



WILDERNESS PRODUCT– JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2026

## ZIMBABWE NEWS & UPDATES

# GENERAL UPDATES

### **Wilderness Camps | Wilderness Touring | Wilderness Air – Zimbabwe VAT & Rates Increase**

Following the recent communication regarding VAT changes affecting tourism services in Zimbabwe, we would like to share an update on Wilderness Camps, Wilderness Air and Wilderness Touring.

As communicated, the Government of Zimbabwe has amended the Finance Act, increasing VAT from 15% to 15.5% and extending VAT to several tourism services and activities that were previously zero-rated. These changes took effect on 1 January 2026 and are now legally required across the industry.

#### **What this means for Wilderness:**

##### **Wilderness camps**

Davison's, Linkwasha, Little Makalolo, Little Ruckomechi, Ruckomechi and Chikwenya) – VAT on accommodation has increased to 15.5%. As our camp rates include activities, which are now also subject to VAT, a 3% rate increase has been applied. This reflects the VAT increase on accommodation and activities, as well as on components such as park fees and transfers that were previously non-vatable.

##### **Wilderness Air**

Rates have increased by 15.5%, reflecting VAT now applied to previously zero-rated services. This applies to bookings travelling from 01 March 2026.

We previously stated that all existing bookings and service would be honoured only if full payment was received prior to the vat increase, and that all outstanding quotes had to be re-costed. Please note this has been revised to:

- We will honour the old rates for January and February 2026 bookings
- We will honour all fully paid bookings
- For all other bookings (not fully paid for) as of 1 March 2026 – the new rates apply
- The compulsory Meet & Assist in Harare and the VIP Meet & Assist are not affected
- Please refer to the email shared by Aurelie on the WS Air Zimbabwe booking sheet

##### **Wilderness Transfers & Touring**

Rates have increased by 15.5% with immediate effect.

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