



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT SAFARI



Linyanti Bush Camp
Thorntree River Lodge
Somalisa Expeditions



10 Days / 9 Nights

“I was encouraged and inspired by my daughter to apply for the Female Guides Program. When I got accepted, she said: “Wow Mom, are you going to see many elephants? I haven’t seen elephants before. “So, I am really expectant to experience so much more when I get out there. I would encourage women out there to apply for this program and to join us in being one of the best, I will be one of the best when I get out there!”

This story, written by Gorata Tshekoeng, who joined African Bush Camps in July 2022 as a female guide trainee in Botswana, is a powerful reminder of why it is so vital to create opportunities and platforms that empower and equip women to grow and develop. This is how we continue to motivate and inspire the next generation of young girls to believe that they can be and do anything they set their minds to.

Our Women Empowerment Safari is an educational, inspirational, and collaborative journey that showcases the beauty, strength, and resolve of women in Africa, at African Bush Camps, and in the communities we support. This safari provides a window into our female guides program where we aim to develop 25 female guides by 2025 and our women empowerment projects in the local communities that are investing in healthcare and women-run projects that generate economic activities for families through fashion, basket weaving, and jewellery. Through this safari, we actively support what we believe to be a vital part of developing healthy and thriving communities and societies by investing in programs that give women a voice, skills development, ownership, and independence.



The journey begins in Botswana, where you will spend 3-nights at our camps guided by one of our upcoming women guides (trainee). Learn about their stories, and their journey on the program and be part of their on-the-job training as they guide you during your stay. We wrap up this leg of the trip in Mabele village to visit The Vuche Vuche Basket Weaving initiative where you will learn and experience traditional Botswana singing, dancing and basket weaving and how to cook a traditional meal.

We then journey to Zambia, where we have improved access to quality health care for women in the community by building a clinic fully equipped with a maternity ward that is assisting with the delivery of babies. This clinic has significantly reduced the mortality rate for mothers and children during labour. Visit this woman-run clinic to learn about the work we are doing in the community to support mothers and young teenagers with services that include family planning and preventing early teenage pregnancies. In addition to this, we will visit Maunga Primary where we will join the community women in preparing and serving meals to learners at the nutrition program. Join us for our women-inspired high tea in camp with some of our female camp managers and staff as we break bread, connect, share stories and inspire one another. Get treated and pampered during your stay at our in-house spa and enjoy the beauty of Victoria falls and the majestic Zambezi River with sundowner cocktails and bubbles.

We conclude the trip in Zimbabwe where we are supporting women in the community through entrepreneurship and a local community garden. Visit Mambanje Garden, Thandanani and Vukani, women-led groups that are earning a living as tailors, selling crops and making jewellery from recycled magazines and newsletters. Here you will learn how they make jewellery and beads while doing some shopping for their store in the village.

Day 1-4

Linyanti Bush Camp

Linyanti Bush Camp is situated on the banks of Linyanti Marsh in a private reserve which borders the western boundary of Chobe in the Chobe Enclave. Linyanti Bush Camp is an intimate camp with 6 luxury tents on the banks of the Linyanti Marsh. The elevated communal area offers a cosy lounge, bar and dining area, as well as a pool, with beautiful views of the unique Linyanti landscape.

Linyanti is best known for its large populations of elephant and buffalo that congregate in vast numbers especially during the dry season. Other wildlife encounters include lion, leopard, wild dog, the rare and elusive sitatunga antelope, hippo and crocodile.

Vuche Vuche Basket Weaving Initiative

The Vuche Vuche Basket Weaving Project aims to empower women from the local community through basket weaving. This initiative creates employment opportunities whilst displaying Botswana's heritage and culture through beautiful crafts. Baskets are for sale at ABC trading posts, and guests can visit Vuche Vuche to learn basket weaving and experience traditional dances.

Female Guides Program

Our Female Guides program aims to develop female safari guides through skills training, mentorship, job shadowing, and rotations at African Bush Camps. The launch of our first cohort in November 2021 was the start of our goal to have 25 female guides in the safari industry by 2025. To date, we have launched the second cohort in Botswana in 2022 and the third in Zambia in 2023.



Day 4-7

Thorntree River Lodge

Thorntree River Lodge is set in Zambia's Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, just a short distance from the famous Victoria Falls. Thorntree River Lodge has been completely rebuilt with an environmentally-conscious design. Drawing inspiration from local customs and culture, it is a modern contemporary design with tented roof structures to maintain the feel of authentic Africa.

The lodge boasts 12 twin rooms with 2 sets of interleading units. Each unit has its own indoor and outdoor bathrooms, as well as a luxurious private plunge pool. The main lodge consists of a lounge with an open dining area, where the fine dining experience of African cuisine will come to life. A gym and spa overlook the mighty Zambezi River, and there is a small library with WIFI for our guests' convenience. The communal deck is set on the edge of the stunning riverside and is home to a sunken boma area and an infinity pool. Wooden decking floats on the edge of the river and moves with the water level to create the illusion of sailing a boat, and helps to achieve a seamless feel between the river and land.

Maunga Clinic

The Maunga Clinic supports an average of 15 patients per day. It has played a crucial role in improving the health and well-being of the local community through its fully-equipped maternity ward, which offers delivery services and family planning for mothers in the communities. The clinic also provides general medical services, COVID-19 vaccinations, and outpatient services. Over the years, we have worked to ensure that the clinic can provide the community with medical support that would otherwise require them to travel over 20 km to the nearest medical facility.

Maunga School

African Bush Camps Foundation has been supporting Maunga Primary School since 2021. We have provided additional learning resources for the school by purchasing stationery packs for the learners and textbooks. We carried out much-needed renovations to the school premises, fixing the roof, building additional restroom facilities, and renovating the kitchen and the dining area. The nutrition program at the school provides two meals a day to over 200 students each school day.



Day 7-10

Somalisa Expeditions

Somalisa Expeditions is set in the heart of Hwange National Park, and is known as the land of the giants for its big elephant herds. As an exact replica of the original Somalisa Camp, Somalisa Expeditions offers one of the most authentic ways to experience this exceptional wildlife haven. Nestled under an incredible grove of Acacias, along the edge of a seasonal flood plain.

Somalisa Expeditions' main area includes a lounge and dining area on raised decking which overlooks a small pool, which elephants have become habituated to drinking out of. Add to this, the water hole is frequently used as a 'mud-bath' and a popular rendezvous for the elephants. The up-close encounters and photographic opportunities with these majestic animals is endless.

Mambanje Primary School and Community Garden

The Mambanje Primary school has been one of our passion projects for almost two decades. To date we have renovated the school, installed solar power and boreholes, built teachers accommodation, provided learning materials and resources to learners and teachers and launched the nutrition program.

Our community-run garden in Mambanja is equipping, empowering, and enabling the community to grow and produces crops that they can harvest to feed their families and sell to generate economic activities for themselves. The garden is well equipped with a solar-powered borehole which allows for an adequate water supply for the garden. The 28 families that are using the garden are collectively running it's upkeep.

Vukani Group Project and Thandanani Sewing Project.

The Vukani Group Project is a community of women who are making beautiful, handcrafted necklaces, bracelets, and napkin rings out of recycled magazines. This project takes items that we typically throw away and repurposes them into something beautiful. Items are for sale at the ABC trading post in our camp.

Thandanani, which means "love each other," is a local sewing group run by women in the community of Dete, in Hwange. They make beautiful African print placemats, bags, robes, travel wallets, and clothes. Everything they make is unique and made with love. Items are for sale at the ABC trading post in our camp





RSP Rates

Rates for group of 4

Low Season:
01 Jan - 31 Mar & 01 - 31
Dec

\$35,340.00 USD

Mid Season:
01 Apr - 31 May & 01 - 30
Nov

\$39,816.00 USD

High Season:
01 Jun - 31 Oct

\$51,036.00 USD

As part of this booking, \$5,000 will be donated to ABCF which will go towards funding the tuition, training and licensing of one women guide. By booking this trip, you are contributing towards one woman becoming a certified and licensed safari guide.

This cost includes:

- 9 nights' accommodation in ABC properties
- All meals & local drinks
- 2 shared activities a day
- Internal flights
- Road transfers
- Private safari vehicle for Somalisa Expeditions
- Trips to the foundation projects

This cost excludes:

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Staff gratuities

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RSP Rates

Rates for group of 6

Low Season:
01 Jan - 31 Mar & 01 - 31
Dec

\$46,010.00 USD

Mid Season:
01 Apr - 31 May & 01 - 30
Nov

\$52,724.00 USD

High Season:
01 Jun - 31 Oct

\$69,554.00 USD

As part of this booking, \$5,000 will be donated to ABCF which will go towards funding the tuition, training and licensing of one women guide. By booking this trip, you are contributing towards one woman becoming a certified and licensed safari guide.

This cost includes:

- 9 nights' accommodation in ABC properties
- All meals & local drinks
- 2 shared activities a day
- Internal flights
- Road transfers
- Private safari vehicle for Somalisa Expeditions
- Trips to the foundation projects

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