



World of Wonders Zimbabwe 14 days

14 DAYS / PRICED FROM EUR 1550 (see details below)

**HIGHLIGHTS • Dazzling Victoria Falls • Exciting game drives in Hwange National Park
• Unique community project and village visit in Lukhosi • Vibrant city life of Bulawayo
• Rhino track and trace in Matopo National Park • Great Zimbabwe Ruins •
Chimanimani Bridal Veil Falls and mountain trekking**

THE FACTS:

Tour duration	14 days
Start	Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)
End	Harare (Zimbabwe)
Type of trip	overland camping and lodges safari
Means of transport	4x4 safari vehicle, minibus / overland truck
Accommodation	chalets, lodges (eco friendly) and camping
Number of participants	9-20 persons
Crew	a driver mechanic and a guide / cook
Catering	breakfast, lunch, dinner

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Flight from Amsterdam/Brussels to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

DAY 2 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Welcome to Victoria Falls town on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your absolutely fantastic lodge: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge or Bayete Guest Lodge Victoria Falls is where we are going to start and stay. In the evening you will meet your guide and the rest of the group for your pre-departure meeting. If time will allow us, we will visit the mighty Victoria Falls together for sunset. Otherwise we will do so the next morning.

The falls are known as the greatest curtain of falling water in the world and present a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800s as 'Mosi oa Tunya' or 'The Smoke that Thunders'. Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as, at the height of the rainy season, more than five hundred million cubic meters of water per minute plummet over the edge, over a width of nearly two km, into a gorge over one hundred meters below. (UNESCO World Heritage site) [B]

Your accommodation: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge or Bayete Guest Lodge Victoria Falls
Travel distance: 0-25 km

DAY 3 Living on the edge: bungee jumping, wildlife encounter or white water rafting

Vic Falls is the adventure capital of Zimbabwe. The possibilities are plenty. Today is a free day to participate in some optional activities. [B]

Your accommodation: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge or Bayete Guest Lodge Victoria Falls
Travel distance: 0-25 km

DAY 4 Hwange National Park: world famous elephants among other wildlife

After breakfast we head to Hwange National Park. This is the largest park in Zimbabwe occupying roughly 14,650 square kilometers. It is located in the northwest corner of the country, about one and a half hour south from Vic Falls. Hwange boasts a tremendous selection of wildlife with over one hundred species of mammals and nearly 400 recorded bird species. Enjoy the park's beauty on an amazing afternoon game drive in an open 4x4 safari vehicle. In the evening we will have our first campfire, where we'll share the experiences of the day as well as other heroic stories. [BLD]

Your accommodation: camping in the heart of Hwange National Park
Travel distance: 145 km

DAY 5 Morning glory and lazy afternoon in Hwange National Park

Watch the sun rise over a mind-blowing scenery. Today we start with a morning game drive in an open 4x4. After brunch we proceed to one of the water holes. There we will sit and wait for animals like lions, elephants and all the different types of antelopes to come to drink and take a bath. The elephants of the park are world famous and its population is one of the largest in the world. Our aim is to spot the big five. And we have a good chance! [BLD]

Your accommodation: camping in the heart of the National park
Travel distance: 80 km (game drive)

DAY 6 Village walk, back on route and wild dog orphanage

After breakfast we take off for a unique village visit. Meet the people of Lukhosi and learn how they survive in this dry region of Zimbabwe. Here we are conducting a project on building Blair toilets for families who don't have any toilets (depending on the season of the year our sustainable project can change). The villagers will prepare lunch. Back on the road we will have a stopover at the Painted (or Wild) Dog Conservation near by Hwange NP. The Wild Dog population in Zimbabwe is one of the last strongholds of the species and this place is committed to their conservation, with the local people.

Final destination for this day is the spectacular campsite on the boundary of Hwange NP close to the beautiful Ivory Lodge. This lodge is located outside Hwange National Park on a private concession of 6,000 squared acres. This well appointed lodge is situated in the key home range of the Presidential Elephant herd, made famous by Alan Elliot in the 1980s. Words can't simply explain this amazing piece of paradise! We will have our sunset drinks while watching the animals having their sunset drink too. [BLD]

Your accommodation: camping on the boundary of Hwange National Park
Travel distance: 160 km

DAY 7 The cultural city of Bulawayo

Today we head to the second biggest city of Zimbabwe, the cultural hotspot of Bulawayo. It is a relaxed, elegant city with wide tree-lined boulevards and an air of shabby gentility, surrounded by beautiful parks, a legacy of Cecil John Rhodes. Within the city there are many examples of early Victorian buildings. The day is free to use

either to see the city or visit the Natural History museum, the Railway museum or the Bulawayo Art gallery, which is housed in a most attractive turn-of-the-century building. Or visit Mzilikazi Arts and Crafts Centre, situated just out of town off the Old Falls Road. Here visitors can choose from a wide selection of skillfully crafted sculptures, basketry, pottery, beadwork and woodwork - all made by the locals. In the evening you can take the opportunity to explore the city's nightlife, enjoy the local cuisine and dance the night away! [B]

Your accommodation: Travellers Lodge
Travel distance: 260 km

DAY 8 Bulawayo – Matopo National park: Rhino track and trace – Bulawayo

An early start to explore Matopo National park, home to the largest population of white and black rhinos. The park is one of Zimbabwe's major tourist attractions, less than an hour's drive from the city. Traveling south, you will see a number of granite outcrops, which increase in number and size, finally surrounding us the landscape in a dramatic and enveloping scenery that is truly extraordinary. In Matopo we have a walking safari, tracking the rhinos on foot. Afterwards we head back to the city where you can go out for dinner at own cost. (UNESCO World Heritage site) [B]

Your accommodation: Travellers lodge
Travel distance: 80 km

DAY 9 Great Zimbabwe Ruins

After breakfast we head toward the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. In Zimbabwe people say "no visit to Zimbabwe could possibly be complete without visiting the world-famous Great Zimbabwe Ruins." And this is what we will do on this eighth day. Dating from around the 11th century these iron-age ruins have been the source of much speculation and disagreement over the years. Built without any mortar some of the walls are up to 5 meters high and still standing after so many centuries. This site was also home to 8 carved Zimbabwe birds, the image of which is found on the Zimbabwean national flag. We have a 2hour informative tour in the afternoon about the history of the ruins and Great Zimbabwe, where the country is actually named after. (UNESCO World Heritage site) [BLD]

Your accommodation: camping at the base of the ruins
Travel distance: 360 km

DAY 10 Chimanimani

After breakfast we proceed to Chimanimani National Park, where we have a challenge for those who want to put their adventurous hiking adrenaline power to the test. Our group activity today is a picnic at the crocodile free Bridal Veil Falls pool. [BLD]

Your accommodation: Frog & Fern Cottages or Heaven Lodge
Travel distance: 270 km

DAY 11 Chimanimani hiking uphill

Chimanimani National Park is situated along the eastern boundary of the Chimanimani district (bordering Mozambique) in an area of rugged mountain grandeur, enhanced by many spectacular gorges and high peaks rising to 2436 meters. There are several streams cascading through the mountain formations as well as numerous mountain springs. After breakfast we drive to the base camp. Hikers to the summit are usually encouraged to take either of two routes. Experienced hikers will find The Bailly's Folly a worthwhile challenge, while the aspiring hikers are best advised to take The Banana

Grove. Our aim is to reach the hut at 1620 meters or Terry's or Peter's cave for overnight. Both routes will bring us to the summit. For those not willing to take the trekking challenge, an optional horse riding trip can be arranged, or a free day back to the Bridal Veil Falls to relax and catch up with your diary. Overnighing in the mountain and carry on hiking back to the base the next day is an optional choice. [BLD]

Your accommodation: Frog & Fern Cottages or Heaven Lodge or bush camping
Travel distance: 18 km and 1620 m hiking

DAY 12 Chimanimani downhill

After breakfast those who choose to bush camp proceed downhill back to the base camp, where they will meet the rest of the group. For those already at the lodge it's a free day to relax and catch up with your dairies. [BLD]

Your accommodation: Frog & Fern Cottages or Heaven Lodge
Travel distance: 18 km and hiking

DAY 13 To Harare to catch the evening flight back home

On this full day of traveling we meander through the Eastern Highlands Mountains via Mutare to Harare where we will catch our evening flight back home. [BL]

Travel distance: 395 km

DAY 14 Arriving Amsterdam/Brussels

Activity Package

Listed below are activities and highlights of the trip that form an optional activity package. You will need to purchase this package if you want to partake in what we consider "essential activities" of our tours. The activity package is written in itinerary of your tour. Please do keep in mind if you don't book the package, the activities won't be included. We suggest that you notify us on booking the trip that you will partake in activities so we can arrange in advance to ensure availability. (Payment to be done on the second day at pre-departure meeting)

• Entry to the Victoria Falls	\$40
• Victoria Falls township tour	\$30
• 3 game drives in Hwange National Park	\$300
• Lukhosi Village culture exchange tour	\$30
• Painted Dogs Conservation visit	\$10
• Full day Matopo game drive plus rhino walk	\$170
• Great Zimbabwe tour	\$10
• Bridal Veil Falls and Chimanimani trekking	\$100

Total price of USD 690 = EUR 629

Exchange rate are subjected to change.
Only inclusive if you order an activity package.

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Zimbabwe Waterfalls, Big Five and trekking

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EUR 1000 + local payment EUR 550 (for accommodation and meals, payment to be done at the pre-departure meeting)

(Combi Lodge/Camping Safari)

Activity Package: EUR 629

Total EUR 2179 trip covered

Single supplement: EUR 300 (only at request not to share)

INCLUDED

- 6 nights in luxury and comfortable lodges, 5 nights camping accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary: 11 x breakfast, 8 x lunch and 7 x dinner
- All transport in an air-conditioned minibus/ 4x4 safari land cruiser
- Experienced (Dutch and English speaking) local guide/ cook and a driver mechanic
- Camping and kitchen gear (sleeping bags NOT included)

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance and visa if necessary
- Flights
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Optional activities and excursions not part of the Activity Package
- All drinks, tips and curios
- All personal expenses

Important advice:

Make sure you notify us in advance if you want to participate on the Activity Package.