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*Mana Pools National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe*

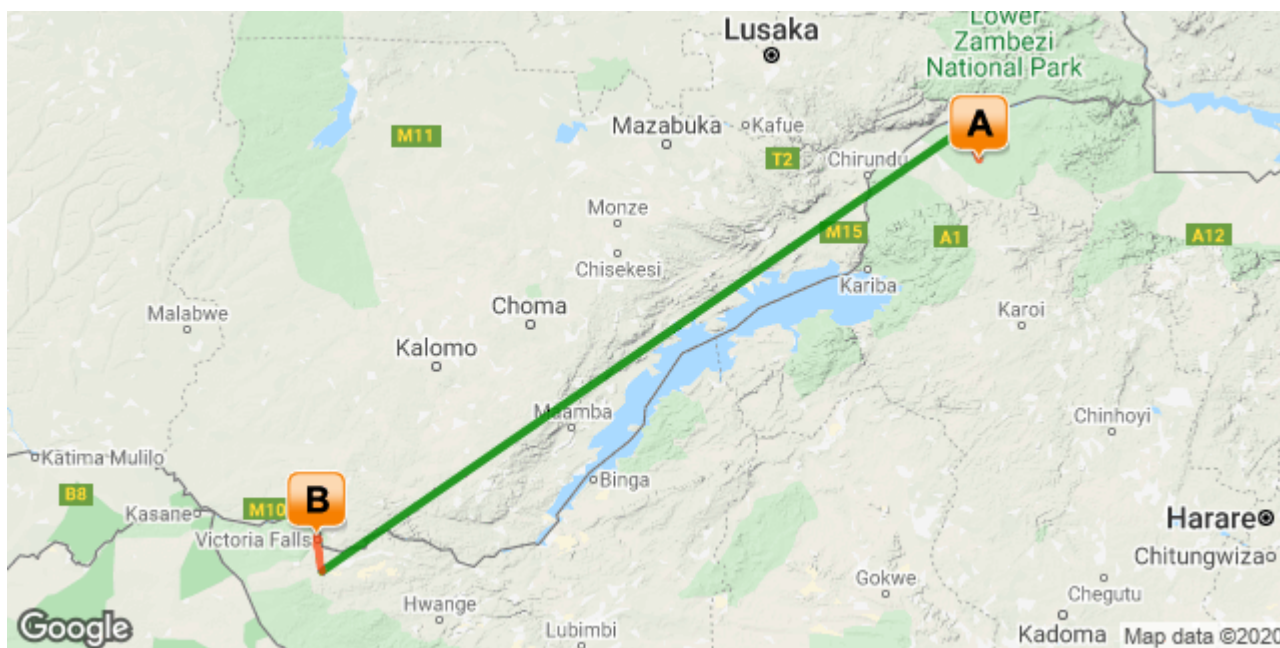
*11 Days / 10 Nights*

*2 Persons*

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**08 August 2020 - 18 August 2020**



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## Introduction

This is a unique opportunity to spend a week in one of the wildest and most authentic safari destinations still available in Africa.

You will then fly to Victoria Falls and stay in a two-bedroom lodge.

Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Camp Mana	Mana Pools National Park	8 Aug	15 Aug	FB+	1x Luxury Tents	<b>7 Nights</b>
<a href="#">Victoria Falls Safari Lodge</a>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	15 Aug	18 Aug	B&B	1x Lodge Standard Room	<b>3 Nights</b>

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

## Price

A\$10,863 per person twin share, two people travelling, not including scheduled airfares

## Included

Accommodation on basis indicated

All meals in camp

Breakfast in lodge

"Planned" activities

Two charter flights

English-speaking guides

## Excluded

Lunch & dinner in Lodge

Airfares on scheduled flights

"Optional", "Recommended" and "Information" activities

Anything not mentioned in this itinerary

All items of a personal nature

Tips and Gratuities

## Day 1-7: Saturday, 8 August to Friday, 14 August

### Camp Mana, Mana Pools National Park

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#### Mana Pools National Park

Located in northern Zimbabwe, the life-giving power of the Zambezi River makes Mana Pools National Park one of Zimbabwe's most lush and flourishing regions. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is known for its natural beauty and as one of the continent's premier game-viewing areas. Visitors can look forward to an array of activities such as canoe trips which 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. Other popular activities include: game drives, river cruises, nature walks, bird watching, catch-and-release fishing, and searching for dinosaur tracks.

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#### Day Itinerary

**Camp Mana** is a 12-bed tented camp located overlooking the Zambezi River in Mana Pools National Park and World Heritage Site.

On offer are guided game drives and walking, canoe safaris, fishing and wilderness walking trails. Sunpath Safaris also offer a mobile tented camp at Chitake Springs in the south of the Mana Pools National Park.

The focus at Camp Mana is on a genuine immersive wilderness experience with a minimal impact on the environment. Guests will be taken on a personal journey of discovery of themselves and of the magic of Mana Pools.

While aiming to provide an unforgettable up close and personal experience of wild places and excellent photographic opportunities, this will only be done without intentionally interfering with or disturbing wildlife.

#### Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
8 Aug	Charter Flight		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Mana Pools Airstrip			

#### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
8 Aug		Mana Pools Airstrip	Camp Mana		Transfer

#### Overnight: Camp Mana

.Simple elegance. Old-world style. Unpretentious luxury in the wilderness. Camp Mana provide all the creature comforts in the WILDerness without removing the wild from the experience.

We provide our guests with an unforgettable, immersive, authentic bush experience with minimal impact on the environment. Without compromising guest comfort, we touch the earth lightly with our solar-powered luxury tented camp.

Our large walk-in tents feature fully enclosed spacious en-suite bathrooms, with shower, flush toilet & basin. The living area offers double or twin bedding with 400 thread count percale linen, bedside tables, solar lights, camp cupboard and writing desk. For added safety each tent has radio communication. The shady porches have comfortable directors chairs looking onto the Zambezi River.

The dining-lounge area under a Bedouin tent, with Afghan & oriental decor is tastefully matched with indigenous hardwood. This area offers teas & coffee and a bar service all day. A spotting scope and wide angle binoculars are provided.

While at Camp Mana guests participate in bush walks, game drives, canoeing safaris and some choose to spend the entire day relaxing in camp enjoying the constant stream of animals and birds that pass through the camp.

For the more rugged, we also offer multi-day excursions to the legendary Chitake Spring.



### *Luxury Tents*

Mana Pools and Chitake Springs cost includes all equipment, all meals, all guided walks, game drives, day canoeing options and services of a Professional Guide. Wine at dinner, minerals, limited beers



### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities  
All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

## **Day 8-10: Saturday, 15 August to Monday, 17 August Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, 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 microlights, 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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## Optional

Victoria Falls (town)
Victoria Falls Activities
Game Drives at the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve

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## Recommended

Victoria Falls - The Falls
Victoria Falls National Park
Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Tour

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### *Victoria Falls Activities*

Victoria Falls is an adventure playground and the list of inspiring and adventurous activities on offer at and around the Falls includes: a Tour of the Falls, Elephant Back Safaris, White Water Rafting, Boat Cruises, Canopy Tours, Gorge Swing and Adventure Slides and Zambezi River Canoe Safaris.



### *Game Drives at the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve*

Big Five Game Drives and Night Drives

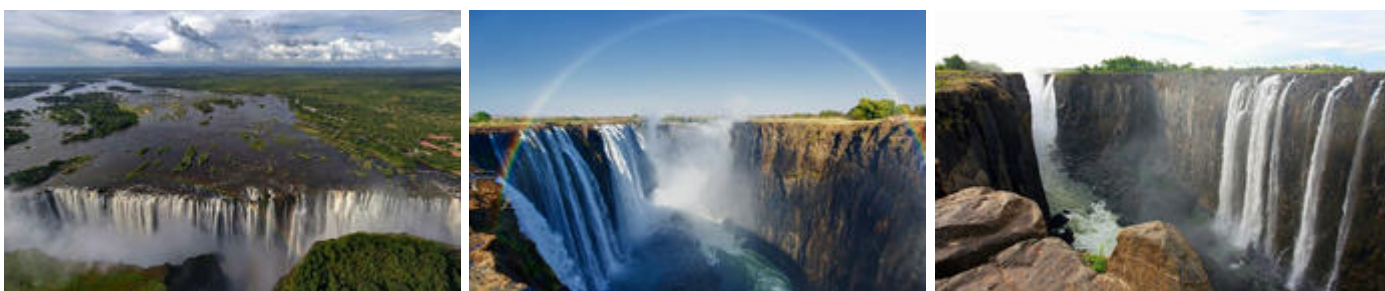
Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve is a pristine property that has been transformed into a diverse, rich wildlife conservation area – home to the Big Five and host to several flagship conservation programs including The Black Rhino Breeding Programme, The Nakavango Conservation Programme as well as the Anti-poaching Training Academy operated by The International Anti-Poaching Foundation (IAPF).

Safaris are accompanied by highly knowledgeable and experienced guides who will take you on a journey where you can encounter the Big 5, the small 5 and most importantly, a chance to track the elusive Black Rhino - One of the rarest mammals in the world, in its natural habitat.



### ***Victoria Falls - The Falls***

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is breathtaking and not surprisingly a World Heritage Site. Known locally as ‘The Smoke that Thunders’ this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe. Unlike other waterfalls Victoria Falls has a natural catwalk across from the falls which provides for spectacular viewing.



### ***Victoria Falls National Park***

The Victoria Falls National Park is located on the Zimbabwean side of the border and boasts beautiful hiking trails, a wealth of wildlife and spectacular views of ‘The Smoke That Thunders’, as local people call the falls. Permeated by the fine mist that rises from the falls as they plummet 100 metres into the gorge below, the reserve encompasses 23 square kilometres of verdant rainforest, where delicate ferns, tangled monkey vines, tropical palms and mahogany trees thrive in the moist environment. Resident game species include white rhinos, elephants, buffalos and antelope, as well as hippos and crocodiles that lurk in the rivers and pools.

### ***Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Tour***

Ideally located within the beautiful landscapes of the Victoria Falls National Park, Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust offers an hour-long tour of the trusts high-care wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre and the laboratory facilities. The Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust has four main goals; to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife harmed by people, study wildlife to find scientific solutions for long term conservations, use scientific techniques to tackle wildlife management issues and find sustainable solutions for communities and wildlife to co-exist.

## **Flight Information**

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15 Aug	Charter Flight		Mana Pools Airstrip		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]			

## **Transfers**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Pick Up</b>	<b>Drop Off</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Vehicle</b>
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15 Aug	Camp Mana	Mana Pools Airstrip	Transfer
15 Aug	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]	Victoria Falls Safari Lodge	Transfer

### Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Built on a plateau overlooking the Zambezi National Park, Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is just 4km from the majestic Victoria Falls and offers a unique wildlife experience.

We're proud to have been voted Best Safari Lodge/ Resort Hotel in Zimbabwe for 23 consecutive years and look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful destination. Our staff are warm and personable, and will ensure your holiday is hassle-free.

Built of thatch and timber, the lodge rises several levels, giving the impression of a vast open-plan tree house. Our rooms all have private balconies, most of which overlook a central waterhole, offering the opportunity to observe herds of buffalo, elephant and kudu, as the sun goes down, and hyenas later in the evening.

#### Dining

Dining options include the a la carte MaKuwa-Kuwa Restaurant, the more casual Buffalo Bar and The Boma – Dinner & Drum Show. The Boma Café, set in a tranquil garden setting and located close to the Lokuthula Lodges, offers breakfast and light meals until 4.30pm.



#### *Lodge Standard Room*

The Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Standard Rooms all have a balcony with a view overlooking the Zambezi National Park. The rooms are furnished with double or twin beds and have an en-suite bathroom with a rain shower and mini bar. All rooms are air-conditioned and also have ceiling fans.



#### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast



## Day 11: Tuesday, 18 August

### End of Itinerary

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#### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
18 Aug		Victoria Falls Safari Lodge	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Transfer

#### Urgent Contact Numbers

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#### Service Provider Directory

Service Provider	Ref. Number	Telephone	Address
Camp Mana		+27 82 888 3298	Chirundu Harare 00263
Victoria Falls Safari Lodge		+2632132843211	Stand 471 Squire Cummings Road Victoria Falls Zimbabwe

## Travel Information

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A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

### *Banking and Currency*

#### **Currency**

Zimbabwe uses its own unit of currency, the Zimbabwe Dollar. No other currency is accepted. Do not plan on being able to use cash machines in Zimbabwe to draw money. Before leaving home please exchange all the money that you will need for your trip. Most of this should be in 1, 5, 10 and 20 denominations because change is not always available. In an emergency you can try Barclays Bank, Stanbic Bank or Standard Chartered Bank as they will infrequently accept foreign debit cards for withdrawing cash.

#### **Banking**

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Saturdays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted in Zimbabwe, however it should be noted that very limited facilities will have credit card machines, and the connection is not always reliable so it is advisable to carry cash as back up.

### *Travel, Transport and Getting Around*

Taxis are safe and reliable, and can be booked through your hotel front desk. Taxis in cities travel within a 40km radius of the city. Always take a taxi at night.

Major airlines fly into Victoria Falls, Harare and Bulawayo. Charter flights are available to most attractions and camps.

Zimbabwe has a good road infrastructure, by African standards, although potholed. Between major towns, there are frequent road blocks. Traffic drives on the left side of the road.

If you are driving yourself around Zimbabwe, be sure to check on fuel availability in advance. If you are covering long distances within the country, ensure you carry extra fuel in 5 or 10lt metal containers in case of emergency. Fuel is generally available, but supply can fluctuate. Fuel is only available for cash.

### *Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice*

Zimbabwe's native cuisine is based on sadza, a cooked porridge made from ground maize which is normally be accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare sadza if requested, and it is almost always available in small restaurants in the towns.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas typically serve a variety international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is usually excellent.

If you are driving yourself around and plan to cook, then get most of your supplies in main towns. There are a number of South African shopping chains operating in Zimbabwe which will generally have all that you will need.

Water in the main towns is usually purified.. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zimbabwe for just a short period of time, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water available in towns and from all camps, lodges and hotels.

### *Climate and Weather*

In Zimbabwe, the rains come principally in **December, January, February and March**; the further north you are, the earlier the precipitation arrives and the later it leaves. Zimbabwe's higher eastern areas usually receive more rainfall than the lower-lying western ones.

By **April and May** most of the rain is gone, leaving a verdant setting, which is starting to dry out. Especially in more southerly and higher locations, the night-time temperatures start to drop.

The nights in **June, July and August** become much cooler, so don't forget to bring some warmer clothes, in case you want to spend an evening outside; the days are still clear and warm. For Zimbabwe, this is the start of the 'peak season'— days are often cloudless and game sightings continually increase.

Into **September and October** the temperatures rise once again: Zimbabwe's lower-lying rift valley – Mana Pools – can get very hot in October. During this time, you'll see some fantastic game, as the Zimbabwe's wildlife concentrates around the limited water sources.

**November** is unpredictable; it can be hot and dry, it can also see the season's first rainfalls – and in this respect it's a very interesting month, as on successive days, you can see both weather patterns.

### *Clothing and Dress Recommendations*

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose-fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year-round. Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scorching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

*Electricity and Plug Standards*

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round plugs are used.

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