

NAME: ZIMBABWE MAGIC with CHOBE DAY TRIP

LENGTH: 7 DAYS

CATEGORY: DEPARTURE on any date, may join group for activities

COMFORT: DELUXE

PLACES/PARKS: Victoria Falls, Chobe NP, Hwange NP



Day 1 – Arrive VFA TBA, meet with driver for transfer to accommodation for check in. You will be collected again at 1530h for transfer to Shearwater Jetty to join a magnificent 2hr sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River (US\$10pp park entrance fee payable directly). Relax with a sundowner and snacks as you gaze out onto the banks of the river. Have your camera ready to capture one of the most amazing sunsets in Africa. You'll be sure to spot wildlife animals as they come down to the river for a drink after a hot day in the Zambezi National Park (Zimbabwe) and the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park (Zambia). Sightings of elephant, giraffe and other resident game are common. There's always an abundance of hippos and crocodiles. Birdlife is superb and the Africa Fish Eagles will usually fill the scene with their calls.

Return to Shearwater Jetty for pick up and transfer back to lodge for overnight. BAYETE GUEST LODGE (no meals)

Day 2 – 0800h, pick up and transfer to Victoria Falls NP entrance to meet with your guide for a walking tour to a view of the Victoria Falls is something you will never forget. Visit the Big Tree, Elephant Walk and browse the artist village nearby. Discover how the Falls were formed and what local customs and traditions surround them. These tours are extremely informative and end with a visit to the local art and crafts centre before heading to Three Monkeys or the Lookout Café where you can order your lunch with a view (lunch payable directly). Return to the lodge for short rest and freshen up.

Victoria Falls is one of the world's most impressive waterfalls. It is set on the magnificent Zambezi River which creates the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. These spectacular falls can be easily visited and viewed from the Zimbabwean side. Considered to be the world's widest waterfalls, Victoria Falls measures an impressive 1708 metres in width. The small town of Victoria Falls, which lies adjacent to the waterfalls, serves as a great base from which to explore the many attractions this area of Zimbabwe has to offer.

1500h, pick up and transfer to Shearwater Victoria Falls traditional village. Visitors should prepare to be amazed as they enter a different world, where a way of life continues as it has done for centuries, enabling them to go back in time. Guests are taken to an authentic African village approximately 20km from Victoria Falls town, where they are given the opportunity to watch local villagers going about their daily tasks. The tour enables visitors to see tribal life firsthand, visit rural homes, watch their fields being tended and possibly get the chance to help in some of the day-to-day chores. Return to lodge for overnight. BAYETE GUEST LODGE (Breakfast)

Day 3 – 0730h, pick up and transfer to the Kazungula border post for a spectacular Chobe NP day trip, the home of the world's largest elephant population. The game cruise on the Chobe River brings you

close to brilliant bird life, pods of wallowing hippos, primeval crocodiles and elephants in their sheer number. The afternoon land-based safari heads deeper into the park to spot the elusive big cats that call Chobe their home. Return back across the border and to your accommodation for freshen up.

1845h, pick up and transfer to The Boma. This is a “must do” Victoria Falls dining and entertainment experience, specializing in traditional African food, drumming and dancing. The food is cooked and served in the style and quantity of a lavish feast, including irresistible desserts.

On arrival, you are dressed in a chitenge (traditional sarong) and welcomed into a vibrant atmosphere in which the tantalizing aromas of local dishes and game meat on the braai (barbecue) fill the restaurant, which is partially open to the star-filled African sky. Your meal begins with a mouth-watering platter of starters whilst the buffet includes soup from the campfire, a range of salads, game meat cooked on a braai (barbecue), followed by desserts. Vegetarian options are also available, as well as local dishes such as peanut butter spinach.

You can also look forward to outstanding performances by traditional singers and dancers and enjoy an energizing interactive drumming show. A face painter, storyteller, hair braider and fortune teller also form part of this festive evening. Return to lodge for overnight. BAYETE GUEST LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 – 0900h, pick up and transfer to Deteema, western Hwange NP. Arrive for check in, orientation and lunch. Deteema Springs Camp was opened in 2019, after the founders of Machaba Safaris saw an opportunity to create an intimate safari camp, in an incredible wildlife area, on a site which is hard to describe. Deteema Springs Camp is located near the Deteema dam in north-western Hwange National Park. This area is famous for its large concentrations of animals, including elephant. Due to the existence of year-round water seeps, this area is ideal for walking and game drives, producing incredible wildlife sightings. Guests have the opportunity to travel on foot or in game vehicles to view this amazing area and also to view from the camp, Africa in its wildest form.

Afternoon game driving and back to camp for dinner and overnight. DETEEMA SPRINGS (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, local drinks and game activities)

Day 5 – The diversity of the vegetation in the western areas of Hwange NP supports a wide range of wildlife such as giraffe, zebra, sable, impala and predators such as leopard, cheetah, wildcat and others. One of the many highlights for many visitors is the sighting of one or more of the endangered rhino. DETEEMA SPRINGS (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, local drinks and game activities)

Day 6 – Morning and afternoon game activities offered by the camp. DETEEMA SPRINGS (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, local drinks and game activities)

Day 7 – Time TBA, pick up and transfer back to Victoria Falls airport for: Depart VFA TBA