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### **HWANGE WALKING SAFARI – ZIMBABWE**

***4 nights / 5 days from Davison's Camp to Linkwasha Camp***

**This Exploration runs between July and September**



Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park is the country's largest game reserve boasting one of the densest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. Situated on the easternmost edge of the Kalahari Desert, its sandy soils support extensive stands of broad-leaved woodland.

The private Linkwasha concession, located in the south-eastern corner of Hwange, is one of the most abundant areas of the Park due to its diverse range of habitats: teak and false mopane woodlands, dry acacia scrub interspersed with pans and vast, palm-fringed plains.

Hwange Walking Safari sets out to explore this richly diverse area by foot; interspersed with the occasional game drive to ensure you get the most out of your time in Hwange. The Hwange Walking Safari offers an authentic safari experience that will leave you feeling like a participant in nature rather than a spectator. Key species that can be seen along the way include elephant, buffalo, sable, roan, giraffe, wildebeest, gemsbok, lion, leopard, wild dog and cheetah.

Birding is also fantastic in the area – some of the birds you may see are Dickinson's Kestrel, Bradfield's Hornbill, Racket-tailed Roller and Arnot's Chat.

**This safari has been designed to 'slot' into your itinerary – we can provide the internal flights and extensions to other parks to make an entire tailor made itinerary to your exact requirements – please ask!**



#### **Highlights of this safari:**

- Access to the private, wildlife-rich Linkwasha Concession is exclusively for Wilderness Safaris guests.
- The highest densities of large mammals in Hwange are found in the Linkwasha Concession, due to its rich habitat diversity.
- Walks provide one with a sense of immersion into nature, excitement and adventure, while game drives offer the opportunity to explore further afield.
- Nights spent in dome tents under the stars with access to viewing platforms create a nostalgic sense of safari. They offer a truly wild and authentic feel.
- We begin and end our journey at Wilderness Safaris camps, framing the adventure with indulgence and luxury, especially at Linkwasha Camp, our grand finale.



## ITINERARY

### **Arrival: Linkwasha Airstrip, Hwange National Park**

On arrival at Linkwasha Airstrip, you will be met by your Wilderness Safaris Explorations guide and transferred in an open game-viewer to Davison's Camp.

### **Day 1: Davison's Camp, Linkwasha Concession**

The first night of this Exploration is spent in the comfort of Davison's Camp allowing you to settle into the pace of the safari before the walking commences the following morning.

### **Day 2: Ngamo Plains, Linkwasha Concession**

You are woken at first light and will enjoy breakfast as dawn breaks over Ostrich Pan. Shortly after breakfast we head out on a short drive to either Scott's Pan or Back Pans from where we start our first walk. The route takes us through varied woodland habitats presenting us with the opportunity to see a wide variety of wildlife and birds. We arrive at Ngamo Pan at around lunch time for a well-deserved meal and a siesta or an afternoon watching the procession of game visiting the waterhole. Later, depending on the local game movements, we either head out on a short walk or game drive to explore the surrounding area. We return to our camping site at around sunset to enjoy dinner around the fire beneath the canopy of the African night sky.

### **Day 3: Ngamo Plains, Linkwasha Concession**

We rise to the Hwange dawn chorus and enjoy a hearty breakfast. We then head out on a short game drive to find a suitable area to walk. The route takes us through the combetrum, terminalia, teak and acacia woodlands. Lunch is enjoyed on arrival back at the Ngamo Plains camping site. We recharge our batteries with an afternoon siesta before heading out on either a game drive or walk. Dinner is enjoyed under the African sky.



### **Day 4: Linkwasha Camp, Linkwasha Concession**

As dawn breaks we depart on foot to the luxurious Linkwasha Camp. A highlight is the opportunity to explore the acacia forest fringes of the iconic Linkwasha Plains. On arrival at Linkwasha Camp we are greeted with a sumptuous brunch. The day is spent at leisure before we head out on a game drive in the latter part of the afternoon. We return to camp after dark for dinner.

**Day 5:** We bid farewell to our adventure with a game drive from Linkwasha Camp to Linkwasha Airstrip for onward arrangements.



## **ACCOMMODATION**

### **Days 1:**

#### **Davison's Camp – Hwange National Park – Linkwasha Concession**

##### **Wilderness Safaris, Adventures Camp**

As one of the few camps located within the Park boundaries, Davison's will offer you complete privacy, as well as a compelling mix of diverse wildlife. The camp's nine en-suite tents are hidden in the shade of ancient false mopane trees and from the comfort of your bed you will be able to watch the continuous procession of game at the camp's waterhole. In between activities, you can while the hours away in the main area, or pool, as you observe the thriving life on the plains and contemplate the splendour of Hwange.

### **Days 2 & 3:**

#### **Ngamo Plains**

The facilities at Ngamo Plains provide the perfect balance between comfort and a wild and authentic bush experience. The well-ventilated dome tents (maximum of two guests per tent) measuring 2 metres x 2 metres (6.56 feet x 6.56 feet) are erected by our camp staff prior to your arrival. The tents are furnished with bedrolls with crisp linen, duvets and pillows. Towels and amenities (soap, shower gel and conditioning shampoo) are provided. There is a nearby bathroom with a long-drop toilet and serviced bucket shower – hot water is available whenever guests require it. The bathroom enclosure has a table with amenities, hurricane lantern, tin basin and a mirror. Hurricane lanterns and a good campfire light up the evening camp. Delicious meals are prepared around our campfire by our safari staff, creating a great atmosphere and adding to the 'camping wild' feel.

### **Day 4:**

#### **Linkwasha Camp – Hwange National Park – Linkwasha Concession**

##### **Wilderness Safaris, Classic Camp**

Linkwasha Camp is set in a beautiful location in the middle of a vast plain overlooking a productive waterhole. The fresh, open and airy design of Linkwasha Camp is complemented by an eclectic mix of contemporary interiors with the original spirit and essence of safari. The camp consists of nine luxurious en-suite tents, while the main area



includes various multi-level decks, a pool and a winter lounge complete with a fireplace and library. The camp is the perfect location from which to view wildlife roaming across the expansive savannah plain.



#### **ADDITIONAL SAFARI NOTES**

**Tour direction:** Davison's Camp to Linkwasha Camp

**Number of guests:** The Hwange Walking Safari will be a maximum of 7 guests.

**Private safari options:** Tailored Walking Explorations are available on flexible dates, accommodation and itineraries, for groups of up to seven guests. These are ideal for families or for small groups.

**Exclusivity:** The private Linkwasha Concession is for the use of Wilderness Safaris and Wilderness Explorations guests only.

**Transfers:** All transfers to and from Linkwasha Airstrip are done by game drive, while transfers between camps are on foot and in game-drive vehicles.

**Time:** We have specifically allowed for a four-night safari in the Linkwasha Concession which provides you with enough time to truly appreciate the scenic beauty of the surroundings together with the abundant variety of wildlife.

**Flashlights/ torches:** Please ensure that a minimum 2-D cell flashlight is brought on safari, with spare batteries. Head lamps are also useful. Wilderness Explorations does not supply flashlights.

**Camera battery charging facilities:** There are no charging facilities at Ngamo Plains camping site. Spare batteries are essential (we recommend that you bring three spare batteries) and an image storage device of some sort is recommended. Make certain you have enough card storage – most people take more photographs than expected. Charging facilities are available at Davison's Camp and Linkwasha Camp.



**Dietary requirements and special occasions:** Due to the remote locality of our camps, please ensure that full dietary requirements are advised at the time of your booking confirmation.

**Inclusions:** All meals, daily activities and local drinks (excluding premium imported brands).

Extend your walking safari by enjoying more time in either Davidson's or Linkwasha Camps in Hwange, Victoria Falls, Mana Pools or Lake Kariba in Zimbabwe. Alternatively this can be incorporated into a safari covering more countries such as Botswana, Zambia or Namibia. We can organise all the internal flights to link your safari together – please ask!



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