



DIMBANGOMBE RANCH AND VILLAGE TOUR ZIMBABWE

PRODUCT

- Ranch tour showing the principles of Holistic Management at work, reversing the desertification process and greatly increasing biodiversity.
- Village tour showing village communities self motivated to improve their biodiversity and biomass to halt the spread of deserts in their home areas, through the use of Holistic Management principles.
- Village demonstration crop fields that are elephant proof so that elephants are not killed to protect crops.
- Village tour to show cultural aspects of the Ndebele people.

LOCATION

Waterford Ranch
Monde Village grazing area
Nompisi village.

AVAILABILITY

365 days a year weather permitting (postponed if rain storm)

SAFARI TIMES

Pick up from Vic Falls accommodation:

Between 08h00 – 08h15

Drop off at Vic Falls accommodation:

Between 16h00 – 16h30

TRIP INFORMATION

Guests are picked up from their accommodation with a bus and transported to the ranch. Upon arrival at the ranch guests are given a welcome cordial drink and an introduction talk is given on the activities of the ranch which is community owned. A brief explanation is given on Holistic Management (**Allan Savory, the originator of Holistic Management, won the International Banksia Award awarded by Dupont for the “Person or Organization doing the most for the Environment on a Global scale” in 2003**) and how the ranch is a working example for the community and Africa in how to reverse the desertification process and have grass grow again and rivers start flowing year round. Once the principles have been described guests are loaded onto a 4 x 4 Safari vehicle or bus depending on size of group and road conditions the ranch is up to 20,000 hectares of unfenced game viewing area and vehicles are allowed to drive off road if needed to get closer to game for better visuals. Guests have the possibility of seeing 4 of the big 5 as well as many interesting smaller rarer animals, birds, and insects, the guests will however not be concentrating on the game so much as on the land. They will be shown examples of healthy and unhealthy land and the differences will be explained. They will be shown overgrazed and overrested land and the danger of both will be shown and explained. The guests will be shown examples of healthy functioning watercycles on a micro level and the reasons for the spread of the deserts will be shown and explained. Grass which is the basis of civilization growth and sustainment will be explained and little known facts will be uncovered.

There will be soft drinks and water provided.

The herd of cattle will be looked at to demonstrate how grazing animals are being used to heal the land.

The guests will then return to the ranch headquarters for a delicious lunch and a short break.

After lunch the guests will board the bus and travel into the community to look at what they are doing to help themselves the guests will be able to interact with the local people who can explain what they are doing to help themselves and why.

The guests will be able to look at an elephant proof demonstration crop field that uses organic fertilizer (cow dung) and stops elephants raiding it through a variety of different methods.

Thereafter the guests will be taken to Mpisi's village to meet Mpisi a traditional healer and keeper of tribal history. He will tell all he knows and amuse the guests for ages with his vibrant personality and information.

The guests will drink traditional beer with Mpisi before being returned to their accommodation in Vic Falls.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

There is no upper age restriction. Children younger than 5 will only be taken at special request.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR

WINTER COLD DRY SEASON; bring a jersey and wear comfortable walking shoes and long pants to protect guests legs from thorns. Sun block, dark glasses and hat is advised.

HOT DRY SEASON; Cool cotton cloths long or short sleeved, light colored, Sun block, dark glasses and a hat are a MUST. Comfortable walking shoes.

HOT WET SEASON; If guests have 100%DEET insect repellent it is advisable to use on exposed skin.

In the rainy season, a raincoat is advised in case of rain. Comfortable walking shoes that can handle mud (rafters), long pants, sunblock, dark glasses, and a hat.

In all seasons guests should bring camera's and binoculars if they have them.