



Hwange and Vic Falls (20HVF5) – Tour Dossier

Included Highlights

Hwange National Park, game drives
Painted Dog Project
Victoria Falls, Visit
Zambezi Sunset cruise

Intended Itinerary

Day 1:

Airport transfer, Victoria Falls - Hwange National Park

On arrival you will be met off the flight (Victoria Falls Airport) and transferred to Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's largest and best-known game park. In the early 19th century this area was part of the royal hunting grounds of the Ndebele warrior-king Mzilikazi, and it was only in 1929 that the land was set aside as a National Park. Nowadays Hwange covers an area of over 14,600 sq kms and is known particularly for its populations of elephant.

*For those already in Victoria Falls, the meeting point is the Victoria Falls Rest Camp, Parkway Drive.

Accommodation: *Hwange National Park Main Camp or similar - Camping twin share dome tents with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Dinner*

Day 2:

Hwange National Park

Distance travelled: 0 Km

Approx driving time: Morning and afternoon game drives

Today we transfer to open safari vehicles and enter the Hwange National Park. Located in Zimbabwe's far west, Hwange sits in a remarkable belt of natural wilderness which extends across into neighbouring Botswana and allows wildlife and in particular elephant, to roam along ancient migration routes between Hwange and the neighbouring Chobe National Park. In addition to elephant, Hwange contains over 100 mammals including the other four members of Africa's "Big 5" (leopard, lion, elephant, rhino and buffalo). The park is also known for its giraffe, cheetah, gemsbok, hyena and for the Wild (Painted) Dog. Unfortunately, the numbers of the Wild Dog are dwindling but conservation efforts in recent years have helped renew populations and we will see the work of one of these projects during our stay. Normally the day's routine is to begin with a morning game drive, before we return to camp for lunch and relax through the heat of the day. Later in the afternoon we head out once again to take advantage of the more active time of day for most of the large mammals. Finally, we return to camp at dusk for overnight.

Accommodation: *Hwange National Park Main Camp or similar - Camping twin share dome tents with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 3:

Hwange National Park – Victoria Falls

Distance travelled: 0 Km

Approx driving time: Morning and afternoon game drives

This morning we head out to explore the Park, our last opportunity to view elephant and perhaps lion, antelope and buffalo. We take our leave of the park and make our way back to Victoria Falls and our campsite for the next two nights.

The local name for Victoria Falls is 'Mosi Oa Tunya' ('The Smoke that Thunders') referring to the huge spray that this huge curtain of falling water creates in full flood. Your camp is situated in the main town centre with facilities including a bar, restaurant and swimming pool so there is plenty of opportunity to relax when not doing activities and enjoy the camp tranquil surrounds. Our guide can take bookings for a wide variety of activities for which the area is renowned. We highly recommend you book optional activities a day or so in advance. This afternoon you will take a sunset dinner cruise on the Zambezi River hoping to spot animals coming down to the water's edge to drink. Commonly spotted animals include hippo, crocodile, various antelope and birdlife, and if we are very lucky elephant.

Accommodation: *Victoria Falls Rest Camp or similar – Twin room with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 4:

Victoria Falls – Day at Leisure

Today you have the choice of joining activities or simply relax in our beautiful surroundings. Popular activities include scenic flights for a birds-eye view of the falls, bungee jumping off the Livingstone Bridge, gorge swinging, jet boating, game drives and cultural excursions to name a few. Alternatively, explore the town which offers a wide variety of unique experiences and great shopping opportunities. Sample Zimbabwe's colourful fabrics and unique artefacts in the many stores that line its main street or go people watching in the local cafés and bars

Accommodation: *Victoria Falls Rest Camp or similar – Twin room with shared facilities*

Meals included: *Nil*



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Day 5:
Victoria Falls visit, Airport transfer

Victoria Falls International Airport where your arrangements end.

Today you have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the 'Falls' to watch the spectacle and see the enormous Batoka Gorge of which the Zambezi plunges before your transfer to

Accommodation: Nil
Meals included: Nil

Tour Information

- TOUR STYLE:** Short Safaris & Treks. Minimum age on this tour is 8 years old (accompanied by parent/guardian).
- WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Tour highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, tent, mattress, and services of an English-speaking guide / tour leader.
- WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, sleeping bags, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature, drinks including mineral water.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Accommodation is camping in twin share tents, with shared facilities 2 nights, Twin share accommodation with shared facilities 2 nights.
- COMFORT LEVEL:** This is a full participation safari. You are asked to play your part in (for instance) pitching and striking camp each day and helping prepare meals.
- SAFARI PASS:** The mandatory Safari Pass is paid to your tour leader at the beginning of the tour in USD cash, US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes (or pre-paid by arrangement at the time of booking). It is separate and in addition to the Tour Price and covers the cost of selected park entries, activities and excursions as well as some accommodation along the way. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from your visit at the time of travel.
- TRANSPORT:** Open 4x4 safari vehicle, minivan/truck, river boat. (Maximum group size: 12 passengers. Please note vehicles are not air conditioned)
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BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Victoria Falls (VFA) is well served by a variety of airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour. Please advise Acacia of your flight or travel details into Victoria Falls as return airport transfers are included.

JOINING INFORMATION

Meeting point in **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe:** You will be met on arrival at the Victoria Falls Airport or collected at Victoria Falls Rest Camp. Please provide us with your flight arrival and departure details at time of booking.

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements. A return airport transfer is included for those arriving by aeroplane into Victoria Falls Airport.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Victoria Falls and the surrounding area. An airport transfer to Victoria Falls Airport is included.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guide line only and are subject to change so please check with Acacia or your agent for current prices.**



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Victoria Falls Zimbabwe – Victoria Falls Rest Camp		Victoria Falls Zimbabwe – Victoria Falls Rest Camp	
Pre tour accommodation – Single pppn	\$ 45	Pre tour accommodation – Single pppn	\$ 45
Pre tour accommodation – twin pppn	\$ 30	Pre tour accommodation – twin pppn	\$ 30
PPPN = Per Person Per Night		PPPN = Per Person Per Night	

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg luggage limit. A large soft holdall or backpack and a smaller day pack is ideal. On this tour you will need a mixture of lightweight cool clothing for the day and warm clothing (i.e. fleece, long trousers, scarf and hat) for mornings and evenings as it can be cool on game drives and cold in winter (May-Aug). Pack a light rain jacket. It is advisable to bring mosquito spray throughout the year. A money belt/pouch that can be worn comfortably beneath your clothing is recommended. Please avoid bringing unnecessary valuables. A power bank is recommended to charge electronic devices.

VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Please note some areas visited are **malarial**. We recommend you speak to your doctor or travel clinic about appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R

C = Compulsory, R = Recommended, * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

NB To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk. For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Zimbabwe	Yes																

NB The above is a guide only. Please check all visa requirements at least one month in advance of travel. Most nationalities do not need to obtain any of the above visas in advance. They are available at the border entry points and payable in US\$ cash.

MONEY MATTERS

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 per day. Spending will be in US Dollars (for incidental expenses along the way, optional activities, most additional accommodation before/after the trip) and it's a good idea to bring along some extra US\$ cash for any international airport taxes or visas.

- **Spending money** is best carried as cash in US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes), Sterling or Euro which can be exchanged as you travel. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour
- **Currencies** are as follows: UU Dollar, ZAR
- **ATM machines** can be found in Victoria Falls; however, they should not be relied on as cash is most often not available.
- **Credit cards** can be used to pay for larger optional activities although fees for use may be higher than you are accustomed to at home.

TIPPING

As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy it has become customary to offer a small gratuity to local staff at the end of the tour if service has been of a high standard. Naturally this always remains at your discretion.



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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
Zimbabwe		Game Walk	\$120
Matobo NP full day tour upgrade	\$55	Jet Boating	\$100
Gorge Swing	\$100	Bungee Jump	\$170
White-water Rafting	\$130	3 Hour Bike Tour	\$65
Full Day Canoe	\$150	Birding ½ day	\$160
12 Min Helicopter	\$150		

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please refer to: <http://acacia-africa.com/travel-info> for more details.

In the UK the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (www.fco.gov.uk) issues free up to date travel advice for all countries visited on tour. Most other governments offer a similar service to citizens. We recommend you review this information before you book your tour. Naturally we welcome any questions you may have about security and safety on tour.

Responsible Travel

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the accommodation we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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WIFI on tour:

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