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## Victoria Falls, Hwange and Mana Pools – 11 nights / 12 days

### Detailed itinerary

Day 1      Victoria Falls

Upon arrival at the airport you will be met and transferred to the Victoria Falls Hotel. The remainder of the day is free for you to relax and recover from your flight or to head out to explore the town and the stunning waterfalls.

Overnight - Victoria Falls Hotel. B&B



### Victoria Falls Hotel

*Built in 1904, The Victoria Falls Hotel was the very first hotel to be built in Victoria Falls. The hotel exudes original colonial Edwardian charm but recent refurbishments offer guests the modern comforts one would expect from a luxury hotel.*

*The Victoria Falls Hotel perfectly depicts the era of grand travel. The corridors of the hotel reflect the historical link to the era in which it was created with drawings, paintings and photographs of the major political figures of the day adorning the walls.*

*The hotel lies within a vast manicured garden which has an unobscured view of the Victoria Falls bridge and the spray of the Falls. A private path leads guests from the gardens to the entrance of the Victoria Falls rainforest in an easy 10 minute stroll.*

<http://www.victoriafallshotel.co/index.html>

### Day 2                      Victoria Falls

A full day in Victoria Falls. Choose from one of the many optional activities: helicopter flight over the falls, white water rafting, zambezi canoeing. You can even do an elephant ride or a bungy jump.

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## **Day 3**                    **Victoria Falls – Hwange National Park**

After breakfast you will be collected from the hotel and transferred by road to Hwange Main Camp. At Main Camp you will be met by one of the crew from Somalisa Camp who will drive you into the park and on to camp. There's a high probability that you'll do some game watching on the way.



### **Hwange National Park**

*Hwange National Park at 14,500 sq km, is one of Africa's great Parks and is home to over 100 species of mammals, including nineteen large herbivore and eight large carnivore species, and nearly 400 species of birds. Hwange is*

*elephant country and much of the game viewing relates to magnificent opportunities to view these, the largest land mammals, in a completely wild state. Game activities into the park are within a vast exclusive and wild area of the park.*

### **Somalisa Camp**

*An authentic Tented Camp in the Heart of Hwange*

*Set in the heart of Hwange National Park, Somalisa Camp offers guests the perfect blend of old African charm and elegance. Tucked beneath an acacia island along the edge of an ancient seasonal flood plain, this camp has breathtaking views of the savannah plains of the famous Kennedy Vlei line.*

*Activities include guided walks led by passionate guides who will share their knowledge and love of the bush with you, game drives, bird watching, and evening spot lighting. The area provides guests with the opportunity to see a variety of plains game and predators including elephant, kudu, sable, the rare and endangered roan antelope, buffalo, white rhino, lion, leopard, and hyena amongst other wildlife species. In addition, after the first rains, the Kennedy Vlei is scattered with flamboyant colours from the seasonal wild flowers that*



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*emerge during this time of year – making it one of the prettiest areas in Hwange National Park.*

*The décor of Somalisa echoes a bygone era. Its pool and stunning main area with a view of the pan where the game congregates in large herds offers the chance for complete relaxation, whether it be with a cup of tea or a refreshing cocktail. The use of solar lighting ensures your comfort without interfering with the environment and the area's natural surroundings. Somalisa has only six elegantly furnished canvas tents each with en suite bathrooms, flush toilets and romantic alfresco bush showers but plans are currently underway to convert these to running showers. Wide and well-traversed elephant paths connect your room to the lounge and dining areas located at the fore of the camp under a soaring canopy of acacias. Explore Africa the way she was meant to be explored and get close to nature at this stunning and exclusive camp.*

Overnight - Somalisa Camp. Fully Inclusive

## **Day 4 Hwange National Park**

A full day to explore the area around Somalisa Camp.

Overnight - Somalisa Camp. Fully Inclusive

## **Day 5 Hwange National Park – transfer from Somalisa to Bomani Tented Lodge**

After the morning game activity and a hearty brunch it is time to leave Somalisa and transfer across to Bomani Tented Lodge on the eastern edge of the park. You should arrive in time for afternoon tea and then a game drive. This evening, over dinner you have the chance to discuss with your guide your preferences for tomorrow's game activities.







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## **Bomani Tented Lodge**

*This luxurious tented lodge is situated in a private concession of the magnificent Ngamo Plain, on the edge of the remote and unspoilt south eastern corner of Hwange National Park. Bomani is famous for its unique scenery as well as its large herds of elephants and all other animals and birdlife resident in Hwange.*

Overnight – Bomani Tented Lodge. Fully Inclusive

## **Day 6 Hwange National Park**

A full day to discover the magnificent animal life in the Ngamo area of Hwange. One of the highlights of a stay at Bomani is the opportunity to spend an afternoon in The Lookup, an underground hide located by a busy waterhole where you can watch the elephants and other animals come to drink from a ground level viewpoint.

Overnight – Bomani Tented Lodge. Fully Inclusive.



## **Day 7 Flight to Mana Pools National Park**

After the morning game activity return to camp for brunch. The airstrip is only a few hundred metres from the lodge so the transfer for your light aircraft flight to Mana Pools is easy. You will be met upon arrival at the Mana Pools airstrip and transferred through the park to Zambezi Lifestyles camp on the banks of the Zambezi river. As you might expect much of the activity in Mana Pools National Park is focussed on the river and the flood plain.

Overnight - Zambezi Lifestyles. Fully Inclusive

## **Mana Pools National Park**

*Mana Pools National Park is a WORLD HERITAGE SITE, based on its wildness and beauty, together with the wide range of large mammals, over 350 bird species and aquatic wildlife.*

*The name "Mana" means "four" in the local Shona language. This applies to*



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*the four large pools inland from the Zambezi River. These pools are the remnant ox-bow lakes that the Zambezi River carved out thousands of years ago as it changed its course northwards. Hippopotamus, crocodiles and a wide variety of aquatic birds are associated with the pools. "Long Pool", is the largest of the four pools, extending some six kilometres in a west-east direction. This pool has a large population of hippo and crocodiles and is a favourite for the large herds of elephant that come out of the thickly vegetated areas in the south to drink.*

*As one moves northwards towards the Zambezi River from the forests on the Karoo sediments, the vegetation changes to open *Faidherbia albida* woodlands on the old river terraces. This vegetation gives an unique look to the area and a surreal light filters through the trees giving Mana Pools its distinctive cathedral-like atmosphere.*

*Mana Pools is 2,196 square kilometres in extent but is part of the 10,500 square kilometre Parks and Wildlife Estate that runs from the Kariba Dam in the west to the Mozambique border in the east. This large area is without physical boundaries and the wildlife is free to move throughout the area - even northwards across the Zambezi River into Zambia, where there are also large wilderness areas set aside for wildlife conservation.*

## **Zambezi Lifestyles**

*An Exclusive Camp overlooking the majestic Zambezi River*

*The legendary Mana Pools is known for its wildlife rich flood plains and magnificent views of the Zambezi River. The river boasts of some of Africa's most amazing tiger fishing and adventure canoeing safaris, creating the perfect combination of beauty and fun and making this World Heritage site a must-visit national park.*



*Zambezi Life Styles offers one of the best ways to experience Mana Pools on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River. The 10-bedded luxury mobile camp is*





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*set up prior to your arrival near the Zambezi River, providing you with the opportunity to canoe and fish either from the banks or off an island in the middle of the river.*

*One of the main highlights is a game drive along the flood plain in an open 4 x 4 Land Cruiser that takes you into the heart of an Africa dream abounding with the continent's unique animals – eland, elephant, African wild dogs, water buck, big herds of buffalo, kudu, lion and leopard.*



*With 5 twin-bedded tents and en-suite bathroom facilities that include flush toilets and an alfresco hot bucket shower, the camp gives "Glamping" a new definition by virtue of its detailed furnishings that include 12 volt lighting and charging facilities for cameras. A well serviced mess tent with a dining and seating area forms part of the camp.*



## **Days 8 & 9**

### **Mana Pools National Park**

With 2 full days to explore this exciting habitat there is plenty to keep you busy. In addition to game drives by vehicle, Mana is a great place to venture out on foot with your guide and canoeing on the Zambezi brings you right up close to animals by the riverside from an entirely different perspective. You're in for a treat.

Overnight – Zambezi Lifestyles. Fully Inclusive



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## **Day 10**                    **Mana Pools National Park**

After the morning game activity and brunch at Zambezi Lifestyles, you will transfer through the park to Kanga Camp.

Overnight - Kanga Camp. Fully Inclusive

### **Kanga Camp**

*The Inland Gem of Mana Pools*

*Set in the most remote part of the World Heritage Site in Mana Pools is the Kanga Pan, not too far from Chitake Springs. The 12-bedded tented camp has en-suite bathroom facilities with outdoor showers and basins overlooking the water hole. One of the tents is a family tent with its own private dining and seating area. The main area has a comfortable lounge and dining area offering you uninterrupted views of a very active water hole. Relax in the upper deck lounge under the shade of a mahogany or sit on the deck below near the splash pool and enjoy Kanga – the old Africa in a new era.*

*Kanga Pan itself is the only known water source in the area available throughout the year, making it a hub for wildlife and a delight to explore on foot. Pristine and undeveloped, this area gives you a pure, unspoilt, private African safari experience.*

## **Day 11**                    **Mana Pools National Park**

Staying at Kanga Camp is a very different experience. Kanga Pan, the waterhole in front of the camp, is the only permanent water during the dry season. Because of this, it attracts an incredible variety, and quantity, of animal life.



You can literally sit on the deck, drink in hand, and watch the wildlife come and go all day long. It is a perfect vantage point for photography and a perfect way to bring your safari to a close.

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## **Day 12                      Mana Pools National Park – Harare**

After a leisurely breakfast you will transfer to the nearby airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Harare where your safari will end.

If you prefer, you can fly instead back to Victoria Falls.

### **Price per person sharing**

#### **2015**

Apr – Jun    \$6,065/£3,760

Jul – Oct    \$6,300/£3,895

Nov           \$5,630/£3,490

### **Price includes:**

Transfer on arrival from airport to Victoria Falls Hotel

Road transfers from Victoria Falls Hotel to Somalisa Camp

Road Transfers from Somalisa Camp to Bomani Tented Camp

Flight from Bomani Tented Camp to Mana Pools

Flight from Mana Pools to Harare

Game activities in Hwange NP and Mana Pools NP

Accommodation as follows:

2 nights - Victoria Falls Hotel – double or twin share basis – Bed & Breakfast

2 nights - Somalisa Camp – double or twin share basis – Fully Inclusive

2 nights – Bomani Tented Lodge – double or twin share basis – Fully Inclusive

3 nights – Zambezi Lifestyles – double or twin share basis – Fully Inclusive

2 nights – Kanga Camp – double or twin share basis – Fully Inclusive

### **Price excludes:**

International flights

Departure tax at Hwange airport USD15pp

visa costs

Travel insurance

tips





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Meals other than those specified above  
vaccinations, medicines and other items of a personal nature  
optional activities in Victoria Falls