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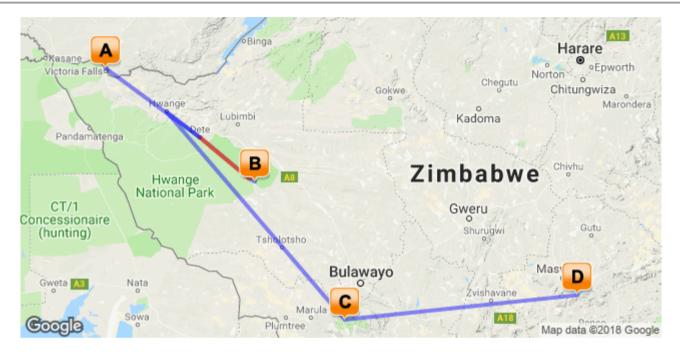
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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park - Matobo National Park - Great Zimbabwe Ruins

10 Days / 9 Nights

2 Persons

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# Introduction

Bedankt voor uw belangstelling voor een safari naar Zimbabwe. Een goede keuze en een prachtige safaribestemming. Fijn dat u Going Africa Safaris gevonden heeft als aanbieder van dit fantastische safariland.

## Waarom in het Engels?

We gaan er bij Going Africa Safaris vanuit dat bijna iedereen die een safari naar Afrika boekt in enige mate Engels kan lezen, spreken of begrijpen.

Op basis van deze online routebeschrijving worden vouchers en een definitief reisschema gemaakt. Deze ontvangt u bij uw reisbescheiden. De vouchers, etc... zijn ook in het Engels. Hierdoor is het eenvoudiger om ter plekke overleg te hebben met de lokale accommodatie, gids of organisatie mocht u vragen hebben over de inhoud van het reisschema. U kunt dan het reisschema voorleggen in een taal die ze ook kunnen lezen.

### Eventueel deze safari aanpassen?

Natuurlijk is het mogelijk om afhankelijk van het budget van de genoemde accommodaties af te wijken. In de regel begroten we deze voorbeeld safari omdat we voor het betreffende jaar in uw voordeel betere combinatie prijzen krijgen of vinden dat betreffende accommodaties een juiste of betere prijs/kwaliteit verhouding hebben. Maar bijna elke route is aan te passen aan uw wensen en uw budget. Er zijn erg veel mogelijkheden en de accommodaties die we op de website aangegeven. Staat een bepaalde accommodatie er (nog) niet bij, dan houdt dat niet in dat we deze accommodatie niet aan kunnen bieden. Vraag ons dus te allen tijde naar de mogelijkheid om uw wens in te vullen. Het moet wel heel erg gek zijn wanneer we uw wens niet in kunnen vullen. Daarbij willen we wel aan bepaalde kwaliteitseisen blijven voldoen.

#### De prijs

De prijsindicatie voor deze safari staat op de website. Sturen we u dit online reisschema toe als maatwerkvoorstel, dan ontvangt u de prijs in de begeleidende email.

#### **Documenten**

Onder tab "documenten" hebben we ter informatie meteen documenten bijgevoegd aangaande onze Reisvoorwaarden en Privacyverklaring. Neem deze vooraf rustig door en u merkt dat u bij Going Africa Safaris in goede handen bent.

Wilt u de safari boeken, dan kunt u het boekingsformulier downloaden. Vul voor alle deelnemers het formulier in en stuur deze per email terug. We bevestigen dan de boeking per brief en factuur in PDF per email.

#### Voorstel printen

Via de knop "print" is het mogelijk om het voorstel te printen zodat u het nog eens rustig kan nalezen.

We wensen u veel plezier bij het doornemen van alle informatie als onderdeel van de voorpret.

Vriendelijke groeten

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Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	A'Zambezi River Lodge	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	B&B	1x Standard Room (Twin)	2 Nights
Day 3	Bomani Tented Lodge	Hwange National Park	FI	1x Spurwing Suite (Twin)	3 Nights
Day 6	Big Cave Camp	Matobo National Park	FI	1x Standard Room (Twin)	2 Nights
Day 8	Norma Jeane's Lake View Resort	Great Zimbabwe Ruins	НВ	1x Standard Room - Hotel (Twin)	2 Nights

## Key

HB: Half Board

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive

# Day 1-2: A'Zambezi River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

## Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or micro lights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

## Overnight: A'Zambezi River Lodge

The immense beauty of the Zambezi has captured the hearts of explorers for over a century. A'Zambezi is famed for its African-style design, curvy lay-out, distinctive thatched roof and its perfect blending into the surrounding environment. Likewise, its accommodation follows the same theme, with thoughtfully decorated river-theme rooms in a variety of options.





#### **Basis**

Bed & Breakfast

# Day 3-5: Bomani Tented Lodge, Hwange National Park

## **Hwange National Park**

Situated in western Zimbabwe, the Hwange National Park is the country's biggest reserve, home to a profusion of wildlife, including giraffe, lion, zebra and approximately 40 000 elephants. It provides a sanctuary for all the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs thought to be among the most sizeable surviving groups on the continent. The park's magnificent terrain ranges from desert dunes, savannah lands and mopane woodlands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests. Visitors can look forward to game drives, guided walks or horse riding safaris. Other highlights include: the Bumbusi National Monument and the Nyamandhlovu Pan.

## Overnight: Bomani Tented Lodge <u>View iBrochure</u>

This comfortable and well-appointed lodge is nestled in a remote and untouched corner on the edge of Hwange National Park in our 5000 acre private reserve, and is famous for its impressive herds of elephant, not to mention many other spectacular species of wildlife.

Our main lodge is built on a spectacular viewing platform and overlooks Bomani Pan. You can enjoy your breakfast while watching zebra and wildebeest quietly graze or sip a sundowner as giraffe and elephant soak up the day's final rays.

Of course the main pastime at Bomani is gameviewing, and whether you choose to go on a guided game walk in the lodge's private concession or a game drive in the national Park, you will not be disappointed - these spectacular landscapes teem with a rich array of unique African wildlife and flora





#### **Basis**

**Fully Inclusive** 

# Day 6-7: Big Cave Camp, Matobo National Park

## **Matobo National Park**

Idyllically located in the spectacular Matobo Hills, the renowned Matobo National Park is known for its rich human history, its remarkably diverse flora and fauna and its magnificent rugged terrain. This unspoiled natural wilderness features a range of massive red-tinged, granite boulders interspersed with gorgeous wooded valleys making it a dream destination for hikers, climbers and nature lovers alike. The reserve is compact, easily accessible and is home to an impressive range of African wildlife including the highly endangered black and white rhinoceros, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, cheetah, hippo, warthog and crocodile as well as Africa's largest concentration of leopard and black eagles. This unforgettable national park serves as an ideal stopover for travellers heading to the popular tourist sites of Hwange and the majestic Victoria Falls.

## **Overnight: Big Cave Camp**

Big Cave Camp reposes atop an enormous granite whaleback commanding inspirational views across the famous Matobo National Park. Sophisticated African architecture incorporates colossal boulders into a comfortably appointed thatched lodge positioned amidst ancient Khoisan rock art.

Retire at a day's end to the natural rock-pool and sundeck, the Leopard's Lair lounge and bar, a cave-style boma for pre-dinner drinks or the popular lodge library. The seven thatched A-frame cottages, each with en-suite bathroom and private balcony, resonate African creative flair.

Find solitude within an intimate retreat as secluded as the original Kalanga grain bins that nestle amongst the rocks.





#### **Chalets**

Chalets with en-suite flush toilet, shower and basin with hot water. Doors open onto a private deck.

### **Basis**

**Fully Inclusive** 

# Day 8-9: Norma Jeane's Lake View Resort, Great Zimbabwe Ruins

### **Great Zimbabwe Ruins**

Once Zimbabwe's capital, the ancient city of Great Zimbabwe is the biggest and most significant stone archaeological complex in sub-Saharan Africa. It is also one of its oldest – thought to date back to the 11th century and second only to South Africa's Mapungwe. Composed entirely of rectangular granite blocks stacked on top of one another without the use of mortar, the walls and towers of the city measure up to 12 metres in places, and it is unsurprising that Great Zimbabwe was designated a World Heritage Site in 1986.

## Overnight: Norma Jeane's Lake View Resort

Norma Jeane's Lake View Resort is set in the granite hills and Msasa woodland overlooking Lake Mutirikwe (formerly Lake Kyle) and a short 10 minutes The Great Zimbabwe Ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The emphasis is on luxury accommodation for the more discerning visitor, offering fully furnished and equipped self-catering lodges and luxury hotel rooms. The dining room providing breakfast, lunch and dinner with a view over the lake.





#### **Basis**

Half Board

# Day 10: End of Itinerary

# Transport

Transfers		
Date	Company	Details
Day 1	Wild Horizons	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA] - A'Zambezi River Lodge
Day 3	Wild Horizons	A'Zambezi River Lodge - Dete
Day 3	Bomani Tented Lodge	Dete Railway Station - Ngamo Siding
Day 6	Bomani Tented Lodge	Ngamo Siding - Dete Railway Station
Day 6	Driving You Wild	
Day 6	Big Cave Camp	Bulawayo Central - Big Cave Camp
Day 8	Big Cave Camp	Big Cave Camp - Bulawayo Cental
Day 8	Stone Tours and Adventures	Bulawayo - Great Zimbabwe
Day 10	Stone Tours and Adventures	Great Zimbabwe Tour - Guided Monuments Tour
Day 10	Stone Tours and Adventures	Great Zimbabwe - Bulawayo

Service Provider Directory
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Service Provider	Ref. Number	Telephone	Address
Big Cave Camp		+263 9 244 990	Matobo Hills
Bomani Tented Lodge		+263292232331	P.O Box 767, Bulawayo. Zimbabwe

## **Travel Information**



A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

## **Banking and Currency**

#### **Currency**

Zimbabwe uses US\$ as well as its own unit of currency, the Zimbabwe Bond Dollar. It is advised to carry small denominations of change with you, however it is best to pay for as much as possible outside of the country. US\$ work best and are widely accepted in supermarkets, and for curios, accommodation, activities and gratuities. South African Rand and Euros are only accepted in some places in Victoria Falls. Do not plan on being able to use cash machines in Zimbabwe to draw money. Before leaving home please exchange all the money that you will need for your trip, plus extra, into US\$. Most of this should be in 1, 5, 10 and 20 denominations because change is not always available. In an emergency you can try Barclays Bank, Stanbic Bank or Standard Chartered Bank as they will infrequently accept foreign debit cards for withdrawing cash.

#### **Banking**

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Saturdays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted in Zimbabwe, however it should be noted that very limited facilities will have credit card machines, and the connection is not always reliable so it is advisable to carry cash as back up.

#### Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Taxis are safe and reliable, and can be booked through your hotel front desk. Taxis in cities travel within a 40km radius of the city. Always take a taxi at night.

Major airlines fly into Victoria Falls, Harare and Bulawayo. Charter flights are available to most attractions and camps.

Zimbabwe has a good road infrastructure, by African standards, although potholed. Between major towns, there are frequent road blocks. Traffic drives on the left side of the road.

If you are driving yourself around Zimbabwe, be sure to check on fuel availability in advance. If you are covering long distances within the country, ensure you carry extra fuel in 5 or 10lt metal containers in case of emergency. Fuel is generally available, but supply can fluctuate. Fuel is only available for cash.

#### Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Zimbabwe's native cuisine is based on sadza, a cooked porridge made from ground maize which is normally be accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare sadza if requested, and it is almost always available in small restaurants in the towns.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas typically serve a variety international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is usually excellent.

If you are driving yourself around and plan to cook, then get most of your supplies in main towns. There are a number of South African shopping chains operating in Zimbabwe which will generally have all that you will need.

Water in the main towns is usually purified.. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zimbabwe for just a short period of time, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water available in towns and from all camps, lodges and hotels.

#### Climate and Weather

In Zimbabwe, the rains come principally in **December**, **January**, **February** and **March**; the further north you are, the earlier the precipitation arrives and the later it leaves. Zimbabwe's higher eastern areas usually receive more rainfall than the lower-lying western ones.

By **April** and **May** most of the rain is gone, leaving a verdant setting, which is starting to dry out. Especially in more southerly and higher locations, the night-time temperatures start to drop.

The nights in **June**, **July** and **August** become much cooler, so don't forget to bring some warmer clothes, in case you want to spend an evening outside; the days are still clear and warm. For Zimbabwe, this is the start of the 'peak season'— days are often cloudless and game sightings continually increase.

Into **September** and **October** the temperatures rise once again: Zimbabwe's lower-lying rift valley – Mana Pools – can get very hot in October. During this time, you'll see some fantastic game, as the Zimbabwe's wildlife concentrates around the limited water sources.

**November** is unpredictable; it can be hot and dry, it can also see the season's first rainfalls – and in this respect it's a very interesting month, as on successive days, you can see both weather patterns.

## Clothing and Dress Recommendations

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year round. Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scourching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

# **Electricity and Plug Standards**

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round plugs are used.