

14 DAYS SELF-DRIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF ZIMBABWE'S NATIONAL PARKS (CAMPING & LODGING)

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TRIP FACTS:

DESTINATIONS	ACCOMMODATION	NIGHTS	Meals
Victoria Falls	Shearwater Explorers Village	2 Nights	B&B
Hwange National Park	Robins campsite	3 Nights	FB
Lake Kariba	Tuskers Camp Site	2 Nights	FB
Kariba Lake	Kariba Ferry	1 Night	FB
Mana Pool National Park	Mana Pools Camp	3 Nights	FB
Chitake Springs	Camp Chitake	1 Night	FB

ITINERARY (DAY BY DAY):

DAY 1: VICTORIA FALLS AIRPORT TO VICTORIA FALLS

Time/ Distance: 21 min (21.4 km)

You will be transferred to their accommodation and fully kitted 4x4 will be waiting for you on-site and our representative will hand over and go through with the procedures and demonstrate the use of the kit. Victoria Falls is in the largest water Fall in the world Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls. After arrival at the hotel guest will relax as and get ready to be picked up for a Sunset Cruise on the mighty Zambezi, this is your first River Safari as you get to see scores of Elephants, Hippos, Crocodiles, and other animals quenching their thirst in this Savannah heat.

Accommodation: Shearwater Explorers Village



DAY 2: VICTORIA FALLS AREA

You will wake up to a nice breakfast at the hotel and get ready to be picked up for the guided Tour of the Falls. The Tour Starts at 'the Big Tree', an old Baobab located in Victoria Falls National Park. Botanists believe the tree is over 1,000 years old. Guest will be blown away by this magnificent wonder as you walk for 2km viewing all the 16 points that take you closer to the edge as you view the mighty Zambezi dropping for more than 100m at the Falls. After lunch, you will have leisure time to do extra activities or enjoy yourself around the hotel.

Accommodation: Shearwater Explorers Village



DAY 3: VICTORIA FALLS TO HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Time/ Distance: 1 hr 46 min (118.3 km)

Today you will self-drive to camps, deep in the heart of Hwange National Park. Stock up on groceries & brim the fuel and water tanks in Vic Falls before you head off through the Matetsi safari area. The camp has been renovated to pristine condition and you will camp in a very well-equipped campsite with excellent facilities. You can either cook for yourself or eat at the camp restaurant. Upon arrival, guests can go on an afternoon game drive.

Accommodated: Robins campsite



DAY 4: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

You will wake up and go on an early morning game drive to experience the wilderness. Experience the African Sunrise in the park and might witness the cats soon after a kill or coming from a hunt. They will enjoy a mid-morning Breakfast after and relax by the pool or terrace and watch wildlife at the watering hole. Guest will get ready after lunch for an afternoon game drive which will focus more on water holes and most animals.



DAY 5: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

You will Self-drive through the Hwange National park to a Zimparks campsite. You will wild-camp at one of these remote Zimparks sites deep within Hwange. You may need to use the water tanks on the vehicle roof for drinking water as this is remote Africa.

Accommodated: Robins campsite



DAY 6: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK TO LAKE KARIBA

Time/ Distance: 46 min (69.6 km)

You will have breakfast and today drive through the rest of Hwange National park towards the Sikumi Forest area bordering the park (un-fenced). On the way, you may stop in at the Wild Dog Conservation Center and see these amazing and endangered animals up close. You will be heading for Tuskers campsite, on the edge of the park where you will camp for the night.

Accommodation: Tuskers Camp Site



DAY 7: MLIBIZI AREA

You will Self-drive via Hwange town to Mlibizi on the edge of Lake Kariba's upper reaches. Here you will camp at the Mlibizi Zambezi resort and can use their facilities and even take organize a guided fishing trip with them if you feel so inclined. There is a basic shop and they can arrange a cooed meal for you if you wish.

Accommodation: Tuskers Camp Site



DAY 8: MLIBIZI AREA TO KARIBA TOWN

Time/ Distance: 7 hr 43 min (534.7 km)

You will go for the Kariba Ferry departs Mlibizi 10:30 am for Kariba Town. Their experienced team will park your vehicle below-ships whilst you retire to the decks above to sip G&T and survey the 360-Degree panoramic horizons as the Ferry makes its 22-hour, 300km journey across the lake. You are served 3 meals and the experience is reminiscent of the "African Queen". Sleep on the decks in traditional Kariba Houseboat style or the salon on fold-down beds. The Kariba Ferry is a highlight of this trip and will never be forgotten.

Accommodation: Kariba ferry



DAY 9: KARABI LAKE TO MANA POOL NATIONAL PARK

Time/ Distance: 1hr 14 min (195 km)

You can start, get up, enjoy a delicious breakfast, then depart to Mana pool Following the GPS directions to Chinhoyi where we have a refueling depot. Brim the fuel tanks and proceed to Marongora Zimparks check-in, present entry permits which we have prepared for you. Mana pool is Located in northern Zimbabwe, the life-giving power of the Zambezi River makes Mana Pools National Park one of Zimbabwe's most lush and flourishing regions. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is known for its natural beauty and as one of the continent's premier game-viewing areas.

Accommodated: Mana Pools Camp



DAY 10: MANA POOL NATIONAL PARK

You will wake up on your second day at Mana to a cacophony of birdsong and animal sounds. Hippo grunts, lion roars, hyena howls. You are in paradise. We suggest you book a Zimparks ranger at reception to take you on guided walks along the Mana floodplain every morning and evening because walking is what sets Mana apart from other African parks. Don't waste the opportunity and freedom allowed to walk at Mana by driving randomly along with Mana's rather limited road network, get out there in the bush with an armed Zimparks ranger, and walk, you will be immersed in the bugs and birds and live a different experience to the standard African Game-Drive.

Accommodated: Mana Pools Camp



DAY 11: MANA POOL NATIONAL PARK

You will get into the Mana routine and go Book morning and afternoon walks with Zimparks rangers. Lie up during the heat of the day and see more animals walk through your campsite than you saw on your walk. You are not starting to become used to the Mana lifestyle now.

Accommodated: Mana Pools Camp



DAY 12: CHITAKE SPRINGS

Time/ Distance: 8 hr 36 min (466 km)

We will break up the camps after breakfast, fill the roof-mounted water tank on the vehicle with drinking water at Reception, today the guest is going to Chitake Springs. Drive approximately 60km inland from the river to set up camp at the Chitake camping site. Here the Chitake river rises out of the sand and flows on the surface for up to 1km before sinking back into the earth. This is the only source of water for miles around in mid-dry season and animals flock to Chitake to drink and hunt. You camp amongst them.

Accommodated: Camp Chitake



DAY 13: CHITAKE SPRINGS TO HARARE

Time/ Distance: 5 hr 11 min (354.2 km)

You will have breakfast and a morning walk and come break camp tents and check-out at Mana Reception before 10:00 am and drive slowly back towards the tar road. Remember to re-inflate tires to 2,5 bar at the last boom gate at the tar road, checkout at Marongora. Refuel at Chinhoyi and return the vehicle to Sunbird Guest House in the daylight for road safety reasons. Hand-back 4x4 and complete vehicle return paperwork with Costa. Then have a farewell barbeque at sunbird or go out for dinner nearby a restaurant.

Accommodated: Meikles Hotel



DAY 14: DEPARTURE

After a early breakfast at Hotel, you will be transferred to the airport to return trip home.



INCLUDE:

- Vehicle 4x4 Renault Duster (2-4 Pax)
- Vehicle Toyota Quantum Mini Bus (5-10 Pax)
- GPS
- 1 Extra Spare Tyre
- On Road Assistance
- Passenger liability 15%
- VAT 2% tourism levy
- Airport transfers
- Breakfast for the Client
- Expenses of personal nature
- Fuel Cost for Duration of Tour
- Vehicle Rental Deposit

EXCLUDE:

- Upgrade to 4x4 Pick-Up Toyota Hilux
- Entrance fees not mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals not mentioned
- Drinks at lodges and on road
- Optional excursions and activities
- Tips for tour guides
- International flights and airport taxes
- Items not mentioned in the itinerary
- Lunch and Dinner will be on clients cost. All accommodations serve dinner and lunch. but Client will have the right to choose where to have lunch and dinner.
- Porterage and Gratuities
- International/National Flights and Airport Taxes

HOW TO BOOK AND HOW TO PAY:

To reserve this tour, a payment of 30% of the total price must be made at the time of reservation. The balance of 70% can be made 30 days before the departure of your tour. Your deposit can either be made through a Bank Transfer, with the addition of a 45 US Dollar fee or by Credit Card which incurs an additional bank charge of 3.5%