

TRACKS SAFARIS

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12 NIGHT ZIMBABWE ADVENTURE

MATOPH HILLS, BULAWAYO, HWANGE & VICTORIA FALLS



DAY ONE – Arrive into Bulawayo Airport from Johannesburg.

After clearing customs you are met and transferred to Bulawayo and then on to Camp Amalinda in the Matobo Hills – approximately an hour's drive from Bulawayo – for three nights.

The granite domes and castle kopjes of the Matobo Hills in Zimbabwe are among the most majestic rock formations in the world and nestled in this unique range of hills is Camp Amalinda.

Camp Amalinda has just nine individually thatched rooms including 2 honeymoon suites which are set into the huge boulders. The rooms and suites are steeped in African historical artefacts and tucked away into an ancient bushman's shelter.



A cosy library contains some of the old African Classics whilst a secluded chess room - located amongst the tree tops - guarantees peace and tranquillity. For the wine connoisseur we recommend a visit to the natural cave wine cellar and sundowners can be enjoyed around a warm fire in the enclosed "boma" area.

At the base of the camp is a large swimming pool with comfortable loungers and a bar - all over-looking a waterhole – and you can enjoy a massage at the camp's Heritage Spa.

Some of the most majestic granite scenery in the world is found in the Matobo Hills and it is here that the hopes, trials and tribulations of the San Bushmen are recorded in the ancient rock art.

Activities offered include rhino tacking by foot or in a vehicle, explore the hills where mysterious nomads once held their sacred ceremonies - the rocky granite topography boasts more than 2000 sites of the San tribes, drive through the granite hills in the footsteps of Cecil John Rhodes and visit his world famous tomb known as the "*View of the World*", take a tour to an African homestead and get down to earth with the local Matabele people, or simply enjoy the pool and spa and relax!



DAY FOUR – transfer back to Bulawayo for one night in the Bulawayo Club.



Situated in the heart of historic Bulawayo the Club occupies one of the most imposing buildings in the city. Built in 1935, the foundation stone was laid by the Prince George, later King George VI of Great Britain. Originally a Gentleman's Club in a tradition which flourished the world over in the Age of Empire, the Club is now a boutique hotel. Much of the original furniture, fittings and early colonial artwork remains and visitors will be walking in the steps of the giants, both illustrious and notorious, of southern African history.

DAY FIVE – today you will transfer to Hwange National Park by air conditioned vehicle – approximately four hours – for three nights at Ivory Lodge .

Ivory Lodge is located outside the Hwange National Park on a private concession of 6,000 sq acres and has just seven elevated thatched tree house style rooms as well as two grand tented presidential suites. All the rooms are beautifully appointed and have great views of a private and extremely active waterhole directly in front of the lodge.

Guests have the opportunity to view some of Hwange's most prolific wildlife species from the comfort of their room or the main lounge area. The most commonly viewed species from camp range from big cat carnivores to plains game to herds of buffalo and elephant, sometimes up to 500 strong.

At Ivory Lodge, the rooms are fitted with mosquito nets and each unit is fairly open - offering an intimate bush experience.



Activities include game drives, visits to the Painted Dog conservancy, village tours, walking safaris and game counts.

Alternatively you can upgrade your Hwange stay to Khulu Ivory which overlooks an ancient riverbed known to attract a variety of wildlife and bird life in Hwange National Park.

Designed for those who are looking for a real escape, Khulu has just six thatched safari style suites built onto platforms. The rooms are well appointed and each designed in a modern contemporary style. Each suite has an indoor and outdoor shower, a balcony for game viewing and individual tea and coffee making facilities. There is a plunge pool located on the deck of the main area, as well as a raised fire pit for stargazing and night caps. All the camps water is from our borehole and there is an on-site laundry service.

Khulu Ivory offers guests guided game viewing on our private concession and/or in the National Park and activities on offer are half or full day game drives, night drives, visits to the Painted Dog Conservation Centre, walking safaris, pan/hide sits and game counts.



DAY EIGHT – transfer to Victoria Falls – approximately 2 hours – for two nights at the Victoria Falls Hotel.

Victoria Falls Hotel - popularly known as "the grand old lady of the falls" - is a luxurious 5-Star Hotel on a World Heritage site overlooking the magnificent Victoria Falls - one of the Natural Wonders of the World. Established in 1904 and recently redecorated, this gracious colonial style hotel is set in lush tropical gardens and epitomizes the romance of grand travel.

All rooms are air conditioned with every modern amenity including digital satellite television and a personal safe. The old fashioned bath tubs of the stable wing turn the bathroom into a haven of relaxation. Rooms range from standard rooms, twin standard rooms, deluxe twin, standard suites, honeymoon suites and the famous royal suite.

Visit the famous Victoria Falls or enjoy white water rafting, canoeing, boat rides, helicopter flights and microlight flights over the falls, horse riding, elephant back safaris, 4 x 4 safaris – or simply relax and enjoy your surroundings.



DAY TEN - transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for your light aircraft flight to Mana Pools National Park for 3 nights. On arrival you are met and driven to Ruckomechi Camp for 3 nights.

On the middle reaches of the Zambezi River, a hundred kilometres below Lake Kariba is the Mana Pools National Park situated in the heart of the Zambezi Valley. Ruckomechi Camp lies on the banks of the Zambezi, shaded by a large grove of acacia and mahogany trees and with a superb view of the mountains of Africa's Great Rift Valley across the river in Zambia.



Ruckomechi Camp accommodates guests in ten spacious en-suite tented units, including a honeymoon suite, all of which overlook the Zambezi River. Each tent has both indoor and outdoor showers - and an outdoor 'bath-with-a-view' in a secluded, scenic spot. The central dining, bar, library and lounge areas face the escarpment and are connected to the rest of the camp by low-level walkways that minimise environmental impact. There is a separate deck with infinity pool for swimming and sun bathing, and an inviting, cushion-strewn star gazing deck.

Ruckomechi Camp has aimed to be as environmentally friendly as possible - hot water and lighting for each unit is provided by solar power.

The area is renowned for large numbers of elephant, buffalo, hippo and eland, especially in the winter when they concentrate along the river. Predators such as lion, leopard and wild dog are all found in the area. Birdlife is superb, particularly for both mopane woodland and riverine species with numerous local specials like Collared Palm-Thrush, Racket-tailed Roller, Purple-banded Sunbird and Black-throated Wattle-Eyes.

Activities at Ruckomechi Camp include wildlife viewing in open 4x4 vehicles, on motorised pontoon boats, on foot and in canoes.

DAY THIRTEEN – you are transferred to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight back to Victoria Falls in time to link with your international flight back to the UK.

Alternatively – why not extend your Zimbabwe Adventure by enjoying a few nights on Lake Kariba or Matsadonia National Park – we would be delighted to help you plan your extra nights!



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