

Great Elephant Migration

JOURNEY FROM BOTSWANA TO ZIMBABWE



TRIP DATES

2024

July 31-August 11, 2024

August 14-25, 2024

August 28-September 8, 2024

September 26-October 7, 2024



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Imagine exploring the utterly remote game lands linking Botswana's renowned Chobe National Park with the famed elephant stronghold of Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe—some 200,000 elephants roam this wild trans-frontier corridor. We'll head across rich savannas unknown to most travelers, encountering massive herds of elephants and plenty of other wildlife including lion, rare sable antelope, African painted dog, wildebeest, buffalo, giraffe, and more. Our unique and wonderfully located lodges bring all the comforts, and in Hwange, we'll visit the new sanctuary for white rhinos, a community-owned conservation success.



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Itinerary

DAY 1

KASANE, BOTSWANA / CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Arrive in Kasane, where we drive a few minutes to the Chobe River and hop into a boat for the 15-minute ride across the river to our luxury accommodations, Chobe Water Villas, set in the Kasika Conservancy of Namibia, across the river from Chobe National Park. After settling in and freshening up, we'll take a late afternoon sundowner cruise along the river, enjoying the golden sheen of light on the river while watching for elephants splashing in the pools or other wildlife along the riverbank. We'll end with a toast to the stunning sunset as we head back to our villas for an elegant, candlelit Welcome Dinner...BLD

DAY 2

CHOBE WATER VILLAS / CHOBE DISTRICT

After breakfast at the lodge, we head out for a morning game drive in Chobe National Park. This is the world's busiest elephant corridor, but we'll also be on the lookout for leopard, lion, spotted hyena, jackal, giraffe, large buffalo herds, and roan and sable antelope. In the afternoon, we'll enjoy a decadent "High Tea" at the lodge before setting out for a sunset cruise and sundowners. Overnight at Chobe Water Villas...BLD

DAY 3

VICTORIA FALLS / NEHIMBA LODGE / NORTHERN HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

We transfer by boat back across the Chobe River to Kasane, then drive across the border to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. After lunch, we transfer to the airport and fly to the Giraffe Springs airstrip, then take a game drive to Nehimba Lodge, set in a private 107-square-mile concession in the northern area of Hwange National Park. Spanning some 5,600 square miles, Hwange is both the first (founded in 1928) and largest park in the nation. It is home to some of the highest concentrations of elephant on the planet (around 44,000) along with lion, leopard, and buffalo, and it's world famous as a birding destination. We'll have this lion-rich territory to ourselves as we explore its mopane woodland and sand river environment. Nehimba's raised, thatched chalets arc around a waterhole frequented by elephants and other wildlife, including buffalo and wild dog. Later, we head out for a 4WD game drive, followed by the safari tradition of "sundowner" drinks in a beautiful location at sunset. Dinner is served on the deck of the lodge, with elephants gathering just a few yards away from us. It is the most unique dining setting imaginable. After dinner, you can join an optional night game drive to spot the animals that are just starting their "day." Overnight at Nehimba Lodge...BLD
Drive Time: Approximately 2 hours

DAY 4

NEHIMBA SEEP / NEHIMBA LODGE

Today we head out for game drives and game walks to explore more of the northern reaches of Hwange. At the Nehimba Seep, an ancient source of water once used by San Bushmen, we'll stop for a tea break and wildlife viewing.



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length:	12 days
Arrive:	Kasane, Botswana
Depart:	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Lodging:	11 nights lodges and safari camps
Meals:	All meals included (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity:	Safaris, Wildlife and Natural History
Trip Level:	1 2 3 4 5 6 Game viewing by 4WD vehicle, bush walks, optional mountain biking

HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness huge herds of migrating elephants at waterholes
- Extraordinary wildlife, including lion, leopard, African painted dog, giraffe, roan, and kudu
- Track game on foot and enjoy optional mountain biking as part of the adventure
- Gorgeous safari camps in Hwange and Chobe, each with its own unique atmosphere. Learn about the local community's conservation successes
- Visit astounding Victoria Falls

Itinerary (cont'd)

Elephants still come here to dig for water and nourishing minerals in the soil. We'll head back to the lodge for lunch and a siesta or a swim in the pool (with elephants often sipping from the waterhole just yards away). Our late afternoon game drive ends with cool refreshments at sunset overlooking a famed waterhole. Dinner is back at the lodge, with an evening to relax around the campfire and discuss the day's events. Overnight at Nehimba Lodge...BLD

DAY 5

ELEPHANT EXPRESS / CAMELTHORN LODGE / SOUTHERN HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we enjoy a morning game drive as we head to the railway depot at Dete to catch the Elephant Express, a vintage open-air railway car that glides along the historic track built in 1904 by Cecil Rhodes. We'll savor lunch on board and enjoy an exciting afternoon game viewing in comfort as we travel into the southern reaches of Hwange National Park, which is distinctly different from the northern area of the park in its topography, habitats, and species of wildlife. At Ngamo, we disembark and board 4WD vehicles for a sundowner game drive to our stylish lodge, Camelthorn. Set in a small patch of pristine woodlands on the edge of the Ngamo Plains, Camelthorn is also a community-based lodge, helping support local schools and water projects. We'll settle into our forest villas and enjoy a delicious dinner beneath the namesake camelthorn tree. Overnight at Camelthorn Lodge...BLD



DAY 6

RHINO SANCTUARY / COBRAS COMMUNITY WILDLIFE PROTECTION UNIT / WALKING SAFARI

After enjoying early morning tea and coffee on the deck of your tent, we'll visit the Rhino Sanctuary. Our partners in Zimbabwe, Imvelo Safari Lodges, are proud and excited to be spearheading the return of white rhino in Hwange under the auspices of the Community Rhino Conservation Initiative (CRCI). The CRCI concept is to establish a highly protected rhino sanctuary on community land bordering the park. We'll tour the sanctuary headquarters, meet some of the Community Wildlife Protection Scouts on duty today, and spend time with the rhino and the rangers who guard them 24/7 (great photo opportunities!). We'll also join the Cobras Community Wildlife Protection Unit for a display of their prowess—a challenging physical fitness routine and a demonstration of their shooting skills. We'll hear a short talk describing the origins and ideas behind the formation of the Cobras unit, and their important role in the new rhino conservation project that was launched in June 2022 at the Imvelo Wildlife Sanctuary. Return to Camelthorn Lodge for dinner and overnight...BLD



DAY 7

GAME VIEWING ON THE MFAGAZAAN PAN

After waking up to the sounds of the African bush and enjoying an early breakfast, we set out for a full day of game viewing. Elephant, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, and impala are often seen in these parts. We'll set up for a picnic lunch, complete with chairs and tables, at the Mfagazaan Pan (seasonal lake bed) to watch the animals, and a leisurely drive brings us back to the lodge, spotting wildlife along the way. After dinner at the lodge, we enjoy a nightcap by the campfire, sharing stories and photos of the day's adventures. Overnight at Camelthorn Lodge...BLD

DAY 8

JOZIBANINI CAMP / SOUTHERN HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

We bid Camelthorn farewell and take a game drive to Jozibanini Camp in the remote southern part of Hwange, with a "pump run" and picnic lunch en route. Hwange has no major rivers and for the past 70 years during the dry seasons, wildlife has subsisted here on water originally pumped by windmills, but which were later replaced by diesel engines. In the southern sector of the park, Imvelo Safari Lodges shoulders the responsibility for 15 pumped waterholes. This means looking after approximately 20-25% of the waterholes that sustain Hwange's wildlife—a huge commitment! The engines require diesel, oil, and monthly services and the pump attendants who operate them require rations and pay. On our pump run today, we'll visit the waterholes to drop off fuel and oil for the motors as well as rations and supplies for the pump attendants. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch near one of the waterholes followed by a leisurely game drive to our lodge in the afternoon. We arrive at Jozi in time



for hot showers and a wonderful meal under the stars. Jozi is a small, exclusive camp in a truly wild place—the most remote in all Zimbabwe and perhaps in all of southern Africa. Our spacious tents are simple and rustic, built on raised wooden decks tucked under camelthorn trees. The tents have en suite flush toilets and bucket showers. Dining is informal, out under the stars. The ecosystem here is semi-desert akin to the Kalahari in neighboring Botswana. The ancient, windblown fossil sand dunes are separated by shallow valleys where elephant paths have compacted the terrain. Tonight at Jozi, the most remote camp in Zimbabwe, we'll fall asleep to the sounds of nature—and a lot of elephants—surrounding us. Overnight at Jozibanini Camp...BLD
Drive Time: Approximately 6 hours with stops

DAY 9

JOZIBANINI CAMP

We'll enjoy an early morning guided game walk through the area around camp, tracking for the different species found in this part of the park, including the fascinating African painted dog. Near camp, we enjoy a fabulous brunch out at the Jozi pan, enjoying the solitude of being in a completely untouched and isolated spot within the pristine African bush. In the early evening, we're in for a unique experience as we descend into a specially constructed underground viewing blind, set below ground level, where we can look out and view elephants at "toenail" level—the photographic opportunities are spectacular! The underground blind is very comfortable with seating and even a bathroom. Once the sun has set, a quick drive brings us back to camp for a fine dinner under the glorious night sky. Overnight at Jozibanini Camp...BLD

DAY 10

JOZIBANINI CAMP

An optional guided mountain bike ride brings us along elephant paths and through the inter-dune area around Jozibanini. This is an extraordinary way to experience the landscape and the wildlife. We'll have a lovely picnic lunch under a shade tree, time for a siesta, and ride back to camp in the afternoon. After sundowners at the camp's waterhole, we enjoy dinner, then fall asleep to the sounds of the Hwange bushlands all around us. Overnight at Jozibanini Camp...BLD

DAY 11

VICTORIA FALLS

A chartered bush flight brings us to Victoria Falls for an exploration of the Falls, a World Heritage Site. Known as Mosi-oa-Tunya, or "the smoke that thunders," the cascade of Victoria Falls extends more than a mile across the Zambezi River (that's more than twice the size of Niagara Falls!). We'll take in the spectacular vistas and walk through the rainforest, enjoying a guided tour and incredible scenes of the cascades of water—a once in a lifetime experience! We'll enjoy lunch at the stately Victoria Falls Hotel, a "grand dame" with a true British colonial ambiance, then head to our accommodation, the family-operated Ilala Lodge, just minutes from the Falls. Guest rooms have nice beds



and all rooms have access to the central garden area. The late afternoon is free to settle into your room, have a swim, or unwind on your patio. Keep an eye out for local wildlife—warthogs and impala are known to graze on the hotel's lawn. In the evening we'll enjoy a festive Farewell Dinner. Overnight at Ilala Lodge...D

DAY 12

DEPART

Transfer to the Victoria Falls airport and depart on homeward-bound flights...B



Trip Cost, Payment & Insurance

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2024

\$9295 (7-10 members)

\$9895 (4-6 members)

Single supplement: \$1365

Internal airfare: \$720 (subject to change)

*Please Note: Due to limited accommodations at Jozibanini Camp, single travelers will share for three nights on this itinerary. These nights are not included in the published single supplement rate

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations, based on double occupancy
- All meals included as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Water, soft drinks, juice, local beer, wine, and spirits
- Safari camp staff
- Land transportation, baggage handling, airport transfers as noted
- Park fees

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare to Botswana and from Zimbabwe, flights within Africa, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to leader or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, cost of medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, and other expenses of a personal nature (premium alcoholic beverages, etc.), optional side trips and excursions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge!

61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost

46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost

45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Kasane, Botswana

Suggested Airport: Kasane International Airport (BBK)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 2:00 pm

Meeting Place: Upon arrival in Kasane, you will be met by Your Trip Leader or a Wilderness Travel representative for transfer to Chobe Water Villas.

DEPARTURE

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Suggested Airport: Victoria Falls Airport (VFA)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 12, anytime

At the end of the trip (Day 12) we will transfer you to the Victoria Falls Airport for your departing flight.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to Botswana and from Zimbabwe. There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

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CAPE TOWN EXTENSION

The town where modern South Africa was born has a glorious location on the mountainous Cape Peninsula along the blue waters of Table Bay. There is much to see, from Table Mountain to the famous botanical gardens at Kirstenbosch, where 10,000 species are cultivated on 1,000 acres. Close by is Stellenbosch and Franschhoek wine country and the Cape Point Nature Reserve, where the African continent ends.

The itinerary can be customized as needed, please call for details.

4 days. From \$1795



OKAVANGO DELTA SAFARI EXTENSION

The 800-mile-long Okavango—the river that never finds the sea—is rightfully considered one of the most incredible wilderness sanctuaries in Africa. Its inland delta system is the largest in the world, 8,000 square miles filled with water channels, lagoons, swamps, and islands. Apart from the outstanding beauty of the wetland habitat, this unique area supports and sustains a huge diversity of fauna and flora so that game viewing is excellent throughout the year, with elephants congregating along the lagoons and waterways and impala, wildebeest, red lechwe, zebra, giraffe, sable, and buffalo found on the game-rich floodplains, along with their predators—lion, leopard, cheetah, and hyena.

4 days. From \$4595



Lodging



CHOBE WATER VILLAS

Kasika Conservancy, Namibia, Days 1 to 2 (2 nights)

Set along the edge of the great Chobe River in the Zambezi Region of Namibia, each luxury villa has spectacular views of the wetlands and bushland of Chobe National Park right across the water. As you sit on the deck of your private terrace, watch for huge elephant and buffalo herds grazing on the floodplains, then, in the evening, hear the distant sounds of hippos and the serenade of water waves right under your villa. Rooms are simple and comfortable but elegantly stylish. An infinity pool overlooking the river is great for cooling off.



NEHIMBA LODGE

Hwange, Zimbabwe, Days 3 to 4 (2 nights)

Raised thatched tent chalets arcing around a watering hole make Nehimba Lodge a spectacular place to witness elephants and other animals drink and play in northern Hwange National Park. Whether you come during the green or dry season, Nehimba's location within the park offers fantastic opportunities to view a wide variety of birdlife like giant eagle owl, Burchell's sandgrouse, and red-billed francolin, and possibly see the famous elephant hunting lions that prowl this part of the park. Private, enclosed outdoor showers are attached to each chalet, and all have beautiful open-beam thatched ceilings and verandas overlooking the watering hole. For a refreshing dip, relax at the lodge's pool, and with luck, have an up-close encounter with elephants—they're known to come right up to the pool's edge!



CAMELTHORN LODGE

Hwange, Zimbabwe, Days 5 to 7 (3 nights)

Tucked in the forested fringes of southern Hwange National Park, Camelthorn Lodge is the perfect place to experience life in the bush without sacrificing comfort. The main lodge has a community dining area and buffet station for breakfast, yet you can also enjoy your meals beneath the lodge's namesake camelthorn tree. Eight villas are designed to stay cool in the warmer months and cozy during the colder months with tall ceilings, large stone and tiled bathrooms, and each has a private viewing deck with a hammock so you can unwind beneath a canopy of acacia trees, watching an abundance of birdlife—and small woodland creatures—right from your room.



JOZIBANINI CAMP

Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe, Days 8 to 10 (3 nights)

Jozibanini Camp is a small, exclusive camp situated within Hwange National Park. Spacious tents are simple and rustic, built on raised wooden decks tucked under camelthorn trees. The tents have en suite bathrooms with flush toilets and bucket showers (with hot water!). Dining is informal, situated near a campfire and beneath a canopy of stars. Because of its remote location, you're likely to see wildlife explore all around the camp throughout day. Please note: single travelers will share accommodations at Jozibanini Camp.



ILALA LODGE

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, Day 11 (1 night)

The family-operated Ilala Lodge is a relaxing hotel with an ideal location just minutes from spectacular Victoria Falls. Perfectly manicured gardens and thatched roofs set the scene as you are welcomed into the open-air lobby. Guest rooms have nice beds and all rooms have access to the central garden area. There is a pool if you wish to take a refreshing dip, or you can unwind on your patio. The award-winning Palm Restaurant is also located at the hotel, which offers views of the falls. Keep an eye out for local wildlife—warthogs and impala are known to graze on the hotel's lawn.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Great Elephant Migration* webpage and click on the “Lodging” tab.

Trip Leaders

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STANLEY DUBE

Stanley grew up on the edge of Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe, where his natural affinity for wildlife began at an early age. In 1996, he obtained his Zimbabwe Guides License and by 1999, his Botswana Guides License. He guided in Botswana for more than 20 years and recently returned to guide in his home country. He has a contagious passion for wildlife viewing, eagle-like vision (spotting wildlife well passed sunset), and speaks seven languages, including English, Ndebele, and Tswana. One of his favorite animals to see on safari are the elusive wild dogs. When not leading trips, Stanley enjoys time with his family on his farm in Zimbabwe.



VUSA NCUBE

Vusa Ncube was born in 1989 in Ngamo village, just outside of Hwange National Park. As a boy looking after his family's cattle, he dealt firsthand with the delicate balance between humans and wildlife. The same animals that were once a dangerous threat to his livestock and family are now the source of his livelihood, and he is passionate about sharing his insights with visitors from around the world. Vusa attended Regina Mundi Secondary in Gwayi, and earned his degree in Travel and Tourism at Speciss College in Bulawayo. He successfully completed the guide training program through the National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority in Zimbabwe, and is a fully license Zimbabwe Professional Guide. He has become a dedicated, hardworking guide and a positive role model to the youth in his community.



PETE NDLOVU

Pete Ndlovu is a Hwange specialist, born and raised near Hwange National Park in an area where subsistence farming often comes into conflict with wildlife. A fascination with nature around him became the driving force of his life, and he achieved his first professional Zimbabwe guide's license in 2016. Pete has a fantastic knowledge of the terrain, typography, and wildlife, and in addition to big game, he's passionate about birds and the medicinal uses of herbs in the Hwange region. He has a favorite animal: the elephant. "I love watching them in the water, seeing the youngsters learning how to use their trunks. They are always amazing. Plus, the elephant is my family totem, the Ndlovu!"



MARK BUTCHER

Mark “Butch” Butcher’s passion for wildlife conservation began early, when he joined Zimbabwe’s former Department of National Parks. After graduating from South Africa’s Rhodes University with a degree in Zoology and Botany, Butch joined the Forestry Commission as Provincial Wildlife Officer, patrolling and protecting a huge area of Hwange’s indigenous forest and its remarkable wildlife—his knowledge of this great park is simply phenomenal. A superb safari guide, Butch holds the highly coveted Zimbabwe guide license and was a winner of Guardian Travel’s prestigious Ethical award for 2014. Deeply committed to wildlife conservation and the surrounding communities, Butch has been at the forefront of the most innovative conservation programs in the country, involving villagers in the protection of wildlife, and ensuring that they benefit from safaris. Endlessly energetic, hugely entertaining, and limitless in his knowledge of Africa’s wildlife, Butch is a force of nature and an absolute delight to travel with.

Trip Details

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is Level 2+, Easy to Moderate according to the Wilderness Travel trip rating system. It is a camping and lodge safari with game viewing by 4WD vehicle as well as game walks, canoeing, and optional mountain biking. It can be enjoyed by anyone in reasonably good health.

Day 8 is a transfer day through wild, remote, and beautiful parts of Hwange National Park. The roads will be bumpy but there will be plenty of stops along the way, with a lovely picnic lunch deep in the park. This all-day game drive (6 hours) is well worth it to explore the third largest national park in Africa! Game walks, led by a fully licensed and highly experienced guide, will generally be 1-2 hours and offer exciting photographic opportunities of big game on foot. In these remote and wild areas, every walk provides fascinating insights into Hwange's circle of life and each will be an exhilarating experience! We can at times get quite close to wild animals. Being very quiet improves everybody's chances of observation. In the interest of safety, your Trip Leader explains limitations on movement while on game walks, game drives, in the safari vehicles, and around camp. Incidents with wild animals are extremely rare on safaris, but no camping safari can guarantee immunity from such incidents. Wilderness Travel is not to be held responsible for incidents involving the behavior of wildlife.

There will be many more memorable and diverse experiences on the Elephant highway, from taking an air charter and seeing Hwange from above and, of course, finishing each day with another spectacular African sunset. Guests should expect an adventure of a lifetime traversing three spectacular National Parks!

ZIMBABWE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

To combat hunger in Zimbabwe's villages, Wilderness Travel, along with your assistance, supports school lunch programs at two rural schools bordering Hwange National Park (Ngamo Primary School and St. Joseph's School). The funds raised are used to buy maize meal (corn meal), red sugar beans and sunflower oil. These ingredients are then used to prepare the Zimbabwean staple food sadza (a stiff corn meal porridge like polenta) and beans, which provides these hungry students a hearty and filling lunchtime meal. Each school serves three to five nearby villages and the program lasts around four months across the hardest and coldest part of the year. Between the two schools, 500

school children will receive a hot lunch daily, for four months, a total of 40,000 meals! The cost per plate is roughly \$.10, meaning a donation of just \$50 will feed 500 students! We encourage you to support this program with an optional \$50 per person donation, which will appear on your final invoice. Thank you!

WEATHER

July through October are fantastic months to visit Botswana and Zimbabwe, as this is in the peak of the "dry" season, the best game viewing period. Because of the minimal rainfall during this season, the bush turns golden brown and in many areas is beaten flat, so game viewing is easier and animals concentrate around major water sources. It is the end of winter and so the nights and the early mornings are cold and the days are warm and dry. Days will be in the mid 70s to low 90s (later in the season) and nights in the 50s. Warm coats and insulating layers are necessary on early morning game drives.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Africa Manager or email us at africa@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

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