

Zimbabwe proved to be an ideal place for a photo safari. We were most impressed with the people-- happy, friendly and helpful. We quickly learned to shake hands with everyone, even with a thumb twist, and to introduce ourselves...It was nice to be in a place ready for tourists but not over-run by them. We often had areas to ourselves and felt much more like we were enjoying undisturbed nature than places where you see as many people as animals. Your arrangements were thoughtful and thorough. We were met and transferred and felt very welcome and taken care of. One feels very safe in the country and found we didn't need to worry about leaving our possessions in a vehicle or room...Each of the lodges was a unique experience which we enjoyed. Paul Hubbard at Amalinda was of course a fabulous guide especially in the caves, but all our guides were most capable.

We were glad we planned to drive between lodges as distances weren't all that great and we did a little shopping on the way and enjoyed the landscape. The suggestion to put tips in marked envelopes certainly helped make it easier to manage.

We have already passed your company site on to two others and recommended it highly. Thanks for helping us have such a memorable trip.

Coyla Grumm, June 2016

We wanted to thank Lynne and the rest of the team. We just got back from Zimbabwe. The advice we received was spot on. Our only regret is that we didn't stay a little longer.

Vundu was, of course, totally different as a smaller family-run rather than corporate camp...The resident managers, Marie and Alex, were wonderful. They went overboard in making us feel at home. In fact, Marie found out that we would be celebrating our anniversary later in the week. She organized a surprise candlelight dinner for 2 in front of our tent along the Zambezi. It was amazing. They set up a little bar (a little of everything from spirits to sparkling wine) and appetizers by a fire and 2 chairs. They brought a 3 course meal down to a candlelight table they had carried down. Our guide joined us briefly as an elephant decided to eat his way walking by our tent mid dinner...Henry was an excellent guide and took us canoeing; we had a brief moment of excitement when a bull hippo turned around and decided to chase us. Henry's approach to walking was to drive around until we saw something interesting then get out and approach it by foot so we had lots of short walks. We walked up to the painted dog den...

Elephant Camp was a little like a Ritz Carlton! It was a little unlike being in Africa but for the end of our trip (and our actual anniversary) it was great...Sylvester, their resident cheetah ambassador was a real highlight. We went on a 2 hour off leash walk with him in the park. He was habituated to people enough to let you touch him but otherwise he really ignored you rather than acting like a pet. We also met their elephants and fed them (but didn't ride them). They gave us a tour of the research and animal rescue facility that is independent but on the Elephant Camp's grounds and that was fascinating.

We would do it all again!

Thanks,

Gerald and Karen Striph, June 2016