



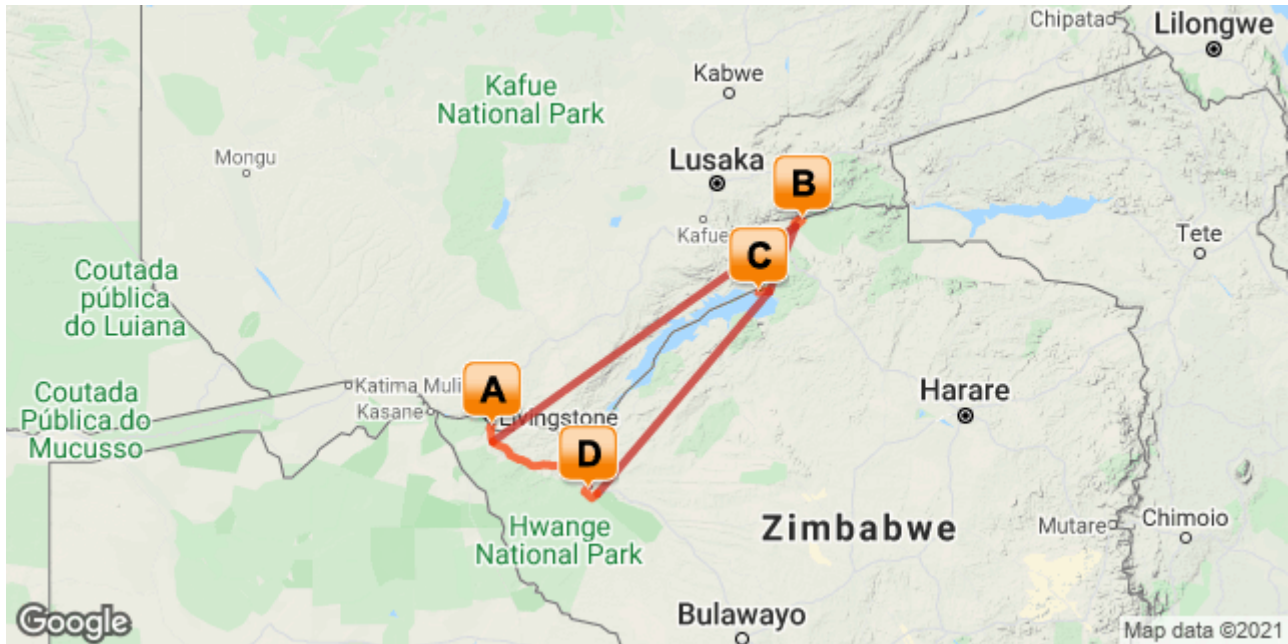
Highlights of Zimbabwe



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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Lake Kariba - Mana Pools National Park - Hwange National Park
9 Days / 8 Nights

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Victoria Falls Hotel	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	B&B	2 Nights
Mana Pools Safari Lodge	Mana Pools National Park	FI	2 Nights
Kariba Safari Lodge	Lake Kariba	FI	2 Nights
Elephant's Eye, Hwange	Hwange National Park	FI	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive

Included

- 8 x Breakfast
- 6 x Lunch
- 6 x Dinner
- Return airport transfers
- Activities, transfers and excursions
- River usage fee as specified in the itinerary
- Selected drinks at Elephant's Eye, Hwange

Excluded

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

Additional Information

Jenman Safaris Unique Experiences

- Experience the beauty and wonder of one of the world's seven natural Wonders - Victoria Falls.
- Breath-taking panoramic views over the great inland sea of Lake Kariba with a multitude of ways to explore: private cruises, lakeside walking safaris, bush walking and game drives.
- Mana Pools is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the pools draw a variety of game for magnificent game viewing opportunities.
- Hwange National Park is one of the undiscovered gems of Africa and an important sanctuary for elephants and wild dogs.
- Engage with the Hwange Anti-Poaching unit and learn about the challenges faced protecting our wildlife.

Day 1: 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

On arrival at Victoria Falls 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 in some of the optional activities available.

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.



Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Day 2: Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Day Itinerary

Today you will take a guided tour of the mighty Victoria Falls and have the rest of the afternoon at your leisure to explore the town or participate in the various optional activities available. In the late afternoon you will enjoy a spectacular sunset cruise on the Zambezi River.

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

Summer (August to April) 16:00, Winter (May to August) 15:30 DURATION: 2 Hours | MIN PAX: 2 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 3: Mana Pools Safari Lodge, Mana Pools National Park

Day Itinerary

After breakfast you will depart to Victoria Falls Airport, where you will embark on your flight to Mana West Airstrip. The next two nights will be spent in Mana Pools National Park where you may enjoy scheduled activities at your leisure. Immerse yourself in this unspoiled part of Africa, and experience a unique, natural spectacle on Lake Kariba which will remain long in memory.

Mana Pools National Park

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. Canoe trips are offered year round and provide a unique and memorable way for visitors to experience the area's striking scenic beauty and diverse fauna, while guided walks are a great way to take its pristine riverside forests.



Overnight: Mana Pools Safari Lodge

Mana Pools Safari Lodge nestles close to Mana Pools National Park's western boundary at the Ruckomeshe River. Set among riverine figs, African mango and Apple-ring albida trees, the 12 thatched chalets enjoy commanding views of the sweeping flood plains and mighty Zambezi River. Frequenting daily by majestic elephant, secretive kudu, buffalo, painted dogs and even lion – all of which often pass through the camp – the wildlife seemingly floats on shimmering heat waves, as they amble to the river to quench their thirsts.

As the only permanent luxury lodge within Mana Pools, the facility offers unparalleled comfort, game viewing and photographic opportunities, with Mana's light and beauty unmatched anywhere on the African continent.



Basis

Fully Inclusive

Day 4: Mana Pools Safari Lodge, Mana Pools National Park

Activities:**Game Drives:**

A game drive through Mana Pools National Park is a gift to the senses. Immersed beneath the Albida Forest, golden light streaming through the trees, one feels encased in magic. Mana Pools is wild - the perfect park to encounter the untamed and unpredictable in the safe presence of a professional guide, revealing its wonders as you traverse its terrain.

Game Walks

Mana on foot is an invitation for adventure and immersion into the delicate nature of the ecosystem. Being a small park holding big treasures, Mana Pools offers much to explore, accessing the more remote locations by embarking on a walking safari. Explore the riverbanks in search of the elusive Carmine bee-eater, or walk beneath the trees along ancient animal corridors, following in the footsteps of giants.

Sundowner Cruise:

Chasing sunsets is an activity highly encouraged when in Zimbabwe. Sipping and cruising upon the Zambezi River just before dusk is a sure way to succeed in capturing an African sunset on camera and imprinted in memory.

Basis

Fully Inclusive

Day 5: Kariba Safari Lodge, Lake Kariba

Day Itinerary

This morning you will have an air transfer to Kariba Airport, where you will be met by a guide and transferred to Kariba Safari Lodge, set on a mountainside with sweeping views of the lake and the surrounding islands. The next two nights will be spent on bush walks, a half day town excursion and a catamaran experience.

Lake Kariba

The planet's most voluminous man-made lake, Kariba is a popular tourist destination that was created in the 1950s when the mighty Zambezi was dammed. It stretches for more than 200 kilometres along the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia, forming a natural boundary between the two countries. The lake's waters are home to abundant crocodiles, hippos, fish and aquatic birds, while its shoreline and islands are rich with terrestrial game such as elephant and buffalo. It has become one of Zimbabwe's main tourist attractions offering houseboat holidays, fishing safaris and wonderful game viewing experiences.



Overnight: Kariba Safari Lodge

Kariba Safari Lodge is situated on a mountainside with sweeping views over the sparkling water and the islands in the eastern basin of the lake. The Lodges and Suites are nestled on the forested hillside which slopes down the lake shore and beach area.

There is a sandy beach and a swimming cage, which allows you to swim in the lake without fear of crocodiles or hippos.

Nine open fronted, en suite lodges each have their own patio and offer broad views of the lake directly from your bed. Every lodge has twin beds that can be converted into king size doubles.

Eight suites, with generous en-suite bathrooms and private patios offer sweeping views of the lake. Suites can sleep 4 guests in king size double bed and two Indian day beds.

All lodges and suites have ceiling fans, mosquito nets, mini bar and complimentary tea and coffee facilities.



Basis

Fully Inclusive

Day 6: Kariba Safari Lodge, Lake Kariba

Activities:**Hikes & Bush Walks:**

Allowing guests to get more intimately acquainted with the finer details of the bush. Feet rooted to the earth with eyes to the blue Lake Kariba horizon, a walking expedition in the Kariba surrounds provides a closer look into the ecology and life; the area's heartbeat. Spend time immersed in the bush, led by a professional guide, learning of the intricacies of life around the lake.

Half Day Town Excursion:

Kariba town is a bustling hub of Zimbabwean arts, culture and history. Taking time to explore the foundations of local people and culture, while learning about the foundations and engineering of the Kariba Dam Wall, a day trip to town fulfills historical curiosity. A tour of the wall itself and the dedicated museum is a journey into the history of its construction as well as the effect on the area, people and wildlife alike.

Catamaran Experience:

The catamarans at Kariba Safari Lodge provide an extremely unique and immersive sunset experience. Powered by the wind, with a backup motor for quieter days, sail into the sunset, feasting on the view as well as delicious snacks prepared by the lodge. Dare to take a dip in the safety net attached to the boat, glass of wine and courage in hand as you cool off in Lake Kariba waters.

Basis

Fully Inclusive

Day 7: Elephant's Eye, Hwange, 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

This morning you will have an air transfer to Hwange National Park Airport, where you will be met by a guide and transferred to Elephant's Eye, Hwange Eco-Lodge, which is situated on a private concession in close proximity to Hwange National Park. After lunch and a siesta you will have the option of going on an afternoon game drive, or visit a traditional homestead where the locals will welcome you into their home, and you may experience their lifestyle.

During your stay, you can engage with the anti-poaching unit. Guests will learn what motivates these conservation warriors and can ask them any burning questions.

Overnight: Elephant's Eye, Hwange
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The best Zimbabwe has to offer: Elephant's Eye, Hwange offers an unforgettable experience with the African wilderness - in an intimate and welcoming setting. Elephant's Eye, Hwange is located on a private concession (about 6000 ac), which is only 13 km from the entrance to Hwange National Park. Attention to detail and friendly service in the heart of the African bush will put you at ease, as you escape the noise and bustle of the modern world. Enjoy the quiet, beautiful views overlooking a waterhole that is frequented by elephants and

other game, allowing you to feel at one with nature. The camp comprises of 8 tented chalets. Every chalet has a double or twin beds surrounded by mosquito netting and with an en-suite bathroom with a bath and basin, glam outside shower and wrap-around veranda. The Elephant's Eye Hwange lodge can host a maximum of 16 people at any given time and all meals and most drinks are included. This authentic, modern African lodge is designed to meet your needs with style and excellent service, setting a high standard for the discerning traveller.



Activities

Half-Day Concession Game Drive

Half Day Game drive on our private concession with our trained guides.



OR

Community Upliftment Experience

Complete with its charms, difficulties, and traditions, rural life in Zimbabwe is a world apart from living in a developed country. Our Community Upliftment Experience, organized in collaboration with our Grow Africa Foundation, offers Elephant's Eye guests the opportunity to learn about local traditions and experience the challenges these communities contend with on a daily basis. As part of the experience, participants visit the local school as well as some of the economic and upliftment enterprises that locals have established to combat these challenges and improve their living conditions.

Take the opportunity to become part of conservation and economic upliftment by interacting with local residents in a natural and non-intrusive manner. Travellers are presented with the chance to get involved with the Grow Africa Foundation projects. While difficulties are highlighted, the experience focuses on the positives and solutions.



Day 8: Elephant's Eye, Hwange, Hwange National Park

Day Itinerary

Today is spent on a game drive in the Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, covering an area of approx. 14 650 km². Named after a local chief, Hwange is situated in the northwest corner of the country about one hour south of the Victoria Falls. There are over 100 species of mammals and nearly 400 bird species recorded here. Specifically, the elephant population in Hwange is considered world famous, as it is one of the largest in the world.

Activities

Full-Day Game Drive

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



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Fully Inclusive

Day 9: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Enjoy your last breakfast at the lodge before your 2½ hour drive back to Victoria Falls Airport, where you embark on your onward journey.

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Mana West Airstrip			
	Scheduled		Mana West Airstrip		Kariba Airport [KAB]			
	Scheduled		Kariba Airport [KAB]		Hwange National Park Airport [HWN]			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]	Victoria Falls Hotel		Transfer
		Victoria Falls Hotel	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Transfer
		Mana West Airstrip	Mana Pools Safari Lodge		Transfer
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		Kariba Airport [KAB]	Kariba Safari Lodge		Transfer
		Kariba Safari Lodge	Hwange National Park Airport [HWN]		Transfer
		Hwange National Park Airport [HWN]	Elephant's Eye, Hwange		Transfer
		Elephant's Eye, Hwange	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Transfer

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DEPARTURE:

The Highlights of Zimbabwe Package 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. Air transfers are conducted by an external supplier.

Please reconfirm flight details at the time of booking.

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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