



Live the Magic of Africa

ITINERARY FEATURING ZIMBABWE SAFARI, CANOEING & WALKING AND VICTORIA FALLS

“There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne – bubbling all over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive”

KAREN BLIXEN – Out of Africa

Accommodations:

Vundu Camp, Mana Pools, Zimbabwe
Zambezi Canoeing & Walking, Mana Pools, Zimbabwe
The Hide, Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe
Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls



Day 1 – Johannesburg – Harare

On arrival at Johannesburg International Airport, you will need to stay in transit and connect to your international flight to Harare. On arrival at Harare, you will be met by a guide from African Bushcamps, who will transfer you by light aircraft to **Vundu Camp in Mana Pools**. Enjoy your first evening in Africa in the gorgeous Mana Pools National Park.

Vundu Tented Camp is situated in the middle of the park and has walk-in tents with en-suite facilities, flush toilets and the traditional bucket showers. The style of the camp, is that of an old charm safari camp, simple but yet comfortable and giving you an total bush camp experience. Being a private camp makes it the perfect place for small groups making the adventure entirely your own. It is nestled in a grove of riverine trees along the banks of the mighty Zambezi river. The dining room is on a patch of sand under the spreading branches of a tamarind tree, just a few feet away from the river. The camp is perfectly situated for abundant game viewing and tranquil canoeing in the afternoon, watching the sunset on the river. Game drives into the Mopane woodland and onto the flood plains are in easy access and such and walking it's game rich flood plains is one of it's many attractions.

Overnight: Vundu Tented Camp

Link: www.africanbushcamps.com



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Day Two – Mana Canoe Trail

Today, you will begin your adventure on the water. You will be participating in a **canoeing safari** along the Zambezi River, staying in fully serviced dome tented Adventurer camps. This serviced camping safari offers a unique adventure for those seeking an iconic African safari and an opportunity to enjoy one of the wildest stretches of the Lower Zambezi.

This Exploration is perfect for adventurous travelers, allowing guests the closest possible encounters with wildlife on one of the greatest rivers in Africa. This thrilling experience traverses the Mana Pools National Park, through the heart of Mana Pools and along the Zambezi's shoreline, canoeing past countless hippos on the way! Each night is spent camping on the banks of the Zambezi River, ultimately finishing 65km downstream with many adventures to recall. Encounters with animals, whether on canoe or on foot, are up close and awe-inspiring. The Trail is for reasonably fit guests and is led by an experienced guide. Support vehicles and staff assist guests and set up camp each day.

Overnight: Mana Canoe Trail

http://www.wilderness-safaris.com/zimbabwe/mana_canoe_trail/



Day Five – The Hide

Today, you will transfer by light aircraft to Hwange Airstrip. You will be met by a guide from **The Hide**, who will transfer you on a 1.5 hour game drive through the National Park to camp.

The Hide is situated in one of Hwange National Park's most outstanding locations, bordering ancient elephant paths and a vast grassland corridor. Herds of elephant, buffalo, and a myriad of others are drawn to the constant waters of the Hide's waterhole, and the spectacle of the great predators making a sudden appearance is not uncommon. A highlight for game viewing up close are the two concealed "hides" located on either side of the Hide's waterhole. These offer a totally secure haven for remarkable close encounters and incredible photographs of elephant and an array of other wildlife.

Overnight: The Hide

www.thehide.com



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Day Nine – Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Today, you will be transferred to Hwange Airstrip, where you will be met by a Hills of Africa guide who will transfer you by road (2 hours) to **Victoria Falls Safari Lodge**.

Set high on a natural plateau, the westward facing Victoria Falls Safari Lodge borders the Zambezi National Park and is just four kilometers from the thundering Victoria Falls, Southern Africa's foremost attraction.

Enjoying uninterrupted views of spectacular African sunsets and year round game at its on-site waterhole, the Lodge is ideally positioned to offer the most discerning traveler a **taste** of Africa at its best. Appointed in the utmost luxury, the Lodge offers outstanding hospitality together with an authentic wildlife experience.

Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge
www.vfsl.com

Day Ten – Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Today you have an action packed day. You will be met in the morning by your private guide who will take you to The Elephant Wallow where you will do an **Elephant Back Safari**. Following this you will have your **Tour of the Falls** where you will see the most beautiful falls in the world (I'm biased). The afternoon will be an amazing **Walk with the Lions**. In the evening, we have booked dinner at **The Boma** – enjoy a traditional African evening of dancing, music and food!

Overnight: The Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Day Eleven – Fly to Johannesburg and home

Enjoy your last African sunrise on this trip. Today you be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport. You will take a regional scheduled flight to Johannesburg, where you will meet with your international flight.

We hope that you have Lived the Magic of Africa.

Price – please email us to enquire about pricing. We would be delighted to prepare a trip of a lifetime for you. All itineraries are customized to your travel desires, pricing and availability will be considered when making an enquiry. We look forward to preparing you to Live the Magic of Africa.

Includes:

- 1 nights all inclusive accommodation at Vundu
- 3 nights all inclusive accommodation on Mana Canoe Trail
- 3 nights all inclusive accommodation at The Hide
- 2 nights bed & breakfast accommodation at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge
- Road Transfers:



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- Road transfer from Hwange to The Hide & return (game drive);
- Road transfer from Hwange to Victoria Falls Safari Lodge;
- Road transfer from Victoria Falls Safari Lodge to Victoria Falls Airport
- Charter flights:
 - Light aircraft charter flight from Harare to Mana Pools;
 - Light aircraft charter flight from Mana Pools to Hwange;
- Private Guiding Services of Hills of Africa guide in Victoria Falls x 1 day
 - Elephant back safari
 - Walk with Lions
 - Tour of the Falls
- Dinner at The Boma in Victoria Falls
- Meet & Greet Services:
 - Meet & Greet at Harare Airport and Victoria Falls Airport
- Hills of Africa Travel detailed planning and itinerary services, plus Meet & Greet Services

All inclusive means: accommodation, meals, drinks & alcoholic beverages (except premium brands), laundry.

Excludes:

- International air
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Activities not mentioned in itinerary
- Items of a Personal nature
- Zimbabwe Tourist Visa – currently USD35 per person
- Hwange National Park Day Visas – currently \$20 per person per day
- Mana Pools National Park Day Visas – currently \$15 per person per day
- Airport departure taxes: \$10 per departure, one for Hwange/Mana and one for Mana/Harare - \$20 per person
- Staff Gratuities
- Travel Insurance – quoted separately