



## ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe's wonderful national parks still offer some of the most spectacular gameviewing in Africa. Despite the difficulties the country has experienced in recent years, our ground operators, and all recently returning clients, report that the wildlife is flourishing and the game viewing still magnificent. The lodges we use are still operating successfully in areas far from any political strife, and we have great confidence in recommending them.

### Highlights

Stunning Mana Pools NP on the banks of the Zambezi; Victoria Falls; canoeing and wildlife viewing on the Upper Zambezi; immense wildlife of Hwange NP; walking Safaris

### Game Viewing

The dry season (May-Oct) is the best time for game viewing as the bush dries out and game congregates at the waterholes.

### Climate

Moderate climate (22°-29°C), though hotter in the Zambezi Valley and Victoria Falls where temperatures can reach 40°C. The dry season is from May-Oct, with Oct being the hottest month. Summer rains occur from Nov-Mar/ Apr. Nights can be very cold from Jun-Aug.

# MAGNIFICENT MANA POOLS





Victoria Falls © African Sun

**VICTORIA FALLS**

The Victoria Falls are on the Zambezi River, and border the countries of Zambia and Zimbabwe. Also called Mosi-oa-Tunya (*The Smoke that Thunders*) the falls plummet 108 metres into the gorge below and are considered to be one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

**Climate**

The wet season in Zambia/Zimbabwe is late Nov-early May. The water levels over the Falls are highest between Feb and May, with a peak in Apr. The Falls look very dramatic at peak flood but the amount of spray makes viewing more difficult. Nov is generally the lowest water level.

**VICTORIA FALLS**

3 days/2 nights

Departs daily ex Victoria Falls

Tour cost per person:	Twin	Single
15 Jan-31 Dec		
Stanley & Livingstone (Luxury Suite)	\$717	\$1037
Victoria Falls Hotel (Deluxe Rm)	\$603	\$1113
Vic Falls Safari Lodge (Standard Rm)*	\$490	\$631
Victoria Falls Hotel (Standard Rm)	\$535	\$983
Ilala Lodge (Standard Rm)	\$457	\$725
The Kingdom (Standard Rm)	\$427	\$761

**Special Offers**

\*Victoria Falls Safari Lodge - Stay 2 nights and receive a free dinner at the VFSL Boma (already reflected in tour cost).  
 Bonus Offer - Stay a third night for only \$86 twin share and \$119 single share.

Price per person includes: Airport/hotel transfers, hotel accommodation on a B&B basis, tour of Victoria Falls and Boma dinner.

Children of all ages welcome at all hotels except at Stanley & Livingstone: Children 12+.

The Victoria Falls are one of the natural wonders of the world, described by the famous explorer Dr. Livingstone as “scenes so lovely they must have been gazed upon by angels in flight.” Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as 546 million cubic metres of water per minute plummets over a width of nearly 2 kilometres into a deep gorge over 100 metres below.

**Day 1 Victoria Falls**

Transfer from Victoria Falls airport to your hotel. This evening transfer to the Boma for dinner which includes a performance of traditional African tribal dancing.

**Day 2 Victoria Falls**

Early morning tour of the Falls. The afternoon is at leisure, or you can take some optional tours.

**Day 3 Tour ends**

Transfer to Victoria Falls airport. Tour ends.

**CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:**

**Stanley & Livingstone**

Featuring canopied beds and claw-footed bathtubs in all its 16 suites, the Stanley & Livingstone boutique hotel blends Victorian elegance with contemporary luxury. Facilities include a bar, swimming pool and an adjacent waterhole frequented by elephant and waterbuck.

**Ilala Lodge**

Ideally located as the closest hotel to the Victoria Falls, Ilala Lodge offers 30 standard rooms and 2 deluxe suites, each with doors leading onto open lawn or a balcony with views of the spray of the falls. The hotel features a restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining, a pool and bar.



© Rani Resorts

Stanley & Livingstone lounge



© Ilala Lodge

Ilala Lodge

**Victoria Falls Safari Lodge**

A testament to eco-friendly design, this 72-room lodge was created using local materials such as stone and thatch. Rooms are air-conditioned and have balconies overlooking the wildlife-rich Zambezi National Park. Highlights include on-site game viewing platforms and The Boma, which offers a unique dining and cultural experience.



© Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge entrance



© Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Suite



© The Kingdom

The Kingdom



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Victoria Falls Hotel Honeymoon Suite

**Victoria Falls Hotel**

This gracious, old-world hotel offers Edwardian grandeur and excellent service and accommodation just 10 minutes walk from the Falls. The hotel has 161 air-conditioned rooms, restaurants, entertainment, pool and other facilities.

**The Kingdom**

This 4 star resort hotel has a total of 294 tastefully furnished rooms and is located just a few minutes walk from the Falls. Built within the hotel the "Great Enclosure" houses several restaurants, bars, casino and pools.



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Picturesque Victoria Falls



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© Elephant Camp

Resident herd of elephants at Elephant Camp

**UPPER ZAMBEZI**  
3 days/2 nights  
Lodge

Departs daily ex Victoria Falls

<b>Tour cost per person:</b>	Twin	Single
<b>Imbabala Zambezi Safari Lodge</b> 01 Jan-31 Dec	\$572	\$894
<b>The Elephant Camp</b> 01 Jan-31 Dec	\$692	\$1036

**Price per person includes:** Imbabala: Return transfer from Victoria Falls airport, accommodation on a full board basis (excludes drinks), two game activities on each full day and an activity on arrival and departure days if time permits. The Elephant Camp: Return transfer from Victoria Falls airport, accommodation on a full board basis including local drinks (excludes premium brands), two scheduled transfers to the Falls per day and elephant interaction. Imbabala & The Elephant Camp: Children 7+.

**The Upper Zambezi River between Victoria Falls and the Botswana border offers fantastic wildlife viewing on and around the Zambezi River. The river is an attraction for big game like elephant, buffalo and hippo, as well as providing a varied habitat for smaller animals.**

**CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:**

**The Elephant Camp**

Imagine enjoying lazy sundowners from the comforts of your private deck as a group of habituated elephants graze nearby. The exclusive Elephant Camp offers 9 luxury tents with private plunge pool, indoor and outdoor showers and distant views of Victoria Falls. All of the activities offered at Victoria Falls are available to guests (additional cost) and free scheduled transfers to town are available from the camp.

**Imbabala Zambezi Safari Lodge**

Set along the banks of the Zambezi each of the 8 thatched chalets have ensuite facilities and sweeping views of the river. The main lodge consists of a lounge, bar and open fronted dining room and there is a swimming pool and sundeck for relaxing during the day. The region is a haven for birdlife and the Imbabala private concession offers guests the opportunity to search for wildlife from open 4WD vehicles or explore the river by boat. Walking safaris are available on request.



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Imbabala Zambezi Safari Lodge Honeymoon Suite



© Elephant Camp

Luxurious Elephant Camp



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Exploring the Zambezi by pontoon



The Royal Livingstone © Sun International

## THE SMOKE THAT THUNDERS!

3 days/2 nights  
Hotels or Lodges

Departs daily ex Livingstone

<b>Tour cost per person:</b>	Twin	Single
<b>The River Club, FB &amp; Activities</b>		
07 Jan-31 Dec	\$1188	\$1676
<b>Tongabezi Cottages, FB</b>		
01 Jan-31 May & 01 Nov-31 Dec	\$1100	\$1100
01 Jun-31 Oct	\$1292	\$1762
<b>Sindabezi Chalets, FB</b>		
01 Jan-31 May & 01 Nov-31 Dec	\$990	\$990
01 Jun-31 Oct	\$1112	\$1508
<b>Toka Leya, FB &amp; Activities</b>		
07 Jan-31 Dec	\$1134	\$1552
<b>Sussi &amp; Chuma, FB</b>		
06 Jan-14 Jun & 01 Nov-31 Dec	\$1116	\$1116
15 Jun-31 Oct	\$1364	\$1784
<b>The Royal Livingstone<sup>^</sup>, BB</b>		
01 Jan-30 Nov	\$792	\$1442
<b>Zambezi Sun<sup>^</sup>, BB</b>		
01 Jan-30 Nov	\$418	\$744

<sup>^</sup>Higher rates apply for stays over weekend.

**Price per person includes:** Return airport/hotel transfers, 2 nights accommodation in lead-in rooms, meals and activities as indicated above and a tour of the falls.

**T**he local name for the Victoria Falls is Mosi-oa-Tunya or "The Smoke That Thunders" named after the huge clouds of mist created when the Zambezi River is at its highest and crashes into the gorge below. Livingstone is the gateway to Zambia and the Victoria Falls from the Zambian side.

### CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING: Zambezi Sun & Royal Livingstone

Operated by Sun International and located close to the Falls, the 3 star 212 room Zambezi Sun has an interior inspired by the colourful traditions of Zambia while the 5 star 173 room Royal Livingstone is redolent of colonial days gone by. Guests at both properties enjoy the use of a swimming pool. Children of all ages welcome.

#### The River Club

Upstream from the Victoria Falls is the charming River Club overlooking the Zambezi. Accommodation is in 10 luxury split level chalets with ensuite bathrooms and stunning river views.

#### Toka Leya

Situated 12 km upstream from the Victoria Falls, Toka Leya consists of 12 air-conditioned tents connected to the main lodge by wooden walkways. Guest tents are ensuite, with four-poster beds and fantastic views over the Zambezi. Children 6+.



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The River Club



© Tongabezi

Tongabezi Bird House



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Toka Leya



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Luxury Sussi Lodge

#### Sussi & Chuma

Named after David Livingstone's faithful companions, Sussi & Chuma comprise 2 exclusive riverside houses and 12 chalets built into a canopy of live ebony trees. Located in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, the properties feature fine views and come complete with ensuite facilities, air-conditioning and private decks. Guests in the self-contained Chuma Houses also have a private chef. Prices on request. Children 9+.

#### Tongabezi & Sindabezi Island

Just 20 minutes from Livingstone on the banks of the Zambezi is the exclusive Tongabezi Lodge. There are 5 spacious ensuite cottages, and 4 very private "houses" individually decorated in a unique style, each with a sunken bath and four poster bed. Children 7+ welcome. Located on an island in the Zambezi River, luxurious Sindabezi Island Bush Camp accommodates just 10 guests in 5 open-fronted chalets. Children 14+ welcome.



© Sindabezi

Sindabezi Island Chalet

# VICTORIA FALLS OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

12-13 minutes to 1 day  
Departs Victoria Falls or  
Livingstone daily

Tour cost per person (Min 2):	Zimbabwe	Zambia
Flight of Angels by Helicopter <sup>^</sup>	\$149	\$168
Luxury Sunset Cruise <sup>†</sup>	\$67	\$93
Half Day Elephant Experience	\$149	\$194
White Water Rafting <sup>^</sup>		
Low water run full day: Aug-Jan	\$149	\$392
High water run full day: Feb-Jul	\$149	\$341
Livingstone Island Lunch		\$171
Canoe Trail <sup>^</sup> - Half day	\$128	\$248
Chobe NP Full Day Safari	\$223	\$223
Bungee Jumping	\$138	\$136
Zambezi Horsetrail		\$160

<sup>^</sup>Approx \$10-\$20 USD park fees to be paid locally.

<sup>†</sup>Operates with a minimum of 2 people.

**Price per person includes:** Small handling fee by AWS, transfers to/from hotel for your optional excursion.

## EXCURSION OPTIONS

### Flight of Angels

This exciting 12-13 minute joyride over the roaring falls and rushing Zambezi River will leave you breathless. It is a wonderful way to fully appreciate the incredible size of the Falls, and the awesome power of the water as it carves into the deep zig zagging gorges. Flights by Microlight aircraft are also available. Contact us for details.

### Zambezi Horsetrail

Both novice and experienced riders can partake in game viewing on horseback along a wildlife-rich corridor bordering the Zambezi National Park. With the help of a knowledgeable guide, riders will follow and learn about wildlife in the area. Minimum age is 12 years.

### Half Day Elephant Experience

Enjoy an unforgettable close up elephant experience, interacting with them and riding them on ancient game trails in a lush, private estate.

### Livingstone Island Lunch

Livingstone Island sits at the lip of the cliff over which the Zambezi River tumbles forming Victoria Falls, and is the place where Dr. Livingstone had his first glimpse of the Falls. Only accessible during the low water season, and with a limited number of visitors allowed each day, this island picnic lunch is an exclusive



© Mike Myers

Flight of Angels over Victoria Falls

scenic experience.

### Sunset Cruise (ex Victoria Falls)

The graceful Ra-Ikane riverboat is the perfect setting for cocktails while the sun slips below the horizon. Named in honour of the guide who led David Livingstone to the falls, the boat features fine teak panels, brass fittings, club chairs and a



© Mike Myers

Exhilarating rafting on the Zambezi

fully stocked bar (drinks and snacks included).

### White Water Rafting

This 22km run down the rapids on the Zambezi River forms the best one-day white water rafting trip in the world. Although graded 5, the rapids are accessible by anyone who is reasonably fit and adventurous. Top quality inflatable rafts are used, each guided by a qualified oarsman, so no

experience is necessary. You must be able to swim. Minimum age is 15 years.

### Canoe Trail

Paddling downstream in a canoe is probably the best way to get close up to birds and other wildlife along the river. Canoeists are accompanied by a knowledgeable wildlife expert on their adventure.

### Chobe National Park Full Day Safari

Botswana's first national park, Chobe is famous for its large herds of elephant and buffalo. A full day here includes a boat safari and game drive in open vehicle to spot the park's prolific bird and wildlife. Includes lunch.

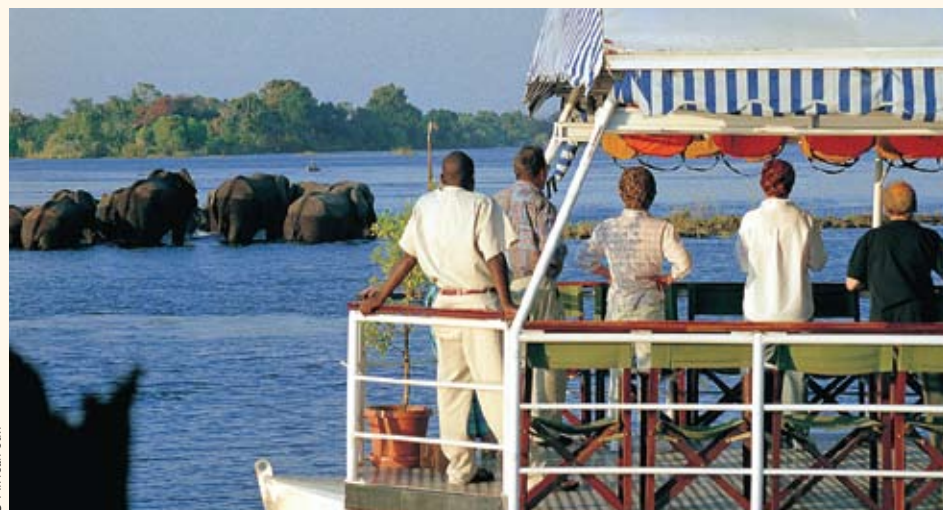
### Bungee Jumping

A thrilling and unusual way to view the falls, the bungee jump is a popular adrenaline activity that takes place off Victoria Falls Bridge, which spans a gorge on the Zimbabwe-Zambia border. Jumpers



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Elephant Back Safari



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Zambezi Cruise

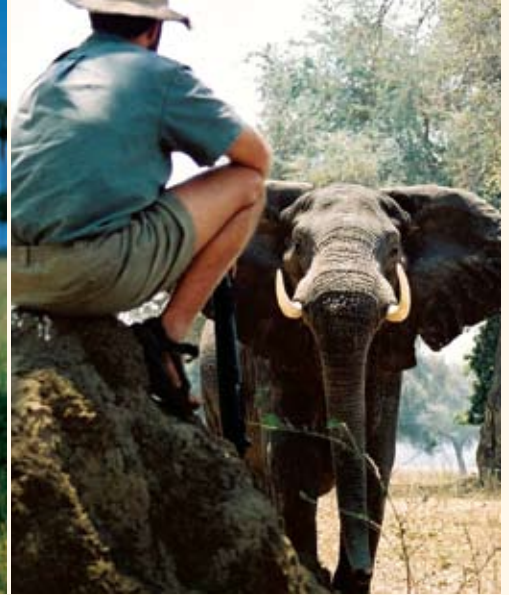


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Livingstone Island Lunch



Open 4WD gameviewing at Makalolo © Wilderness Safaris



Professionally-guided bushwalks © African Bush Camps

## HWANGE

4 days/3 nights  
Tented Camp

Departs daily ex Victoria Falls

Tour cost per person:	Twin	Single
<b>The Hide - ex Victoria Falls Town by Road</b>		
15 Jan-30 Jun & 16 Nov-15 Dec	\$1379	\$1665
01 Jul-15 Nov & 16-31 Dec	\$1595	\$2184
<b>Little Makalolo - ex Victoria Falls Airport by Air</b>		
07 Jan-14 Jun & 01 Nov-31 Dec	\$2109	\$3228
15 Jun-31 Oct	\$2460	\$3579

<b>Somalisa - ex Victoria Falls Town by Road</b>		
01 Jan-31 Mar & Dec	\$1335	\$2275
01 Apr-30 Jun & Nov	\$1461	\$2404
01 Jul-31 Oct	\$1980	\$2923

**Price per person includes:** The Hide & Somalisa - return road transfers from Victoria Falls town. Little Makalolo - return air transfers from Victoria Falls airport. All camps - full board accommodation, game drives, local drinks and laundry. Luggage limit: 20 kgs on flights. The Hide - Children 10+. Little Makalolo & Somalisa - Children 6+.

**F**amous Hwange National Park has over 400 species of birds, 105 species of mammals and one of Africa's largest populations of elephant. We have featured 4 exclusive camps, The Hide, Makalolo Plains Camp, Little Makalolo and Somalisa, all situated inside the parks best game areas. All camps offer safaris in open 4WD vehicles, guided walks and concealed hides for up-close wildlife viewing.

### Days 1-3 Hwange

Depart Victoria Falls by road or air and transfer to the tented camp of your choice. Here you will explore the park by open safari vehicle or on foot with experienced guides. Enjoy comfortable tented accommodation and wonderful bush cuisine.

### Day 4 Tour ends

Today you will be transferred back to Victoria Falls where the tour ends.

### CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

#### The Hide

Sleeping a maximum of 20, The Hide features comfortably furnished tents with ensuite bathrooms, some with outdoor showers or full size bath. Meals are served alfresco or in the dining room.

#### Little Makalolo Camp

Located in one of Hwange's best wildlife viewing areas, this small, remote camp features 6 ensuite tents with indoor and outdoor showers. Activities centre on game drives to the areas much-frequented waterholes and guided walks.

#### Somalisa Camp

Set in the heart of Hwange, Somalisa is an authentic bush camp with 6 elegant tented rooms featuring ensuite facilities with bush showers. Guests enjoy innovative meals, pool and lounge.



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Little Makalolo Camp



© Dana Allen

Fantastic Hwange wildlife



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Somalisa Camp



© Africa Albida

The Hide



Beautiful Lake Kariba



Gameviewing at Matusadona National Park © David Rogers

## LAKE KARIBA

**4 days/3 nights  
Lodge/Tented Camp  
Departs Mon, Wed & Fri  
ex Victoria Falls**

<b>Tour cost per person (Min 2):</b>	Twin	Single
<b>Bumi Hills Safari Lodge (Standard Room)</b>		
15 Jan-15 Jun & 16 Nov-15 Dec	\$1506	\$2030
16 Jun-15 Nov	\$1770	\$2606

<b>Musango Safari Camp</b>		
01 Jan-31 Dec	\$1850	\$2906

Additional nights available.

**Price per person includes:** Return flights from Victoria Falls Airport to Bumi Hills, boat and road transfer from Bumi Hills to Musango (if applicable), full board accommodation, game drives and local drinks. 15 kg luggage limit.

**M**atusadona National Park is an incredibly scenic park situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Kariba against the majestic backdrop of the Zambezi Escarpment. Both plains game and predators flourish here, and the lake has abundant hippo and crocodile. Gameviewing is by boat and canoe as well as 4WD and on foot with professional armed guides. Our featured lodges offer a high standard of accommodation and excellent guiding.

### Days 1-3 Kariba

Fly from Victoria Falls to Bumi Hills airstrip and transfer to the lodge or camp of your choice. Over the next few days you will take guided excursions in the park and on the lake.

### Day 4 Tour ends

Today you will be transferred back to Victoria Falls where the tour ends.

### CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

#### Bumi Hills Safari Lodge

This famous safari lodge is situated on top of a hill with magnificent views over Lake Kariba. Each of the 20 ensuite guest rooms has a view of the lake, a balcony or veranda and air-conditioning. The main lodge houses the dining room, lounge, snooker room, spa and terrace bar overlooking the lake. Enjoy gourmet meals and 3 scheduled land and water game-viewing activities per day.

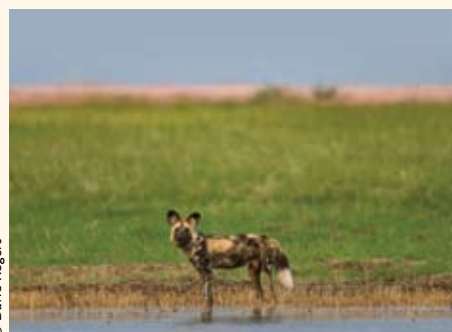
#### Musango Safari Camp

Musango is an exclusive 16 bed safari camp on its own island just off-shore from Matusadona NP. The camp has 6 large twin tents with private bathrooms built from natural stone, plus 2 large honeymoon suites with their own plunge pools. There is a central bar, dining area and pool. Guided activities include safaris by canoe, on foot or 4WDs, and fishing. Musango is also involved with Black Rhino and Wild Dog conservation projects.



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Gameviewing at Matusadona National Park



© David Rogers

Wild dog, Matusadona National Park



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Musango Safari Camp



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© Bumi Hills Safari Lodge

Bumi Hills Safari Lodge terrace bar and swimming pool overlooking Lake Kariba



Mana Pools magic © Stephen Cameron

## MANA POOLS

4 days/3 nights  
Tented Camps

Departs daily ex Mana Pools

<b>Tour cost per person<sup>^</sup>:</b>	Twin	Single
<b>Ruckomechi Camp</b>		
01 Apr-14 Jun & 01-20 Nov	\$1554	\$2121
15 Jun-31 Oct	\$1908	\$2475
<b>Kanga Bush Camp</b>		
01 Apr-30 Jun & Nov	\$1095	\$1677
01 Jul-31 Oct	\$1284	\$1866
<b>Camp Zambezi</b>		
15 Apr-30 Jun & 1-15 Nov	\$1109	\$1992
01 Jul-31 Oct	\$1344	\$2463

<sup>^</sup>Tours crossing seasons will be charged accordingly.

Mana Pools is accessed by charter and scheduled light aircraft flights from Victoria Falls, Harare, Lusaka or Kariba. The cost will vary according to the departure point.

Approximate costs are:

Charter Victoria Falls to Mana each way from \$708 per person (minimum 2 clients). Other departure points available on request. 20 kg luggage limit

**Price per person includes:** Return transfers from Mana Pools airstrip to lodge/camp, full board accommodation, game drives, local drinks and laundry (excludes Camp Zambezi).

**Ruckomechi Camp & Kanga Bush Camp:** Children 6+ welcome; however, families with children under 12 must book and pay for private activities unless camp is booked on an exclusive use basis.

**Camp Zambezi:** Children 14+ unless camp is booked on an exclusive use basis.

Child rates on request.

**M**ana Pools National Park is a beautiful World Heritage area on the lower Zambezi River with seasonal pools, islands, sandbanks and majestic forests of mahogany, ebony and wild fig, set against the magnificent Zambezi Escarpment. It has huge populations of hippo, crocodile, elephant and buffalo as well as plentiful game, lions and cheetah. Mana Pools is famous for canoeing and walking safaris and we have featured 3 exclusive camps which offer an authentic safari experience.

### Days 1-3 Mana Pools

Transfer from Mana airstrip to the lodge or camp of your choice. Over the next few days you will take guided excursions in the park and on the river.

### Day 4 Tour ends

Today you will be transferred to a local airstrip. Tour ends.

### CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

#### Ruckomechi Camp

Situated on the Zambezi River, Ruckomechi Camp accommodates guests in 10 spacious ensuite tented rooms overlooking the river. Tents have their own private indoor and outdoor showers, plus the camp has a romantic outdoor 'bath-with-a-view'. Tents are connected to the central dining, bar, library and lounge areas by wooden walkways. The camp also has a pool. Gameviewing is by boat, canoe, on foot and open 4WD.

#### Kanga Bush Camp

Kanga Bush Camp occupies a prime position beside the only known water source in the area, Kanga Pan making it a wildlife hub. This intimate camp accommodates just 12 people in Meru-style tents with ensuite facilities including outside showers that over look the water hole. The emphasis here is on walking safaris, however 4WD game drives are also available.

### Camp Zambezi

Set on the magnificent Zambezi River under Acacia and Mahogany trees, Camp Zambezi is a true African bush camp accommodating 7 people in large, temporary walk-in tents with ensuite bush facilities. Professional resident guides ensure safety in the bush and accompany all activities including game drives, walking and canoeing. Camp Zambezi provides a perfect combination of real bush living, delicious cuisine and exceptional wildlife viewing.



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Ruckomechi Camp pool and deck overlooking the river



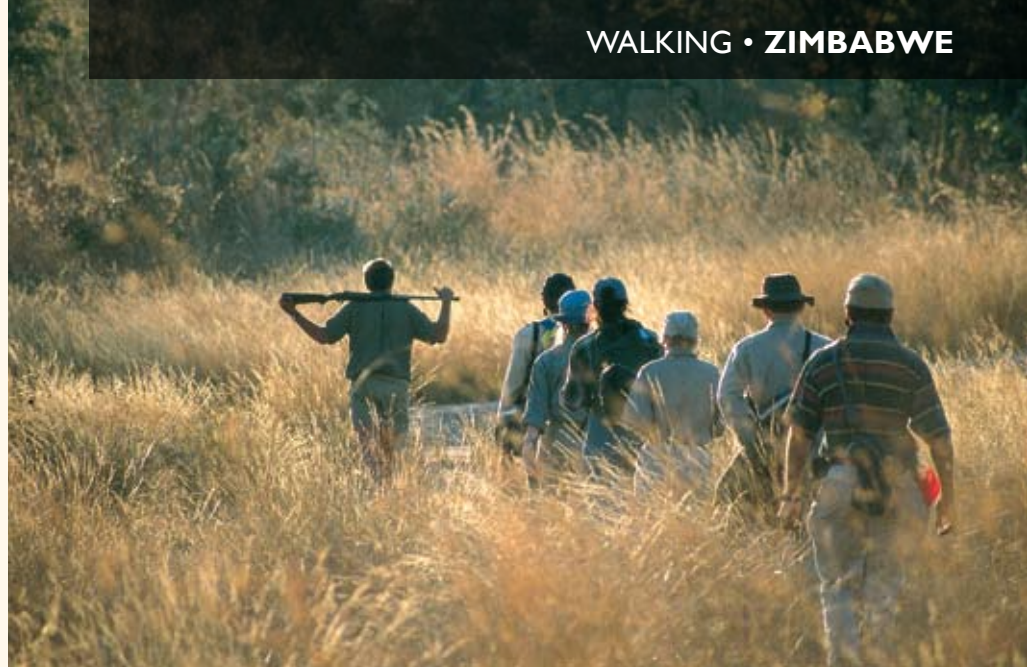
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Kanga Bush Camp



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Elephant encounter at beautiful Mana Pools



Exciting Walking Safari © Stephen Cameron

## THE LEON VARLEY WALKING SAFARI

**5 days/4 nights**  
**Full Service Camping/Moderate Walking**  
**Departs Mondays ex Victoria Falls**

02, 16 Jan, 06, 20 Feb, 05, 19 Mar, 02, 16 Apr, 07, 21 May,  
 04, 18 Jun, 02, 16 Jul, 06, 20 Aug, 03, 17 Sep,  
 01, 15 Oct, 05 & 19 Nov, 03 & 17 Dec

**Tour cost per person:**

	Twin	Single
01 Jan-31 Dec	\$1186	\$1186

No age limit, but not recommended for children under 12.

**Price per person includes:** All meals on safari, transport by 4WD vehicle, camping equipment, park fees (subject to change), licensed guide and camp staff.

**C**ome closer to the heart of Africa on this walking safari led by Leon Varley, one of Africa's most experienced licensed guides. Achieve a deeper understanding of the African wilderness as you track game with Leon and a Matabele tracker, following the spoor of elephant, buffalo or lion through the untrammelled wilderness of Hwange National Park. You will need to have a sense of adventure and be physically fit, as a fair amount of walking is involved. Accommodation is in comfortable camps set up in advance by the camp staff, who also prepare all meals. Groups are kept to a maximum of 6.

### Day 1 Hwange NP

Depart Victoria Falls mid morning to the eastern side of Hwange National Park. Walking isn't allowed here but the animals are used to vehicles so gameviewing and photographic opportunities are excellent. The park is famous for its large herds of elephant, as well as many predators and game species. Overnight in a private campsite on the edge of a pan.

### Days 2/3 Hwange West

Drive west to Sinamatella, home to a rhino protection area. Mornings and evenings we watch for game at the waterholes and the days are spent tracking the elusive Black Rhino. Enjoy sundowners around the camp fire at the private campsite. Hot showers are set up by the staff and delicious bush dinners are prepared by the camp chef.

### Day 4 Zambezi NP

Drive through the Matetsi Wildlife Area to the Zambezi National Park upstream from Victoria Falls. Situated along the Zambezi River this park has diverse wildlife which are easy to approach. We camp on the river where elephants often come to drink, and walk in the south of the park along watercourses favoured by game.

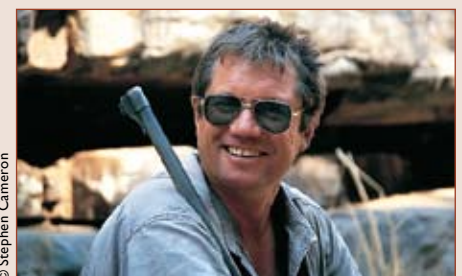
### Day 5 Tour ends Victoria Falls

Early morning walks and drives returning to Victoria Falls around midday.

**Note:** This itinerary is only a guide and depends on local conditions and game movements.

### Leon Varley

Leon Varley was raised on a farm in the north-east of Zimbabwe, where his lifelong interest in wildlife and conservation began. He obtained his professional guide's licence through Hwange Safari Lodge in 1981 and from there joined the Forestry Commission, becoming involved in game management, hunting and photographic safaris. Leon now specialises in walking safaris, and his knowledge, sense of humour and endless store of bush tales make him the perfect guide on safari.



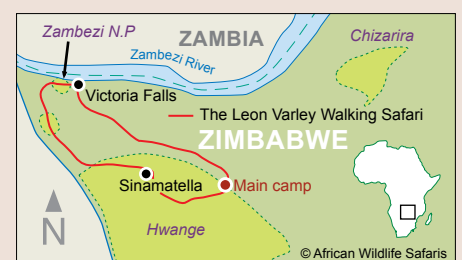
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Leon Varley



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Camp Zambezi





A thrilling experience! © Natureways Safaris

### CANOEING THE ZAMBEZI

Experience the adventure of canoeing down the mighty Zambezi River through some of Africa's most beautiful wilderness. Imagine the thrill as your canoe passes close to a herd of elephants drinking and bathing in the river, or a pod of hippo wallowing in the shallows. No method of travel could bring you closer to the beauty and remoteness of the African bush.

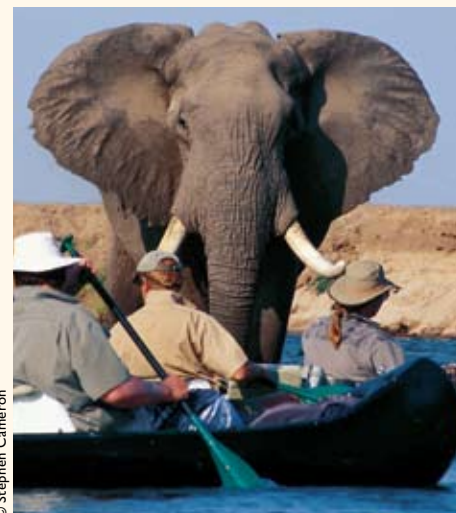
We offer two styles of canoeing - participation safaris with standard camping and more comfortable trips with classic style camping. Qualified canoe guides accompany participation trips, whilst fully licenced professional guides permitted to conduct walks accompany classic canoe trips, and each will ensure that your safari is as safe and enjoyable as possible. No prior canoeing experience is necessary, but you must be able to swim. Safety backup is of a high standard. Children under 12 are not normally allowed, although this varies with each operator - please contact us for details.

### TYPICAL CANOEING DAY

Rise early to be on the river at first light, the quietest and loveliest time of day. Canoe for an hour or so and stop for a leisurely breakfast prepared by the guide. Continue canoeing at an easy pace after breakfast. On the classic style trips, enjoy a 1-2 hour walk after breakfast with a professional guide and hope to get close to some of the big game; elephants, lion and buffalo.

Stop for a late lunch around 2.00 pm with the chance of a swim in safe water. Continue canoeing for the rest of the afternoon. On the classic style trips, enjoy an afternoon walk. Distances covered each day are shorter on classic style trips.

On participation trips, you will stop at sunset on a sandy shore and set up camp, whilst on classic trips overnight is at comfortable camps on the river.



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Action packed canoe trail



© Michael Poliza

Lunch stop in the Zambezi



© Dana Allen

Right up close to the action!

# PARTICIPATION CANOEING SAFARIS

## ex Kariba

<b>Marula Safari:</b> Kariba to Chirundu - 3D/2N		
Departs Tue, Sat, Sun ex Kariba	Low	\$428
	High	\$478
<b>Fish Eagle Safari:</b> Kariba to Mana Pools - 6D/5N		
Departs Tue, Sat, Sun ex Kariba	Low	\$789
	High	\$907
<b>Tamarind Safari</b> - Chirundu to Mana Pools - 4D/3N		
Departs Mon, Tue, Thu ex Kariba	Low	\$638
	High	\$732
<b>Zambezi Short Classic:</b> Chirundu to Kanyemba - 8D/7N		
Departs Mon, Tue, Thu ex Kariba	Low	\$1117
	High	\$1284
Low Season:	Jan-Jun & Nov-Dec	
High Season	Jul-Oct	

Minimum 2 Maximum 8 clients.

Each tour returns to Kariba mid to late afternoon.

**Price per person includes:** Transfers by road to and from river, services of trained river guide, camping equipment (mattress, sleeping bag provided), meals, cordials & tea/ coffee and park fees. Luggage Limit: 10 kgs.

**E**xperience an expedition style canoe trip where everything is carried in the canoes in the manner of the early explorers. Operated by Natureways, these canoe trails will have you floating leisurely down the Zambezi River encountering magnificent wildlife, camping on the shore, and sleeping under the stars in dome tents. Canoe trails are semi-participatory, with each trip accompanied by 2 qualified canoe guides who will take care of all of the cooking, washing and other camp chores. Clients are free to help out as they wish. Canoe trips range from 2 nights to 7 nights, covering a distance of approx 22 km daily.



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Exciting Mana Pools walking trail

## MANA POOLS CANOE AND WALKING TRAIL

4 days/3 nights  
Classic Camping/Canoeing/  
Easy Walking  
Departs 15 Apr - 17 Nov  
ex Mana Pools

Departure dates and operator:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday	Natureways		
Monday & Thursday	Wilderness Safaris		

**Tour cost per person (Min 2):**

	Twin	Single
<b>Natureways</b>		
15 Apr-30 Jun & 01-15 Nov	\$983	\$983
01 Jul-31 Oct	\$1219	\$1219
<b>Wilderness</b>		
17 May-14 Jun	\$1277	\$1648
15 Jun-15 Nov	\$1433	\$1803

Victoria Falls to Mana Pools (each way) from \$708 per person (minimum 2 clients).

Age Limits: Generally not less than 16 or older than 70.

**Price per person includes:** Services of professional guide and camp crew, park fees, meals and local drinks. Luggage Limit: Wilderness 20 kgs. Natureways 10 kgs.

**F**or those looking for a little adventure, this is possibly the best safari in Africa! This thrilling experience provides incredibly close encounters with animals and birds either from the canoe or on foot. For these comfortable canoeing safaris we use two operators; Wilderness Safaris and Natureways. Both offer a trip that is virtually the same in the itinerary and standard of service and equipment provided. Guests are accommodated in fully serviced camps on the banks of the Zambezi with bedding and hot bucket showers.

The canoe trails traverse the entire length of the beautiful Mana Pools National Park. Canoeing is in comfortable, stable Canadian canoes at a leisurely pace. Each trip is led

by a licensed professional guide. The combination of walking and canoeing allows maximum flexibility, and provides the best opportunity to experience all that Mana Pools has to offer.



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Fully serviced camping

### FEATURES OF CLASSIC CANOEING

- Charter flights to and from Mana Pools, means more time for canoeing and walking.
- Professional guides on all trips to enable walking on each day.
- Ice and cold beverages at all times.
- Comfortable camps with hot water showers, meals with waiter service.
- Concentrates on the best stretch of the river from the start of Mana Pools.
- Short distances canoed - therefore plenty of time for gameviewing and bird watching.