



Voyage of the Unknown: Celebrating 10 Years Across East Africa

Day-by-Day Itinerary, 15 – 28 NOVEMBER 2025

Day/Date	Route	Distance	Overnight Option	Highlights
1 / 15 Nov	Nairobi → Migori	370 km	Budget lodge or campsite in Migori	Scenic drive through Narok and Bomet; relaxed first leg.
2 / 16 Nov	Migori → Mwanza	320 km	Campsite: Rock City or lakeside field; Hostel: Rock City Backpackers	Border crossing at Isebenia, Scenic views enroute to Mwanza of Lake Victoria
3 / 17 Nov	Full day Mwanza	—	Same	Rock City rock formations, Sukuma Museum, Mwaloni Fish Market, boat to Saanane.
4 / 18 Nov	Mwanza → Kigoma	605 km*	Campsite near Kigoma port; Hostel: Kigoma Backpackers	Scenic lakeside transit, afternoon port walk.
5 / 19 Nov	Full day Kigoma	—	Same	Explore Ujiji historic, fish market, port, night local eateries, Lake Tanganyika chilling.
6 / 20 Nov	Kigoma → Bujumbura (via Manyovu)	270 km	Lake-shore campsite; Low-cost Guesthouse	Border at Manyovu, lakeshore camp, evening by the lakeshore.
7 / 21 Nov	Full day Bujumbura	—	Same	Livingstone-Stanley monument, fish market, craft stalls.
8 / 22 Nov	Bujumbura → Kigali	445 km*	Hostel: Question Café or Discover Rwanda	Cross via Tanzania (Rwanda-Burundi border closed)
9 / 23 Nov	Full day Kigali	—	Same	Kigali Genocide Memorial, Kimironko Market, Nyamirambo walking tour.
10 / 24 Nov	Kigali → Masaka	380 km*	Budget guesthouse or campsite	Cross at Gatuna; optional Equator stop.
11 / 25 Nov	Masaka → Jinja	230 km	Hostel: Jinja Backpackers; Campsite: Nile Discovery	Nile source, local crafts, relaxing riverside.
12 / 26 Nov	Full day Jinja	—	Same	Bungee, rafting, Bujagali village visit.
13 / 27 Nov	Jinja → Kisumu	240 km	Campsite: Dunga Hill Camp; Hostel: Impala Hostel	Cross Malaba, lakeside sunset, Dunga Hill exploration.
14 / 28 Nov	Kisumu → Nairobi	350km*	Final night at home	Return trip via A104. Scenic drive via Kericho, tea highlands.



◆ Totals & Logistics

- **Approx. total distance: 3,500 km**
 - **Border crossings (6):** Kenya–Tanzania (Arusha or Isebania), Tanzania–Burundi (Manyavu), Burundi–Tanzania–Rwanda (Kobero/Kabanga One Stop Border Post (OSBP) & Cross into Rwanda at Rusumo OSBP), Rwanda–Uganda (Gatuna), Uganda–Kenya (Malaba)
 - **Estimated daily budget (pp):**
 - Camping: ~\$10
 - Hostel/guesthouse: \$15–25
 - Food/activities: ~\$15–20→ **Average: \$35–45/day**, fuel not included
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⚙ Essentials Checklist

Travel & Border Documents

- Passport + e-Visas (TZA, BDI, RWA, UGA)
- Yellow fever vaccination
- Carnet de Passage / Import Permit
- COMESA Vehicle insurance valid across all borders
- Spare passport photos and copies

Camping & Vehicle Gear

- Durable 4-season tent, mats, swags
- Cooking set, stove, jerrycans for water
- LED lights, solar charger
- Spare tyres, tools, engine oils, filters, fuel jerrycans
- First-aid kit, personal meds, water purification tabs



Personal & Tech Essentials

- Quick-dry clothes, rain & warm layers
 - Insect repellent, sunscreen
 - Travel towel, dry bags
 - Cash (USD and local currencies), cards
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Daily Highlights

- **Mwanza:** Iconic granite formations, culture, lake boat ride
 - **Kigoma:** Historic Ujiji, bustling port, market walks, lakeside atmospheres
 - **Bujumbura:** Lake Tanganyika sunset camp, cultural monuments, fresh fish
 - **Kigali:** Remembrance, vibrant markets, cultural diversity
 - **Jinja:** Nile adventures, riverbank leisure
 - **Kisumu:** Dunga Hill, local island culture, lakeside sunset
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