

# 10 DAY VIC FALLS, HWANGE & MANA POOLS



**Start in Victoria Falls & End in Harare**

*From USD 5,470 per person sharing*

## HIGHLIGHTS

*Guided Tour of the magnificent Victoria Falls  
Zambezi Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi Royal  
Elephant Interaction - meet the gentle giants  
Awesome wildlife of Hwange & Mana Pools National Parks  
Walking & Canoe Safaris in Mana Pools National Park  
Beautifully located Hotels and Lodges  
Charter flights included*

## ACCOMMODATION

2 Nights Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls  
3 Nights Deteema Springs, Hwange National Park  
4 Nights Camp Mana, Mana Pools National Park

## COST OF SAFARI 2026 & 2027

1 Jun - 30 Jun 2026 - USD 5,470 per person sharing  
1 Jul - 31 Oct 2026 - USD 6,850 per person sharing  
1 Apr - 31 May 2027 - USD 5,610 per person sharing  
1 Jun - 30 Jun 2027 - USD 6,360 per person sharing  
1 Jul - 31 Oct 2027 - USD 7,240 per person sharing

*Rates based on 2 people sharing*

*Rates exclude charter flights*

*Single supplements may apply*

*Accommodation subject to availability*

*Please Note : Camp Mana is open during dry season Apr - Nov*

## ESTIMATED FLIGHT COSTS 2027

Hwange to Mana Pools - USD 835 per person  
Mana Pools to Harare - USD 695 per person  
Mana Pools to Vic Falls - USD 835 per person (alternative to Harare)



## OVERVIEW

For wildlife experiences, this **Zimbabwe** package is hard to beat. The diverse habitats and abundant wildlife in **Hwange** and **Mana Pools National Parks** make for some of the best gameviewing in **Africa**. In addition, the walking and canoeing safaris in **Mana Pools** are the finest you will find in **Africa**. The combination of excellent gameviewing and the magnificence of the **Victoria Falls** will make your journey one you will never forget.

Spend 2 nights in **Victoria Falls** at **Ilala Lodge**, well located close to the Falls and all amenities, with activities that include a guided tour of the **Victoria Falls**, a **Sunset Cruise** on the **Zambezi Royal** and an **Elephant Encounter** where you will meet some of **Africa's** gentle giants and learn about their extraordinary intelligence, sensitivity and behaviour.

You will then be transferred by road to **Deteema Springs** in **Hwange National Park** where you spend 3 nights in this wonderful savanna region to enjoy the abundance and diverse wildlife on game drives and bush walks.

Now to **Mana Pools National Park** on a charter flight where you spend 4 nights at **Camp Mana**. Here you will experience some of the best guided gameviewing activities on game drives, walking safaris and canoeing on the **Zambezi River**. Mana Pools is a remarkable area for wildlife and will leave eternal memories.

Your safari ends with an air transfer back to **Harare** for your outbound flight.

## ZIMBABWE



**Zimbabwe** is a beautiful country that can take hold of your heart. The smiling people, wonderful savanna landscapes, wild and exciting **Parks**, **Zambezi River**, **Victoria Falls**, **Lake Kariba**, **Great Zimbabwe** and the **Eastern Highlands** are tourist attractions that draw many visitors.

The **Victoria Falls**, also known as **Mosi-oa-Tunya** (the smoke that thunders), is one of the most incredible natural wonders of the world and popular tourist destinations in **Southern Africa**. Situated about 60 kms downstream from the confluence of the **Chobe** and **Zambezi Rivers** where the four countries of **Botswana**, **Namibia**, **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe** meet, the **Victoria Falls** is shared between **Zimbabwe** and **Zambia**.

Measuring 1,7 kms wide and 108 metres high, the spectacular **Victoria Falls** has a myriad of different viewpoints and is best seen from both the **Zimbabwean** and **Zambian** sides. Approaching the Falls from kilometres away, one sees the spray and mist high above and the roar of the thundering waters which together make a huge impression.

On the **Zimbabwean** side, the small town of **Victoria Falls** caters for the tourist market, offering accommodation, adventure, leisure and cultural activities, local craft markets, restaurants and bars.

Seen from the **Zimbabwean** side in the **Victoria Falls National Park**, one has direct head-on views of the Falls whereas on the **Zambian** side one sees different sections and angles that shed a different light on the magnificence of this natural feature.

**Hwange National Park** lies in the transition zone between the **Kalahari** sands of the west and the savannah woodland of the east. It is known for its huge elephant population and has over 100 species of mammals and 400 species of birds. All the large carnivores are represented, including lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog and hyena.

**Mana Pools National Park** is certainly one of the wildest and most exciting wildlife reserves in **Southern Africa**. **Mana Pools** is a **World Heritage Site** covering 2,196 sq.kms and is located in northern **Zimbabwe** on the **Zambezi River**. It is named after a series of long pools on the alluvial plains which are the remnants of a previous course of the **Zambezi** where animals congregate to drink.

The **Zambezi** valley is rich in game, along the river, on the plains and in the woodlands of this diverse area. The birdlife is equally diverse and abundant.

Walking Safaris and Guided Canoe trips are recommended activities, especially in the late afternoon when animals come down to drink at the river's edge.

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## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1 & 2

*Classic Room - Bed & Breakfast*

### ILALA LODGE, VICTORIA FALLS



On arrival at **Victoria Falls Airport** you will be met by a driver from **Wild Horizons** who will display a **Welcome Board** with your names on it. You will then be transferred to your hotel.

**Ilala Lodge** is well located in the small town of **Victoria Falls**, the closest hotel to the The Falls, a mere 8 minute walk, and close to all amenities, restaurants and markets. Animals such as warthog and impala often graze on the hotel lawns and entertain guests during mealtimes.

Your accommodation is in a **Standard Room** with facilities that include ensuite bathroom, air conditioning, overhead fan, television, tea/coffee station, room fridge, safe, free wifi and a sliding door opening onto a lush garden.

Hotel facilities include The Palm Restaurant and a swimming pool.

Included : Bed and Breakfast, Free Wifi

<https://www.ilalalodge.com/>

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## DAY 1

## ZAMBEZI ROYAL SUNSET CRUISE

This afternoon you will be collected by **Wild Horizons** for your **Sunset Cruise** on the **Zambezi Royal**.

The luxurious **Zambezi Royal** is a single level cruise boat and offers a unique and intimate way to view the **Zambezi River**.

During the premium two hour guided Sunset cruise, departing daily from the **Wild Horizons Jetty Site**, you will enjoy 5-star service on board, consisting of imported wines and spirits, gourmet hot & cold canapés. A variety of game is consistently spotted, such as elephant, hippo, crocodiles, as well as a vast plethora of bird species. The **Zambezi Royal** is the optimum way to view the beautiful stunning scenery and surrounds of the upper **Zambezi River**.

**What to Wear :** Comfortable attire, warm clothing in winter (April to August)

**Things to Bring :** Mosquito repellent, camera, binoculars

**Included :** Imported wines and spirits, gourmet hot & cold canapés, return transfers, Park River Usage fee.

<http://www.wildhorizons.co.za/see-and-do/victoria-falls/zambezi-royal-sunset-cruise/>

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## DAY 2

## GUIDED TOUR OF THE VICTORIA FALLS

Today you have two activities included on your itinerary. You will be collected by **Wild Horizons** after breakfast for your **Guided Tour of the Falls**. En route you may be taken past the 'Big Tree' where you can stop and take photos. Then on to the magnificent **Victoria Falls** where you will be accompanied through the **Rainforest** on a 2 hour tour by a qualified guide who will give a brief history of the Falls as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Guides are also happy to assist clients with photographs whilst visiting this most spectacular of waterfalls. Raincoats are provided when needed.

**What to Wear :** Comfortable attire that provides sun protection, hiking/running shoes, warm clothing in winter (Apr to Aug)

**Things to Bring :** Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, camera

**Included :** Guided tour of the Falls, return transfers, Rainforest Entrance Fee, raincoats

<http://www.wildhorizons.co.za/see-and-do/victoria-falls/tour-of-the-victoria-falls/>

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## ELEPHANT ENCOUNTER

This afternoon you will be collected by **Wild Horizons** for your **Elephant Encounter** activity. You will have the opportunity to unobtrusively interact with some of the biggest personalities in **Africa** in a pristine wilderness environment overflowing with raw natural beauty. You can spend time and connect with elephants in the most positive and natural way possible.

An open-design thatch Boma gives you an uninterrupted view of the beautiful **Masuwe River** and against this breathtaking backdrop, you will be given an insightful and educational presentation on the **Wild Horizons Elephant Sanctuary and Orphanage**. The sanctuary was founded on the principle of conservation, and one of the most effective ways to evoke a sense of environmental responsibility is to show what stands to be lost.

You will have an opportunity to talk to guides that have journeyed, physically and metaphorically, incredible distances with these elephants and learn more about the complexities of the individuals and the herd structures. You will learn about the elephant as well as their history and the threats facing elephant populations today, in an interesting and informative talk.

You will venture out into the bush to spend time with the elephant and the sight of the gentle grey mammals up close and personal will be imprinted on your mind long after you have returned home. Witness the special relationship the elephant keepers share with the animals and become a part of it. You will have the opportunity to take photographs with the elephants, marvel at their size and watch them behaving normally; browsing and interacting with one another.

After the encounter with these amazing creatures you will be offered a selection of refreshments in the cool of the **Wild Horizons Elephant Wallow**. A transfer back to your lodge concludes the experience.

**What to Wear :** Comfortable attire that provides sun protection, hiking/running shoes, warm clothing in winter (April to August)

**Things to Bring :** Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, sun hat, camera, binoculars

**Included :** Return transfers, Elephant Encounter, soft drinks, local beer, wine, water, coffee, tea and a selection of hot & cold canapés.

<http://www.wildhorizons.co.za/see-and-do/victoria-falls/walk-with-the-elephants/>

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## DAYS 3 - 6

### *Luxury Safari Tent - Full Board*

This morning you will be transferred by road (2.5 hours) to **Deteema Springs** in **Hwange National Park**. Close to the **Deteema Dam**, the camp is perched on a slight rocky rise above permanent water springs, offering magnificent views of large concentrations of animals, including elephants. While night safaris are not allowed due to park regulations, **Deteema** offers amazing opportunities for walking safaris and viewing wildlife from the comfort of the camp. Inspired by a former historic picnic site, **Deteema Springs** camp offers an intimate safari experience. The canvas tents are positioned on raised wooden decks along the contour line of a hill and blend into the natural surroundings. Each tent affords privacy,

views and complete eco-luxury comfort including an en-suite bedroom with modern bathroom, relaxation area and large private patio deck from where you can view the wildlife that comes to visit below. Each room is fitted with electrical lights, lamps and fans. The 240V International plug points can power charging stations, batteries and sleep apnoea machines but are not suitable for hairdryers and electric shavers.

The main lodge comprises an oversized tented deck area which forms the social hub where you can meet other safari goers at the bar, relax in the lounge or gather around the large fire pit to swap stories, fuelling the feeling of being on an authentic African safari in the bush. There is a pool where you can relax and swim after a game drive.

Activities include morning and afternoon game drives as well as walking safaris and birding.

Included : **Accommodation, all meals, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (excluding imported and premium drinks) , safari activities, laundry, Conservation & Community Levies, road transfers from Victoria Falls, airstrip transfers.**

<https://machabasafaris.com/en/camps-lodges/deteema-springs>

## DETEEMA SPRINGS, HWANGE NATIONAL PARK



## DAYS 6 - 10

### *Luxury Safari Tent - Full Board*

## CAMP MANA, MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

Today you have a charter flight to **Mana Pools National Park** where you will be met by your guide and transferred to **Camp Mana**, situated inside the Park with sweeping views across the **Zambezi River** and mountains of the northern escarpment.

**Mana Pools** is a world heritage site that is rated amongst the best wildlife destinations in **Africa**. The fertile floodplains support enormous concentrations of game and the area is renowned for its large numbers of elephants, buffalo, lions and especially painted dogs. This is undoubtedly the best destination for a walking safari. It also has a special status amongst wildlife photographers and is arguably the best place

in **Africa** for canoeing safaris.

Accommodation is in a large **Meru Tent** with ensuite bathroom and a veranda. The central feature of the camp is a remarkable communal lounge and dining area with sweeping views across the Zambezi River and mountains of the northern escarpment.

**Camp Mana's** philosophy of touching the earth lightly is immediately apparent on arrival. The camp operates almost completely on solar power, with a back-up generator for emergencies.

This seasonal camp is entirely disassembled and stored for four months every year. This ensures that they have very little impact on the environment and that the area has time to recover every year.

Activities include game drives, walking safaris, canoeing, fishing, bush breakfasts and lunches. Multi-day excursions to **Chitake Springs** can be arranged.

**Camp Mana** is situated in a particularly game-rich area of the park and it is not uncommon for more wildlife to be seen in the camp than on game drives or walks. The wild-dog pack featured in David Attenborough's "Dynasties" pass through the camp frequently and the iconic elephant "Boswell" is a regular visitor. Waterbuck are constantly around the camp and later in the season Eland are a constant feature. Their local lion pride walks through camp several times per month and every so often makes a kill on the edge of camp. There is an almost daily parade of elephants through the camp and they often spend time around the dining area.

While they encourage guests to take advantage of their game activities, those who choose to remain in camp will appreciate the steady stream of wildlife passing in front and through **Camp Mana**.



Included : Accommodation, all meals, drinks (excluding premium brands), limited laundry, guided safari activities, Park Fees, return airstrip transfers <https://www.campmana.com/>

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## DAY 10

## END OF SAFARI

This morning you will be transferred by light aircraft charter to **Harare Airport** for your outbound flight home. We wish you a safe and thrilling journey that will leave lasting memories and a desire to return.

### WHAT TO BRING

Torch, malaria prophylactics, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera, batteries, chargers, sunglasses, warm clothing and jacket for game drives, walking shoes, neutral coloured clothing, swimsuit.

The early mornings and evenings can be cold on game drives though blankets are often provided. It is advisable to dress warmly.

Malaria is rated as high risk in Zimbabwe so prophylactics are advised. However the months from June to October are lower risk than during the summer and autumn months from November to May.

Malaria in Southern Africa is transmitted by the female anopheles mosquito that is only active between dusk and dawn. It is advisable to wear long trousers and shirts and spray mosquito repellent on your hands and neck at dusk, before going to bed at night and when you awake early in the morning. There is no risk during the daytime.