

# 2015 Africa Photo Safari

to

# **Zimbabwe**

with

# STUART DANKS & MATT ANDERSON 17 – 26 August or AUGUST 29 – 7 September

Join **Simply Africa**'s Stuart Danks, and **Viewfinder Center**'s Matt Anderson, for an unforgettable 10-day photography safari through the diverse and rugged landscape of western Zimbabwe. Our trip takes us through the stone hills of the Matopos, and into vast Hwange National Park - a mecca for big game photography. No trip to Zimbabwe would be complete without visiting the Victoria Falls – the largest waterfall in the world so that is our third stop. Four well-appointed safari lodges provide us with luxurious base camps and fantastic meals throughout our journey. This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that you won't want to miss!

# **Our Experts**

# Stuart Danks

a certified professional safari guide who grew up in Zimbabwe, uses his local knowledge to make sure our group is in the right place at the right time, and keeps a close eye on our safety.

### **Matt Anderson**

a professional photographer and photography instructor, prepares you for the photographic challenges that await, and provides you with technique coaching along the way.



You will have several opportunities throughout the week to download your images and receive direct feedback on composition and camera technique. Think of this workshop as equal parts African adventure, personal photography instruction, high-end accommodations – all within a friendly, small group atmosphere. Refreshing sundowners await you at the end of each day out!



Camp Amalinda, just one of the luxury camps on our 10-day photographic Zimbabwe safari

## Safari Overview



2014 - with endangered white rhino - Matopos

## **Matopos Hills**

On the southern leg of our trip we'll base out of the rustic yet luxurious **Camp Amalinda** (two nights) as we explore the magical rock landscape of the Matopos National Park, do an early morning rhino walk, and visit the magnificent 'World's View', where the Right Honourable Cecil John Rhodes was laid to rest. If time allows, we'll visit the Silozwane cave where ancient Bushman cave paintings decorate the granite walls.



Elephant - Masuma Pan Hwange Park

## **Hwange National Park**

The middle leg of our trip is spent in Hwange National Park - Zimbabwe's largest game reserve and a wildlife mecca. Two of the following three luxury safari camps, **Camp Hwange**, **Davison's Camp** and **Little Makalolo** will serve as our basecamps (five nights), allowing us to explore and photograph this vast wildlife reserve from two different locations. Stuart will take us to his favorite waterholes where we can see big game such as elephant, giraffe, kudu, wildebeest, zebra, hippo, cats, and beautiful birdlife.



2014 - Victoria Falls - waiting for sunrise

### Victoria Falls

The northern leg of our trip is equal parts enjoyment and relaxation. Based out of the luxurious yet vibrant **Victoria Falls Safari Lodge** (two nights), we'll visit the world's largest waterfall from the ground, and from the air too if you wish. There's no better way to enjoy the Zambezi River than a sunset cruise on the Zambezi Explorer. Do some gift shopping, visit the spa or simply relax and take in the landscape from the Safari Lodge's viewing deck — Matt's favourite place to do a bit of laptop photo editing!

## Safari Details

Safari 1 Aug 17 – Aug 26, 2015, starting in Bulawayo and ending in Victoria Falls.

Safari 2 Aug 29 – Sep 7, 2015, starting in Victoria Falls and ending in Bulawayo.

**Location Zimbabwe, Southern Africa.** See map below.

Accommodations Camp Amalinda, Ivory Lodge, Camp Hwange, Davison's/Litte Makalolo Camps, and Victoria Falls Safari Lodge.

**Trip Format** Fun and casual hands-on learning with the help of a professional photographer and experienced photography teacher.

**Experience Level** Open to all levels. Foundational photography skills such as those covered in Viewfinder's popular dSLR 1-2-3 Series for Beginners is recommended.

**Equipment** We recommend a digital SLR camera (and backup camera). Lenses covering wide angle to telephoto (preferably up to 300mm or 400mm), a laptop for downloading (optional), extra camera batteries, extra memory cards and a camera backpack to carry your gear.

**Group Size** Minimum of 5 participants, maximum of 9.

**Trip Leaders** Matt Anderson – Pro Photographer - and Stuart Danks – Pro Guide.

Safari Fee USD7750 (double occupancy) or USD8550 (single occupancy). Fee includes 9 nights accommodation with meals, all guiding fees, photography tuition, guiding, transport costs and park entrance fees. Airfare, visas, beverages and spa visits are not included. A USD \$2000 deposit is required to hold your space. The remaining balance is due three months before your trip.

