



Travel dates: June through October 31 2019

A true African Experience in Zimbabwe!

Marvel the Zambezi river; the elephant parade in Hwange; renown Mana Pools, end in style overlooking the majestic Lake Kariba.

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At a glance...

- 2 nights at Thorntree River Lodge - 1 Suite/s
- 3 nights at Somalisa Expeditions - 1 Tent/s
- 3 nights at Kanga Camp - 1 Tent/s
- 2 nights at Bumi Hills Safari Lodge - 1 Lake View Room/s

Saturday 01 Jun 19

Shared Road Transfer: Livingstone Airport to Thorntree River Lodge

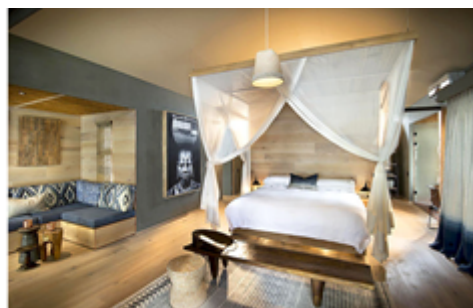
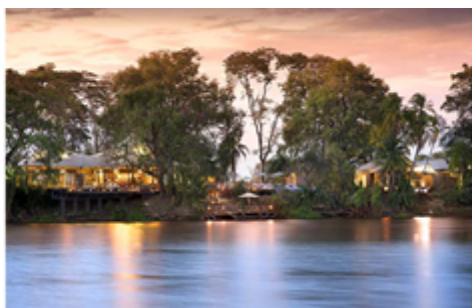
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In his search for "the Smoke that Thunders" David Livingstone discovered one of the most majestic sights in the world and to this day, the spectacular Victoria Falls has the power to leave man speechless with its beauty. It is beside this World Heritage Site that the quaintly colonial, Livingstone Town was born. As a popular entry point into Zambia it offers the intrepid traveller an adventure destination and ideal jumping off point to some of the most untouched game parks available.

Livingstone provides the same escapades which make Victoria Falls so appealing: heart-stopping white water rafting, bungee jumping and glorious aircraft flips over the falls. The sprawling town of Livingstone is home to vibrant markets and museums dedicated to the local culture, history and rich railway heritage.

2 nights at Thorntree River Lodge - 1 Suite/s



Your stay includes:

All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled camp activities daily, return road transfers from Livingstone Airport (not guaranteed on a private basis), National Park fees and laundry.

Lodge activities include: game drives in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, rhino tracking, bush walks on property, sunrise & sunset boat cruises, Simonga village visit, a visit to Zambian side of the Falls (entrance fee included), a visit to the Zimbabwe side of the Falls in low water season (excludes visa fees), visit to Livingstone Museum, canoe trips, visit to Maramba Market, catch and release shore fishing and Spa treatment (additional costs apply).

Thorntree River Lodge fast facts

- 8 twin & 2 family units with private pools
- Luxurious riverside lodge: flexibility & relaxation
- Approx. 30 mins from Victoria Falls
- Gym & spa with wetlands views
- Solar-powered & environmentally-friendly
- Resort-feel with camp appeal

Set in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, on the banks of the Zambezi River, Thorntree River Lodge has been completely rebuilt with a freshly modern and environmentally conscious design. The look maintains an authentic African feel with contemporary canvas roofs, open-plan living areas, spacious decks and stunning river vistas. 8 twin rooms and 2 family units are raised above the ground, have indoor and outdoor bathrooms, lounges, terraces and private plunge pools. The family units are linked by a covered walkway. Fine cuisine is served in the dining area which flows into a well-stocked cellar. Communal seating areas extend out to the barbecue area and infinity pool, and a wooden floating deck moves with the water level, a seamless integration of water and land. Thorntree River Lodge is unfenced and has game wandering through it. It backs into a wetland and has good birding and game life. Activities include a Tour of the Falls (Zambian side), sunset boat cruise, seasonal fishing and village visit.

Please note:

Please note: This rate is applicable if a combination of 9 nights are spent at any African Bush Camps. Not combinable with any other special. If guests are staying at any African Bush Camps in Botswana prior or after their arrival at Thorntree River Lodge, complimentary road transfers between Kasane Airport and Thorntree River Lodge are included.

Monday 03 Jun 19

[Shared Road Transfer - To ZIM ABC Camp Only: Thorntree River Lodge to Victoria Falls Airport](#)

This transfer only applies to guests going to an ABC Camps in Zimbabwe

[Seat in Plane - 45 mins: Victoria Falls International Airport to Manga airstrip](#)

Extras included: 1 x Departure tax;

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

Royal hunting grounds in the 19th century and declared a national park in 1929, today, Hwange is Zimbabwe's largest game reserve. Vast stretches of wilderness, extend from horizon to horizon and form part of the ancient migration route towards Northern Botswana's Chobe and the Linyanti.

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.

3 nights at Somalisa Expeditions - 1 Tent/s



Your stay includes:

All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled camp activities daily, return shared transfers from Manga airstrip and laundry. Camp activities: morning and afternoon game drives, walking safaris, Hwange Main Camp village visit (usually done as part of a road transfer from/to Victoria Falls). Mambanje Village visit requires a private vehicle to be booked at an additional cost.

Somalisa Expeditions fast facts

- 6 Serengeti-style tents
- Excellent elephant sightings
- Superb wildlife experience & excellent guiding
- Animal-centred camp traversed by well-used game paths
- Eco-friendly: solar & minimal footprint

An authentic tented bush camp located in a private concession within the heart of Hwange National Park, Somalisa Expeditions nestles under Acacia trees along the edge of a seasonal floodplain. It looks out over extensive savannah grasslands – excellent elephant territory. 6 elegantly furnished Serengeti-style tents, echoing old African charm, have en-suite bathrooms with flush toilets and hot and cold running water. Designed as an environmentally low-impact camp, Somalisa Expeditions runs on solar energy and generator power. A communal lounge and dining area are on raised decking and overlook a small pool, which is now more favoured by beast than human - the elephants drink out of it on a regular basis. Enjoy guided walks, daily game drives and game viewing from the nearby platform at Ray's Pan, under the super care of professional staff.

Extras included: 2 x Conservation + Wildlife Fund;

Thursday 06 Jun 19

Seat in Plane - 1 hour 50 mins: Manga airstrip to Mana Main/West airstrip

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Welcome to Mana Pools...

Wild, untouched and beautiful, Mana Pools National Park, is a World Heritage Site, located on the floodplains of the Great Rift Valley. Ranging from Kariba Dam to Mozambique, this is one of Africa's most remote reserves, a lack of borders providing freedom of space for the inhabitants. Prime Zambezi river frontage and lush vegetation sustain a wide variety of game species and birdlife. Dominating the scenery are the four large, permanent pools - "mana" translates as four – as well as seasonal smaller pools. Remnant ox-bow lakes, the pools were created by ancient changes in the river's meanderings and are fringed by foliage and forests of mahogany, wild fig, ebony and baobab. The islands, sandbanks and waters are ideal for substantial hippo pods and crocodiles - these "generalist" hunters, having earned their sinister reputation by being one of the few species that actually view mankind as legitimate prey.

As the abundance of water recedes in the dry months (June to October), Mana Pools draws large herds of elephant and buffalo to its vicinity, the giants appearing - silent as shadows - from out of dense bush. Lion, leopard and wild dog may be sighted as kudu, impala, zebra and waterbuck graze invitingly on open plains. The iconic reserve is a prime walking safari destination with highly professional guides. Fishing is done from the banks of the river and canoeing is available.

3 nights at Kanga Camp - 1 Tent/s



Your stay includes:

All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled camp activities daily, return shared transfers from Dandawa airstrip and laundry. Camp activities: morning and afternoon game drives and walking safaris

Kanga Camp fast facts

- 4 Meru-style tents & 2 honeymoon/family units
 - Uninterrupted views of active water hole – an animal magnet
 - Open camp with a close-to-nature feel
 - Kanga Pan: permanent water
 - Diverse landscape & armchair game viewing
- Game drives, walking & excellent birding

An explorer's paradise within the Mana Pools World Heritage Site, Kanga Camp nestles alongside a seasonal pan in a private concession, 15 kms from the Zambezi River. The camp overlooks the area's only year-round water source available, and during the dry months, this is a busy hub, providing excellent "armchair" game viewing. Kanga offers a rich, African safari experience in a remote, unspoilt location. 4 Meru-style tents and 2 honeymoon/family units afford attractive accommodation with a classic "Out of Africa" ambiance and outdoor bathrooms. Ideal for quiet moments of tranquillity, private verandahs command picturesque vistas over the pan. A main lounge and dining area are located on the split level decking, and enjoy exciting views over the water hole and the animals drawn to drink. The lodge's open design allows guests to feel a part of the natural surrounds. At the beginning of the season (May) canoeing, full day excursions to the Zambezi River and Chitake Spring visits can be pre-arranged (additional charge).

Extras included: 3 x Conservation + Wildlife Fund;

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Sunday 09 Jun 19

[Seat in Plane - 30 mins: Mana Main/West airstrip to Bumi Hills airstrip](#)

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[Welcome to Lake Kariba...](#)

Lake Kariba's waters capture the reflection of iconic painted skies, the blazing sunset colours echoing across waters. Nature's unrestrained palette balances water and sky. In many places Kariba's vastness gives the impression of endless oceans, while closer to shore, tree stumps pierce through the lake surface, graveyard evidence of land claimed by water. One of the four largest man-made lakes in the world, Kariba stretches 220kms by 40 kms wide, positioned on Zimbabwe's northern border with Zambia. Covering approximately 5500km² of what was once the Zambezi valley, the lake is studded with islands and flanked by the rugged Matuzviadonha Mountains. The dam's genesis provides an almost biblical history of vengeful gods, displaced people and epic relocation plans.

Lake Kariba was created in the late 1950's by damming the Zambezi River and flooding the land behind the dam. Before the project could begin, 57,000 Batonga people and their villages had to be relocated causing much unhappiness and resentment. Today there are still Tonga people who believe the river god, Nyaminyami, was responsible for the death of 86 workers who perished whilst building Kariba dam. At the same time, Operation Noah, a massive wildlife rescue project was launched in a bid to relocate the animals affected by the rising waters. The five year long programme caught the attention of the world as over 6000 animals were moved to safety.

2 nights at Bumi Hills Safari Lodge - 1 Lake View Room/s



Your stay includes:

All meals, local brand drinks, 2 scheduled camp activities daily, return shared transfers from Bumi Hills airstrip and laundry.
Lodge activities: morning, afternoon and night game drives, walking safaris, village visits, boat cruises and fishing.

Bumi Hills Safari Lodge fast facts

- 10 contemporary suites
- Elevated position & panoramic vistas
- Outdoor living spaces to appreciate the setting
- Iconic "drowned" trees & magnificent sunsets
- Tranquil atmosphere, pool & spa
- Variety of activities

Situated south west of Kariba town on the southern foreshore of the vast Lake Kariba, is the iconic Bumi Hills Safari Lodge. Known as "the lodge on top of the hill" Bumi Hills has an elevated position on an escarpment bordering the Matusadona National Park and commands unparalleled vistas over Lake Kariba and Starvation Island. 10 beautifully appointed suites are perched on the edge of a cliff and from the comfort of covered balconies, guests can spend time watching the elephant and buffalo grazing on the shoreline below. Suites are elegant and contemporary. Dominating the main guest area is an infinity pool which has a serious wow factor as it appears to blend seamlessly into the distant horizon. Terraced dining areas, chill-out spots, a lounge, library and a spa offer a high degree of guest comfort. Safari activities include game viewing by boat or open safari vehicle, walking, sunset cruises, cultural village visits, fishing and superb birding.

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Tuesday 11 Jun 19

Seat in Plane - 1 hour 40 mins: Kariba International Airport to Victoria Falls Int. Airport

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USD 8800.00 Per person twin share

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