



## WILDERNESS ZAMBEZI PROFESSIONAL GUIDE TENDAYI KETAYI

Tendayi, an esteemed safari guide, stands as a cornerstone in upholding Zimbabwe's guiding standards. With deep passion and expertise in the natural world, he's discovered a true sense of belonging at Wilderness.

Born in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe and raised in the resort town of Kariba, Tendayi's journey into the world of guiding began in 1999 when he joined a canoe safari company. Thanks to his exceptional skills, initially honed in the workshop department, Tendayi swiftly earned a place among the guiding team due to his profound understanding of the region's flora and fauna.

In 2002, Tendayi passed his first guiding exams with flying colors and further honed his skills as a river guide, obtaining his full river license in 2006. For two years, he led canoeing expeditions from Kariba to Kanyemba, and conducted camping safaris in Mana Pools, where he had the privilege of working alongside seasoned professional guides. In 2008, he embarked on a new chapter, joining Wilderness Ruckomechi, where he spent three enriching years. However, in 2011, an exciting opportunity arose when his former employer at Wild Frontiers Zimbabwe invited him to join a new venture. This led to him becoming their main guide, conducting safaris across national parks in Zimbabwe, as well as exploring opportunities further afield in Zambia and Botswana.

In 2014, Tendayi acquired his professional guide's license, marking the beginning of a journey of self-exploration on foot. Despite industry shifts, including the closure of Wild Frontiers Zimbabwe operations, his dedication to guiding remained unwavering. Upon his return to Wilderness in 2017 as a Professional Guide at Linkwasha, he not only continued his guiding duties, but also embraced the role of training aspirant and junior guides.

At Linkwasha, Tendayi has been instrumental in mentoring learners from various camps across Zimbabwe, ensuring they are well-prepared for their final exams and maintaining the highest guiding standards for Wilderness, and the country as a whole. Beyond his guiding prowess, he has developed a keen interest in photography over the years, capturing the beauty of the natural world around him. With access to the best concessions in the country's national parks, Tendayi believes Wilderness provides unparalleled opportunities for guides to expand their knowledge of the bush, further fueling his passion for conservation and exploration.



## WILDERNESS ZAMBEZI PROFESSIONAL GUIDE EUSTACE MATAVIRE

Eustace Matavire's journey with Wilderness is testament to his deep love for Zimbabwe and its expansive landscapes. It was during his upbringing here, surrounded by the beauty of his homeland, where Eustace's profound affinity for nature began to develop.

Eustace was born and raised in the bustling capital city of Harare. After losing both his parents at a young age, he found familial refuge in the care of his aunt in Victoria Falls. It was here, and during a brief but impactful stint at Mosi oa Tunya High School, that Eustace's aspirations solidified. Immersed in environmental studies, he discovered his calling within the rugged beauty of Zimbabwe's wilderness.

Returning to Harare, he then pursued higher education, graduating with a degree in Community Development and Humanitarian Project Management from the esteemed University of Zimbabwe.

In 2007, Eustace's career began to take shape after he obtained his guide's license from the Zimbabwe Parks & Wildlife Management Authority. This pivotal moment set him on a path that led to Wilderness in 2012. Right from the start, Eustace's dedication and skill propelled him from a learner guide to a respected professional walking guide, evidence of his unwavering commitment and passion.

Eustace's journey with Wilderness extends beyond the role of guiding. Inspired by the natural beauty and wildlife around him, he embarked on a parallel path as a wildlife photographer. Gifted a camera by a generous guest, Eustace has honed his craft tirelessly, evolving into a proficient photographer capable of leading photographic enthusiasts through the untamed landscapes he calls home.

Throughout his tenure at Wilderness, Eustace's passion for conservation and nature has perfectly aligned with the company's values, allowing him to thrive in a supportive and fulfilling work environment. "The company's dedication to preserving our wildlife and wild places for future generations mirrors my own ethos", he reflects. Having been with the company for over a decade, Eustace attests to it being a great personal fit, enabling him to grow and thrive. His unwavering passion and dedication exemplify the transformative power of nature, culminating in a true success story.

### **About Wilderness:**

Founded over 40 years ago, Wilderness is a world-leading conservation and hospitality company, offering immersive journeys to a range of environments in Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Wilderness is part of a global collective working to conserve the world's iconic unfenced, untamed and unpredictable wilderness areas. With more than 60 exceptional camps and lodges, Wilderness helps protect some 2.3 million hectares (6 million acres) of land across its eight African destinations. Its goal – to double that by 2030. Four decades on, the company's purpose is stronger than ever: To increase the world's wilderness, together.

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