PARTICIPATING SAFARIS

WHAT TO EXPECT

YOUR TYPICAL DAY...

A typical day would start off by waking early for breakfast then heading up to the stables to exercise the horses. Any new horses will need basic schooling. Our exercise routine always involves the horses going out for a short ride as being in the bush amongst the animals is the best way to teach them! Then any schooling on young or new horses is done at the stables in the arenas. You would be helping our permanent staff in all the aspects of horse care and management.

After the horses have been worked they go out to graze till lunch time. This will give you the opportunity to join in on our community projects. We work closely with a recycling project which turns lodge waste into beautiful pieces of art or building materials. This is a very exciting project and there is a lot to do and learn!
You would then return to camp for lunch and a rest or swim.

Community projects

Afternoons can be spent joining in on an activity which may be a ride, walk or game drive.
You will on occasion be asked to host at one of the three camps in the evenings. If you are not hosting this would of course be free time for you.

Should any multiday safaris or daily activities be booked during your stay, you could (depending on numbers), join in as back up riders or assist with camp setups/logistics.
Depending on your length of stay you may be able to visit our new operation in the south of Hwange National Park. This would give you an amazing opportunity to visit two dramatically different but equally beautiful areas of the Park.

Walking safaris

Game Drives

Accommodation

Our Volunteers are accommodated in tents located a +/-10 minute walk from the stables. Tents are simple with comfortable beds, a central ablution area with hot showers and a seating area for the evenings around a campfire. There will be a permanent tea and coffee station and clean drinking water.

The camping area is just a few minutes walk from the main lodge where you can make use of the swimming pool, bar and wifi.

Meals are wholesome and served three times a day. You will be encouraged to try the local/traditional foods as well!

Rates

Two weeks (14 nights): US$ 1500 per person

Three weeks (21 Nights): US$ 2230 per person

Four weeks (28 nights): US$ 2960 per person

Extra week after: US$ 700 per person

Included: Accommodation, use of horses and equipment, horse riding, activities, three meals per day, teas, coffees and cordials, laundry service.

Not Included: Flights, visas and airport transfers. Personal travel insurance, Alcohol, internet and any extra excursions or activities, personal spending money.

Age Restriction: minimum 18 years old

Weight restriction: 90kgs

Deposit and payment: To confirm your volunteer placement we require a $500 deposit with the balance paid at least one month prior to arrival.

What to Bring

- Wide brimmed hat or peak cap
- Sunblock
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries
- Casual Shirts and shorts (It can be very hot in the day!)
- Long sleeved shirts to avoid sunburn
- Warm fleece or jacket for evenings
- Suitable riding pants or jodhpurs

- Riding shirts in neutral colours for safaris
- Long or short riding boots
- Socks
- Suitable walking shoes
- Flip flops
- Swimming costume
- All personal medication
- Malaria medicine
- Torch/ head torch
- Camera equipment
- Binoculars
- Light weight helmet (we do stock helmets but it is recommended you bring your own)

Hwange has hot wet summers and dry cold winters, as we are on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, temperatures at night can drop dramatically and then get very hot again in the day. If you are travelling during our winter months, please make sure you have enough warm clothing for the evenings and cool outfits for the day!

If you are travelling during our summer months we recommend packing a rain coat!

Our summers are from September to April and Winters from May to August.

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