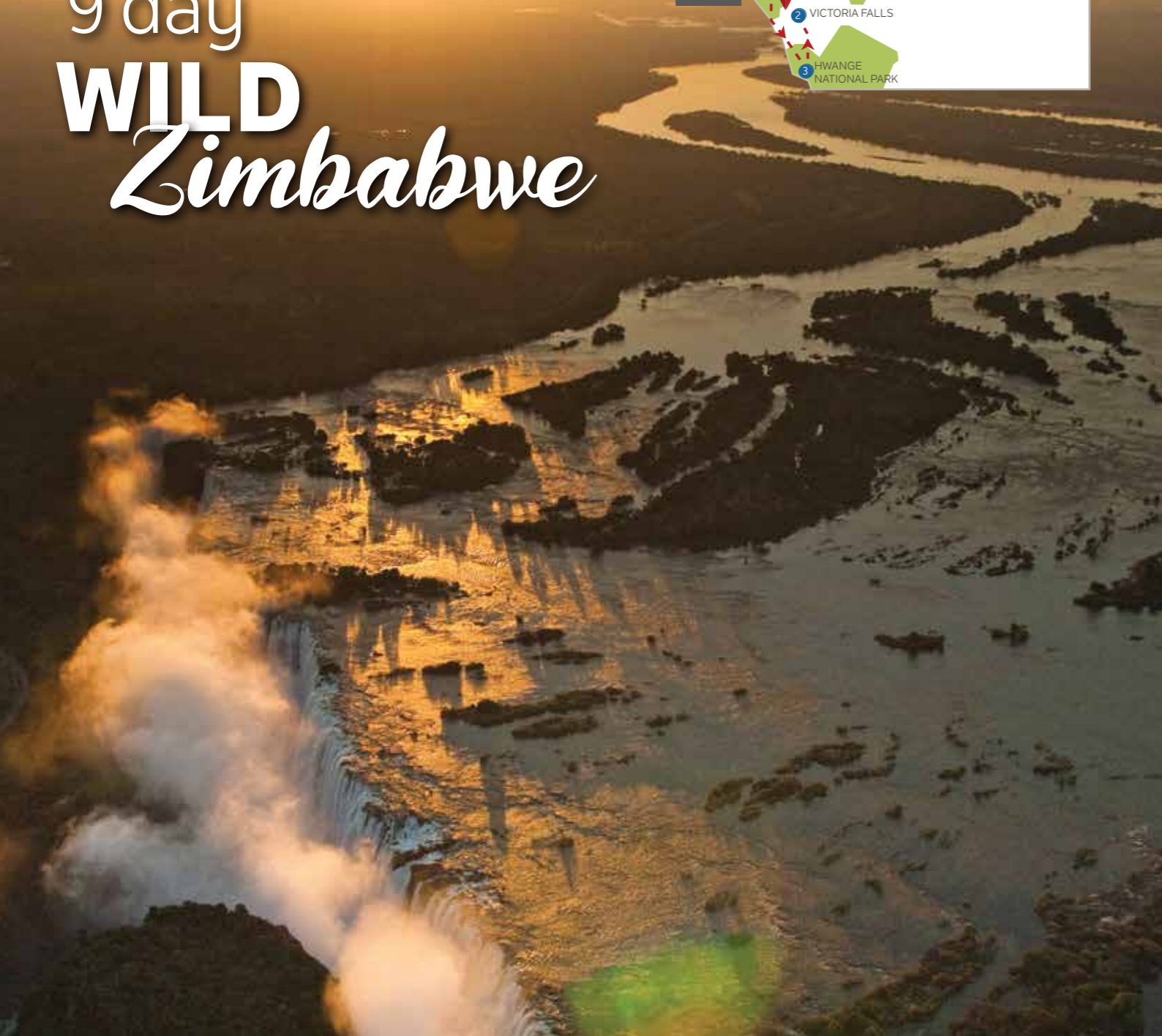




9 day WILD Zimbabwe



Travel with a Purpose

Witness the very best that Zimbabwe has to offer with this wild adventure. Tick off the 'Big 5' in Hwange National Park, relax riverside in the spectacular Zambezi National Park and experience fine wine and dining at the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel.

Trip Highlights

- Canoeing on the Zambezi River
- Game drive in Hwange National Park
- Sundowner cruise in Victoria Falls
- High tea at Victoria Falls Hotel

Day 1 – 3 ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

Upon arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, guests will be met by a representative and transferred by road to Zambezi Sands River Camp located in the heart of Zambezi National Park.

Zambezi National Park is a national park located upstream from Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River. It is 56 000 hectares in size and plays host to a wide variety of larger mammals including African elephant, lion, Cape buffalo and leopard.

In addition to these charismatic members of the 'Big 5' there are herds of sable antelope, eland, zebra, Southern giraffe, greater kudu, waterbuck and impala. Over 400 species of birds have been recorded within the Zambezi National Park which makes it a haven for birders.

Zambezi Sands River Camp offers a wealth of picturesque game viewing opportunities – either driving or walking – the experienced guides take great pleasure in introducing guests to the camp's pristine and tranquil surroundings.

They can explore the Zambezi River by inflatable canoe or motorised boat, or relax in a private deck splash pool, whilst overlooking the Zambezi, is perhaps just as enjoyable.

The main lodge and rooms are built on raised platforms with river views and private sun decks. The camp consists of 10 secluded Bedouin luxury tents – offering complete privacy – dotted along the river bank, and for guests looking for some added luxuries then in-house spa treatments are available at an additional charge.

Overnight at Zambezi Sands River Camp – Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4 – 6 HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast guests depart via road transfer to Victoria Falls Airport before a scenic light aircraft flight to Somalisa Expeditions in Hwange National Park.

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 groups on the continent.

Terrain ranges from desert dunes and savannah lands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests, and visitors have the choice of game drives, guided walks or horseback safaris as a means of experiencing the park and its creatures.

Somalisa Expeditions offers one of the most authentic ways to experience this exceptional wildlife haven. Nestled under an incredible grove of Acacias, along the edge of a seasonal floodplain, the main area includes a lounge and dining area on raised decking which overlooks a small pool, which elephants have become habituated to drinking out of. Add to this, the waterhole is frequently used as a mud-bath and a popular rendezvous for the elephants.

The up-close encounters and photographic opportunities with these majestic animals are endless. Consisting of 6 elegantly furnished Meru style tents, each one has en-suite bathroom facilities including flush toilets and an outdoor shower.

Activities include guided walks led by qualified and passionate guides who will share their knowledge and love of the bush, game drives and night drives. Wildlife sighting include elephant, kudu, sable antelope, zebra, wildebeest, gemsbok, the rare and endangered roan antelope, buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, hyena and many other wildlife species.

Overnight at Somalisa Expeditions – Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7 – 8 VICTORIA FALLS

After an early morning activity guests will be transferred by scheduled light aircraft to Victoria Falls for the final 2 nights in the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel.

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as 'the grand old lady of the Falls', is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, a World Heritage Site, and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. The Edwardian-

Group size

1-12 guests

Departure details

Daily

Inclusions

Accommodation: As per itinerary

Meals: 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners

Meet and greet: Victoria Falls International Airport

Drinks: Selected local brand drinks

Transfers: Scheduled road transfers and light aircraft

Activities:

- Game drives
- Water-based activities
- Nature walks
- Bird watching
- Fishing
- Victoria Falls tour

Entrance fees: National park fees

Guide:

- Registered guide per game lodge/boat
- Other language guides are subject to availability

Luggage

Maximum 20 kg in soft styled duffie bags

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

style 5-star hotel, built in 1904, was recently refurbished and now combines the charm of the old with modern conveniences.

Set in lush tropical gardens providing tranquillity and seclusion, world-class service and food and beverage options are available. The Livingstone Room is ideal for fine dining and dancing, the Jungle Junction for breakfast and dinner buffets and ethnic entertainment, and Stanley's Terrace, with its clear view of the Victoria Falls Bridge.

The Victoria Falls themselves are a short 10 minute walk from the hotel grounds on a gentle pathway. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the falls. One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders'.

The falls are at their highest between April – August and gradually reduce in magnitude, reaching their lowest levels in October – November. In addition to admiring this spectacle, guests can participate in a variety of optional activities in the Victoria Falls including adrenaline filled bungee jumping or zip lining, or taking it slow on a craft market tour or sundowner cruise.

Overnight at Victoria Falls Hotel – Breakfast.

Day 9 DEPARTURE

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

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