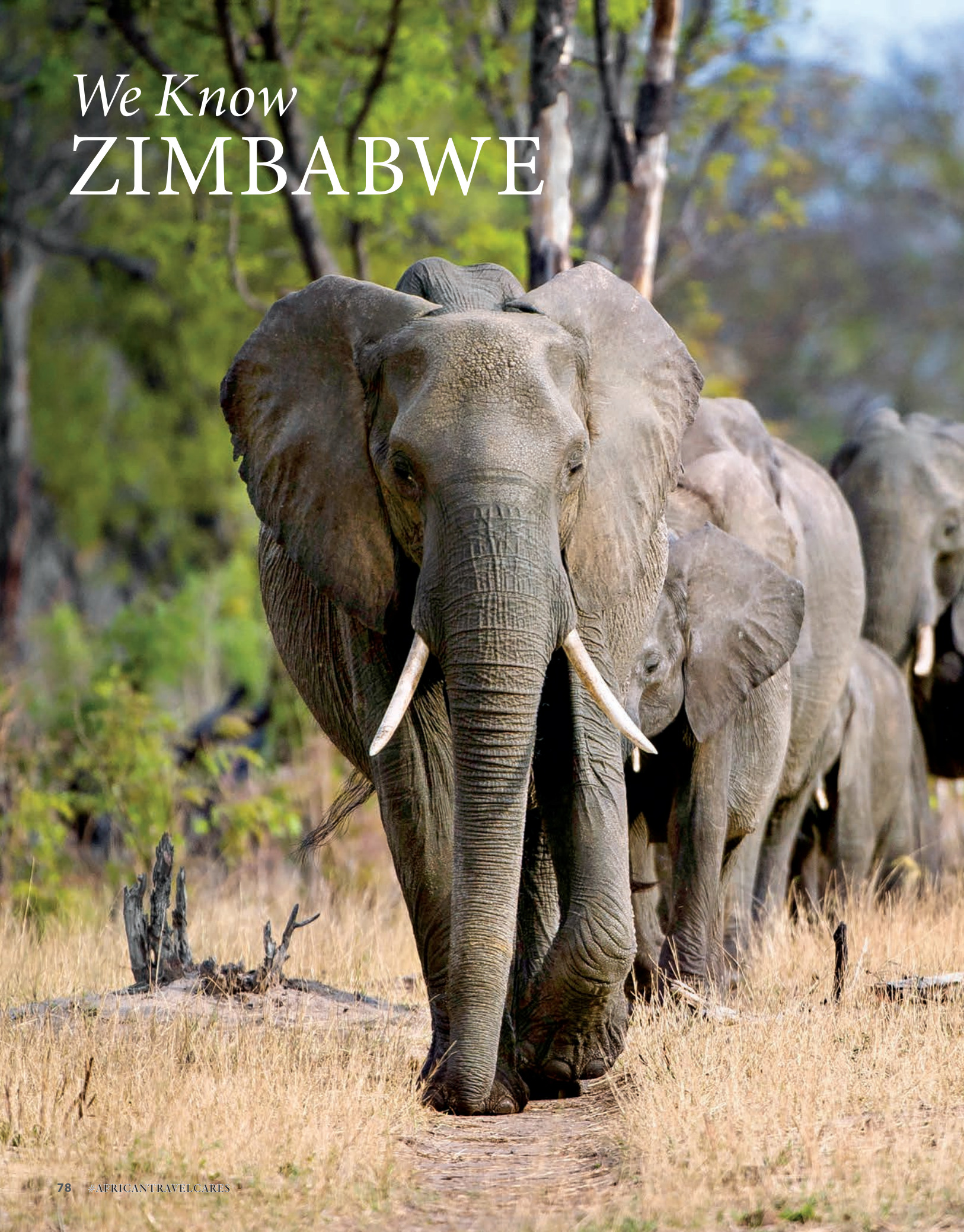


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**ZIMBABWE**







### **Zimbabwe has re-emerged as a top contender**

with much to offer the safari enthusiast. It is home to the must-see Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and considered the adventure capital of the region. It is known for its friendly people, game-rich national parks with lots of opportunity for up close wildlife encounters, breathtaking sunrises over scenic landscapes and star-studded night skies. Authentic bush camps blend Zimbabwean charm with knowledgeable guiding for an excellent overall experience.

Stand in awe of **Victoria Falls**, known by the locals as *Mosi-oa-Tunya* or “the smoke that thunders.” It is recorded as the world’s largest curtain of falling water and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Whitewater rafting, canoeing, helicopter flights, shopping, community visits and river cruises are just a sampling of the activities on offer here.

**Hwange**, Zimbabwe’s largest national park, is home to southern Africa’s great elephant, buffalo and sable herds. Explore the varied landscapes on 4x4 safari drives and walking safaris. Spend a lazy afternoon watching the animal antics from a secret hide or an

adventurous night under the stars on an elevated platform.

**Mana Pools National Park**, a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site, is synonymous with the Zambezi River, elephants, lions and remote wilderness. This is a photographer’s paradise. Explore this beautiful park with your expert rangers on walks, by boat, canoe and on 4x4 game drives.

**Matusadona National Park** is a place of remarkable beauty. Situated on the southern shores of Lake Kariba, the park provides a unique combination of pristine and rugged wilderness with the water frontage of Lake Kariba.

For those looking for the road less traveled, a visit to the wild country of **Gonarezhou National Park**, meaning “place of many elephants,” and the adjacent **Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve** is a recommended addition. This remote and scenic region in southeastern Zimbabwe is a little-known gem for those interested in conservation and community outreach. Zimbabwe’s third UNESCO World Heritage Site is **Matobo National Park**. These hills are of great spiritual and cultural significance to the local people.





# *Beyond the* RAINBOW

Victoria Falls





Ruckomechi Camp elephant

## Meaningful Memories

### AFRICAN TRAVEL'S ADDED BENEFITS

- Lunch above the Batoka Gorge
- Walking safari in Hwange
- Canoe the Zambezi River



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Beyond the magical rainbows of thundering Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe will enthrall you with its warm hospitality and excellent game viewing in pristine Hwange and Mana Pools national parks.

#### Day 1 Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa

With a warm welcome upon your arrival, you'll be assisted with your transfer to your well-appointed hotel.

The Michelangelo Hotel

#### Day 2 Johannesburg/ Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls and melt into the rhythm of Africa as you sip refreshing sundowners aboard a boat cruise on the Zambezi River. Look out for elephants as they

make their way to the riverbank for their last drink before settling down for the night. (BD)

Victoria Falls Safari Club

#### Day 3 Victoria Falls

Marvel at "the smoke that thunders" as you feel the mist of the millions of gallons of water crashing through the channels of Victoria Falls. (BD)

Victoria Falls Safari Club

#### Day 4 Victoria Falls/ Hwange National Park

Fly from the rainbows of Victoria Falls to the "land of the giants," Hwange National Park. Known for its herds of elephants roaming the open grasslands and more than 100 animal species, Hwange is Zimbabwe's largest game reserve. (BLD)

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#### Day 5 Hwange National Park

Kick off your day with a game drive to one of the many bustling pans and photograph families of elephants, zebras

and grazing buffalo. Just before the sun sets, head out with your ranger to observe the nocturnal animals — the lesser bush baby, spotted hyena and the lioness on the hunt. (BLD)

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#### Day 6 Hwange National Park

Spend the morning in a log-pile hide and watch the parade of animals as they come down to quench their thirst at the waterhole. Sleep under the stars on a star bed for the ultimate wilderness experience. (BLD)

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#### Day 7 Hwange National Park/ Mana Pools National Park

Follow the elephants and fly to the remote heart of the Zambezi River Valley and Mana Pools National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. (BLD)

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#### Day 8 Mana Pools National Park

Meet your captain and take to the river for a wildlife cruise down the

Zambezi River. Looking for more adventure? Paddle your own canoe, and your lead ranger will be sure to steer you clear of any hippos along the way. This evening, gather around the campfire with your hosts, and be regaled with Zimbabwe's treasured tales. (BLD)

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#### Day 9 Mana Pools National Park

Savor another full day of game viewing. Perhaps take a guided walk with your knowledgeable ranger. Sit quietly in a hide and observe the ever-changing wildlife interactions. If you're lucky, you may spot a western banded snake-eagle. Tonight, raise a glass to your adventures. (BLD)

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#### Day 10 Mana Pools National Park/Depart

Soak up the peace and calm of your last morning on safari. Transfer to your flight to Harare and your onward travel arrangements. (B)



# WILD KINGDOMS *of Southern Africa*



Cheetah at Hwange National Park





Victoria Falls River Lodge

## Meaningful Memories

### AFRICAN TRAVEL'S ADDED BENEFITS

- VIP meet-and-greet in Johannesburg
- Walking safari in Hwange National Park
- Boat cruise on the Chobe River



Linkwasha

This wildlife odyssey showcases some of the best destinations in Southern Africa. Witness the parade of wildlife in Hwange, the out-of-this-world spectacle of Victoria Falls and round out your adventure with the legendary Chobe National Park.

#### Day 1 Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa

Welcome to the "City of Gold." You'll be greeted at the airport and assisted with your transfer to your well-appointed hotel.

Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa

#### Day 2 Johannesburg/ Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

Arrive in the "land of the giants," Hwange National Park, known

for its herds of elephants. Settle in to your tented camp with breathtaking views of the savanna plains. You won't have to look far to spot the wildlife. (BD)

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#### Day 3 Hwange National Park

Rise early to join your ranger for a game drive. Catch the soft morning light for wonderful photographs of the grazing buffalo, and the more uncommon gemsbok and roan antelope. Join a night game drive spotlighting the nocturnal animals in action. (BLD)

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#### Day 4 Hwange National Park

Begin the day with a walking safari to explore the bush, a haven for large herds of buffalo, zebras and elephants. After lunch, join a game drive or tuck into a viewing hide to look out for kudu, sable antelope, wildebeest and bird life. (BLD)

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#### Day 5 Hwange National Park/Victoria Falls

After breakfast, gather your gear for a short flight to the spectacular Victoria Falls. Later this afternoon, board your boat for a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River. Sit back, relax and enjoy. (BLD)

Victoria Falls River Lodge

#### Day 6 Victoria Falls

Look out for rainbows as you walk the misty rainforest trail of the falls. Marvel at the spray and thunderous noise of the water tumbling over Main Falls, Horseshoe Falls and Rainbow Falls. (BLD)

Victoria Falls River Lodge

#### Day 7 Victoria Falls/ Chobe National Park, Botswana

Bid farewell to the astonishing waterfalls as you travel to your lodge on the edge of Chobe National Park in northern Botswana. Settle into your safari accommodations and enjoy an afternoon activity in the park. (BLD)

Ngoma Safari Lodge

#### Day 8 Chobe National Park

Hop aboard your comfortable 4x4 safari vehicle with your professional ranger to seek out the animals. Listen for the low growls of the lioness and her cubs. Take in the vistas of vast herds of Cape buffalo. (BLD)

Ngoma Safari Lodge

#### Day 9 Chobe National Park

Take to the Chobe River for a boat cruise and gain another perspective on the area's impressive wildlife. Chobe has the largest concentration of elephant in Botswana. Float quietly past numerous pods of hippo feeding along the banks, and spy some truly massive crocodiles soaking up the sun. (BLD)

Ngoma Safari Lodge

#### Day 10 Chobe National Park/ Depart

Enjoy your last morning in the bush. You'll soon be on your way to the airport for a flight to Johannesburg and your onward destination. (B)