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16 - Day Wildlife Camping Safari

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Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful countries on the sub-continent, Zimbabwe boasts spectacular features, including ancient ruins from an unknown past, one of the largest rivers in Africa, an abundance of game and wildlife reserves, an efficient tourism infrastructure and a vibrant, friendly local population. Our tour is primarily a camping safari with limited comforts but unlimited adventure. Flexibility and an open mind are essential.

DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG - ZIMBABWE

Our journey begins on departure from the GREENFIRE LODGE JOHANNESBURG at 06h30. We cover some distance today, first passing Pretoria, then through the bushveld of Limpopo province and over the Soutpansberg Mountain range, before crossing the Limpopo River, and the border into Zimbabwe, at Beit Bridge. Tonight we stay at The Lion and Elephant Motel on the banks of the Buby River, our first taste of friendly Zimbabwean hospitality.

Meals: own expense // Distance: 630 km

ACCOMMODATION: Lion and Elephant

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Scenic drive through South Africa
- + Zimbabwe

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 2-3: GREAT ZIMBABWE - SAVE VALLEY CONSERVANCY

Our first stop this morning will be at Great Zimbabwe, modern Zimbabwe's namesake and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A local guide will take us on a tour of these magnificent historical structures and explain their origins, and the controversy fostered by a previous generation of historians.



Thereafter, we continue east to the Save Valley Conservancy, one of the largest private game reserves in Africa, offering some of the finest game viewing opportunities in Zimbabwe. We will spend two nights here in our private rustic bush camp, and will explore the area both on foot and in an open vehicle.

Meals: 2x B L D // Distance: 350 km

ACCOMMODATION: Save - Camping (2 person dome tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Great Zimbabwe
- + Save Valley Conservancy
- + Game Drive
- + Game Walk

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 4: EASTERN HIGHLANDS

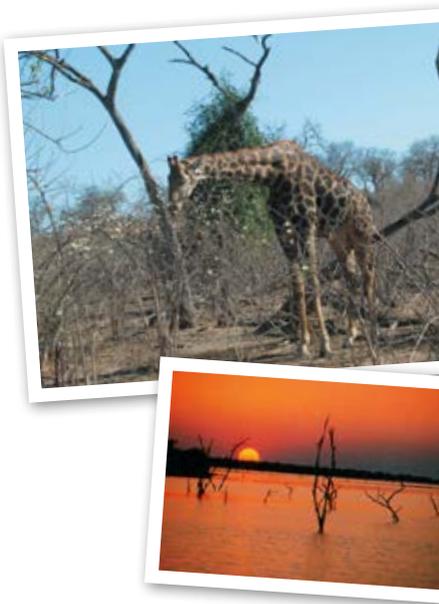
Leaving the Lowveld, we travel through Mutare and into the Eastern Highlands, a mountain range that extends for about 300 kilometres and creates a natural border to Mozambique. This is an area of spectacular scenery, forests, mountains and waterfalls. This afternoon we arrive at our camp for the night and after setting up, we conduct a short hike in the surrounding mountains.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 250 km

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Short Hike
- + Eastern Highlands



Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 5: CHINHOYI

An early start today, we travel westward along the winding descent into the capital city, Harare, where we enjoy a short stop for lunch (own expense).

Leaving Harare, we continue to our overnight stop near Chinhoyi, where we spend the remainder of the day enjoying a walk in the wilderness surrounding our camp.

Meals: B D (Lunch own expense) // Distance: 363 km
ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

+ Walk to explore the area

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 6: KARIBA

A short drive today before we descend into the Zambezi Valley on a road that follows ancestral elephant paths. Then it's on to Lake Kariba, the third largest man-made lake in the world. After setting up camp, we enjoy an afternoon boat cruise on the lake.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 245 km

ACCOMMODATION:

Kariba - Camping (2 person dome tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

+ Lake Kariba

+ Boat Cruise

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 7: ZAMBIA

After exploring the town of Kariba in the morning, we cross the border over the dam wall to enter Zambia. Our next stop is Gwabi River Lodge, at the confluence of the Kafue and mighty Zambezi rivers. It is from here that we will embark on a two day canoe trip on the Zambezi River. The afternoon is spent preparing for the upcoming canoe trip as we pack all the essentials we will need. We camp the night.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 110 km

ACCOMMODATION:

GWABI RIVER LODGE - CAMPING (2 person dome tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

+ Kariba Dam

+ Kafue River

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 8–10: ZAMBEZI CANOE TRIP

A mighty river, literally boiling with hippos and crocodiles, and luring every imaginable animal to drink from its sandy banks, the Zambezi has drawn explorers, adventurers and naturalists for centuries. Paddling down the river, watching animals from the water, allows us to enjoy the same experience as these intrepid pioneers. We start our canoeing adventure at Gwabi River Lodge, paddling first down the Kafue River, while the guides instruct those new to canoes. We then join the Zambezi, and spend the next two days paddling easily with the current, game viewing and bird watching as we go. We

pass Mana Pools, one of Zimbabwe's famous National Parks, and we camp wild on islands each night. The trip ends where the Chongwe River joins the Zambezi. A motor boat returns us to Gwabi River Lodge, where we camp the night and enjoy a welcome restaurant meal (own expense).

Meals: 2x B L D; B L (Dinner own expense)

Distance: Roughly 40 km of down river

ACCOMMODATION:

Wild camping on islands (2 person dome tent)

Included Highlights / Activity:

+ Two day canoeing adventure

+ Game viewing from our canoes

+ Kafue River

+ Zambezi River

+ Motor boat trip back up river

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 11–12 VICTORIA FALLS

We start early this morning and travel through Zambia via Livingstone, crossing the original steel railway bridge to Zimbabwe, with a spectacular view of Victoria Falls, in the afternoon. The falls are a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and are regarded as the biggest in the world if both breadth and height are considered. Your entry fee to the falls is included in the tour price, and you are free to spend as much time as you like viewing the falls and exploring the surrounding rain forest. Various other attractions can be visited here, including the tribal village and curio market. Victoria Falls is also home to a multitude of adventure activities, such as an aircraft flip over the falls, a boat trip on the Zambezi River, white water rafting or bungee jumping, but allowance must be made for the extra expense of these optional activities – these are just a few suggestions among a plethora of options.

We spend two nights here, allowing you some time to explore the town and all it has to offer, with the freedom to choose the sights and activities that interest you. One dinner and one lunch will be eaten at local restaurants (own expense). On the last night we celebrate at a local nightspot and thrill to the vibe of Africa's adventure playground.

Meals: B L D; B (Lunch and Dinner own expense)

Distance: 495 km

ACCOMMODATION: TBA

Included Highlights/Activity:

+ Victoria Falls, entry fee included

+ Original Steel Bridge

Optional Activities:

- Scenic Helicopter Flight

- White Water rafting

- Bungee jump

- Many more

DAY 13: HWANGE

We enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the lodge before we leave Victoria Falls behind us and make our way back to the bush. We travel the short distance to the renowned Hwange National Park, well known as one of Africa's foremost wildlife areas, and our base for the night. After an afternoon open vehicle game drive, we return to the campsite to have dinner, before going out on a night drive, looking for the nocturnal species we can't easily see in daylight. We return to spend the night at our camp in the park.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 185 km

ACCOMMODATION:

Hwange Main Camp – Camping (2 person dome tent)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Malaria precautions are necessary. A sleeping bag, towel and pillow are required for this tour. Our price includes transport from Johannesburg and back, food, coffee, tea, fruit juice at breakfast, group equipment, accommodation, canoe safari, permits and park entry fees and a professional guide, Victoria Falls entry, game drives and walks.

A valid passport is required by everyone. The tour will visit Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and South Africa. It is the client's responsibility to insure they have the appropriate visas required for this trip to all the countries we visit. Some nationalities might need to obtain visas before departure as they cannot be obtained at the border.

The price does not include alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, visas, tips, curios, restaurant meals, flights, airport tax and airport transfers and any optional excursions such as rafting and bungee-jumping.

Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement pertaining to our booking conditions and general information as defined on our website and in our brochure. Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance.

Included Highlights

- + Ancient monuments
- + Historical Sites
- + Mountain Walks
- + African Culture
- + Save Valley Conservancy
- + Zambezi Canoe Safari
- + Save Game Reserve
- + Kariba Boat Trip
- + Victoria Falls National Park and entry fee
- + Game Walks
- + Open Vehicle Game Drives
- + Hwange National Park
- + Matobo National Park
- + Rhino Tracking on Foot

Optional Activities

- White Water Rafting
- Bungee Jumping



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Included Highlights / Activity:

- + Hwange National Park
- + Game drive in the Park
- + Night drive

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 14: BULAWAYO – MATOBO

This morning we leave for Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second city, and the capital of Matabeleland Province. Bulawayo was founded in 1840 by the Ndebele King, Mzilikazi, who was a lieutenant of King Shaka Zulu, but who escaped Zululand following a dispute with Shaka to found his own kingdom in Matabeleland. We don't stop here for long, but continue to our camp nestled amongst the precarious boulders of Matobo. This afternoon we are collected at our camp by a local expert guide, and taken in open vehicles to Matobo National Park, where we will track rhino on foot. The thrill of getting close to wild rhinos in the bush is an experience that will not be soon forgotten.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 320 km

Accommodation:

Big Cave - Camping (two person dome tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Matobo National Park
- + Rhino Tracking Experience on foot

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 15: LIMPOPO

Continuing south today, we cross the border into Botswana and to our camp situated on a private game reserve within the Limpopo valley. On arrival in the afternoon, there will be time for a short walk along the bank of the Limpopo River.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 450 km

ACCOMMODATION: Stevensford Game Reserve – Camping (2 person dome tents)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Private Game Reserve

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 16: JOHANNESBURG

This morning, after crossing the border into South Africa, we follow a scenic route through the Waterberg, before entering the bustle of Africa's economic heart, Johannesburg. The tour ends on arrival in the late afternoon at the GREENFIRE LODGE JOHANNESBURG.

Meals: B (Lunch own expense) // Distance: 480 km

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Scenic Drive through the Northern part of SA

At time of going to print the above itinerary was correct but Drifters continually strive to offer our clients the best available tour options and as such we reserve the right to change aspects of the itinerary at our discretion. During the validity of the published itinerary conditions will change, roads are improved or deteriorate often opening up new routes, contracted camps and accommodation facilities change standards, optional activities become available or are discontinued, new border posts open and old ones become congested, etc. Drifters are continuously monitoring all of the factors that make up a successful tour and as such will make amendments to the published itineraries if circumstances demand or if we believe that the change will enhance the tour.

PREISLISTE 2019/20**DEPARTURES**

This tour departs every fourth Wednesday from Johannesburg.

10.07.2019-25.07.2019	€ 1.995,00	26.02.2020-12.03.2020	€ 2.095,00	12.08.2020-27.08.2020	€ 2.095,00
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25.12.2019-09.01.2020	€ 1.995,00	10.06.2020-25.06.2020	€ 2.095,00	25.11.2020-10.12.2020	€ 2.095,00
15.01.2020-30.01.2020	€ 2.095,00	01.07.2020-16.07.2020	€ 2.095,00	16.12.2020-31.12.2020	€ 2.095,00
05.02.2020-20.02.2020	€ 2.095,00	22.07.2020-06.08.2020	€ 2.095,00		