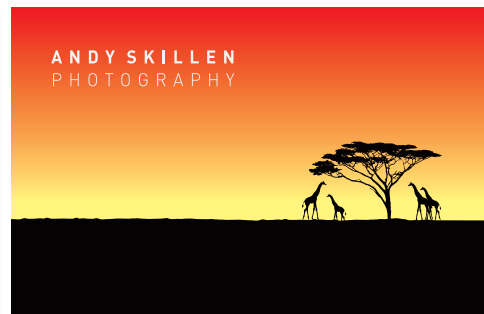


In-depth Zimbabwe D2

Trip dates: 10 October - 19 October 2020

Location: Hwange National Park & Mana Pools, Zimbabwe

Group size: 4; Cost GBP 7,695 per person



A 9 NIGHT, 10 DAY PHOTOGRAPHIC AND WILDLIFE VIEWING ADVENTURE TAKING IN TWO OF ZIMBABWE'S MOST SPECTACULAR WILDLIFE LOCATIONS, EACH OFFERING A WEALTH OF DIVERSE PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITY IN UNCROWDED SURROUNDINGS, AND ESCORTED BY ANDY SKILLEN THROUGHOUT.

WITH A **GROUP SIZE LIMITED TO JUST 4**, YOU ARE **GUARANTEED PLENTY OF TUITION TIME, AND ALSO PLENTY OF ROOM IN WHICH TO WORK**. THE TRIP IS TIMED TO MAXIMISE THE END OF THE DRY SEASON IN HWANGE, AS WILDLIFE CONCENTRATES MORE AND MORE AROUND DWINDLING WATER RESOURCES, AS WELL AS HEADING TO MANA POOLS TO MAXIMISE YOUR POSSIBILITIES OF VIEWING AFRICA'S MOST ELUSIVE PREDATORS – **WILD DOGS** – AS THEY TRANSITION FROM THE DENNING PHASE TO HUNTING ON THE FLOODPLAIN.

BASED AT A REMOTE, NEW **PRIVATE CAMP ON A CONCESSION** WITHIN HWANGE TO BEGIN WITH, AND THEN TRANSFERRING TO AN **EXCLUSIVE-USE** TENTED CAMP IN MANA POOLS ON THE SECOND PART OF YOUR ADVENTURE, YOU WILL BE GIVEN **PLENTY OF TIME TO MAXIMISE A FULL RANGE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES**, FROM LION PRIDES AND WILD DOG PACKS TO STANDING ELEPHANTS AND EYE-LEVEL HIPPOS.

ZIMBABWE IS A WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER'S PARADISE...JOIN ME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **EXCLUSIVE GROUP SIZE OF JUST 4 GUESTS**
- **4 NIGHTS ON A PRIVATE CONCESSION WITHIN HWANGE NATIONAL PARK** IN AN UNTOUCHED, WILDLIFE-RICH PART OF THIS GLOBALLY-FAMOUS NATIONAL PARK
- **5 NIGHTS** IN OUR EXCLUSIVE-USE TENTED CAMP ON THE BANKS OF THE ZAMBEZI RIVER AT MANA POOLS **NO OTHER GUESTS!**
- **OPTIONS FOR AN AFTERNOON CANOE TRIP FOR WATER-LEVEL SHOTS OF HIPPOS, ELEPHANTS, CROCODILES AND OTHER WILDLIFE WHILST AT MANA**
- **ON-FOOT PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITIES** OF ELEPHANTS, WILD DOGS, LIONS AND MUCH MORE AS WELL AS FROM OUR PRIVATE-USE VEHICLE AT BOTH LOCATIONS
- **WORKING WITH THE TEAM THAT TRACKS AND CATALOGUES WILD DOG MOVEMENT IN THE VALLEY AS WELL AS THE CHANCE TO HAVE EXCLUSIVE**
- **ESCORTED THROUGHOUT BY ANDY SKILLEN**
- **AS MUCH, OR AS LITTLE, PHOTOGRAPHIC TUITION AS NEEDED!**

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- **Group size:** 4 guests only
- **GBP 7,695 per person**, based on twin-share accommodation
- **Start point:** Harare International or Victoria Falls International Airport – the choice is yours!
- **End point:** Victoria Falls International Airports
- **Note:** the price quoted includes a bush flight from Harare International at the beginning of the trip as that is slightly less than flying from Victoria Falls. However, should you wish to use that routing at the start of your trip, let us know and we can make alternative arrangements. There is an additional fee for flying that route, but it is not much more expensive and we simply pass on the surcharge at cost. Our advice would be to **END** your trip with a visit to Victoria Falls as we will road transfer there from Hwange. As such there is no extra cost. You can then head back to Johannesburg from there at the end.

WHAT'S INCLUDED...

- 4 nights accommodation at our remote, private concession camp in Hwange National park
- 5 nights accommodation and exclusive use of Little Vundu tented camp within Mana Pools
- All meals and drinks throughout the itinerary
- Private vehicle throughout the trip at both locations
- All guiding fees, both for vehicle viewing and tracking on foot
- Meet & Greet at Victoria Falls International or collection from hotel
- Road transfer from Hwange National Park to Victoria Falls
- Bush flight transfers at start of trip, and also from Mana Pools to Hwange National Park



WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees as appropriate (if required, you pay these in cash on arrival at immigration)
- Departure tax for bush flights from either Harare or Vic Falls (US\$15, payable in cash)
- Gratuities

YOUR ITINERARY....

Days 1-5: Arrive in Mana Pools (5 nights)

You will be met by Andy from your inbound flight into Mana Pools (via Harare or Victoria Falls – included). Either flight takes around 90 minutes. Depending on exact routing, this can be a spectacular flight over the Kariba Dam and down the Zambezi valley on the way, with Zambia on one side, and Zimbabwe on the other. On arrival, we transfer to our private-use tented camp on the banks of the Zambezi – with no other guests – and after settling in, will head off on our first exploration of the area!

Over the five days that we head out from this very special, unfenced base – through which it is not unusual to share with elephants during the day – we will explore the woodlands, floodplains, pools and drainages which make up the mosaic of Mana. It is in this period that we will be focusing even more on predators, particularly African wild dog and lion, as well as some of the most iconic bull elephants in southern Africa. In fact, sometimes we might get so close to the subjects...on foot...that we would almost be able to touch them. Under the guidance of our personal, armed guide – and I work with some of the best in the entire country – we may be able to have some truly adrenaline-pumping experiences, pushing your photography to an entirely new level. We will also provide the opportunity for a canoe trip one afternoon (wind permitting!), giving you the chance to be up close and personal to elephants, hippos and crocodiles and give you the chance for some great wide angle shooting from an entirely different perspective. Nights will bring us clear skies – most of the time! – and depending on moon phase, we will grab the chance for some incredible astro-photography also....there's nothing like an African sky in the dry season!

Days 5-9: Fly to Hwange; transfer to our lodge (4 nights)

After our five nights in Mana Pools, we will be taken to the airstrip for our flight (around 90-120 minutes) to Hwange National Park. From here, we will be collected and taken to our remote camp on a 10,000 hectare concession within the National Park in time for lunch, and our first exploration of the surrounding bush that afternoon.

After a first exploration the day before, and a good night's rest, we will spend the next 3 full days exploring this wildlife-rich, remote and not often visited, part of Hwange National Park. We will be able to spotlight and off-road on our concession also when appropriate, and with just four (plus me in the front of course!) in the vehicle, you will have plenty of room to work in. Because of the concession area, we will be able to walk when the situation demands it, or we feel an opportunity would be best exploited that way, and we can spend plenty of time accessing the central part of the south-eastern section of the park also. This is some Hwange's most remote, yet wildlife-filled, wilderness areas and a chance to get images not captured by thousands of others.

Day 10: One last safari...and onward!

Sadly, all good things must come to an end ☹ However, although this is our last day, we will do our best to find some chances to fill a few more cards before we make our way by road to Victoria Falls late morning.

EXTENSIONS...BEFORE AND AFTER...

There are a number of options for those visiting the region at this time of year, and we will be pleased to arrange some suggestions for you.

Because of the location of the start of the trip, Victoria Falls is an obvious choice if you have never been (or, actually, if you have and want to experience the mighty Mosi Ai Tunya again!), and as you will be accessing Zimbabwe through this airport anyway, well, it would be easy to start your trip a couple of days earlier and take in this natural wonder. We can arrange a special rate at the iconic Victoria Falls hotel before your Hwange experience, if you wish – our suggestion would be a two night stay. Vic Falls is of course an easy flight to Johannesburg.

For information only, Andy does not accompany either of these extensions...although, we often joke, you'll probably be quite glad of that...as you'll have plenty of photographic boot camp for the next 9 nights!



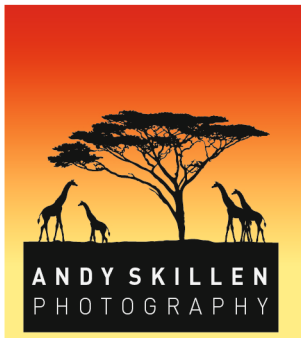
WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

To reserve your space on this very special adventure, either:

- send an email to Andy@faunavista.com or Carrie@faunavista.com to register your interest and receive a booking form
- download the generic booking form using the link on the page from where you obtained your itinerary, fill it out, and send it to either email address as above.

Charity...a permanent winner

Andy's photography is all about giving something back; back to a world that has given him such a wealth of memorable experiences and opportunities. As a result, a proportion of all the profits we make from every perspective of Andy's work is donated to some of the world's leading wildlife charities. These include the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF), Animals Asia and the Bushlife Foundation – for which Andy and Carrie are the UK ambassadors. Your holiday is not just therefore an adventure for yourself, your friends and your family, but a true contributor to the frontline of wildlife conservation.



CHANGING THE IMAGE OF WILDLIFE TRAVEL...

