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GENERAL UPDATES

Wild Expedition's Camp Hwange has a new 1200m airstrip. Shumba Airstrip is only a 15-minute drive from camp and is operational year-round. Going forward the camp will no longer need to use Giraffe Springs Airstrip. The camp is also busy with renovations to guest tent bathrooms, as well as new open-front canvas panels (floor to ceiling), as well as updates to the main area. All work is expected to be completed by early May 2024.

SPECIALS

Matetsi Victoria Falls has extended their Last-minute 2024 Special, valid for new bookings in River Suites (not River House Private Villa), for travel from 1 March to 30 April 2024, and 1 October to 15 December 2024. On stays of 3 nights, the third night is only charged as 50% of the rate. Matetsi has also partnered with Nina Butler, founder of In Retreat to offer a 7-night Matetsi Victoria Falls retreat from 13 to 20 December 2024. It includes daily yoga and meditation, and is a transformative water journey that will deliver much-needed rest, nature and inspiration.

T&Cs apply

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Sarah Jackson, Terri Lombard and Emily Wallington visited Wilderness and Associated Product camps in Zimbabwe. Here is their feedback:

Linkwasha is positioned on the edge of Hwange National Park's productive Ngamo Plains, an area renowned for some of the best year-round game viewing on Earth. This camp is good for those who want comfort without the bells and whistles of premier camps. We enjoyed the relative simplicity and found it really comfy. The staff were very engaging and kind, guides were super knowledgeable, and the food was one of the best of our trip! I also loved the pizza in the bush we had as a surprise.



Somalisa Camp is the main camp and joins Somalisa Acacia Camp, which is the family-friendly camp. The rooms have huge beds with a dressing area behind them, stylish open-plan bathroom with freestanding toilet, indoor-outdoor shower, and a large deck; no aircon though, only a fan. There is a service hatch at each tent so morning drinks can be delivered without service staff entering the room. Good room amenities, bathrobes, and a hairdryer. Very welcoming staff. Our guide at Somalisa was amazing, an ex-biology teacher who shared lots of interesting facts about the animals we saw. We had lots of elephants come to visit the pool at the main area, also at dinner time. We enjoyed the build-your-own pizza lunch. A great camp for those wanting to stay in Hwange and wanting more luxurious rooms, couples and families who like good service and want to be made to feel special.

We also did a site visit to Somalisa Expedition Camp, which has 1 family tent and 4 other units. They offer communal dining with a fixed menu. They are about to build a swimming pool. A more basic offering for those not as concerned with high-end amenities and offerings.

There is currently no WIFI in the camps apart from the guide tent, which you must be escorted to. The concession is not as big as Linkwasha so places to go can be quite limited though they do also take guests into the national park.

