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## 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
Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge	Matobo National Park	FB	<b>2 Nights</b>
<a href="#">Elephant's Eye, Hwange</a>	Hwange National Park	FI	<b>3 Nights</b>
<a href="#">Ilala Lodge</a>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	FB	<b>1 Night</b>

## Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

FI: Fully Inclusive

## Included

- 6 x Breakfast
- 6 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, as well as on a private concession bordering the park.
- Take a guided tour of the Mighty Victoria Falls and delight in a spectacular sunset cruise on the Zambezi River
- Engage with the Hwange Anti-Poaching unit and learn about the challenges faced protecting our wildlife.

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**Day 1: Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge, Matobo National Park**

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**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.

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**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: Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge**

Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge is situated on a private game reserve approximately an hour's drive from Bulawayo on the border of Matobo National Park. Ancient rock paintings and a historical grain-bin site are a morning's walk away. You can watch many species of plains game from the lodge.

10 individual en-suite loges are spaced widely on the edge of a huge rock dome with views over a wooded valley and the characteristic Matobo granite hills. All rooms are comfortably furnished and have private verandas.

The main building has a comfortable lounge with adjoining dining room, all open fronted towards the breathtaking view. A large fireplace takes the chill out of winter evenings. The swimming pool is ideally placed to gather the sun's warmth and to offer beautiful views over the surrounding landscape whilst relaxing.

**Basis**

Full Board

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**Day 2: Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge, Matobo National Park**

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## 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 "Amalindizimu", 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.



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**Day 3: Elephant's Eye, Hwange, Hwange National Park**

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**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**

After breakfast we depart Matobo Hills and make our way to Hwange National Park. This afternoon you will participate in a walking safari on our private concession, led by a professional guide.

Here you will learn some interesting details about the fauna and flora. You may have the opportunity to experience a close encounter with an elephant in the bush.

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** [View iBrochure](#)

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, which 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 traveler.



## Activities

### *Walking Safari*

3 hour Bush Walk on our private concession with our Pro-guide.



### **Basis**

Fully Inclusive

## **Day 4: 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 km<sup>2</sup>. 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 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.

Experience parts of this national park on game drives and you will discover a variety of animals, including some predators among them.

### **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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**Day 5: Elephant's Eye, Hwange, Hwange National Park**

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**Day Itinerary**

This morning you will go on a game drive to continue your search for the African wildlife, including a visit to the Painted Dogs Conservation Centre to learn about the efforts made to protect these endangered species.

Lunch will be provided at the lodge, and thereafter we visit a traditional homestead, where locals will show you their home, and daily lifestyle.

**Activities*****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.

**Basis**

Fully Inclusive

## Day 6: Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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### 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.

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### 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.



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#### **Basis**

Full Board

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#### **Day 7: End of Itinerary**

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#### **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.

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#### **Basis**

Bed & Breakfast

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## Transport

### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport [BUQ]	Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge		Transfer
		Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge	Elephant's Eye, Hwange		Transfer
		Elephant's Eye, 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.

### 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/>

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