FOCUS TRAVEL & TOURS

9 Days / 8 Nights Zimbabwe Big Five & Rhino Conservation Circuit

DURATION	FROM	DESTINATION	MINIMUM
9 Days / 8 Nights	USD 3,750 per person	Zimbabwe	2 travellers

9 Days / 8 Nights. Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Painted Dog Conservation Centre, Matobo Hills, Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy, Save Valley Conservancy.

Itinerary

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Day 1: Arrival Victoria Falls

1 day | Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Painted Dog Conservation Centre, Matobo Hills, Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy, Save Valley Conservancy

Arrival Victoria Falls. Rainforest tour and Zambezi sunset cruise.

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Day 2: Transfer to Hwange with a guided visit to the Painted Dog

1 day | Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Painted Dog Conservation Centre, Matobo Hills, Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy, Save Valley Conservancy

Transfer to Hwange with a guided visit to the Painted Dog Conservation Centre, the rehabilitation facility, the anti-snare unit and the collaring programme. Afternoon game drive.

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Day 3: Full day in Hwange targeting lion, wild dog and the

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Day 4: Morning drive, then transfer to the Matobo Hills

1 day | Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Painted Dog Conservation Centre, Matobo Hills, Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy, Save Valley Conservancy

Morning drive, then transfer to the Matobo Hills. Afternoon on-foot white rhino tracking in the Whovi intensive protection zone with the park's rhino monitors.

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Day 5: Matobo, San rock art at Nswatugi and Pomongwe, World's

1 day | Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Painted Dog Conservation Centre, Matobo Hills, Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy, Save Valley Conservancy

Matobo, San rock art at Nswatugi and Pomongwe, World's View, black eagle viewing, and a session with the anti-poaching team on how rhino are protected in practice.

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Day 6: Drive north-east to the Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy

1 day | Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Painted Dog Conservation Centre, Matobo Hills, Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy, Save Valley Conservancy

Drive north-east to the Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy in Mashonaland (approximately 6 hours via Bulawayo-Kwekwe-Harare or a charter flight). Afternoon black rhino encounter, elephant interaction with the hand-raised herd, and the conservancy's breeding and release programme.

7 Day 7: Morning at Imire, rhino monitoring on foot and the

1 day | Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Painted Dog Conservation Centre, Matobo Hills, Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy, Save Valley Conservancy

Morning at Imire, rhino monitoring on foot and the community and schools outreach project, then transfer south-east to the Save Valley Conservancy.

8 Day 8: Full day in Save Valley, one of Africa's largest private

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Full day in Save Valley, one of Africa's largest private conservancies, holding significant black rhino, cheetah, wild dog and lion populations. Morning tracking on foot with the monitoring team, a visit to the anti-poaching base and canine unit, and an afternoon game drive.

9 Day 9: Final morning drive, brunch, then transfer or charter to

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Final morning drive, brunch, then transfer or charter to Harare for departure.

What's included

- Accommodation as per tier; all meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on the final day; twice-daily game activities with a licensed guide; park and conservation fees; road transfers; bottled water in the vehicle; airport meet-and-greet

Not included

- International and domestic airfare; visas and border fees; travel and medical insurance; gratuities to guides and camp staff; premium and imported drinks; optional activities (helicopter flips
- Rafting
- Spa
- Balloon); laundry unless stated; items of a personal nature

What to bring

- Best season: Apr-Oct. Conservancy access and tracking are far easier on dry ground. Pace and grading: Moderate. Substantial walking and long transfers; charter flights recommended for the Matobo-Imire and Imire-Save sectors. Ideal for: Conservation-focused travellers
- Donors and philanthropic groups
- Wildlife-veterinary and zoology student groups
- Documentary and media crews
- High-value repeat clients. Accommodation tiers: CLASSIC: budget-friendly park rest camps or basic tented camps. COMFORT: mid-range safari lodges and permanent tented camps
- En-suite
- Pool. LUXURY: high-end concession camps
- Private plunge pools
- Private vehicle and guide

Ready to book, or want this tailored?

Prices are per person and depend on season, group size and availability. Tell us your dates and we will confirm a firm quote, adjust the route, or combine this with another trip.

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