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11-NIGHT 'ZIMBABWE EXPLORER' ITINERARY

Victoria Falls | Hwange | Matopos | Harare | Matusadona | Harare
PRIVATE GUIDED SAFARI FOR SET DATE DEPARTURES ONLY

NB - Reference to private guiding only applicable to guests participating in set date departures. Free date departures are not private guided unless upgraded as such.

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 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. We'll also stop over in the country's capital city, Harare and then enjoy 2 incredible nights in the Matusadona, at Musango lodge on the shores of Lake Kariba. In all – an adventure-packed safari sure to leave you with a passion for 'God's Country' and bushveld memories to last a lifetime!

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

ARRIVE Victoria Falls Airport
2 nights Victoria Falls, Ursula Camp, 3* thatched chalets on private big-five 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, Rowellan semi-permanent luxury tented camp
1 night Masvingo
1 night Harare,
2 nights Matusadona, Musango Safari Camp
DEPART Harare Airport

**2015 SET DEPARTURE DATES

(Departing Victoria Falls, finishing Harare)

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

RATES

See Rates sheet for details.

RECOMMENDED SAFARI EXTENSIONS

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

1. **ADD ON GONAREZHOU:** Vehicle transfer Masvingo to Gonarezhou; Vehicle Transfer Gonarezhou; 3 nights luxury mobile tented camp; vehicle transfer Harare (additional 3 nights) - 14 night safari
2. **ADD ON MANA POOLS:** Charter Harare - Mana Pools; 3 nights Mana Pools adventure mobile tented camp (with dome tents en-suite); charter Mana/Harare (additional 3 nights) - 14 night safari

Guests can also combine Extensions 1 & 2 for the 17-night itinerary "Magnificent Mobile".

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DETAILED ITINERARY – 11 night safari 'into Zimbabwe' Itinerary

Day 1 – ARRIVE VICTORIA FALLS

We're welcoming you to the World Wonder – the 'Smoke that Thunders' – the World Heritage site, 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 1 - 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 Croc 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.

Today we have to leave the beautiful Victoria Falls. 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.

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 - 6) – HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Hwange is Zimbabwe's largest National Park, covering an area of over 14,500 square kilometres – almost the size of Belgium. The Park is renowned for its vast elephant population (estimated to be over 40,000 in peak season). It boasts a fascinating diversity of fauna and flora, and one of the widest variety of large mammals in the world.

On arrival, your Professional Guide will help you check into the Park after which he'll load up the cruisers and take you on a leisurely game drive to your next accommodation for a true African adventure – the Luxury Mobile Tented Camp!

Your 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. *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, place of balancing rocks! Discover the fascinating history hidden in Matobo's hills...Once home to bushmen, Matobo's caves bear testimony of their ancient inhabitants; battle grounds and colonial graves whisper the story of a turbulent past...

Matopos is famous for its stunning rock formations and giant granite whaleback rocks. Rowallan, nestled beneath one such feature, offers a semi-permanent tented camp on a private concession in a beautiful bush setting. On the day of your arrival you will have time to check in and settle into your tented home and perhaps enjoy some high tea treats before your afternoon activity. Later we'll enjoy a sumptuous dinner served in the main area from around 19h00 and then drinks around a roaring fire.

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 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 Masvingo to see the Great Zimbabwe Ruins.

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. * National monument fee of US\$10 per/person payable direct, for Rhodes Grave visit.

Day 8 & 9 – GREAT ZIMBABWE, MASVINGO

After an early breakfast we head out on a 3-hour drive to Masvingo to see the Ancient City. Believed to be constructed in the 11th through to the 14th century the Ancient City spans 722 hectares and at its peak could have housed up to 18,000 people. Today it is a World Heritage site and a popular tourist attraction, with its massive curving walls, constructed from millions of granite blocks fitted together without mortar. It remains the largest ancient stone structure in sub Saharan Africa.

We'll be staying at Norma Jeane's - a very comfortable, owner managed, owner run 2* Bed & Breakfast. Everyone who comes to Masvingo stays here to enjoy its homely, cottage style charm and to be just a short drive away from the Ancient City! After check in guests can purchase a light lunch before convening for their transfer and a guided tour of the Monument.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast. Lunch approximately US\$20 per person, Dinner approximately US\$25 per person. Cash bar. Tour of Monument included. * National monument fee of US\$10 per/person payable direct

Day 9 & 10 - HARARE

Today we leave for the capital city, Harare! Formerly called Salisbury until 1982, Harare is the country's seat of government and largest city. There is much to do in Harare, with various museums, art galleries and historical & cultural highlights to enjoy. We'll just be overnighing at a comfortable Bed & Breakfast ahead of our flight to Matusadona tomorrow so we won't get much time to look at the city's attractions but you may well get to enjoy the sights and sounds of Harare ahead of your departure flight on return from Matusadona.

Let's not dwell on leaving just yet though... its time to anticipate the magnificent expanse of Lake Kariba and water wildlife that we'll get to see tomorrow!

On the day of departure from Harare you can enjoy a full breakfast before check out at approximately 10am, after which we will transfer to the airport to board a light aircraft to Matusadona, where we'll stay for two blissful nights on the shores of Lake Kariba, listening to the hippos 'guffaw' from the water, and Fish Eagles cry from the skies!

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast. Lunch approximately US\$20 and dinner approximately US\$35 per person. Cash bar. Airport shuttle from B&B to Harare airport included.

Day 10 – 12 - MATUSADONA

The flight time is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes (depending on the size of aircraft we use) and you should get a great first view of the lake from the sky as we fly over! Once we land (usually at Bumi Hills airstrip), we will transfer to the lakeside and board a boat for a short transfer (20 minutes) across the bay to Musango – our luxury lodging whilst on the shores of Lake Kariba. Musango will provide lunch right after check in, and then we can look forward to the afternoon activities! Each day the guides will talk with the guests and decide on the activities for that day. All your game drives and bush walks are included and even a sunset cruise! Activities may include fishing, game drives, game cruises, bush walking and cultural trips.

Board Basis: Full board and all activities, cash bar. NOTE – NATIONAL PARKS FEES ARE NOT INCLUDED (currently approximately US\$15 per person per day).

Day 12 - HARARE

Today we must leave the bushveld behind and return to normality . . . but hopefully changed forever within - carrying with us the spirit of adventure – the call of the wild to return someday - and bushveld memories to last for all time.

After breakfast, we'll pack up and board our boat transfer back to Bumi airstrip to fly out on the light aircraft back to Harare international airport in time for your international flight connections or onward travel arrangements. We expect to arrive in Harare by 14h00. It may be necessary for guests to book a night in Harare to connect to morning departures out of Harare.

----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 (up to 60 guests by arrangement)

Set Departures

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

Guides & Game Drive Vehicles

Guide and game drive vehicle included in all wildlife areas for activities. Upgrade to include services of a *private guide* (see below)* available for private date safaris.

***Private Guiding**

Private Guiding included for SET DATE DEPARTURES (i.e. same guide escorts the safari throughout).

Package Includes

15% Vat & 2 % Gov levy

Vehicle Transfers

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

Airport shuttles (1 airport shuttle from Victoria Falls airport to Victoria Falls accommodation; 1 airport shuttle accommodation to private charter in Harare)

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

Flights

Return flight to Matusadona in a light aircraft, this is a scheduled flight & not a private charter. *Departure tax Harare airport US\$15 per/person payable direct for 2014. Max luggage 15kgs in light bags

Activities

Victoria Falls – Sundowner cruise, tour of Victoria Falls Rain Forest (National Parks fees are included for these activities only). One return shuttle to town per day. **Extra shuttles at approximately US\$20 per person one way.**

Hwange – National Parks fees, all game drives & bush walks * *Conservation fee of 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. * *National monument fee of US\$10 per/person payable for Rhodes Graves entry.*

Masvingo – Tour of Great Zimbabwe ruins. * *National monument fee of US\$10 per/person payable direct.*

Harare – no activities included

Matusadona – All activities. NATIONAL PARKS FEES NOT INCLUDED. Approximately US\$15 per person per day. *No conservation fee applies only parks fees.*

Board basis

Victoria Falls – DBB, lunch and bar for own account

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)

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

Masvingo – B&B, lunch, dinner and bar for own account.

Harare – B&B, lunch, dinner and bar for own account.

Matusadona – FB – cash bar.

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 / Govt 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

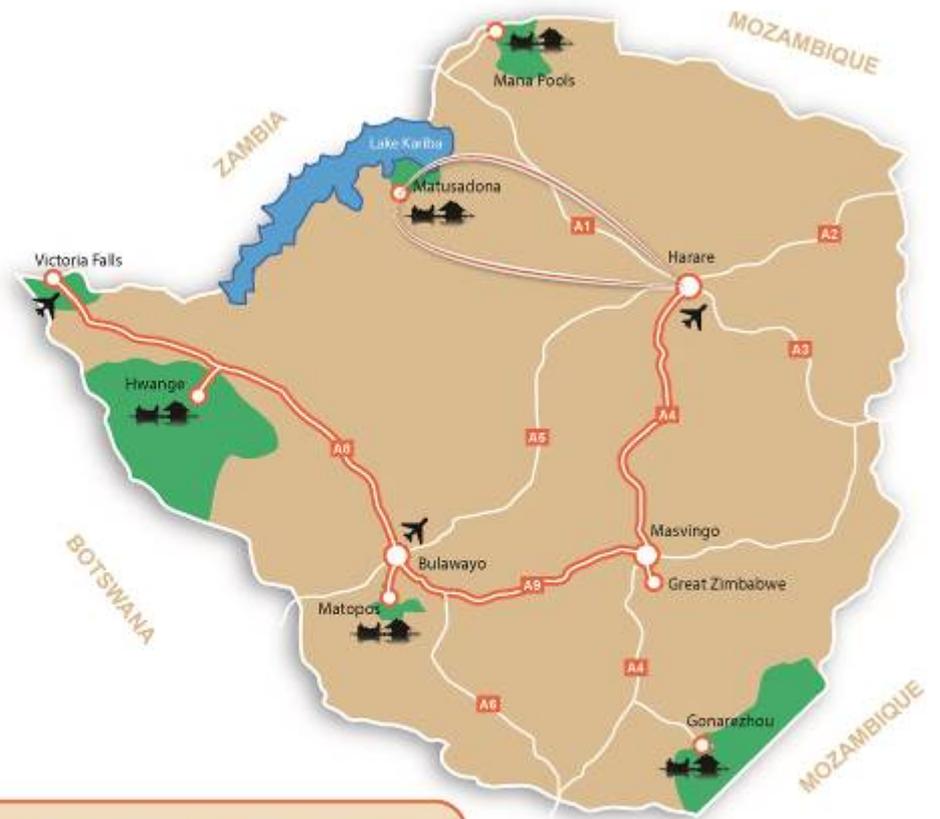
B&B = Bed and Breakfast

DBB = Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB = Full Board

Cash Bar = drinks at own expense





'ZIMBABWE EXPLORER'
11 Night Package
VF - HWANGE - MATOPOS - MASVINGO
HARARE - MATUSADONA - HARARE

Mode of travel:
 Travel time: VF - HW 2.30 hrs
 Travel time: HW - MATOPS 4.00 hrs
 Travel time: MATOPS - MVGO 3.30 hrs
 Travel time: MVGO - HRE 5.30 hrs

Mode of travel:
 Travel time: HRE - MATUS 1.45 hrs
 Travel time: MATUS - HRE 1.45 hrs

(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)

