

# The Zambezi Family Journey

This fully inclusive 7 night / 8 day package is perfectly suited to 2 or 3 couples exploring Africa together and to families looking for a once in a lifetime safari that offers more than game drives. Our original Zambezi Journey is diverse, intense, and great fun whilst offering and insight into the Zambian countryside and leaving room to include additional destinations before or after the itinerary. Included are:

- ✓ 3-nights' safari at Baines' River Camp, Lower Zambezi Valley, Zambia
- ✓ 3-nights' cruise on board MV Matusadona, Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe
- ✓ Air transfer Lusaka International to Baines' River Camp Scheduled flight
- ✓ River & Road transfer from Baines' River Camp to MV Matusadona
- ✓ Air transfer Bumi Airfield to Victoria Falls Scheduled flights

**Fully Inclusive** 

Fully Inclusive & Exclusive use

Operated by Proflight

Operated by Baines' River Camp (river) and Hersov Tours (road)

Operated by Safari Logistics

## DAY 1-3 BAINES' RIVER CAMP - LOWER ZAMBEZI, ZAMBIA

TransfersPick UpDrop OffApproximate durationAirLusaka International AirportRoyal Aerodrome0h40 - 01h00 (depending on scheduled routing)RoadRoyal AerodromeBaines' River Camp0h30













## Baines' River Camp

A scenic air transfer will take you from Lusaka across the Zambezi Escarpment to Baines' River Camp. Offering breath taking views across Africa's fourth longest river, this elegant safari camp will be your home for the next 3 nights. The individual air-conditioned Suites provide comfort in the African bush, each with an excellent view of the Zambezi. For young families, the camp's spacious two-bedroom family cottage perfectly accommodates up to 2 adults and 2 children. All units offer a comfortably furnished veranda with a wide view of the Zambezi River towards neighbouring Zimbabwe. Modern comforts of ceiling fans, air-conditioning (during generator operation), spacious walk-in showers and coffee and tea facilities are complimented by classic furnishings and a deep veranda with a sumptuous sofa, ideal for an afternoon siesta. The main area's design reflects the veranda living of a bygone era. High ceilings provide a sense of spaces whilst the various lounge areas and fire places ensure an intimate atmosphere. The lodge further comprises a substantial library, the Selous bar which opens up to the swimming pool, private dining areas and the Zambezi Trading Post offering high quality art works and gifts.

## The Lower Zambezi Valley

Explore one of Africa's last remaining true wilderness areas: 5,000 square kilometres of unfenced and protected habitat where nature alone forms the boundaries and wildlife roams freely. In the absence of tarred roads, power lines and light pollution, this is where you will experience the authentic African safari. The Park and its surrounds is home to an astonishing number of elephants, 374 species of birds, a healthy population of predators and an abundance of other game, all at liberty to traverse into the Luangwa Valley and even across the Zambezi into Mana Pools. With a narrow valley floor and the Zambezi as the wildlife's main source of water during the dry safari season, the game population is naturally drawn to the banks of the river, providing excellent game viewing and photographic opportunities. A hidden gem within the world of safaris, this area has remained free of mass tourism.

## Activities

Our expert and passionate local guides will introduce you to their Zambia from a game viewing vehicle, in a canoe, by boat whilst taking you tiger fishing, on foot and from an island in the midst of the river as the sun sets over the Zambezi. Apart from joining these extraordinary safari activities, allow time for a little pampering in the privacy of your room with our professional beauty therapist, read a few pages of your book on a sun lounger or visit the local community farms. With so much on offer, your time on safari is scares and to allow as much opportunity in the wild, we will treat you to delicious picnics and romantic dinners under the stars at times.

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## DAY 4-7 MV MATUSADONA - LAKE KARIBA, ZIMBABWE

TransfersPick UpDrop OffApproximate durationRiverBaines' River CampGwabi River Lodge01h45

Road Gwabi River Lodge MV Matusadona 02h00 – 02h30 (depending on immigration formalities)













#### MV Matusadona

This morning you will depart on a journey through Zambia's country side, commencing with a boat cruise to the confluence of the Zambezi and Kafue Rivers where a comfortable passenger carrier will take you by road into Zimbabwe. You will cross the impressive Kariba Dam Wall and soon thereafter board MV Matusadona to commence your 4 night charter. MV Matusadona is undoubtedly Lake Kariba's most prestigious safari cruiser, measuring 28.6 metres in length and 6.5 metres on the beam. Comprising three levels with air-conditioning throughout the indoor areas and 3 well-appointed en-suite cabins, this vessel is ideally suited to parties of up to six travellers and chartered out on an exclusive use basis only. The upper deck provides a 360 degree view of Lake Kariba's water wilderness and offers two lounge areas, a sundeck with plunge pool and of course a fully-stocked bar. The middle deck includes the wheelhouse, the galley, indoor dining and lounge and a veranda for all fresco meals. The guest cabins are all made up with a queen size bed, crisp white line and the bathroom includes a generous shower with a view. For the adventurous travellers who prefer to sleep under the starry African sky, our crew will gladly set up your sleep-outs on the upper deck. Service excellence is guaranteed by a crew of four, consisting of the voyage manager, captain, cook and deckhand.

#### Lake Kariba

With a holding capacity of 180 billion tons of water, Lake Kariba is one of Zimbabwe's national treasures. Whilst the largest man-made lake on the continent, harnessing the mighty Zambezi River, it is renowned for its vast expanse of water, breath-taking sunsets, game viewing, prolific birdlife, sport angling and simply the joy of cruising in an extraordinary water wilderness. The scenery is ever changing, from open waters and narrow gorges with waterfalls to small islands, dense bush and the signature Kariba trees, partially submerged. The Matusadona National Park forms an integral part of this wilderness and its shoreline is often frequented by elephant, buffalo, water buck, lion and other species.

#### **Your Cruise & Activities**

Prior to boarding the vessel, our voyage manager and captain will plan a suggested route for your charter and discuss this with you, aided by a large map of the Lake. There are no set routings, but careful planning to ensure safe mooring is paramount. We aim to cruise during the heat of the day, whilst safari activities are planned for the early morning and once moored in the afternoon. MV Matusadona cruises with three additional boats for your lake activities: game viewing and birding, angling and sunset cruises. On one of the mornings, you will enjoy a game drive within the Matusadona National Park, operated by one of the safari camps on the shores of Lake Kariba. During the daily cruise, enjoy the spectacular scenery from the upper deck, read your book, play a game of scrabble or simply do nothing at all whilst the youngsters are welcome to assist the chef to prepare lunch or afternoon tea.

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## DAY 8 SAFARI ENDS

Transfers	Pick Up	Drop Off	Approximate duration
Road	Bumi Jetty	Bumi Airfield	0h20

Road Bumi Airfield Victoria Falls Int. Airport 01h40 – 02h20 (depending on routing of scheduled flight)

Today we cruise to the north-eastern boundary of the Matusadona National Park for your air transfer to Victoria Falls Airport. Journey ends.















## The Zambezi Family Journey – Package details

## The Zambezi Family Journey covers the following services:

Accommodation includes all meals, snacks and beverages, daily laundry service, National Park fees, community and conservation levies, statutory taxes, levies & charges;

- 3 nights at Baines' River Camp in Explorer Suites on a sharing basis, inclusive of safari activities, limited Internet access;
- 4 nights on board MV Matusadona on an exclusive use basis, cruise based on average operating hours of engines of 4 hours per day, inclusive of inhouse safari activities, 1 game drive operated by third party.

Transfers as specified include all taxes, charges and levies.

## The Iconic Zambezi Journey package does not cover:

Unspecified transfers, immigration/visa fees, beauty treatments and massages at Baines' River Camp, activities operated by third parties unless specified.

## Rates start from:

2017	APR-MAY	JUN-OCT	NOV
Per person	\$4 690	\$5 040	\$4 690
Per person per night	\$670	\$720	\$670
2018	APR-JUN	JUL-OCT	NOV
Per person	4		
Per person	\$5 110	\$5 530	\$5 110

Above starting rates are based on bookings for 6 adult travellers. Children between 06 and 14 years old at discounted rates. Pleas enquire. Minimum age restrictions of 6 apply. Additional age restrictions apply at Baines' River Camp as per government regulations: canoeing safaris (12) and walking safaris (14) at Baines' River Camp. Journey can be booked in reverse. Terms & Conditions apply.