

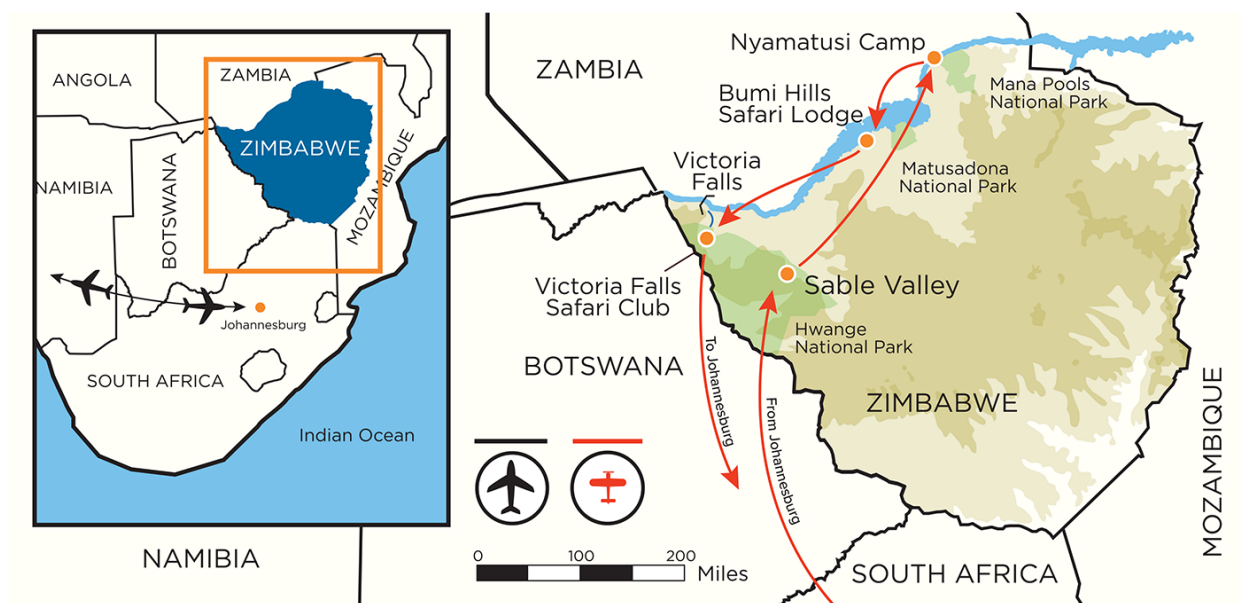
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On Safari in the African Bush

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Visit three incredible national parks in Zimbabwe and take in the majesty of Victoria Falls
- ▶ Take part in exclusive game drives by vehicle, foot, and boat as you track wildlife - including rhino tracking - with an expert guide
- ▶ Enjoy a sunset cruise along the Zambezi and exclusive sundowners at your safari camp
- ▶ Visit a local school and enjoy a delicious dinner in the home of Aunt Flatter

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

Day 1	Arrive in Hwange National Park, settle into you camp, welcome dinner
Day 2	morning walk, game drive
Day 3	continue your safari adventure
Day 4	fly to Mana Pools National Park, activities at camp
Day 5	enjoy another day on safari
Day 6	morning walk, canoe safari
Day 7	fly to Lake Kariba, afternoon game drive
Day 8	daily safari, evening game drive
Day 9	game drive, sunset cruise
Day 10	fly to Victoria Falls, dinner cruise on the Zambezi River
Day 11	tour Victoria Falls, search rhino on foot, visit a local schol, farewell dinner
Day 12	depart Victoria Falls

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: \$12,995

Optional Single Accommodations: \$2,500

Internal Air: \$900

TRIP DATES

October 16 - 27, 2024

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DAY 1
Wednesday
10/16/24

Arrival to Hwange

Welcome to beautiful Hwange National Park, where you'll get to know your expert guide and other incredible individuals for an amazing safari experience. They will help make your journey a fun and personally fulfilling adventure and will cheer you on as you reach beyond your comfort zone and embrace new challenges! Hwange National Park is the largest natural reserve in all of Zimbabwe and is home to over 100 mammals and 400 bird species.

Arrival Information

Arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa (JNB) by 8:00AM - 9:00AM today.

Fly to Hwange National Park

Upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport, meet your private guide and the rest of your group before boarding a flight bound for Hwange National Park. After arriving at the Hwange National Park Airport, you will be transferred to the Sable Valley hotel.

Settle into Camp

Settle into your stunning camp this afternoon. Unpack a bit and enjoy how private this camp is - with only ten tents it will feel very intimate!

Activities at Sable Valley

You will do a number of activities during your stay at Sable Valley - including bush walks and game drives - but the order in which the activities happen may change in order to give you the best experience possible.

Dinner at Camp

Enjoy dinner at your camp tonight.

Accommodations

Sable Valley

Meals Included

dinner

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DAY 2
Thursday
10/17/24

Hwange National Park

The elephant population in Hwange National Park has increased dramatically over the years and is actually higher than what would occur naturally in an area this size. See how many you can spot during your time here!

Morning Walk

Set out this morning on a walk with your expert guide as your heightened senses will take in sights and sounds of your surroundings in a unique and exciting way. Along the way, you'll have the mystery of the bush explained by your guide. See how many different species you can find!

Game Drive

Search for wildlife during another game drive today. You'll explore throughout grassy acacia-lined lakes and beautiful forests of teak while you try to spot the Big Five of Hwange National Park.

Relax at Camp

Take some time to relax and soak in the incredible views from your tent. The waterhole offers the perfect habitat in which to catch a glimpse of elephants or other animals that wander by.

Accommodations

Sable Valley

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 3
Friday
10/18/24

Hwange National Park

Africa is a birding paradise, and Hwange is no exception. Over 400 different bird species make their home in the National Park, and you should have no trouble sighting many of them if you keep your eyes open.

Another Safari Day

Enjoy another day on safari. You may do an early morning and later afternoon game drive, a morning walk, or a "hide sit" around the pan. You can always sit back and take in the sights from the comfort of your private tent.

Meet Sharon Stead

Today you will meet with Sharon Stead, who was the founder of the Mother Africa Trust which supports numerous projects throughout Zimbabwe that focus on girls and women in the area. In 2016, she was awarded Businesswoman of the Year and Overall Business Person by the Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her mentorship of young women and her involvement in initiatives aimed at empowerment. Enjoy a lively discussion with Sharon about her inspiring work.

Accommodations

Sable Valley

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 4
Saturday
10/19/24

Hwange National Park to Mana Pools

Mana Pools is an area within the lower Zambezi River where the flood plains transform into a broad landscape of lakes following the annual rainy season. The constantly changing water supply attracts a tremendous amount of wildlife to the area.

Fly to Mana Pools National Park After breakfast, you will transfer to Hwange Airport for your flight to the next amazing stop on your safari adventure - Mana Pools National Park.

Explore Your Camp When you arrive at Mana Pools National Park, you will have some time to explore the grounds and take in the scenery in one of the most remote parts of the African bush along the banks of the Zambezi River.

Activities at Camp You will have the opportunity to enjoy a wide array of activities while at your camp, as you can go game viewing in safari vehicles, on foot, and on the water.

Accommodations

Nyamatusi Camp

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 5
Sunday
10/20/24

Mana Pools National Park

Many different large animals make their way through Mana Pools National Park, but the area is best known for its immense elephant population, as large herds wander the plains among the many lakes in the region.

Another Safari Day

Enjoy another day on safari. You may do an early morning or later afternoon game drive, a canoe or walking safari, or catch and release shore fishing.

Accommodations

Nyamatusi Camp

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 6
Monday
10/21/24

Mana Pools National Park

Mana Pools National Park is one of the places where you can try a safari with a twist - by canoe! This is a unique way to experience the excitement of a safari, as you can paddle along the Zambezi River in search of hippopotamus and other animals who are taking a dip and enjoying a drink along the riverbanks.

Morning Safari

Set out this morning on a walking safari with your expert guide. Explore the wonders of nature as you look for elephant, leopard, hyena, and cheetah.

Canoe Safari

Enjoy a new way to safari this afternoon: by canoe. The Lower Zambezi River is a great setting for a new adventure with calm waters and expansive views. Try and spot some hippo!

Accommodations

Nyamatusi Camp

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 7
Tuesday
10/22/24

Mana Pools to Lake Kariba

Stretching along the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia, Lake Kariba is the world's largest man-made lake.

Fly to Lake Kariba This morning, say goodbye to Mana Pools National Park, as you transfer to the airport for your charter flight to the next amazing safari location of your adventure - Lake Kariba!

Settle in at Camp Once you arrive at Bumi Hills Safari Lodge, you'll have time to settle in at this beautiful camp. Relax, unpack, or take a dip in the luxurious infinity pool that overlooks the lake.

Afternoon Game Drive Head off on an afternoon adventure to explore the bush in search of some of the local wildlife. Keep your eye out for cheetah, leopard, elephant, and antelope among many other spectacular species who make their home here.

Accommodations

Bumi Hills Safari Lodge

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 8
Wednesday
10/23/24

Lake Kariba

The waters of Lake Kariba are extremely rich in nutrients and vegetation, so many shorebirds and aquatic animals make their home here. Whether it be gamefish, crocodiles, or hippopotamus, there is abundant life in and around this vast expanse of water.

Life on Safari

Depending on the day, you may enjoy a morning or afternoon game drive, a walking safari, or a boating excursion. No matter which activity you do, you're sure to experience some delightful surprises along the way!

Night Game Drive

You'll have the chance to explore after dark, as you set out on an evening game drive in search of nocturnal animals in the bush. Don't forget your flashlight!

Accommodations

Bumi Hills Safari Lodge

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 9
Thursday
10/24/24

Lake Kariba

Lake Kariba was initially formed by damming the Zambezi River in the Kariba Gorge. Be sure to take in a beautiful sunset over the sprawling waters before you leave.

Another Safari Day

Enjoy another day on safari. There are many ways to explore at Bumi Hills Safari Lodge, and you will have had the opportunity to experience most of them throughout your stay. Don't forget about the pool and spa if you need a little pampering.

Sunset Cruise

Tonight you'll enjoy a view of the bush from the waters of Lake Kariba while you marvel at the spectacular sunset that surrounds you.

Accommodations

Bumi Hills Safari Lodge

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 10
Friday
10/25/24

Lake Kariba to Victoria Falls

Known to the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800s as 'Mosi-oo-Tunya', or 'the Smoke that Thunders', Victoria Falls were so named for the plumes of mist and spray that rise from the Falls. Located on the Zambezi River bordering Zambia and Zimbabwe, the Falls are a spectacle of awe-inspiring power, beauty, and grandeur.

Fly to Victoria Falls

Following breakfast, head to the airport to fly to Victoria Falls. Head to your hotel for check-in.

Dinner Cruise on Zambezi River

Enjoy a beautiful sunset as you coast along the waters of the Zambezi River on tonight's dinner cruise. After darkness has settled, dinner will be served on the lower deck of the boat as you glide along the waters under the moon and stars.

Accommodations

Victoria Falls Safari Club

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 11
Saturday
10/26/24

Victoria Falls

The falls are formed as the full width of the Zambezi River plummets in a single vertical drop that is over 5,000 feet wide. There are also two islands on the crest of the falls that divide the flow of water.

Tour the Falls

Tour Victoria Falls today, just minutes from your hotel. Walk a path along the edge of the forest and brave the tremendous spray for an unparalleled view of the falls. You'll have a chance to view the falls from the Knife Edge Bridge, from which you can see the Eastern Cataract, the main falls, as well as the Boiling Pot where the river turns to head unto Batoka Gorge.

Rhino Walk

Next, you'll head to the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park where the rhinos were reintroduced as a part of an African Wildlife Foundation project. Set out on a 4x4 safari to the location where you begin a walk and try to spot the endangered white rhinoceros. Enjoy a picnic lunch in a quiet area before making your way back to the safari vehicle.

School Visit

Make your way to a local school where you will meet the children and see how they learn. Located in the Chinotimba township in Victoria Falls, the Chinotimba Primary School provides a safe learning environment for children across seven grades in the country's primary education curriculum.

Dinner with Aunt Flatter

Enjoy dinner with Aunt Flatter, an incredible local woman. She has lived through all of the ups and downs in Zimbabwe and will share what it has been like as a local woman. As a bonus, she will make a delicious farewell dinner full of the local foods she grew up eating - this is a real treat!

Accommodations

Victoria Falls Safari Club

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 12
Sunday
10/27/24

Depart Victoria Falls

Bid farewell to your new AdventureWomen friends as you all depart Victoria Falls and make your way back to Johannesburg where you will board your flight back to the U.S.

Fly to Johannesburg

After some time on your own this morning, head to the airport where you will fly to Johannesburg and connect to your international flight home.

Departure Information

Depart Johannesburg, South Africa (JNB) any time after 8:00PM today.

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

Meals Included
breakfast

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Accommodation Details

Sable Valley

Sable Valley is a luxury safari lodge that is situated inside Hwange National Park on a very fragile ecosystem called the Dete Vlei. Made famous in the early 1990's when Queen Elizabeth II stayed here, Sable Valley has its own private entrance to the park and features elegant rooms set in stone rondavles with a Moroccan theme.

Amenities: soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer, WiFi, laundry service (with the exception of undergarments)

Nyamatusi Camp

Nyamatusi Camp is set in one of the wildest and most remote parts of Africa on the banks of one of the oldest rivers in the world. Nyamatusi allows guests to experience an authentic view of the old untouched Africa. Inspired by the traditional custodians of the land who respected the river as the source of life, the design of the camp subtly incorporates the element of water and pays homage to the astounding beauty of the mighty Zambezi River. Consisting of six luxury tented suites with uninterrupted views of the river, the camp inspires a feeling of remoteness. There is an abundance of game and birds in the surrounding area. Guests are able to spend their days walking in the footsteps of ancient explorers and follow the tracks of elephant.

Bumi Hills Safari Lodge

Bumi Hills Safari Lodge boasts one of Africa's finest wilderness locations with an elevated position on a range of remote hills overlooking the vastness of Lake Kariba. Bumi is situated near the northeastern border of the Matusadona National Park and has a total of 10 rooms, all with views over Lake Kariba. All rooms are premium rooms with balconies and uninhibited views over Lake Kariba. Taking center stage is the beautiful infinity pool that seems to blend endlessly into the lake horizon. The pool is surrounded by intimate wine and dining terraces on different levels. The lodge interiors have been beautifully finished in a fusion of contemporary western and African styles. Bumi Hills Safari Lodge is situated on an extensive wildlife conservation area.

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Accommodation Details

Victoria Falls Safari Club

Built on a plateau which overlooks the Zambezi National Park, Victoria Falls Safari Club offers luxurious and spacious accommodation with uninterrupted views of the pristine bushveld from your private balcony.

Amenities: soap, shampoo, conditioner, hairdryer, Wi-Fi

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Included:

- ▶ Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- ▶ All meals as listed in the itinerary
- ▶ All ground transportation
- ▶ Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- ▶ Entrance fees and conservation levies
- ▶ Services of expert naturalist guide throughout the trip
- ▶ Services of guides and trackers at safari camps and lodges
- ▶ Drinking water available in large jugs to refill personal bottles
- ▶ Gratuities for baggage handlers, drivers, and hotel/lodge staff
- ▶ Victoria Falls Safari Club: includes mini bar stocked daily with local beer and soft drinks, house wine, and bottled water; same-day laundry service
- ▶ Nyamatusi Camp: includes beverages and laundry
- ▶ Sable Valley: includes local beverages and laundry
- ▶ Bumi Hill Safari Lodge: includes beverages and laundry
- ▶ Domestic airfare (priced separately from the main trip)

Not Included:

- ▶ International airfare to and from South Africa
- ▶ Optional activities
- ▶ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ▶ Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- ▶ Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- ▶ Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- ▶ Items of a personal nature
- ▶ Gratuities for guides

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Cancellations and Refunds

Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure date, and the registration deposit is non-refundable.

- For cancellations received 61-90 days prior to the trip departure date: 50% of the total trip cost is non-refundable.
- For cancellations received 1-60 days prior to the trip departure date: 100% of the total trip cost is non-refundable.

You are highly encouraged to purchase **trip cancellation insurance** to cover emergency situations. Travel insurance information will be sent to you once you have registered for your trip.

Switching Trips

Our deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If for some reason you need to switch to a different trip, please call us and we will do our best to accommodate you, but switching is not guaranteed.

No Smoking Policy

Beginning in 1995, our trips became smoke free. Please note that there will be no smoking by any participants on AdventureWomen trips.

Health Insurance

You must have your own health insurance to participate in an AdventureWomen trip.

Adventure Travel Today

We define “adventure travel” as travel in which one actively participates, as opposed to a “tour,” in which one is more or less a passive observer. AdventureWomen designs and organizes trips all over the world for women who want an active, out of the ordinary experience, and meet new friends. **Most of all, we want our trips to be fun!** In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a good-natured realist and have a sense of humor! Adventure trips, by nature, require that participants be self-sufficient, flexible, and able to accept situations as they exist, and not just as they would have preferred or expected them to exist. The constraints of scheduled group traveling also necessitate that each of us be understanding of and sensitive to others. Being on time is important, and contributes to the congeniality, success and well-being of both individuals and the group!