



The Best of Zimbabwe

Hwange and Mana Pools National Parks, Lake Kariba & Victoria Falls

Enjoy 10 nights in some of Africa's best wildlife areas! Start with the desert habitat of Hwange National Park full of elephant, great cats and so many other species. Next is the remote Mana Pools National Park set on the Lower Zambezi River – unforgettable! Lake Kariba is next with views that will take your breath away. No safari would be complete without a visit to “the Smoke that Thunders” mighty Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe where you will have 3 nights. Your accommodation is authentic Africa, carefully chosen lodges where you will experience amazing food, wine, culture, history & wildlife with some of the best guides in Africa! You decide on length and start date!



Hwange National Park – 3 Nights

Day 1 - Somalisa Camp <https://africanbushcamps.com> (3 nights): Depending on your arrival time into Victoria Falls, you can choose to have 1 to 3 night stay in Victoria Falls.

Your safari begins! You will be transferred to the Victoria Falls Airport to connect you're your scheduled small aircraft flight to Hwange National Park. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Somalisa Camp, your home for the next 3 nights. D

Somalisa Camp is set in the heart of Hwange National Park, known as the land of the giants for its large elephant herds. An authentic tented bush camp, Somalisa Camp offers a blend of old African charm and elegance together with an exclusive safari experience.



The camp is made up of elegantly furnished canvas tents with en suite

bathrooms, flush toilet and romantic alfresco bush showers. Your senses will be awakened and you will feast on our sumptuous cuisine, a balance of organic produce and innovative gourmet meals complemented by a choice of South African wines.



Activities include guided walks lead by qualified and passionate guides who will share their knowledge and love of the bush, game drives and spot lighting as well as game viewing from hides. Walking and game drives will allow you the opportunity to observe elephant, kudu and sable antelope, zebra, wildebeest, gemsbok, the rare and endangered roan antelope, buffalo, giraffe, white rhino, lion, leopard, hyena, and many other wildlife species.

Day 2 & 3: Full days to enjoy the camp and this beautiful park. B,L,D



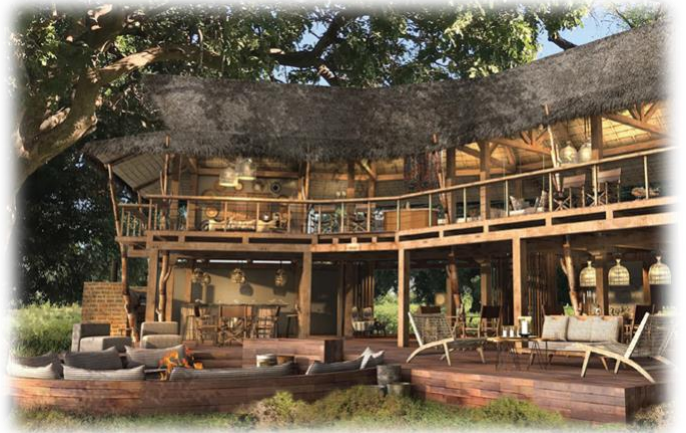
Mana Pools National Park – 4 Nights

Day 4 – Nyamatusi Camp, Mana Pools National Park (4 nights)

<https://africanbushcamps.com>

After breakfast at Somalisa Camp, you will be transferred by light aircraft from Hwange to Mana Pools and begin your 4 nights on the Zambezi River in your camp for an experience like no other. B,L,D

Nyamatusi Camp is set in one of the wildest and most remote parts of Africa, on the banks



of the mighty Zambezi River. Here you will find luxury tented suites with uninterrupted views of the river and Zambian escarpment beyond. Activities include enjoying the area by foot, vehicle and canoe marvelling at the incredible sights and sounds of one of Africa's last remaining wild frontiers.

Mana Pools National Park is an area that has been declared a world heritage site by UNESCO as the number of visitors to the park is strictly controlled. In Mana Pools the Zambezi River meanders through a wide valley, repeatedly splaying out into islands, channels and sandbanks, with escarpments rising dramatically on either side. Herds of Buffalo, elephants, a variety of antelope and predators roam the Mana Pools floodplain. It is quite common to see up to 10 different species of animal in one sweep

on the Mana Pools flood plain in the dry months. Spending hours with a herd of buffalo or a few elephants, following predators hunting while on foot or canoeing past large pods of hippo will keep you awe inspired at the magical offerings of Mother Nature.



Day 5, 6, 7: Three full days to canoe, nature walk, game drive or just enjoy the wildlife walking past your door to the river. Keep an eye open for Boswell and his mates reaching for the nutritious pods in the Acacia trees!
B,L,D

Lake Kariba – 3 Nights

Day 8 – Bumi Hills Safari Lodge (3 nights)
<https://africanbushcamps.com>: Another flight takes you to Lake Kariba and Bumi Hills Safari Lodge. Set on a range of remote hills in one of Zimbabwe's finest wilderness locations, **Bumi Hills Safari Lodge** is utterly captivating. With the Zambezi escarpment as its backdrop, this haven of serenity overlooks the eternal shimmering



waters Lake Kariba below. Not only is Kariba's shoreline wildlife-rich, but the lodge's proximity to Matusadona National Park allows for the wildlife to freely move between the national park and Bumi Hill's private concession, creating endless game-viewing opportunities, led by our passionate team of guides.

Our ten spacious suites are thoughtfully appointed with all the comforts of air-conditioning, en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, battery charging points, mini-bar and a private viewing deck extending spectacular views of the lake and its surrounds. B,L,D



within the fossilized dinosaur footprints unique to this area. Activities include guided walking safaris, stargazing, boating, birding, catch-and-release fishing, day and night game drives searching for lions in particular, as well as engaging cultural visits to our nearby local community. B,L,D



Victoria Falls - 3 nights

Day 10 – Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (3 nights) <http://www.ilalalodge.com>:

Sadly, leave the bush behind as you fly from Bumi Hills to Victoria Falls where you will be met and transferred to the beautiful Ilala Lodge on a B&B basis.



Ilala Lodge has the perfect location, a short walk to Victoria Falls National Park where you will see the falls, close to shopping and restaurants but also surrounded by nature complete with warthogs keeping the grass low! After arrival, day at leisure. B

Day 11: You will be treated to a walking tour of the magnificent falls to hear the tales of Stanley & Livingstone. B

Day 12: A full day to explore the Victoria Falls townsite or maybe White-Water Rafting, Bungy Jumping, Flight of the Angels and so many more optional activities! This evening enjoy a traditional Zimbabwe dinner at The Boma!
B,D



Day 13: In Transit or extend your adventure with some time in Cape Town, South Africa or where would you like to go?
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The Best of Zimbabwe – Per person based on 2 guests sharing
April to June & November - From \$8795USD
July to October - From \$12,495USD

Payment options –

- **USD Bank Draft – amount above**
- **CDN Cheque - amount closest to CDN/USD exchange rate we receive through our bank**
- **Credit Card – amount closest to CDN/USD exchange rate we receive through our bank plus 3% service fee**

INCLUDES: Predeparture package with unlimited information; Luxury accommodation as stated in itinerary; Air & ground transportation between lodges & hotels starting & ending in Victoria Falls; Meals in Victoria Falls as listed; Most meals (B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner); Bottled/Filtered water in safari lodges; Game activities & park entry fees; Safari Lodges - Non-alcoholic & alcoholic drinks (not premium alcohol) & laundry in safari camps; Donation to conservation group on your behalf; Safari luggage & shirt

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED: International airfare (we would be happy to book this for you with our wholesaler) (Tips/Gratuities; Premium alcoholic drinks in safari camps; Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks for city hotels; Items of a personal nature; Travel Insurance including cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance; Visa's for Zimbabwe (\$100CDN – we will assist you with visa's) Laundry in city hotels; Any optional activities or meals not indicated on itinerary; Any new Government taxes; Departure taxes of approx. US\$30 per person (usually included in airline ticket but have it handy just incase)

CLIMATE - The climate of Southern Africa will be generally dry and sunny with day temperatures averaging 28°C. The evenings could be cool in desert type habitat so a sweater or fleece will be in order.

TO HOLD YOUR SPACE - Upon confirmation of itinerary, we will require a 35% deposit to hold your safari accommodation. We suggest purchasing your air to/from Victoria Falls as soon as possible as there are only 2 flights per day from Johannesburg.



About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd.

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! Owner Carol Petersen has been traveling to Africa since 1990 and led over 90 safaris to Africa, India & the Galapagos Islands! She has incredible knowledge of where to... when to... and how to... and passion for the places she visits. Her experience and that of the local guides, is matched by a personalized service that keeps Nature Encounters Tours guests returning to travel with us year after year. From the moment you inquire about a location – we are dedicated to ensuring your trip is memorable.

On safari, you can experience everything from watching a lioness care for her young in the hollow of an old tree to having a magnificent five-ton elephant display his enormous ears and mock charge your vehicle . . . or lay on a sandy beach that goes on for miles and miles while listening to the sound of the Indian Ocean. Your accommodation and meals, in either lodges or tented camps, range from truly comfortable to absolutely luxurious. Backpacking was never like this! Swimming pools, gardens and the fragrance of wild basil will surround you as your binoculars scout the magnificent scenery for cheetah, elephant, zebra, lilac breasted rollers, hyena, and tawny eagles to name a few. Your game activities can include driving in national parks watching for wildlife along the way, walking with an experienced guide looking for all the little things you may have missed by driving, and boating or canoeing on some of the most incredible rivers and lakes.

Ecotourism is an important part of the Nature Encounters Tours & Travel experience. Our guests are happy to contribute to a sustainable industry where the local people, as well as the wildlife, benefit from their visit. Be it the CAMPFIRE project in Zimbabwe, where the local fishing villages gain from having tourists visit or Sheldrick Wildlife Trust where our guests help provide financial assistance for anti-poaching efforts. Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd. supports many schools as we travel but the A.I.C. Girls' School in Kajiado, Kenya has held a special spot in our hearts for 21 years. As well, there are many conservation groups that are near and dear to us: Mara-Meru Cheetah Conservation, Jane Goodall Chimp Research in Gombe Stream, Wildlife SOS in India, Friends of the Galapagos and Tikki Hywood Trust, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit, Big Life to name a few. We do indeed walk the talk . . .

Our goal is to give our guests an experience they won't ever forget – from dancing with the Maasai in East Africa to walking within feet of gentlemanly bull elephants in Southern Africa to listening for the Langur Monkey's alarm call fleshing out an endangered tiger in India to photographing and observing the many species that live in our great world.

To book your safari please contact Nature Encounters Tours & Travel

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IT BECOMES A PART OF YOU”**