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3 nights **Bumi Hills Safari Lodge** | 3 nights **Somalisa Camp** | 3 nights **Thorntree River Lodge**

Visiting the foundation's projects can be arranged and consist of a full day visit
(not on a Saturday or Sunday).

Visits are dependent on activities at the time.



07:00 am: Depart from Somalisa Camp and enjoy a game drive through Hwange National Park. Upon arrival to the main gate, you will be met by an African Bush Camps Foundation representative.

08:45 am: Arrive at Umtshibi Camp (not always an available stop)

Umtshibi Camp has a community supported teacher, classroom and an ablution block that was refurbished with the help of African Bush Camps Foundation. The camp is an integral project as it gives pre-school children access to education without having to start their day at 5am. The camp is also home to Hwange National Park staff and their families.



09:45 am: Main Camp Primary School

The foundation has been sponsoring Main Camp since 2006 and currently has an enrolment of 140 students. Through our 'Conservation Club', guides visit the primary school educating students on the importance of conservation and environmental days of importance such as National Tree Planting Days.

11:00 – 11:30 am: Tea break at Miombo Safari Camp

12:00 pm: Tour of Mambanje Cattle Bomas Project (seasonal: May - Nov)

Located in an area known for a high population of lion, the Mambanje presents a lot of safety challenges. The Lion Guardian project helps mitigate human-wildlife conflict by monitoring lion movement, behaviour and provides an early warning system. With an ingenious implementation of covering the perimeter of the boma with opaque plastic sheeting (PVC), lion conflict has diminished. It has also improved the farming opportunities for the community due to more fertile lands. This project highlights conservation in an innovative and unique way.



13:00 – 13:45 pm: Tour of Mambanje Primary School

Mambanje Primary School is an underdeveloped school in Hwange. The African Bush Camps Foundation has partnered with them in addressing their development challenges and has engaged with the school in supporting income generating projects, infrastructure building and support of orphaned and vulnerable children. The tour of the school will include meeting with students, teachers and viewing some of the developments which include the building of the teachers' house, submersible pump borehole, solar power system and e-learning center. African Bush Camps Foundation (and its partners) also provides scholarships to 68 orphaned and vulnerable children.

14:00 pm: Bush picnic lunch packed by the Somalisa kitchen.

14:30 pm: Visit to Vukani Bead Making Project

The Vukani Group features beading pieces that are hand-crafted using recycled materials like magazines. These recycled materials are rolled into beads which creates unique earrings, necklaces and bracelets. The poverty in this area is high, with no electricity and little running water and due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, there are many orphans and vulnerable children who are cared for by their grandparents. The group uses their earnings to take care of such orphans as well as cover other living needs.

15:00 pm: Visit to Thandanani Sewing Project

The Thandanani Sewing Project is a group of 5 women aged 30-60 that come together in the Dete suburb of Soweto. Thandanani received funds in August 2012 through the Foundation, and in September 2012 they made their first sales through the African Bush Camps' curio shops in all ABC camps. The group is dedicated and by bringing together their skills and resources they have been able to better their economic circumstances. The beautiful robes found in our camps are made with love by the Thandanani ladies.

15:30 - 17:30 pm: Game drive through Hwange National Park back to Somalisa Camp

