

ZIMBABWE – ILALA LODGE & SOMALISA CAMP

Itinerary:

2 nights – Ilala Lodge

2 nights – ABC Somalisa Camp

Minimum – 2 pax – Maximum 10pax

Day 1 – Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge – Dinner

Arrive in Victoria Falls, Meet & greet and private road transfer from Victoria Falls Airport to Ilala Lodge.

The perfect platform from which to explore the Natural Wonder of the majestic Victoria Falls. Victoria Falls accommodation at Ilala Lodge Hotel provides distinguished yet affordable accommodation in a gracious and secluded ambiance. Ilala Lodge Hotel is ideally situated on the Zimbabwean side of the falls and is the closest hotel to the Victoria Falls as well as the Vic Falls town centre. The National Park borders the front of the property and wild animals often graze on the hotel lawns, with the spray of the falls in the background. Ilala Lodge is a small exclusive boutique style hotel which offers personalised service in picturesque surroundings. The decor evokes an era of early adventure and the quest for discovery in Africa. Ilala Lodge is perfectly placed to make the most of your Victoria Falls holiday.

Afternoon Sundowner Cruise – Luxury Deck. Dinner will be at the Hotel. Overnight at Ilala Lodge

Day 2 – Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner

Breakfast will be at Ilala Lodge. **Morning Guided Tour of the falls**

if there is any magic in this world, it is contained in water. Perhaps this is why the Victoria Falls rainforest is such a captivating and enchanting place. There is a little bit of heaven reflected onto the earth in the curtain of water that cascades into the heart of the world. The Victoria Falls possesses a beauty that is impossible to replicate through any man-made efforts, and a trip to Southern Africa would not be complete without seeing it. It is a natural wonder of the world, created by nature to remind us of just how powerful and complex she is. A guided tour of the falls enables you to delve into the local customs and traditions while gaining insight into how such an exquisite creation came to be. An aura of excitement envelopes everyone who lays eyes on this incredible spectacle and guided tours are conducted from the Zimbabwean and Zambia side. The adventure ends at a craft market at the entrance of the rainforest, where guests can appreciate the talented local craftsmen or purchase a memento of this special experience.

Private Afternoon 12 Mins Helicopter Flight

Drink in an incredible view of the majestic Victoria Falls, the mighty Zambezi, and all the natural beauty on diverse wildlife that roam through this magical place. Let the flight tell you the story of how the vegetation disperses itself and share the sunlight and water, how the river craned a path across the world, how when the sun bounces off the surface of the water it leaves behind a speck of light, so that it appears there is a thousand diamonds being barred by the current. It is an awe-inspiring 15-minute flight. Approach the Magnificent Face of the Falls over the Upper Gorges.

Lunch at Own account

The Boma - Dinner & Drum Show (This is a dinner including a drumming show hence it's not private)

From the moment guests arrive at seven o'clock, they are immersed in the vibrant atmosphere. Tantalising aromas of local dishes and game meat on the barbeque fill the restaurant, which is partially open to the surrounding forest and the night skies. Staff members are warm and hospitable, offering traditional delicacies to guests as they enjoy the warm African evening. The starter menu is influenced by local ingredients and offers a unique selection of dishes, including Nyimo Beans, groundnuts, Kariba Bream (Tilapia) with smoked crocodile, and deep-fried Kapenta Tanganyika sardines from Kariba). The Boma specialises in traditional African food, and the main course buffet offers mouth-watering grilled ostrich, buffalo curry, suckling pig on the spit, guinea fowl, game stew, kudu steak and even warthog fillet! There are also good vegetarian options, with bush and garden vegetables galore. There is something for everyone. If you are brave, you can try out a dried Mopane Worm on offer, and don't forget to claim your certificate as

proof.

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Diners are treated to outstanding performances by traditional singers and dancers and thrilled by a dramatic medicine man who will throw bones for you and tell your fortune. The food is cooked and served in the style and quantity of a lavish feast, including irresistible desserts, so prepare to eat your fill! If you've overindulged, though, don't worry – you can work it off in the energetic drumming circle that starts at nine o'clock, which usually turns into an even more energetic dance party. If that isn't your cup of tea, the restaurant also has a lively bar, and a relaxed lounge area for you to while away the rest of your evening chatting away. **Overnight at Ilala Lodge.**

Day 3 – Hwange – ABC Somalisa Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Road transfer Ilala Lodge to Hwange Main Camp. Scheduled road transfer from Hwange Main Camp to Somalisa Camp. Somalisa Camp is set in the heart of Hwange National Park and is known as the land of the giants for its big elephant herds. Nestled in a stunning location tucked away on an acacia island along the edge of an ancient seasonal flood plain, Somalisa provides guests with breath-taking views of the savannah plains across the famous Kennedy Vlei line. Recently re-built, Somalisa Camp has upgraded its level of accommodation to that of complete comfort and luxury whilst still maintaining its focus on the guiding and hosting of guests to ensure the ultimate guest experience.

Consisting of seven elegantly furnished Sail Tents with gauze sliding doors, a glass wood-burner fireplace for the cold winter nights, and an overhead fan for the hot summer days, each tent has en suite bathroom facilities including flush toilets, an indoor and outdoor shower, as well as a copper slipper-style bathtub. The main decking area includes split level decking with a separate lounge and dining area, as well as a small splash pool for guests overlooking the "Elephant Pool"

Activities include guided walks lead by qualified and passionate guides who will share their knowledge and love of the bush with you, game drives and night drives. Wildlife sightings include elephant, kudu, sable antelope, zebra, wildebeest, gemsbok, the rare and endangered roan antelope, buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, hyena, and many other wildlife species.

Lunch & Dinner will be at the Camp. Overnight at ABC Somalisa Camp

Day 4 – Hwange – ABC Somalisa Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activities at the lodge

Game Drives

Lead by one of our experienced guides, you'll see magnificent wildlife indigenous to the area. Your guide will show you the hidden spots best for game viewing and give you an insider's knowledge. With years of experience our African Bush Camps guides are known for being some of the best in the business.

Walking Safaris

Awaken your senses and discover all that the bush has to offer on a walking safari. Accompanied by one of our experienced walking guides, explore the wild for one to two hours. For a full day walking safari, a private walking guide will need to be pre-booked with us.

Bird Watching

Hwange National Park offers some of Zimbabwe's best birding. Delight in the call of the racket-tailed roller or the kori bustard and photograph the majestic Martial eagle. Or simply sit back and enjoy their beautiful songs.

Cultural Visits

Working together with the communities located in the areas surrounding where we operate gives locals an opportunity to be self-sustainable. By sharing knowledge there has been a decrease in the human-wildlife conflict. Take the opportunity to visit the locals and become accustomed to their way of life.

Lunch & Dinner will be at the Camp. Overnight at Somalisa Camp

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Day 5 – Departure – Breakfast Pack

Scheduled road transfer from Somalisa Camp to Hwange Main Camp. Road transfer from Hwange Main Camp to Victoria Falls Airport for your outbound flight to Johannesburg.

Inclusions:

- 4 night's accommodation as per tour summary
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- Activities as mentioned in the itinerary
- All services as listed above
- Porterage's, Water & Local Drinks
- Passenger Liability Insurance
- Entrance Fees and activities as mentioned above

Exclusions:

- International flights, All expenses of a personal nature
- All other activities, entry fees & dinners
- All other services not listed above & Travel Insurance
- Premium drinks are at extra cost payable direct

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