



Zimbabwe Rising: Green Season Special
Travel dates: 19 Apr 2019 - 30 Apr 2019



At a glance...

Itinerary breakdown:

- 2 nights at Gorges Lodge, Victoria Falls & Surrounds
- 3 nights at Bomani Tented Lodge, Hwange National Park & Surrounds
- 3 nights at Nehimba Lodge, Hwange National Park & Surrounds
- 3 nights at Zambezi Sands River Camp, Victoria Falls & Surrounds

Friday 19 Apr 2019

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Scheduled Road Transfer: Victoria Falls Airport to Gorges Lodge

Welcome to Victoria Falls...

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Fast facts

- 10 comfortable cottages with private decks
- Relaxing lodge & spectacular setting
- Lush indigenous gardens on gorge edge
- Close to adventure & scenic destinations
- Pool

2 nights at Gorges Lodge - 1 Cottage/s

Your stay includes: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 activities per day, transfers from/to Victoria Falls Airport, one return shuttle to Victoria Falls town per paying night and laundry. Lodge activities include: one guided visit to Victoria Falls which utilizes the one return shuttle per stay (includes entrance fee), tour of the craft village, local village visit, school tour (not available during school holidays), evening traditional dancing show, black eagle viewing with sundowners and snacks, nature walk along the edge of the gorge with snacks and a sundowner cruise (river usage fee included).

Perched on the edge of Batoka Gorge, 250 metres above the Zambezi River, Gorges Lodge commands breath-taking vistas from its elevated decks. Located 22 kms downstream from Victoria Falls, the property comprises 10 individual stone and thatch cottages dotted along the gorge edge, set in a garden oasis. Each cottage features private decks where guests can soak up the majesty of the environs. Central areas are reached via windy pathways and include a lounge, dining area and bar with stunning views. Gorges is a community based eco-lodge, with a clear focus on conserving the environment. Butterflies, raptors and tame bushbuck can be spotted whilst relaxing on decks. A wide-range of thrilling activities is available at Victoria Falls, 20 mins away.

Sunday 21 Apr 2019

[Scheduled Road Transfer: Gorges Lodge to Victoria Falls Airport](#)

[Scheduled Alt Air Flight to Bomani](#) (time to be advised locally)

[Welcome to Hwange National Park...](#)

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This diverse landscape of mopane and teak forests, semi-desert scrubland and granite hills is inhabited by a wide variety of mammals and birds. Although a year round destination, Hwange is particularly appealing during the winter months (April to October) when large concentrations of animals flock to artificially pumped waterholes as the seasonal pans dry out. The park's network of waterholes sustains life when natural resources are unavailable. Massive herds of elephant make their presence felt during the dry period. Buffalo, zebra, sable and roan antelope, as well as lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog may be seen.

Cool mornings warm up to comfortable sunny days, and chilly night drives reveal the exciting nocturnal species which make Hwange home. Between November and February/March summer thunderstorms blanket the earth with life, filling up the waterholes and dispersing the animals throughout the park. Game can be located on the open southern plains during summer, but the scenic north is a renewed landscape of hills, floating lily-pads and full pans. Brightly coloured birds dot the trees, bringing movement to endless skies.



Fast facts

- 5 tents, 4 suites and 1x2 bedroom family suite
- Unpretentious, warm & genuine experience
- Private concession: night drives & walks
- Local village visits & community upliftment ethos
- Private Hwange gate entrance
- Splash pool & waterhole views

3 nights at Bomani Tented Lodge - 1 Spurwing Tent/s

Your stay includes: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled safari activities daily, Hwange National Park fees, return transfers from Bomani/Sipepa airstrips and Ngamo Siding and laundry.

Camp activities include: morning, afternoon and night game drives, bushwalks, day excursions, hide sits, a school tour (not available during school holidays) and village visit.

This charming camp is located in a private concession outside Hwange National Park, overlooking the Bomani Pan. It's a beautiful area dotted with wetlands and savannah, supporting an abundance of wildlife. There are 4 spacious Spurwing suites (including a honeymoon suite) located on ground level and overlooking the lodge waterhole. The 5 Saddlebill tents are on raised wooden decks with views over grasslands. The Sable Family Suite is a 2 bedroom unit with en suite bathrooms. Unpretentious and welcoming, the central areas include a dining area, lounge, bar and viewing deck where guests can socialise between game experiences, whilst admiring the vistas. A splash pool is set in a raised wooden deck overlooking the waterhole. Congregate at the fire pit for pre-dinner drinks, and then enjoy delicious candlelit dinners under the stars (private dinners can be arranged). Night game drives and walks are conducted in the concession, and day drives enter the Hwange through a private gate.

Wednesday 24 Apr 2019

[Shared Road Transfer: Bomani Tented Lodge to Ngamo Siding](#)

[Elephant Express Rail Car Shared: Ngamo Siding to Dete Railway Station](#)

[Shared Road Transfer: Dete Railway Station to Nehimba Lodge](#)

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Fast facts

- 9 chalets with private decks
- Active waterhole: armchair game-viewing
- Day & night game drives, bush walks
- Superb elephant sightings & birding
- Good predator action: elephant-hunting lions
- Viewing platform: pan & sunset vistas

3 nights at Nehimba Lodge - 1 Chalet/s

Your stay includes: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled safari activities daily, Hwange National Park fees, transfer from 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

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.

Saturday 27 Apr 2019

[Scheduled Air flight Giraffe Springs to Victoria Falls Airport \(time to be advised locally\)](#)

[Shared Road Transfer from airport to Zambezi Sands Lodge](#)

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Fast facts

- 10 luxury tents with private decks & pools
- Riverside camp & stunning setting
- Water activities: canoeing, boating, fishing
- Game experiences in Zambezi National Park

3 nights at Zambezi Sands River Camp - 1 Canvas Suite/s

Your stay 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

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.

Tuesday 30 Apr 2019

Shared Road Transfer: Zambezi Sands to Victoria Falls Airport/Town

Transfer costs are already included in the nightly accommodation rate.

LAND COST PERSON SHARING

Based on minimum 2 guest sharing

Per person sharing – USD \$5450

Single Supplement – USD \$1450

Trip cost includes:

Gorges Lodge - 2 nights - Standard rooms - All meals and activities as noted

Bomani Lodge – 3 nights - Deluxe Chalet - All meals and activities as noted

Nehimba Lodge – 3 nights – Deluxe Chalet - All meals and activities as noted

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

2 Flights as noted Victoria Falls airport to Bomani and Giraffe Springs to Victoria Falls airport. Also includes Elephant Express private rail car journey as noted.

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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