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10N Elephant Paths Mid-Range

Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) - Chobe River Front - Okavango Panhandle 11 Days / 10 Nights



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Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	African Bush Camps Somalisa Expeditions	Hwange National Park	FI	3 Nights
Day 4	Batonka Guest Lodge	Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	B&B	2 Nights
Day 6	Chobe Elephant Camp	Chobe River Front	FI	3 Nights
Day 9	Setari Camp	Okavango Panhandle	FI	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast. FI: Fully Inclusive

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Details
Day 1	Shared Charter Flight	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA] - Manga Airstrip
Day 4	Shared Charter Flight	Manga Airstrip - Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]
Day 9	Shared Charter Flight	Kasane Airport [BBK] - Jedibe Airstrip
Day 11	Shared Charter Flight	Jedibe Airstrip - Maun International Airport [MUB]

Transfers

Date	Company	Details
Day 4	Wild Horizons	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA] - Batonka Guest Lodge
Day 6	Wild Horizons	Batonka Guest Lodge - Kasane Airport [BBK]
Day 6	Chobe Elephant Camp	Kasane Airport [BBK] - Chobe Elephant Camp
Day 9	Chobe Elephant Camp	Chobe Elephant Camp - Kasane Airport [BBK]

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PACKAGE SEASON	PP SHARING	SINGLE SUPP
10 January - March 2025	USD 5,460	USD 110
April - May & November 2025	USD 6,590	USD 1,340
June 2025	USD 7,340	USD 1,750
July - September 2025	USD 7,990	USD 2,630
October 2025	USD 7,630	USD 2,230
December 2025	USD 6,010	USD 510

Special notes

- Please note that where a booking crosses over 2 different rate periods e.g. Oct & Nov, neither rate is applicable please request a special quote
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and increases in national park fees
- Single supplement* is for accommodation only, applicable when travelling with more than 2 guests and excludes a flying surcharge for guests travelling solo rate available on request
- Subject to availability at the time of booking

Included



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Okavango Air Rescue

Please note that we include a fee into all our packages for a local medivac in case of an emergency. Please discuss further details with your consultant and for more information, visit http://www.okavangorescue.com/

Day 1-4 African Bush Camps Somalisa Expeditions, Hwange National Park

Day Itinerary

Upon arrival into Victoria Falls Airport proceed to Customs and Immigration (visa fees to be advised by your Consultant) and collect your luggage before you will be met by a representative from "Safari Logistics" to assist with check in for your light aircraft transfer to Manga airstrip in Hwange National Park.

Following your arrival at the airstrip you are met for the onwards scenic game drive transfer to Somalisa Expeditions Camp where you spend the following three nights on a fully inclusive basis (activities are shared with other guests).

Please note that the flight is booked on a 'seat rate' basis and therefore flight times are not scheduled until the day prior to flying, lodge managers will arrange your activities and transfers accordingly. Please note that there is a strict luggage restriction on all light aircraft flights of 15kg per person in soft bags, plus 5kg hand luggage and there may be up to 3 stops en-route.



If you have dreamt of an Africa with expansive plains and wide horizons, where elephant and buffalo traipse in huge numbers towards waterholes and giraffe browse from flat topped acacias while a blazing sun sets behind them... you can find it in Hwange.

As Zimbabwe's largest national park, Hwange has a sizeable reputation that it wholeheartedly deserves.

The sight of hundreds, if not thousands of elephants and buffalos streaming towards you as you sit at a waterhole is indescribable. There is nothing like the sound of elephants' peaceful rumbling or the deep thundering of buffalo hooves on hard ground when they spook, wary of lions that may lie in wait.

This sight and sound of a waterhole in the midst of pristine wilderness visited by huge numbers of animals is typical of Hwange. Beyond the sights and sounds, the feeling of Hwange is what will remain with you: awe and peace from spending time in a true, preserved wilderness.

Hwange's diverse habitats mean that it offers large numbers of desert adapted, plains and woodland animals. The famed elephant population is one of the largest in the world and it has plentiful predator populations such as lion, leopard and cheetah. Hwange also boasts one of Africa's last strongholds of endangered African wild dogs.

Hwange offers the opportunity to see a variety of rare antelope such as eland, sable, roan and if you are lucky the desert-adapted oryx (gemsbok).

Apart from the variety of species and its beautiful setting, Hwange is unique in its ease of access. The park begins a mere hour from Victoria Falls and there is a range of accommodation across every price point. The North typically offers a mix of private lodging and National Park chalets, as well as a well-maintained road network. Hwange's more southern concessions are generally private, offering luxury lodges and camps.

Overnight: African Bush Camps Somalisa Expeditions View iBrochure

Includes: meals, local drinks, activities, park fees and laundry

Excludes: premium drinks

Activities: day & night game drives, walking, bird watching and evening spot lighting

Somalisa Expeditions is set in the heart of Hwange National Park, known as the land of the giants for its big elephant herds., Nestled under an incredible grove of Acacias, along the edge of a seasonal flood plain, Somalisa Expeditions offers an authentic bush experience, and is simpler than the sister 'Somalisa and Somalisa Acacia' camps.

Six elegantly furnished canvas tents with en-suite bathrooms; flush toilet and romantic alfresco bush showers make up this camp. The décor echoes an era of old from colonial times to the ancient tribes of Africa telling the story from all corners of this magnificent continent.

Somalisa Expeditions' main area includes a lounge and dining area on raised decking with an adjacent white sane campfire for relaxing evenings under the stars. The camp overlooks a small pool, which elephants have become habituated to drinking from. In addition, the water hole in front of camp is frequently used as a 'mud-bath' and a popular rendezvous for the elephants. Guests can enjoy some upclose photographic opportunities with these majestic animals, most particularly in the dry season Activities include guided walks lead by qualified and passionate guides who will share their knowledge and love of the bush with you, game drives and night drives. Wildlife sighting include elephant, kudu, sable antelope, zebra, wildebeest, gemsbok, the rare and endangered roan antelope, buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, hyena and many other wildlife species

Transfer Time: 1h30-2h from Hwange Main Camp or 30 minutes transfer from Manga Airstrip.







Day 4-6
Batonka Guest Lodge, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you will transfer by light aircraft to Victoria Falls Airport where you will be met outside the terminal building by a representative from Wild Horizons for your road transfer to Batonka Guest Lodge. Here you spend the following two nights on a bed & breakfast basis.



At Victoria Falls, the earth splits open and swallows one of Africa's greatest rivers, the mighty Zambezi, creating the largest sheet of falling water on earth. As the water hits the narrow depths of the Batoka Gorge beneath, it blasts a cloud of mist skywards, lending the falls their local name 'mosi-oa-tunya' (the smoke that thunders). When the Zambezi is its fullest, the mist hangs a permanent raincloud above the falls, showering visitors on even the sunniest of days and visible for miles around.

Above the falls on the upper Zambezi, boats cruise the tranquil water at sunset while the distant spray catches the fading light downstream. Below the falls, the Batoka Gorge's rocky walls funnel the lower Zambezi into a chain of world-class rapids, prime for white water rafting.

Aside from being a UNESCO world heritage site and a natural world wonder, Victoria Falls also forms a natural border between Zimbabwe and Zambia. The falls can be seen from both countries, and for the most part the same activities are offered on both sides, from helicopter scenic flights to village visits and souvenir shopping.

Whether your idea of getting away from it all is a relaxed high tea in colonial grandeur or a heart-stopping bungee jump off a bridge, Victoria Falls keeps both the faint of heart and the most insatiable of adrenalin junkies busy for days.

From Zambia, a side on view of the falls is on offer with views into the Batoka Gorge, as well as the possibility of perching yourself at the edge of the falls on the vertigo-inducing Livingstone Island.

Overnight: Batonka Guest Lodge <u>View iBrochure</u>

Includes: bed & breakfast and 2/day Victoria Falls town shuttle

Excludes: drinks, additional meals, activities, additional transfers & laundry

Batonka Guest Lodge is situated in the quiet residential suburb of Victoria Falls, just 2.2 km from the Victoria Falls Rainforest entrance and 1km from the town centre. The Lodge is set in lush gardens, a tranquil haven away from the bustle of town but within easy walking distance of the main attractions.

Batonka Guest Lodge offers 27 en-suite air-conditioned rooms, complete with a balcony, overlooking the beautiful garden.

All rooms are set on ground level and comfortably furnished with a TV and coffee station. Each of block of rooms is carefully positioned around the property to give maximum privacy. All may be converted from twin to double. Certain rooms have interleading doors, being ideal for families. The Flame Lily Block boasts its own pool, bar, lounge and breakfast area.

The main area has the dining facilities, lounge areas, reception and curio shop. The dining facility can be either indoors or on a large spacious and outdoor terrace area overlooking the garden and swimming pool. The restaurants offer a full English breakfast and a choice of wholesome home style cooking for lunch and dinner. There is a comfortable lounge area inside with a fireplace, and an outdoor lounge area is also available for guests.

Airport Transfer Time: 20 minutes from Victoria Falls Airport







Day 6-9
Chobe Elephant Camp, Chobe River Front

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a morning at leisure you will be met at reception by a Wild Horizons representative for your cross-border road transfer into Botswana and Kasane Airport.

You will be met by a local representative for the onwards road transfer to Chobe Elephant Camp where you spend the following three nights on a fully inclusive basis (activities are shared with other guests).



The Chobe Riverfront is an elephant mecca; home to the largest density of African elephants in the world. Travel here during winter and you'll fast run out of fingers and toes while you count them drinking at the riverbanks and socialising out on the floodplains.

Thanks to its ease of access from Victoria Falls, the Chobe Riverfront is the busiest part of Botswana (though still a much quieter affair than most South or East African safaris). What Chobe lacks in solitude during the busier months, it more than makes up for with quality game viewing.

Chobe will leave you feeling tiny as giant elephant bulls stroll up next to your vehicle or snorkel alongside your boat. It will make you feel lost as hundreds of hippos and buffaloes crowd you out on the floodplains. It will put your heart in your throat as prides of lion's stalk antelopes by the water's edge, and it will leave you alone with your thoughts while the classic red sunsets melt over the river to a soundtrack of whistling fish eagles.

Chobe is not just a great introduction to Botswana. It also makes a rewarding repeat journey once you've ticked off the big stuff. It's a place to search for the rare sable antelope, to spot that gem from the birders' bucket list and to explore the remoter corners.

Where you stay in Chobe makes a huge difference to your safari experience. The most affordable options are at bigger hotels in a town setting where you'll share your game drives with a few more vehicles. On the more exclusive end, stay in a wilder area in or around the park, listen to the sounds of the bush at night and get a head start on accessing the park for activities.

Overnight: Chobe Elephant Camp View iBrochure

Includes: meals, local drinks, activities, laundry, park fees and intermittent Wi-Fi.

Excludes: premium drinks

Activities: game drives, boat cruise & village visit

Located high on the edge of a rocky ridge overlooking the famous Chobe River is Chobe Elephant Camp. This uniquely designed lodge has been built to take advantage of the incredible views overlooking the sweeping floodplains while offering a comfortable refuge from the harsh African conditions.

The lodge has been entirely constructed from sandbags, the thick sand-filled walls create a natural insulating barrier between the inhabitants and the harsh African climate and enhance the old farm-style feel of the camp. It houses sixteen rooms, two family rooms and can sleep 36 guests at a time.

Activities include viewing the regions spectacular wildlife from open safari vehicles and by boat on the Chobe River as well as a cultural visit. Chobe Elephant Camp's seasonal boat jetty is about one hours drive from camp, close to Ihaha in the heart of the Chobe National Park. This jetty is usually operational from May until September, but when water levels are not adequate at the jetty, guests staying two nights or more will still be able to enjoy boat cruises departing from Kasane.

At an additional charge, guests can experience an unforgettable canoeing activity on the Chobe River, it is conducted by experienced guides and brings them closer to nature than a boating experience. This experience is subject to suitable water levels and needs to be pre-booked.

Chobe / Ngoma Gate

This property is located near the Ngoma Gate for entry to the Chobe Riverfront. Very few lodges are located on this end of the park and few people utilize this entry point, creating a more remote and exclusive experience than at the properties around Kasane. Although outside the park, this option is located in a bush setting where wildlife frequently passes through.

Airport transfer time: 50 minutes







Day 9-11 Setari Camp, Okavango Panhandle

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity you will road transfer to Kasane Airport where you will be assisted by a porter with check in for your light aircraft transfer to the Okavango Delta panhandle and Jedibe airstrip. Upon arrival at the airstrip you are met for the onwards scenic boat transfer to Setari Camp where you spend the following two nights on a fully inclusive basis (activities are shared with other guests).



Before the Okavango River fans out into its familiar delta shape, its waters are channelled between steep banks created by parallel fault lines. This channel is commonly known as the Pan Handle, named as such as the Delta takes on the appearance of a giant frying pan lying in the heat of the Kalahari.

Permanent deep water has encouraged the growth of villages along the river, particularly on the western side which is accessed by a tarred road. The communities up in this area are mainly fishing based or cattle farming and there are opportunities for some colourful encounters with the locals and the area offers a true glimpse of village life, often not seen in Botswana as guests often only visit the uninhabited wildlife areas.

The Panhandle area is not within a protected reserve or park, but there are still huge areas of unspoiled wetlands and a number of well-established lodges on the western side. The wetlands offer exquisite birdlife,

a huge population of hippos and some of the largest crocodiles to be found. The general wildlife common in the lower delta is less abundant in this area. The focus of activities in the area are water based - motorboating and fishing, and it is possible to travel by road or boat to the eastern side of the river where there are community based mokoro excursions offered. The Pan Handle area is also in proximity to the world heritage site of Tsodilo Hills. Being the spiritual home of the San and Bantu people, the hills feature many well preserved specimens of 'rock art' and there is a small museum where it is possible to hire a local guide for a personal tour of the area. The annual barbell run of catfish (September/October) attract hunting tiger fish in large numbers and is the best time for serous anglers to experience this fascinating phenomenon and catch this awesome predatory game fish.

Overnight: Setari Camp View iBrochure

Includes: meals, local drinks, activities laundry &Intermittent Wi-Fi

Excludes: premium drinks

Activities: boat safaris, mokoro excursions, walking safaris on neighbouring islands and a cultural visit to the Jao Island Village. Scenic helicopter trips may be arranged at an additional cost.

Setari Camp enjoys an idyllic island setting on a 50,000-hectare private concession in the Okavango Delta's Panhandle region. The island is dotted with palm trees and offers an exclusive, water-based safari experience. Activities are available all year. The camp sits atop wooden walkways and platforms to maximise views of the surrounding waterways.

All of Setari Camp's nine large tented rooms, one being a family unit, feature en suite bathrooms with separate loo, outdoor shower and bathtub.

The central camp facilities under thatch include the dining area and a comfy indoor lounge. Outdoors, Setari Camp has a well shaded relaxation area and swimming pool. Electricity supply is available with certain limitations.

The permanent waters of the Okavango Delta's region are renowned for their exceptional birding, and aquatic wildlife is plentiful. Larger water dependent animals such as hippo and crocodile are frequently seen.







Day 11 End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you will transfer by light aircraft to Maun Airport in time for own onwards travel arrangements.

You will be met by a representative from Safari Specialists upon arrival into Maun to assist with check in for your outbound flight.

Travel Information

- Please take note of our Booking Terms & Conditions. It will be understood that these have been read and accepted by you on receipt of confirmation of the booking.
- For your safety and peace of mind, on confirmation of your booking, we strongly recommend that Travel Insurance is arranged to cover cancellation, curtailment, emergency evacuation, medical and repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal luggage, money and goods.
- Road and air transfers and activities are quoted on a seat basis (shared) unless otherwise requested or specified. Passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination. The transfer or charter company reserves the right to specify departure and arrival times. Private charters can be requested at an additional cost.
- Passengers weighing over 100kg should please advise us at the time of booking, as we may need to cost in an additional seat on internal flights for your safety and comfort.
- The costs are subject to change at any time due to fluctuations in fuel costs, taxes, levies, government regulations, rate of exchange and factors that are imposed upon us by our suppliers that are beyond or control.
- Please advise us of the ages of children (under 18) travelling, together with their date of birth, at the time of booking as not all lodges accept children and there may be restrictions or conditions which can affect pricing.
- We recommend that optional activities be booked in advance at time of confirmation to guarantee availability e.g. Helicopter Flight of the Angels in Victoria Falls
- Please allow a minimum 2-3 hours connection time in Johannesburg for international flights. It is important that you check that your flight tickets have been issued in your full names as per your passport.
- We require full payment for international and domestic scheduled flights at the time of confirmation e.g. Air Botswana Johannesburg to Maun, Proflight Livingstone Lusaka and so on. We are not able to guarantee any flights before receipt of payment as seats are often held for a limited period before ticketing is required so this is a time sensitive issue. Air tickets are considered non-refundable unless otherwise specified. Please confirm the details with your consultant at the time of booking.

Passports, Visas and Travel Documentation

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity before the expiry date and 6 empty pages (not including the endorsement pages). The onus is upon guests to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Please note that certain visas can take up to 3 months to be processed so please consider this when booking.

If you are travelling with children through Southern Africa, please be aware that you will be required to have certified copies of their unabridged birth certificates, and passports on hand. If you are not their legal parents, or if only one of you is travelling – you will need to have consent in the form of an affidavit giving you permission to travel with the child.

Inter-camp transfers

Due to the vast distances involved in travelling in the remote areas of Southern Africa - your itinerary may include road, boat and air transfers in small aircraft.

On shared air transfers, all the flight times between lodges are arranged a few days before the flights take place to avoid endless schedule changes. The lodge or camp where you are staying will be advised of your departure time the day before travel and will ensure that you are at the airstrip on time. Although every effort will be made to ensure that guests are transferred together in one vehicle / aircraft, this cannot be guaranteed, especially with larger groups. The aircraft used for inter-camp transfers vary in size from 3-, 5-, 7- and 12-seater aircraft. We recommend that guests susceptible to motion sickness take appropriate precautions due to flying conditions.

Weight & Luggage Restrictions

There are strict luggage restrictions in place on any itinerary, which includes light aircraft transfers for safety reasons. Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted to 20 kg per person travelling on seat rates. Only soft bags will be accepted - no hard suitcases or bags with wheels can be transported, as they physically cannot fit into the aircraft.

The maximum dimensions of the soft bags that can be accommodated are as follows: 25cm/10 inches wide x 30cm/11 inches high and 62cm/24 inches long. Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on the light aircraft are only 25cm high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment. Note that laundry can be done on a daily basis at most camps and lodges.

Should you arrive with excess baggage without prior warning, your baggage could be delayed, as we may have to fly the baggage into camp at a later stage at considerable extra cost to you. However, should you notify us in advance that your baggage will exceed the limit; we may be able to assist you with alternative arrangements e.g. storage or purchase of additional luggage allowance.

For bookings including flights within Zambia & Mozambique, please note luggage weight exceptions under destination information.

Lost Luggage

Lost luggage on international flights is a common problem facing travellers today. We suggest that you pack a small bag with your essentials, including any life sustaining medication, which can be carried with you as hand luggage. If travelling as a couple or family we suggest that you split your clothing between bags so that if one bag gets lost, you will have basic items on hand to see you through the first couple of days while we try and recover your lost baggage.

Please note that whilst we try our utmost to locate and re-unite you with your bags, that there may be charges involved in getting your bags to remote areas, which would be for your cost. Please remember to report the lost luggage to the airline as soon as you make the discovery - the airline will issue you with a Baggage Claim Form, which you will need in order for us to trace the bag.

Health and Dietary

Please note that you are travelling to a Malaria-risk area. Please consult your doctor for medical advice prior to travel.

Although usually safe to drink, we do not recommend that you drink the tap water. Filtered water is available at the camps and lodges.

The camps are isolated and generally have limited power supply and access to supplies. Please notify us in advance of any special dietary requirements, medical conditions and medical equipment you may need with you. Please carry critical medication in your hand luggage.

Yellow Fever Certificates - are only required if you have travelled to a Yellow Fever area as designated by the World Health Organisation. Please check with your Travel Clinic or doctor well in advance of your departure date.

General Travel Information

- There is no or limited electricity and cell phone coverage in the camps and lodges excluding major towns and cities. All camps do make provision for charging cameras and electronic devices.
- Please ensure that you do not pack any valuables, cameras, cash, laptops in your checked in luggage these should be kept on your person at all times.
- Please notify us immediately of any changes to flight arrival and departure details as this affects onward transfer arrangements.
- Please note that most camps & lodges in Botswana do not have double beds. Twin beds are pushed together to make up a double room.

- Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules the company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions or unforeseen circumstances.
- By confirmation of the booking, you acknowledge that you have been made aware and accept that the tour carries inherent risks, and that you voluntarily assume all risks which are associated with the tour. You will be required to sign indemnities at the various camps, lodges and service providers, and abide by their operators code of conduct in order to ensure your safety.
- If you have any cause for complaint while travelling, you should immediately bring it to the attention of the camp manager and / or our Maun office that will attempt to resolve the situation immediately.
- Do not remove any animal artefacts, flora or fauna from any of the areas you visit, as there are strict international regulations on the export of such items.

Please refer to the **Safari Information** for further details on preparing for your safari.