

# **BEST OF ZIMBABWE'S GAME PARKS FLY-IN SAFARI**

## 9 Days/8 Nights – with the option to include VICTORIA FALLS

Experience a broad range of wildlife on this fabulous fly-in safari to a combination of three of Zimbabwe's best national parks: Hwange; Lake Kariba in the Matusadona and UNESCO World Heritage Mana Pools.



The package includes three **FREE** flights in between camps and 9 days/8 nights of all inclusive, authentic tented accommodation, meals, drinks and game activities at three exclusive camps.

The Hide in Hwange, Changa at Lake Kariba and John's Camp in Mana Pools are members of the *Classic Safari Camps of Africa* which pride themselves in upholding the traditions of 'Africa of Old', offering genuine hospitality and an intimate knowledge of Africa's environment. They are dedicated to conservation and the involvement of local communities sharing and conserving the spirit of Africa.

#### **ITINERARY & HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Days 1 – 3 Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park

Either drive (2.5 hours by road) or fly (45 minutes) by light aircraft to Hwange, Zimbabwe's largest game reserve.

Stay at **The Hide Safari Camp** for three nights, your base for exploring the wilds of Hwange with day and night game drives, bush walks, treehouse sleepouts and best of all, observing wildlife close-up in The Hide's bunker. The park has an abundance of wildlife such as lion, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, buffalo plus the rare gemsbok and brown hyena.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

• An excavated underground tunnel from the camp to the waterhole provides access to The Hide's legendary underground hide where guests can sit in comfort and see wildlife incredibly close-up, just metres away at the waterhole without them being aware.



Impala with the Hide's bunker behind

Dove's Nest treehouse

• A treehouse sleepout is a 'must' at The Hide. It's an opportunity to spend a night away from camp in the wilds in a comfortable treehouse listening to the sounds of nocturnal activities as you fall asleep.

#### Days 4 – 6 Hwange National Park to Lake Kariba

Take a charter flight (1 hr, 40 mins) to the Matusadona National Park on the shores of Lake Kariba. Lake Kariba is one of the largest man-made lakes in the world, extending 280 kilometres and covering 5,000 square kilometres.

Construction of the Dam Wall and formation of the lake in the late 1950's threatened to destroy all living things in its wake. Media focus on the plight of the animals attracted attention and sympathy from all over the world. Money was raised to launch the most adventurous animal rescue operation - OPERATION NOAH. The 5,000 creatures ferried to safety have since thrived to the vast numbers of wildlife that inhabit Kariba today.

Three game reserves stretch along the shoreline and the rugged hills of the Matusadona dominate the horizon.

Motorised boat excursions give guests an enthralling experience, watching the antics of elephants at play in the water within metres of the small boat, while herds of buffalo and graceful impala, zebra and water buck forage placidly on the plains.

Lake Kariba offers exciting prospects for fishing the "athletic" tiger fish, catfish and bream. A novice can be taught in no time. As well as water-based activities there are game drives and bush walks. Sunsets on the lake are a magical time of the day and saluted with your choice of beverage. **Changa Safari Camp** is an unspoiled piece of paradise, located in a remote and secluded part of the Matusadona National Park in Lake Kariba where you stay in tented luxury for two nights.



Encounters at the water's edge make for exciting game viewing





Elephants and hippos graze side by side

Cheetah sighting in the Matusadona

#### Days 7 – 9 Lake Kariba to Mana Pools

A short 45-minute flight brings you to World Heritage site, Mana Pools in the far north of Zimbabwe on the Zambezi River, a natural border with Zambia. It is one of the most remote and least developed safari parks in the country and offers exceptional walking and canoeing safaris. The flood plains beside the river are where large populations of elephants, hippos and Nile crocodiles are easily visible. Mana is a Shona word meaning 'four' and refers to the four large watering holes, the largest being Long Pool which extends 6 km.

Lush forests of Wiold Figs, Baobabs and Mahogany trees flank the river banks. Walking with a professional guide is particularly exciting as you can view animals only metres away on foot.



Stay at exclusive John's Camp nestled amongst canopies of Trichelia and Mahogany trees. With only 6 guest tents you are assured of personal attention. It is a truly natural wilderness where you walk across the vast floodplain amongst the giants - our African Bull elephants, dine amidst herds of buffalo, gaze upon prides of lion, enjoy sundowners with hippos on the banks of the Zambezi River and bird watch over 400 species of birds.



John's Camp is a true wilderness setting



#### Day 9

Arrangements end after breakfast. You can either fly back to Victoria Falls (2 hrs 30 mins) or to Harare (1 hr 30 mins) and the international airport.

### COST 2020 per person share twin in US\$

SEASONS:LOW - Nov - MarchMID - May & Jun,Share twin Low - TBAMid - \$4,968Minimum 2 people required to book this SPECIAL

**HIGH** - Jul – Oct High - \$6,070

**Extension Victoria Falls 2 nights -** 3\* guesthouse from US\$220 per person for 2 nights B&B Victoria Falls Hotel – based on per person for 2 nights B&B

- Low Season (1 Dec '19 30 Jun) Standard twin/double room US\$490 per person
- High Season (Jul Nov)

Deluxe central double room – US\$564 per person Standard twin/double room – US\$510 per person Deluxe central double room – US\$618 per person

#### Cost includes:

- Accommodation 8 nights on twin basis
- Light aircraft flights: Victoria Falls/Hwange; Hwange/Kariba; Kariba/Mana Pools
- Road and boat transfers from air strips to each camp return
- All meals when in camp
- Laundry
- Selected (local brand) beverages (South African wines and spirits)
- Activities as indicated on the itinerary
- National Park fees and Conservation fees in accordance with the itinerary

#### Cost excludes:

- International flights, visas or taxes (US\$15 payable in cash at main airport)
- Any optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any excluded beverages/items
- Any extra purchases (curio shopping etc.)
- Tips and gratuities
- Medical and luggage insurance
- Flight from Mana Pools to Harare Airport (US\$420 per person) or Victoria Falls (US\$580 pp)



Tent Changa Safari Camp

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