



November – March: Season of Life

## Why Sensational Summer?

- At this time of year, Zimbabwe and Zambia become productive paradises – complete with vibrant floral displays and a kaleidoscope of colours.
- There's an explosion of new life: many species give birth to their young.
- Predators take full advantage of the abundance of inexperienced younger prey – and sightings of these felines and canines are frequent.
- Best season for birding. Some bird species are displaying spectacular breeding plumage and many migratory species have arrived for summer.
- Summer temperatures are perfect for warm pre-dawn starts to the day and afternoon excursions, and extremely pleasant for star-gazing.
- This is the right time for that personal experience, thanks to fewer travellers.
- Experiencing these countries, their wildlife and outstanding wilderness reserves, is more affordable at this time of year.
- The diversity and abundance of wildlife and scenery experienced during this season is awe-inspiring.

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## Zimbabwe: Hwange Highlights

Camps: Linkwasha Camp, Little Makalolo, Davison's Camp

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's premier game viewing destination – well-known for its huge dry-season game concentrations. What is less known is that south-eastern Hwange is without a doubt one of the best summer season destinations in southern Africa for game viewing.

- Summer rainfall brings the plains of Hwange to life: local populations of grazers in particular concentrate where the grass shoots are best – often many of these species can be seen within one view.
- The incomparable Ngamo Plains practically guarantees concentrations of wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, waterbuck, impala, kudu and even herds of eland ranging from 20 or 30 animals to over 100.
- More reclusive species like roan and sable often drawn to the more open areas in summer. Even gemsbok (remarkably rare this far west) and reedbuck (more adapted to moist savannah) are seen at times.
- Elephant and buffalo are seen year round.
- The plethora of game, especially young antelope, attracts a variety of predators and can include lion, cheetah, wild dog and leopard.
- Grey crowned crane and a host of migrant birds add colour and sound to the plains and teak woodlands.

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## Zambia: Livingstone Highlights

Camp: Toka Leya Camp

The season transforms this enormous country; magical mid-afternoon storms turn the Livingstone area, from town to bushveld, into a lush green tapestry.

- Abundant wildlife is seen in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park in summer – especially in the early mornings.
- Elephant and buffalo come to the Zambezi River to drink and can even be seen from the decks of Toka Leya Camp.
- This season is incredible for birding, particularly on boat cruises on the Zambezi River. Special species include Pel's fishing-owl, red-necked falcon, African finfoot, half-collared kingfisher and African emerald cuckoo.
- Increased water levels in the Zambezi River itself make the thundering Victoria Falls a spectacular sight of sheer magnificence and power, with an immense cloud of spray. All who cross Knife's-Edge Bridge to view the Rainbow Falls section get a free "baptism" of fine spray...
- Helicopter flights and other adrenaline-filled activities remain popular options during the season.



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