



bolt-on spotlight

what you see

- Victoria Falls
- Hwange National Park
- Hwange Town
- Community Primary Schools Project
- Hwange Wild Dog Research Project

Local payment: \$180

what you get

- Transport - Vic Falls - Hwange NP return
- Visit to Wild Dog Project
- Visit to Community School Project
- A full day of game drives
- 2 nights tent camping
- Services of guide
- Meals where indicated

Please Note: This trip requires a minimum group size of 2 to run.



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Your guide to on the ground...

local payment

The local payment is a cost per person which needs to be paid to your tour leader, at the trip pre-departure meeting. It must be paid in US Dollars cash only. It is this payment which in part covers the

game park and camping fees and other inclusions such as meals as detailed under 'what you get'. Please note that due to exchange rate fluctuations in the US dollar, the local payment amount may be subject to changes.

money

Spending money average - USD\$ 160-210 per person per week on top of optional activities (pay in USD cash) and visa fees. Take USD CASH or use a VISA

card. Whilst traveller's cheques provide security, they can be difficult to change outside of cities, so perhaps bring a small amount as a backup. Do not rely on debit cards (solo, maestro, debit, connect) or Mastercard as they are not usually accepted. See 'money money money' in our online Africa A-Z guide for further details. Please ensure that the US dollar bills you bring are clean, un-torn and printed AFTER 2003, as anything else may not be accepted.

how to get this trip for free!

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's biggest game reserve and is best known for its large herds of elephants and packs of wild dogs. Big cats are also regularly sighted and there are over 400 species of birds! This trip includes game drives, a visit to a local school and community project and the wild dog research project

This trip is FREE if booked with any tour of 11 or more days that starts or ends in Vic Falls. The local payment of \$180 is still applicable and is to be paid to your trip leader at the start of your expedition. Please note that to qualify for the free offer this tour must be booked at the same time as your main tour and you must travel on the following days:

- Start days: Pre expedition - Start Thurs - End Sat
- 2011 Post expedition - Start Mon - End Wed
- 2012 Post expedition - Start Sun - End Tues

You will need to meet at 09:00 at the Victoria Falls Rest Camp, Parkway Drive, Victoria Fall for the start of your trip.

visas

The visas are usually available en route, if you are a passport holder from UK, AUS, NZ, Canada or USA. RSA nationals may need to obtain them before they go. However, as this information can change regularly we advise you to check with each consular office prior to and in good time for the trip. Visas cost money so be sure to budget for them! Please ensure that you have at least one blank page per visa and that your passport is valid for at least six months from the end date of your trip. Visas are your responsibility. Don't forget to check!

vaccinations

It is recommended that you be protected against Tetanus and Polio, Hepatitis A & B, Meningitis, TB, Typhoid and Yellow Fever. Some African countries require you to present your Yellow Fever Certificate on entry. Please contact your local health provider for the latest advice on vaccinations, and protection against malaria.

things to bring

- Bring a sleeping bag and roll mat
- Bring spare camera batteries/film and dustbag.
- Bring mosquito spray (with active DEET ingredient).
- Bring your own mini personal first aid kit.
- Limit yourself to 2 pairs of shoes (sandals & boots).
- Bring a small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Bring personal flatpack WC paper & antibac wipes.
- Keep a photocopy of your passport data pages.
- Bring a sarong - it can double up as a towel
- Hat, sunglasses & sunscreen.
- For extra comfort, bring a travel pillow





hwange safari & community trip: itinerary

day 1 - wild dog research project

Meet at Victoria Falls Rest Camp at 9am, for a prompt 09:30am departure. Our journey takes us through teak and mopane forests, local villages and Hwange Town, famous for it's coal mining. We set up camp adjacent to Hwange National Park, this afternoon we visit the Hwange Wild Dog research project and hope to learn more about these misunderstood predators. Hwange is Zimbabwe's oldest and largest National Park and is home to approximately 100 animal species and over 400 different types of birds. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Hwange NP.

day 2 - hwange np

Hwange NP - breakfast. After an early start, we spend the day exploring Hwange to see what makes it Zimbabwe's premier National Park. We spend the day in search of some of Hwange's wildlife population, including the Big 5 - lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino and elephant. Hwange has a diverse landscape from open grassland to Kalahari sand in the southern area of the park to the hilly, heavily wooded areas in the north. We stop off at many of the artificial boreholes, where herds of game congregate to quench their thirst. Some have viewing platforms, where we have the opportunity to stretch our legs and gaze in awe at Africa's magnificent wildlife. We return to our camp on the boundary of the National Park for sunset and a well earned rest. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Hwange NP.

day 3 - community visit

Hwange NP - breakfast. After breakfast we start on our return journey to Victoria Falls. Not far from our camp we call in to visit one of the local Community Primary Schools Project. This gives the opportunity to interact with the local people and learn how they live, work and school in this wilderness area. From the school we make our way back to Victoria Falls, arriving back mid afternoon, when our expedition ends.

PLEASE NOTE: this expedition is run in conjunction with Africa Travel Co.

responsible tourism

At **on the go**, we recognise and value the fragility of the cultures, eco-systems and economies we visit. In turn, this requires a sustained commitment from us to ensure our presence has a positive effect. We therefore make the following reasonable requests of all our travellers:

- Respect property and surroundings - natural or man-made.
- Leave places as you found them, if not better.
- Always treat the local people, their cultures and beliefs with respect.
- Please respect government laws and local customs of the countries and regions we travel through.
- Natural resources such as water are precious on the continent. Piped water is a luxury, and often we'll have to walk some distance to get water at campsites and so forth. Please don't waste any water.
- Firewood is collected in areas where it is in abundance. At other times, we'll buy it locally. However, the wood is for cooking only and not for huge, roaring campfires.
- We respectfully request that rubbish and detritus from the truck is well-disposed of. In general, paper should be burned, biodegradeables should be buried and containers should be given away. If needing to go to the toilet in the bush, make sure your waste is properly buried.
- Services provided by local people such as clothes laundering, shoe repairing and guiding helps bring money to local communities. Please support the local services where possible.
- If offering anything such as gifts or other to local people, please do so discreetly and without show.
- Drugs, firearms and other weapons are not allowed aboard our trucks, under any circumstances.

game drives

In such a vast territory, it is useful to know what to look at and when. Dusk, and better dawn, are the best moments for wildlife watching. Especially at sunrise, nocturnal mammals are still active, while the diurnal mammals enjoy the cool hours to move around or chase their prey. It is at this time that you are more likely to witness a kill, or simply watch the big cats wandering around the grasslands, before the sun plummets over the plains and it is time to look for a shade to ease the day out. During the central daylight hours, the excessive heat makes the animals rather lethargic. Movements are slow, racing is out of the question and wildlife flees for shade beneath the nearest acacia. This is why expedition companies schedule game drives for dawn/dusk. Bring a pair of binoculars for the game drives to ensure you get to see all the wildlife, in its full glory!

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