



ZAMBEZI ELEPHANT TRAILS

Zimbabwe

PRODUCT

Half Day AM / PM Elephant Back Safaris

LOCATION

Masuwe Estate

AVAILABILITY

365 days a year.

MORNING SAFARI

Pick up from Vic Falls Accommodation:

Between 07h00-07h15

Drop off at Vic Falls Accommodation:

Between 10h30-11h00

AFTERNOON SAFARI

Pick up from Vic Falls Accommodation:

Between 15h00-15h15

Drop off at Vic Falls Accommodation:

Between 18h30-19h00

CUSTOM DESIGNED TRIPS AND CORPORATE GROUPS

Zambezi Elephant Trails shall remain flexible and make every effort to accommodate the needs of such groups – timings available upon request.

TRIP INFORMATION

Clients are picked up from their respective hotel/lodge and transferred to the Safari Par Excellence office in town. Check in is done at the office before clients proceed to the Masuwe estate. Upon arrival, tea, coffee and cordials are served – after which the guide will give a short introductory talk including all safety aspects. Guests are then required to sign an indemnity. Guests are then introduced to our Elephants (Clem, Em, Penny & Miss Elly) and their Handlers.

On mounting the Elephants, the Safari begins. The trail leads through the pristine bush and valley of the Masuwe River, which is home to numerous species of wildlife, including, Elephants, Kudu, Buffalo, Impala, Leopard and sometimes even Lions. There is excellent birding with over 50 species to be sighted.

Each Elephant is under the charge of a Handler – the trips are lead by a professional Guide, who is armed and carries a first aid kit and handheld radio.

The AM Safari ends with a Full English Breakfast on the deck at Masuwe safari Lodge. The PM safari ends with a good choice of snacks and drinks.

The guests view their video of their personal Elephant experience, at the reception of Masuwe safari Lodge. Videos are available for purchase and will be delivered to guests' hotels that evening or the following morning (depending on which Safari is booked).

AGE RESTRICTIONS

There is no upper age limit. Children below the age of 5 years will only be taken by special request. Guardians of Minors (under 15) will be required to sign the indemnity form on behalf of the minors. A Guardian must accompany children under the age of 15 throughout the trip.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific health requirements for this activity, and physical disabilities will be considered on an individual basis. If a guest has any medical condition such as epilepsy, diabetes or dangerous allergies etc, please ensure that Zambezi Elephant Trails is informed at the time of booking.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

Zambezi Elephant Trails is covered by a US\$ 1 500 000 Public Liability Insurance.

MEDICAL AIR RESCUE SERVICE

All clients travelling with Zambezi Elephant Trails are covered by M.A.R.S. in the unlikely event of an emergency.

WHAT TO BRING / WEAR

Please bear in mind that guests will be responsible for carrying their personal effects while on the ride. It is therefore advisable that belongings are kept to a reasonable limit.

Bottled water and other refreshments will be available, so it is not necessary for guests to bring their own.

We recommend that guests bring the following:

- ◆ Sunblock
- ◆ Binoculars
- ◆ Cameras
- ◆ Personal Medication
- ◆ Glasses or Sunglasses
- ◆ Insect Repellent

Guests should wear neutral coloured clothes. Wildlife may be encountered and therefore whites and bright colours should be avoided.

Recommended clothing as follows:

- ◆ Long trousers with closed, comfortable shoes.
- ◆ Long-sleeved shirts, especially in the summer months.
- ◆ A wide brimmed hat.
- ◆ A sweater is recommended for the months of May to August.

Zambia

Within the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park on the banks of the Zambezi River our six African Elephants Madinda, Mushumbi, Marula, Lewa, Danny and Bop each offer two guests an unparalleled viewpoint of the mighty Zambezi River. Guests ride with their guides on an exclusive Zambian Elephant Safari through riverine vegetation and beautiful scenery.

Located at Thorntree Lodge, approximately 10 km from Livingstone, Zambezi Elephant Trails has established Zambia's first "Elephant Camp" - offering a once in a lifetime insight into these gentle giants.

Together with this ecologically friendly method of game viewing, a strong emphasis is placed on an Elephant experience rather than just an Elephant ride and guests are encouraged to interact with these most majestic and intelligent of African mammals. Guests are excited at being able to meet, ride, touch and learn about our Elephants – and to understand their willingness to act under instruction.

The Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park is resident to wild Elephant, Hippo, Buffalo, Impala, Giraffe, Zebra, small cats such as Civet and Serval and abundant birdlife. While Game sightings cannot be guaranteed, there is a good chance of encountering wild animals in a manner which makes guests feel a non intrusive part of the African bush.

The training techniques used by Zambezi Elephant Trails are based on the "perform and reward" method as opposed to the controversial "discipline and submission" technique commonly associated with Asian Elephants.

Trips available

Half day AM / PM Elephant Back Safaris at Thorntree Lodge

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Morning Safari

Pick up from Livingstone accommodation:

Between 6.30 - 7.00 a.m.

Drop off at Livingstone accommodation:

Between 10.45 – 11.15 a.m.

Afternoon Safari

Pick up from Livingstone accommodation:

Between 14.45 – 15.15

Drop off at Livingstone accommodation:

Between 19.15 – 19.45

Custom Designed Safari

Incentive and Corporate Groups – timings available depending upon request.

Clients travelling from Zimbabwe

Clients staying in Zimbabwe will be catered for upon request at an additional fee.

(transfers, visas, return visas into Zimbabwe)

Trip Information

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On mounting the Elephants, the Safari begins. The trails lead through riverine bush and shallow parts of the Zambezi River onto the islands. On completing the ride, guests will dismount and interact with the Elephants on the ground. During interaction, the guide will give an informative talk on the African Elephant and its relationship with man.

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The Safari ends with a full English Breakfast or good choice of snacks on an island (depending which safari is booked) followed by a short river crossing back to our main reception where guests can view a video of their personal Elephant experience. Videos are available for purchase and will be delivered to guests hotels that evening or the following morning (depending on which Safari is booked)

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