

# ZIMBABWE HIGHLIGHTS ZH9



## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DATE	ROUTING
DAY 1	HARARE - MUTARE, EASTERN HIGHLANDS
DAY 2	MUTARE - MASVINGO
DAY 3	MASVINGO
DAY 4	MASVINGO – MATOBO HILLS
DAY 5	MATOBO HILLS - HWANGE
DAY 6	HWANGE
DAY 7	HWANGE - KARIBA
DAY 8	KARIBA
DAY 9	KARIBA - VICTORIA FALLS
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### Meal Key

BB	Bed and Breakfast
DBB	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
DBB+	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus one additional activity
DBB++	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus two additional activities
FB	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day)
FB+	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus one additional service
FB++	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus two additional services
FI	Fully Inclusive (includes all meals and local drinks), plus all activities

Minimum 2 guests / Maximum 16 guests

#### DEPARTURE DATES

	Feb18	Mar18	Apr18	May18	Jun18	Jul18	Aug18	Sep18	Oct18	Nov18	Dec18
English	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	4	4	1	4

#### DURATION

9 days / 8 nights

#### INCLUDES

8 breakfasts, 8 dinners, 8 nights' accommodation, portorage, transportation, game watching activities and sightseeing as specified

**NOTE** –Optional add-on 2 night extension to Victoria Falls available.

#### RACK RATES valid 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018:

USD 5 130.00 per person sharing

USD 5 475.00 per single person

#### OPTIONAL VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION (DAY 9 -11)

#### RACK RATES valid 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018:

USD 505.00 per person sharing

USD 640.00 per single person

#### ACCOMMODATION

Leopard Rock Hotel or similar x 1 night

Lodge at the Ancient City or similar x 2 nights

Matobo Hills Lodge or similar x 1 night

Sable Sands Lodge or similar x 2 nights

Masumu Lodge or similar x 2 nights

#### DAY 1

#### HARARE - MUTARE, EASTERN HIGHLANDS

On arrival in Harare, you will be welcomed by your tour guide. Travel south-east to the Eastern Highlands, a region of rugged mountains and scenic beauty. You will have the opportunity to experience the Bvumba Mountains, dominated by savannah woodland, offering spectacular views over the highlands and tropical lowlands of Mozambique. Although small in area, the mountains are a botanical paradise and home to some of the rarest butterflies in the region. Overnight in the Mutare region. [Dinner]

#### DAY 2

#### MUTARE - MASVINGO

After breakfast, the journey continues to the home of the architectural magnificence of the Great Zimbabwe ruins. The majestic Lodge at the Ancient City sits spectacularly on a granite ridge, within the shadows of the iconic Great Zimbabwe national monument, offering its guests a royal level of comfort and hospitality upon which the ancestors would surely have nodded in approval. [Breakfast, Dinner]

#### DAY 3

#### MASVINGO

Our day begins with a tour of the Great Zimbabwe Monument, a World Heritage Site. The Great Zimbabwe Monument is believed to have been fashioned between 1250 and 1450 AD, from regular rectangular granite blocks skillfully placed one upon the other without the use of tools, and gives us an idea of stone masonry few if any could emulate today. This World Heritage Site is a unique historical, cultural and archaeological landmark with many unusual artifacts, including the Zimbabwe bird (a national emblem and the subject of its own myths and legends), to be found there. [Breakfast, Dinner]

#### DAY 4

#### MASVINGO – MATOBO HILLS

This morning we will set off to the Matobo Hills, a range of domes, spires and balancing rock formations which have been hewn out of the solid granite plateau through millions of years of erosion and weathering. Matobo National Park is also the burial place of Cecil John Rhodes and Mzilikazi, the great Ndebele King. The Park, a World Heritage Site, is home to a broad variety of wild game and bird species. [Breakfast, Dinner]

**DAY 5****MATOBO HILLS - HWANGE**

Enjoy a tour of the Matobo Hills National Park, a unique park with not only animals but some of the most breathtaking granite scenery. Our journey continues to Hwange National Park, world-renowned for its daunting size of 14,650 square kilometers, and for the wide variety of game that call the National Park home; Buffalo, Zebra, Giraffe, all the Big Cats, Hyena, Wild Dog, Rhino and the world's largest concentration of Elephants. [Breakfast, Dinner]

**DAY 6****HWANGE**

Today we embark on a morning and afternoon open vehicle game drive on the Hwange concession. Hwange National Park carries 105 mammal species, including 19 large herbivores and eight large carnivores. Elephant make up the largest proportion of the biomass. All Zimbabwe's specially protected animals are to be found in the park and it is the only protected area where gemsbok and brown hyena occur in reasonable numbers. The population of wild dog to be found thought to be of one of the largest surviving groups in Africa today. [Breakfast, Dinner]

**DAY 7****HWANGE - KARIBA**

After breakfast we head towards the Painted Dog Sanctuary, also known as the African Wild Dogs. They are among the continent's most endangered species. At the sanctuary they built on education, community involvement and international support to improve the equality and abundances of the dogs. We make our way to the district of Binga, a fishing, boating and cultural centre towards the western end of Lake Kariba's southern shore. After arriving in the district, we embark on a scenic cruise, where we will have the opportunity to view some of Africa's wildlife that makes this lake their personal water hole. [Breakfast, Dinner]

**DAY 8****KARIBA**

Enjoy a leisurely day at Lake Kariba, joining a relaxing boat cruise, in search of lion, elephant, rhino, leopard, cheetah, impala, kudu and eland as they make their way to the lake for water. [Breakfast, Dinner]

**DAY 9****KARIBA - VICTORIA FALLS**

Our journey ends with a transfer to Victoria Falls airport for your onward flight. [Breakfast]

**WHY NOT EXTEND YOUR TRIP TO INCLUDE THE MAGNIFICENT VICTORIA FALLS (DAY 9-11)**

Experience how the mighty Zambezi River thunders over the Victoria Falls, one of the seven wonders of the natural world.

This extension will include a transfer from Victoria Falls Airport to A' Zambezi River Lodge, 2 nights' accommodation at A' Zambezi River Lodge inclusive of breakfast (Days 10 & 11). Afternoon sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the river, offering a unique opportunity to see a variety of game (Day 9). Enjoy a breathtaking tour of the Falls, one of the most astonishing world wonders. (Day 10) After breakfast on Day 11, you'll be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport for your onward flight.

