

WILDERNESS PRODUCT

CAMP REVIEWS

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ZAMBEZI

Simone Solomons, Kelifilwe Molongwa, Samantha Botes and Portia Mphote from our Wilderness Cape Town and Johannesburg offices visited Zimbabwe and Zambia in the first week of May, and from their feedback, it was an immensely wonderful educational experience. This is what they had to say about the Wilderness properties they stayed at.

The first Wilderness property we stayed at was **Wilderness Toka Leya** in Zambia's Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. What a wealth of incredible experiences. From wildlife viewing to adventure activities, there was an activity to suit everyone. The camp offers a perfect blend of comfort and immersion in nature, and is ideally located, overlooking the Zambezi River with airy safari tents set in a serene, picturesque atmosphere. Quite the experience! Watching crocs and elephants while enjoying a drink on the deck sounds like a scene straight out of a nature documentary. It's moments like these, in such a remote and beautiful place, that make travelling truly unforgettable.



Our next stop was back in Zimbabwe, in Linkwasha. Situated in a private concession in Hwange National Park, **Wilderness Linkwasha** is a very intimate and luxurious camp. The camp is unfenced and the wildlife is free to roam around. Imagine the thrill! The camps' facilities are definitely designed to enhance guests' stays. The main area is positioned well, overlooking a waterhole, with various multi-level decks including a swimming pool and library. In front of the camp main area is a fully equipped underground hide, which accommodates up to six people at a time. It's close to the main area so guests are allowed to walk there by themselves. The hide is fully stocked with drinks and the staff can prepare snacks for guests as well; they also have two day-beds inside. We thoroughly enjoyed this experience. This is a place where you really want to relax, forget about the internet and work. The staff were very friendly, and gave us warm and welcoming hospitality during our stay.

Wilderness Ruckomechi was the perfect ending to a gorgeous Zimbabwe educational. We were all first-timers at this camp and were warmly welcomed in true Wilderness style. We highly recommend Ruckomechi to all travellers exploring Zimbabwe, or as an add-on to our Busanga Plains camps in Kafue. The camp had recently opened for the season, and there were ellies around, loads of plains game, interesting birdlife, honking hippos, and we even heard the whooping of hyenas in camp at night. A great aspect of Rucks is that there is a variety of activities you can enjoy. The first evening we were introduced to the area with a stunning sunset cruise, and the following morning we parted ways, some to enjoy a guided walk and some to go on a morning game drive. There

is also catch-and-release fishing, canoeing, great bird-watching, and a private bush bath for those wanting some R&R.

Choose to keep busy, or rest in camp and simply relax – it's your choice. But watching the gorgeous colours as the sun sets behind the mountains on the other side of the Zambezi River... it doesn't really get much better than this.

