

ITINERARY: Zimbabwe Safari

Victoria Falls & Zimbabwe Bush

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(B): Breakfast; (BB): Bed & Breakfast; (L): Lunch;
(D): Dinner; (b): Bed only

Day 1,

Depart from a gateway city, either Atlanta, Washington Dulles, or New York's JFK to Johannesburg. Delta has non-stop service from Atlanta. South African Airlines has non-stop service from JFK, the Dulles flight stops in route.

Overnight flight except JFK

Day 2,

The JFK flight arrives early enough to connect to Victoria Falls, the others don't. The Delta flight and the SAA Dulles flight arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa at about 5PM. South Africa is six or seven hours ahead of us, depending on daylight savings time. There is no Visa required for US Citizens. Depending on the budget, there are several very close by hotel options. Or, you can connect to Victoria Falls arriving at there at about noon if you come in on the SAAJFK flight. However, it's not easy to reach JFK in time for the mid-morning SAA flight. It becomes a very long travel day. **Garden Court (BB) or Intercontinental Hotel (BB)**

Day 3,

This morning you will return to the airport for a flight to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The flight departs Johannesburg at approximately 10:50 AM, and arrives about noon. There is a \$30 charge for a Zimbabwe Visa, and it's available upon landing. A driver will be waiting to take you to your first bush lodge. **Amalinda (BBLD)**



Day 4,

It's hard to describe the special feeling one gets after arriving at Amalinda. The camp is built into the granite boulders that make up the Matopos National Park outside Bulawayo. Each chalet is unique and set into the rocks. The food and service is excellent. The Park has the largest collection of Bushman rock art in the world. But the highlight is rhino trekking! You drive until you find fresh tracks, then you will stalk them on foot. It's very exciting. You will be accompanied by an armed National Parks ranger. You will get some great photos **Camp Amalinda (BBLD)**

Day 5



Depending on how the rhino tracking went yesterday, you will either try again this morning or depart for Hwange National Park. Ivory Khulu Lodge is situated just outside Hwange National Park. Actually, you could have a pretty good Safari just sitting on your veranda and observing the water hole in front of camp. This is a small first class luxury tented camp. Zimbabwe's Presidential elephant herd hangs out in this area. **Ivory Khulu (BBLD)**

Day 6,

After breakfast, you are going to transfer into Hwange National Park (game viewing along the way). Hwange is Zimbabwe's largest National Park and only slightly smaller than Kruger National Park. You are going to be staying at the Hide Luxury Tented Safari Camp. The camp setting is magical and from your veranda you will be able to see lots of game animals. You will be spending the next three nights at the Hide. **The Hide (BBLD)**

Day 7 & 8,

After an early morning wake-up, and tea and toast, it's off to the bush looking for lion, leopard, elephant, and buffalo. When you return from the game drive a brunch will be waiting. Mid-afternoon is at leisure, followed by a game drive.

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Dinner is either in the outdoor boma around a crackling fire, or in the dining room. The food is excellent and local wine, beer, and drinks are included.

The Hide (BBLD)

Day 9,

This afternoon you are going to transfer to Victoria Falls. I'm suggesting a special property situated only 10 minutes from Victoria Falls. It's in a private concession within the Victoria Falls National Park. The emphasis is on exclusivity, the luxury tented suites all have private decks and plunge pools. The suites are all equipped with indoor and outdoor showers, huge baths, private lounges, mini bar and tea/coffee stations, overhead fans plus air conditioning and are all mosquito proofed. The Elephant Camp overlooks a waterhole that game frequents. The elephant back Safaris depart from here.

Elephant Camp (BBLD)



Victoria Falls One of the Seven Wonders of the World

Day 10,

This is a day at leisure to explore the magnificent Falls, and the town with its craft shopping. You might want to book a sundown cruise on the Zambezi, or charter a helicopter for a thrilling ride over the Falls.

Elephant Camp (BBLD)

Day 11,

This is your last day in Africa unless you are extending. You will be transferring back to the airport for the first leg of your trip home. The flight usually departs at about 1 PM, arriving in Johannesburg at about 3 PM.

Connect in JNB for your flight back to the US

Overnight flight

Day 12,

Flights arrive early morning back in the US. You will clear Immigration and Customs upon landing.

Welcome Home

Price: Please check with us for current pricing. The price will be based on your choice of accommodations, and the exchange rate at the time of booking. Prices are usually based per person sharing. Single supplements will apply. chuck@burntpine-safari.com (404) 457-6581

Included in the final price:

12 days, 9 night's accommodations, all breakfasts, 8 dinners, 8 lunches, and local wine & beer in the bush camps. Daily laundry service is available at the bush camps, and included. All the transfers and tours per the above itinerary are included. A 50% deposit is due to book the safari, with the balance due 90 days prior to departure.

Not included: are long haul international air tickets from the US, nor any internal flights required to reach Bulawayo & return from Victoria Falls. Departure taxes, if any and items of a personal nature such as gratuities, phone calls, and meals not specified in the above will not be included.

Possible extension would be the Palace at Lost City for two nights (Or longer) when you return from Victoria Falls. This is an amazing and opulent hotel. No two people ever describe it the same way. The Golf courses were designed by Gary Player.



In addition to golf, game viewing can be easily arranged in near-by Pilansberg National Park

Cape Town: It is also possible to start this Safari in Cape Town by adding three days to the front end of the safari.

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