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OUR UNIQUE ZIMBABWE SAFARI 12 nights

Our **Unique Zimbabwe Safari** begins up North, in the Mana Pools National Park, on the mighty Zambezi River, and ends in the West, at the magnificent Victoria Falls. This journey traces part of the course of the 2700 km Zambezi, showing you dramatically different aspects of beautiful Zimbabwe – rivers, rapids, lakes and waterfalls, floodplains, forests, hills, savanna and amazing wildlife. You stay in authentic tented camps and thatched lodges. Your journeys between locations are adventures in themselves. You are flown in a light aircraft, for a bird's eye view, and driven overland through interesting countryside. All arrangements are made for you – you just relax and enjoy the scenery, people and wildlife!

First you experience the river and floodplain from its banks in the exclusive **Ruckomechi Camp** in **Mana Pools National Park** – a World Heritage Site. This is a riverine wildlife experience - river, huge trees, inland pools and abundant wildlife.

Next you travel West - upstream - by light aircraft to the giant **Kariba Dam**, one of the largest man made lakes in the world. Here you stay in **Changa Camp** in an exclusive concession on the shoreline of the **Matusodona Game Park**.

Thereafter, you fly further West, up river to **Victoria Falls** - one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Here you stay in the vibrant **Victoria Falls Safari Lodge**, just outside the village, where you can still view game down at the private waterhole from your balcony, the pool deck, the Ma-kuwa-kuwa Restaurant or the Buffalo Bar. Adrenalin junkies can get their fix in the 'Adventure Capital of Africa', and those who prefer to relax can indulge themselves here too. There is something for everyone in and around Mosi-au-Tunya – 'The Smoke that Thunders' – as the falls are known to the local Makalolo tribe.

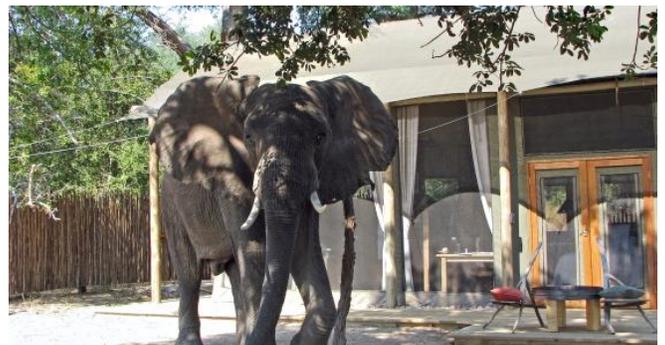
Your fourth fabulous stay is at **The Hide Safari Lodge** in **Hwange National Park**, famous for its incredible variety of mammal species and enormous elephants. This special safari lodge is situated in the tree line on the edge of a vlei, with its own private hide and waterhole. You reach The Hide by road, travelling South from Victoria Falls, through communal lands and past traditional villages and into the Park. You return to Victoria Falls Airport to begin your journey home.

Here is a brief description of the safari.

RUCKOMECHI CAMP – MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK, LOWER ZAMBEZI

Three nights - rate includes meals, drinks, laundry and activities, and air transfer from Harare to Ruckomechi – 1h30.

*You are collected at Harare Airport and transported by light aircraft to **Ruckomechi Camp**. Ruckomechi is situated on the banks of the wide Zambezi River, which forms the natural border between Zimbabwe and Zambia. It is a much loved, totally private camp on the Western side of the **Mana Pools National Park**. The park lies in the flood plain of the Zambezi, and you look across the river into the beautiful hazy blue hills of the Zambian escarpment. This stunning area supports an abundance of wildlife and the scenery is unique. You may have seen the iconic images of elephants amongst the termite mounds, in the ghostly Acacia forests, standing on their hind legs and stretching out their trunks to reach the fruit. Here you will encounter the first of many Hippos, the Nile Crocodile and hear the haunting cry of the Fish Eagle.*



Ruckomechi Visitor

🦁 CHANGA SAFARI CAMP, MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK, LAKE KARIBA

Four nights - rate includes meals, drinks, laundry and three activities per day.

***Changa Safari Camp** is an eight-tented lodge, superbly located on a private concession on the shores of **Lake Kariba**, with almost 4,5km of exclusive lake frontage. It has been established by the same family who built *The Hide*, one of Zimbabwe's most successful safari lodges, and one we include on most itineraries to Hwange. The lovely furnishings are locally designed and made. The views from the pool and private decks are onto the lake and the rugged mountains of the **Matusadona National Park**. The varying woodland, grass and water habitats create a wonderful water wilderness. Activities include game viewing on land and on water, guided walks and fishing.*



View from the Pool

🦁 VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE – VICTORIA FALLS

Three nights on a half-board basis (bed & breakfast and two dinners). Also included are a guided Falls Tour, a Sunset Cruise, road transfer to the airport (30m), and air transfer to from Fothergill to Victoria Falls (1h45). Excluded are Parks Fees, drinks, lunches and laundry. Dinners are in The Boma and Ma-Kuwa-Kuwa Restaurants.

***Victoria Falls Safari Lodge** is just outside the village of **Victoria Falls**, within view of the Zambezi. It overlooks its own waterhole, visible from your room, the Buffalo Bar and Terrace, and the open-sided Ma-kuwa-Kuwa Restaurant. The Boma offers a traditional feast, dancing and drumming. The Vulture Restaurant (for carrion eaters only!) offers wonderful close up viewing of Vultures, Marabou Storks, Eagles, Kites and Jackals. The Sunset Cruise on the mighty Zambezi is a relaxed trip among palm filled islands. You will see Hippo, water birds, and probably Crocodile and Elephant too. Many other exciting activities are available – above, below or over the Falls - White Water Rafting, Bungee Jumping, Gorge Swing, Zip Line, Bridge Walk, Helicopter trips and shopping for mementos in the markets – see www.simplyafrica.ch.*



Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

🦁 THE HIDE SAFARI LODGE - HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Three nights includes meals, drinks and activities, and road transfer Victoria Falls, Hwange, Victoria Falls airport – 3h.

*You now turn inland, away from the waters of the Zambezi, and are taken by road to **Hwange Game Park** and **The Hide Safari Lodge** – an interesting journey. This family owned lodge is on a private concession bordering the Park, so you are able to go on night drives too. It has won 'Best Safari Lodge in Zimbabwe' several times. Hwange is half the size of Belgium and notable for its diverse habitats and abundant wildlife, including Elephant, Rhino, Lion and the endangered Painted Hunting Dog. All tents enjoy a view over the private waterhole. The friendly guides have hosted clients at *The Hide* for years, know the park inside out, and ensure you have a fascinating experience.*



View from a Tent at The Hide

* Rates differ according to the seasons. Contact us for an itinerary and quote tailor-made to your interests and budget.