

The image shows the interior of a rustic lodge. The ceiling is made of thick, dark wooden beams. The walls are constructed from vertical wooden planks. A large, open doorway in the center provides a view of an outdoor area with a thatched roof structure and a body of water. The floor is made of light-colored concrete or stone. The overall atmosphere is warm and natural.

WELCOME

Resting on the top of the low foothills in the far north west of Hwange National Park, is Daka Plains. Probably the remotest Lodge in Hwange, this area offers guests an opportunity to walk and game drive some of the wildest areas in Southern Africa. The Lodge is situated in our own private concession in Hwange National Park so allows us the opportunity to do night drives as well. Daka Plains consists of seven units, 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. Daka Plains overlooks the Deka floodplains and seeps which are the head waters of the Deka river.



LUXURY SUITES

The style of the Lodge is local rock and canvas walls with thatch roofs. The suites are small but offer every comfort one could need including hot and cold running water, flush toilet, comfortable beds with first class linen and views of forever. The Lodge is designed to blend with the environment and the style compliments this. Daka Lodge has 220V plug points in all the suits 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 your suite, Wi-Fi can be accessed near the main area. Please kindly switch off all automatic downloads and please refrain from streaming.

In room Facilities:

- Lock up box for all your valuable and important items.
- Fire extinguisher.
- Hand, Bath and face Towels.
- Shower amenities.

****Please refrain from removing any items from your suite.***



ACTIVITIES





GAME DRIVES

Game drives are conducted in the mornings and afternoon/evenings at Daka Plains. Morning drives are generally longer than evening drives. They usually last about three hours each and are conducted around the lodge and surrounding areas. The wildlife in the area is prolific & Night drives are conducted in the early evening offering one a chance to see the smaller more nocturnal animals with spotlights.

GUIDED WALKS

Walking safaris are also conducted generally in the morning with armed PROFESSIONAL guides. The walks are leisurely, and time is taken to observe the smaller things in the bush that one normally misses when driving. Walking is weather dependent, or dependent on the condition of the terrain.

BIRDING

For the avid and beginner birders alike, this experience provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about, search for and take in some of the special birds of the region all set against the incredible backdrop of the North West side of Hwange National Park.

RELAXATION

If you are looking at just relaxing and soaking up your time with us, we highly recommend finding a spot on the pool deck or in the lounge. We have a wonderful array of books in our library, which you are most welcome to use during your stay with us. Please feel free to use the pool when you feel the need for a plunge!



LODGE SAFETY & OTHER INFORMATION





LODGE SAFETY

On arrival at Daka Plains, you will be given a thorough briefing on Lodge safety and safari etiquette. It is important to remember that this area is an extremely wild environment, as there are no fences around the Lodge. Please make sure that you never walk back to your suite alone at night. Always ask a manager on duty or guide to accompany you. Please keep your suite doors closed at all times especially during the night.

BEHAVIOUR WHILE ON A GAME DRIVE

PLEASE NEVER STEP OUT OF THE GAME DRIVE VEHICLE WITHOUT YOUR GUIDES PERMISSION!

It is very important that when we visit the wilderness areas and the bush, we are sensitive to the environment and the flora and fauna. We ask you to watch animals quietly so as not to disturb their natural behaviour. Please, always respect our judgement about proximity to lions, leopards, elephant, and other dangerous game. Never throw out litter, never attempt to feed or approach any wild animal on foot.

INSTRUCTIONS

For safety reasons please obey all instructions given to you by your guide when on an activity immediately and without question.

IMPORTANT GUEST SAFETY INFORMATION

- Please take note at all times that the lodges are not fenced off from the surrounding reserve environment.
- Leopard, Lion, Elephant and Buffalo are among the larger animals that can be found wondering freely throughout the reserve and lodge areas.
- Venomous snakes and scorpions do occur on the property, please be aware at all times and closed shoes are recommended at night when walking around the Lodge.
- All guests that enter this conservation area and make use of the facilities offered to them do so entirely at their own risk.
- Under no circumstances are guests to walk around the lodges at night unaccompanied by a member of staff.
- We recommend mosquito repellent during the evenings.
- Daka Plains accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any illness, injury, death, loss or damage incurred.

DRINKING WATER

Your suites are supplied with safe drinking water, however, should you prefer bottle water please ask a member of staff.



HOT WATER

Please note that all suites use gas to heat water.

HOUSEKEEPING & LAUNDRY

Please let the Lodge manager know should you require any laundry to be done, kindly note this is with exception of all 'smalls'. Laundry powder has been provided in your suite for your 'small' items.

LODGE MEALS

Meal times are flexible and designed to fit with the relevant guest requirements and experience. There is no dress code and meals are very relaxed informal affairs structured to highlight wonderful local ingredients and cooking/eating styles. Please inform us of any dietary requirements or restrictions you might have. 2023 Daka Plains is on a Self-catering basis only, please advise the kitchen of meals you would like prepared in advance.

DRINKS & ACTIVITIES

Drinks & Activities are not included in our 2023 rates, as we are on a Self-catering Basis Only.

CELEBRATIONS

Please let us know if you are celebrating a special occasion whilst you are with us!!!

DOCTORS & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Please contact your guide or lodge manager immediately should you require any medical assistance during your stay.

EMERGENCIES

The Lodge staff are well trained in wilderness first aid and available at all times. In the case of an emergency please can you notify us as well of any relevant contact numbers we might need.



FIRST AID

Our Lodge and guides all carry up to date first aid kits should the need arise.

PROTOCOLS & EVACUATION

The Lodge meets the required fire procedures and protocols. Extinguishers are located at numerous points throughout the property. Should you discover a fire please contact a member of staff immediately! In the case of a Lodge fire the following protocols and procedures will be implemented and must be followed without fail:

- The fire alarm will sound.
- Evacuate the suite you are in immediately, leaving all belongings behind.
- Walk away from the Lodge to the assembly point, unless otherwise instructed by Lodge management.
- Report your presence and that of your family members/party members to a staff member at the assembly point.
- Advise staff immediately should you require any medical attention.

INDEMNITY

Please make sure that you have signed an indemnity form upon arrival and check in at the Lodge.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Daka Plains will accept foreign currency onsite but please note change may be limited.

GRATUITIES

Please note that gratuities are completely at your discretion. We are often asked for guidance in this regard and it is a very difficult question to answer. Please ask your Lodge manager for further assistance in this regard if required.

CLIMATE

The regional climate is moderate throughout the year, creating wonderful year-round safari opportunities. General temperature ranges are between 15-30°C for summer and between 5-24°C for winter months with an average annual rainfall of around 600mm per annum generally falling over the summer months.



SMOKING

Please refrain from smoking on game drives or during any of the activities unless a rest stop has been taken and the guide has informed everyone accordingly. Smoking is allowed on the main outside deck of the Lodge, please kindly ask a member of staff for an ashtray should you need one.

Smoking is not allowed in the Suites.

MOBILE PHONES

We are aware that many people make use of their phone as a camera whilst on safari. Please refrain from making or taking calls while engaged in any activity and place the phone on silent for the duration of the activity.

SOLAR POWER

Daka Plains is fully Solar Powered, as part of our Going Green Initiative, please kindly help us reserve this resource by switching off all unnecessary lights when you leave your Suite. Devices are able to be charged in the comfort of your suite in the evenings.

WIFI

Please kindly disable any downloads and no live streaming while on WIFI, due to our limited access. Please feel free to use the WIFI for WhatsApp's and emails should you need too.

