



DISCOVER...

ZIMBABWE

Tucked between the mighty Zambezi and the rolling Limpopo River, Zimbabwe is best known for the magnificent spectacle of the Victoria Falls. Known as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' or 'The Smoke That Thunders', this scenic natural wonder has become known as the site of Africa's "Adrenalin Capital". Zimbabwe derives its name from the spectacular stone structures of the Great Zimbabwe ruins, a World Heritage Site with a mysterious origin. The country is home to another four World Heritage sites, including the rugged granite outcrops of the Matobo Hills, the spectacular conservation area of Mana Pools and the magnificent Victoria Falls. The world's largest man-made reservoir, the vast waters of Lake Kariba are home to the fierce tiger fish, renowned among avid anglers, while herds of wildlife wander its shores.

FAST FACTS



Currency

Local Currency: USD

Accepted Currency: USD or ZAR

Accepted Credit Cards: Visa, MasterCard and Amex are generally accepted in Victoria Falls. Many camps in remote areas do not accept credit cards.



How to Spend it

Zambezi Lager
Zimbabwe's homebrewed beer

Nyaminyami pendant
The perfect memento of Zimbabwe's Zambezi River god

Chitenge
The local cloth that ladies wear wrapped around their waists or for carrying babies



In Numbers

Zimbabwe boasts 5 World Heritage Sites


Population: 15 million

Victoria Falls is 1 708 metres wide and 108 metres high.

Lake Kariba, the world's largest man-made lake, is an incredible 280 kilometres (175 miles) long.

&Beyond Matetsi Private Game Reserve boasts 27 kilometres of private Zambezi River frontage.

Thrill seekers can get their adrenaline fix from a 111 (364 foot) metre bungee jump at Victoria Falls.



Did You Know?

Capital city: Harare

Neighbours: South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana and Zambia.

Zimbabwe has two main tribal groups; the Shona and Ndebele tribes.

The country offers the world's best one-day rafting trip.




Food

Sadza
A stiff, cornmeal porridge

Dried Mopane worms
A staple food in rural areas

Kapenta
delicious dried sardines

Beef biltong
A truly African snack



TRAVEL TIMES

HARARE				
+	2hrs 30min	VICTORIA FALLS		
+	2hrs	45min	HWANGE	
+	1hr 30min	1hr 40min	1hr	BULAWAYO
+	1hr 30min	1hr 40min	1hr 40min	1hr 45min
				KARIBA
+	1hr 30min	2hrs 15min	2hrs	2hrs
				45min
				MANA POOLS

Disclaimer: All flights may include multiple stops and scheduling is a guideline – times will vary and scheduling is coordinated mainly by operations teams on the ground. Flight schedules are more limited in off-peak periods. Above times are based on best-practice logistics and exclude transfers to and from lodges.

Care of the Land, Wildlife and People

Having originally been involved in the conversion of the Matetsi concession from wildlife hunting to photographic safaris, a conservation triumph for Zimbabwe; we have invested heavily in various wildlife and habitat initiatives to restore this unique wilderness area back to its pristine condition. Efforts include bush clearing programmes, new boreholes, security and on-going anti-poaching initiatives. By supporting &Beyond Matetsi, guests contribute towards the conservation of a 50 000 hectare (125 000 acre) wildlife sanctuary and 27 kilometres (17 miles) of exclusive Zambezi River frontage. Additionally, we work with like-minded travel partners in Zimbabwe, whose ethos also extends to the preservation of Africa's wild areas and its vibrant people. One such example is African Bush Camp, which supports local communities in the Hwange area through funding a variety of education initiatives for children.



Caught on Film

Use a wide angle lens to get the perfect photo of the iconic Victoria Falls.

The sunsets over Lake Kariba are a photographer's delight – for early birds, the mist rising off the water results in surreal images.

Capture the Great Zimbabwe Monuments that are believed to have been built between 1200 and 1450 AD.



LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES

VICTORIA FALLS

A World Heritage Site, Victoria Falls is one of the world's greatest natural spectacles and the stuff of legends, romance and myth. Long before the Scottish missionary and explorer Dr David Livingstone 'discovered' the Victoria Falls in 1855, the local Batonga people had named them Mosi-oa-Tunya, 'the smoke that thunders'. Livingstone had named the Falls after his queen. Today, the town rightly claims the title of Adrenaline Capital of Africa, home to a seemingly endless variety of adventure sports from bungee jumping to canoeing and white water rafting.



VICTORIA FALLS

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Zimbabwe's largest national park, the elephant stronghold of Hwange is a game-rich area roughly the size of the Bahamas that was once the royal hunting grounds of the Ndebele warrior king Mzilikazi. It was proclaimed a national park in 1929. Here, guests can explore a variety of landscapes, from desert sands and sparse woodlands to grasslands and rocky outcrops. Vast herds of elephant and buffalo, gemsbok and packs of brown hyena can be found in this pristine slice of wilderness, which also boasts one of the largest surviving populations of African wild dog.



HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

LAKE KARIBA

Stretching over 300 kilometres in length and covering an area of 5 000 square kilometres, the man-made Lake Kariba, filled between 1958 and 1963, is a veritable inland sea, located on the mighty Zambezi River. Flanked on all sides by pristine nature reserves, this exceptional water mass is a testament to human ingenuity and not only contributes to the people of Zimbabwe and Zambia but also to a flourishing diversity of game, fish and birdlife. Many a memorable moment can be shared on the lake from fishing for the powerful tiger fish aboard a luxurious houseboat, to game viewing by boat or on an interpretive guided walking safari.



LAKE KARIBA

MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mana Pools offers a truly remote and rugged wilderness experience. Here, visitors to the park can encounter a plethora of wildlife that ranges from large mammals to over 350 bird species. Meaning "four" in the local Shona language, Mana refers to the park's four large pools that are vestiges of ancient ox-bow lakes carved out by the mighty Zambezi. Situated in the middle of the Zambezi Valley, the Mana Pools National Park offers the incredible opportunity to embark on expertly guided canoe trails.



MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

SOUTHERN ZIMBABWE

Southern Zimbabwe is filled with diverse wildlife and cultural experiences. A UNESCO World Heritage Site that is home to a multitude of mammal and bird species, the Matobo Hills features granite domes, castle kopjes and ancient San rock art that echo the tranquility and majesty of untamed Africa. Meaning "Place of many Elephants", Gonarezhou National Park is an extremely scenic park that boasts many rugged and beautiful landscapes. Malilangwe Private Wildlife Reserve is a private concession adjacent to Ghonarezou, embraced by the Malilangwe Mountain range and boasting an unusual habitat consisting of rocky outcrops and baobab trees, attracting vast amounts of unique animals and birdlife.



SOUTHERN ZIMBABWE

BEYOND COMPARE

		VICTORIA FALLS	HWANGE NATIONAL PARK	LAKE KARIBA	MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK	SOUTHERN ZIMBABWE
Why we Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discover the largest curtain of water in the world on a guided Victoria Falls tour - Make the most of the "Adrenaline Capital of Africa" on one adventure after another - Savour the elegant ritual of high tea at the beautiful Edwardian-style Victoria Falls Hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zimbabwe's largest National Park - Hwange boasts over 100 different species of mammal and over 400 species of birds - Witness hundred-strong herds of elephant - One of the largest surviving populations of African wild dog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa's largest man made dam, stretching over 300 kilometres in length and covering an area of 5 000 square kilometres - Try your hand at tiger fishing, aboard a luxurious houseboat - Game viewing by boat or on a guided walking safari 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Truly remote and rugged wilderness experience - Embark on expertly guided canoe trails on the mighty Zambezi River - Fantastic birdwatching with over 350 bird species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discover granite domes, ancient San rock art, and high concentrations of leopard black eagle at Matobo Hills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site - Explore incredible scenery and search for the big 5 on safari in Gonarezhou National Park - Keen anglers can cast their rods into the sparkling waters of Malilangwe Lake and try to lure tiger fish, bass, bream and catfish
	Getting There	International Flights	International flight access into Harare International Airport and Victoria Falls International Airport. Direct flights from Johannesburg into Harare, Victoria Falls and Bulawayo. Road transfer from Livingstone Airport in Zambia to Victoria Falls.			
	Domestic Flights	Scheduled flights connect Victoria Falls, Bulawayo and Harare Airports. Light aircraft flights are operated on a scheduled seat-in-plane or private basis; and link the major tourist areas of Victoria Falls, Hwange, Matobo Hills, Mana Pools, Matusadona and Kariba.				
	Gateway Airport	Victoria Falls International Airport	Hwange Main Camp Airstrip	Kariba Airport	Mana Pools Airstrip	Bulawayo Airport
	Self Drive	Self-drive is not recommended.				
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Ilala Lodge Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Victoria Falls Hotel		Bumi Hills Safari Lodge		Camp Amalinda (Matobo Hills)
	\$\$\$\$	Victoria Falls Club Victoria Falls River Lodge The Elephant Camp	The Hide Safari Camp Somalisa Nehimba Lodge	Changa Safari Camp Matusadonna (House boat)	Kanga Camp Zambezi Expeditions	Chilo Gorge Safari Lodge (Gonarezhou)
	\$\$\$\$\$	&Beyond Matetsi River Lodge &Beyond Matetsi River House	Linkwasha Camp		Little Ruckomechi	Singita Pamushana Lodge (Malilangwe)

* The \$\$ / \$\$\$\$ / \$\$\$\$\$ references are used to indicate rate variation and are not associated with specific values. Please refer to the FAQ section for more information.

ACTIVITIES

		VICTORIA FALLS	HWANGE NATIONAL PARK	LAKE KARIBA	MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK	SOUTHERN ZIMBABWE	BEST KEPT SECRETS
SAFARI	Morning & afternoon game drives	●	●	○		●	Watch life on the banks of the Zambezi slowly settle in for the night, during a sunset cruise, on a private stretch of the Zambezi River.
	Morning & afternoon boat cruises	●		●		●	
	Night game drives	●	○				
	Canoeing	●			●	○	
	Sundowner cruises	●		●		○	
	Nature walks	●	●	●	●	○	
	Photographic safaris	●	●	●	●	●	
	Rhino tracking	●				●	
	Birdwatching	●	●	●	●	●	
ADVENTURE	Adrenaline activities	●					Get high on life with one adventure activity after another - white-water rafting, gorge swing, kayaking and canoeing.
	Helicopter tours	●					
	Fishing	●		●	●	○	
	A night under the stars		●		●		
CULTURAL	Community and village tours	●	●			●	Embark on an enchanting trek, with a renowned historian, to a famous gravesite. Walk to nearby caves and discover Bushmen rock art.
	Rock art					●	
	Great Zimbabwe Monuments					●	
	Kariba Dam wall tour			●			
	In the footsteps of Mzilikazi					●	
	Victoria Falls tour	●					
	Victoria Falls bridge tour	●					
GAME DRIVE CHECKLIST	Lion	●	●	●	●	●	Watch Africa's nightlife come out to play on an evening game drive.
	Leopard	●	●	●	●	●	
	Buffalo	●	●	●	●		
	Elephant	●	●	●	●		
	White rhino		●			●	
	Black rhino	○		●	●	●	
	Cheetah	●	●		●	●	
	African wild dog	●	●		●		
	Sable	●	●			●	
	Nile crocodile and hippo	●		●	●		
	Roan antelope	●	●		●	●	

● National Park and Private Concession ○ Private Concession

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	90°F	89°F	88°F	87°F	82°F	77°F	77°F	83°F	91°F	95°F	94°F	91°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	66°F	66°F	63°F	57°F	49°F	42°F	42°F	47°F	56°F	64°F	66°F	66°F
RAIN FALL*	0.17"	0.15"	0.16"	0.07"	0.03"	0	0	0	0	0.09"	0.08"	0.13"
VALUE**	\$\$	\$	\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$\$

ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Best game viewing - sparse vegetation and animals congregate around waterholes					●	●	●	●	●	●		
River cruises	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ideal time for walking safaris - cooler temperatures and the vegetation is sparse					●	●	●	●				
High wire adventure	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Scenic helicopter flight	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Best time for tiger and bream fishing on the Zambezi						●	●	●	●			
Community and village tours	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Historical tours	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Spectacular panoramic views of the Victoria Falls					●	●	●	●				
Excellent tiger fishing at Lake Kariba								●	●	●	●	
Perfect lighting for photography						●	●	●				
WILDLIFE	WILDLIFE											
	Best time for game viewing in Zimbabwe - sparse vegetation and animals congregate around water sources											
	●	●	●									●
Best time for birdwatching - migratory birds are in Zimbabwe												
●	●	●									●	●
New-born animals and interesting predator-prey interactions												
●	●	●									●	●

* Temperature and rainfall based on Victoria Falls. Source: Accuweather. Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in fahrenheit and inches.
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ITINERARIES

MOST POPULAR



Zimbabwe Water Safari & Victoria Falls - 10 days / 9 nights

- 5 nights Lake Kariba
- 2 nights Hwange National Park
- 2 nights Victoria Falls

TIME-STARVED



Zimbabwe & Botswana Safari - 7 days / 6 nights

- 2 nights Victoria Falls
- 2 nights Hwange National Park
- 2 nights Chobe National Park

REPEAT



Unforgettable Zimbabwe - 12 days / 11 nights

- 2 nights Victoria Falls
- 2 nights Hwange National Park
- 2 nights Lake Kariba
- 2 nights Matobo Hills
- 3 nights Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve

IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Add to Your Experience . . .

- 3 nights Cape Town via Johannesburg (South Africa)
- OR**
- 2 nights Chobe National Park via Kasane (Botswana)
- OR**
- 1 night via luxury train to Pretoria (South Africa)