Cruise Details

Name:	Classic Kenya & Southern Africa
Reference:	AMAZQ280505ZK
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Zambezi Queen
Regions:	Zambezi
Departs On:	04 May 28
Departs From:	Johannesburg
Arrives On:	18 May 28
Arrives At:	Maasai Mara National Reserve
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Johannesburg (South Africa)

ARRIVE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA. On arrival, you will be met by your local AmaWaterways host and transferred to the lovely Fairlawns Boutique Hotel situated in a parklike setting in the Sandton neighborhood of Johannesburg.

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Day 2: Johannesburg (South Africa)

JOHANNESBURG – KASANE, BOTSWANA – ZAMBEZI QUEEN – EMBARKATION. In the morning, transfer to the airport for a flight to Kasane. Here, you will be transferred to the Chobe River that forms the border between Botswana and Namibia. Tender boats will transport you to Zambezi Queen, moored on the Namibia side of the river. Settle into your stateroom, enjoy a mid-afternoon snack, and in the evening, be treated to a Welcome Cocktail Reception and Dinner. (B,D)

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Day 2: Kasane (Botswana)

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Day 3: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN. Embark on a morning boat safari and experience the Chobe River’s diverse game viewing. Afterwards, return to Zambezi Queen for lunch. As the ship cruises along the Chobe River, you can spend time in the splash pool, visit the spa or perhaps catch up with your favorite book. Later in the day, revel in the panoramic views with another boat safari opportunity. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 06 May 28

Day 4: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN. Start your day off with a boat safari. Later, a local African village invites you to experience the local culture firsthand. Spend time with the children of the village as well as its elders and learn about their day-to-day life. After lunch on board, you can choose between a boat safari, bird watching or fishing. Spend your last evening aboard reveling in a festive African-themed dinner hosted by your crew—complete with singing and dancing. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 07 May 28

Day 5: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN – DISEMBARKATION – VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE. Disembark and join a wildlife safari of Chobe National Park in open-top 4x4 vehicles. Be on the lookout for elephants, giraffes, zebras, sable, warthogs and cape buffaloes. Prides of lions, hyenas and (more rarely) cheetahs may also appear along the way. For lunch, take a seat under the trees and savor a delicious picnic. Later this afternoon, transfer to Victoria Falls, then enjoy a special dinner with live local entertainment at your hotel. (B,L,D)

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Day 5: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

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Day 6: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

VICTORIA FALLS. Join a local guide for a tour of Victoria Falls. Learn about its history as well as the flora and fauna that make this area so unique. In the evening, embark on a private sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. Relax on board as you observe a variety of wildlife while enjoying a delicious mix of tapas with drinks. (B)

Arrives On: 09 May 28

Day 7: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

VICTORIA FALLS. This morning, you are invited on a leisurely guided walk across the Victoria Falls Bridge, which connects the countries of Zimbabwe and Zambia. Once in Zambia, explore the more intimate side of the Falls and visit the historic town of Livingstone. Later, head back to Zimbabwe for a free afternoon. As a special treat tonight, head out on a safari to seek out the elusive Black Rhino and other nocturnal animals, followed by a three-course bush dinner. (B,D)

Arrives On: 10 May 28

Day 8: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

VICTORIA FALLS – LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA – FLY TO NAIROBI, KENYA. Enjoy a morning at your leisure, then cross the border into Zambia and fly from Livingstone to Nairobi, where you will be met by an AmaWaterways representative and transferred to the Serena Nairobi Hotel. (B)

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Day 8: Nairobi (Kenya)

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Day 9: Nairobi (Kenya)

NAIROBI. Enjoy a mid-morning start to your day as you head just outside Nairobi to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which operates a successful orphan elephant rescue and rehabilitation center. After lunch in the garden, visit the Giraffe Centre, home to the endangered Rothschild giraffes. Next is a visit to the Karen Blixen Museum on the site of a former coffee plantation. Blixen, a renowned author, wrote her nonfiction memoir Out of Africa, reflecting on her life in Kenya. Enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B,L)

Arrives On: 12 May 28

Day 10: Nairobi (Kenya)

NAIROBI-AMBOSELI. This morning, a short flight transports you to Amboseli, an area known for its large elephant herds and spectacular views of 19,341-foot (5,895-meter) Mount Kilimanjaro. The name Amboseli comes from the Maa word meaning “salty, dry place.” Your destination is Tortilis

Camp, where you will spend the next two nights in a luxury tent. In the afternoon, you're invited to join a game drive. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 13 May 28

Day 10: Amboseli National Park (Kenya)

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Day 11: Amboseli National Park (Kenya)

AMBOSELI. Today, you may enjoy morning and afternoon game drives. With Amboseli's underground water springs and components from the snow and ice of Kilimanjaro, the area is ideal for game spotting. Common sightings include giraffes, lions, wildebeest and cheetahs. Keep a sharp eye alert for gazelle, zebra and hyena. Other activities during your stay include a bush breakfast and sundowners.

Arrives On: 14 May 28

Day 12: Amboseli National Park (Kenya)

AMBOSELI-MAASAI MARA. A morning flight transports you to the Maasai Mara via Nairobi. On arrival, transfer to Elephant Pepper Camp, located in the heart of the Maasai Mara ecosystem and its vast fertile plains. Take an afternoon game drive to spot the "Big Five": lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo and rhinos.

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Day 12: Maasai Mara National Reserve (Kenya)

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Day 13: Maasai Mara National Reserve (Kenya)

MAASAI MARA. Revel in two full days to enjoy game drives to spot the "Big Five." The camp's remote location allows for impressive night skies and the unique experience of listening to the sounds of the wild. During your time here enjoy guided walks, evening game drives, bush breakfasts and sundowners. (B,L,D)

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Day 14: Maasai Mara National Reserve (Kenya)

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Day 15: Maasai Mara National Reserve (Kenya)

MAASAI MARA-NAIROBI. After breakfast, transfer to the airstrip and fly to Nairobi. Then transfer to the Eka Hotel, where your day room is available until 11pm this evening. During this time, a transfer is included to Nairobi’s Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, where you will connect to your onward flight. Please do not schedule onward flights before 6pm. (B)

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Day 15: Nairobi (Kenya)

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