**GRAND ZIMBABWE**

**REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND ALLURE OF ZIMBABWE IN 15 DAYS.**

Discover the magic of Zimbabwe while on an intimate tour through this breathtakingly beautiful country. Venture into Zimbabwe’s most famous national parks such as Hwange and Matobo National Park. Learn more about Zimbabwe’s fascinating history on a visit to the 900-year-old Great Zimbabwe Ruins rumoured to be the capital of the legendary Queen of Sheba and also the namesake of the nations, Zimbabwe comes from a Shona word for” big houses of stone”. Throughout your trip, you will experience true Zimbabwean hospitality.

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**GRAND ZIMBABWE 2023**



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# HIGHLIGHTS

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| **Victoria Falls:**  **Lake Kariba:**  **Hwange:**  **Matopos:** | Guided tour of the falls  Afternoon sunset cruise on Lake Kariba with game viewing opportunities  Explore the best of Hwange in open vehicle game drive  Optional hikes amongst the boulders  Rhino tracking and guided tour of the national park  Visit to Cecil John Rhodes’ grave and World’s View | **Great Zimbabwe Ruins:**  **Harare:**  **Mana Pools:** | Guided tour of the Great Zimbabwe Ruins  View the wildlife from a different view on a horseback safari  Boat transfer on the mighty Zambezi River  Guided safaris walks or game drives in the park |

**QUICK FACTS**

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| **Tour type:**  **Duration:**  **Start:**  **End:**  **Countries visited:** | Small group lodge safari  15 days  Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe  Harare, Zimbabwe  Zimbabwe | **Meals:**  **Vehicle:**  **Group Size:** | 14 x Breakfast  13 x Lunch  13 x Dinner  Suitable touring vehicle  according to group size  2x4 vehicle for transfers  Min. 4\* / Max. 12  \*Guaranteed departures with no minimum pax available |

# DEPARTURE DATES 2023

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| **MONTH** | **TOUR START** | **TOUR END** | **TYPE** | **MONTH** | **TOUR START** | **TOUR END** | **TYPE** |
| **May** | 10/05/2023 | 24/05/2023 |  |  | 12/08/2023 | 26/08/2023 | D |
| **June** | 02/06/2023 | 16/06/2023 |  | **September** | 01/09/2023 | 15/09/2023 |  |
|  | 22/06/2023 | 06/07/2023 | D |  | 20/09/2023 | 04/10/2023 | D |
| **July** | 19/07/2023 | 02/08/2023 |  | **October** | 09/10/2023 | 23/10/2023 |  |
|  | 26/07/2023 | 09/08/2023 | D | **November** | 18/11/2023 | 02/12/2023 |  |
| **August** | 04/08/2023 | 18/08/2023 |  | **December** | 03/12/2023 | 17/12/2023 |  |

# ITINERARY

**B** = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

**DAY 1: VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE**

On arrival into Victoria Falls Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the afternoon may be spent at leisure enjoying one of the many activities available in Victoria Falls. This evening you will meet your guide and the rest of your group at the lodge at 18h00 for your pre-departure meeting.

**Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

**Lunch:** For your own account

**Dinner:** For your own account

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN VICTORIA FALLS**

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Victoria Falls. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in US Dollars. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below, we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

15 Minute Helicopter Flight Flying Fox (Cable Slide)

22 Minute Helicopter Flight Gorge Swing

Boma Dinner Incl. Transfers Zip Line

12-13 Min. Flight Of Angels Horse Back Safaris (Novice)

25 Minute Flight Livingstone Island: Lunch Departure

Bungee Jump Victoria Falls Bicycle Tour

Bridge Slide Canopy Tour

## DAY 2 & 3: VICTORIA FALLS TO HWANGE NATIONAL PARK, ZIMBABWE BLD, BLD

This morning we make our way to the Northern Section of Hwange National Park, but we first make a stop in Victoria Falls where your guide will take you on a tour of the mighty Victoria falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

Over the following two days, we will have plenty of time to explore this vast wilderness on game drives. Hwange National Park is one of Africa's finest havens for wildlife and is home to great herds of elephant, buffalo, and zebra and has a very large concentration of giraffe. It is also home to many predators and endangered species plus varied birdlife.

The next day is you will have the full day to explore this magnificent area on a full day game drive in Hwange National Park.

**Distance:** 150 km **Departure:** 07h00

**Accommodation:** Nantwich Lodge or similar (suite with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

**Day 2**

**Breakfast:** AtIlala Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** At Nantwich Lodge or similar

**Dinner:** At Nantwich Lodge or similar

**Day 3**

**Breakfast:** At Nantwich Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** Lunch pack on game drive

**Dinner:** At Nantwich Lodge or similar

## DAY 4 & 5: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK TO LAKE KARIBA, ZIMBABWE BLD, BLD

Lake Kariba is Africa’s largest man-made lake. Spend the day relaxing at the pool, or option to partake in many of the optional activities such as catch and release fishing.

The next day you will get to bask in the sun as you enjoy an afternoon sunset cruise on Lake Kariba with game-viewing opportunities.

**Distance:** 320 km **Departure:** 07h00

**Accommodation:** Masumu River Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

**Day 4**

**Breakfast:** At Nantwich Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** Lunch Pack from Nantwich Lodge

**Dinner:** At Masumu River Lodge or similar

**Day 5**

**Breakfast:** At Masumu River Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** At Masumu River Lodge or similar

**Dinner:** At Masumu River Lodge or similar

## DAY 6 & 7: LAKE KARIBA TO MATOBO HILLS, ZIMBABWE BLD, BLD

After breakfast we travel to the majestic Matobo Hills, 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 “World’s View” as named by him.

We spend the next day in the national park, starting our morning with tracking rhino spoor by vehicle and foot. In the afternoon we further explore the scenery and wildlife of the park on game drives, ending with a visit to Rhodes’ grave.

**Distance:** 505 km **Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, bar, & swimming pool)

**Day 6**

**Breakfast:** At Masumu River Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** Lunch Pack from Masumu River Lodge

**Dinner:** At Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge or similar

**Day 7**

**Breakfast:** At Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** At Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge or similar

**Dinner:** At Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge or similar

## DAY 8: MATOBO HILLS TO GREAT ZIMBABWE, ZIMBABWE BLD

This morning we drive to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins located close to Masvingo. According to an age-old legend the ruins were built to replicate the palace of the Queen of Sheba in Jerusalem, and are a unique testimony to the Bantu civilization of the Shona between the 11th and 15th centuries. They cover an area of 1800 acres and are some of the oldest and largest structures located in Southern Africa. We have the opportunity to explore these ancient ruins, before checking in to our accommodation for the night.

**Distance:** 390 km **Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Lodge at the Ancient City or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, restaurant, & bar)

**Day 8**

**Breakfast:** AtShashani Matobo Hills Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** Lunch Pack from Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge

**Dinner:** At Lodge of the Ancient City or similar

**DAY 9: GREAT ZIMBABWE TO HARARE, ZIMBABWE BLD**

Today we make our way to Pamuzinda Safari Lodge, located just an hour outside of Harare. Once you have arrived, you will have the choice of a game drive, game walk or, for the more adventurous, a horse back safari.

**Distance:** 390 km **Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Pamuzinda Safari Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool and tea garden)

**Day 9**

**Breakfast:** At Lodge of the Ancient City or similar

**Lunch:** At Pamuzinda Safari Lodge or similar

**Dinner:** At Pamuzinda Safari Lodge or similar

**DAY 10 & 11: HARARE TO MANA POOLS, ZIMBABWE BLD, BLD**

This morning we take an early morning road transfer to Chirundu where we will enjoy a boat transfer

to Mana Pools. The life-giving power of the Zambezi River makes Mana Pools National Park one of

Zimbabwe’s most lush and flourishing regions, designated as the country’s second World Heritage

Site and known as one of the continent’s premier game-viewing regions.

The following day, you have an option to enjoy some wildlife focused activities such as guided safaris

walks as well as game drives.

**Distance:** 370 km **Departure:** 07h00

**Accommodation:** Mana Pools Safari Lodge (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, restaurant, & bar)

**Day10**

**Meals:**

**Breakfast:** At Pamuzinda Safari Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** Lunch Pack from Pamuzinda Safari Lodge

**Dinner:** At Mana Pools Safari Lodge or similar

**Day 11**

**Meals:**

**Breakfast:** At Mana Pools Safari Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** At Mana Pools Safari Lodge or similar

**Dinner:** At Mana Pools Safari Lodge or similar

**DAY 12 & 13: MANA POOLS TO LAKE KARIBA, ZIMBABWE BLD, BLD**

After taking a road transfer to your lodge, you have the afternoon at leisure. Enjoy an afternoon

around the pool gazing upon the panoramic views of Lake Kariba. You also have the opportunity

to partake in many optional activities on offer.

**Accommodation:** Kariba Safari Lodge (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, restaurant, & bar)

**Day12**

**Meals:**

**Breakfast:** At Mana Pools Safari Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** At Kariba Safari Lodge or similar

**Dinner:** At Kariba Safari Lodge or similar

**Day13**

**Meals:**

**Breakfast:** At Kariba Safari Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** At Kariba Safari Lodge or similar

**Dinner:** At Kariba Safari Lodge or similar

**DAY 14: LAKE KARIBA TO HARARE, ZIMBABWE BLD**

Enjoy a road transfer to Pamuzinda Safari Lodge, located just an hour outside of Harare. You have

the afternoon at leisure.

**Distance:** 145 km **Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Pamuzinda Safari Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool and tea garden)

**Meals:**

**Breakfast:** At Kariba Safari Lodge or similar

**Lunch:** At Pamuzinda Safari Lodge or similar

**Dinner:** At Pamuzinda Safari Lodge or similar

**DAY 15: HARARE, END OF TOUR B**

Our safari ends after breakfast. You will be transferred to Harare International Airport in time for your departure flight. We hope to welcome you again one day on another of our African adventures!

**Meals:**

**Breakfast:** At Pamuzinda Safari Lodge or similar

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

# DEPARTURE:

Grand Zimbabwe departs from Ilala Lodge or similar in Victoria Falls.

**Please note that the daily departure times are a guideline only and are subject to change due to seasonal variations, as well as unforeseen circumstances. The final decision rests with your guide who will advise you at what time you will be departing each day.**

In the evening of day 1, there will be a meeting presented by your guide, at 18h00, at your lodge. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

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:

Jenman African Safaris uses fully equipped Toyota Land Cruisers, Mercedes All-Terrain vehicle, 12-seater 4x4 safari vehicles or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, large windows for game viewing, a music and PA system and air-conditioning to be determined by the company. 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. For transfers between Kasane and Victoria Falls or Hwange and Victoria Falls (or vice versa), 2x4 vehicles may be utilised.

# TRAVELLING TIMES AND DISTANCES:

All travelling times are affected by road conditions, border crossings, detours and weather conditions, therefore on certain days travelling times may be longer than anticipated especially where there is a lot of distance to be covered. Please keep in mind that the time it takes to travel 100 km in your home country is not equivalent to the time it takes to travel 100 km on African roads, therefore we encourage you to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery Africa has to offer. Where possible additional stops will be made to ensure your travelling comfort at all times.

# ACCOMMODATION:

We make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in national parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps with en-suite bathrooms.

# MEALS:

### Where included most breakfasts and dinners will be enjoyed in the restaurants of 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 for clients to visit Zimbabwe prior to departure.

# 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.

# MAKING YOUR TRAVELS MEANINGFUL:

The Grow Africa Foundation (163-738 NPO) is the responsible tourism initiative started by Jenman African Safaris and Hideaways. The focus of Grow Africa is to make a positive impact on the environment, society and economy in the places we travel to. We do this by instigating and supporting local social and environmental projects.

**Your booking makes a difference:** With every booking to the value of R10,000 / US$1,000 / EUR1,000 or more a donation of R50 / US$5 / EUR5 will go to the Grow Africa Foundation.  Click here to see the projects your booking is supporting: <http://www.jenmansafaris.com/about-us/grow-africa/>

We are also proud members of **Pack for a Purpose**, a global initiative that allows you to make a lasting impact on the communities you visit. Use your excess luggage allowance to pack supplies needed by the Dingani Primary School in Zimbabwe. We’ll then make sure it gets delivered to them. Click here to view Dingani’s current needs list:

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

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