



## ZIMBABWE DISCOVERY

Discover the iconic elephants of Hwange National Park, the Matusadona National Park on Lake Kariba, the remote and wild Sapi Reserve in the Mana Pools region as well as the breathtaking Victoria Falls.

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Africa, Zimbabwe



12 days from AU\$22,930 pp



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## Journey Overview

With some of Africa's best wildlife and safari guides, beautiful Zimbabwe has reclaimed its celestial status in the safari realm. On this journey you will discover the elephants of Hwange National Park, the Matusadona National Park on Lake Kariba, the remote and wild Sapi Reserve in the Mana Pools region and marvel at the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Accommodation is in luxury tented camps and lodges with a variety of safari activities including game drives, walks and boat trips.

### Journey Highlights

- Stay in intimate camps and lodges in stunning locations
- Indulge your inner photographer at Tembo Plains
- Canoe on the mighty Zambezi River, enjoying abundant game sightings at Mana Pools
- Sip on sundowners while soaking up the view over Lake Kariba
- Stand in awe of spectacular Victoria Falls, 'The Smoke that Thunders'



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Zambezi National Park**

Your discovery of Zimbabwe commences on arrival in Victoria Falls, with lunch at the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel and a visit to see the falls known locally as the 'Smoke that Thunders'. Continue to Mpala Jena, your intimate and luxurious camp in the Zambezi National Park.

***Mpala Jena / Meals: D***

### **Day 2: Zambezi National Park**

Today enjoy a morning and afternoon activity in the Zambezi National Park. Choose from game drives, guided walking safaris and boat trips on the Zambezi River.

***Mpala Jena / Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Victoria Falls - Hwange National Park**

Depart Victoria Falls by light aircraft south to Hwange National Park, the country's largest. Hwange is legendary for its vast array of wildlife, particularly the massive herds of elephant and buffalo. Your base is the exclusive and luxurious Linkwasha Camp situated near the famed Ngamo Plains, one of the best game viewing locations in Hwange National Park.

***Linkwasha Camp / Meals: BLD***

### **Days 4-5: Hwange National Park**

Spend two days exploring Hwange. This park is one of the best for predators – lion, leopard, wild dog and cheetah are regularly sighted, along with the smaller African wildcat, serval, honey badger, civet and spotted hyena. Bird life in the area is also prolific, with more than 400 species found.

***Linkwasha Camp / Meals: BLD***

### **Day 6: Hwange National Park - Lake Kariba**

Fly to Lake Kariba where you are transferred to Bumi Hills Safari Lodge, boasting one of Africa's finest wilderness locations with elevated position on a range of remote hills overlooking the vastness of Lake Kariba.

***Bumi Hills Safari Lodge / Meals: BLD***

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**Days 7-8: Lake Kariba**

The next two days are spent exploring Lake Kariba with game viewing by boat and 4WD in the Matusadona National Park plus excellent fishing opportunities. Birdlife is prolific and walking safaris a highlight.

***Bumi Hills Safari Lodge / Meals: BLD*****Day 9: Lake Kariba - Sapi Reserve**

Fly to the private 128,000-hectare Sapi Private Reserve. It borders the Mana Pools National Park to the west and forms part of a mission to convert vast tracts of Africa into pure conservation land. It is now recognised as one of the finest wildlife destinations in Africa today. Stay at the luxurious Tembo Plains Camp, tucked away into a thick riverine forest on the edge of the Zambezi River. Activities on offer include day and night drives, boating, canoeing and guided walks.

***Tembo Plains Camp / Meals: BLD*****Days 10-11: Sapi Reserve**

Enjoy two days exploring this beautiful part of the world, renowned for its large numbers of elephant, buffalo, hippo and eland. Predators such as lion, leopard and wild dog are also found here. Birdlife is superb, particularly for both mopane woodland and riverine species.

***Tembo Plains Camp / Meals: BLD*****Day 12: Sapi Reserve - Depart Harare**

Farewell as you end your safari with a flight back to Harare airport.

***Meals: B***

## Map





## Accommodation

### Bumi Hills Safari Lodge, Lake Kariba



Bumi Hills has 20 en suite rooms (divided into standard and premium depending on the size and location). The premium rooms are larger both in bedroom and bathroom with a better lake view and more privacy. The lodge is nestled in the natural bush on top of the hills and offers both a cooling breeze and fantastic views of the lake. Dinners are served in the formal dining room or more usually, on the terrace overlooking the lakeshore. A new feature at Bumi Hills is the spa with sauna, steam room, cold water plunge pool, massage tents, relaxation area and sundeck.

### Why we like it

- Located on the top of a hill 55km south west of Kariba town, with the Zambezi escarpment as its backdrop and the vastness of Lake Kariba below
- The infinity swimming pool, terrace cocktail bar and the wellness spa, each have awe-inspiring vistas over the lake and the game-rich shoreline
- Dean McGregor is the Professional Guide at Bumi Hills Safari Lodge renowned as one of Zimbabwe's very best and has over 20 years of experience in the region
- Activities on offer are game drives in open vehicles, game walks, sailing on the 30 foot catamaran, fishing, bird watching and cultural visits

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