

PROJECT OUTLINE



HWANGE HORSEBACK SAFARIS

VOLUNTEERING

"IN THE END, WE ONLY REGRET THE CHANCES WE DIDNT TAKE"



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LOCATION...

Join us for an unforgettable working holiday nestled in the heart of Zimbabwe and surrounded by the vast African bush. This incredible location allows for riding opportunities through one of Africa's most renowned wildlife areas.

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's largest natural reserve spanning around 14, 600 sq km and is home to one of the largest populations of African Elephant in the world, you couldn't find a more picturesque location to spend your time getting acquainted with Africa and the bush.

Hwange gives you the perfect opportunity to dive into the beauty of Zimbabwe. There is no greater way to soak up your surroundings than from the back of one of our amazing horses!



A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED...



ON HORSEBACK:

- Trail and wildlife rides
- Animal tracking
- Exercise rides
- Riding lessons & schooling sessions
- Anti-Poaching Patrols
- Polocrosse
- Show Jumping
- Horse Swims
- Sunset Rides
- Snare Sweeps
- Litter clean up rides
- Boundary patrols
- Assisting with guest rides
- Village visits

& SO MUCH MORE!

FROM THE GROUND:

- Animal tracking on foot
- Bush craft
- Community projects
- Game Drives in a vehicle
- Sunrise drives
- Assistance with the Painted Dog Centre
- Lion research opportunities
- Anti poaching assistance
- Sundowner trips
- Vehicle patrols
- Horse care
- Daily yard duties eg. feeding the horses
- Lunging

& SO MUCH MORE!

WHAT TO EXPECT WHILST VOLUNTEERING...

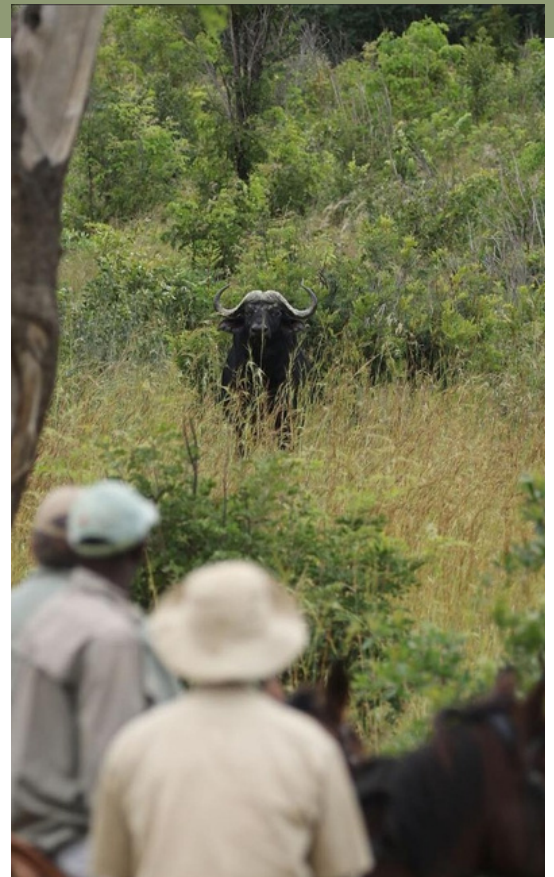
Our volunteer project has been carefully crafted so that your time with us will be beneficial to you and make a direct impact on the area at large through the conservation work you will be doing from horseback and from the ground. Expect breathtaking landscapes, warm hospitality and the chance to see The Big 5.

Whether you have experience with horses, would like to learn how to ride or live and work in Africa, there is a place for you! We accommodate all riding abilities.

Experience our friendly culture. Get involved with the communities and conservation projects. Be a part of our exciting recycling project which turns lodge waste into beautiful pieces of art or building materials.

Our days are spent on horseback, helping with snare sweeps checking on boundaries and making sure Hwanges wild animals remain wild with the freedom to roam in and out of the wildlife reserves. You will assist anti-poaching units by teaching the rangers to ride and helping with the logistics of their patrols. We will spend time with the locals. Part of the education will be about conservation and how to look after their livestock appropriately e.g. proper use of harnesses . We are involved in many community projects in the area which will keep you occupied both on and off the horses. Cooling off in the afternoons with a horse swim in a nearby waterhole, or learning a new bush skill, there is so much to explore and learn whilst you are with us.

Work with our staff employed from the local communities and get fully immersed in the day to day running of the stable yard. Help with the care of the horses and assist with the daily yard duties and activities. Expand your skills and leadership responsibilities by joining our professional guides on guest rides and assisting with back up, tracking wild animals through the bush and learning about the animal kingdom at large.



Gain a deeper understanding of the Zimbabwean culture and our contagious passion for Africa.

If any or all of this catches your attention, then this is the programme for you!

ACCOMMODATION...

You will be accommodated in the rustic surrounds of Miombo Safari Lodge. Miombo and Hwange Horseback Safaris are neighbors and is therefore the perfect location for your stay!

The main area has a swimming pool and bar facility where you will be able to go and have a relaxing drink and swim whilst overlooking the watering hole at the end of the day.



VOLUNTEER BUSH VILLA...

You will be staying in the volunteer bush villa which has been specially designed so that you have your own volunteer house. All volunteers will be placed here and the rooms will be shared.

We will match your age, gender and personality accordingly. There is a single supplement option should you wish not to share.

The Bush Villa is equipped with a bathroom, kitchen, lounge and dining area as well as an outside bar and fire pit area where all volunteers will be able to relax. This will be your "home" away from home, it is safely fenced and secure allowing for you to completely unwind whilst living in the bush.

MEALS...

Your breakfasts and lunches will be on a self catering basis. With all necessary groceries provided such as meat, dairy products, vegetables, fruit and other dry goods for you to choose your meal preference from. Every evening there will be a home cooked dinner prepared for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home with your new friends. Special ingredients and treats can be purchased once a week on our town trip.

Every Friday night we will host a Braai (Barbeque) night where you will have the option to try local cuisine, on Saturday mornings a full English breakfast will be prepared for you and on a Sunday there will be a cooked Sunday lunch.

The water is fresh and safe to drink. We will provide coffee, tea and juice however, any other soft or alcoholic beverages can be purchased on our town trips.



(Pictured above: Upgradable room)

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT IN A TYPICAL WEEK ON PROJECT...

<p><u>MONDAY:</u></p> <p>7:30am: In stables, feed the horses and help turn them out</p> <p>8:30am: Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am: 2hr trail ride/ game view, wash numnahs</p> <p>12:00pm: Lunch</p> <p>1:00pm: Afternoon snare sweep and boundary patrol</p> <p>5:00pm: Put horses away, help feed and prepare horses for the evening</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY:</u></p> <p>7:30am: In stables, feed the horses and help turn them out</p> <p>8:30am: Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am: Teach anti-poaching rangers to ride, clean feed mangers & groom horses</p> <p>12:00pm: Lunch</p> <p>1:00pm: Schooling session followed by a Polocrosse lesson</p> <p>5:00pm: Put horses away, help feed and put horses away</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY:</u></p> <p>6:00am: Sunrise game drive</p> <p>8:30am: Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am: In stables, assist with guest ride and lunge young horses</p> <p>12:00pm: Lunch</p> <p>1:00pm: Horse swim in nearby waterhole + trail ride</p> <p>5:00pm: Put horses away, help feed and prepare horses for the evening</p>
<p><u>THURSDAY:</u></p> <p>7:30am: In stables, feed the horses and help turn them out</p> <p>8:30am: Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am: Exercise ride, combined with a litter clean up ride</p> <p>12:00pm: Lunch</p> <p>1:00pm: Show Jumping practice</p> <p>5:00pm: Sunset ride + sundowner drinks</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY:</u></p> <p>7:30am: In stables, feed the horses and help turn them out</p> <p>8:30am: Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am: Village visit day, ride out to the village and educate locals on animal care and human-wildlife conflict resolution.</p> <p>12:00pm: Lunch will be had in the village with the locals</p> <p>1:00pm: ride back to stables from the village tour.</p> <p>5:00pm: Back in stables, followed by Braai night (Barbeque)</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY:</u></p> <p>**Day off**</p> <p>10:00am: Full English breakfast</p> <p>11:00am: Town trip (optional) Excursion (optional) day in stables (optional)</p> <p><u>REST OF DAY OFF (OPTIONAL)</u></p>
<p><u>SUNDAY:</u></p> <p>7:30am: Bush craft class and on foot animal walk/ tracking</p> <p>8:30am: Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am: Painted dog center assistance day, followed by a ride in the forestry area (optional- morning off)</p> <p>12:00pm: Sunday cooked lunch</p> <p>1:00pm: Full Afternoon game viewing and sunset ride (Optional afternoon off)</p> <p>6:00pm: Back in stables</p>	<p>*PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A SAMPLE ITINERARY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAILY/ WEEKLY DUE TO THE NATURE OF THIS PRODUCT. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT TO EXPECT ON PROJECT. NO TWO WEEKS ARE EVER THE SAME*</p> <p>There are many different activities and options to incorporate into your programme. We will do our best to provide the most rounded experience for you during your time with us.</p> <p>Days off and excursions will also need to be taken into consideration, generally speaking you have a full free day a week as seen above, should you wish to partake in any other excursions this will be discussed and factored in once you are here.</p>	

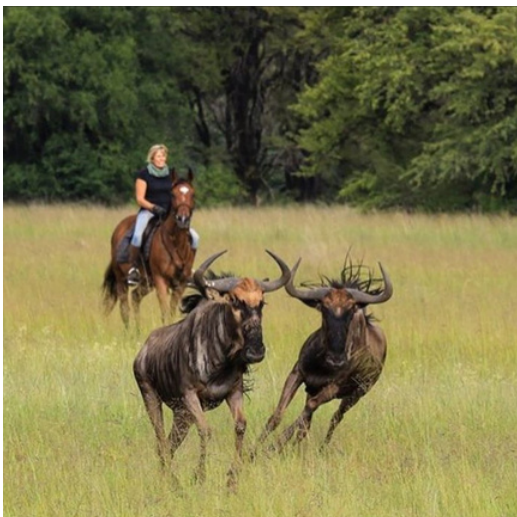
WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Accommodation
- Victoria Falls airport transfers
- Groceries and meals
- All horse related activities
- A professional guide on walking and ridden safaris
- Excursions to help with lion research, painted dog conservation, communities and other Hwange based activities.
- Weekly shopping trip to a local town
- Use of laundry room
- Weekly housekeeping
- 24 hours on site assistance



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Personal travel insurance
- Flights
- Visas
- Spending money
- Alcoholic beverages
- Wi-Fi (however it is available to purchase on site)
- Additional excursions e.g. to Show Jumping/Polocrosse competitions or day trips to other attractions like Victoria Falls



OTHER EXCITING ADDITIONS...

Trips to Victoria falls:

Victoria Falls is home to one of the seven natural wonders of the world - known for being the largest waterfall on earth. Spend a few days exploring this iconic destination where there are so many activities to take part in such as white water rafting, bungee jumping, river cruises and fantastic dining experiences in world famous hotels and restaurants. This is a trip you do not want to miss out on!



Trips to Matopos National Park:

Zimbabwe has a very diverse landscape which is well worth exploring, rich in both history and culture. Matopos is one of the most exquisite parks to visit in Zimbabwe. Known for its unbelievable granite boulders, bushman cave paintings and rhino walks, this is truly an experience that will stick with you for the rest of your life. Spend a few days camping and exploring this ancient and undeveloped landscape just as the bushmen have before.



Show jumping competitions or polocrosse tournaments:

If you find your placement falling over a time period where there is a show jumping competition or polocrosse tournament, you will have the opportunity to spend a few days in Bulawayo competing. This is a whole lot of fun and a very exciting weekend of competing with your favorite horse, an experience that you will look back on for years to come.



All of the above trips can be planned once you arrive, these will be an extra expense and are not included in the project fee. Should you wish to book any other activities we can assist.

...YOUR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE BEGINS HERE...