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Ultimate Zimbabwe

Private Journey – 11 days/10 nights



Meals: 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners

Victoria Falls	Elephant Camp	2 nights
Hwange National Park	Little Makalolo Camp	3 nights
Mana Pools	Canoe Trail	3 nights
Bumi Hills	Bumi Hills Safari Lodge	2 nights

DAY 1 – Arrive Victoria Falls.

On arrival at Victoria Falls International Airport you will be met outside customs and immigration and taken direct to your hotel. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening enjoy a welcome 'sundowner' drink at a scenic spot overlooking the dramatic Batoka Gorge, just downriver from the Victoria Falls Bridge.

Meals included: Lunch, dinner.

DAY 2 – Victoria Falls.

This morning enjoy a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site on the mighty Zambezi River. Known locally as "Mosi-oa-Tunya" (the Smoke that Thunders) it presents us with the incredible

spectacle of the largest single curtain of water on the planet (at its most impressive from May to September). Enjoy lunch at The Lookout Cafe, perched 120m above the turbulent rapids of the Zambezi River, overhanging the giant chasm of the Batoka Gorge. The afternoon is free. Victoria Falls in recent years has developed into the 'Adventure capital of Africa' and it's all there for those who are interested - white-water rafting on the Zambezi; a 'gorge swing' some 120 metres above the water; zip-wiring across the gorge at 100 kilometres an hour; a Canopy Tour for a birds' eye view of the falls. You can also enjoy a game drive in a private reserve, with the chance of tracking the elusive black rhino, relax on a choice of cruises, or take a helicopter ride to view from the air what David Livingstone famously described as "...scenes so lovely they must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight". Other activities to consider are village walks, or a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust (VFTW).

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 3 – Fly to Hwange National Park.

In the morning take a flight by light aircraft into Little Makalolo in the heart of Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's largest and longest established wildlife reserve. Little Makalolo is located in one of the best gameviewing areas in the park, overlooking a vibrant waterhole, and offers privacy for guests who enjoy small camps and a sense of remoteness. Hwange offers a huge variety of wildlife including vast concentrations of elephant and buffalo, all the main predators - lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog - and more than 400 bird species. The park is ecologically diverse, ensuring great numbers of animals year-round.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAYS 4 AND 5 – Hwange National Park.

Little Makalolo Camp is located in a private concession which allows for exciting daily game drives and guided walking safaris without the crowds. There is also the option of spending a night stargazing from the romantic and secluded 'Star Bed' (subject to availability – early booking essential).

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner each day.

DAY 6 - Fly to Mana Pools National Park. Embark on your Canoe Trail.

After a transfer by road from Little Makalolo to Hwange Airstrip, take the short flight by light aircraft to Mana Pools, where you will be met and taken to the start of your unique Canoe Trail on the Zambezi River. Mana Pools National Park is located in an area where the flood plain turns into a broad expanse of lakes after each rainy season; as the lakes gradually dry up and recede, the region attracts many large animals in search of water (hippo, elephant, buffalo and Nile crocodile), making it one of Africa's most renowned gameviewing destinations. This unique area has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAYS 7 TO 8 – Mana Pools National Park – Canoe Trail.

The canoe safari is essentially an adventurous mobile camp where you leave camp with the sunrise and canoe yourself at a leisurely pace to the next camp. Floating into camp with the sunset you will find an ice-cold drink, a hot (bucket) shower and dinner being prepared. Canoeing offers guests a unique way of viewing game; you can glide up to the elephants crossing the Zambezi and watch game coming down to the river to drink. Each day you will be greeted with new sights and sounds – truly a nature experience on a different level!

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner each day.

DAY 9 – Fly to Bumi Hills on Lake Kariba.

Time to relax and rejuvenate as you fly to Bumi Hills Safari Lodge and Spa. This is an exclusive wildlife gem, perched on a hill overlooking Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shoreline. The incredible panoramic vista cannot be matched by any safari lodge in southern Africa.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 10 – Bumi Hills.

The lodge is situated on an extensive private wildlife conservation area. Bumi Hills is home to lion, leopard, big herds of elephant and buffalo, as well as a multitude of different plains game. Guests can indulge in superb fishing in the lake waters surrounding the lodge with bream and the fighting tiger fish in abundance. Birding and cultural experiences also abound.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 11 – Fly to Harare. Depart.

Today you will be flown to Zimbabwe's capital Harare to connect with your homeward flight.

Meals included: Breakfast.

The price includes:

- Flights from Victoria Falls to Little Makalolo, from Hwange to Mana pools, from Mana Pools to Bumi Hills and from Bumi Hills to Harare, including airport taxes.
- Lodge accommodation as listed above in twin-bedded or double rooms (please let us know which you prefer) with private facilities. Mobile camping on days 6 to 9 with shared facilities.
- 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 10 dinners as shown in the itinerary.
- Local brand drinks and house wines at the lodges; house wine (but not spirits or beers) during the Canoe Trail.
- Transfers in each location.
- All sightseeing and gameviewing as shown (unless indicated as 'optional'), including entrance fees.

Not included in the price:

- International flights (see website page). We are happy to discuss the flights with you and give you further guidance.
- International airport taxes.
- Optional sightseeing. The World Discovery representatives in Zimbabwe will be pleased to organise any additional sightseeing you may wish to include during your stay.
- Tipping. We will give you guidance in this often sensitive matter.
- Your visa for Zimbabwe. This can be purchased on arrival at Victoria Falls in US dollars cash (current price 50 US dollars per person).

A deposit of 20% required at the time of booking, plus the cost of the international airfare and service charge if World Discovery is booking the flights on your behalf. The balance of the price for your South Africa holiday must be paid at least 8 weeks before your departure date.