

NANTWICH LODGE, HWANGE – FACT SHEET

LOCATION:

The position of Nantwich Lodge within Hwange National Park makes it the perfect mid-way stop between the southern and eastern regions of this wilderness area as well as connecting to Chobe National Park in Botswana. Situated in the northwest corner of Hwange, it is also the closest lodge to Victoria Falls.

A short 30-minute flight or easy 2-hour road transfer from Vic Falls will bring you to our Hwange lodge.

GPS CO-ORDINATES:

Nantwich Lodge, Hwange - 18°35'46.72"S 25°54'10.80"E.

WHEN TO TRAVEL:

The position of our lodge in Hwange, Zimbabwe ensures you have a virtual all-year safari destination in Southern Africa.

Aim for the cooler, dry season between July and October for an optimum safari experience as waterholes attract a great variety of animals and the bush thins out well to ensure great wildlife viewing. Daytime temperatures are in the mid 20's but drop considerably at night to below 10 degrees Celsius.

For those with a special interest in birds, the best time to book a stay at Nantwich Lodge is between November and April when the wet summer months attract a host of migratory species. Just be aware that temperatures can exceed 30 degrees Celsius, so protection against the sun is a must.

ACCOMMODATION:

Each room has been lovingly recreated in an eco-friendly way, adding a refreshing modern touch and a new purpose. We have repurposed existing into stylish and useful accents around the lodge, a prime example of true African innovation. All nine rooms sleep two guests with four of them having inter-leading doors allowing for families or friends to share yet still have privacy.

THE MAIN AREA:

The main communal area consists of inside and outside lounge and dining spaces, a communal Boma area and a curio shop. An open display kitchen allows guests to observe and interact with chefs as their meals are being prepared. The main area overlooks a waterhole and large dam where wildlife frequent throughout the day.

Another outside dining area is located at the pool which is separate and allows for alternative dining with views over the plains and easy access to the pool, perfect for lunch time. There is also a natural eco-swimming pool with grand views over the plains. Complimentary WIFI is available in the main area.

SOLAR POWER AND USE OF ENERGY:

The lodge runs on dual grid and solar power. During the day electricity is from solar whilst at night it is from both batteries and grid power. All lights are LED low energy usage. As an eco-lodge, staff make a concerted effort to keep lights switched off where possible.

ECO-FRIENDLY POOL:

Our pool is a natural infinity pool, with water flowing into a natural pan for wildlife. The system is designed to eliminate the use of harmful chemicals.

FOOD:

We utilise the surrounding villages to supply fresh produce to the lodge where possible. This will facilitate empowering the local farmers and support the villages in a continuous and sustainable way. The lodge has a herb garden which is used to flavour guests delicious meals.

GUEST AMENITIES:

All guest amenities including shampoo, conditioner, hand and body lotion, foam bath, liquid gel and soaps are sourced from eco-friendly suppliers. These are endorsed by 'Beauty without Cruelty', and where possible, use organic ingredients which are biodegradable.

WATER SUPPLY:

Water is supplied from our underground borehole and waste water is cleaned using designed septic system where possible. Once the water has been cleaned it is returned to the soil.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED:**Game drives:**

Search for wildlife in an open-air safari vehicle in Hwange National Park. Professional guides embark with our guests in search of wildlife during day and night-game drives. Guests are escorted through the Hwange region in an open game drive vehicle that safely transports them to all the wildlife hotspots. Your guide is an expert in his field and will share his niche knowledge with you while also tailoring your journey to what you are most interested in.

Game drives are either half-day (in the morning or afternoon), full-day, or in the evening for nocturnal game viewing.

Guided Walks:

The flat plains that Nantwich is known for makes an excellent environment for guided bush walks. The terrain is comfortable to traverse and wildlife is easily viewable. Our expert guides ensure that guests are safe on these walks, while sharing their unique insights about this remote area. Unique to the area are the natural springs close by.

The Hidden Eye (Safari Hide):

The Hidden Eye is our extraordinary new hide at Nantwich Lodge, a haven designed to captivate and delight our esteemed guests. Nestled amidst the breathtaking natural landscape, this hide embodies the epitome of game viewing excellence. Crafted with meticulous precision, our hide seamlessly merges with the surrounding environment, ensuring minimal disruption to the wildlife that frequents the area. Immerse yourself in the heart of nature's magnificence, as you witness firsthand the mesmerizing dance of animals in their natural habitat.

Situated mere steps away from our marvellous waterhole, the hide offers an unrivalled vantage point, granting you the privilege of experiencing exhilarating game sightings right from the comfort of the lodge. Whether you seek solace or adventure, our hide is the perfect sanctuary for those seeking an alternative to traditional game drive.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE:

Spa Treatment:

Nothing quite beats a pampering session in the wild African bush, hence the introduction of our in house eco-spa at our lodge. Enjoy a variety of luxurious treatments in the natural tranquillity of mother nature and experience the perfect spa and safari holiday in Hwange.

The spa’s philosophy is about rejuvenating the mind, body, and soul through a unique combination of African and Western massage techniques. Set in the magnificent natural surroundings, indulge yourself with some unique treatments and excellent game viewing at the same time on your Hwange safari.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Room Facilities:	
1. How many rooms are there?	6 Standard and 3 Superior Rooms.
2. What view do the rooms have?	All rooms have a view of the dam, where wildlife frequently drink from.
3. How many people can occupy 1 room?	2 adults or 2 children (Double or Twin); Superior room an additional bed can be added for 1 child.
4. Is there a family room for children?	2 units - each have an interleading room.
5. Do rooms have electricity?	Yes.
6. Is there internet in the rooms?	No.
7. What are the room facilities?	King size bed, mosquito net, en suite bathroom with shower inside and outside bath & shower, fan, tea & coffee facilities, solar lamps, safe.
8. Is there a fridge in the room?	No.
9. Are there laundry services available?	Yes.
10. What time does room service clean?	When guests are on game drives.

Main Area:	
11. Is the dining area outside or inside?	Outside and inside. Poolside deck breakfast and luncheons. Private dining can be arranged at the poolside.
12. Does the lodge have a pool?	Natural eco swimming pool.
13. Is there a bar?	Yes, at the pool area.

Activities:	
14. What activities are available?	Game drive (full day, half day and night drives) Guided walk Bird watching The Hidden Eye (Safari Hide)
15. How long are the full day and half day game drives?	Full day game drive: 7-8 hours Half day game drive: 3 - 4 hours Night drive: +- 2 hours
16. Are lunch and drinks provided on game drives?	Drinks and snacks are provided on game drives. Lunch is served on full day drives - at +-13:00 at a picnic spot, alternatively we can return to the lodge for lunch.
17. Are children allowed on game activities and what is the age limit?	Yes, from +7 years for game drives and +16 years for game walks.
18. What kind of animals can I expect to see?	Elephants, Leopard, Lion, Warthog, variety of birds, Buffalo, Painted Dog, Cheetah, Aardvark, Jackal, Giraffe, Hares, Hyena, Mongoose, Civet, Genets, Honey Badger, Monkey, Bat-eared fox, Zebra, Hippopotamus.

Other Info:	
19. Can I Self-Drive to the lodge?	Yes.
20. When is the best time to visit?	From July to the end of October.
21. What type of clothing do you recommend I pack?	Neutral coloured clothing, warm jacket in winter.
22. Can we charge phones?	Yes, electricity is provided in each room, multi socket adapter available.
23. Check-in & Check-out Times	Check in: From 2pm / Check out: By 10am Earlier check in or late check out must be pre-arranged.
24. Mobility/Accessibility: Are we geared for Disabilities (Wheelchairs etc.)	No, however guests are placed in the closest room to the main area.
25. Can guest walk to their rooms alone?	No, guests are escorted to their rooms at all times by a guide.
26. Is there a fence around the lodge?	No.
27. Is there a spa?	Yes - Recommended to prebook.