

# BEST OF ZIMBABWE

## Zimbabwe, South Africa



### 6 day group tour (basic accommodation)

This brief but fascinating tour offers good wildlife viewing, scenic landscapes and a historical site visit. Journey to Zimbabwe's largest national park; Hwange National Park, followed by Matopos National Park and the Great Zimbabwe ruins, before finishing in Johannesburg. Enjoy game drives in Hwange, home to Africa's largest herds of elephant, and Matopos, known for its magnificent granite boulders. Cross the Limpopo River into South Africa for a swim in hot springs before reaching Johannesburg.





#### **Cost includes:**

- transport in an custom-built over-land truck with a maximum of 20 passengers
- services of a registered English-speaking driver and guide
- 5 nights' basic accommodation
- 5 x breakfasts, 6 x lunches, 5 x dinners
- entrance fees to Hwange and Matopos national parks
- Great Zimbabwe ruins visit, Tshipise hot springs
- still mineral water on board vehicle

#### **Cost excludes:**

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- meals and drinks not listed
- dining rooms tips
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- optional 4WD safaris & excursions

**B - breakfast**

**L - lunch**

**D - dinner**

#### **Victoria Falls to Johannesburg**

**Accommodation:** basic

**Departs:** selected Mondays and Saturdays

**Group size:** maximum of 20

**Product code:** NOMADNAZZ

#### **Itinerary overview:**

Day 1: Zimbabwe, Hwange National Park - Hwange Main Camp or similar

Day 2: Zimbabwe, Hwange National Park - Hwange Main Camp or similar

Day 3: Zimbabwe, Matopos National Park - Banff Lodge Hotel or similar

Day 4: Zimbabwe, Great Zimbabwe Ruins - Clevers Lakeview or similar

Day 5: Zimbabwe, Tshipise - Tshipise Forever Resort or similar

Day 6: Johannesburg - ends

Pre-tour accommodation in Victoria Falls and post-tour accommodation in Johannesburg can be arranged prior to departure on request.

A single supplement is compulsory for solo travellers on this tour.



## Best of Zimbabwe - basic

### Day 1: Hwange National Park

This morning we leave the rumble and adventure of Victoria Falls behind us as we make the journey south to Hwange National Park. Hwange is the largest of Zimbabwe's national parks and the park offers excellent opportunities for viewing diverse wildlife, including elephant, lion, wild dog and much more. **Hwange Main Camp or Miombo Safari – chalet with en-suite (LD).**

### Hwange Main Camp

Main Camp is situated at the main entrance to Hwange National Park and is surrounded by numerous pans and pumped waterholes which attracts game. Facilities at camp include a bar, restaurant, grocery store and souvenir shop.

### Day 2: Hwange National Park

Home to the 'big-five', Hwange National Park also offers a wide variety of plains game and birdlife. We spend the day game driving in an open-sided 4WD safari vehicle through Hwange in search wildlife. **Hwange Main Camp or Miombo Safari – chalet with en-suite (BLD).**

### Day 3: Matopos National Park, Bulawayo

After breakfast we continue south towards Bulawayo, the second largest city in Zimbabwe. Our afternoon is spent exploring the Matopos National Park with a local guide. The park received recognition as a UNESCO natural World Heritage Site in 2003 and includes an intensive protection zone that is home to both black and white rhinoceros. Named after the Ndebele word "Matobo", whose meaning "bald heads" refers to the rounded granite hills that surround it. We return to Bulawayo and our overnight stop for the night. **Banff Lodge Hotel – room with en-suite (BLD).**

### Banff Lodge Hotel

Banff Lodge is a boutique, family-run hotel offering 11 rooms with en-suites, including two family rooms. Many of the rooms have been recently renovated and offer modern comforts. The New Orleans restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner and has been voted Zimbabwe's restaurant of the year. A pool and deck area is set amongst beautiful, lush gardens. The lodge has secure parking and is gated with security.

### Day 4: Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Our journey today takes us to Masvingo and the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. This afternoon we enjoy a guided walking tour of this historic site. Dating back to the late Iron Age, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was once the capital of the Kingdom of Zimbabwe. We take time this afternoon to marvel at the intricate stonework and experience the heritage of this monument to early Zimbabwean civilisation. **Clevers Lakeview Resort – room with en-suite (BLD).**

### Clevers Lakeview Resort

Located about a three-hour drive away from Bulawayo and Harare, the resort is set in the granite hills and Msasa woodland overlooking Lake Mutirikwi (formerly Lake Kyle), known for the best bass fishing in southern Africa. The Great Zimbabwe Ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is only a ten minute drive away. The resort offers an excellent camp site and comfortable, budget accommodation. Rooms are fully furnished and the self-catering lodges are equipped as required. An on-site restaurant and serves meals and wi-fi is available at the resort.





### Day 5: Tshipise

Leaving the sites of Zimbabwe behind we cross the Limpopo River and enter South Africa this afternoon. Our overnight stop allows us an opportunity to end the day with a swim in the hot springs of Tshipise. **Tshipise Forever Resort (BLD).**

### Tshipise Forever Resort

The famous Tshipise (meaning 'something warm') Koppie towers protectively over the resort with giant baobabs dotting the surrounding landscape. The resort's 96 air-conditioned thatched rondavels and comfortable caravan park are barely visible among the mopani, red bushwillow and jakkalsbessie trees. Numerous outdoor activities are available, with game viewing on horse-back, bush drives and nature trails all available, or enjoy the healing waters of local hot mineral springs. Tshipise is within a comfortable travelling distance from the northern Pafuri gate of Kruger National Park, 105 kilometres away.

### Day 6: Johannesburg

This morning we take the highway south to Johannesburg. We arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to a traditional meal with the group tonight. Dinner can be booked at an additional cost with your guide on the day before arrival. **(BL).**

### Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- The tour operator has the right to use an alternative or replacement vehicle if necessary.
- There is no air-conditioning or toilet onboard the overland truck. Convenience stops are made along the way at regular intervals.
- Bedding is provided, however passengers must bring their own towels.
- Suitcases are unsuitable for overland safaris due to limited space. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Children between 16 – 18 years are accepted on this tour but they must be accompanied by an adult. Children between 8 – 16 years are only able to travel on a request basis. Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on several activities included in the itinerary.
- Passengers over 65 years are required to complete a medical form, which is then assessed by the tour operator to ascertain suitability of the client to the tour.