart Lake Manyara for Arusha after breakfast, travelling via the Great Rift Valley and the rural village of Mto wa Mbu.

We arrive at the Arusha airport at about midday for our flight to Zanzibar, departing at 13:30. Arriving at Zanzibar International Airport at 15:30 you will be met by our guide and transferred to your beach resort on the **east coast of Zanzibar**

You will have a choice of two 5 Star beach resorts on the east coast of Zanzibar Island.

- Meal Plan: Breakfast / Zanzibar: all inclusive

Day 08 – 11: East Coast of Zanzibar Island

The next few days are spent relaxing on the white sand beaches, swimming in the warm Indian Ocean and enjoying your luxury **Zanzibar beach resort** at leisure.

The islands of the Zanzibar Archipelago are famous for their idyllic tropical beaches and are known as the Spice Islands, for the exotic spices grown here. Visit the spice plantations to smell, see and taste the brightly coloured and aromatic spices, such as turmeric, ginger, black pepper, nutmeg and cinnamon.

You can take a boat ride to one of the smaller islands to relax and explore, or go scuba diving. Snorkelling and scuba diving are popular activities due to the rich marine life found in these clear waters. Again you have a choice of luxury 5 Star accommodation at one of two Zanzibar resorts.

- Meal Plan: All inclusive

Day 12: Beach Resort to Zanzibar Airport - Zanzibar Island

After breakfast on day 12 you will be transferred to the Zanzibar International Airport or the harbour in Stone Town, where this **Tanzania Safari and Zanzibar Beach Trip** comes to a close.

- Meal Plan: Breakfast

Optional Extras and Excursions

- Serengeti Hot Air Balloon Safari
- Ngorongoro Masai Bomas Visit
- Flight from Arusha to Nairobi
- Flight from Arusha to Zanzibar
- Ferry/flight from Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam
- Airport transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport to Arusha

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ADDENDUM B

REUNION

Reunion Island travel guide: 12 reasons to be impressed by this record-breaking Indian Ocean island

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East of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, a tiny speck of island lies. Many Australians have never even heard of it, much less visited. It's called Reunion Island and it is one of the most unusual island paradises on the planet.

In fact, it holds a multitude of records and notable features that should have made it world famous. Instead, it remains an undiscovered secret among all but the French, who claim it as a part of their own country.

But here are some reasons why it deserves to be better known.

It's home to the world's longest domestic flight route

When you enter Reunion, you're officially entering France, despite being more than 9 000 kilometres away from Paris. This means that if you fly to Reunion non-stop from Charles de Gaulle Airport, you technically never leave France and therefore can enter the country as a domestic passenger. It takes more than 11 hours, which makes flying Sydney to Perth seem like a joyride by comparison.

People live inside craters

This volcanic island is covered in large craters. So large, in fact, that entire village can be found inside them. A visit to Cirque de Cilaos caldera, taking the one road in and out of the crater, offers a glimpse into a completely different world to the beaches and cliffs of the coastline. Inside, the climate changes completely, the temperature dropping and rocky scrub giving way to lush rainforest interspersed with spectacular waterfalls.

To get true perspective on these unusual towns, take a helicopter trip over the island, where you'll see the craters clearly and, if you're lucky, you may even see some eruptions. See helilagon.com

It's home to one of the world's most active volcanoes

Piton de la Fournaise, on the east side of the island, has more than 150 recorded eruptions and is a major tourist attraction. It last erupted in January this year. It was previously a popular hiking spot but the volcanic activity of late has curtailed this.

It has some of the best infrastructure you'll ever find on an island

Putting even Hawaii to shame, the infrastructure on Reunion is incredible. The wide roads are smooth, straight and fast. Although the traffic in the island's main town can

be quite bad, once you're outside the city you can zoom about at speed, with nary a bump to be felt.

It's home to the most expensive road in France

Although the roads are already quite good, they're getting better. Due to the risk of rock falls and landslides from the steep cliffs between Saint-Denis and the island's port, which can close the road up to 40 times a year, a new 12.5 kilometre road is being built at the whopping price of €1.66 billion (\$2.43 billion).

Why is it so expensive? The six-lane highway is rising out of the ocean itself on columns, built to withstand hurricane winds and heavy seas. The project is due to be completed next year.

It's the world's most dangerous place for shark attacks

While Australia and South Africa have their fair share of sharks, nothing compares to Reunion's recent record. Scientists have been studying the phenomenon for years, but are unable to determine why this particular place has become such a centre for attacks. In 2013, the government banned swimming and surfing at any of the island's beaches save for those protected by shark nets or lagoons. The most recent fatal attack occurred in February this year, the eighth since 2011. That may not sound like a lot compared to Australia (which has had 17 since 2011), but the population and coastline of Reunion is tiny compared to Australia's.

It holds the biggest clues yet discovered to the mystery of Flight MH370

After months of searching the Indian Ocean in vain, the international effort to find the missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370, which disappeared in mysterious circumstances in March 2014, failed to find anything.

However, in July 2015, wreckage was discovered on the shores of Reunion and later confirmed to have come from MH370. Although the mystery remains unsolved, the best clues to the aircraft's disappearance have shown up on this speck east of Africa.

It's home to the largest French city outside France

Saint-Denis, the island's capital, has a population of 158,139. This makes it the 21st largest French city, and the largest French city that's not actually geographically located in France. With its French colonial architecture and lush gardens, it could give Singapore a run for its money in terms of being a green, clean and manicured island city.

It's also home to 'the most beautiful village in France' ... that's not in France

Its name may not be so appealing, but the community of Hell-Bourg has been ranked among the most beautiful villages in France, even if its technically not in the country, geographically speaking.

Les Plus Beaux Villages de France (meaning 'the most beautiful villages of France') is an association formed in 1982 that compiles a ranking of the country's prettiest villages, which must have a population of less than 2 000 and have at least two national heritage sites.

Hell-Bourg, located in the caldera of Cirque de Salazie, is the only village outside mainland France to make the ranking. The village makes the list for 'superb scenery formed by the Cirque de Salazie and its lush vegetation', and its heritage architecture from its days as a spa town.

It is home to the heaviest rain storms on the planet

Although it's a popular destination for sun and sand, inland Reunion can be extremely wet. In February this year, Tropical Cyclone Carlos dumped a whopping 447.7 millimetres in the mountains in a 24-hour period. In 1980, Tropical Cyclone Hyacinthe hit the island and stayed put for 12 days, a mind-blowing 6083 millimetres were dropped on parts of the island, making it the wettest tropical cyclone on record. To put that figure in perspective, the annual rainfall for Melbourne is 648 millimetres. So pack a raincoat along with your bathers.

It's home to the Indian Ocean's highest peak

Admittedly, the competition is not strong in this part of the world. The Maldives are extremely low-lying and nearby Mauritius' peaks do not rise to great heights. Piton des Neiges rises to 3069 metres and can be climbed in a (long) day hike, though there is a mountain hut for those wishing to go at a slower pace and stay overnight to see the sunrise from the peak.

It's not overrun with resorts

Despite being a tropical island of incredible beauty and a popular escape for the French, the island is yet to truly develop its hotel industry. At present, Lux Saint Gilles (owned by the Mauritian hotel and resort chain Lux) is the only five-star resort on the island. Located on the western side of the island, the resort sits on a protected lagoon and is also home to the island's largest swimming pool.

TRIP NOTES

<http://en.reunion.fr>

STAY

Rates Lux Saint Gilles start from \$670 per room per night twin share. The hotel can arrange tours of the island include visits to caldera communities, vanilla plantations and various historic sights. See

[Source: <https://www.luxresorts.com/en/hotel-reunion/luxsaintgilles>]
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