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## **THE 8 DAYS MIGHTY ZAMBEZI RIVER EXPEDITION- FROM US\$2739**

### **Know before you book**

- You will need to arrive a day prior to tour start date and accommodation for this day is not include.
- You will need to stay and extra day after the tour so that you can visit the Victoria Falls waterfall and do extra activities. We can arrange the extra activities at remarkable discounts.
- After tour accommodation is at own cost.

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- 2 Days Upper Zambezi Raft Float and Game Drives.
- 5 Days Rafting Trip
- Hwange National Park Safari
- Transfers, camping equipment , one night lodging at Hwange National Park, Rafting equipment, All meals,
- National Park Fee (Rafting and Safaris)

### **TOUR EXCLUSIONS**

- Pre-Tour Accommodation (Can be included at extra cost)
  - After Tour Accommodation on Day 8
  - Gratuities
  - All media- Video and photographs
  - Beverages at Hwange National Park
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## **DAY 1 - Raft float plus Game drive**

The tour starts with a game drive in the Zambezi National Park as we go to the starting point of the raft float. During the tour, common sightings include elephants, lions, and herds of buffaloes. After the drive, we embark on a raft float sojourn, sailing through small rapids in the Upper Zambezi River and enjoying the sights of the beautiful terrain surrounding this river. We expect to reach the camp before sunset giving us an opportunity to see the sun escapes through to twilight of the African night!

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## **Day 2 - Early morning raft float**

- PM game drives inside the Zambezi National Park.
  - Return to the camp site and spend the night
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## **Day 3: The first 19 rapids- Series of Class 3-5 rapids plus camping on Zambezi River Bank**

- Have an early breakfast and drive back to town.
- A short stop in city centre before driving proceeding to the Batoka Gorge to start rafting.

On this day days trip you will start the 5 day rafting expedition on the Zambezi River. We will cover an estimate distance of about 130km. Throughout the trip, days will be spent challenging some of the most awesome Class IVs and Vs rapids namely, Creamy White Buttocks, the Mother, Oblivion and Stairway to Heaven, and the Ghost Rider, Lower and Upper Moemba, and Open Season, rapids that can only be paddled only on this trip. The nights will involve camping on expansive beaches of white sand nights under the beautiful African stars inside the Batoka Gorge of the Zambezi River, with gin and tonic in hand whilst listening to the noises of wild Africa.

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## **Day 4 Rafting**

We rise as the sun illuminates the towering walls above, to the smell of bacon and eggs on the fire. Then, with all the equipment once more stowed securely for the voyage downstream, and a long day ahead of us, we cast off into a world of exhilarating action and scenes of remarkable beauty. It's a hard working evening with two portaging around Moemba Falls. We arrive at the Dam site around 4pm where we will have the second portage and camp right by the falls.

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**Day 5 Rafting : *The Ghost Rider, the biggest commercially run-able roller coaster wave train in the World.***

We will have a relaxed morning, downstream the towering waves of Ghost rider, the biggest commercially run-able roller coaster wave train in the World. In the original exploratory trip on the Zambezi one of the rafters opted not to run the rapid and pushed his empty boat off into the current. The sight of the empty raft successfully running the rapid in the twilight (after two others had flipped) inspired him to name the rapid Ghost rider. After surviving the Ghost rider rapid it will be the time to open our cooler boxes full of beers and start drinking as we will be drifting down small rapids. We get to camp at about 16:00 after travelling about 20 kms.

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**Day 6 Rafting: *Fish Eagle's nests, negotiate rapids - Wave Train, Jay Bay, (similar to Jeffrey's Bay in South Africa - a popular surfing place), Bismark's Territory, (home to a particularly large crocodile named Bismark!) and Smugglers Camp.***

There is no rush on this day and after breakfast, rigging the boats and a late departure from camp, we paddle past a set of small rapids before negotiating a more technical rapid named Asleep at the Wheel, and then drift into camp! After departing camp we drift past Fish Eagle's nests, negotiate rapids - Wave Train, Jay Bay, (similar to Jeffrey's Bay in South Africa - a popular surfing place), Bismark's Territory, (home to a particularly large crocodile named Bismark!) and Smugglers Camp. This is the biggest fisherman's village encountered during the 6 day trip and the villagers are happy to show us around, giving us a glimpse at an astonishingly uncomplicated and simple lifestyle, totally free from the modern urban world we left behind some days ago.

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**Day 7 Rafting: *A mini river safari- Egyptian Geese- Basking Crocs- Hippos and variety of birdlife***

The river really changes character. Basalt rocks give way to grassy banks and the grunts of vocal hippopotamus carry across the water. Our rafts drift past islands in the river, havens for Egyptian Geese and basking crocodiles. After a couple of hours, we rendezvous with our vehicles near the Matetsi River mouth. After packing up and deflating the rafts we head back to Victoria Falls by road, having lunch on route. After completing one of the most exhilarating adventures in the world, you can head off to sample the wildlife viewing that this region is famous for, with Hwange National Park ready to host us for a day and overnight safari.

We will have a 3 hrs game drive inside a private estate in the Hwange National Park. Common sightings during this drive are herds of elephants as they visit the waterholes for water, lions as they predate on various wildlife that are resident near the waterholes. The game drive presents amazing photographic opportunities.



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### Day 8: Hwange National Park Game Drive

Early morning we wake up to a game drive in a place home to the famous Cecil lion. The drive is in quest to spot the big cats which are believed to be active at that time. After the drive, we have our breakfast before heading to Victoria Falls.

We cap off the tour with the popular Boma Dinner and Drumshow.

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#### 2023 Departure Dates

- Aug 7th
- Aug 28th
- Sep 7th
- Sep 18th
- Oct 2nd
- Oct 16th
- Nov 4th
- Nov 13th
- Nov 24th
- Dec 25th

#### 2024 Departure Dates

- Aug 7th
- Aug 21st
- Sep 4th
- Sep 18th
- Oct 2th
- Oct 16th
- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Nov 13th
- Nov 20th
- Dec 4th
- Dec 18th

*Please note that we confirm all our multi day trips with a minimum of 4 people and you may request a date of your choice. Other than that please book on set departure dates.*