



Best of Hwange



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Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

7 Days / 6 Nights

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Nantwich Lodge	Hwange National Park	FI	3 Nights
The Hide	Hwange National Park	FI	2 Nights
Victoria Falls Hotel	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	B&B	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and breakfast

FI: Fully inclusive

Included

- 6 x Breakfast
- 4 x Lunches
- 5 x Dinner
- Accommodation and meals as mentioned in the itinerary or of similar standard
- Return airport transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Services of an English-speaking driver guide on the excursions specified
- Activities and excursions as mentioned
- Park entrance and river usage fees unless otherwise stipulated

Excluded

- Excluded Pre and Post tour accommodation
- Optional activities
- Drinks not mentioned
- Personal expenses such as gratuities, telephone calls, curios, travel insurance etc.

Jenman Safaris Unique Experiences

- You will be able to explore two different regions of Zimbabwe's biggest national park, experience the remote wilderness and grassy plains of wildlife rich area of northern Hwange National Park as well as the Mopane forest of the eastern region, with excellent game viewing all round.
- Stay in Luxurious chalets on stilts in a private concession and explore the fantastic and still untouched national park.
- Discover why it's known as "The Smoke That Thunders" on a guided tour of the majestic Victoria Falls. In the evening, relax on a luxurious dhow sunset cruise while taking in the beauty of the Zambezi River.

Day 1-3: Nantwich Lodge, Hwange National Park

Day Itinerary

On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport you will be met and transferred to your lodge in Hwange National Park, afternoon at leisure for optional activities.

The next two days are spent on game drives and walking safaris.

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.

Overnight: Nantwich Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

A hidden gem within a hidden gem, experience this unique and intimate eco-lodge reclaimed from a bygone era. Hideaways Nantwich Lodge has a history closely tied to that of Hwange National Park, as described here by acclaimed author Tony Park. Nantwich Lodge attracts true safari lovers who want to get off the beaten track and discover the pristine wilderness and abundant wildlife of Northern Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. Perched up on a hill overlooking a large dam with resident crocodile and hippo, the game lodge boasts some of the best game viewing in the area.



Basis

Fully Inclusive

Activities

Full-Day Game Drive

Full Day Game Drive in the Hwange National Park with our trained guides. This activity includes lunch.



Walking Safari

Take part in a 3-hour game walk with our pro-guide in Hwange National Park. A walk through the bush allows guests to experience it from a completely different perspective than in a game safari vehicle. Our pro-guide will be sure to point out many interesting things not always visible to the naked eye and will ensure that guests are completely safe.



Basis

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Soft Drinks) Included

Day 4 - 5: The Hide, Hwange, Hwange National Park

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, a road transfer will take you to The Hide, Hwange immersing yourself in a different facet of the park.

Kick-start your day with a guided bush walk amidst the early morning, breathing in the crisp air, or opt for a morning or afternoon game drives, offering remarkable encounters with wildlife. Alternatively, indulge in the serenity of camp life by lounging in the underground hide, witnessing animals quenching their thirst at the waterhole, or spend a night at the Dove's Nest (first come first serve basis), nestled among the treetops perfect for stargazing enthusiasts, offering a breathtaking 180-degree view of the majestic night sky.

Overnight: The Hide, Hwange [View iBrochure](#)

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 sleep 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

Day and Night Game Drives

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.



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 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.



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, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 6: Victoria Falls Hotel, 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

Enjoy your last breakfast at the lodge before your 2½ hour drive back to Victoria Falls.

Overnight: Victoria Falls Hotel [View iBrochure](#)

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as “the grand old lady of the Falls”, is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. It is one of only three ISO-accredited hotels in Zimbabwe. The Edwardian-style five-star hotel combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new. Set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semi-tropical shrubs, it provides the tranquillity and seclusion that many guests seek. The famous Victoria Falls are just a ten-minute walk away using the hotel’s private pathway, and “the smoke that thunders” or “Mosi-O-Tunya” in the local dialect, is clearly audible and visible from this luxurious landmark.

**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.



Sunset Cruise

Enjoy a brief history of the river with a cocktail in hand as you set out on the Sunset Cruise. Snack on delicacies from the high tea selection, as well as other delectable snacks, and be treated to any of the thirst-quenching beverages from the fully-stocked bar, while you take in the wild Zambezi.



Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Day 7: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Depending on your departure time, you will be taken to Victoria Falls Airport for your onward flight. We hope to welcome you on one of our African adventures again soon!

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Transport

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]	Nantwich Lodge		Transfer
		Nantwich Lodge	The Hide, Hwange		Transfer
		The Hide, Hwange	Victoria Falls Hotel		Transfer
		Victoria Falls Hotel	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Transfer

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DEPARTURE:

The Best of Hwange departs from Victoria Falls. Whilst it is our every intention to adhere to the above mentioned itinerary, there may on occasion be a necessity to make alterations in order to make the tour more enjoyable or practical. Therefore please treat the itinerary as a guide only.

TRANSPORT:

You will be picked up at Victoria Falls International Airport. For transfers between Victoria Falls and Hwange (or vice versa), 2x4 vehicles may be utilised. All luggage, besides hand luggage and photo equipment, is carried on the vehicle or trailer roof racks to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle. Some game drives may be conducted in open-sided safari vehicles.

Please reconfirm flight details at the time of booking.

Airport transfers are usually conducted in sedan vehicles or minibuses. The game drives take place in open 4x4 vehicles.

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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<https://www.packforapurpose.org/destinations/africa/south-africa/jenman-african-safaris>.

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