

## DAKA PLAINS - HWANGE NATIONAL PARK, ZIMBABWE

### ABOUT DAKA PLAINS

Resting on the top of the low foothills in the far northwest of Hwange National Park is Daka Plains. Probably the remotest Lodge in Hwange, close to the Botswana border, this area has a very distinct Kalahari feel. Daka Plains offers guests an opportunity to walk and game drive to some of the wildest areas in Southern Africa. The Lodge is situated in a private concession in Hwange National Park so allows guests the opportunity to do night drives as well. The small Lodge consists of eight double bed units, and all are made of thatch, local rock and canvas. Ideal for taking the whole Lodge for groups, this unique place will captivate you. Big sky country is what sums up this wild area. This area is teeming with Buffalo, Roan, Reedbuck, Sable, Waterbuck, Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Zebra, Giraffe, and many of the other smaller species such a honey badger and the smaller cats. Daka Plains can be accessed by road from Victoria Falls or by charter flights from Victoria Falls to Robins airstrip, the Lodge is then a further 45-minute/1 hour "game" drive from Robins airstrip.

### WHERE IS DAKA PLAINS LOCATED

Daka Plains is situated in the far northwest of Hwange National Park and is a 45-minute/1 hour game drive from Robins airstrip. The Lodge is sited on a low hill overlooking the Deka Seeps which are the head waters of the Deka river which flows east to the Zambezi.

### FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT DAKA PLAINS

- Plunge Pool
- Thatched Main Area
- Library

### GETTING TO DAKA PLAINS

- Access to Daka Plains Lodge is by land and Air. One can self-drive to Robins Camp or alternatively, you can book a road transfer or flight from Vic Falls to Robins Airstrip where Lodge will collect you.
- Daka Plains is a 20-minute charter flight from Vic Falls.
- Daka Plains is a 3-hour road transfer from Vic Falls.
- There is a 45-minute/1 hour drive from the airstrip to Lodge.
- We can also book inter-Lodge flight transfers.





### GPS CO-ORDINATES

S 18 deg 40.2884

E 25 deg 48.6871

### NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ACCOMMODATION

- Luxury thatch and canvas Lodge – 8 Tents in Total – Max 16 Guests.
- 8 x Luxury thatch and canvas tents.
- Children over the age of 10 are welcome.

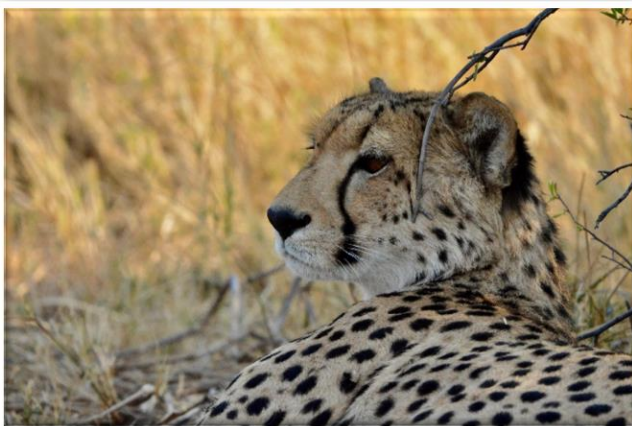
### WHAT GUESTS CAN EXPECT TO DO AT DAKA PLAINS

- Morning and evening game drives.
- Walking (Guide dependant).
- Game viewing from the comfort of your own tent.
- Catch up on some reading, with our large collection of reading material.
- After Dinner Night Drive.

### A TYPICAL DAY AT DAKA PLAINS

(Kindly note timings & meals may vary slightly and winter timings are different)

- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| 05h30 | Wakeup call at the room.                                   |
| 06h00 | Light breakfast in the main area.                          |
| 06h30 | Depart for your morning activity, game drive, nature walk. |
| 10h30 | Return from morning activity.                              |
| 11h00 | Brunch.  |
|       | Afternoon at Leisure.                                      |
| 15h30 | Afternoon Tea.   |
| 16h00 | Depart on afternoon game drive.                            |
| 19h30 | Return from game drive.                                    |
| 20h00 | Dinner under the stars (weather permitting).               |
|       | After dinner optional night drive.                         |





### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

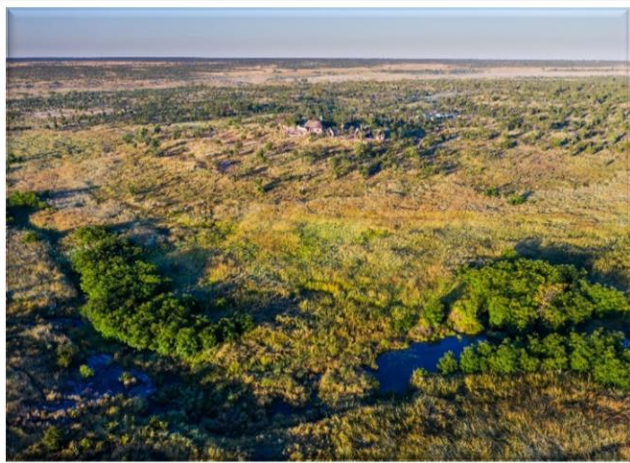
- Because Zimbabwe is a malaria area, precautions are recommended. All travellers coming from or going through countries which have been declared yellow fever infected areas must provide an international health certificate of vaccination for yellow fever upon arrival into Zimbabwe.
- The water in the Lodge is safe to drink.
- Daka Plains has 220V plug points in all the tents which can be used to charge batteries and sleep apnoea machines, however, are not suitable for hairdryers and electric shavers.
- There is no Wi-Fi in the tents or main areas, Wi-Fi can be accessed near the main area.
- No children under 12 are allowed to participate in Game Walk activities.
- A maximum of 20kg of luggage per person is allowed for light aircraft flights, including hand luggage and camera equipment. Please ensure that all luggage is soft sided. Only bags without wheels are permitted. Luggage dimensions should not exceed 25cm (10 inches) wide, 30 cm (12 inches) high and 62 cm (24 inches) long.
- Passengers weighing between 100 – 120 kg (242 – 264 lbs) please need to advise us when making a booking, so that we can in turn advise the air charter company for scheduling purposes. Passengers weighing over 120 kg (264 lbs) will be expected to purchase an additional seat.

### WHAT TO PACK

Clothing on safari should be comfortable and colours should blend in with nature as much as possible. Beige, greens, browns, tan, and khaki coloured clothing is advisable. Evening dress is 'smart casual', no formal wear required.

### YEAR ROUND

- Layers – the best way to dress on safari, due to fluctuating temperatures. We recommend cotton. Long sleeves and trousers will protect from both sun and insects.
- Fleece/warm sweater or warm jacket for morning and evening game drives.
- Hat – broad brimmed for protection against the sun.
- Sunglasses – dark ones to cut the glare.
- Light cotton shirts and T-shirts, Blouses or shirts.
- Shorts, trousers, and chinos.
- Shoes – good, comfortable sturdy closed shoes/boots and socks for walking.
- Flip flops/thongs.
- Sunblock, insect repellent and lip salve.
- Binoculars – each person should have their own so as not to miss out on any sightings.
- Camera with spare batteries, memory sticks, film, and the correct charging apparatus.



### **SUMMER**

- A kikoi or light sarong has a multitude of uses.
- Light, compact jacket (windcheater) for the rainy season.
- Swimwear.

### **WINTER**

- It gets very cold in the evenings and early mornings, and quite hot during the day – so layers are essential.
- Warm leggings and thick socks – good to wear during cold weather.
- Hat – woollen beanie for warmth.
- Gloves & Scarf.