



SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF ALL SERVICES AT THE TIME OF BOOKING

Journey to Jozi - Zimbabwe Private Safari June 27 – July 10, 2019

Trip features:

3 nights at [Amalinda Lodge](#) in Matopos National Park viewing white rhino, walk to cave paintings

Exclusive Elephant Express Rail Car journey in the Hwange National Park.

3 nights at [Camelthorn Lodge](#) in Hwange National Park with school visit, underground elephant hide

2 nights at [Jozi Camp](#) in Hwange National Park accessed by exclusive elephant pump run.

2 nights at [Nehimba Lodge](#) in Hwange National Park in prime game viewing location.

3 nights at [Zambezi Sands Lodge](#) near Victoria Falls with walking, kayaking & tour of falls

ITINERARY OVERVIEW & COSTING BREAKDOWN

NB: We suggest you fly to Johannesburg 2 days early and enjoy a fascinating private guided tour of the apartheid history including Soweto, Nelson Mandela's house and the superb Apartheid Museum on request.

27 Jun 2019

Private Road Transfer - Bulawayo Airport/Town to Camp Amalinda
(timing based on arrival of SA flight 8110 at 12:45PM coming from Johannesburg to Bulawayo)

Welcome to Matobo National Park...

Some 40 kilometres south of the city of Bulawayo in southern Zimbabwe, the Matobo Hills and Matobo National Park is a wilderness of ancient granite kopjes and wooded valleys. An area of outstanding natural beauty this UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the most mysterious and spiritual places in Zimbabwe. The landscape is like no other as massive rocky outcrops have been sculpted and shaped by the elements to create weird and wonderful balancing formations that appear to defy gravity.

Offering a window into the nation's past it is an area of great cultural and historical significance and is the final resting place of the first king of the Ndebele people, Mzilikazi Khumalo, and arch-imperialist Cecil John Rhodes. The rocky granite topography boasts more than 2000 sites of San (Bushman) rock art dating back centuries and there are several famous rocks that, to this day, hold spiritual significance of bygone rituals.

Due to the varied habitat there is a variety of flora and fauna and a high density of predator species, especially leopard and raptors (of which there are over 35 species). Birdlife in general is excellent and there are more than 260 species of trees. Tracking endangered black and white rhino on foot is a thrilling experience and is possible in the fenced Whovi sector of the park. Despite its relatively small size there is a huge amount to do and see in the Matobo National Park and fascinating surrounds.

Camp Amalinda

Accommodation	3 nights in Suites
Meal basis	Fully Inclusive
Arrival	27 Jun 2019
Departure	30 Jun 2019



Tucked away amongst giant whale-back dwalas within the impressive granite domes and castle kopjes of the Matobo Hills, Camp Amalinda is an architectural gem.

Quirky, imaginative and unique the lounge, library, fire pit and dining area have been crafted into the side of a hill and spill out over a number of different levels. Set in and around huge boulders are nine secluded rock "suites" that are all individually decorated. The two romantic honeymoon suites pay tribute to two great men - Cecil John Rhodes and King Lobengula. At the base of the camp over-looking a scenic water hole where zebra graze is the Heritage Safari Spa and swimming pool, flanked by comfortable loungers and shaded bar.

This delightful lodge has been a highlight on the Zimbabwe safari circuit for many years and is a must for the safari enthusiast who is looking for more than just a wildlife experience. Activities are many and varied and with prior warning can be tailored to introduce guests to the grandeur and beauty of the Matobo area, its history and inhabitants in the company of archaeologist and historian, Paul Hubbard. Depending on fitness levels walking may be in the form of a gentle walk to visit nearby San rock art sites or on a more strenuous full day hike to Nanke Cave (on request and weather permitting). Tracking both white and black rhino on foot in the company of a professional guide is an incredibly rewarding experience. Drive through the park as you explore in the footsteps of Cecil John Rhodes and King Mzilikaze, chief of the Matabele, before visiting Rhodes final resting place atop 'View of the World'. On a cultural excursion gain an insight into the everyday life of the local Matabele when visiting a 'real' homestead, an orphanage, primary school and rural clinic.

Note: Due to there being a number of steps Camp Amalinda is not ideal for guests who have difficulty walking.

Includes: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled safari activities daily, park fees, rhino tracking fee, return Bulawayo Airport/Bulawayo Town transfers and laundry. Also includes \$15 per person per day to Mother Africa Trust.

Lodge activities: game drives, rhino tracking by vehicle and on foot, visit Cecil John Rhodes grave, full day mountain biking, visit an African homestead, explore rock art sites, walking and hiking

30 Jun 2019

Road Transfer - Camp Amalinda to Dete Siding
Approximately 4 hrs 15 mins

Elephant Express Rail Journey - Dete Railway Station to Camelthorn Lodge

Welcome to Hwange National Park...

The oldest and largest national park in Zimbabwe, the 14 650km² Hwange National Park lies in the north west of the country on the ancient animal migration routes towards Chobe and the Linyanti of northern Botswana. There are no natural watercourses in Hwange which means the game is reliant upon the park's network of artificially pumped waterholes when seasonal pans start to dry out.

Hwange is a year round wildlife destination but is definitely at its most alluring between the months of April and October, the dry season, when there are large concentrations of game, especially massive herds of elephant. This time of year is also cooler (it can get very cold in the evening and early morning, although days warm up to 25°C/77°F). The rains, usually beginning in November and lasting through to February/March, tend to take the form of summer thunderstorms rather than lengthy periods of rain. Natural pans and vleis fill up and the game disperses throughout the park, making sightings more

sporadic. During this time the south, with its more open plain areas, generally has better game viewing although the north is scenically beautiful, with hills, water lily-filled pans and plentiful bird life.

It is Hwange's varied topography - from arid semi-desert in the west to lush teak forests in the east - that ensures a diverse mix of animal and bird habitats. This extensive wilderness area offers exceptional elephant sightings and supports significant numbers of buffalo, lion, wild dog, cheetah and plains game. Sable and roan antelope are also common and leopard occur in good numbers although are shy and sightings are rare. There are very few rhino left in Hwange and they are therefore hardly ever seen. A notable feature is the exceptional quality of guiding in the park, headed up by Zimbabwean pro-guides, many of whom have returned to the country over the last few years and are amongst the best in Africa.

Camelthorn Lodge

Accommodation	3 nights in Forest Villa/s
Meal basis	Fully Inclusive
Arrival	30 Jun 2019
Departure	03 Jul 2019



Nestled deep in a woodland estate of camelthorn and ebony trees bordering Hwange National Park, is the striking bush retreat Camelthorn Lodge. This shaded camp has the cool, soothing feel of escaping from the heat of summer. 8 secluded forest villas are comfortably appointed and have fireplaces, sliding doors and downstairs verandahs. An upstairs covered patio, accessed by an outside spiral staircase can be used as a romantic sleep-out. The main lodge is built around a massive camelthorn tree and decorated in earthy hues and textured fabrics. Expansive dining and living areas feature a bar, teak lounge, deck and splash pool. Enjoy al fresco dining, fire-side coffees and up close photography opportunities from inside the underground blind. Explore Hwange National Park on extensive morning, afternoon and evening game-drives in open 4x4 vehicles, led by passionate and knowledge professional guides. Take part in an excursion to drop fuel and supplies off at the life-giving waterhole pumps.

Includes: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled safari activities daily, Hwange National Park fees, return transfers from Ngamo Siding and laundry. Camp activities include: morning, afternoon and night game drives, bush walks, day excursions, hide sits, a school tour (not available during school holidays) and village visit.

03 Jul 2019

Today we will make the classic "pump run" to one of the most remote camps in Zimbabwe. Along the way we will stop to provide supplies and repair materials for the essential water pumps that keep Hwange's elephants alive. This is a critical environmental contribution that our partners at Invelo safaris make on a regular basis.

Jozibanini Tented Camp

Accommodation	2 nights in Tents
Meal basis	Fully Inclusive
Arrival	03 Jul 2019
Departure	05 Jul 2019



Includes: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled game activities daily, and Hwange National Park fees. Camp activities include: morning, afternoon and night game drives, bush walks, hide sits, all day excursions and mountain biking.

Friday 05 Jul 2019

Road Transfer to Nehimba Camp: Today we will make the journey north across some of the least travelled roads in Hwange to our lodge at Nehimba which is in a prime game viewing area.

Nehimba Lodge

Accommodation	2 nights in Chalet
Meal basis	Fully Inclusive
Arrival	05 Jul 2019
Departure	07 Jul 2019



Located in a private concession in the game rich northern region of the Hwange National Park is Nehimba Safari lodge, which boasts the natural Nehimba seep. 9 spacious, chalet-style wood and thatch units are built on teak decks and – along with the central areas - overlook the magnificent lodge pan which is frequented by large numbers of elephant. 2 of the rooms are family units, with a king-sized bed and 2 three-quarters beds for kids sharing with parents. All rooms are comfortably appointed, with soft cosy furnishings, en-suite bathrooms with slipper-baths and outdoor showers. The open fronted thatch guest areas comprise a bar, lounge and dining room. This comfortable camp boasts the best pool in Hwange as the elephants that frequent it will testify!

Activities at Nehimba include morning and afternoon game drives, night drives in the concession and walking safaris led by armed professional guides. Guests can also go for a full day game drive with a picnic lunch.

Includes: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled safari activities daily, Hwange National Park fees, transfer to Giraffe Springs airstrip (seasonal approx. May – Nov) and laundry. Camp activities include: morning, afternoon and night game drives, bush walks, all day excursions, viewing platform, a visit to Nehimba Seep and Mandavu Dam.

Sunday 07 Jul 2019

Hwange Airport to Victoria Falls International Airport: Seat in Plane - 40 mins

Please note: Luggage is strictly restricted to 15 kgs per person in a soft bag + 5 kgs hand baggage. Excess baggage must be declared and may attract an extra fee.

Please note: Departure tax of USD15.00 per person is excluded and must be paid locally in cash. Subject to change without prior warning.

Road Transfer to Zambezi Sands (1 hour)

Transfer costs are already included in the nightly accommodation rate.

Welcome to Victoria Falls...

The iconic town of Victoria Falls, which is affectionately known as "Vic Falls", is set on the southern bank of the Zambezi River, at the western end of the mighty Victoria Falls. Zimbabwe's prime tourist destination and a magnet for visitors from around the world Vic Falls has a rich and romantic history. Discovered in 1855 by explorer and missionary David Livingstone, the railway from Cape Town arrived in 1904 and the landmark 198 metre long Victoria Falls Bridge, spanning the immense Zambezi River gorge and linking Zimbabwe with Zambia, was built in 1905.

One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Victoria Falls is one of Africa's greatest geographical features. At 1700 metres wide and over 100 metres in height visitors cannot fail to be inspired and amazed by the sheer size, power and beauty of the thundering curtain of water which can be gazed upon from 16 view points along a network of trails through the surrounding rainforest. Reaching their zenith in April/May, the Falls are at their most powerful and impressive between the months of February and July. At high water the dense plume of spray can rise up to 500 metres into the air and is visible from as much as 20 kilometres away, justifying why the falls are still commonly referred to by their local name of Mosi-oa-Tunya - "the smoke that thunders". Even during the low water months of October and November when the Falls become dry for much of their length the view from the Zimbabwe side won't disappoint.

With its welcoming small town atmosphere Vic Falls is home to a seemingly endless number of activities - there is literally something for everyone. The world's wildest white water rafting, canoeing, helicopter flips, elephant back safaris, canopy tours and adventure slides, river cruises, golf and bungee jumping. An impressive array of arts and crafts is showcased by talented local artists in the open air curio market as well as at a number of gallery's and shops throughout town.

Zambezi Sands River Camp

Accommodation	3 nights in Canvas Suite/s
Meal basis	Fully Inclusive
Arrival	07 Jul 2019
Departure	10 Jul 2019



Strung along the banks of the magnificent Zambezi River, within the Zambezi National Park, the Zambezi Sands River Camp commands exquisite vistas from raised decks. 10 bedouin-style luxury tents are spacious, well-appointed, light and airy. Each opens up to private decks with splash pools – the ideal place to unwind whilst watching the slow passage of the mighty river as it flows by. 2 of the tents have an interleading walkway, ideal for families. Canvas central areas and large decks provide comfortable spaces to socialise and dine in unpretentious style. Exciting game drives and game walks are conducted through the reserve. A laid-back riverside ambiance and activities such as canoeing, fishing and island picnics enhance the overall experience. Enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent Victoria Falls rain forest (park fees not included) and a visit to the Victoria Falls curio market. Cruise on the river, amongst the islands near the lodge, watching the sunset.

Includes: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 activities per paying night, return transfer from Victoria Falls Airport/Town, one return shuttle to Victoria Falls town per stay, Zambezi National Park fees and laundry. Activities include: one guided visit to Victoria Falls which utilizes the one return shuttle per stay (excludes entrance fee), safari activities by vehicle, on foot, by boat, canoeing, fishing and a sundowner drift from the camp

Wednesday 10 Jul 2019

Shared Road Transfer

Transfer costs are already included in the nightly accommodation rate.

LAND COST PERSON SHARING Based on minimum 2 guest sharing

Per person sharing – USD \$8495

Single Supplement – USD \$1450

Trip cost includes:

Amalinda Lodge - 3 nights - Standard or Family Rooms - All meals and activities as noted

Camelthorn Lodge – 3 nights - Forest Suite- All meals and activities as noted

Jozi Camp – 2 nights – Platform Tent - All meals and activities as noted

Nehimba Lodge – 2 nights - Deluxe Chalet - All meals and activities as noted

Zambezi Sands - 3 nights - Luxury tents - All meals and activities as noted

Includes Elephant Express private rail car journey.

Includes charter flight from Giraffe Springs to Vic Falls airport

Excluded from the above costs:

- International and regional airfare - Travel Insurance (quoted separately) to cover cancellation and curtailment, medical, baggage, money, and emergency evacuation back home. - Personal expenses such as laundry, gratuities, baggage handling, excess baggage fees, excess weight fees, communications charges, cost of passport or visa, inoculations, airport departure taxes and airfares, any sightseeing, beverages or meals not included in the itinerary, entrance fees payable locally, and any optional activities or extensions.

NB: International and regional air costs are estimated to be between \$1500 - \$2200 total

Optional Extensions: Consider extending your trip on one of these great extensions...

Johannesburg - Consider arriving early and explore South Africa's rich history including the apartheid era - visit Soweto, the apartheid museum, Nelson Mandela's former home and more.

Botswana - fly into the nearby Okavango Delta to some of the best wildlife camps in the world for 3-6 nights.

Cape Town & Wine Country - fly to Cape Town and consider exploring the nearby wine country for 3-6 nights

Adventure Sports in Victoria Falls - spend a few extra days at the fabulous Gorges Lodge property and let your inner adrenaline junkie go crazy in the adventure capital of Africa (rafting, bungee, microlight flights, and more await).

Terms and Conditions

Departures and Pricing

All prices are per person based on double occupancy. A single supplement includes a private room or tent with bath facilities wherever possible. Quoted tour rates are based on current exchange rates and operations as planned. For reasons beyond our control, we reserve the right to pass on increases in National Park fees, government taxes and fuel surcharges.

Airlines & Flights

We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of an airline not running to schedule. We cannot be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights on certain routings or change scheduled timetables resulting in missed connections, etc.

Reservations & Payments

Please complete and return the reservation form with a non-refundable deposit of 30% of the land package. Full payment is due to confirm trips planned inside 90 days to departure. Send reservation forms and deposit to us at 12 Council Crest Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925. The payment balance is due 90 days prior to your departure. Payment is accepted by check (made payable to Blue Odyssey), wire transfer or credit card (Visa, Master Card or AMEX).

General Notes

Upon reservation, we will send you a pre-trip packet including all necessary details regarding your day-by-day itinerary, what to bring, visa information, travel insurance applications and a suggested reading list.

We recommend that guests obtain their visas prior to travel to prevent any delays with onward flight/transfer connections. The baggage allowance on regional and/or charter flights are restricted to 15kg and 20kg (depending on country visited) per person in a soft bag, plus a day bag with a reasonable amount of photographic or video equipment. Any excess luggage may result in a traveler facing the additional cost, which must be settled directly.

Cancellations & Refunds

Cancellations for bookings must be made in writing and effective upon receipt of written notification. Cancellations received more than 12 weeks before departure result in the forfeiture of your deposit. For cancellations inside 12 weeks of the trip, no refund will be given. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. All tours are subject to minimum numbers. If a passenger fails to join a tour or leaves before its end, no refund will be given. No partial refunds will be made regarding a client missing scheduled activities, meals, accommodations, etc... we reserve the right to deviate from the published route without notice due to events including sickness or injury of clients or crew, local disturbances, unavoidable mechanical breakdown and other unpredictable and unforeseen circumstances.

Insurance

For your safety, we offer and requires all passengers to obtain travel insurance that includes emergency medical evacuation back home, major medical, trip interruption and loss of personal effects.

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