

AN ULTIMATE ZIMBABWE SAFARI ITINERARY
BY GRAHAM SIMMONDS



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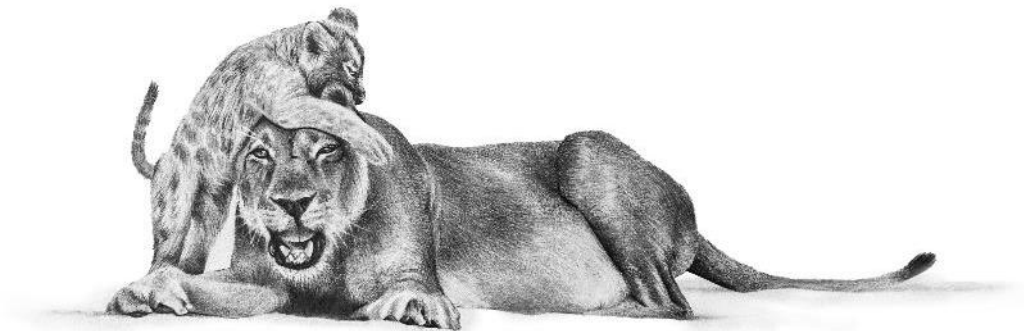
SPOTLIGHT ON OUR ZAMBEZI REGION

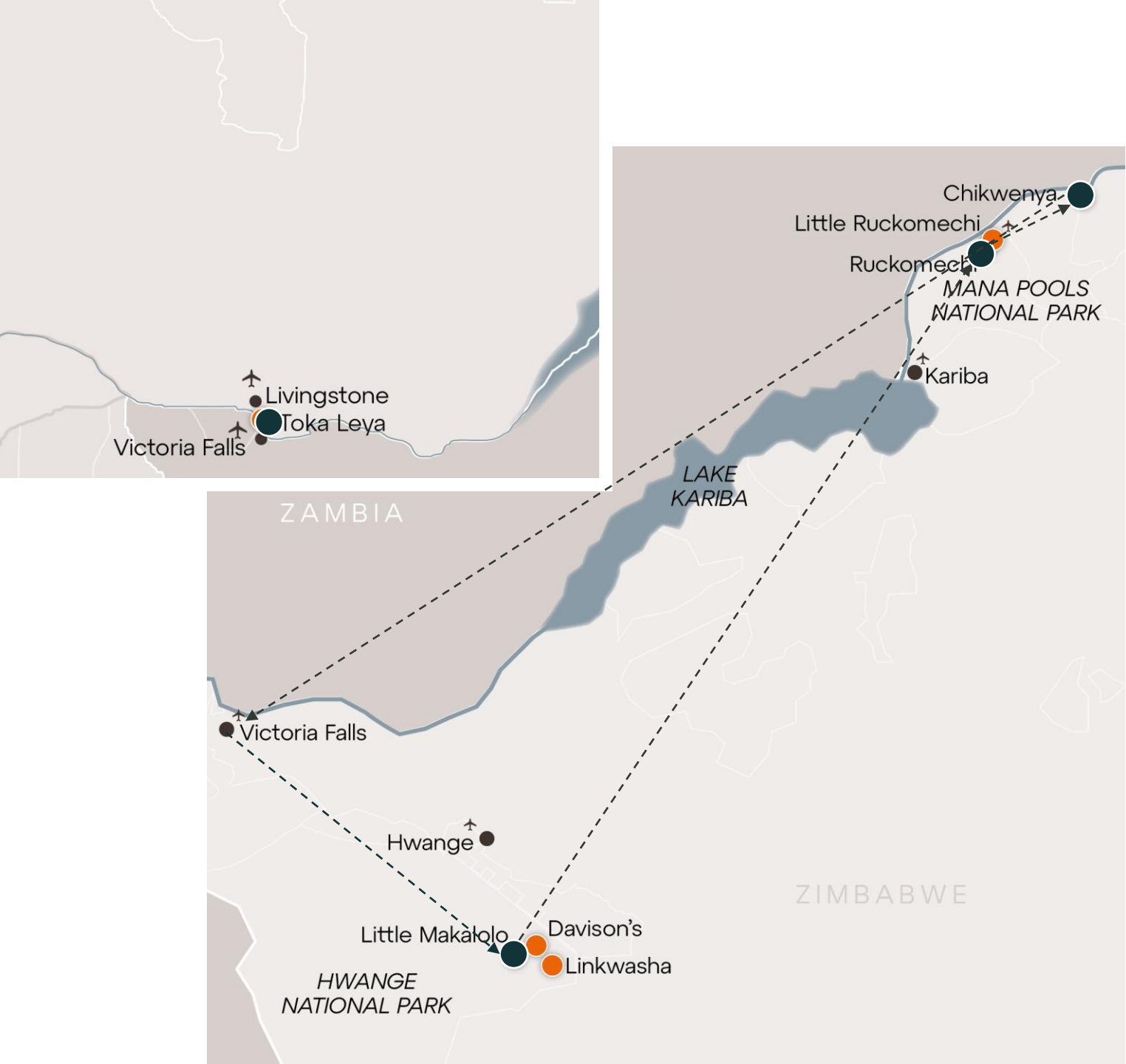




Graham has been a part of the Wilderness Family for 15 years. In 2022 he began his next chapter returning to operations, while continuing with sales and regional development. He is grateful to work alongside remarkable people, and positively impact local communities and the iconic wild areas where we operate.

A bookworm by nature, in the bush Graham found himself in a world of long hours and fixing lots of little, and big, things. However, his self-discipline and love for nature made it easy for him to quickly learn how to become a jack of all trades, giving his guests life-changing experiences while ensuring seamless operational support in the background.





WILDERNESS ITINERARY

WILDERNESS CAMPS

- 2 nights Toka Leya
- 3 nights Little Makalolo
- 2 nights Ruckomechi
- 2 nights Chikwenya

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Wilderness Toka Leya



8 tents
(1 family)



Spa
(extra cost)



Rhino tracking



Game drives



Guided nature
walks



Boating



Community
visits



Victoria Falls
tour

Place: Overlooking the Zambezi River and some of its islands, Toka Leya is the ideal combination of relaxation and adventure. Game drives and river cruises can be followed by a therapeutic treatment at our spa; tours of Victoria Falls a nearby rural village and Livingstone town add cultural and historical diversity. Fishing rhino tracking and plenty of adrenaline-filled activities add excitement to the experience.

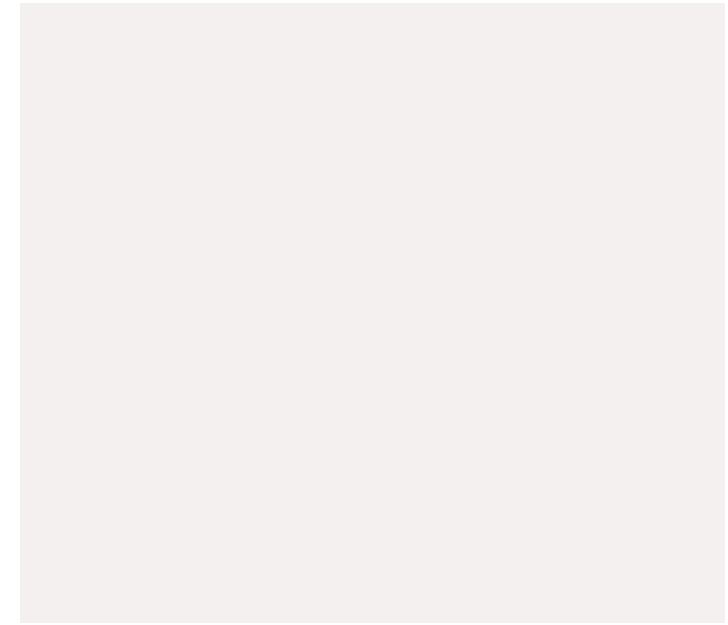
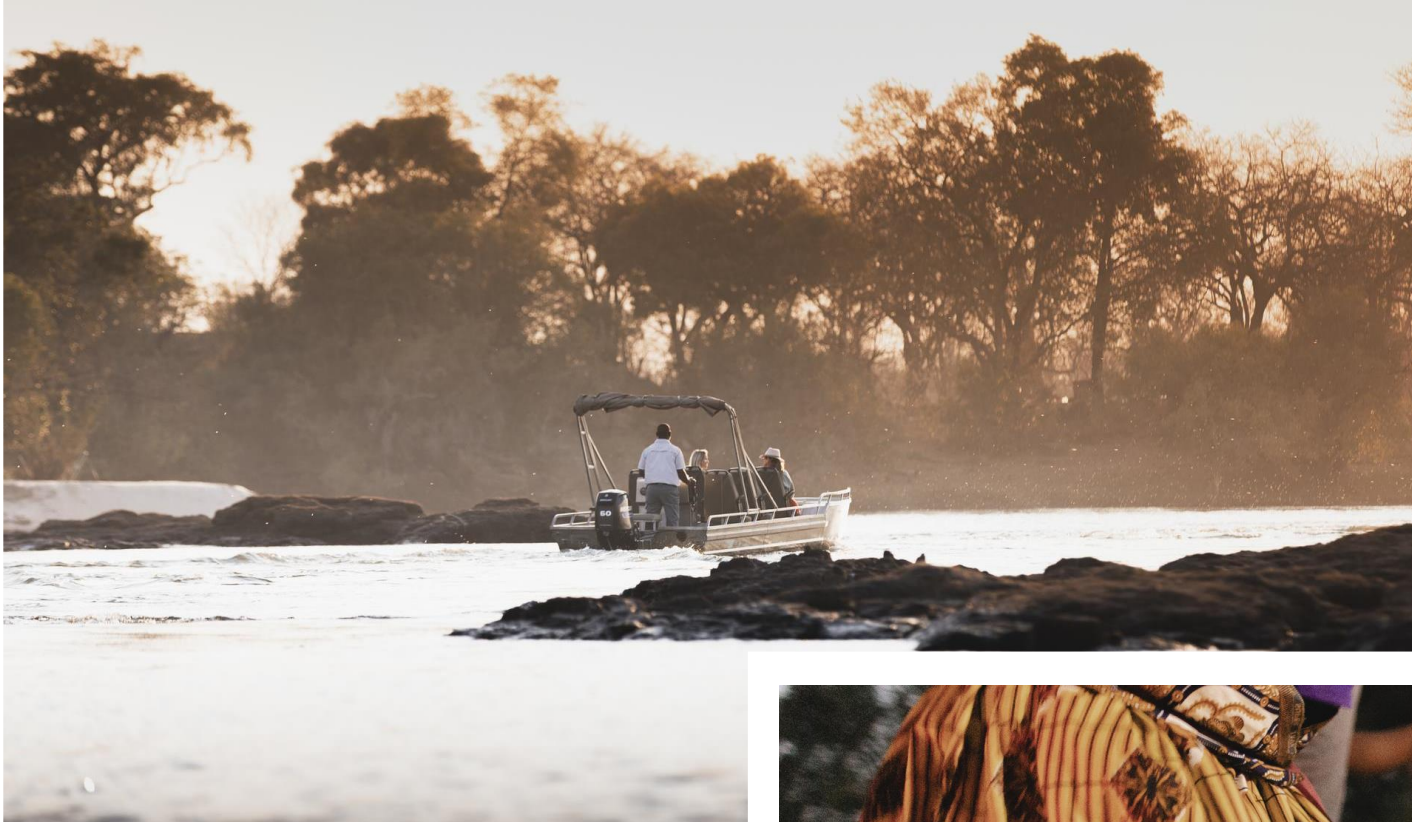
Accommodation: The camp's twelve spacious, en-suite safari-style tents with expansive decks offer dramatic views and glimpses of wildlife. Limiting our footprint on this pristine area, elevated wooden walkways weave between the guest tents and the main area, where an infinity pool, a sundeck for sumptuous meals and a convivial fire pit for night-time gatherings complement the dining, bar and lounge areas.

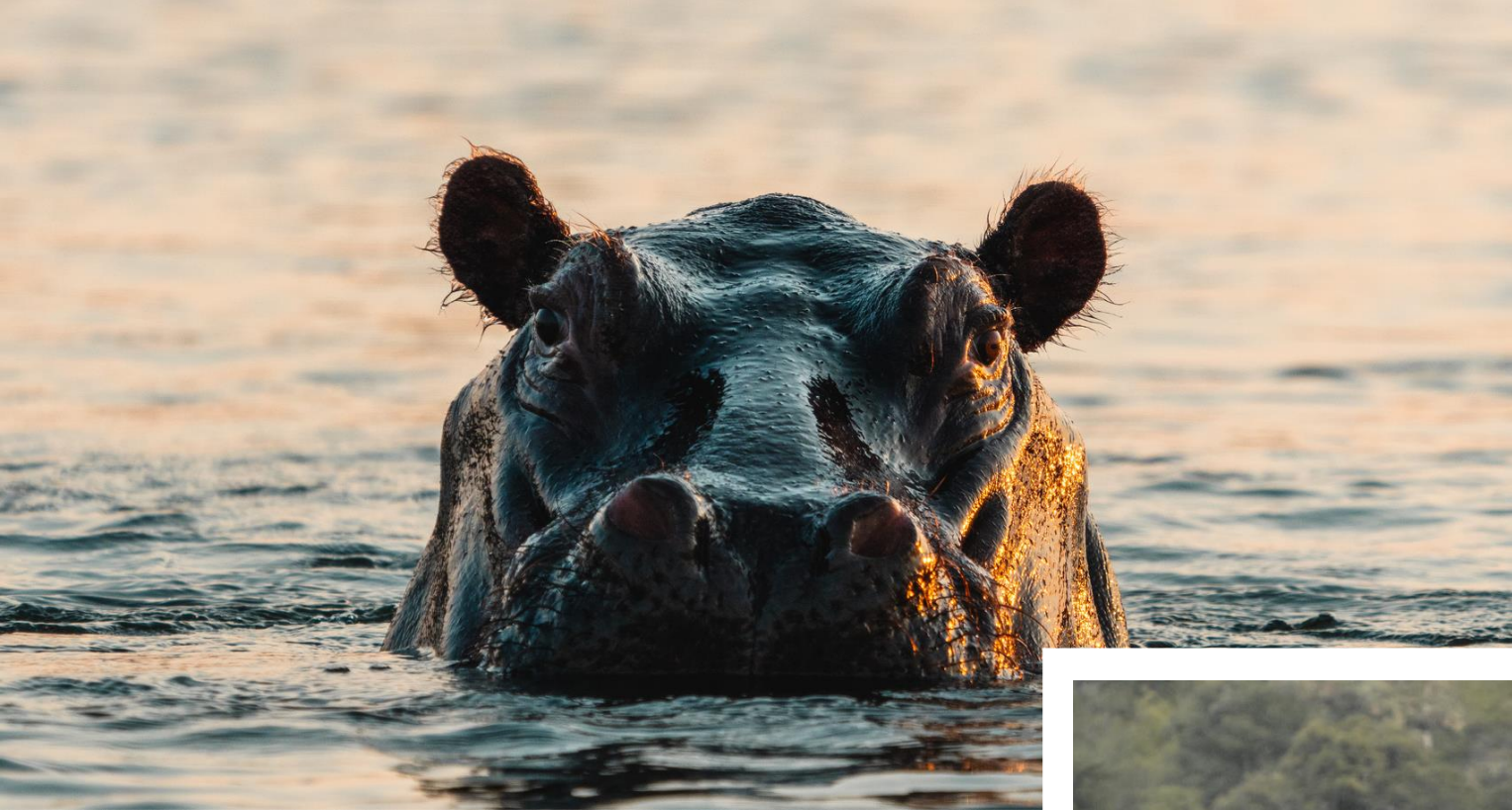
WHY TOKA LEYA? GRAHAM SAYS...

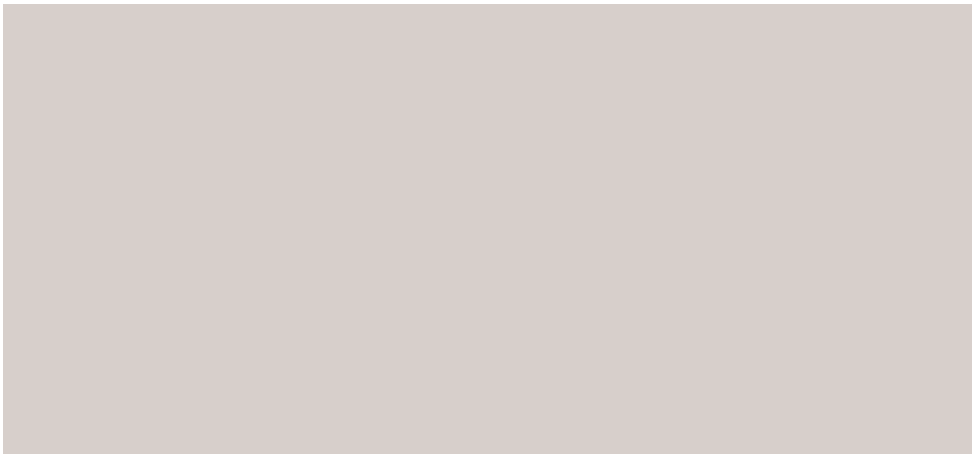
- Gateway to adventure: Situated in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, Toka Leya serves as an ideal safari base with easy access to Victoria Falls and Livingstone's adventure scene.
- Riverine wildlife at your doorstep: Daily visitors include hippos, crocodiles, elephants, buffalos, and a stunning variety of birdlife, including elusive species like the African finfoot and seasonal delights such as the African skimmer.
- Sustainable luxury: Toka Leya's pioneering conservation efforts have transformed once-degraded land into a thriving riverine woodland. Our tree-planting project, supported by guests, continues revitalising the area, with many trees donated to other needy locations.
- Easily accessible: A twenty-minute drive from Livingstone, Toka Leya is the perfect start or end to a southern African safari itinerary.











 WILDERNESS TOKA LEYA – MAIN AREA



 WILDERNESS TOKA LEYA - BEDROOM

Wilderness Little Makalolo



6 Tents
(1 family)



Star Bed



Log-pile hide



Game drives



Guided walks

Place: Little Makalolo lies in one of Hwange's most ecologically-diverse areas, ensuring both variety and numbers of animals year round. A large number of waterholes attracts game from far and wide, and with one in front of camp, wildlife activity can even be enjoyed from the pool or your breakfast table or, more intimately, from the camp's log-pile hide.

Accommodation: Its six traditional-style tents with both indoor and outdoor showers, are connected to the main area by teak walkways, where a towering false mopane tree in the centre of the camp shades a separate dining and living area with an open fire deck for those convivial evening fireside tales under the stars. A raised pool deck, which also shelters the bar and breakfast area, offers evocative views of the much-frequented waterhole in front of camp.

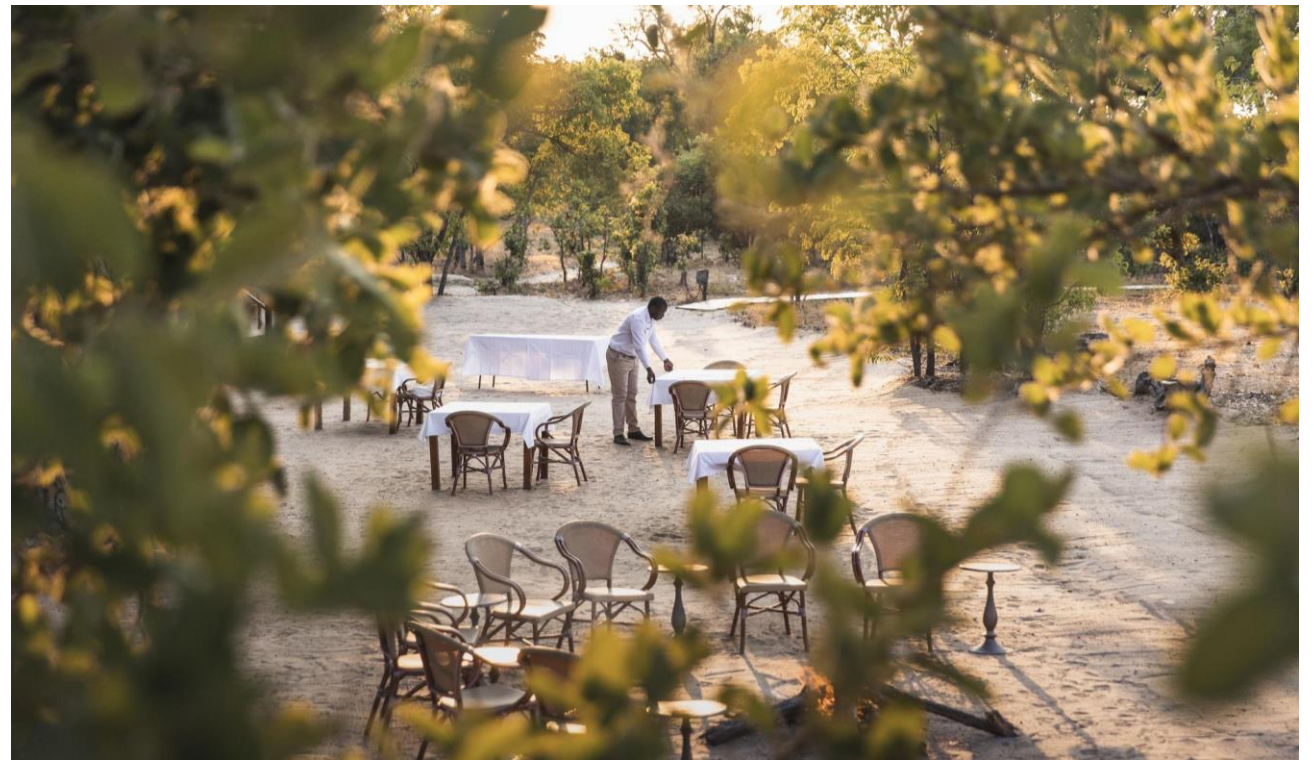
WHY LITTLE MAKALOLO? GRAHAM SAYS...

- Ecosystem diversity: The south-eastern corner of Hwange, with its mix of palm-fringed plains, grasslands, acacia woodlands, and teak forests, boasts fertile grounds and year-round water access. This rich ecology supports vast numbers of plains game, closely followed by their predators.
- Conservation in action: The Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit demonstrates to guests the crucial efforts in protecting Hwange's wildlife from snares along the park's southern boundary. Patrols, snare removal, and community engagement are key components of this important conservation initiative.
- Immersive experiences: The elevated Star Bed at Madison Pan offers an exciting night under the stars.
- Up-close wildlife encounters: Little Makalolo offers unbeatable proximity to Hwange's wildlife, especially during the dry season. The waterhole in front of the log-pile hide attracts large herds of elephants and buffalos just metres away.









 WILDERNESS LITTLE MAKOLOLO- MAIN AREA



 WILDERNESS LITTLE MAKALOLO - BEDROOM

Wilderness Ruckomechi



10 Tents
(2 family)



100% solar



Canoeing



Game drives
(day & night)



Guided nature
walks



Boating



Catch-and-
release fishing



Star Bed

Place: Ruckomechi Camp rises along the banks of the Zambezi River, gazing out towards Zambia’s evocative escarpment. Its broad-canopied albida trees create glorious shade throughout the camp, and are much loved by the elephants for their rich, nutritious seeds. Our concession is explored by vehicle or on foot, while boating and canoeing allow for a different perspective of the area.

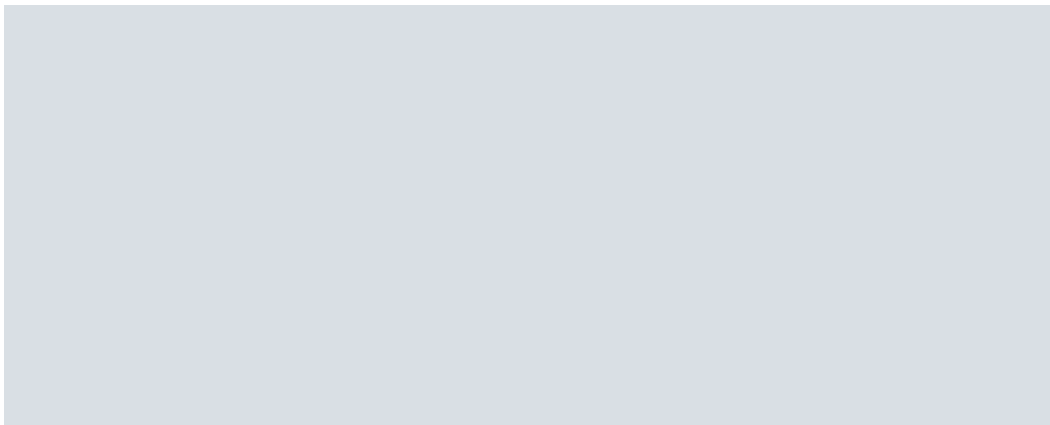
Accommodation: Ten spacious tents, along with a generous main space, enjoy the broad vista of the Zambezi River. There is a separate pool area, a unique outdoor “bath with a view” in a secluded, scenic spot, and for the romantic, a Star Bed is located nearby.

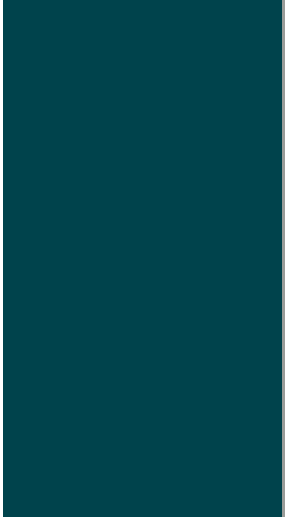
WHY RUCKOMECHI? GRAHAM SAYS...

- Exclusive riverfront access: Situated on the banks of the Zambezi River in a private reserve bordering Mana Pools, Ruckomechi offers prime game viewing in one of the area's most productive wildlife zone—the lush riverine belt.
- Elephant central: Ruckomechi's albida trees are a magnet for elephants, who can often be spotted feeding on the nutrient-rich pods. The camp also overlooks a well-used elephant crossing, making daily sightings of these gentle giants an integral part of the experience.
- Thriving wildlife zone: Beyond elephants, the area is home to abundant herds of buffalos and a host of predators, including lions, leopards, cheetahs, and wild dogs. On the surrounding plains, you'll find various antelope species, while hippos and crocodiles crowd the river. For bird enthusiasts, the sightings are extraordinary—look out for the nesting bee-eaters and rare specials like the collared palm-thrush.
- Preserving a true wilderness: Ruckomechi's private-access area plays a key role in protecting Mana Pools' wildlife. Our presence supports environmental stability while safeguarding the delicate balance of this pristine wilderness.








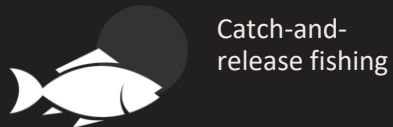
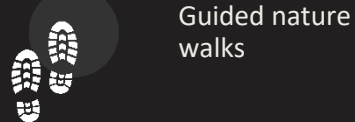
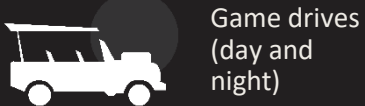
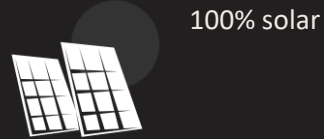






 WILDERNESS RUCKOMECHI - BEDROOM

Wilderness Chikwenya



Place: Situated on the eastern boundary of Mana Pools National Park, Chikwenya is a photographer's paradise as it looks out over an open floodplain and the broad Zambezi River, with a backdrop provided by the mountains of the Rift Valley escarpment.

Accommodation: This seven-tented camp is surrounded by a dense forest of albida and Natal mahogany trees, which provide deep shade in the heat of the day. The tents perch on low wooden decks and pine walkways link them to the raised main area. The lounge, dining and bar area are places of hospitality and relaxation, and a pool, deck and fireplace offer alternate spaces to enjoy the scenery and passing wildlife.

WHY CHIKWENYA? GRAHAM SAYS...

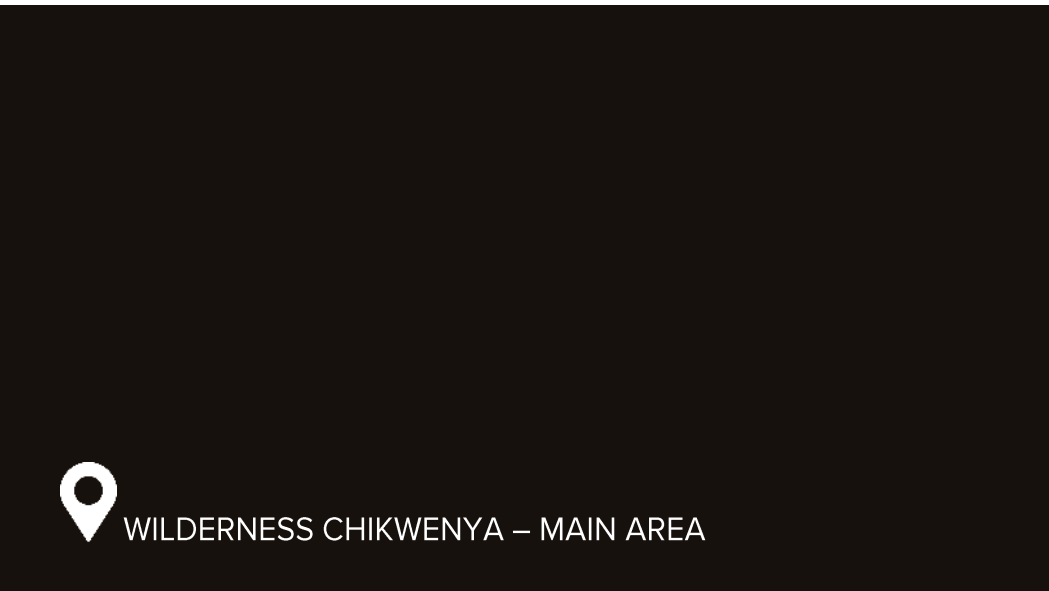
- **Exclusive location:** As a private-access area adjacent to Mana Pools National Park, Chikwenya plays a crucial role in protecting the unique wilderness that gives Mana its World Heritage status.
- **A seasonal spectacle:** As the dry season intensifies, wildlife concentrates around the river and floodplains. The albida trees around Chikwenya fruit from around September, attracting elephants and other species offering late-season visitors a truly exceptional wildlife experience and photographic opportunities.
- **Prime position:** At the confluence of the Sapi and Zambezi Rivers, guests are treated to frequent wildlife sightings from camp—elephants, plains game, and even predators—passing through the floodplains under the backdrop of the Rift Valley mountains.
- **Birding paradise:** With around 350 species, Chikwenya's specials include the western banded snake eagle, rufous-bellied heron, long-toed lapwing, and the elusive Pel's fishing-owl.











WILDERNESS CHIKWENYA – MAIN AREA



 WILDERNESS CHIKWENYA – BOMA & POOL



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