



7 day VICTORIA FALLS and Hwange Circuit

Travel with a Purpose

Combine the spectacle of Victoria Falls with the wildlife hotspot of Hwange National Park on this epic circuit, and be immersed in the very best that Zimbabwe has to offer.

Trip Highlights

- Game drive in Hwange National Park
- Sundowner Cruise in Victoria Falls
- Guided tour of Victoria Falls

Day 1 – 3 ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

Upon arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, guests will be met by a representative and transferred by road to their local hotel.

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is a World Heritage Site and an extremely popular tourism attraction. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders', this spectacle straddles both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal place to combine game viewing and water sports. There is excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial white-water rafting in the world.

The perfect base for exploring Victoria Falls, Ilala Lodge provides distinguished yet affordable accommodation in a gracious and secluded ambience. Ilala Lodge is ideally situated on the Zimbabwean side of the falls and is the closest hotel to the Victoria Falls as well as the Victoria Falls town centre. Ilala Lodge Hotel comprises of a total of 56 rooms in 2 separate wings - a standard and new deluxe wing. All rooms have a view of the Victoria Falls spray. All rooms have en-suite facilities, hair dryer, safe, DSTV, air-conditioner, tea and coffee making facilities, and free Wi-Fi. The deluxe wing also has mini-bar fridges and Nespresso coffee machines.

During the guest's stay in Victoria Falls they will enjoy a guided tour of the falls which takes approximately 2 hours. This includes fascinating history on the discovery of the falls reflecting that in November 1855, Dr David Livingstone was transported in a canoe by the local Makalolo people to the very edge of these falls.

The sensitive Scotsman was so overwhelmed by his first sight of these spectacular falls, that he momentarily abandoned his scientific observations and recorded, "It has never been seen before by European eyes, but scenes so wonderful must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight". The good missionary, whose heart lies buried in Africa, named this great wonder of the world after Victoria, his British queen.

A thrilling stay in Victoria Falls will end off by watching the sun-setting over the Zambezi by cruising on the luxurious and exclusive Ra-Ikane boat. From the Zambezi River a variety of wildlife can be seen including hippo, crocodile and elephants that often make the daring journey across the vast expanse of the river.

Overnight at Ilala Lodge – Breakfast
Superior Upgrade – Victoria Falls Hotel – Breakfast

Day 4 – 6 HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast guests depart via road transfer to Hwange National Park, a journey time of approximately 2.5 hours.

Accommodation for the next 3 nights will be spent at Elephant's Eye. Elephant's Eye, Hwange presents an unforgettable experience in an intimate setting, bordering Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. This authentic African eco-lodge is designed to meet guest's needs with style and excellent service, and sets a high standard for the discerning traveller. Attention to detail and friendly staff put guests at ease and help them to feel at one with nature, as they experience fine dining and exceptional game viewing.

The uniquely designed en-suite chalets are spacious and private with wonderful views, blended with a tasteful African decor. Situated on 6 000 acres, the lodge is able to offer superb bush dinners, guided walks and night game drives. The Jwapi Spa and The Eye, a stunning sleep-out deck feature, complete the offering.

The lodge has 8 romantic tree-house style chalets that all face the waterhole. Each chalet has a private wrap-around veranda with a luxurious outside shower as well as lovely bath inside the open plan room (toilets are behind a closed door for privacy).

Lodges all have tea and coffee stations, a fireplace, a fan, a mosquito net covered queen bed and an in-room safe for guests' ultimate convenience. Guests can enjoy panorama-style vistas of the waterhole via floor-to-ceiling 'windows', perfect for game viewing from the comfort of their bed.

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's biggest reserve, home to a profusion of wildlife, including giraffe, lion, zebra and approximately 40 000 elephant. It provides sanctuary for all the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs thought to be among the most sizeable surviving

Group size
1-12 guests

Departure details
Daily

Inclusions

- Accommodation:** As per itinerary
Meals: 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
Meet and greet: Victoria Falls International Airport
Drinks: Selected local brand drinks
Transfers: Scheduled road transfers and light aircraft
Activities:
- Game drives,
 - Sundowner Cruise
 - Victoria Falls tour
- Entrance fees:** National park fees
Guide:
- Registered guide per game lodge/boat
 - Other language guides are subject to availability

Luggage
No restrictions

Transport

- 4WD safari vehicles
- Minibus

Exclusions

- International and regional scheduled flights and visas
- Travel, medical and personal accident insurance
- Gratuities and items of personal nature
- Excursions not detailed in the itinerary
- Private charters/transfers or specialised guides
- Premium brand drinks
- Porterage

groups on the continent. Visitors have the choice of game drives, guided walks or horseback safaris as a means of experiencing the park and its creatures.

It was declared a game reserve in 1928 and with neighbouring Robins Game sanctuary became a national park under the National Park Act of 1949. When founding member Ted Davidson walked across virtually every square kilometre in 1928-29, he discovered the wildlife was almost non-existent. The once teeming herds of elephant numbered fewer than 1 000 and the rhino, both black and white, had been exterminated due to hunting.

Davidson perceived that the water was the critical key and in the years that followed he drilled boreholes to create 60 new pans, linked to the seasonal pans that already existed.

Slowly the animals, particularly the elephant and buffalo, began to move back. To this day water remains the single most important management factor in Hwange's continued existence - absolutely vital to the survival of what is perhaps Africa's single largest concentration of elephant. The constant maintenance of the artificial but natural looking water pans, complete with resident hippo and crocodile, has been a major factor sustaining this ecological treasury.

Overnight at Elephant's Eye – Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Superior Upgrade – Somalisa Camp – Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Day 7
DEPARTURE**
After breakfast, guests are taken by scheduled road transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for their onward travel arrangements.

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PEOPLE

PLANET

WILDLIFE