

Wild Zimbabwe

- **Itinerary** The Hide, Hwange National Park, 3 nights; & John's Camp, Mana Pools National Park, 4 nights.
- **Includes** all safari activities, meals, bar (premium drinks extra), laundry, road transfers plus flights starting Victoria Falls and ending Harare.
- **Excludes** international flights, airport taxes, visa fees, gratuities and items of a personal nature.
- **Valid** May - November

DESTINATION OVERVIEW

Hwange National Park is the largest wildlife reserve in Zimbabwe, occupying roughly 14,650 sq. km. It is in the northwest corner of the country, about one hour south of Victoria Falls by air, and is distinctive by its deep Kalahari sands which blew across the continent aeons ago and now support ancient hardwood forests, savannah grasslands and acacia trees. Visitors to Hwange are guaranteed to see an incredible range of wildlife, with over 100 species of mammals and nearly 400 bird species recorded. The elephants of Hwange are world famous and the park's elephant population is one of the largest in the world, the last estimate being 44,000 from a recent aerial survey.

Mana Pools National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a beautiful 2,196 sq. km wildlife conservation area in northern Zimbabwe. Mana means "four" in Shona, (one of the main vernacular languages in Zimbabwe) and it refers to the number of large permanent pools left by the Zambezi River as it flows into the flood plain. Mana is known as one of Africa's best game viewing areas, as many large animals come here in search of water. It is also an excellent area for fishing, of course, and birdwatching, being rich in vegetation diversity from river frontage to forests of mahogany, wild fig, acacia albida and baobabs.

Day 1 On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport you will go through departure formalities and onto your scheduled charter flight from Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park, just a short flight of 45 minutes. At Umtishibi Airstrip/Hwange Main Airport, in Hwange National Park a representative from The Hide Safari Lodge will meet you. The drive into camp game viewing en route will take approximately 40 minutes from Umtishibi Airstrip, or 1hr30m from Hwange Main.

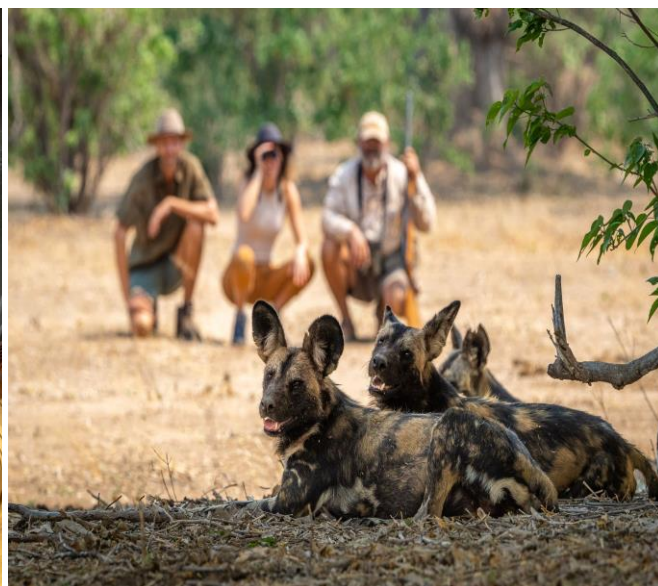


The Hide is a family owned and family run safari camp that was built in 1992 by the Prestons' and is situated on a private concession on the Eastern boundary of Hwange National Park. The waterhole, just metres from The Hide, attracts such a variety of life that you may not need to roam far from your veranda to be a part of the action. Accommodation at the Hide consists of 10 Deluxe Tents and a Private Safari House. All boasting en-suite bathrooms and private verandas overlooking the busy waterhole. There is a swimming pool, lounge, bar, upstairs viewing deck, mini museum, 2 underground hides, an underground wine cellar and a complimentary treehouse sleep out. Wi-Fi is available. **THE HIDE**



Day 2 & 3 Early morning walks are there for the thrill of encountering wildlife on its own terms and exploring the little surprises of the bush. Alternatively, the day 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. Hwange National Park is the largest park in Zimbabwe and the third largest in Africa (I don't think this is true). Famous for its healthy elephant population. The beauty of this area is in its diversity – vast, palm-fringed plains and classic grasslands are interspersed with acacia woodlands and teak forests and this diversity ensures the sighting of great numbers of animals all year round. Of course, keen photographers will want to spend time in the hide that overlooks the popular waterhole. **THE HIDE**

Day 4 Today you are off onto your next stop and will catch your flight to Mana Pools where the John's Camp team will meet you. The name 'Mana' means 'four' in the local Shona language, this applies to the four large pools inland from the Zambezi River. Mana Pools is home to a wide range of mammals and over 350 bird species. **JOHN'S CAMP**



Day 5-7 A typical day on safari, if ever there is such a thing, has guests woken just before sunrise for a quick cup of tea or coffee, a bowl of porridge or a muffin. You will head out on either a game walk or drive returning

to camp for a late morning brunch. Midday siesta time is spent in camp and afternoon tea is served at 3.30pm. Head out again for an afternoon of game viewing as the day cools. Fishing from the banks of the river is also an option. Sundowners can be enjoyed while out on your afternoon game drive or back in camp. All guests will be back in camp by 6.30pm. Warm bucket showers will be ready on your return. Gather around the campfire to share your stories from the day before enjoying a three-course dinner. **JOHN'S CAMP**



Day 8 On the final day you will be transferred back to Mana Main Airstrip in time for your onward connection to Harare. **END OF SAFARI**