

## HWANGE HORSEBACK SAFARIS AND IMVELO SAFARI LODGES HORSE RIDING ACTIVITIES ON OFFER FOR CAMELTHORN AND BOMANI GUESTS

### BEGINNER BUSH EXPERIENCE

\$70 per person

Approx departure: 10h30  
Approx return: 11h30

RIDING LEVEL- **BEGINNER/NOVICE - MAX PAX 4**  
*Riders will be led on a lead rein at a walk*



This ride is specifically targeted for individuals who have little experience with horse riding. You will be led out by our grooms through the magnificent and expansive savannah vlei that borders the Camelthorn Lodge grounds. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through this open grassland, listening to the sounds of the African bush around you. You may even see some plains game such as kudu or impala! After a 20 minute walk, you will stop at a picturesque spot under a tree for some light refreshments before heading back to camp.

**Light refreshments will be served during the ride. A lead tracker, armed guide and backup safety rider will accompany guests.**

### HIPPO SUNRISE

\$105 per person

Approx departure: 07h30  
Approx return: 10h30

RIDING LEVEL- **EXPERIENCED - MAX PAX 4**  
*Riders should be fit and confident at all paces*



An early morning start for a ride trotting and cantering through the untouched and beautiful grasslands near Camelthorn Lodge. You will make your way to a picturesque spot for a tea break with the chance to see a variety of wildlife! This ride is led by our qualified and experienced guides and trackers ensuring the ultimate game viewing experience on horseback. Animals that may be spotted include waterbuck, kudu, wildebeest, impala, elephant, a variety of birdlife and of course predators such as lion, cheetah and wild dog!

**Snacks and water will be provided along the way. This ride includes no fewer than 2 breaks for horses and riders. A lead tracker, armed guide and backup safety rider will accompany guests.**

### CULTURAL IMMERSION RIDE

\$135 per person

Approx departure: 07h00  
Approx return: 12h30

RIDING LEVEL- **INTERMEDIATE - MAX PAX 4**



Immerse yourself in the true culture of Zimbabwe whilst making a difference in the lives of communities living on the boundary of its largest National Park. See firsthand how ethical tourism not only benefits these communities but plays a vital role in conservation. You will ride through the magnificent Ngamo Plains to Nganyana Village and meet with headman Mazai who will show you around this small village that skirts the edge of Hwange National Park. During your visit the residents will show you the different activities that take place day to day including herding cattle and collecting water from the well. In addition the villagers will gladly show you the different ways they try make an income including basket weaving, beading and jewellery making - you are welcome to try your hand at these crafts too!

After a fulfilling morning, a traditional bush brunch awaits the riders in a spectacular bush setting. The glorious expanse of savanna grasslands combined with true Zimbabwean heritage makes this ride a must for any traveler concerned with playing their part in community upliftment and conservation.

**Brunch and refreshments will be provided. This ride includes no fewer than 3 breaks for horses and riders. A lead tracker, armed guide and backup safety rider will accompany guests.**

## SUNDOWNER RIDE

\$95 per person

Approx departure: 16h00  
Approx return: 18h00

RIDING LEVEL- **INTERMEDIATE** - MAX PAX 4

There is no better way to experience an African sunset than on horseback. After a short ride, we stop to give thanks to the day in true African style, with the breathtaking landscapes providing the backdrop to raised glasses. There is nothing quite like the splendor of an African sunset so don't forget your cameras as you will want to capture this glorious moment to remember long after you return home! Enjoy the warm glow as the sun starts to dip below the horizon and the bush comes alive around you. During your late afternoon ride through this savanna grassland you may see plains game such as kudu, impala, wildebeest and zebra as well as elephant and buffalo, and even lion, cheetah or wild dog. Hwange boasts over 400 species of birds so you can expect to see and hear a plethora of birdlife around you as you move through the wilderness!

**Snacks and refreshments will be provided along the way. This ride includes 1 break for horses and riders for sundowners. A lead tracker, armed guide and backup safety rider will accompany guests.**



## FULL DAY SAFARI RIDE

\$160 per person

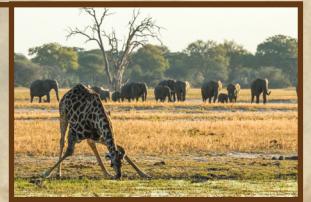
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Approx: Return: 15h00

RIDING LEVEL- **EXPERIENCED** - MAX PAX 4

*Riders should be fit and confident at all paces*

After an early morning breakfast you will depart on horseback in true exploratory style with our experienced guides and trackers leading us through both Camelthorn and Bomani Concessions in search of premier game viewing experiences. These concessions are vast and beautiful and border the edge of Hwange National Park and so a wonderful variety of wildlife can be spotted including zebra, giraffe, buffalo, elephant, kudu, eland, wildebeest, impala and predators such as cheetah, lion and wild dog. At lunch time you will stop for a delicious picnic lunch and a rest at a lovely tranquil spot in the shade of one of Hwange's magnificent acacias before mounting up once again and heading back to camp.

**Lunch and refreshments will be provided. This ride includes no fewer than 4 breaks for horses and riders. A lead tracker, armed guide and backup safety rider will accompany guests.**



### Please take note:

- All times are approximate and may change according to the season and circumstances on the ground.
- For all activities, departure time and ride length may be altered at the manager's discretion based on level of rider competency and riding conditions on the day.
- If for any reason the manager feels a rider lacks the experience and skill to do a ride booked they will be asked to dismount in the interests of their own safety and that of the group as a whole. The manager's decision is final and no discussions will be entertained. Payment will not be refunded.
- Suitable shoes and clothes must be worn. No sandals or slops will be permitted.
- We will always do our best to meet the demands of our clients, but there are limited horses available and so not all rides can be booked at the same time, booking a ride will depend on availability.
- Terms and conditions apply

## DEFINITIONS OF THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF HORSE RIDING COMPETENCY

**A Beginner Rider:** has limited experience, balance, control and is unable to rise /post to the trot and cannot canter.

**A Novice Rider:** is capable of mounting and dismounting unassisted. They must also be capable of applying basic aids, comfortable at a walk can do short posting trots and short canters but still lacks control and balance at these paces. After approximately 50 hours + over a six month period and average adult should be able to ride a reliable horse on an easy trail, and be considered a capable novice rider only.

**An Intermediate Rider:** has been consistently riding for a minimum of 1 to 3 times a week for 1 to 3 years and has over 200 hours of riding time. Has a secure and independent seat and does not hold onto the saddle or use the reins for balance. Confident and able to control a horse in a variety of circumstances at all paces, including rising trot, canters and could gallop if required.

**Strong Intermediate Rider:** is all of the above, currently riding regularly and is comfortable in the saddle for long hours with 500 plus.

**Experienced/Advanced Rider:** is all of the above. Rides daily or rides competitively and is capable of handling a spirited horse at all paces in open country at all times.

### CONTACT DETAILS

**Please contact reservations if you would like to book a ride in advance during your stay. Alternatively you can book a ride with your guide or manager at the lodge.**

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