

## **BUMBUSI WILDERNESS CAMP, HWANGE – FACT SHEET**

### **LOCATION:**

The position of Hideaways Bumbusi Wilderness Camp within Hwange National Park makes it the ultimate remote safari destination. The camp is located in the Northwestern region of Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park, on an 80,000-hectare concession, offering guests complete privacy and an unparalleled safari experience.

Bumbusi is inside Hwange National Park and is a 4-hour drive from Victoria Falls; half of this transfer is a game drive through the park. Alternatively, the trip can be done with a 20-minute flight, from Victoria Falls Airport to Robins Airstrip followed by a one-and-a-half hour game drive to the camp.

### **GPS CO-ORDINATES:**

Hideaways Bumbusi Wilderness Camp, Hwange: -18°515955 S, 26°178612 E

### **WHEN TO TRAVEL:**

The position of our lodge in Hwange offers a year-round safari destination in Southern Africa. We suggest aiming for the cooler, dry season between July and October for an optimum safari experience, as the bush thins out considerably during these months, and the waterholes attract a great variety of animals, ensuring wonderful wildlife viewing. Daytime temperatures are in the mid 20's but drop noticeably at night to below 10 degrees Celsius.

For those with a special interest in birds, the best time to book a stay at Hideaways Bumbusi Wilderness Camp is between November and April when the wet summer months attract a host of migratory species. Just be aware that temperatures can exceed 30 degrees Celsius; optimal hydration and protection against the sun are necessities.

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

In keeping with our values of honoring the rich history of the region, the original stonework of the camp was preserved during its refurbishment. The added touches of canvas and thatch give Bumbusi an authentic safari feel. We have seven comfortable guest rooms, each with a private open-air bathroom and a cozy verandah, perfect for arm-chair game viewing, reading or just relaxing in the afternoons.

### **THE MAIN AREA:**

The main communal area consists of inside and outside lounges, dining areas, a communal Boma and a natural pool. Our fireside chairs overlooking our natural pool offer a comfortable place to spend time between safari activities, and the beautiful library lounge is a perfect alternative for cooler or inclement weather. The camp is surrounded by lush green lawns and densely shaded trees which attract various wildlife throughout the day. Complimentary WIFI is available in the main area.

### **SOLAR POWER AND USE OF ENERGY:**

The camp relies 100% on solar energy, and runs on energy generated through solar panels. During the day electricity is from solar whilst at night it is from batteries. All lights are LED low energy usage. As an eco-lodge, staff make a concerted effort to keep lights switched off whenever possible.

**ECO-FRIENDLY POOL:**

Our swimming pool is fed by natural springs and is as popular with the elephants as it is with our guests. This makes for rather close and novel encounters with these incredible tusked giants. No other African animal seems to evoke quite the same amount of awe as the elephant; being so close to these supremely intelligent pachyderms is something few people experience in their lives. It is a highlight that many of our guests recount with wonder.

**FOOD:**

We utilize the surrounding villages to supply fresh produce to the lodge whenever possible. This facilitates the economic empowerment of the local farmers and supports the villages in a continuous and sustainable way. The lodge has a herb garden which we use to enhance each delicious meal we serve to our guests.

**GUEST AMENITIES:**

All guest amenities including shampoo, conditioner, hand and body lotion, foam bath, liquid gel and soaps are sourced from eco-friendly suppliers. These are endorsed by 'Beauty without Cruelty,' and where possible, use organic and biodegradable ingredients.

**WATER SUPPLY:**

Water is supplied from our underground borehole and wastewater is cleaned using a specially designed septic system. Once the water has been cleaned it is returned to the soil.

**ACTIVITIES OFFERED:****Game drives:**

Search for wildlife in an open-air safari vehicle in Hwange National Park. Professional guides escort our guests in search of wildlife during day and night-game drives. Game viewing can vary dramatically from season to season, but guests are likely to spot a variety of plains game, such as impala, zebra, giraffe and kudu antelope, as well as herds of elephant and buffalo. Lions, hyenas and leopards are heard frequently from the camp.

Game drives are either half-day (in the morning or afternoon), full-day, or in the evening for nocturnal game viewing.

**Guided Walks:**

A variety of walks are possible and can be tailored to suit each group's fitness level, varying from a few hours to a whole day out with a packed lunch. Highlights include hiking through the Bumbusi gorge, viewing the beautiful Deka River, looking for the notoriously large crocodiles at Bera Pools and marveling at the ancient remains of a forest preserved in petrified wood.

**Sundowners on sunset rock:**

Every Bumbusi sunset is an occasion worth celebrating. Sundowners at Bumbusi has become an almost-sacred tradition that no evening is quite the same without. Sipping gin and tonics and snacking on biltong and roasted nuts is better than ever when you are perched upon magnificent rock formations and completely surrounded by nature.

### Bumbusi History Tour:

The area surrounding the camp has a rich history of human occupation dating back one thousand years. Our professional guide will take you on a tour through this history, starting with the San hunter-gatherers and ending with the well-preserved settlement of the late farming period.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

<b>Room Facilities:</b>	
1. How many rooms are there?	7 Rooms (5 twin and 2 queen beds).
2. What view do the rooms have?	Rooms 1,2 3, 4 and 5 have garden view. Rooms 6 and 7 have bush view.
3. How many people can occupy 1 room?	2 adults or 2 children (Queen or Twin); We have 1 room (Queen) where a bunk bed can be added for 2 additional children.
4. Is there a family room for children?	No family room. We have 1 room where we add a bunk bed for up to 2 children.
5. Do rooms have electricity?	Yes.
6. Is there internet in the rooms?	Yes.
7. What are the room facilities?	Queen or twin size bed, mosquito net, en suite bathroom with open air shower inside and/or bath, fan, lighting, and wifi
8. Is there a fridge in the room?	No.
9. Are there laundry services available?	Yes.
10. What time does room service clean?	When guests are out on activities.

<b>Main Area:</b>	
11. Is the dining area outside or inside?	Outside and inside.
12. Does the lodge have a pool?	Natural swimming pool.
13. Is there a bar?	Yes.

<b>Activities:</b>	
14. What activities are available?	Game drive (full day, half day and night drives) Guided walk Bird watching Historical walks Sundowners on Sunset Rock
15. How long are the full day and half day game drives?	Full day game drive: 7-8 hours Half day game drive: 3 - 4 hours Night drive: +- 2 hours
16. Are lunch and drinks provided on game drives?	Drinks and snacks are provided on game drives. Lunch is served on full day drives - at +-13:00 at a

	picnic spot, alternatively we can return to the lodge for lunch.
17. Are children allowed on game activities and what is the age limit?	Yes, from +7 years for game drives and +16 years for game walks.
18. What kind of animals can I expect to see?	Elephants, Leopard, Lion, Black Rhino, Warthog, variety of birds, Buffalo, Painted Dog, Cheetah, Aardvark, Jackal, Giraffe, Hares, Hyena, Mongoose, Civet, Genets, Honey Badger, Monkey, Bat-eared fox, Zebra, Hippopotamus.

<b>Other Info:</b>	
19. Can I Self-Drive to the lodge?	Yes.
20. When is the best time to visit?	From June to the end of October.
21. What type of clothing do you recommend I pack?	Neutral coloured clothing, warm jacket in winter. Comfortable walking shoes.
22. Can we charge phones?	Yes, electricity is provided in each room, multi socket adapter available.
23. Check-in & Check-out Times	Check in: From 2pm / Check out: By 10am Earlier check in or late check out must be pre-arranged.
24. Mobility/Accessibility: Are we geared for Disabilities (Wheelchairs etc.)	No, however guests are placed in the closest room to the main area.
25. Can guest walk to their rooms alone?	No, guests are escorted to their rooms at all times by a guide.
26. Is there a fence around the lodge?	No.
27. Is there a spa?	No.