

# CLAWS Classic African Wildlife Safari

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park - Hwange National Park - Mana Pools National Park 13 Days / 12 Nights



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Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis
Victoria Falls Safari Club	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	3	B&B
Camp Hwange	Hwange National Park	3	FI
Linkwasha Camp	Hwange National Park	3	FI
Ruckomechi Camp	Mana Pools National Park	3	FI

**Key** B&B: Bed and breakfast

FI: Fully inclusive

# Day 1-4: Victoria Falls Safari Club, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

# Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi river at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or micro lights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park.

## Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Club View iBrochure

Located just 4kms from Victoria Falls, and situated within the magnificent grounds of the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge resort. The Safari Club comprises 16 Club Rooms & 4 Club Suites. The luxurious rooms have uninterrupted views of the unspoilt bushveld and spectacular sunsets. All rooms have three-quarter beds that can be converted into king beds. There are 2 sets of interleading Club Rooms and 2 sets of Club Suites interleading into Club Rooms. Room facilities include: complimentary mini bar which is re-stocked daily with local beer and soft drinks, house wine and bottled water, digital safes large enough to hold laptop computers, international multi sockets, beverage station including Nespresso machine, LED lighting, gauze screens and sliding glass doors opening out onto a private balcony, complimentary WiFi, and air-conditioning. The Club Suites offer the same facilities as the Club Rooms, but also include a spacious adjacent sitting room.

The Safari Club has its own Club Lounge, and offers a butler-style service, complimentary afternoon tea and pastries served 15h30 to 16h30, complimentary sundowners and canapés served from 17h30 to 18h30 and a complimentary shuttle service to the Victoria Falls, town centre and markets. Light meals are available from 11h00 to 21h30 and bar service from 11h00 till late.



# **Included Activities**

#### Tour of the Falls Zimbabwe

The Victoria Falls – Now In Its 150 Millionth Fantastic Year - Reaches Its Zenith in About May each year. It's a truly awe-inspiring experience – the sight, the sound, the smell; the humbling feeling that here indeed is Nature's Supreme Masterpiece. No photograph can begin to depict the reality...and nothing prepares you for your first sight. This tour is conducted in the morning and afternoon. En route, clients may be taken past the 'Big Tree' where they may stop and take photos. Clients can be accompanied through the Rainforest by qualified Guides who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest.



## Ra-Ikane

The Ra-Ikane, the only one of it's kind in Victoria Falls, is a small luxury cruise boat that is out-fitted to suggest, in

exquisite detail, an ambiance of a bygone era. The vessel was built to replicate the "Ma-Robert" – Dr David Livingstone's boat.

This cruise boat is exclusive and personalised and designed to complement your stay with us. Period decor, historic memorabilia, fine cuisine and refreshments characterise a level of comfort and grace unsurpassed on the Zambezi.



## The Lookout Café

CUISINE - À la Carte lunch Highlights:

- · Spectacular views of the Batoka Gorge, Vic Falls Bridge and Spray of the Falls
- Semi open-air café with refreshing beverages and a lively cocktail menu
- Cafe style cuisine with offerings to suit every taste and occasion



#### The Boma Restaurant

The Boma – Dinner & Drum Show is a "must do" Victoria Falls dining and entertainment experience, specializing in traditional African food, drumming and dancing. The food is cooked and served in the style and quantity of a lavish feast, including irresistible desserts. On arrival, you are dressed in a chitenge (traditional sarong) and welcomed into a vibrant atmosphere in which the tantalizing aromas of local dishes and game meat on the braai (barbecue) fill the restaurant, which is partially open to the star-filled African sky. Your meal begins with a mouth-watering platter of starters whilst the buffet includes soup from the campfire, a range of salads, game meat cooked on a braai (barbecue), followed by desserts. Vegetarian options are also available, as well as local dishes such as peanut butter spinach. You can also look forward to outstanding performances by traditional singers and dancers, and enjoy an energizing interactive drumming show. A face painter, storyteller, hair braider and fortune teller also form part of this festive evening.



## Helicopter Flight (13 min)

The 13 minute flight departs regularly throughout the day and offers spectacular photographic opportunities. Guests are collected from their hotels 30 minutes prior to their flight departure time and are given a safety talk on arrival at the Helipad, near the Elephant Hills Inter-Continental Hotel. After take-off on the 13 minute Flight of Angels, the helicopter turns out towards the Victoria Falls.

The pilot will fly circuits over The Falls in both directions giving guests the best viewing and photographic opportunities. A trip up river and back over the Zambezi National Park completes your flight.



#### Included

Private transfer from Victoria Falls Airport to Victoria Falls Safari Club.
THREE Nights Accommodation at Victoria Falls Safari Club on a Bed & Breakfast basis.
Private Guided Tour of the Falls on the Zimbabwean side.
Sunset Cruise on the Ra-Ikane.
Lunch at the Lookout Cafe.
12 - 13 Helicopter Flight of the Angels.

#### Excluded

Scheduled Commercial Flight into Victoria Falls Airport. All other Meals and Drinks. All other transfers and activities.

# Day 4-7: Camp Hwange, Hwange National Park

#### **Hwange National Park**

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's biggest reserve, home to a profusion of wildlife, including giraffe, lion, zebra and approximately 40 000 elephants. It provides sanctuary for all the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs thought to be among the most sizeable surviving groups on the continent. Terrain ranges from desert dunes and savannah lands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests, and visitors have the choice of game drives, guided walks or horseback safaris as a means of experiencing the park and its creatures.

#### **Overnight: Camp Hwange View iBrochure**

Ideally situated in a private concession in the North part of the Hwange National Park, just 3hrs 30min by road from Victoria Falls, Camp Hwange, the newest safari camp to be built in Hwange, consists of 8 comfortable chalets. Camp Hwange offers the chance to have a unique experience with excellent safaris both by vehicle or on foot, plus the chance to do night drives. The guides, arguably considered to be amongst the best in Africa, known for their love of nature and the wide open spaces, offer you a chance to discover the world where you are a part of the mosaic of life.



# Included

Private transfer from Victoria Falls Safari Club to Mbala gate for collection in an open 4 x 4 safari vehicle by Camp Hwange.

THREE Nights Accommodation on a Fully Inclusive basis including VAT, full board, all activities, all beverages, laundry & Emergency Medical Evacuation.

# Day 7-10: Linkwasha Camp, Hwange National Park

# Overnight: Linkwasha Camp <u>View iBrochure</u>

Linkwasha Camp lies in a private concession near the Ngamo Plains in Hwange National Park. Hwange is known for its prolific summer or green season game viewing, and Linkwasha adds an extra dimension during the dry season, when wildlife streams to drink from the pan immediately in front of the camp.

Nine luxurious en-suite tents (eight twin and one family) make this the most exclusive of Hwange's camps. The multi-level main area shares the same unimpeded views, and day and night safaris in open 4x4 vehicles, walks and village visits let guests get to know their neighbours, both animal and human.

#### - INSIDER TIP -

Enjoy the thrill of getting your feet on the ground on a walking safari in the company of Linkwasha's knowledgeable and highly experienced safari guides.



## Included

Open 4 x 4 safari vehicle transfer from Camp Hwange to Linkwasha Camp.

THREE Nights Accommodation at Linkwasha Camp on a Fully Inclusive basis including all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, park fees, laundry and all local drinks.

# Excluded

Excludes premium imported brands and champagne.

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# Day 10-13: Ruckomechi Camp, Mana Pools National Park

## Mana Pools National Park

The life-giving power of the Zambezi River makes Mana Pools National Park one of Zimbabwe's most lush and flourishing regions, designated as the country's second World Heritage Site and known as one of the continent's premier game-viewing regions. Canoe trips are offered year round and provide a unique and memorable way for visitors to experience the area's striking scenic beauty and diverse fauna, while guided walks are a great way to take its pristine riverside forests.

#### Overnight: Ruckomechi Camp View iBrochure

Located in the legendary Mana Pools National Park, Ruckomechi enjoys incredible views across the Zambezi to the towering escarpment on the Zambian side of the river. Ana trees provide both shade and seed pods that are beloved of elephants, meaning that these charismatic creatures are never far away.

Guest accommodation consists of ten spacious en-suite tented units, including two family units, and open 4x4 vehicles, motorised pontoon boats, canoes and good old safari boots facilitate the wildlife viewing. The camp even features a secluded outdoor bath for a luxurious sensory experience. Ruckomechi is open throughout the dry (winter) season.

#### - INSIDER TIP -

A boat cruise along the mighty Zambezi is a wonderful way to see wildlife and waterbirds from a different perspective. For the more adventurous – there's the option of canoeing along this famous river!



#### Included

Charter flight from Linkwasha Camp to Ruckomechi Camp. THREE Nights Accommodation at Ruckomechi Camp on a Fully Inclusive basis including all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, park fees, laundry and all local drinks.

## Excluded

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# Day 13: Departure

## Included

Charter Flight from Ruckomechi Camp to Victoria Falls Airport.

# Excluded

Scheduled Commercial Flight departing from Victoria Falls.

# **Overview**

What's Included Accommodation Meals and Drinks specified as included Transfers and Activities specified as included Scheduled Charter Flights

#### What's NOT Included

Meals and drinks not specified as included Transfers and Activities not specified as included Scheduled Commercial Flights Tips & Gratuities Shopping Visa Fees Any items of a personal nature Specialist Guide Sid Hayes (Daily Fee TBA)

Suggested Gratuities USD 2.00 per bag porterage at airport and hotels/camps USD 10.00 per guest per day for guiding staff at the camps USD 5.00 per guest per day for housekeeping and porterage at the hotels and camps. USD 25 per guest per day for Specialist Guide

NOTES

- PLEASE NOTE ALL FLIGHTS AND ROUTING ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDANT ON DAYS AND DATES OF
  TRAVEL
- ALTERNATIVE LUXURY ACCOMMODATION CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THESE CAMPS AND LODGES WHERE REQUESTED.
- PRICES ARE ON REQUEST AND SUBJECT TO TIME OF TRAVEL (I.E. HIGH, LOW, SHOULDER SEASON)

Travel - it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a story teller. \*Unkown



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