

# 2026 PROJECT OUTLINE



# HWANGE HORSEBACK SAFARIS

## VOLUNTEERING

"IN THE END, WE ONLY REGRET THE CHANCES WE DIDNT TAKE"



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# LOCATION...

Join us for an unforgettable working holiday nestled in the heart of Zimbabwe and surrounded by the vast African bush. This incredible location allows for riding opportunities through one of Africa's most renowned wildlife areas.

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's largest natural reserve spanning around 14, 600 sq km and is home to one of the largest populations of African Elephant in the world, you couldn't find a more picturesque location to spend your time getting acquainted with Africa and the bush.

Hwange gives you the perfect opportunity to dive into the beauty of Zimbabwe. There is no greater way to soak up your surroundings than from the back of one of our amazing horses!



# A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED...



## FROM THE GROUND:

- Bush walks
- Snare art workshops
- Community beadwork
- Game Drives in a vehicle
- Sunrise drives
- Visit the Painted Dog Centre
- Assisting in Human wildlife conflict activities
- Data capture
- Anti poaching assistance
- Sundowner game drives
- Horse care
- Daily yard duties eg. feeding the horses
- Lunging

& SO MUCH MORE!

## ON HORSEBACK:

- Bush trails looking for wildlife
- Hacking out
- Exercise rides
- Schooling sessions
- Anti-Poaching Patrols
- Polocrosse
- Show Jumping
- Horse Swims- seasonal
- Golden Hour Rides
- Gymkhana games
- Snare Sweeps
- Boundary patrols
- Assisting with guest rides
- Community village visits

& SO MUCH MORE!



# WHAT TO EXPECT WHILST VOLUNTEERING...

Our volunteer project has been carefully crafted so that your time with us will be beneficial to you and make a direct impact on the area at large through the conservation work you will be doing from horseback and from the ground. Expect breathtaking landscapes, warm hospitality and wildlife in their natural habitat- if your lucky enough, you may have the chance to see the big 5.

Whether you have experience with horses, would like to learn how to ride or live and work in Africa, there is a place for you! We accommodate all riding abilities.

Experience our friendly culture. Get involved with the communities and our conservation projects. Be a part of our exciting recycling project which turns lodge waste into beautiful pieces of art or building materials.

Our days are spent helping with snare sweeps checking on boundaries and making sure Hwanges wild animals remain wild with the freedom to roam in and out of the wildlife reserves. You will assist anti-poaching units by teaching the rangers to ride and helping with the logistics of their patrols. We will spend time with the locals especially when partaking in our community programmes. We are involved in many community projects in the area which will keep you occupied both on and off the horses. Cooling off in the afternoons with a horse swim in a nearby waterhole, or learning a new bush skill, there is so much to explore and learn whilst you are with us.

Work with our staff employed from the local communities and get fully immersed in the day to day running of the stable yard. Help with the care of the horses and assist with the daily yard duties and activities. Expand your skills and leadership responsibilities by joining our guides on guest rides and assisting with back up, tracking wild animals through the bush and learning about the animal kingdom at large.



Gain a deeper understanding of the Zimbabwean culture and our contagious passion for Africa.

If any or all of this catches your attention, then this is the programme for you!

# ACCOMMODATION...

You will be accommodated in the rustic surrounds of Miombo Safari Lodge. Miombo and Hwange Horseback Safaris are neighbors and is therefore the perfect location for your stay!

The main area has a swimming pool and bar facility where you will be able to go and have a relaxing drink and swim whilst overlooking the watering hole at the end of the day.



# VOLUNTEER ACCOMODATION...

The rooms are all equipped with a bathroom, and there is one larger room which has the kitchen and dining area where all volunteers will be able to relax and have meals together. This will be your "home" away from home, it is safe and secure allowing for you to completely unwind whilst living in the bush. You will be staying in ensuite rooms with up to two or three other volunteers. We will match your age, gender and personality accordingly. There is a single supplement option should you wish not to share.

## MEALS...

For breakfast a meal will be prepared for you by our cook, these meals are either in the form of cooked breakfast or cereals, porridges, yogurts and fruits - this depends on the day and what the cook has prepared.

Your lunches will be on a self catering basis. With all necessary groceries provided such as meat, dairy products, vegetables, fruit and other dry goods for you to choose your meal preference from. These items are of course the standard necessary ingredients and may vary based on the location of the project and what is available in the shops.

Every evening there will be a home cooked dinner prepared for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home with your new friends. Special ingredients and treats can be purchased twice a week on our town trips.

Once a week we will host a Braai (Barbeque) night where you will have the option to try local cuisine. The water is fresh and safe to drink. We will provide coffee, tea and juice however, any other soft or alcoholic beverages can be purchased on our town trips.

Any Dietary requirements need to be mentioned and approved before arrival on project.

# WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT IN A TYPICAL WEEK ON PROJECT...

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| <p><b><u>MONDAY:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>7:00am:</u></b> In stables, feed the horses and help turn them out</p> <p><b><u>8:30am:</u></b> Breakfast</p> <p><b><u>9:30am:</u></b> 2hr bush ride,</p> <p><b><u>12:00pm:</u></b> Lunch</p> <p><b><u>2:30pm:</u></b> Afternoon snare sweep and boundary patrol</p> <p><b><u>5:00pm:</u></b> Put horses away, help feed and prepare horses for the evening</p>  | <p><b><u>TUESDAY:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>7:00am:</u></b> In stables, feed the horses and help turn them out</p> <p><b><u>8:30am:</u></b> Breakfast</p> <p><b><u>9:30am:</u></b> Teach anti-poaching rangers to ride, and help with stables jobs eg. putting away boots and numnahs</p> <p><b><u>12:00pm:</u></b> Lunch</p> <p><b><u>2:00pm:</u></b> Polocrosse lesson</p> <p><b><u>5:00pm:</u></b> Put horses away, help feed and prepare horses for the evening</p>   | <p><b><u>WEDNESDAY:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>6:00am:</u></b> Sunrise game drive</p> <p><b><u>8:30am:</u></b> Breakfast</p> <p><b><u>9:30am:</u></b> In stables, 1.5hr community ride and local village visit</p> <p><b><u>12:00pm:</u></b> Lunch</p> <p><b><u>2:30pm:</u></b> Community Beadwork Project</p> <p><b><u>5:00pm:</u></b> Put horses away, help feed and prepare horses for the evening</p> |
| <p><b><u>THURSDAY:</u></b></p> <p><b>**Day off**</b></p> <p><b><u>10:00am:</u></b> Late breakfast</p> <p><b><u>11:00am:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Safari Lodge Pool Day (optional)</li> <li>-Activities at extra cost (optional) e.g. Game drive (vehicle drive), bush walks etc.</li> <li>-Help the grooms in stables if you don't want to be off- but the horses have this as their rest day so no riding</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>FRIDAY:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>5:30am:</u></b> Full Day Game Drive in the park</p> <p>*Breakfast will be had whilst on the drive*</p> <p><b><u>12:00pm:</u></b> Lunch</p> <p><b><u>2:00pm:</u></b> Back in Stables, make evening feeds</p> <p><b><u>3:00pm:</u></b> Show Jumping lesson</p> <p><b><u>6:00pm:</u></b> followed by Braai night (Barbeque)</p>   | <p><b><u>SATURDAY:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>7:30am:</u></b> In stables, feed the horses and help turn them out</p> <p><b><u>8:30am:</u></b> Breakfast</p> <p><b><u>9:30am:</u></b> Painted dog Centre visit</p> <p><b><u>12:00pm:</u></b></p> <p><b>**Half Day off**</b></p>  |
| <p><b><u>SUNDAY:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>7:00am:</u></b> In stables, feed the horses and help turn them out</p> <p><b><u>8:30am:</u></b> Breakfast</p> <p><b><u>9:30am:</u></b> Exercise ride, and assistance with lunging horses</p> <p><b><u>12:00pm:</u></b> Lunch</p> <p><b><u>2:30pm:</u></b> Gymkhana/ Pony Games</p> <p><b><u>5:00pm:</u></b> Sunset drive</p>   | <p><b>***PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A SAMPLE ITINERARY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAILY/ WEEKLY DUE TO THE NATURE OF THIS PRODUCT. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT TO EXPECT ON PROJECT. NO TWO WEEKS ARE EVER THE SAME***</b></p> <p>There are many different activities and options to incorporate into your programme. We will do our best to provide the most rounded experience for you during your time with us.</p> <p>Days off and excursions will also need to be taken into consideration, generally speaking you have one and a half free days a week as seen above, should you wish to partake in any other excursions this will be discussed and factored in once you are here.</p> |   |



# WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Accommodation
- Victoria Falls airport transfers
- Groceries and meals
- All horse related activities
- A guide on ridden safaris
- Excursions to help with human wildlife conflict, communities and other Hwange based activities.
- Weekly shopping trip
- Use of laundry bucket & Detergent
- Weekly housekeeping
- 24 hours on site assistance



# WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Personal travel insurance
- Flights
- Visas
- Spending money
- Alcoholic beverages
- Wi-Fi (however it is available to purchase on site)
- Laundry Service- Washed and ironed clothing (however is available to purchase on site)
- Additional excursions e.g. to Show Jumping/Polocrosse competitions or trips to other attractions like Victoria Falls and Matopos



# OTHER EXCITING ADDITIONS...

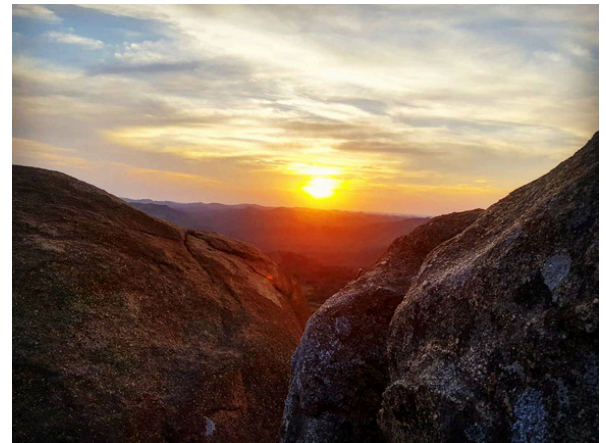
## **Trips to Victoria falls:**

Victoria Falls is home to one of the seven natural wonders of the world - known for being the largest waterfall on earth. Spend a few days exploring this iconic destination where there are so many activities to take part in such as white water rafting, bungee jumping, river cruises and fantastic dining experiences in world famous hotels and restaurants. This is a trip you do not want to miss out on!



## **Trips to Matopos National Park:**

Zimbabwe has a very diverse landscape which is well worth exploring, rich in both history and culture. Matopos is one of the most exquisite parks to visit in Zimbabwe. Known for its unbelievable granite boulders, bushman cave paintings and rhino walks, this is truly an experience that will stick with you for the rest of your life. Spend a few days camping and exploring this ancient and undeveloped landscape just as the bushmen have before.



## **Show jumping competitions or polocrosse tournaments:**

If you find your placement falling over a time period where there is a show jumping competition or polocrosse tournament, you will have the opportunity to spend a few days in Bulawayo competing. This is a whole lot of fun and a very exciting weekend of competing with your favorite horse, an experience that you will look back on for years to come.



All of the above trips can be planned once you arrive, these will be an extra expense and are not included in the project fee. Should you wish to book any other activities we can assist.