



HWANGE 7-NIGHTS EXPLORERS SAFARI



- 1st night – Iganyana Wild Camp**
- 2nd night – Iganyana Wild Camp**
- 3rd night – private tented bush camp**
- 4th night – private tented bush camp**
- 5th night – private tented bush camp**
- 6th night – private tented bush camp**
- 7th night – Iganyana Wild Camp**

Level of riding ability:

- Strong intermediate to advanced riding skill required.
- Must be a confident rider and being riding fit is a requirement. NO beginners or novices at all!

Activities are going to be:

- Horse riding
- Bush walks
- Safari driving

Services are going to include, but not be confined to:

- High level of comfort with both the permanent and private tented accommodations.
- Fully catered with a good variety and supply of cold drinks and alcoholic beverages
- Strong French Press coffee is available.
- Staff and groom supported camps and horse services.
- Small groups up to 8 guests only.
- Professionally guided by qualified Professional guides carrying first aid kit and certified firearms.

**DAY ONE:**

Arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, meet and greet by a road transfer company, followed by a two to three hour drive to Iganyana Wild.

Afternoon tea, briefing, indemnity signing, intro to the horses, and then onto the horses for a short ride. This ride is very important to match you to the correct horse.

Back to fabulous tree camp Iganyana Wild camp, sundowners, hot showers, dinner, and peaceful sleep in the spacious ensuite tents.

DAY THREE:

Guests early morning wake up, tea and coffee around the campfire, pack, breakfast and game drive to Main Camp in Hwange National Park.

This is only a short drive of half an hour to perhaps an hour depending on sightings of wildlife. Check-in and payments at the Tourism office, then mount up and ride into the park, or gamedrive deeper into the Park, meet the horses and ride to the campsite.

Overnight with sundowners, hot showers, and dining under the stars.

DAY TWO:

Rise and shine with early morning Tea and coffee and a light breakfast. Today we will explore the Dete Vlei and surrounds on Horseback. More time to adapt to our riding style in the bush, the tack and horses. Any changes required will be done on this day.

We may ride for the whole day or we may ride in the morning for 3 to 4 hours and again in the afternoon for a shorter ride.

This evening we return to Iganyana Wild for our second night.

**DAY FOUR:**

Another early morning start – of which time does vary according to the seasons, mid-year being very cold first thing in the morning and thus starts being a bit later around 07h00; October, November, and December being very hot days and therefore wake up calls at 05h00 sometimes being required.

Onto the horses and out to explore the area again. There are no set routes and the ride is conducted according to what sounds were heard during the night, animal tracks, weather conditions, and many other factors.

The day may be a half-day or a full day out with a picnic lunch near a waterhole for wildlife viewing.

If lunch is at camp, then it is also an opportunity in the afternoon to do a safari walk or drive.

There are a few other waterholes that are worth visiting if guests have good cameras and lenses or are interested in birding.

Also, the guide may decide that an early morning walk or drive is going to be better and may then switch the order of the day to a non-riding activity in the morning and a ride in the afternoon.

This also depends on the need for horses to rest before a long day tomorrow.

Whatever happens, there will be cold drinks around the campfire and a hearty dinner in camp.

DAY FIVE:

Today we ride from Camp Baikiaea for a full day out to Kennedy Camp. This is a ride of approximately 30 to 40 kms. It will be through the Zambezi teak and acacia woodlands, passing waterholes which may or may not have water in, with a picnic lunch on route.

Arrive late afternoon to Kennedy Camp, settle in with sundowners, and welcome hot showers followed by yet again a delicious dinner, very comfortable beds with hot water bottles for winter!

DAY SIX:

This day will be spent in the Kennedy 2 area of the Park in some very beautiful Acacia groves. The camp is set along the Kennedy Vlei which is a renowned area for wildlife viewing.

Options here are riding, walking, or a safari drive in the morning. Much will again be dependent on possible wildlife sightings and activity and time of year as to what riding we will do.

A good option is to take a drive to the Ngweshla area not far from camp as it is generally a very productive wildlife area where often a resident pride of lions takes charge.



**DAY SEVEN:**

Final early morning wake up to enjoy the dawn in the African bush around the fire.

Light breakfast and onto the horses for a 14km or upto 25km ride (dependent on the time of year and early morning wildlife activity) to a point where the horse truck will meet us.

There we will end the ride, load the horses, and have a safari drive out of the Park back to Iganyana Wild for the night.

Sundowners will be a special affair reminiscing upon the past few days of being in the real African bush on fine steeds enjoying the wildlife and big spaces.

DAY EIGHT:

Depending on departure times, the last morning may include a very short walk out to stretch the legs before a sumptuous breakfast and departure on the transfer vehicle back to VFA (or wherever the next destination is.) Sad farewells to the camp, but knowing that a Hwange return is definite!

TO NOTE ABOUT THE RIDE ITINERARY AND LOGISTICS:

This is representative of what the itinerary will be like.

Many factors will influence the day to day order of these rides; Weather conditions – cold, heat, rain, cloud, etc.;



– wildlife activity and movements; rider abilities and interests; climatic conditions i.e. good wet season or very dry conditions; logistics, and many other factors will determine how the riding and other activities will be conducted.

The guide will always ensure to maximise the wildlife experience.

No night drives allowed in the National Park but we can do night drives on the Iganyana concession.

There is 220V AC electricity provided by solar and generator at Iganyana Wild but not on the mobile section. Charging of gadgets and cameras will be through a 12V DC vehicle inverter or accessory plug. Guests need to confirm with us about what charging plugs they need to bring.

Iganyana Wild has both 16Amp round pin South African plug sockets, and multi-socket adaptors for UK, European and USA plugs. There are also standard USB ports in the main living area of Iganyana Wild. There will be a small swimming pool for those lovely hot summer mid-days

There are no fences or barriers at any of the camps as these are wildlife zones so any wildlife can be moving through. A safety briefing will be done by the Professional Guide at the camps.

Water is borehole water that is filtered and very clean and safe to drink.

There is limited WiFi at Iganyana and none at all in the National Park, nor any mobile-phone service in the Park.

It is very wise to bring a couple of good interesting paper novels to read or a Kindle for those moments of peace and quiet time or if there is rain or one just wants to take some time out in the camp.

A small torch such as a Petzel/LedLenser style head torch is an absolute must for the bush camping and indeed any accommodation in Zimbabwe. Electricity is not a given!

Laundry can be done at both Iganyana and the private bush camps so no need for very extensive wardrobes.

Dietary requirements – VERY important for Ride Zimbabwe to be notified very well in advance i.e. at least a couple of months - about any dietary requirements of food allergies.

Vegetarians, vegans, gluten/lactose intolerant, celiac disease, etc. can be catered for *IF all information about the diets and needs are received in time.*

Please note that not all highly specific foods for these very specific diets are available in Zimbabwe.

It is easy to prepare meals without certain foods i.e. red meat, chicken, tomatoes, onions, peanuts, shellfish, etc., but not always easy to supplement with highly specific items found in many specialist food stores in Developed countries.

Also, note that the safaris are done in remote bush locations and access to health and medical facilities can be some hours away. All medicines required by guests MUST be brought that will cover the entire stay.

This is also why health insurance and emergency medical evacuation insurance cover is a pre-travel requirement.

Being bush camps it is likely to encounter animals such as elephants, buffalo, lion, hyena, baboon, snakes, spiders, scorpions, mosquitoes, flies, and many other types of insects in these natural bush locations. No guest should be surprised that these creatures exist as part of the daily experience of being in the Zimbabwean wilds.

