



Rhino Track & Trail

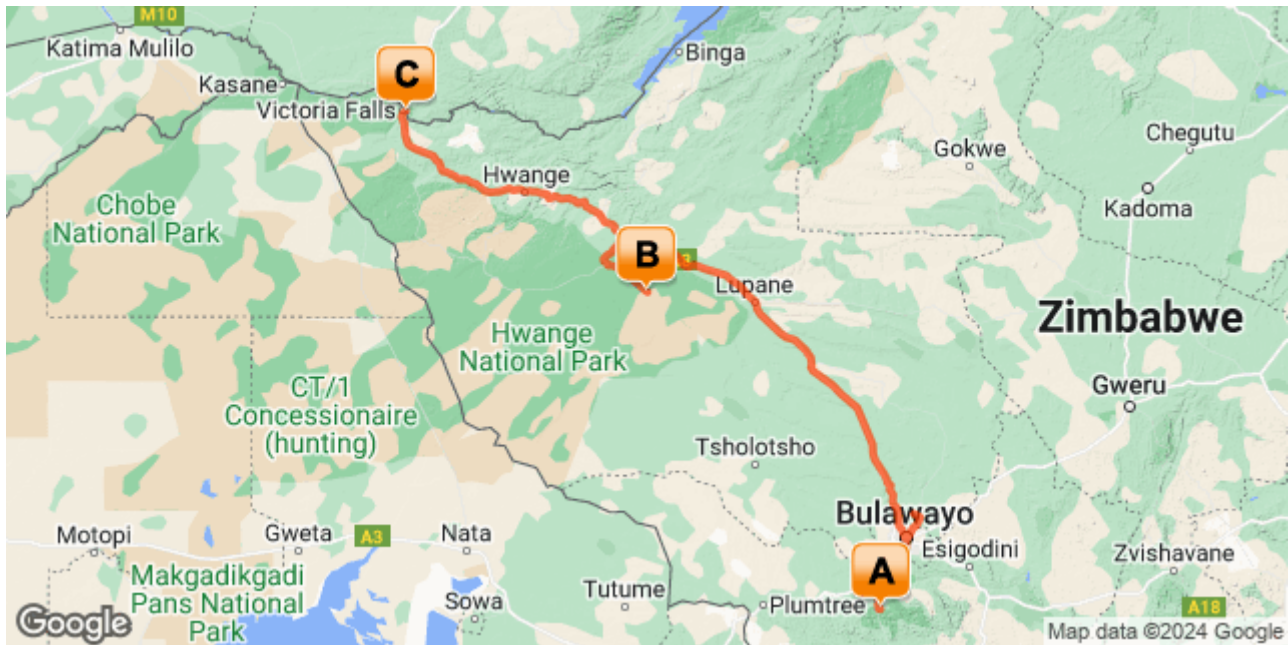


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Matobo National Park - Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

7 Days / 6 Nights

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Big Cave Camp	Matobo National Park	FB	2 Nights
The Hide	Hwange National Park	FI	3 Nights
Ilala Lodge	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	FB	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

FI: Fully Inclusive

Included

- 6 x Breakfast
- 5 x Lunch
- 6 x Dinner
- Return airport transfers
- Activities, transport and excursions
- Selected drinks
- Park & monument entrance fees

Excluded

- Flights
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Optional activities
- Premium drinks
- Personal expenses such as gratuities, telephone calls, curios etc.

Jenman Safaris Unique Experiences

- Matopos National Park is where you will find Cecil John Rhodes' grave in the dramatic granite boulders and experience its breath-taking "World's View".
- Embrace your inner adventurer and track the increasingly rare rhino on foot in Matopos National Park; these special creatures that are on the brink of extinction.
- Extensive game viewing during game drives in Hwange National Park, one of Africa's best kept secrets
- Take a guided tour of the Mighty Victoria Falls and delight in a spectacular sunset cruise on the Zambezi River

Day 1: Big Cave Camp, Matobo National Park

Matobo National Park

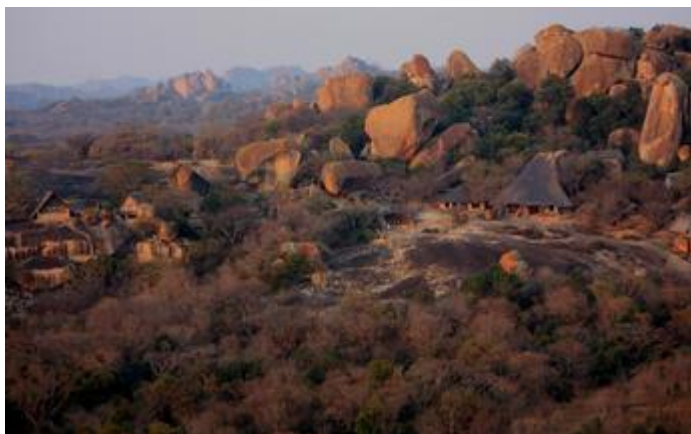
Idyllically located in the spectacular Matobo Hills, the renowned Matobo National Park is known for its rich human history, its remarkably diverse flora and fauna and its magnificent rugged terrain. This unspoiled natural wilderness features a range of massive red-tinged, granite boulders interspersed with gorgeous wooded valleys making it a dream destination for hikers, climbers and nature lovers alike. The reserve is compact, easily accessible and is home to an impressive range of African wildlife including the highly endangered black and white rhinoceros, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, cheetah, hippo, warthog and crocodile as well as Africa's largest concentration of leopard and black eagles. This unforgettable national park serves as an ideal stopover for travellers heading to the popular tourist sites of Hwange and the majestic Victoria Falls.

Day Itinerary

On arrival at Bulawayo Airport, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation, where you will spend the next two nights. The rest of the day will be at your leisure, to relax beside the pool or participate in some of the optional activities available.

Overnight: Big Cave Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Big Cave Camp reposes atop an enormous granite whaleback commanding inspirational views across the famous Matobo National Park. Sophisticated African architecture incorporates colossal boulders into a comfortably appointed thatched lodge positioned amidst ancient Khoisan rock art. Retire at a day's end to the natural rock-pool and sundeck, the Leopard's Lair lounge and bar, a cave-style boma for pre-dinner drinks or the popular lodge library. The seven thatched A-frame cottages, each with en-suite bathroom and private balcony, resonate African creative flair. Find solitude within an intimate retreat as secluded as the original Kalanga grain bins that nestle amongst the rocks.



Basis

Full Board

Day 2: Big Cave Camp, Matobo National Park

Day Itinerary

Matobo Hills is an area of exquisite beauty, steeped in tribal history, ancient mystery and dramatic rock landscapes. The national park has been given UNESCO World Heritage status and is home to both white and black rhinoceros, sable antelope and the world's densest population of leopard. Birdlife is prolific and includes the highest concentration of black eagles in the world. Once the home of the San (Bushman), this area

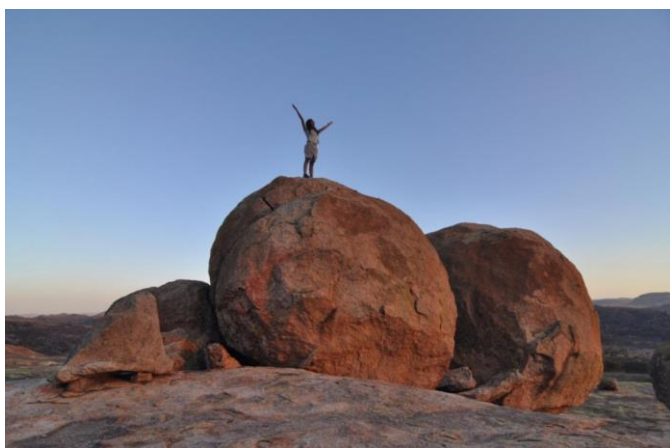
contains the richest source of the rock art found anywhere. Not only is it here that the Ndebele people buried their great king, Mzilikazi, but Cecil John Rhodes was also laid to rest on the "Hill of the Benevolent Spirit" or "Worlds View" as named by him. We visit the National Park, Rhodes grave and participate in a game drive including Rhino Tracking.

Activities

Visit the world famous tomb of Cecil John Rhodes

Drive through the granite hills in the footsteps of Cecil John Rhodes. Visit his world-famous tomb known as "View of the World", it's an historical experience not to be forgotten.

Leander Starr Jameson is also buried here and together with the spirits of of soldiers killed in battle by Matabele warriors, they gather around at sunset, there is a definite spiritual presence. This "dwala" is known as "the dwelling place of spirits" or rather "Amalindidzimu", the view will leave you breathless.....



Rhino Tracking

The Matobo Hills is one of the last bastions of both black and white rhino in Africa. The most unforgettable safari experience will be an approach up to this endangered species. This encounter is offered within the skills and knowledge of our experienced guides. Please note: For rhino tracking on foot, guests will need to hire national parks scouts - rates available upon request.



Basis

Full Board

Day 3: The Hide, Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park is the largest reserve in Zimbabwe and is home to a variety of wildlife, including giraffes, lions, zebras and about 40 000 elephants. It is also a protected region for endangered species. The area stretches from sandy dunes and savannahs through to rocky terrain and forests. Visitors can choose between game drives, guided tours and horseback safaris to explore the park and its wildlife.

Day Itinerary

As you will make our way to Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, covering an area of approx. 14 650 km², you can expect to see the best the park has to offer.

Named after a local chief, Hwange is situated in the northwest corner of the country about one hour south of the Victoria Falls. Hwange boasts an incredible biodiversity of flora and fauna, and a plethora of African wildlife. There are over 100 species of mammals and the elephant population in Hwange is considered world famous, as it is one of the largest in the world.

Once settled in, you will get to experience parts of this national park on an afternoon game drive and discover a variety of animals, including some predators among them.

Overnight: The Hide, Hwange

Located in a prime position in Hwange National Park, The Hide offers a life-enriching safari experience for its guests, from its fantastic game viewing right on your doorstep, to a variety of daily activities to suit everyone and the warm and welcoming staff, who make you feel like family from the minute you arrive.

Guests are accommodated in 10 beautifully furnished deluxe tents, all boasting en-suite bathrooms and private verandas overlooking the busy waterhole. As well as 2 exclusive use options for private groups or families. Keep your binoculars on hand, as elephant, lion and buffalo can often be seen satisfying their thirst.

Adventures include day and night game drives, guided bush walks and exceptional game viewing in the seclusion of the camp's unique underground hides. For those who are a little more adventurous, The Dove's Nest Treehouse is available at no extra charge. Located 10 minutes away from camp, this rustic gem sleeps out has the perfect vantage point from which to view wildlife safely, quietly.

After an exhilarating day of game viewing, guests can retreat to the cool refuge of the camp's swimming pool and can enjoy delectable meals savoured al fresco or in the elegant dining room.



Activities

Afternoon Game Drive

Morning and afternoon game drives as well as night drives with a spotlight are offered at The Hide Safari Camp.

Days can be spent further afield on game drives in search of predators and prey alike. We like to do things properly, so sundowners are an important part of the experience. Enjoy the natural beauty with a cold drink in hand. The guides at The Hide are very much part of the family and have been with us for many years. They have undergone some of the most rigorous training in Africa and their passion for and knowledge of the bush is often what makes a safari so special.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities
Tea and Coffee only

Day 4: The Hide, Hwange, Hwange National Park

Day Itinerary

Today you will have the opportunity to continue your search for African wildlife where you have the option of enjoying an early morning bush walk or a game drive. The park has protected viewing areas that is usually located near waterholes which will allow visitors a chance to safely observe animals up close. You will learn some interesting details about the wildlife in this area boasting with large herds of elephant and buffalo and over 400 bird species, making it a "photographers paradise".

Later, why not savour an afternoon game drive, where you'll witness the breathtaking African sunset. You can also opt for a complimentary sleepout experience at The Dove's Nest (first come, first served basis). It offers a fairy-tale-like setup, allowing you to sleep under the stars with a 180-degree view of the delightful African skies.

Activities

Morning and Afternoon Game Drives

As previously described.

Guided Walks

Morning and afternoon guided walks are offered at The Hide Safari Camp.

The Hide Safari Camp is fortunate to have the best of both worlds. While located within the Hwange National Park, it is also surrounded by a private concession which allows us to offer activities not otherwise permitted. Hwange is a vast playground worth exploring so you don't have to worry about being bored. Early morning walks are there for the thrill of encountering wildlife on its own terms and exploring the little surprises of the bush.



The Dove's Nest Treehouse

Our little secret, the Dove's Nest, is just about the best way to get away from it all. There are few things more exciting than spending a night out in a tree house.

Overlooking the open tree-lined vlei and pan, this rustic gem is a perfect vantage point from which to view wildlife safely, quietly. Just the two of you. Kept simple, as a tree house should be, the bedroom of the Dove's Nest is reached by a wooden stairway and with a closeable door. You won't have to forego your hot shower and warm bed and the location is second to none.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities
Tea and Coffee only

Day 5: The Hide, Hwange, Hwange National Park

Day Itinerary

Exploring the wilderness through game drives offers the ultimate wildlife experience.

Conclude your park visit by embarking on exciting safaris, encountering a diverse array of species and immersing yourself in the in the pristine landscape of the park, before journeying to the magnificent Victoria Falls.

Activities

Day and Night Game Drives

As previously described.

The Underground Hide and Wine Cellar

You're sitting on the deck at The Hide 'A' frame. The sun has just set, its residual warmth a soft tinge of pink in the sky. Just then, a family of elephants strolls into the scene and up to the waterhole. You watch, fascinated by their interactions. Now, here's where you jump into action. Without the need for a guide or host, you can go directly from the deck into the underground hide and observe the elephant family from up-close. Just step off the deck and slip down the steps into a whole new world. Along a tunnel, you'll walk for about 10 metres under the surface of the earth – and then emerge into a "window on the waterhole", where you can sit quietly, the unobserved observing. It's a special new addition and makes the experience of "game viewing" more intense and personal.

Along the same tunnel, guests are delighted to find, hidden away in the wall, a real wine cellar. Perfectly cooled at a steady 17 degrees Celsius, ambient-lit and stocked with a small selection of fine wines from around the world, this is a welcome addition to an already all-sensory experience at The Hide. Guests are invited to choose the wine they'd like with dinner – or suggestions are made based on wine pairing experts' recommendations.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Tea and Coffee only previously described.

Day 6: Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or micro lights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

Day Itinerary

We leave the beauty of the Hwange National Park behind us and head to Victoria Falls, where we explore the mighty Victoria Falls on a guided tour. Thereafter you will be transferred to your lodge, to have a relaxing afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Ilala Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

The warmest of welcomes awaits you at Ilala Lodge Hotel. A gracefully distinguished ambiance. Attentive yet discrete service that always comes with a smile. The sublime surroundings of our boutique hotel will reawaken your senses while the power of the majestic Victoria Falls renews your spirit. Relax in luxurious style. Listen to the meditative rhythm of the great Zambezi as you drift off to sleep. As morning comes, gently awake and lift your head to see the spray of the majestic Victoria Falls across the unspoiled horizon – and let your soul sigh. Feel at ease in our elegant and spacious rooms with African Teak furniture, soft, crisp linen – all en-suite facilities, bathroom with separate shower, air conditioning, overhead fan, satellite TV, hair dryer, tea & coffee making facilities, free Wi-Fi and a safe. 56 rooms in total including 2 Executive Suites, 2 Standard Suites, 20 Deluxe rooms and 32 Standard rooms. The view from your room looks across the lawns to the National Parks where elephant, warthog, impala or the occasional buffalo might be passing by or simply grazing on the lawn or in the tree line. Experience new tastes, indulge in unusual flavours and enjoy delectable dishes at our award winning restaurant "The Palm"; dine in view of the spray of the majestic Victoria Falls! We have a tours desk in the hotel where you can book all your activities. Ilala Lodge also has a spa, where you can spoil yourself after that long safari!



Activities

[Victoria Falls Guided Tour](#)

A view of the Victoria Falls is something you will never forget and the best way to see them is on a guided tour. Discover how the Falls were formed and what local customs and traditions surround them. These tours are extremely informative and end with a visit to the local art and crafts centre.



Basis

Half Board

Day 7: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

After breakfast will be the end of your tour. You will be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport in time for your departure flight. We hope to welcome you again one day on another of our African adventures.

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Transport

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport [BUQ]	Big Cave Camp		Transfer
		Big Cave Camp	The Hide, Hwange		Transfer
		The Hide, Hwange	Victoria Falls River Lodge		Transfer
		Victoria Falls River Lodge	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Transfer

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

PRE AND POST TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

Pre and post tour accommodation and transfers can be arranged on request.

Should you require alternative accommodation or transfers to different points, please contact our reservation office, who will gladly assist you.

TRANSPORT:

You will be picked up at Bulawayo International Airport and dropped off at Victoria Falls International Airport. All transfers are either conducted in 2x4 vehicles or minibuses.

MEALS:

Meals included in your safari will be taken in the restaurants at the various accommodation establishments. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

VISAS:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit the countries stated on the itinerary.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman African Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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