Manual Eco-Camp

2019

Be part of creating the next generation of Africa's conservationists and environmental leaders.



WILDERNESS SAFARIS "There is a purpose that drives everything we do – a shared passion and love for the natural world and wildlife, and an urgent need to conserve some of the most remote and pristine places on Earth."

# THE LUXURY OF PURPOSE

**Introducing** the Children in the Wilderness Annual Eco-Camp, one of a portfolio of eight life-changing, 'purposeful' journeys crafted to offer guests access to unique and privileged, behind-the-scenes conservation and community projects run by ourselves and our partners.

We invite you to join one of Children in the Wilderness' renowned annual camp programmes where the participants are introduced to their natural heritage, and learn life skills, environmental education, team building, art and games – something never before available to the public.

All funds raised from this itinerary are directly channelled into Children in the Wilderness.





## 02 – 05 December 2019

Zinbabwe Davison's,

Davison's, Hwange National Park

Ages 17 years and older only.

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In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, we will understand only what we are taught. ??
- Baba Dioum

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On this journey...

- Volunteer as an Activity Leader at a Children in the Wilderness camp, led by a Children in the Wilderness Zambezi Programme Coordinator.
- Spend three days with the participants as they are introduced to their natural heritage and learn life skills, environmental education, team building, art and games.
- Learn about bugs and other creatures with the children.



About the Purpose – Children in the Wilderness is our non-profit organisation that aims to facilitate sustainable conservation through leadership development and education of rural children in Africa. Insight, care and commitment are required to conserve Africa's pristine wilderness and wildlife areas. If we are to ensure that these places continue to exist – in this generation and those to come – we need the rural children of Africa to understand the importance of conservation and its relevance in their lives. Hence, our Children in the Wilderness programme: an environmental and life skills educational programme for children, focusing on the next generation of decision-makers; inspiring them to care for their natural heritage and to become the custodians of these areas in the future.



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- 02 Dec Fly into Hwange and meet the children as they come into camp; take part in teambuilding and other games; end with "burning the fears" and a story around the campfire. Overnight Davison's Camp.
- 03 Dec Participate in full-day programme including life skills, environment education, teambuilding, art and games. Overnight Davison's Camp.
- 04 Dec Take part in full-day programme. Overnight Davison's Camp.
- 05 Dec Say farewell to the children and fly out.

#### Ts & Cs apply



Rates

# 4 Guests \$3,449 per person sharing

Single Supplement \$360

#### **Exclusions:**

- International long-haul flights to and from Victoria Falls.
- Meals not specified.
- Items of a personal nature i.e. telephone calls, laundry, mini-bar etc.
- Cancellation, baggage and medical insurance.
- Staff gratuities.
- Any new government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control.
- Visa fees where relevant.
- Departure taxes, unless specified.



Meet your Hosts

## Sue Goatley, Children in the Wilderness Programme Coordinator – Zambezi Region (Zambia and Zimbabwe)

Sue is a born and bred second-generation Zimbabwean and spent her early childhood growing up in the rural farming communities. She trained at Zimbabwe Teachers College and had 25 years' primary school teaching experience in both South African and Zimbabwean Schools prior to joining Wilderness Safaris in 2008, where she initiated the Children in the Wilderness programme for Zimbabwe. Today, she is the Children in the Wilderness Programme Coordinator for the Zambezi Region which incorporates both Zimbabwe and Zambia, as well as being responsible for Wilderness Safaris Community Programmes.

### Ron Goatley, MD Wilderness Safaris Zambezi

Ron Goatley is the Managing Director of Wilderness Safaris in the Zambezi Region, running the company's operations in both Zambia and Zimbabwe. He joined Wilderness Safaris in the Zimbabwean operations in 1996, and was tasked with building Makalolo Plains, Little Makalolo and Linkwasha camps in Hwange. In 1998, Ron became a Director of Operations before taking the reins from Keith Vincent (now Wilderness CEO) as Managing Director, Wilderness Safaris Zimbabwe, in 2000. In 2012, Ron moved into his current position as Managing Director Zambezi Region overseeing the operations in both Zimbabwe and Zambia.

"Working for Wilderness Safaris gives me the opportunity to do something I truly believe in, which is strongly aligned to the company's philosophy that the world's wilderness areas will save humankind."

- Ron Goatley





## ABOUT THE CHILDREN IN THE WILDERNESS PROGRAMME

Children in the Wilderness runs Camp Programmes in six southern African countries (Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe). For these, Wilderness Safaris and other partner companies close some of their camps for several weeks each year, allowing Children in the Wilderness to host groups of selected rural children instead. Groups of 16 to 30 children between the ages of 10 and 17, pre-selected from Eco-Clubs in the surrounding areas, are invited to spend three nights in camp and participate in the programme.

The Camps themselves are run by the regional Children in the Wilderness Coordinator and a Camp Leader, assisted by a full staff complement of volunteers and Eco-Mentors. Eco-Mentors are assigned to the children, interacting with them as counsellors, friends and, most importantly, role models. Since many Eco-Mentors come from the same communities or villages as the camp participants, by their example they restore a sense of hope to the children, allowing them to see a future for themselves – "if I can do it, so can you" is the subtle encouragement of the Eco-Mentor.

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