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7-NIGHT INTO ZIMBABWE ITINERARY

Victoria Falls | Hwange | Matopos

An exciting journey into Zimbabwe, this safari will take you into some of the country's best-known safari areas, and expose you to its diverse wildlife and rich cultural and historical heritage. The itinerary combines an interesting mix of accommodation including tented camps and beautiful lodges. Guests can look forward to seeing the famous World Wonder - Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park – a pristine Big-Five wildlife sanctuary, and Matobo National Park – famous for its stunning rock formations, bushman caves and fascinating historical and cultural sites including Rhodes' Grave. In all this is a well-rounded safari packed with highlights that is sure to have guests falling in love with 'God's Country' and eager to return!

ITINERARY OVERVIEW (reversible for safaris booked as private date safaris)

ARRIVAL Victoria Falls Airport

2 nights Victoria Falls, Ursula Camp, 3* thatched chalets on private big-five safari concession, just 10 minutes from Victoria Falls town (upgrade available on request)

3 nights Hwange, Forever African Safaris luxury mobile tented camp, National Parks camp sites

2 nights Matopos, Rowallan semi-permanent luxury tented camp

DEPARTURE Bulawayo airport

**2015 SET DEPARTURE DATES

(Departing Victoria Falls, finishing Bulawayo)

- ❖ 11 May 2015 (green season)
- ❖ 17 August 2015
- ❖ 14 September 2015
- ❖ 12 October 2015

RATES

See rates sheet for details.

RECOMMENDED SAFARI EXTENTIONS

For guests looking to explore deeper into Zimbabwe, we offer two different packages to add on to the 7-night itinerary:

1. 1 night Masvingo (Great Zimbabwe) – 3 nights Gonarezhou – 1 night Harare – Dep HRE (an additional 5 nights)
2. 1 night Harare - 3 nights Mana Pools – 2 nights Matusadona – DEP Harare (an additional 7 nights)

Guests can also combine Extensions 1 & 2 for a 17-night itinerary.

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DETAILED ITINERARY – 7 night safari 'into Zimbabwe' Itinerary

Day 1 – ARRIVE VICTORIA FALLS

Guests arriving at Victoria Falls airport will be met by a representative of the vehicle transfer company/lodge shuttle service. The representative will be holding an identity board and will greet the guests and assist in getting luggage loaded etc. for transfer to the lodge. Once loaded up, guests are transferred to their Victoria Falls accommodation for two special nights at the World Wonder! After checking in at the lodge guests are invited to join the scheduled activity at approximately 16h00 - the Sundowner Cruise on the Zambezi where soft drinks, alcoholic beverages and light snacks are served. After the activity guests can return by vehicle transfer to their lodge where dinner awaits!

Day 2 – VICTORIA FALLS

Today is the day to view the spectacular Victoria Falls and guests will need approximately 2-4 hours to see the World Wonder from all angles. Be prepared to get wet! Guests are advised to bring a light raincoat or purchase/hire one at the Falls (cost for own account).

After your tour of the Falls the day is your own. There is much to do – and guests can choose to tour the Crocodile Farm, tour the curio market for art and African memorabilia or take advantage of any of the other activities on offer in the Falls – see some suggestions are below. These additional activities are for your own account. Guests should note this itinerary includes one scheduled return transfer to town each day. If you are not making use of this scheduled transfer, you will need to arrange your own transfer at your own cost. Transfers to/from town are typically US\$20 per person one way.

Board Basis: *Dinner at your lodge is included but please remember that the bar will be for your own account. National Parks fees are covered for the stated activities. Additional activities and related transfers & Parks fees are for your own account.*

Day 3 (to Day 5) – HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Today we leave the beautiful Falls to journey to the wilds of Hwange! After an early breakfast at 7am, you have time to pack up and prepare to meet your transfer vehicle at your lodge at approximately 10am to load up and head off on the 2.5-hour drive to Hwange National Park. On your drive we will serve bottled water for you. Your Professional Guide will be at the Boom Gate to meet you and help you check into the Park after which he'll load up the 4x4 vehicles and take you on a leisurely game drive to your next accommodation – the Luxury Mobile Tented Camp!

Your en-suite East-African A-frame tent is your home for the next 3 nights and it is intended to be exhilarating experience where there are no walls to impair your sense of nature or the beautiful sights and sounds of the bushveld! Whilst close to nature there is no need to feel exposed – although you are in a camp setting great care has been taken to ensure your every comfort and safety. A warm and friendly, professional team are there to be of service to you and ensure you are well looked after.

One of the feature highlights of the mobile tented & walking safari is the freedom to enjoy each day without a set routine. Your guide will talk with you as a group and will plan each day around the group's preferences. This means you can do as much or as little game driving & bush walking as you wish, or just sit around at the waterholes or relax in camp. It is YOUR safari – and we'll tailor it to YOU. Whilst we don't impose any set routine, a typical day on safari in Hwange might go something like this:

6h00:	Early morning wake-up call with tea and coffee and a light breakfast at fireside
6h30:	First game drive of the day – good time to catch the cats before they retire to some shade for the day
11h00:	Brunch in Camp – a hearty full breakfast plus extras, after an invigorating morning out-and-about
13h30-15h00:	Siesta Time! – take some time to relax and soak up the tranquility that comes with being out in the middle of nowhere!
15h00:	High Tea – A great tradition on safari and a great excuse to eat more!
15h30:	Afternoon game drive with sundowners – competition for water in Hwange is high and when the thirsty herds venture down to drink, so will we!
19h00:	Dinner in Camp, followed by drinks around the fire, with story-telling, star-gazing, and just listening to the calls of the wild in the night!

We will often choose one day to go on an all-day drive, to see different parts of the Park – but it is up to you.

Board Basis: *Full board & bar (local beverages & alcohol), all activities (game drives & bush walks), National Parks fees & services of your guide and game drive vehicle. * Excludes Daily Conservation Fee of US\$10 per person per day payable direct.*

On the day of departure, instead of brunch, you may enjoy an earlier breakfast together with your guide, before packing up and heading out on the game drive to the Boom Gate to meet your transfer to Matobo National Park. Pick Up at the boom gate will be approximately 12pm for arrival in Matopos approximately 4pm.



Day 6 & Day 7 – MATOBO NATIONAL PARK

Tonight you will be staying at Rowallan Tented Camp in the North of Matobo National Park! Rowallan offers a semi-permanent tented camp on a private concession in a beautiful setting nestled beneath a large whaleback granite rock. On the day of your arrival you will have time to check in and settle into your camp and perhaps enjoy some high tea treats and later a sumptuous dinner served in the main area from around 19h00.

During your stay at Rowallan the activities for you to enjoy include game drives, tracking white rhino on foot, touring some well-preserved bushman caves with beautiful cave paintings, touring a local village, as well as visiting Rhodes Grave where your guide will give you insights into the fascinating history of this area (all activities are time-permitting).

On the morning of departure, after an early breakfast, your transfer vehicle will take you to the airport/Bulawayo in time for your onward travel connections.

Board Basis: Full board & bar (local beverages & alcohol) all activities (game drives & bush walks), National Parks fees & services of your guide and game drive vehicle. Scheduled activities include tour of Rhodes Grave. Shuttle from Matopos to Airport included. *Excludes Monument fees for Rhodes Grave US\$10 per/person payable direct.

----End of Itinerary----

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Single Supplements

Single supplements (by request) are charged at an additional 35% to the rack rate.

Children

Children under 12 years of age are discounted 10% of the adult rate. Families with more than one child may qualify for additional discount. Children under the age of 16 years are not permitted to join 'walking safaris' on long distance walks in the bush. Children may walk in the bush on shorter walks at their guide's discretion. Children younger than 12 years of age are not permitted to walk except very short field walks in and around camp / vehicle. The guide will only walk with children under the age of 16 years IF he deems it safe to do so.

Group Capacity

MINIMUM 2 GUESTS | MAXIMUM 12 GUESTS

Set Departures

The set departures are mixed group safaris. Independent date safaris are exclusive to groups of 4 guests or more.

Private Guiding

The set date safari is private guided throughout, except in Victoria Falls. The private guide will meet the group in Hwange and will transfer with them to Matopos and guide them in Matopos. **NB - Private date safaris do not include the services of a private guide.** Guests meet their guide in Hwange, and may be guided by a different guide in Matopos. A private guide for private date safaris is quoted on request.

Package Includes

15%Vat & 2% Gov levy

Vehicle Transfers

All road transfers between stated camps (as per itinerary above)

Airport shuttles (1 return airport shuttle Matopos – BYO airport; 1 airport shuttle from Victoria Falls airport to Ursula camp)

1 return transfer per person per day for STATED activities in Victoria Falls

Private Guiding

Private Guiding included for this 7-night SET DATE DEPARTURE (i.e. same guide escorts the safari throughout).

Activities

Hwange – National Parks fees, all game drives & bush walks. *Excludes conservation fees US\$10 p/p/day payable direct*

Matopos – National Parks fees, all game drives & bush walks, rhino tracking, tour of cultural village, tour of bushman caves, tour of Cecil John Rhodes Grave at Worlds View. *Excludes Rhode monument fee US\$10 per/person payable direct*

Victoria Falls – Sundowner cruise, tour of Victoria Falls Rain Forest (National Parks fees are included for these activities only)

Board & meals

Hwange - Full Board (includes all meals, soft drinks, local alcoholic beverages, but excludes premium brands)

Matopos - Full Board (includes all meals, soft drinks, local alcoholic beverages, but excludes premium brands)

Victoria Falls - Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, bar for own account

Transfers - Bottled water served on all vehicle transfers and light snacks on longer transfers

Special Notice

Lodges

This itinerary is based on availability of Ursula Camp in Victoria Falls. We hold the right to book a similar 3* lodge (or better) where necessary. Where possible big groups are booked in at the same lodge in Victoria Falls but may be split on account of availability where necessary.

Families with Children

Whilst families with children are welcome for independent date safaris, we will not mix families with children with other adult groups on the set date departures unless by general consent. Children under 12 years of age are not permitted to go on walking safaris, and are limited to short walks. Guides MAY prohibit children under 16 from participating in a walking safari in the interests of safety for the children.

Bookings

Safaris are reserved upon receipt of a non-refundable 20% deposit of the total invoice amount. The safari is confirmed, i.e. departure is confirmed on receipt of the full invoice no later than 61 days prior to the safari start date.

Cancellation & Forfeit

Forever African Safaris reserves right to cancel departures for any guest whose full payment is not received on or before the final deadline at 61 days prior to the date of commencement of the safari. Forever African Safaris reserves the right to adjust the price of its safari packages on account of increases beyond our control such as fuel price, National Parks / Government levies. Forever African Safaris will not be held responsible for cancellations arising from delays/changes in international / charter flight times & bookings and we strongly recommend that guests take out adequate travel insurance to cover the cost of the safari in this event.

- 20% deposit required to secure the safari dates is immediately non-refundable
- 75% of the invoice is non-refundable for cancellation falling between 40 – 59 days ahead of the safari start date
- 90% of the value of the total invoice is non-refundable for cancellation falling between 0 – 39 days ahead of the safari start date
- Forever African Safaris will not take responsibility for cancellations arising from circumstances beyond our control such as (but not limited to) flight cancellation. We strongly recommend that all guests secure comprehensive travel insurance ahead of their travels.

Abbreviation Key

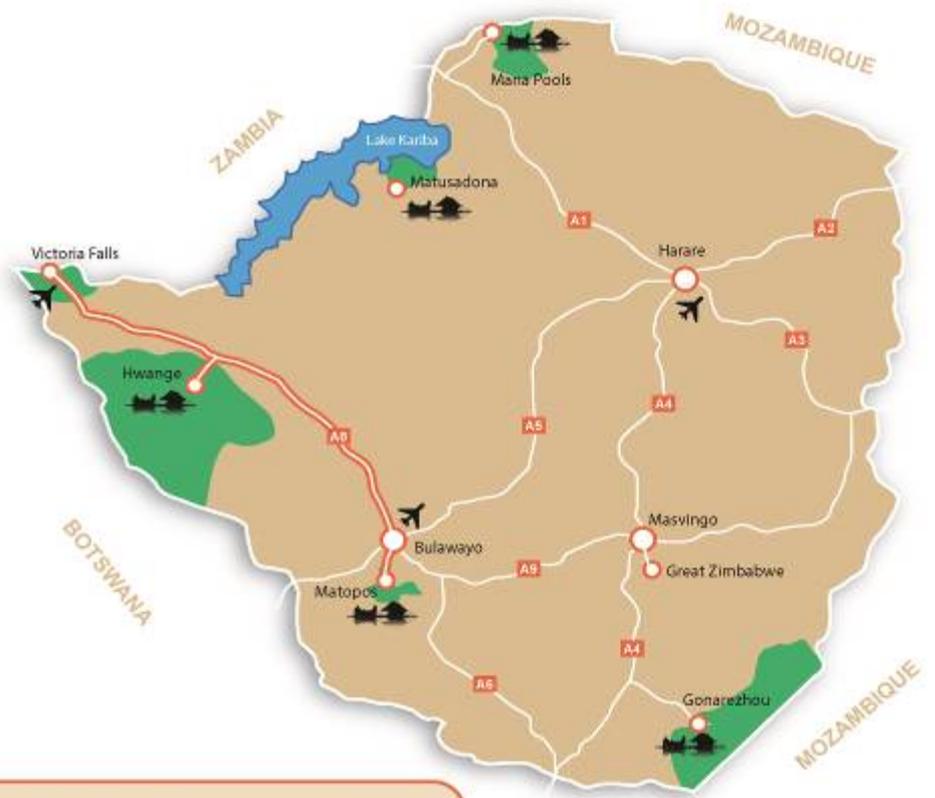
B&B = Bed and Breakfast

DBB = Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB = Full Board

Cash Bar = drinks at own expense





'INTO ZIMBABWE'
7 Night Package
VF - HWANGE - MATOPOS - BYO

Mode of travel:

Travel time: VF - HW 2.30 hrs
 Travel time: HW - MATOPOS 4.00 hrs
 Travel time: MATOPOS - BYO 40 min

(upgrade to charter flight on request)

'GENERAL INFORMATION'
Air Zim Flight Connection

HRE - BYO	- Dep 07h00 / 18h00 - 45 min flight (Weekdays only)
BYO - HRE	- Dep 08h15 - 45 min flight (Weekdays only)
VFA - BYO	- Dep 16h00 - 45 min flight (Sundays only)
BYO - VFA	- Dep 08h15 via HRE Arr 10h30 (Sundays only)

