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

The **African Bush Camps Foundation** is in the early stages of forming a partnership with the Maunga Community near **Thorntree River Lodge**.

With the opening of Thorntree River Lodge (in 2017) a needs analysis was undertaken and a union with **Maunga** was established. The Maunga Community is located on the Western Border of the Dambwa Forest Reserve in Livingstone and consists of eight villages.

Due to the remote location and off major transport routes, it was evident that Maunga could benefit from contributions through the African Bush Camps Foundation.

These contributions help go towards further developing the community, improving quality of life and achieve long-term conservation through programs focusing on education, conservation and community empowerment.

See below for your itinerary to the Maunga Community.



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

**Visits are dependent on activities at the time.**

**08:00 am:** You will depart from Thorntree River Lodge by road transfer and drive through the charming Zambian landscape.

**08:45 am:** Arriving at Maunga Village, you will be welcomed by the community representative.

**09:00 – 09:30 am: Tour of Maunga Health Centre**

The Maunga Health Centre is the first project identified to improve access to health care facilities. With the closest hub being 25km, people from the community will no longer need to focus their time and energy travelling those long distances to seek medical attention.



### **09:30 – 10:00 am: Tour of Maunga Primary School**

Situated near the health centre, the primary school in Maunga was established in 1992 and is the only educational facility in the area. The African Bush Camps Foundation is working closely with the school to improve access to education, contribute tools and stationery. A 'Conservation Club' has been introduced in the school to help support practical initiatives and raise awareness around environmental sustainability and wildlife conservation. Guests will have the chance to meet a member of staff and hear them speak about the school's methods and goals. Greeting the students may be possible but disrupting class time will be avoided.



**10:00 – 10:30 am:** Tea break

### **10:30 – 11:00 am: Visit to local blacksmith**

A blacksmith in the community has been working with metal shaping techniques for many years. His business serves as an interesting stop for guests as he uses basic tools and ingenuitive techniques. Take a tour around his homestead whilst he shows his artistic skills and merchandise for sale.



**11:45 am:** Depart back to Thorntree River Lodge

**12:30 pm:** Lunch at Thorntree River Lodge