



## Vintage Horse Safaris Fact Sheet

### Frequently Asked Questions

***What is the breed and height of the horses you use? Are they familiar with the wildlife?***

Hwange horseback safaris offer a herd of 12, well schooled, bush wise safari horses. The breeds vary from Thoroughbreds, Boereperds Percheron, Quarter-horse and Farm breeds with heights varying between 15,3 -16,3 hands.

***What type of saddles and tack are used?***

We have a range of saddles including English, Australian stock, McClellan and Western. Our tack comprises of leather and nylon bridles with snaffle bits.

***Have you got weight restrictions and what quality of rider do you need to be?***

We have a weight restriction of 90kgs and do not allow children under sixteen years of age. Our Miombo pony ride is suitable for children seven years and above. Multi day safaris and certain daily activities are for experienced riders only. Where activities state experienced, riders should be fit and confident at all paces. Riders are expected to either own their own horse or have ridden regularly (weekly) within the last five years. The manager has the discretion to ask any rider to dismount if they are not of a suitable competency level for the ride. The manager's decision is final and no discussions will be entertained.

***Are rides accompanied and what is the pace like?***

All rides are lead by our experienced, Zimbabwean qualified guides and trackers. The pace of our rides is determined by safety and terrain and is mostly fast walking and trotting. Where possible in open areas we will canter and gallop. We look at the rider's experience and tailor the ride accordingly

***How many riders can you take at any one time and how long do you typically spend in the saddle?***

This differs according to the type of ride and varies between 2 and 6 riders. On the multiday safaris you will typically spend no more than 5 hours in the saddle each day.

***Are there helmets available?***

We do have clean, used helmets but guests are encouraged to bring their own.

***What is the terrain like and can you ride year round?***

The riding terrain varies from Teak forest to open savanna grassland. The landscape changes dramatically between the cooler dry winters and warm humid summers. Our horse riding season for Vintage Horse Safaris runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

***Where are the stables?***

Our main stable stable block is located on the outskirts of Dete, neighboring Miombo Safari Camp. All daily activities depart and return from from here. On multi day safaris the horses are enclosed at night in camp with lion proof boma sheeting and electric fence.



### ***How to book and pay***

Daily riding activities can be booked and paid for in advance before arrival through your agent or with our reservations team.

Alternatively, speak to your camp manager about booking this activity for you. We offer daily riding activities for most camps and lodges in the greater main camp area of Hwange National Park, subject to availability. Please note for bookings made in camp, payment must be made prior to doing the activity in cash, by credit/debit card (processed on site) or by bank transfer (bank details provided on request). Guests will only be permitted to ride once we have received proof of payment.

Multi day safaris can be booked and paid for in advance through your agent or our reservations team.

### ***Cancellation Policy***

30 days + before = 75% refund  
16 - 29 days before = 50% refund  
8 - 15 days before = 25% refund  
0 - 7 days before or non arrivals = no refund

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