



Enjoy the ultimate in barefoot luxury on a family holiday aboard your private safari cruiser in Zimbabwe. The Matusadona is the only luxury motor cruiser of its kind on Lake Kariba and is easily accessed from Kariba International Airport and from the domestic airfields within the Matusadona National Park and surrounding safari areas. With spacious airconditioned cabin accommodation for up to six passengers, situated right on the waterline, you'll feel at one with nature. With the gentle lapping of waves, frequent grunts of hippos, the distant lion's roar and the eerie cry of the Fish Eagle, you are in the real bush whilst cocooned in the lap of luxury.

Famous for its overwhelming sunsets, wildlife viewing and tiger fishing, Lake Kariba is surrounded by the Matusadona National Park and a number of wildlife areas on the Zimbabwean side of the lake. Cruising the shores of one of Africa's last remaining true wilderness areas, Matusadona is perfectly combined with a visit to the Victoria Falls and offers the ideal extension to a land based African safari or simply a timeless break from the rigours of "real life". Step on board, it is time to relax!.

## Capacity & Lay-out

Matusadona is ideally suited for groups of up to 6 guests. The vessel measures 28.6 meters in length and 6.85 meters on the beam, comprising three decks:

### Cabin Deck | Lower

Three en-suite guest cabins with queen size beds are located on the lower deck. A fourth en-suite single cabin is allocated to your on-board manager. These cabins are accessed via an indoor staircase from the saloon. The crew access their quarters via a separate entrance on the bow.

### Saloon Deck | Middle

The middle deck comprises a gourmet galley (including washing machine, tumble dryer, 2 fridge-freezers, electric oven, gas hob, microwave), the wheelhouse, an al-fresco breakfast area and an indoor saloon. The indoor saloon a dining area and coffee station, a business desk and a lounge complete with DVD player, sound system, a choice of board games and a small library collection.

### Palm deck | Upper

The spacious open plan outdoor entertainment area on the upper deck offers 360 degree views of Lake Kariba and includes two lounge areas, a dining area, the bar and a sundeck with open air jacuzzi.

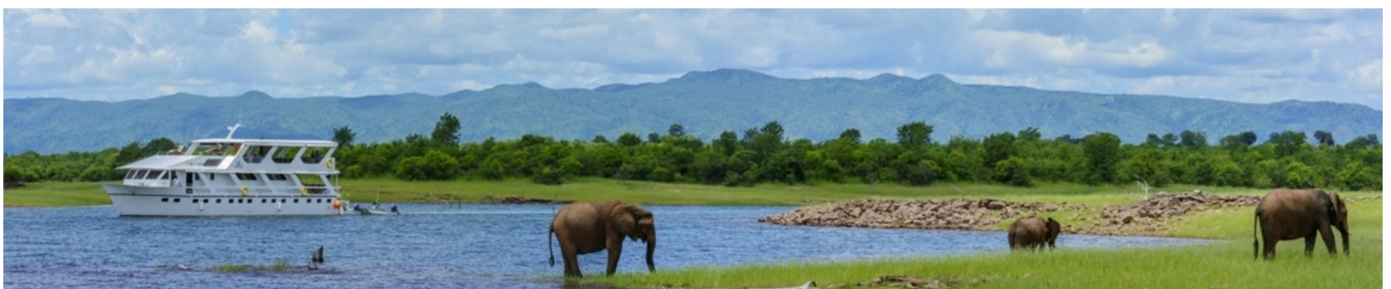
## Charters

Matusadona is chartered out on a fully catered basis. This includes:

- Exclusive use of Matusadona, inclusive of 4 crew members;
- All catering (standard stocked beverages only);
- National Park Entry and Lake Access fees, taxes and government levies;
- Contribution to MAPP, based on 10% of nett charter rate;
- Safari activities operated by MV Matusadona;
- One complimentary game drive operated by Changa Safari Camp or Bumi Hills Safari Lodge, availability and routing permitting;
- Fuel based on cumulative operation of the main engines over max. 3½ hours per day and of the generators over max. 12 hours per day;
- Complimentary positioning of the vessel at Changa Safari Camp or Bumi Hills Safari Lodge for either boarding or disembarking;
- Complimentary daily laundry service;
- Complimentary transfers between Marineland Harbour and Kariba International Airport.

## Children on Board

Matusadona can accommodate children from 6 years and older. Although designed to accommodate 6 passengers, the Matusadona can make arrangements to accommodate an additional four children under the age of 15. Please enquire about arrangements accordingly.





## Cruising

Once boarded, we invite you to plan your route with our manager. Mooring has to be carefully planned daily for reasons of safety and to provide you with exclusive and scenic overnight mooring spots at the same time. The Captain sets off for a new destination daily after brunch, allowing guests to travel the Lake and relax during the heat of the day. Once moored (usually between 14h00 and 15h30), guests can enjoy an afternoon activity: fishing, game viewing or a sunset cruise. The average 3½ engine hours per day will allow the vessel to cover large distances daily, so steering away from the majority of other vessels on the Lake to find that special peace and tranquility of Lake Kariba.

## Cuisine

Although there are no set meal times on Matusadona, we typically cater for our guests as follows:

- A continental breakfast including morning bakes, fruit, yoghurts, fresh toast and cereals will be set up at from 06h00.
- A lavish brunch is served around 10h00 when guests return from their morning activity. Alternatively, lunch is prepared for 12h30.
- For afternoon tea, both sweet and savoury snacks are on offer.
- Dinner is served around 19h00.

We aim to offer a cruise of a lifetime and would request guests to notify us of any preferences in terms of food and beverages. Out on the Lake, there is hardly the opportunity to source any special supplies. The galley is all yours and we invite our guests to make themselves at home.

## Activities

Matusadona does not sail alone. She is accompanied by a luxury 10-seater pontoon, complete with sunshade and an angling deck, a speedboat and two smaller tender boats for activities. Boats may only be operated by crew members. From Matusadona, guests can enjoy the following activities:

- Game viewing by boat
- Game viewing on land (one complimentary game drive is offered at Bumi Hills Safari Lodge or Changa Safaris Camp, availability and routing permitting)
- Angling for Bream, Tiger Fish and Cornish Jack. We keep limited stock of angling tackle on board and urge avid anglers to bring their angling tackle.
- Sunset cruises
- R&R

The saloon deck offers a small library and games cupboard, a TV with DVD player and a sound system suited to guests' personal iPod and CD's etc.

## Boarding and Disembarking

Guests can board and disembark at Marineland Harbour, where the Matusadona has her permanent mooring. Marineland harbour is a 25 minute drive from Kariba International Airport and a 15 minute drive from the Zimbabwean borderpost at the Kariba Dam Wall. Alternatively, we can position the vessel in close proximity to one of the lodges or airfields within the Matusadona National Park or Bumi Safari Area and collect passengers accordingly. Boarding and disembarking hours will differ:

Location	Embark between	Disembark by
Marineland Harbour	09h00 – 13h00	12h00
Matusadona NP / Bumi	12h00 – 15h00	10h00







## Technical

To provide our guests with all modern comforts and smooth sailing, we have equipped Matusadona with

- 2 x 420 HP Caterpillar turbo-diesel engines;
- 2 Generators | 10kVA and 25kVA;
- Reverse Osmosis water filtration system;
- Mosquito proof cabin portholes;
- Ice machine with a capacity to produce over 40 kg of ice per day;
- Air conditioning throughout the Saloon and Cabin Decks.
- Inverter system for lights and selected power points during the times that the generators are not in use;

## Safety

Cellular reception is intermittent and is dependent on your location on the lake. Our on-board manager and captain are qualified in advanced First Aid. Matusadona is equipped with:

- First Aid kit;
- Life jackets;
- Fire extinguishers & Blankets;
- Fire blankets;
- Speedboat equipped with 200hp engine;
- Radio equipment;
- Satellite telephone.

## Lake Kariba

Lake Kariba is the largest artificial lake in Africa, measuring approximately 220 km from East to West and up to 40 km wide, so covering almost 5,600 square kilometers. As a reservoir, Kariba holds some 180 billion tons of water at any time. The Dam was built in the 1950's for hydro-electric power generation and was officially opened in 1959. Operation Noah, a 5-year wildlife rescue operation, rescued over 6,000 animals, most of which were relocated to the Matusadona National Park whilst the Lake filled up upon completion of the Dam. Besides wildlife, a large number of families were relocated and homed in new towns and villages, now on the shores of the Lake such as Kariba, Binga, Mlibizi and Siavonga. The filling of the Lake between 1958 and 1963 caused more than 20 earthquakes of greater than 5 magnitude on the Richter Scale. The Lake soon became a tourist attraction on both the Zambian and Zimbabwean side of the Lake, frequented by local and international visitors. Kariba has many mooring opportunities both on the main land and on islands, some offering romantic spots with idyllic waterfalls in places like the Sanyati Gorge.

## Climate

Lake Kariba has its own climate and it seldom gets cold. However, herewith some guidelines for the various seasons.

### March - May

The end of summer and of the rains. It is hot in March and towards the end of April it starts to cool down. From May onwards, we suggest that you bring a jersey for the evenings. You may experience rains when visiting in March and the first part of April.

### June - July

Winter, dry. Mornings and evenings are cool to cold, but during the day you will find yourself stripping off to T-shirts and shorts. Clear blue skies.

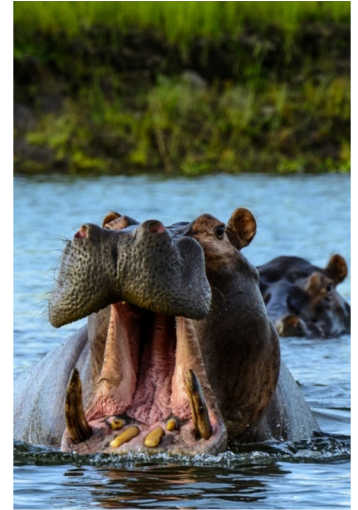
### August - September

Spring, dry. August is usually a windy month. By the beginning of September, the weather starts to warm up significantly. Clear blue skies.

### October - February

Summer. The first rains arrive around mid November. You can expect extremely high temperatures during these months.





## Suggested 12 day Itinerary | The Golden Age Safari

A true "Out of Africa" journey, suited to a family or group of friends of up to 6 persons, this itinerary combines luxury and iconic accommodation with extraordinary experiences in the bush, on water and by train, including a visit to one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Contact a travel agent who specialises in safaris to Southern Africa near you to arrange this incredible journey.

### Part I Baines' River Camp | Lower Zambezi Valley, Zambia

- Day 1 Arrive at Lusaka International Airport in Zambia for onward air transfer to Baines' River Camp, located on the Zambezi River.
- Day 2-3 Safari Experience at Baines' River Camp. Choose from a variety of safari activities: game viewing and birding by boat, open vehicle and canoe or sport angling. Baines' River Camp further offers sunset cruises and spa treatments.

### Part II Matusadona | Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe

- Day 4 Depart Baines' River Camp on a river transfer to the confluence of the Zambezi and Kafue Rivers for onward road transfer to the Marineland Harbour (08h00-11h30). Board Matusadona at Marineland and set off onto Lake Kariba. Moor in the Sanyati Gorge for your first night.
- Day 5-7 Cruise Lake Kariba during the heat of the day, mooring for the night at Elephant point, Tashinga and Partridge Island respectively.

### Part III The Victoria Falls Hotel | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

- Day 8 Cruise to Bumi Hills in the morning and board a charter flight to Victoria Falls. Visit the Victoria Falls, guided by Russell Gammon and enjoy an old-fashioned high tea at your hotel.
- Day 9 Participate in one of the adrenaline activities on offer at the Victoria Falls or visit the town's renowned curio and art market. End your stay at the Falls with a champagne tram ride on the famous bridge at sunset.

### Part IV Rovos Rails | Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa

- Day 10-12 Board the Rovos Rail for a three-day experience on this luxury passenger train through Zimbabwe and Botswana, on to Pretoria, South Africa.

## Travel information

### Kariba International Airport

Although Kariba Airport is an international airport, customs and immigration officials are posted at the Dam Wall border post. For international arrivals, immigration and customs have to be notified in advance.

### Bumi Hills Airfield & Fothergill Airfield

Guests can make use of these domestic airfields for access from Harare, Victoria Falls, Mana Pools, Hwange etc..

### Road Transfers

We can arrange transfers by road to and from Marineland harbour within Zimbabwe and to or from selected destinations in Zambia, such as Lusaka, Chirundu.

### Visas

All travellers to Zimbabwe require a visa, which can be obtained at the port of entry into the country by citizens for most countries. Those entering Zimbabwe on a passport other than a Southern African States passport are required to pay a visa fee. Please note that the KAZA Univisa is available to citizens of most countries at the cost of US\$ 50 and will allow entry into Zimbabwe and Zambia.



## Medical & General

Zimbabwe is a malaria area and we recommend that travellers seek advice from their doctor and/or travel clinic on the use of anti-malarial prophylactics. Please consult your Foreign Offices and Consular Sections for further travel, health and safety advisories.