



LEARNER DEVELOPMENT SAFARI



Khwai Leadwood
Thorntree River Lodge
Somalisa Expeditions

10 Days / 9 Nights

Our Impact safaris bring you along our journey as we strive to make a lasting impact in the areas, wildlife and communities around our camps. These safaris provide a unique opportunity to spend some time in the local community, learn about our foundation projects in the area and volunteer at some of our projects. These safaris blend the best of Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Zambia into one unforgettable adventure, where you will experience the thrill of a lifetime as you explore the untamed beauty of Southern Africa.

Learner Development Safari

Our learner development safari offers the unique opportunity to volunteer and serve at the local schools in Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe where we are actively investing through infrastructure development, nutritional programs and learning resources to improve the quality of learning at the schools.



The journey begins in Botswana, where we are investing in local schools and enriching the community through skills development and entrepreneurship. Here, we will visit the Khwai preschool, tour the school facilities and volunteer at the nutrition program. During your stay at Khwai Leadwood, you will be guided by one of our trainee female guides as part of their on-the-job training to become licensed safari guides.

We then journey to Zambia, where we are improving access to quality healthcare for the community and improving the quality of education. We will visit the Maunga clinic where we have improved access to quality healthcare for women in the community by building a clinic fully-equipped with a maternity ward. This clinic has significantly reduced the mortality rate for mothers and children during labour. In addition to this, we will visit Maunga Primary where we are supporting learners and teachers at the school through infrastructure improvements, access to educational resources and materials and launching the nutrition program. Here, we will volunteer at the school's conservation club where learners are educated on agriculture and conservation and the nutrition program.

We wrap up the adventure in Zimbabwe by visiting the Mambanje and Dete communities just outside of the Hwange National Park, where our projects are actively investing in schools, communities and conservation to help mitigate human-wildlife conflict by educating, equipping and empowering communities living near national parks to co-exist with wildlife. We will visit Mambanje Garden, Thandanani and Vukani, women-led groups that are earning a living as tailors, selling crops and making jewellery from recycled magazines and newsletters. Learn how they make jewellery and beads while doing some shopping for their store in the village. We conclude the trip with a visit the Mambanje Primary School for a tour of the school facilities and we will volunteer at the nutrition program.

Day 1-4

Khwai Leadwood

Set within the Okavango Delta's community-run Khwai Concession, this beautiful camp is tucked under the trees on the edge of the Khwai River. This river is all that separates the iconic Moremi Game Reserve and the concession, with hippos, elephants and even lions crossing over from time to time.

The elegantly designed camp hosts six standard tents and one family unit, keeping in line with the intimate and exclusive wilderness experience. The new camp effortlessly bridges the gap between luxury accommodation and feeling like you're in the great African outdoors. Woven baskets and beaded décor, along with modern elements, create an authentic contemporary African style.

Khwai Pre-School

The Khwai pre-school has been a much-needed addition to the Khwai Community Area as the village did not previously have a pre-school for young children. Through our partnership with the Khwai Private Reserve and Naletsana Foundation, we established this pre-school to provide early childhood development and education closer to home for learners from Khwai.

Over the years we have made much-needed improvements to the school infrastructure to create a safe, warm, bright, and vibrant learning environment that is well-equipped and suitable for young children. To date, our focus at the school was to enhance the infrastructure by building additional ablution blocks, installing a kitchen and dining area, fixing the flooring and furnishing the school. These upgrades will greatly contribute to creating a conducive learning environment. Our nutrition program at the school is providing daily meals for the learners, ensuring that they are well-fed and can stay in school for the full day.

Female Guides Program

Our Female Guides program aims to develop female safari guides through skills training, mentorship, job shadowing, and rotations at African Bush Camps. The launch of our first cohort in November 2021 was the start of our goal to have 25 female guides in the safari industry by 2025. To date, we have launched the second cohort in Botswana in 2022 and the third in Zambia in 2023.



Day 4 - 7

Thorntree River Lodge

Thorntree River Lodge is set in Zambia's Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, just a short distance from the famous Victoria Falls. Thorntree River Lodge has been completely rebuilt with an environmentally-conscious design. Drawing inspiration from local customs and culture, it is a modern contemporary design with tented roof structures to maintain the feel of authentic Africa.

The lodge boasts 12 twin rooms with 2 sets of interleading units. Each unit has its own indoor and outdoor bathrooms, as well as a luxurious private plunge pool. The main lodge consists of a lounge with an open dining area, where the fine dining experience of African cuisine will come to life. A gym and spa overlook the mighty Zambezi River, and there is a small library with WIFI for our guests' convenience. The communal deck is set on the edge of the stunning riverside and is home to a sunken boma area and an infinity pool. Wooden decking floats on the edge of the river and moves with the water level to create the illusion of sailing a boat, and helps to achieve a seamless feel between the river and land.

Maunga Clinic

The Maunga Clinic supports an average of 15 patients per day. It has played a crucial role in improving the health and well-being of the local community through its fully-equipped maternity ward, which offers delivery services and family planning for mothers in the communities. The clinic also provides general medical services, COVID-19 vaccinations, and outpatient services. Over the years, we have worked to ensure that the clinic can provide the community with medical support that would otherwise require them to travel over 20 km to the nearest medical facility.

Maunga School

African Bush Camps Foundation has been supporting Maunga Primary School since 2021. We have provided additional learning resources for the school by purchasing stationery packs for the learners and textbooks. We carried out much-needed renovations to the school premises, fixing the roof, building additional restroom facilities, and renovating the kitchen and the dining area. The nutrition program at the school provides two meals a day to over 200 students each school day.



Day 7-10

Somalisa Expeditions

Somalisa Expeditions is set in the heart of Hwange National Park, and is known as the land of the giants for its big elephant herds. As an exact replica of the original Somalisa Camp, Somalisa Expeditions offers one of the most authentic ways to experience this exceptional wildlife haven. Nestled under an incredible grove of Acacias, along the edge of a seasonal flood plain.

Somalisa Expeditions' main area includes a lounge and dining area on raised decking which overlooks a small pool, which elephants have become habituated to drinking out of. Add to this, the water hole is frequently used as a 'mud-bath' and a popular rendezvous for the elephants. The up-close encounters and photographic opportunities with these majestic animals is endless.

Mambanje Primary School and Community Garden

The Mambanje Primary school has been one of our passion projects for almost two decades. To date we have renovated the school, installed solar power and boreholes, built teachers accommodation, provided learning materials and resources to learners and teachers and launched the nutrition program.

Our community-run garden in Mambanja is equipping, empowering, and enabling the community to grow and produce crops that they can harvest to feed their families and sell to generate economic activities for themselves. The garden is well-equipped with a solar-powered borehole which allows for an adequate water supply for the garden. The 28 families that are using the garden are collectively running it's upkeep.

Vukani Group Project and Thandanani Sewing Project.

The Vukani Group Project is a community of women who are making beautiful, handcrafted necklaces, bracelets, and napkin rings out of recycled magazines. This project takes items that we typically throw away and repurposes them into something beautiful. Items are for sale at the ABC trading post in our camp.

Thandanani, which means "love each other," is a local sewing group run by women in the community of Dete, in Hwange. They make beautiful African print placemats, bags, robes, travel wallets, and clothes. Everything they make is unique and made with love. Items are for sale at the ABC trading post in our camp





RSP Rates

Rates are per person, based on sharing

Low Season:

01 Jan - 31 Mar & 01 - 31 Dec

\$7,825.00 USD

Mid Season:

01 Apr - 31 May & 01 - 30 Nov

\$8,941.00 USD

High Season:

01 Jun - 31 Oct

\$11,746.00 USD

As part of this booking, 10% will be donated to African Bush Camps Foundation, which will go towards funding the school projects.

This cost includes:

- 9-nights accommodation in ABC properties
- All meals & local drinks
- 2 shared activities a day
- Internal flights
- Road transfers
- Private safari vehicle for Somalisa Expeditions
- Trips to the foundation projects

This cost excludes:

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Staff gratuities

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