

ZIMBABWE

ADVENTURE WOMEN'S SAFARI

MAY 9 - 20, 2022



For those women travelers out there seeking an adventure, we hope that you consider joining this safari to Zimbabwe with our new partner Adventure-Women. We have joined forces to offer an exciting all-women safari to Zimbabwe which starts at Victoria Falls, located on the Zambezi River bordering Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Falls are a spectacle of awe-inspiring power, beauty, and grandeur. This safari is packed with exceptional experiences, including a dinner cruise on the Zambezi, rhino trekking, a visit to a school that was built by AWF and guest visits by some remarkable women – including Zimbabwe Country Director Olivia Mufute. You will be led throughout Zimbabwe by your AdventureWomen Ambassador Judi Wineland and your AWF Representative Carter Smith for this amazing safari experience where we visit Hwange National Park, Lake Kariba, and Mana Pools National Park.

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Women's Safari Set for Zimbabwe

BY DORINE REINSTEIN

AdventureWomen, a by-women, for-women adventure travel company, is organizing a special women's safari to Zimbabwe in May in partnership with the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF).

Joining the trip will be AdventureWomen owner Judi Wineland, a longtime conservationist and adventure travel pioneer, and Carter Smith, AWF safari program manager and author of the children's book *African Tea*. Joining Wineland and Smith will be several other visionary women, including Olivia Mufute, the first female chief ecologist at the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority and current Zimbabwe country director for AWF, and Sharon Stead, founder of the Mother Africa Trust, which supports female-focused projects throughout Zimbabwe.

Both AdventureWomen and the African Wildlife Foundation believe in empowering girls and women throughout the continent, and this shared mission will be weaved into many aspects of the trip. A highlight of the journey will be a dinner hosted by Aunt Flatter, a Zimbabwe local with decades of wisdom on the country.

"At African Wildlife Foundation, we believe that women in Africa have a critical role to play in conservation on the continent," Smith said. "That's why I'm so excited about AWF's budding partnership with AdventureWomen and honored to participate in this beautifully crafted safari with Judi Wineland. The Zimbabwe safari will feature women ambassadors, travelers and conservation heroes. We can't wait for this inspiring adventure."

The trip will include a visit to the majestic Victoria Falls, a walking safari to try to spot incredibly rare white rhinos and a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Lupani Primary School in Kazungula, Zambia. The school was rebuilt as an initiative of the AWF's Classroom Africa program, providing a safe learning environment for children across seven grades.



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Once the first female chief ecologist at the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, and now AWF's country director in Zimbabwe, **Olivia Mufute** has dedicated her life to breaking boundaries as she helps protect wildlife and wild lands.

"What I love most," she says, "is the opportunity to raise awareness about the interconnectedness of nature — how biodiversity and ecosystem services underpin every aspect of human life: food security, health, livelihoods, sustainable development."

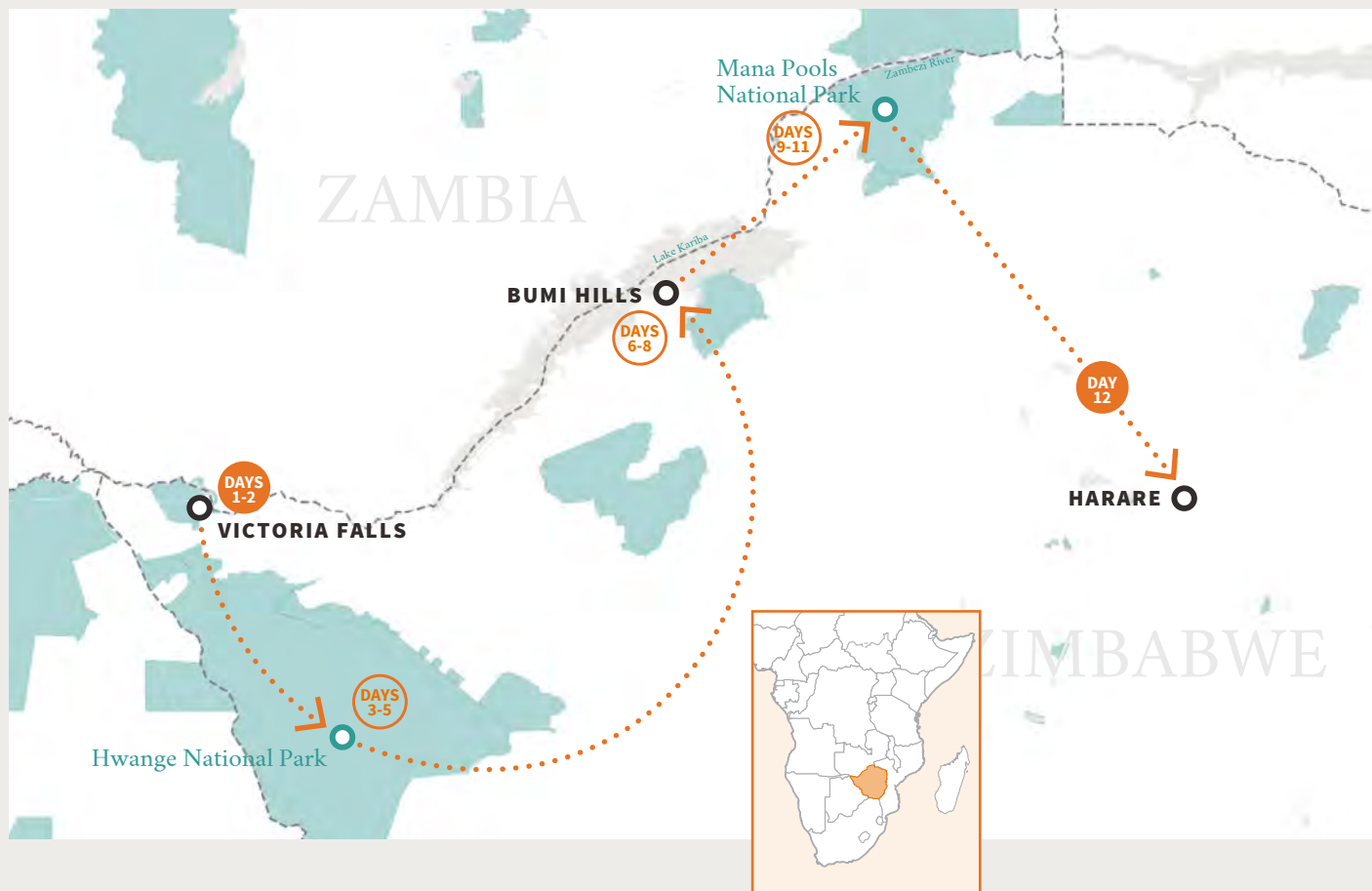
Mufute joined AWF in 2017 as a volunteer and a consultant. Her skills, confidence, and dynamic personality were unmistakable, and soon AWF hired her as a project manager. As Mufute and her small team implemented successful, impactful programs, the team's portfolio grew, and in 2019, AWF promoted her to the position of country manager. Within another year, she was AWF's Zimbabwe country director.

"I have a vision," she says, "of an increased visibility of the role of nature in economic development, and that future generations safeguard these beautiful and pristine wild lands, benefit from them, and celebrate them."



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DATES

May 9 - 20, 2022

PRICE

AWF price: \$13,895/ £10,005
per person sharing

GROUP SIZE

Maximum 13 guests



Prepare yourself for the experience of a lifetime. This carefully curated travel experience includes visits to three incredible national parks in Zimbabwe. Our travelers will marvel at the majesty of Victoria Falls and take part in exclusive game drives, observing iconic wildlife with the help of friendly and knowledgeable guides. There's a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River and exclusive sundowners at the safari camp. Guests also have the chance to visit an AWF Classroom Africa school and enjoy a delicious dinner in the home of a remarkable woman known as Aunt Flatter.

DAY 1

ARRIVAL: VICTORIA FALLS

Upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport, you'll meet your private guide and your group, then board a charter flight to Victoria Falls. From the Victoria Falls Airport, head to the hotel for check-in and relaxation time. Later, you'll enjoy a beautiful sunset as you coast along the waters of the Zambezi River on a dinner cruise. Your meal will be served on the boat's lower deck as you glide along the waters under the moon and stars. **Meals included: dinner**

DAY 2

VICTORIA FALLS

Start the day at Victoria Falls, enjoying spectacular views and feeling the waters' refreshing mist. You'll make your way to a very special local school that AWF rebuilt as an initiative of its Classroom Africa program and then journey to Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, where AWF and partners have reintroduced rhinos. Hop into your 4x4 and embark on a safari before trying to spot the endangered white rhino while on foot. A festive dinner will be hosted by Aunt Flatter, a local Zimbabwean elder. This unforgettable woman and her stories will surely be one of the highlights of your trip.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY
3

VICTORIA FALLS TO HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, travel to the Victoria Falls airport, where you will board your flight to Hwange National Park. Upon landing, head to The Hide Safari Camp, your home for the next three nights. Settle into this stunning camp as you unpack and enjoy the privacy and beauty. (You will take part in a number of activities during your stay at The Hide Safari Camp, including bush walks and game drives. But we may change the order of activities to give you the best experience possible.) Enjoy dinner back at your camp that night. **Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner**

DAY
4

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Set out this morning on a walk with your expert guide who will answer questions and talk about experiences in the bush. You'll see grassy, acacia-lined lakes and beautiful forests of teak while you try to spot the Big Five species of Hwange National Park. Take time to relax and soak in the incredible views from your tent. The water hole offers an easy way to glimpse elephants and other animals that wander in for a drink!

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY
5

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy another unforgettable day on safari. You may do an early morning and later afternoon game drive, a morning walk, or a "hide sit" around the pan. Or you can always sit back and take in the sights from the comfort of your private tent.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY
6

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK TO LAKE KARIBA

Say goodbye to Hwange as you transfer to the airport for your charter flight to the next amazing safari location — Lake Kariba! Once you arrive at Bumi Hills Safari Lodge, you'll have time to settle in. Relax, unpack, or take a dip in the luxurious infinity pool that overlooks the lake. Head off on an afternoon adventure to explore the bush in search of wildlife.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY
7

LAKE KARIBA

Today you will spend time as a group talking with AWF's Carter Smith. Hear about her personal experience with conservation throughout Africa and her role at AWF. You'll also have the chance to explore after dark, setting out on an evening game drive in search of nocturnal animals. **Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner**

DAY
8

LAKE KARIBA

Enjoy another day on safari in this unique locale. Don't forget about the pool and spa if you need a little pampering. Tonight, you'll enjoy a view of the bush from the waters of Lake Kariba while you marvel at the spectacular sunset. **Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner**

DAY
9

LAKE KARIBA TO MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the airport at Bumi Hills for your flight to the next amazing stop — Mana Pools National Park. Once there, you will have time to explore the grounds and take in the scenery of one of the remotest parts of the African bush along the banks of the Zambezi River. That night, enjoy a lively discussion with Judi Wineland, one of the owners of AdventureWomen and a true pioneer in women's adventure travel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAYS
10-11

MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

You may do an early morning or later afternoon game drive, a canoe or walking safari, or catch-and-release shore fishing. The Lower Zambezi River is a great setting for canoeing and fishing, with calm waters and expansive views. You'll have a chance to meet Simon Muchatibaya, AWF's technical advisor in Mana Pools, who will discuss AWF's strategic and multi-faceted work with communities and park authorities to ensure wildlife are protected in this special landscape.

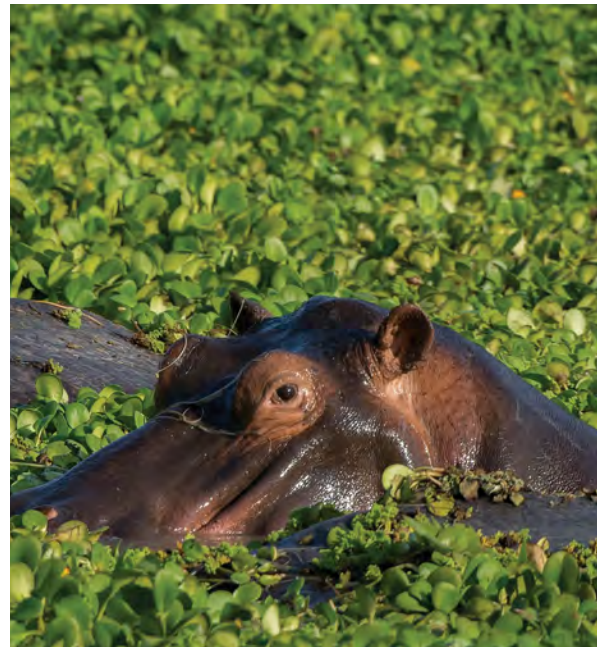
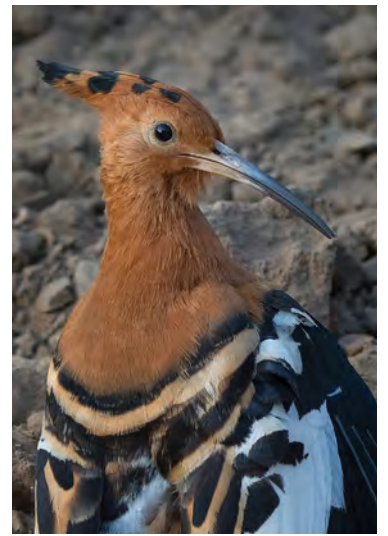
Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY
12

DEPART MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

Travel to the airport for your charter flight to Harare Airport. From there, you'll board your flight back to Johannesburg. In Johannesburg, say goodbye to your new safari friends as you connect with your flights home.

Meals included: breakfast



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Meet Your Guide



Carter Smith

AWF's Safari Program Manager, Carter Smith, moved to Kenya in 1994 to pursue her dream of a life of wildlife conservation in Africa, and she never looked back. She spent her early years in the bush rehabilitating birds of prey while completing her graduate degree in Ecology on the Martial Eagle. She later joined Sir Iain Douglas-Hamilton at Save the Elephants, while also becoming one of the first female licensed safari guides with the Kenya Safari Guide Association. In 2005, she founded her own safari venture and spent the next 15 years leading private safaris in East Africa. Carter joined AWF in 2019 to lead the Safari Program and looks forward to every trip when she can take guests on the adventure of a lifetime. Carter is also the author of the children's book *African Tea*.

*Note: While Carter is scheduled to lead this trip, AWF is equipped with a range of highly dedicated staff members that may lead your trip. A second leader will accompany Carter if trip attendance permits.

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