

Nic Polenakis Photographic Package

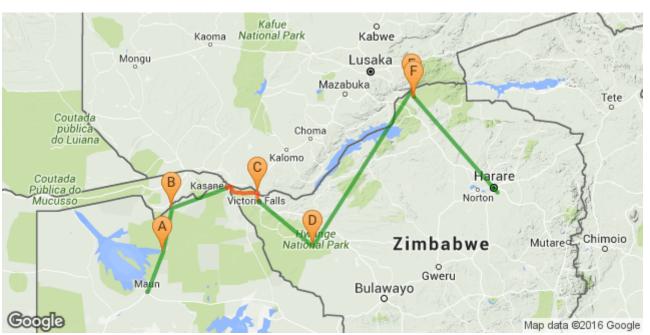
Khwai Community Area - Linyanti Concessions - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park - Mana Pools

National Park - Mana Pools National Park

13 Days / 12 Nights



This special 12 night packaged itinerary gives travellers the opportunity to traverse some of the most beautiful natural areas in Zimbabwe with the highly qualified and respected Professional Photographic Guide, Nic Polenakis. With over 22 years guiding experience, and head of Guide Training at African Bush Camps, the chance to go on Safari with Nic is the opportunity of a lifetime.



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Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Khwai Tented Camp	Khwai Community Area	2	FI	3x Tent: 9 night special
Linyanti Bush Camp	Linyanti Concessions	2	FI	3x Tent: 9 night special
<u>Victoria Falls Hotel</u>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	2	B&B	4x Deluxe Stable Wing Room
Somalisa Expeditions	Hwange National Park	2	FI	3x Tent: 9 nights special
Zambezi Expeditions	Mana Pools National Park	2	FI	3x Tent: 9 nights special
Kanga Camp	Mana Pools National Park	2	FI	3x Tent: 9+ nights special

Price - Please Request

Included

- * Accommodation as quoted
- * Flights & transfers as specified in the itinerary
- * Meals & Drinks specified under each property
- * Activities at the African Bush Camps properties
- * Laundry (not applicable at Victoria Falls Hotel)
- * 30 minute helicopter flight when at Linyanti Bush Camp
- * Guiding services of Nic Polenakis

Key

RO: Room only SC: Self Catering HB: Half Board

B&B: Bed and breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch

FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

FI: Fully inclusive

Excluded

- * International flights into Maun, Botswana and out of Harare, Zimbabwe
- * Visas (If applicable)
- * Flights or transfers not specified int he itinerary
- * Meals not specified (lunches and dinners in Victoria Falls)
- * Drinks while in Victoria Falls
- * Laundry in Victoria Falls
- * Departure Tax for scheduled charter flight departing from Victoria Falls to Somalisa

Day 1-3: Khwai Tented Camp, Khwai Community Area



The Khwai area of the Okavango lies along the northern boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve. This is an unfenced boundary allowing wildlife to move freely between the woodlands in the wet season when water is plentiful and back to permanent rivers and lagoons in the dry season. The Khwai area offers the same wildlife experience as the reserve with the added advantage of being a private concession which means the ability to do walking safaris and night drives.

Flight Information

Date Flight Departure Airport Time Arrival Airport Time Class Ref

Maun Airport [MUB] Khwai Tented Camp

Overnight: Khwai Tented Camp

Khwai Tented Camp located on a semi-permanent site within this community-run concession on the eastern border of the Moremi Game reserve, on the banks of a lagoon flowing into the Khwai river, acts as a boundary between the reserve and the community area, offering visitors staying here several unique ways to experience Africa. Besides the day-time drives which can feature Africa's big attractions – lion, cheetah, leopard, wild dog, elephant, buffalo, hippo and giraffe – guests at Khwai Tented Camp are able to explore nature after sunset with a night drive. This activity, along with the guided walking safaris, is not usually permitted in the National Parks or Game Reserves, and allows guests to get an up close and personal experience with some of Africa's nocturnal and / or more elusive animals. The camp also provides the opportunity to explore the great stands of leadwood and mopane woodlands as well as open grasslands and banks of the Khwai River on foot.

The camp preserves the romance of yester-year, a simpler life in harmony with nature. There are no permanent structures; everything can be removed to leave the wilderness exactly as we found it, minimizing our impact on the environment. Guests can enjoy spacious and comfortable tented accommodation, beds and private en-suite bathrooms with flush toilets and bucket showers under the stars. As the Khwai is a community-run concession all proceeds from tourism go directly to help local people and local projects through the Khwai Community Trust.







Included
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Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 3-5: Linyanti Bush Camp, Linyanti Concessions



The Kwando-Linyanti river system is home to a series of private game reserves, known for their exotic animal species and luxury safari options. An abundance of wildlife roams freely between the woodland habitats, ancient floodplains and forests that make up these lush, unfenced reserves. The big game in this area increases dramatically during the dry season when the area hosts large herds of impala, blue wildebeest, giraffe and buffalo as well as the world's highest density of elephant. Several packs of wild dog are found in the area and lion, leopard and cheetah are frequently sighted. Night drives allow for the discovery of nocturnal creatures such as civets, genets, honey badgers and spring hares. This vast, untamed wilderness is the perfect location for those seeking a unique African adventure in an exclusive and remote big game habitat.

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Khwai Tented Camp Linyanti Bush Camp

Overnight: Linyanti Bush Camp

Linyanti Bush Camp is situated on the banks of Linyanti Marsh in a private reserve which borders the western boundary of Chobe in the Chobe Enclave. The marshes are the only water source for miles around and attract water-adapted and desert-adapted wildlife, plus large numbers of birds.

Linyanti Bush Camp is an intimate 12-bed luxury tented camp on the banks of the Linyanti Marsh, within a Private Concession bordering the western boundary of Chobe in the Chobe Enclave. You will enjoy some of the most spacious and comfortable tented accommodation and beds available today. The bathrooms are private and en-suite, consisting of fixed showers which are housed under the tent and gas-heated, as well as a flush toilet for your convenience.

The camp is limited to small exclusive groups who seek a personalized experience in a private concession away from the main tourist's routes. Activities from the camp consist of game drives, walking, night drives, mokoro safaris, boat cruises, and fishing.

Linyanti is best known for its large populations of Elephant and buffalo that congregate in vast numbers especially during the dry season. Other wildlife encounters include Lion, sable, roan, leopard, wild dog, the rare and elusive sitatunga antelope, red lechwe, hippo and crocodile, as well as other species of plains game. The area also offers spectacular birding all year round. The area's relative remoteness makes it a favoured wild safari destination and one of the best sought after areas in Northern Botswana.







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Day 5-7: Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is a World Heritage Site and an extremely popular tourism attraction. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal place to combine a game viewing and water sports. There is excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial white water rafting in the world.

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
		Linyanti Bush Camp		Kasane Airport [BBK]			
Transfers							
Date	Pick Up		Drop Off		Time	Veh	icle

Kasane Airport [BBK] Victoria Falls Hotel

Overnight: Victoria Falls Hotel

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as "the grand old lady of the Falls", is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, a world heritage site, and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. It is one of only three ISO-accredited hotels in Zimbabwe. The Edwardian-style five-star hotel, built in 1904, combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new. Set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semi-tropical shrubs, it provides the tranquillity and seclusion that many guests seek. The famous Victoria Falls are just a tenminute walk away using the hotel's private pathway, and "the smoke that thunders" or "Mosi-O-Tunya" in the local dialect, is clearly audible and visible from this luxurious landmark. World-class service, and food and beverage choice and preparation second to none, make the hotel a magnet for international visitors and locals alike. The opulent Livingstone Room for fine dining and dancing, the Jungle Junction with its famous breakfast and dinner buffets and ethnic entertainment in the evenings, offer variety and wide choice. Stanley's Terrace, with its clear view of the Victoria Falls Bridge, connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia, is renowned for its cocktails and afternoon teas. The Terrace has been a rendezvous for adventurers in Africa for over a century. The ambience of the hotel is steeped in that history with all suites decorated in the gracious Edwardian style of Zimbabwe's colonial era. Small executive meetings and private dining facilities are easily arranged for those who wish to combine a little business with a lot of pleasure, and all in a secluded and discreet environment. It is the Victoria Falls Hotel that remains the major attraction for visitors. Waking up to the sound of "the smoke that thunders", seeing the sun rise beneath the mist of one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the lunar rainbow at night, all the while soaking up the history and ambience of a bygone era, is more than unforgettable – it is unique.







Included Bed & Breakfast

Day 7-9: Somalisa Expeditions, Hwange National Park



Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's biggest reserve, home to a profusion of wildlife, including giraffe, lion, zebra and approximately 40 000 elephants. It provides sanctuary for all the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs thought to be among the most sizeable surviving groups on the continent. Terrain ranges from desert dunes and savannah lands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests, and visitors have the choice of game drives, guided walks or horseback safaris as a means of experiencing the park and its creatures.

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
		Victoria Falls International		Somalisa			
		Airport [VFA]		Expeditions			

Transfers

Date	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
	Victoria Falls Hotel	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		

Overnight: Somalisa Expeditions

Somalisa Expeditions is set in the heart of Hwange National Park, and is known as the land of the giants for its big elephant herds. As an exact replica of the original Somalisa Camp, Somalisa Expeditions offers one of the most authentic ways to experience this exceptional wildlife haven. Nestled under an incredible grove of Acacias, along the edge of a seasonal flood plain.

Somalisa Expeditions' main area includes a lounge and dining area on raised decking and overlooking a small pool, which elephants have become habituated to drinking out of. add to this, the water hole, frequently used as a 'mudbath'. The up-close encounters and photographic opportunities with these majestic animals is endless.

Consisting of six elegantly furnished Meru Style Tents, each tent has en suite bathroom facilities including flush toilets and an outdoor shower. 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.







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Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 9-11: Zambezi Expeditions, Mana Pools National Park



The life-giving power of the Zambezi River makes Mana Pools National Park one of Zimbabwe's most lush and flourishing regions, designated as the country's second World Heritage Site and known as one of the continent's premier game-viewing regions. Canoe trips 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.

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		Somalisa		Zambezi Expeditions			
		Expeditions					

Overnight: Zambezi Expeditions ___

The legendary Mana Pools is known for its wildlife rich flood plains and magnificent views of the Zambezi River, with the Zambezi Escarpment in Zambia as a dramatic backdrop to the scenery. The river boasts some of Africa's most amazing tiger fishing and adventure canoeing safaris, creating the perfect combination of beauty and fun and making this World Heritage site a must-visit national park.

Zambezi Expeditions offers one of the best ways to experience Mana Pools on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River. The 12-bed luxury mobile camp is set up prior to your arrival. Comprising of 6 twin bedded mini-meru style tents with en-suite bathroom facilities including flush toilets and all fresco bucket showers, the camp gives luxury camping a new definition by virtue of its simple yet elegant and comfortable furnishings. A 6-bedded camp consisting of three tents can be set up for a single group on special request.

The camp has a minimum stay of two nights for a minimum of two people and is the perfect combination to include with Kanga Camp for an overall riverside and inland experience.

Activities include game drives, walking safaris, canoeing safaris, fishing and bird watching.







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Day 11-12: Kanga Camp, Mana Pools National Park



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Transfers

Date Pick Up Drop Off Time Vehicle

Zambezi Expeditions Kanga Camp

Overnight: Kanga Camp

Set in the most remote part of the World Heritage Site in Mana Pools is the Kanga Pan, not too far from Chitake Springs. The 12-bedded tented camp has en-suite bathroom facilities with outdoor showers and basins overlooking the water hole. One of the tents is a family tent with its own private dining and seating area. The main area has a comfortable lounge and dining area offering you uninterrupted views of a very active water hole. Relax in the upper deck lounge under the shade of a mahogany or sit on the deck below near the splash pool and enjoy Kanga – the old Africa in a new era.

The diverse area has multiple vlei lines, river systems of the Ruckomechi River, and mixed woodland types from Mopane woodland to Jesse bush and riverine forests. Kanga Pan itself is the only known water source in the area available throughout the year, making it a hub for wildlife and a delight to explore on foot. Pristine and undeveloped, this area gives you a pure, unspoilt, private African safari experience.

Besides game drives, bird watching and walking excursions, an hour's drive brings you to the Zambezi flood plains in Mana Pools for canoeing and fishing excursions. Long-term stays can also be booked at Chitake Springs through special prior arrangements. Kanga works well in collaboration with Zambezi Expeditions to provide guests with an overall view of the inland and riverside experiences available in Mana Pools, one of the last remaining "untouched" wilderness paradises.







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Day 13: Departure

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
		Kanga Camp		Harare International Airport			
				[HRE]			