



Hwange against all Odds

Counting wildlife, patrolling with anti-poaching team,
engaging with neighbouring communities, and collaring
elephants in Hwange National Park

Zimbabwe



Travel with Purpose

Celebrate 35 years of travelling with purpose



For the last 35 years – even when we started out in 1983 with just one old Land Rover – there has always been one overriding purpose to our ecotourism activities: to conserve and restore Africa's wilderness and wildlife.

This is something enshrined in our internal charter and vision statement and which undoubtedly beats in the heart of every single Wilderness Safaris employee.

So ... what better way to celebrate our 35th birthday than to indulge in 12 months of adventurous and impactful journeys to exciting destinations, accompanied by local experts and with unique, privileged behind-the-scenes access to conservation and community processes of Wilderness Safaris and our partners.

We considered the places we'd choose to be, when we'd choose to be there and with whom we would travel and came up with 12 itineraries with limited guest capacity that take in some truly spectacular destinations. The trips are fun, enlightening expeditions to interesting places that make a real difference to those same interesting places.

All proceeds will of course be channelled back to the conservation and community projects that we'll be exposed to.



In this Itinerary, we invite you to join us in our private concessions in Hwange to take part in the behind-the-scenes conservation and community initiatives that Wilderness has undertaken for more than 20 years.

All funds raised from this itinerary are directly channelled into the Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit.



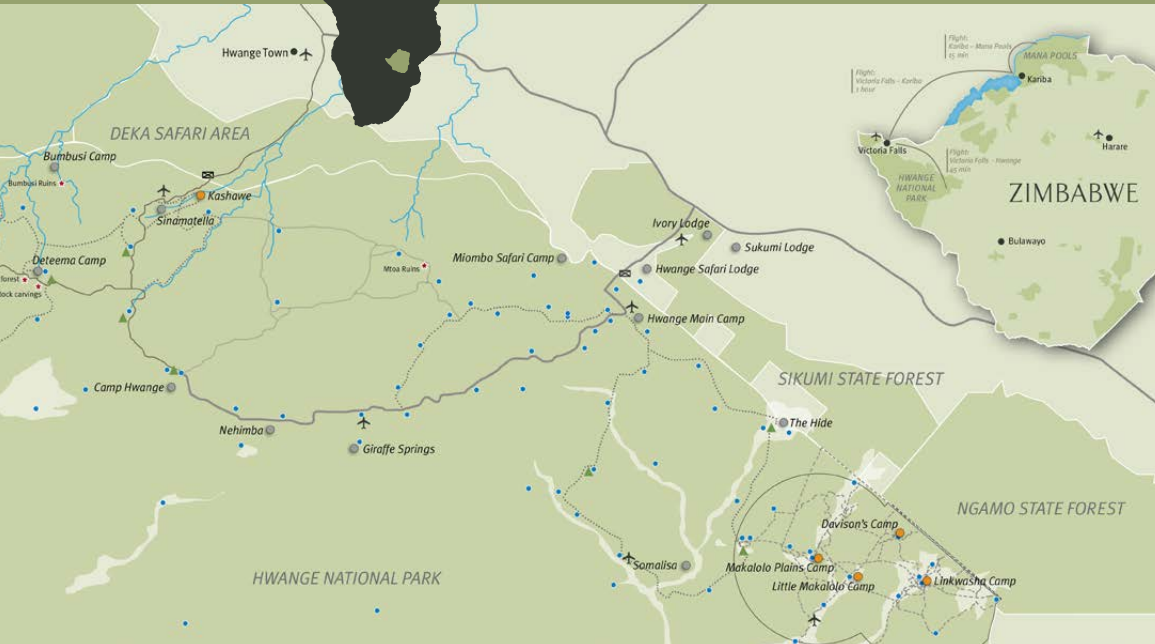
Purpose itinerary #4

13-18 September 2018

Zimbabwe
6 spaces

Trip guaranteed to travel with
minimum 4 guests.

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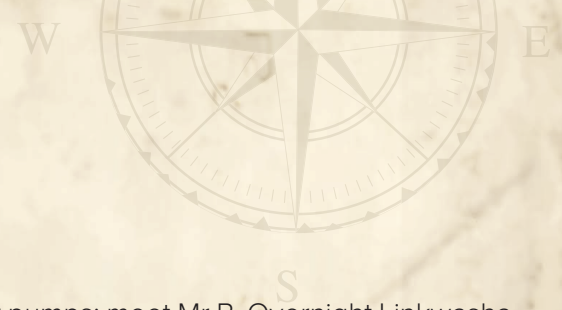
September 2018 – Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park

- Actively participate in game count and anti-poaching activities supervised by experts in the field
- Observe and participate in the collaring of an elephant cow
- Learn about our game water supply project – now solar
- Meet members of the community to learn more about their lifestyle and engage with them on human-wildlife conflict
- Visit the school's Eco-Club and learn about other upliftment projects



About the Purpose: Hwange National park is home to some of southern Africa's last great elephant, buffalo and sable herds and plays an integral role in a network of southern African conservation areas. Since 2000, we have invested in conservation initiatives in the Park's south-eastern corner, such as daily provision of water for thirsty wildlife, firebreak maintenance, supporting the anti-poaching units and being part of research projects. Meanwhile, on Hwange's border lie a number of villages, where we have funded and supported vital nutrition and literacy in the schools, adult empowerment projects, and of course our Children in the Wilderness programmes.

Itinerary



13 Sept: Fly into Linkwasha Camp, Hwange National Park. Afternoon activity to discuss game water supply and solar pumps; meet Mr B. Overnight Linkwasha.

14 Sept: Morning snare sweep in two teams; midday siesta in bush and lunch at Wexcau Base Camp for introduction to Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit. Overnight Linkwasha.

15 Sept: Early drive via Ngamo Plains to Ziga village. Visit school, Eco-Club, women's empowerment projects; get insight into human-wildlife conflict. Overnight bedrolls at Ziga.

16 Sept: Spend the morning investigating livestock herding and kraal practices; return to Linkwasha for evening talk with vet on darting/collaring process, how it plays out and each person's role. Overnight Linkwasha.

17 Sept: Early morning departure; full day elephant collaring with lunch in the bush. Overnight Linkwasha.

18 Sept: Morning search for collared elephant; flight out.

Ts & Cs apply





- Wilderness Safaris camps
- Independent camps
- Waterholes
- Private game-viewing roads
- Public road – tar
- Public road – prepared gravel
- Public road – graded dirt
- Public road – 4x4 track
- Private concession limits
- ⊠ Park gates
- ✈ Airstrip
- ▲ Picnic sites
- ★ Historical sites
- ▨ Savannah grassland and vleis



Research Vehicle

Official National Park
Research Vehicle
Authorized For
- On Road Driving
- High Speed
- Use of Spotlight



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Meet your Guide

Charles Ndlovu

Charles started out in 1986 by joining Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority as a National Parks Scout. Here, his love for sharing and interpreting the natural world grew and he resolved to become a professional guide. With this achieved, he finally joined Wilderness Safaris in 2006 and has spent the past 12 years getting to know every nook and cranny of the company's two private concessions in Hwange's south-east. It is here that his passion for walking in big game country and his interest in birding really came to the fore, not to mention his larger-than-life personality and good humour. Charles is regarded as a 'dagga boy' by the rest of the guides – a term of respect usually used to describe older buffalo bulls and quite fitting given that the translation of his Ndebele surname means “elephant.”



Meet your experts

Arnold Tshipa, Wilderness Safaris Zambezi Environmental Manager

Arnold's father was a professional guide who, as soon as they were old enough, would take his children on bush drives and camping. It is no wonder then that Arnold studied Forest Resources and Wildlife Management, joining Wilderness Safaris Zambezi's Conservation Department in 2012. Over the years he has honed his research skills and has been involved in the draft of the Hwange Conservation Management Plan as well as several action plans for the management of Hwange National Park. Arnold is currently researching elephant dominance for his Master's degree. The aim of the project is to improve understanding of elephant movements and habitat use in Hwange National Park where elephant density is one of the world's highest.



Mr B, Hwange Game Water Supply

Wilderness Safaris' legendary game water supply manager is Willem Botha, affectionately known as "Mr B", who along with his dedicated assistant Chris Dube, cares for these workhorses. Born and raised in Zimbabwe, on a cattle farm near Gweru, his family relocated to the Lowveld where he spent his teenage years. Following in his father's footsteps, he became a farmer too until Zimbabwe's land reform programme meant that he had to leave farming behind. However, a series of events brought him to Wilderness to assist in the game water supply, an opportunity he grabbed eagerly and where he has been ever since.



Mxolisi Sibanda, Children in the Wilderness Community Liaison

Growing up under the guardianship of his grandparents in a rural village, Mxolisi was inspired to study hard at school as he saw the vital need to improve the lives of his family and the community around him. He underwent training for primary health care under the Zimbabwe Red Cross and St Johns Society, a career he pursued diligently, becoming one of the first male community health workers under the Zimbabwe Red Cross HIV / AIDS programme. He joined Wilderness Safaris where he worked in various departments including its HIV / AIDS Programme. More recently he has spearheaded a number of projects within CITW as the organisation's Field Projects Coordinator. Here he has worked tirelessly in making a difference in children's lives and the communities in which they live.



Partner

Children in the Wilderness

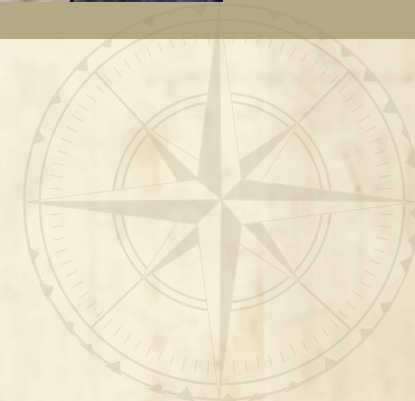
Children in the Wilderness is a non-profit organisation supported by ecotourism company Wilderness Safaris, which aims to facilitate sustainable conservation through leadership development and education of rural children in Africa.

By exposing children to their natural heritage, Children in the Wilderness aims to create a network of learning sanctuaries that uplifts and cares for our children, creates leadership values amongst them, and conserves our planet. In this way, we hope to inspire the children to care for the environment so that they can become the custodians of these areas in the future.



<https://www.childreninthewilderness.com/>

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Partner and Beneficiary

Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit

Hwange National Park has a high mortality rate of lion to accidental snaring, while evidence has shown that many wire snares are set for medium and large animals, including elephant and giraffe. In addition, there has been an increase in the poisoning of elephant by ivory poachers.

The Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit (SAPU) works in partnership with Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management (ZPWMA), Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) and the Wilderness Safaris camps in Hwange to provide the manpower, logistical support and resources to assist ZPWMA to reduce levels of bushmeat and other poaching in the boundary areas of Hwange National Park.

SAPU is based at Wexcau Camp close to the eastern boundary of the park. The unit covers a 76 km-long stretch of Hwange which borders the neighbouring Tsholotsho communal Lands, from the Ngamo area to Makona.





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