

# Safari, Conservation, Culture & Philanthropy in Zimbabwe

# Global sojourns

**South Africa:** Johannesburg    **Zimbabwe:** Matopos and Hwange National Park, Victoria Falls

What an adventure you will have exploring parts of Zimbabwe. Remarkably diverse areas, activities and special experiences have been woven into your journey. Wildlife, community, conservation and more provide you with a unique and rich African travel experience.

Your travels begin with an enchanting introduction to Zimbabwe's history, culture and the unique scenery of Matopos. You'll find yourself releasing and exhaling as your African journey unfolds. After your time in Matopos, you'll be off to game rich Hwange National Park for an 'old world safari'. Here you'll be tracking elephant, lion, buffalo and more. Zimbabwe is known for cultivating some of the best guides in the safari industry!

Enjoy a slow approach to entering back into 'civilization' as you spend some time in the town of Victoria Falls. You will get a chance to see the magnificent Falls, explore markets and spend quality time with our wonderful Global Sojourns Giving Circle Family.

Global Sojourns transcends the popular, pre-packaged tours and gets you off the beaten path, exploring new horizons and connecting with people, places and traditions in a responsible and mutually respectful way.



## YOUR ITINERARY

<i>Day 01</i>	Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa
<i>Day 02</i>	Matopos National Park, Zimbabwe
<i>Day 05</i>	Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe
<i>Day 08</i>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
<i>Day 11</i>	Departure for USA

### Day 01 Arrival in Johannesburg, South Africa

Welcome to Johannesburg! You will proceed through the Customs and Immigration formalities and then collect your luggage. Continue to the Arrivals Hall where a representative from African Rock will be meeting you. You will then be transferred to the hotel (by African Rock) to freshen up and relax as you recuperate from your long flight. Spend your evening at your own leisure.

**One night at African Rock Hotel in a luxury room on a bed and breakfast basis**

<http://www.africanrockhotels.com/>

### Day 02 Matopos National Park, Zimbabwe

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This morning, after breakfast and hotel check out, you will be transferred to Johannesburg International Airport (by African Rock) for your flight to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe (booked on own).

Upon arrival in Zimbabwe, following Customs and Immigration formalities, collect your luggage and proceed to the Arrivals Hall where a representative from Camp Amalinda will be meeting you. You will then be provided with a road transfer to Amalinda where you'll spend three nights as you take the time to explore the historical beauty of Matopos and enjoy tracking rhinos! Take the time to visit a local community that has been working to revitalise and promote decorated huts as an indigenous cultural practice. You'll have a specialist guide who will be threading his stories and insight as you take in the splendour of this unique area.

**Three nights at Camp Amalinda in a standard room on a full board basis, including two activities per day, local beverages and laundry.**

<http://www.campamalinda.com/>

### Day 05 Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

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Today, at a time to be determined by camp management, you'll embark on a road transfer to Hwange National Park. An adventure in and of itself as you meander through the Zimbabwe countryside witnessing African life as it naturally is. Your final destination is Somalisa Expedition Camp where you will spend three nights.

One day will be spent with an expert lion researcher! He will be spending the day with you as you explore, track and observe these fantastic predators. This is an incredible opportunity to dive deeper into your safari experience! A 'behind the scenes' look at the conservation efforts in action. Your Somalisa Guide will be with you throughout and will continue the momentum of this very special safari experience.

**Three nights at Somalisa Expedition Camp in a standard tent on a full board basis, including two game viewing activities per day, local beverages and laundry.**

<http://www.africanbushcamps.com/camps-safaris/zimbabwe/somalisa-expeditions/>

### Day 08 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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Today you will be transferred to the airstrip for your Safari Logistics light aircraft flight (included) to Victoria Falls. Upon arrival (and after collecting your luggage) you will be met by a Global Sojourns representative for your transfer to Ilala Lodge where you will spend

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three nights. Take some time to settle in! Tonight, dinner in the Ilala Lodge at their Palm Restaurant is included as part of your stay.

**Three nights at Ilala Lodge in a standard room on a bed and breakfast basis. Three course dinner (excluding drinks) at Palm Restaurant is included one night only. One sunset cruise on Ra-Ikane is also included.**

<http://www.ilalalodge.com/>

Day 09  
Giving Circle &  
Victoria Falls

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Today you will be met at the lodge by Smokey who is part of our Global Sojourns Giving Circle Family (GSGC). During your time with Smokey you'll be meeting dynamic individuals who play an integral role in the local communities.

GSGC works primarily to empower girls so that they can develop tools to build strong personal foundations and to become pillars within their own families/communities. GSGC works primarily to empower girls from economically vulnerable backgrounds so that they can develop tools to build strong personal foundations and to become pillars within their own families/communities. It will be a very heart-warming, informative and incredibly unique experience with the GSGC family!

<https://www.gsgivingcircle.org/>

Tonight, Ilala Lodge has invited you to join other guests on a sunset cruise – included (<http://www.raikane.com/cruises.php#sunset>)

Some other cool things to do whilst in Victoria Falls (not included):

- Go shopping at Elephant Walk
- Enjoy local curio markets
- Indulge in High Tea at Victoria Falls Hotel (on your own account)
- Check out the Falls (entrance fee of US\$30 is not included)

Day 11  
Depart Africa

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You will be picked up from the hotel by a Global Sojourns representative and transferred to Victoria Falls Airport in time for your commercial flight onward.

You may opt to head back home or, spend some time exploring the beauty of Cape Town and her surrounds (*Cape Town not included – let us know if you would like this as an add-on and we will revise the pricing accordingly*).

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*End of Services*



## INCLUDES

- All transfers as outlined in the itinerary
- Seats on light aircraft flight Hwange/VFA
- 1 night accommodation at the African Rock Hotel on a bed & breakfast basis
- 3 nights accommodation at Camp Amalinda on a full board basis
- 3 nights accommodation at Somalisa Expeditions on a full board basis
- 3 nights accommodation at Ilala Lodge on a bed & breakfast basis
- Ilala Lodge has included one 3 course dinner at their Palm Restaurant (for 2 people) excludes drinks
- Ilala Lodge has included one sunset cruise during your stay (for 2 people). 2 hour duration. Includes transfer, tea/coffee, full bar and snacks
- Local brand drinks at the Camp Amalinda and Somalisa Expeditions only
- All scheduled safari activities at Camp Amalinda and Somalisa Expeditions
- Limited laundry service (excludes underwear) at Camp Amalinda and Somalisa Expeditions
- Park fees
- Half day Global Sojourns Giving Circle excursion to visit projects

## EXCLUDES

- Matopos National Park fees to be paid direct. US\$15 per person per day
- Rhodes Grave Monument Fee (should you decide to visit) to be paid direct. US\$10 per person
- Visa fee for Zimbabwe or Zambia (should you decide to go to the Livingstone side of the Falls)
- Entrance to Victoria Falls National Park (currently \$30 per person)
- Additional activities and excursions in and around Victoria Falls town
- Any sponsored activity for Global Sojourns Giving Circle (for example, taking some of the girls to see Victoria Falls or another activity of interest)
- Donations
- Scheduled commercial flights and departure taxes
- Any flights not specifically mentioned in itinerary
- Excess baggage fees
- Laundry excluded at African Rock and Ilala Lodge. Laundry services available but at additional cost.
- Entrance fees whilst touring
- All items of a personal nature
- Meals other than those specified
- Gratuities & porter fees
- Travel and health insurance



# Mapping Your Trip



1. Johannesburg, South Africa
2. Matopos, Zimbabwe
3. Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe
4. Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

## 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.

- Single entry visa for Zimbabwe – currently US\$30 per person
- Subject to availability – Kaza UniVisa is valid for both Zimbabwe and Zambia. Fee is currently US\$50 and is ideal/economical if you are thinking of doing an activity on the Zambian side

### Luggage Restrictions:

On your light aircraft transfer with Safari Logistics (from Hwange/Victoria Falls) luggage is restricted to a maximum of 15kg/33lbs per person in a soft sided bag and 5kg/11lbs of hand luggage. Excess luggage not pre-booked cannot be guaranteed.

### 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.

Here are some guidelines:

- **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.

**Money**

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 Johannesburg), you will need 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.

**Cancellation Policy**

It is very important that you are aware of our cancellation policy, which comes into force as soon as a booking is deposited and confirmed. (see Terms & Conditions).

**Surcharges**

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar at the time of our calculation and we do our best to keep prices as quoted. However, occasionally increases (e.g. National Park fees, taxes) are forced on us by governments, airlines, exchange rates, etc. In these instances, we reserve the right to fairly pass on a surcharge to our travelers.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### **PAYMENT TERMS:**

We require a 25% non-refundable deposit per person. The balance is typically due 60 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 60 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 travellers 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 it is 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.