

## 14-DAY ZIMBABWE – “EYES ON ELEPHANT”

Group Safari to Hwange, Mana Pools National Parks and Savé Valley Conservancy

**DEPARTURE: JULY 7, 2021**

**Program highlights:**

- ❑ This is a Signature safari highlighting the extraordinary guides in Zimbabwe.
- ❑ Operates as an exclusive group with up to 6 people per departure.
- ❑ We have combined the top wildlife areas of Hwange and Mana Pools with the undiscovered Savé Valley Conservancy.
- ❑ Take game drives in open vehicles, and enjoy active walking and canoeing in Mana Pools.
- ❑ Search for black rhino in the Savé Valley Conservancy.
- ❑ Accommodations are in two permanent tented camps and end with the thrill of mobile camping in the remote Savé Valley Conservancy.
- ❑ **Donation to Hwange Conservation and Wildlife Trust and Mana Bushlife Conservancy included.**

**14-Day Zimbabwe - "Eyes on Elephant" - 2021 Departure**



JULY 2021	Destination	Accommodation
7	Fly USA – Addis Ababa	Travel
8	Fly Addis Ababa – Victoria Falls Afternoon at leisure	Victoria Falls Hotel
9	Scheduled charter to Hwange Afternoon game activity	Little Makalolo
10	Hwange	Little Makalolo
11	Hwange	Little Makalolo
12	Schedule charter Hwange - Mana Pools Afternoon activity	Vundu Camp
13	Mana Pools	Vundu Camp
14	Mana Pools	Vundu Camp
15	Mana Pools	Vundu Camp
16	Charter Mana – Harare - Sango Savé Valley Conservancy	Tented Expeditions Mobile Camp
17	Savé Valley Conservancy	Tented Expeditions Mobile Camp
18	Savé Valley Conservancy	Tented Expeditions Mobile Camp
19	Private charter Sango – Harare Fly Harare – Addis Ababa - USA	Travel
20	Arrival in USA	



## **PRIVATE GUIDE IN MANA POOLS**

### **Professional Guide - Nick Murray**

Nick attended high school in Zimbabwe and university in South Africa where he graduated with a degree in Zoology. He has guided through out Zimbabwe and has toured in Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Tanzania. He is experienced in wildlife management, Game Ranching and Game Capture. From 1995-1998 he was a freelance guide in various lodges and camps in the Kariba, Hwange, and Mana Pools areas. He also served as an examiner/observer on the board for the Professional Guides proficiency test. Nick will personally guide you on a journey down the Zambezi River in Mana Pools National Park. Mana Pools is a world heritage site and one of the most beautiful parks in Africa. Walking and canoeing amongst the elephants is an experience like no other.



**Nick Murray**





## **PRIVATE GUIDE IN SAVE VALLEY CONSERVANCY**

### **Professional Guide – Ian Batchelor**

Ian Batchelor was born in Nakuru, Kenya and his parents moved to Zimbabwe when he was five years old. This is where Ian developed his early love and passion for everything that Africa embraces.

After receiving his university degree, Ian had the opportunity to begin his studies and training for his Zimbabwe Professional Guides License (recognized as the most comprehensive and thorough Guiding qualification on the continent), passing his initial exams in 1992. Thus began the introduction to an amazing wilderness and a world of wildlife and the start of Ian's real passion for adventure.

Over the years Ian has worked at Sabi Sabi Game Reserve in South Africa, Malawi and Eastern Zambia for Wilderness Safaris and in Tanzania for Ker and Downey.

Ian met and married Nonnie in Cape Town in 2004 and moved to Arusha, Tanzania to raise their son Lian Ray. After spending 6 years there, they then decided to move back "home" to Zimbabwe. Ian has run and guided private safaris for the past ten years throughout Southern and Eastern Africa. Their time as Owners/Partners with African Bush Camps in both Zimbabwe and Botswana has afforded them great experience and knowledge in the safari industry.

Ian continues to exhibit his wildlife photography and is presently working on a Photographic Journal of his travels and work with wildlife and people throughout Africa. As a family they remain fervently committed to Africa and the conservation of its wildlife and Ian and Nonnie work closely with a number of Foundations focused on communities and people in different wildlife environments.



**Ian Batchelor**

**2021 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:**

**~ JULY 7, 2021 – Limited Space ~**

**Based on 6 traveling**

**\$14,995.00 per person sharing**

Single supplement

\$2,150.00 (limited to 1 single room)

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS** (subject to change until ticketed):

*Please take a moment to contact our “in house” air department for pricing options!*

**INTERNATIONAL:**

*Economy Class:*

**From \$1,800.00 per person** (low-high season)

*Business Class:*

**From \$5,475.00 per person** (low season)

Washington DC/Addis Ababa/Victoria Falls – Harare/Addis Ababa/Washington DC - Please call for add-on fares from your departure city.

**LAND COSTS INCLUDE:**

- Accommodations
- All meals and safari activities (Full Board)
- Airport and road transfers
- Park and guiding fees
- Meals as stated breakfast (B) and dinner (D)
- Laundry and local drinks in the safari camps (excludes vintage champagnes and premium spirits)
- Scheduled charter flights Victoria Falls/Hwange/Mana Pools/Sango/Harare
- **Your safari includes a donation to Hwange Conservation and Wildlife Trust and Mana Bushlife Conservancy.**

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Tips to staff and guides
- Drinks and laundry in Victoria Falls
- Extra meals in Victoria Falls
- Optional touring in Victoria Falls
- Departure and Airport taxes (payable directly)
- Other personal expenditure
- International and inter-Africa scheduled airfares
- Travel insurance
- Zimbabwe visa

**NOTES:**

- 1) An additional overnight in Victoria Falls can be added to your itinerary. Please request details.

**Trip Reports:**

First of all, staying at Vundu Camp and having Nick Murray as our guide was the experience of a lifetime. Although the camp is more rustic than the others we stayed at, the overall experience could not be matched-from being 2 feet from an elephant, canoeing among the hippos, crocs and elephants with a birds-eye view of the shore birds along the Zambezi, to tracking lions on foot, finally finding the African wild dogs after 3 days of searching, etc. Nick is an encyclopedia of knowledge about the animals of Mana Pools. Peter, Nick's father-in-law, was delightful to spend time with; the food was delicious and the hospitality so very gracious. The light reflected off the Zambezi in the early mornings was beautiful...and the sunsets were the most gorgeous in the world.

**Tom and Carol Kerr**

The Zimbabwe portion was equally a revelation. You were one hundred percent right in recommending the trip down the river with Nick Murray. Wow. Elephants crossing in front of our canoe, hippos popping up yards away, all kinds of birds and the occasional crocodile -- which we took a nice wide birth to avoid. Once in a lifetime and not for the faint of heart. The first day of the canoe trip we also covered 30 miles, which is apparently what they usually do in two days... so we got to experience the beautiful smaller channels between islands in the Zambezi further down the river. All said though, I think crawling up to wild dogs the first night in Nick's camp was probably our favorite moment of the trip.

Thank you!

**Pepper and Marshall Binkley**