

# Safari, Culture & Philanthropy in Southern Africa

May 15th - 25th, 2016

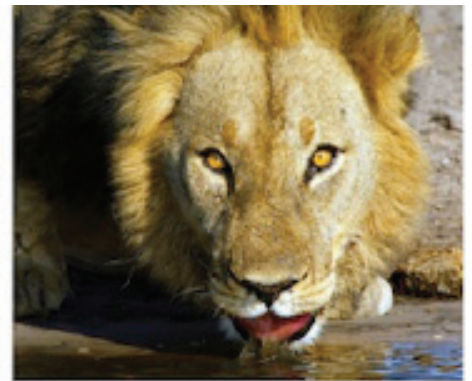


Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park - Botswana/Namibia: Chobe River  
Zambia: Livingstone - South Africa: Johannesburg

Global Sojourns offers you the unique opportunity to combine an African wildlife safari with “going deeper” through our philanthropic arm, the GS Giving Circle, which actively supports girls’ education and empowerment in Southern Africa. Not only will you see the beauty and wildlife of this region, but you will also gain insight into the varied local cultures and issues.

- As you connect with our GS Giving Circle partners, you’ll be learning from them as they will learn from you. Spend time listening to the recipients’ stories and understand their struggles and hopes for the future.
- During your journey you’ll also have the special opportunity to experience “safari” both on land and on the water!
- Take in the African bush and wildlife in Hwange National Park and along the Chobe River.
- Visit the majestic Victoria Falls.
- Engage with our local partners

Enjoy your adventure!



## YOUR ITINERARY

May 15	Johannesburg, South Africa
May 16	Hwange Nat'l Park, Zimbabwe
May 19	Transfer to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
May 20	Livingstone, Zambia
May 22	Chobe & Zambezi Rivers (Namibia & Botswana)
May 25	Departure for USA

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### May 15th Arrival in Southern Africa

Welcome to Johannesburg! Upon arrival, you will be met by a BidAir representative who will assist you with Immigration formalities. The Bidair representative will be standing at the entrance of the terminal building, before you enter Immigration. They will have a sign with your name on it. As they are not allowed to hold it very high (you're still in a secured part of the airport), look closely for someone in a BidAir uniform holding a sign. Following luggage collection, you will continue to the Arrival Hall to meet a representative from African Rock Hotel. Road transfer via hotel shuttle from OR Tambo Airport to African Rock Hotel, transfer time +/- 30 minutes (depending on time of day and traffic). Freshen up and relax at the hotel and recoup from your long flight. Dinner on own account.

#### **One night at the African Rock Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis**

[www.africanrockhotels.com](http://www.africanrockhotels.com)

*This exclusive boutique hotel is located 11 km from the Johannesburg International Airport, O.R. Tambo in a quiet suburb of Kempton Park away from the flight path of arriving and departing planes. There are 9 rooms. The architecture is contemporary and the interior "look and feel" is a fusion of African, Western and Oriental design trends and offers a warm, welcoming and relaxing atmosphere. There is a lounge, bar, dining area, outdoor patio and swimming pool.*

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### May 16th Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

This morning you will depart on your scheduled flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival, you will all proceed through Customs & Immigration formalities (have your passport & ballpoint pen handy!) at which time you purchase your UniVisa for Zimbabwe and Zambia. You will then proceed to your Wilderness Air shared seat on charter flight to Davison's airstrip located deep within Hwange Nat'l Park (airport tax to be paid directly and in cash - USD \$15 per person).

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's largest national park. A haven for over 100 mammal and 400 bird species, the park protects populations of all of Zimbabwe's endangered species. Elephants number in excess of 20,000 and the park is home to what is thought to be one of the largest populations of African wild dog left in the world.

#### **Three nights at Davison's Camp in standard tents on a full board basis, including shared game viewing activities, local beverages and limited laundry**

[www.wilderness-safaris.com/davisons-camp](http://www.wilderness-safaris.com/davisons-camp)

*Davison's Camp lies deep in Hwange National Park, in the southeastern Linkwasha Concession – one of the most prolific wildlife areas in Hwange. This is a classic African tented camp, with eight tents and one family unit tastefully hidden beneath a grove of false mopane trees, all overlooking an open plain and a productive waterhole. Hwange's mix of different veld and landscape types means that game viewing is productive year round. Wildlife frequently encountered in the area includes lion, large herds of elephant, buffalo, leopard, spotted hyaena, cheetah, giraffe, sable, roan, blue wildebeest, impala, waterbuck and reedbuck. In summer, wildebeest, zebra and eland are found in abundance on the open plains, while in winter elephant congregate in enormous numbers around the waterholes. Birdlife in the area is prolific (400+) and varied. The main area comprises a spacious lounge and dining room which leads out onto a pine deck and an open campfire area. The refreshing pool also looks out over the waterhole, while a small upper deck is an ideal location from which to watch wildlife by day and gaze at the stars by night.*

May 19th  
Victoria Falls,  
Zimbabwe

This morning you will return to Victoria Falls via your shared seat in charter Wilderness Air flight. Your Wild Horizons' representative will meet you upon arrival at which time you will begin your activities in the area.

Over the next day and a half you will explore Victoria Falls and surrounds and have the unique opportunity to spend time with Rose of Charity, GSGC's partner in Victoria Falls. You will meet the team from Rose of Charity, learn about the work they do for disadvantaged children in both the high density suburbs of Victoria Falls as well as those out in the more rural areas, and learn about the girls' empowerment programs. Additionally, you may have a chance to chat with some of the girls in the program, visit a school and a homestead, as well as take in the spectacular Victoria Falls. Your time will be busy as there is so much to see and experience!

In the late afternoon, you will be transferred to your hotel.

**One night at the Ilala Lodge in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis**

[www.ilalalodge.com](http://www.ilalalodge.com)

*The perfect base from which to explore one of the World's Seven Natural Wonders, the Ilala Lodge Hotel provides distinguished yet affordable accommodation in a gracious and secluded setting. Ilala Lodge Hotel is ideally situated on the Zimbabwean side of the mighty Zambezi river, where it is the closest hotel to the magnificent Victoria Falls. The falls are within easy walking distance for guests, as is the Victoria Falls town centre. Wild animals often graze on the hotel lawns and restaurant diners can see the spray of the falls in the background and perhaps catch the roar of "the smoke that thunders" and enjoy Zimbabwe's finest cuisine in Ilala's Palm Restaurant.*

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May 20th  
Livingstone,  
Zambia

Following your full day of continued activities in the Victoria Falls area, you will be met by your Wild Horizons driver and transferred across the Zambian border to the ZigZag B&B in Livingstone, Zambia. (Transfer time is approximately one hour). You will NOT need to purchase a visa at this time as you will have already purchased your UniVisa in Zimbabwe. Upon arrival at ZigZag, settle into your rooms and meet the staff- Lynne, Mercy, and others who help make this basic, but homey place, our GSGC home away from home!

Heidi will go over the plans for your next day in Livingstone. Some of the activities may include:

- learning about the local issues facing the people here
- a visit to Wayi-Wayi art studios
- visiting some of the children that we support
- spending time with the leaders of the organizations, hearing their stories and learning about their work in the local communities

And of course... you might want to make time to go to the Royal Livingstone to enjoy another round of sundowners on their deck on the Zambezi River and watch the sunset next to Victoria Falls!

**Two nights at the ZigZag B&B in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis**

[www.zigzagzambia.com](http://www.zigzagzambia.com)

*ZigZag B&B offers 12 rooms, set within a secure 1.5 acre plot boasting tranquil landscaped gardens and centered around a secluded swimming pool and locally renowned restaurant. The restaurant serves delicious homemade food, and the clean comfortable rooms offer air-conditioning, towels, mosquito nets, coils & en-suite bathrooms.*



May 22nd  
Chobe &  
Zambezi Rivers,  
Namibia &  
Botswana

Today you will be collected by Wild Horizons and transferred from ZigZag B&B to Kasane Immigration, clearing Customs and Immigration formalities enroute. Motorized boat transfer from Kasane Immigration to the Chobe Princess Safariboat with a stop at the Namibia Immigration office. Have your passport and pen handy (no visa required).

Spending time on the houseboat on the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers is one of our favorite things to do in Africa, and the Chobe Princess Safariboat (formerly the Ichobezi) is one of our favorites! There is something incredibly relaxing about cruising on the Chobe River, along the banks of the Chobe National Park, watching the outstanding wildlife and birdlife from the deck of your safariboat. Game viewing is done from the main boat and from tender boats with local guides. There are excellent birding opportunities. Additionally, you can partake of guided walks on the Caprivi floodplain, superb fishing all year round especially for those wanting to fish for the feisty Tiger fish, or simply order up a Rock Shandy and kick back on one of the loungers and take in the views!

**Three nights on the Chobe Princess Safariboat in standard cabins on a full board basis including local beverages, scheduled game viewing activities and park fees.**

[www.ichobezi.co.za/house-boats](http://www.ichobezi.co.za/house-boats)

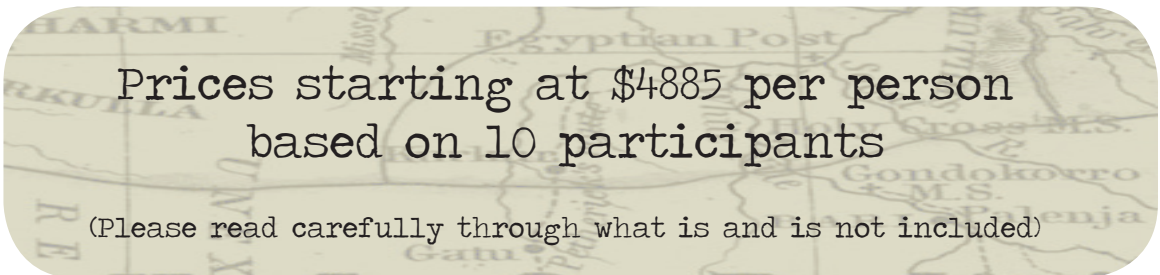
*Each safariboat has four large double/twin cabins, beautifully decorated with the focal feature being the large sliding window that gives you your own personal view of the changing landscapes before you. The cabins also have an en-suite bathroom, each tastefully fitted with a modern shower, toilet and hand basin. Climbing the staircase that connects the accommodation deck to the entertainment deck you will have access to a spacious lounge and bar area that encourages you to take time-out and simply enjoy the view. This deck also has a relaxed open-air dining area where guests can enjoy superb meals prepared by a skillful chef in the full-size on board kitchen. At the front of the entertainment deck, guests can cool off in the plunge pool or simply soak up the African sun on deck chairs while enjoying an ice-cold beverage and the outstanding scenery. The rear of the entertainment deck allows easy access to the smaller tender boats that accompany the Chobe Princess Safariboats on all of their travels. These boats ensure that each guest has the freedom to partake in any excursions or activities that are best suited to their own personal needs.*

May 25th  
Departure  
for the US

Today you will say good-bye to your lovely safariboat and the continent of Africa as you transfer to the Kasane Airport for your departure flight to the US, via Johannesburg.

*End of services.*

*(Please inquire about optional extension to Cape Town)*



Prices starting at \$4885 per person  
based on 10 participants

(Please read carefully through what is and is not included)

## INCLUDES

- Fully escorted tour led by Heidi Johnson Bixby
- Accommodations as specified in the itinerary
- Price is per person based on twin or double occupancy
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Roundtrip shared Wilderness Air charter flight to Davison's Camp
- Soft drinks and local brand beers and wines at Davison's and aboard the Chobe Princess - premium brands to own account
- Shared road transfers as specified in the itineraries
- Two safari activities per day as offered by the camps / safari boat
- Park entrance fees at Davison's and the Chobe Princess Laundry (excluding underwear) at Davison's Safari Camp

## EXCLUDES

- Tax deductible donation to the GSGC
- Additional cost for separate arrival transfer (if arrival at different time from rest of the group)
- All items of a personal nature
- Meals other than those specified
- Activities not specified in Victoria Falls
- The following National Park fees: Victoria Falls (USD\$30/per person per day). All fees are subject to increase without prior notice.
- Gratuities (see Notes)
- Visa fees (visa required for Zambia and Zimbabwe)
- All scheduled flights and departure taxes
- Laundry not specified

# Mapping Your Trip



1. Johannesburg, South Africa
2. Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe
3. Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
4. Livingstone, Zambia
5. Chobe River, Namibia and Botswana

## NOTES

### **South Africa Entry Requirements**

If you are traveling through South Africa, you must ensure that your passport has 3 consecutive blank non-endorsed pages in it. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the intended date of departure. Visitors to South Africa with foreign passports who do not comply with these requirements will either be stopped from boarding their aircraft at their point of departure or risk deportation on arrival in South Africa.

### **Visas & Entry Requirements**

Please be sure that you have the appropriate visas for all countries that you will be traveling to. Global Sojourns cannot be held responsible for entry refusal for any traveler. Visas can be purchased upon entry or in advance. Please note that visa costs can change without notice.

- Kaza UniVisa for Zambia & Zimbabwe - currently \$50

### **Tipping:**

Tipping is not mandatory, though it is customary. Only tip if you are happy with the services! Tips can be given in the local currency or US dollars. Below is a guideline to assist you:

Safari guide: \$10 per day, per person

Trackers: \$5 per day, per person

Camp staff: \$5 – \$10 per day, per person (this typically goes into a communal box or is given to the camp manager)

Transfer drivers: \$2-\$5

Porters at hotels: \$1 -\$2

Restaurants: 10%

### **Medical**

You will be traveling in some malarial areas. Therefore, be sure to take precautions against malaria prior to the commencement of your holiday. Follow your doctor's advice regarding prophylactics and be sure to cover up in the early mornings and evenings and apply repellent. Consult with your physician, travel clinic and the CDC website for recommendations on health issues in each region.

### **Cash & Currency**

Please make sure you carry plenty of USD in small bills for visas, airport taxes, tipping, and any unforeseen expenses. Credit cards are accepted at many (but not all) lodges and hotels. If you are spending some time in the region outside of a safari lodge (for example, in Cape Town or Johannesburg), you will want to get local currency. The best way to do this is typically by using your ATM card. Be sure to contact your credit card company and bank to let them know you will be traveling outside the US and will likely be using the card.

### **Insurance**

Be sure to carry proof of insurance with you. It is strongly recommended that guests have insurance for cancellation or curtailment, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and personal belongings.

### **Communications**

Cell phone signal and Internet access is limited or non-existing outside of urban areas. There tends to be computer and Wi-Fi access in the urban-based accommodations though connectivity may be slow. All lodges/camps have radios or other access to communications in case of emergency. Please refer to the contact #s above for support during your trip.

*\* For more information please refer to the "Travel Tips to Take Along" included in your packet (and also found in the electronic notebook)*

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PAYMENT TERMS:** We require a 20% nonrefundable deposit per person. The balance is typically due 75 days before commencement of the arrangements, unless additional funds are required by specific hotels, airlines, etc. If this is the case, we Global Sojourns will inform you with sufficient notice. If the balance is not received prior to 75 days before departure, Global Sojourns L.L.C. reserves the right to treat the trip as cancelled. All payments may be made by check, bank transfer or major credit card (Visa/MC).

Upon agreement of the itinerary, you will be sent detailed travel information and a couple of forms to fill out. Please review the information and send in a signed liability waiver with your deposit.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** It is very important that you are aware of our cancellation policy which comes into force as soon as a booking is made definite. These policies are based on those of the suppliers we are using for this itinerary. Cancellations are only effective on receipt of a written cancellation. Cancellation charges will be levied when travelers cancel their confirmed reservations. Cancellations made after the due date of full payment carry a charge, expressed as a percentage of the total booking value, and are as follows:

within 45 days = 30% ;  
within 30 days = 50%  
within 20 days = 60%  
within 15 days = 100%

Please note that we contract services and accommodation of third parties who have their own cancellation policies that may differ from ours and on occasion these must be adhered to. Some parties may require partial or full payment up front in order to confirm a booking - on cancellation this larger deposit may therefore be forfeited as per the third party's cancellation policy.

**TRIP INSURANCE:** Global Sojourns, L.L.C. strongly recommends that each participant take out trip insurance- trip cancellation/interruption coverage as well as medical expense and evacuation coverage. This is designed to give you peace of mind and protect you in case of unexpected events such as a medical emergency or if you lose pre-paid, non-refundable trip deposits and payments because of cancellation or trip interruption due to illness, injury, or death of someone in your traveling party, an immediate or extended family member, or a business partner. Typically, these services and expenses are not fully covered by your credit card company, homeowner's policy, and/or medical insurance. We can recommend some companies if you do not already have a company that you use. It is important that you are clear on what exactly they will be covering thus is it recommended that you speak to the insurance company directly.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Each client is entirely responsible to ensure that they are in possession of all the necessary travel documents, including a valid passport (with at least 6 months validity after departure from the host country and with sufficient blank pages for each country's immigration stamps and visas requirements), valid visas, air tickets that have you arriving in time for the start of your trip and valid vaccination certificates. For visas, the cost, currency, accepted method of payment and type of visa (i.e. single, double or multiple entry visa) should be checked in advance. This is of particular importance if you are re-entering Zambia from other countries. Border officials in some countries are not in a position to issue visas on the spot hence the need for obtaining visas in advance. Neither Global Sojourns nor our ground operator can be held responsible should the necessary visa not be fulfilled.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:** It is each client's responsibility to make sure they are fit enough for the intended trip. It is essential that persons with any pre-existing medical condition(s) and/or dietary restrictions make them known to us well before departure. Be aware that you are traveling in remote geographical areas which may have limited standards of hygiene, sanitation facilities, medical treatment and that medical services, including the presence of a physician or any other trained medical professional and availability of prescription type drugs may be limited or altogether absent. Please note that many areas of travel within Africa are malarial areas and all travelers must consult their doctors before traveling and ensure that all anti-malarial precautions are taken, followed and advised upon at the time of travel.



**WILD ANIMALS:** Please be aware that your trip may take you into close contact with wild animals. Attacks by wild animals are rare, but no trip into the African wilderness can guarantee that this will not occur. We cannot be held responsible for any injury or incident on your trip by wild animals or otherwise. Please note that the majority of camps are unfenced and wildlife moves freely in and around the camps. Always follow the safety instructions from the guides and camp's staff with regards to moving to and from your lodging and while on game activities throughout your trip.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Global Sojourns L.L.C. and its owners act only as agents for the clients with respect to services provided, including but not limited to accommodations, activities and all forms of transportation. All tour services are provided by independent contractors who are not controlled by Global Sojourns L.L.C.. Global Sojourns L.L.C. assumes no responsibility or liability for injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or change in air or other services howsoever caused, irregularity, inconvenience or additional expenses which may be occasioned directly or indirectly by quarantines, strikes, weather, sickness, civil unrest, wars, theft, pilferage, force majeure, wild animals, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled. Over booking, travel advisories, discrepancies or changes in transit, hotel and other services over which it has no control, or any act of God occurring in either the country of origin, destination or through passage, or for any reason whatsoever. On advancement of deposit to Global Sojourns L.L.C. the depositor therefore agrees to be bound by the above recited terms and conditions.