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Issue 1

## TRULY AMAZING ZIMBABWEAN LODGES

### **Pangolins**

*The worlds most trafficked species*

### **Small Zimbabwean Businesses Doing Big Things**

### **Aquaprase**

*An exclusively Zimbabwean  
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# Foreword

It's an honour for me and the Mashonaland Flying Club to be asked to write the foreword for the first of Grand Air Charters' magazines.

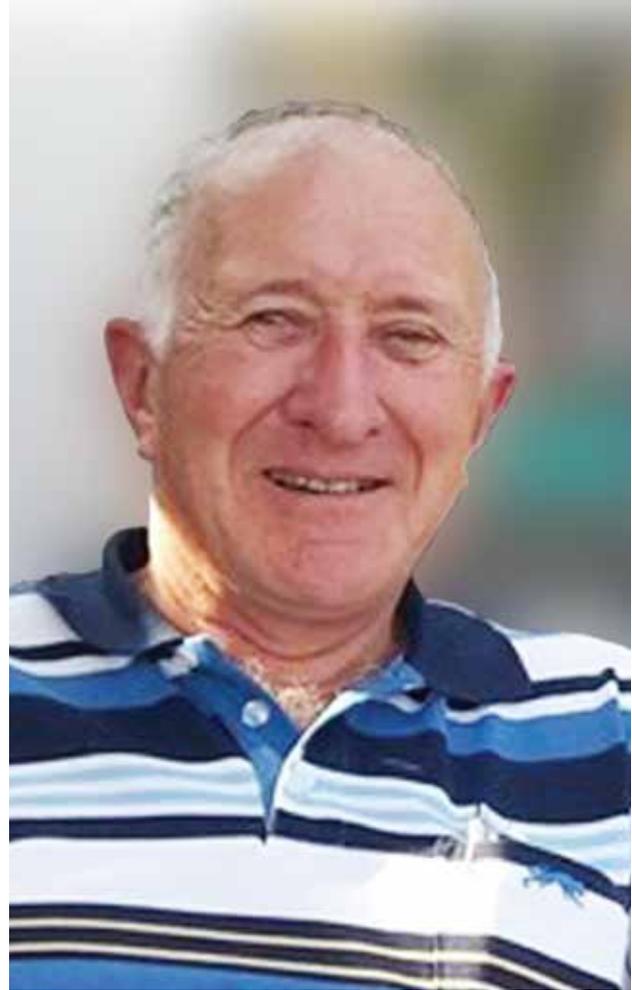
Grand Air was formed around two years ago and has made remarkable progress in a short time, acquiring a significant fleet of now mostly turbine engine aircraft: Beechcraft King Airs and Cessna Caravans, supplemented by Piper Navajos, Cessna 210s and 206s, as well as a Cirrus SR22.

Planning the schedules and rostering the ever-growing crew complement is a major task, and Grand Air has a dynamic behind the scenes team. Grand Air is headed by founding members Brad Hook and Brad Thornton, so naturally the two are referred to collectively as "The Brads". I've had the pleasure of flying with them both for training and testing, as well as with probably most of the company's other pilots.

Not long after the company was formed, the Flying Club was asked whether Grand Air could hire an office at the Club. We had a suitably sized room which has been renovated and refurbished, to provide a comfortable and suitable place for Grand Air's clients and visitors to wait for their flights.

A large hangar has also been erected in front of one of the Club's hangars to accommodate Grand Air's expanding fleet.

On behalf of the Club, I'd like to wish Grand Air every success in the future.



*John Reid  
Rowland*  
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# 30 Years In Conservation



For over 30 years, the Tikki Hywood Foundation has been a beacon of hope for displaced, orphaned, and displaced wildlife. Dedicated to rehabilitation and release, our experienced team provides a safe haven for rescued wildlife, working tirelessly to return them to their natural habitats and ensure the future of our local ecosystems.

Our Vision is: "Utilizing conservation and awareness as stepping stones towards a future where humans live in harmony with wildlife"

The pangolin's unique armour of overlapping scales isn't simply a reptilian throwback. It's a remarkable example of convergent evolution, where structures with different origins evolve to serve similar purposes. Millions of years ago, an ancient ancestor shared characteristics with hairy mammals. Over time, through a fascinating transformation, its hair follicles morphed into specialized structures producing keratinized scales, distinct from reptilian scales in both origin and composition. So, while pangolins may appear scaled like reptiles, their armour whispers a hidden story of hair's remarkable evolutionary adaptability.

Whilst we are more recently renown for our work with highly endangered pangolins, we work with all wildlife that is displaced, orphaned or injured. We advocate for the protection and preservation of wild endemic places, fauna and

flora alike. We are a voice for the voiceless.

The Temminck's Ground Pangolin is uniquely bipedal of all the species. Their thick, muscular tail acts as a counterweight, balancing their upright posture and providing stability while walking or running. Standing tall allows them to scan their surroundings for predators or food sources over tall grasses and vegetation, enhancing their situational awareness.

The fauna and flora of Zimbabwe is a national treasure and asset to the Country. We strongly advocate for the protection and preservation of this inheritance and we work closely with partners and stakeholders alike to achieve this goal.

We did not choose pangolins - they chose us! Pangolins are revered in Zimbabwe and feature prominently in the Shona culture. "When I set up the Tikki Hywood Foundation, it was to be in memory of my father - Tikki. I chose a symbol of high respect and honour and this is embodied in the Pangolin." - Lisa Hywood, Founder & CEO.

We have a duty and responsibility to look after the environment. We only have one home, one planet, and the actions we take in the present, have a far reaching effects. Let us join hands in creating a legacy for future generations to inherit.



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# A Photographic Safari in Mana Pools

Located in the heart of Mana Pools National Park, Molori Mashuma is a luxury tented camp that offers direct access to one of Africa's most rewarding photographic safari destinations.

Situated on a private concession within this UNESCO World Heritage Site, the camp provides guests with close access to the region's wildlife and landscapes. From sunrises over the Zambezi River to golden afternoons at Mashuma Pan, Molori Mashuma invites guests to experience the untamed rhythms of Mana Pools through their lens.



## Mana's Unique Light

Mana Pools is known for its distinctive lighting conditions—most famously, the Blue Forest. Here, the early morning light filters through the canopy, interacting with dust and moisture to cast a blue-tinged haze over the forest floor. The effect creates striking silhouettes of elephants and other wildlife moving through the trees.

In winter, the dry conditions produce a thick dust that enhances the light, allowing photographers to capture powerful sun shots and atmospheric scenes. Sunsets, too, are notable for their intensity, with vivid pinks and oranges reflecting off the pools and river, adding depth to every frame.

## A Wildlife Photographer's Paradise

The diversity of ecosystems in Mana Pools—ranging from floodplains and riverbanks to dense woodlands—makes it ideal for capturing a wide range of species in varied settings. Elephants, lions, wild dogs, buffalo, hippos, and a vast array of birdlife inhabit the area.

Common in Mana Pools is the ability to embark on impromptu walking safaris. With professional guides, photographers can disembark from game vehicles and approach subjects on foot. This offers closer, more natural perspectives and adds a thrilling dimension to the experience. Whether it's tracking lions or observing an elephant feeding in the forest, the opportunities for unique, intimate wildlife shots are exceptional.

## Landscapes and Detail

Beyond wildlife, Mana Pools offers dramatic landscapes: riverine forests, open plains, rugged escarpments, and lush riverbanks. Each setting shifts with the light and seasons, making every outing different. Even the smallest details—the shape of a baobab tree, the texture of bark, or footprints in the mud—can become compelling subject matter.

Guided walks are especially suited to capturing these subtler moments. Moving quietly through the bush, you'll have time to frame your shots with intention, without the movement or noise



of a vehicle. This slower, more immersive pace brings you closer to the essence of the landscape.

## Luxury Accommodation

At the end of each day, the Molori Mashuma team will welcome you back to the comfort of luxury air-conditioned and spacious tents that overlook Mashuma Pan. Our tented camp offers guests tranquillity, allowing you to unwind and reflect on the day's adventures. Each tent is thoughtfully designed to blend seamlessly with our natural surroundings while providing all the modern comforts you desire. The tented camp's location is the perfect place to simply sit and take in the environment – a front-row wildlife theatre experience - while sipping a sundowner or enjoying our culinary team's curated gastronomic experience.

## Join Us

A photographic safari at Molori Mashuma is more than a visual journey - it's a way to connect with the land and its stories. Whether you're an experienced photographer or a curious beginner, this is a place where patience, light, and nature come together to reward the lens.

A LEGACY IN STONE,  
AQUAPRASE AND BEYOND

# Discovering Zimbabwe's Gems in Harare

Nestled in the quiet, leafy suburb of Mount Pleasant in Harare, Zimbabwe, lies a hidden gem. Founded in 1969, this family-run jewellery store is owned and operated by a passionate father-and-son team who have carried forward a legacy of care, expertise, and a discerning eye for beauty. Over the years, the shop has become a trusted destination for lovers of fine jewellery, mineral collectors, and those in search of one-of-a-kind handcrafted pieces.





The store boasts a diverse and thoughtfully curated selection of silver and gold jewellery, enhanced with both precious and semi-precious gemstones, including tanzanite, tourmaline, aquamarine, peridot, garnet and many others. Whether it's a timeless engagement ring, an artisanal pendant, or a meaningful custom commission, every piece reflects the owners' dedication to quality and craftsmanship. Beyond finished jewellery, the store also caters to hobbyists and collectors with a wide variety of mineral specimens, fossils, tumbled stones, and beadwork.

One of the shop's standout offerings is its collection of Aquaprase, a rare and newly discovered gemstone found only in Zimbabwe. Unearthed in 2016, Aquaprase represents an entirely new species of gemstone.

While it bears a visual resemblance to Chrysoprase, its distinctive oceanic hues—ranging from milky seafoam to deeper bluish-greens—are due to trace elements of chrome, giving the stone a unique and captivating character. The shop's close ties to the local mine ensure they offer some of the finest rough and cut Aquaprase stones available, making this an exclusive destination for gem enthusiasts and collectors worldwide.



In addition to Aquaprase, the owners are directly involved in other mining ventures. They own the St. Anne's Mine, renowned for producing the world's finest natural blue topaz. Revered for its vivid clarity and untreated colour, the topaz from this location is highly sought after by jewellers and collectors alike. They also own the Last Hope Mine, a legendary source of euclase, celebrated for its striking inky-blue colour, high transparency, and sharp crystal form. These euclase specimens are widely considered the best in the world, immediately identifiable for their unmistakable gemmyness and depth of colour.

Apart from retail and mining, the store also offers full repair services and custom jewellery design. Whether restoring a beloved heirloom or crafting a completely new piece tailored to a customer's vision, their in-house expertise ensures attention to detail and a personal touch that larger commercial jewellers often lack.

With over half a century of history and a strong foundation in both traditional craftsmanship and mineral exploration, this jewellery shop is more than just a retail outlet — it's a celebration of Zimbabwe's natural beauty. For anyone visiting Harare, it offers not just a shopping experience, but a rare chance to connect with the story of stones and the hands that bring them to life.



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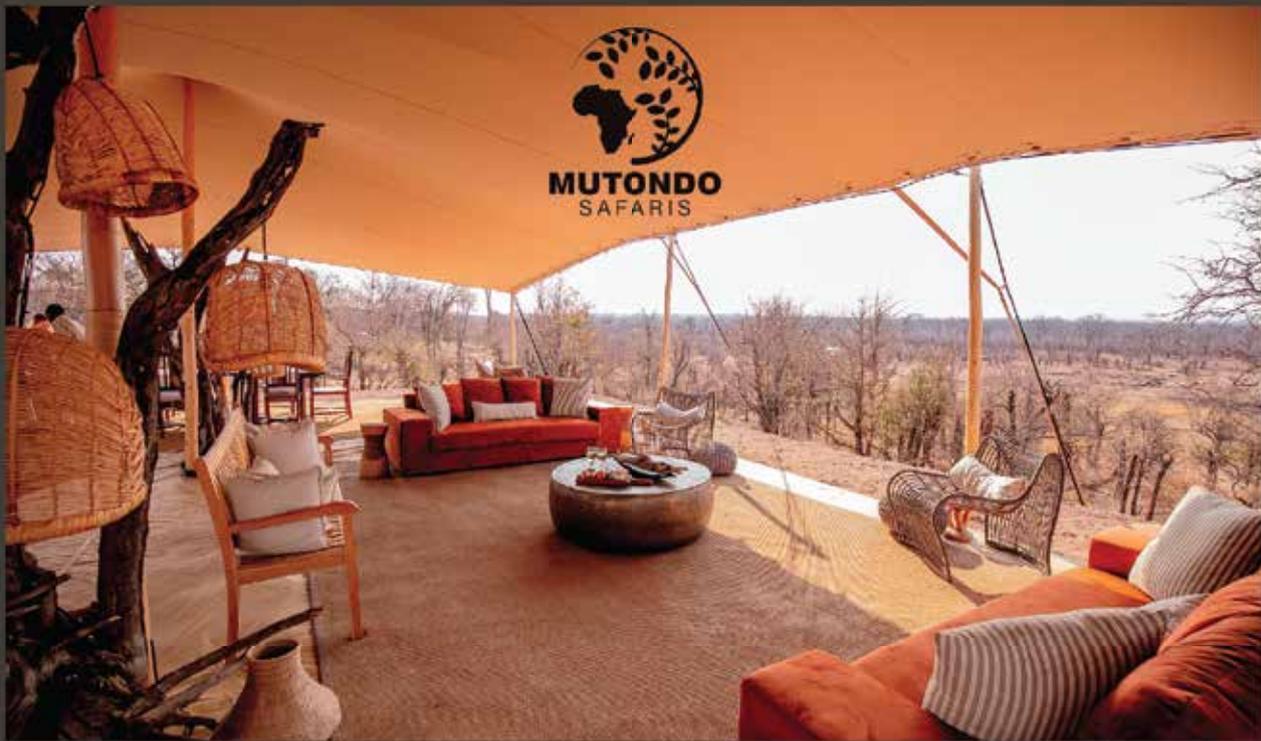
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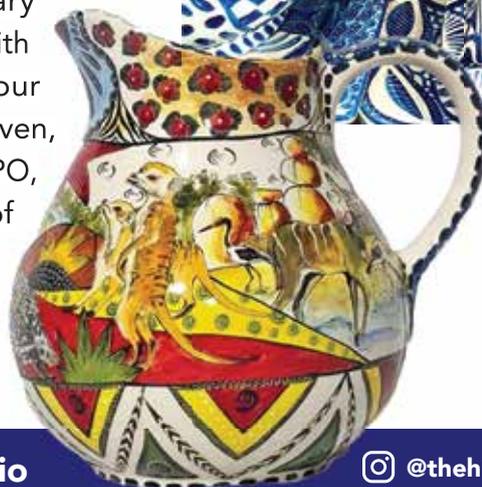
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# It's a Bright Future...

"I was born on June 23rd, 1998, in the charming town of Ruwa, just 24km from Harare Zimbabwe's capital. My journey began as far back as my mind can recall, from somewhere around the age of 5, seeing the iconic KLM Boeing 747 flying past sparked a dream. I dared to dream of taking to the skies. From these early moments and as I grew up, so did my passion for aviation. As I went through junior school at Vainona Primary and senior school years at Vainona High my heart always lay in the skies and my desire to soar through the clouds only grew stronger. Little did I know, this dream would one day take flight.

It's not every day that one gets a call of their

dreams, but on September 12th at 08:04 am, I received the call I'd been waiting for my entire life. I arrived at Grand Air Charters, and they offered me a job as a hangar assistant, which I gladly accepted. This role would allow me to surround myself with the engineering marvels I hoped to soar through the skies in one day.

The Grand Air team welcomed me warmly, and from day one, I felt at home. Every team member was supportive, teaching me the ropes, from towing and topping up oil to handling aircraft on the ground. I had no prior experience, but they guided me every step of the way.

On October 21st, I got to experience starting up and taxiing Z-BVR a Cessna 206. As I took





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Often described as one of the most beautiful countries in the world, Zimbabwe is a land of staggering natural beauty, abundant wildlife, and ancient, living culture. For too long, Zimbabwe's voice in African tourism has been humble—almost hesitant. But now is the time to take centre stage.

The Zimbabwe Safari Collective was born from a passion to showcase Zimbabwe on its own terms—not as an afterthought to better-known safari destinations, but as a premier safari experience in its own right. Founded and led by a small group of passionate Zimbabwean safari enthusiasts, the Collective is about redefining what it means to travel here: authenticity, affordability, and genuine luxury rooted in experience, not extravagance.



This is not a copy-and-paste model created by large foreign operators. It is a bold shift away from traditional circuits, particularly those shaped by neighbouring countries. Ours is a proudly Zimbabwean story—one of ownership, excellence, and a deep connection to the land and its people.

### **Affordable Luxury, Timeless Safari**

At the heart of the Zimbabwe Safari Collective is a simple yet powerful idea: the safari experience itself is the true luxury. Zimbabwe has an overabundance of what truly matters—spectacular game viewing, expert guiding, dramatic landscapes, and heartfelt hospitality.

Our camps and lodges are small, intimate, and owner-managed—offering an atmosphere reminiscent of the golden days of safari. Expect all the comforts: ensuite accommodations, inviting lounges, dining decks, boma fire circles, excellent cuisine, and plunge pools—without the inflated price tags often associated with high-end safaris.

It's luxury, but done the Zimbabwean way: grounded, warm, personal, and unforgettable.

### **Seamlessly Connected**

The circuit is seamlessly linked by road and air, with access points through Victoria Falls and Harare. Charter flights and overland transfers ensure smooth transitions between camps, all while using Zimbabwean service providers—flying our flag high and proud.

Take Chitembe Camps in Mana Pools for example: offering one of the best all-around safari experiences in Southern Africa. Whether it's thrilling game drives, guided bush walks with seasoned experts, or serene river safaris on the Zambezi—this is safari at its very finest.

### **Meet the Circuit: A Journey Through Zimbabwe's Iconic Landscapes**

Each destination in the Collective offers something distinct, yet all are united by quality, authenticity, and value:



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**Makuti Mountain Camp, Hurungwe:** Perched high in the remote Hurungwe Safari Area, this intimate camp offers breathtaking panoramic views towards the Zambezi River.

**Chitembe Tented Camp, Mana Pools:** Exceptional value on the Zambezi's banks, providing authentic bush experiences with prime wildlife viewing.

**Chitembe Main Camp, Mana Pools:** Luxurious and strategically located, offering unparalleled access to Mana Pools' diverse wildlife, including exclusive Zambezi River frontage.

The Zimbabwe Safari Collective is only just beginning. With its roots deep in local ownership, integrity, and passion, the circuit is set to grow—offering travelers even more ways to connect with Zimbabwe's soul.

Come home to Africa. Come home to Zimbabwe.

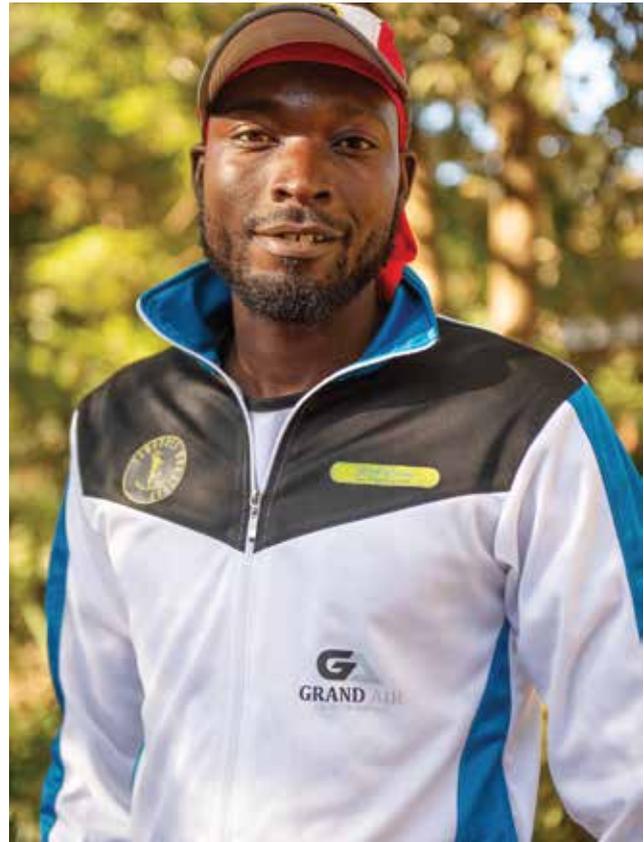


# The Comrades Dream

Eddie "Jiggah" Phineas was planning and training to run his second Comrades marathon in 2025 when he shared his story with us.



Eddie completed the 2025 Comrades in a time of 10hr15 mins. Huge congratulations to him.



Hours and hours of training and many, many races completed is the only way you can complete an ultra marathon like The Comrades Marathon.

The Comrades Marathon is an ultramarathon of approximately 88 kilometres which is run annually in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa between the cities of Durban and Pietermaritzburg. It is the world's largest and oldest ultramarathon race. The direction of the race alternates each year between the "up" run (87.6 km) starting from Durban (elevation: 101 metres (331 ft)) and the "down" run (89.98 km) starting from Pietermaritzburg (elevation: 921 metres (3,022 ft)).

In all but three editions since 1988, over 10,000 runners have reached the finish within the allowed 11 or 12 hours. Since the 1980s, increased participation has coincided with substantial rises in both average finish times and the average age of finishers.

Many thousands of international runners partake in the race annually. 2025 had 22,760 runners that had qualified and entered the race. Eddie was one of those special people.

Eddie's story :

When I shared my Comrades Marathon dream with the Grand Air Team they were very supportive. The management team took it a step further

by offering to sponsor my journey. I am extremely grateful for all that Grand Air has done for me.

The training process has been tough, but knowing that I have great backup and support, gave me the strength to complete the hard work. All the morning runs during the week and the weekend sessions and every sacrifice I have made has been worth it.

As I wait and train for the Comrades Marathon 2025 this will be a test of endurance, but I am ready for it. I have trained hard and knowing that I have a great team behind me gives me the confidence to know I will do well.

From the moment I joined the team at Grand Air I knew it was going to be part of something special. The company's values of excellence safety and customers satisfaction resonate deeply with me and I am proud to be an ambassador for the brand. The journey has taught me so much about perseverance, resilience and the importance of having a supportive team behind you. I am grateful to work for Grand Air because it believes in its' employees and they support their passions completely.



Captain Brad Hook & Captain Brad Thornton aka "BSQ"

## Who Are We?

Grand Air was launched in August 2022 by two young pilots, Bradley Hook and Bradley Thornton. They began the Grand Air Charter dream with one beloved C206- Z-BVR.

As of July 2025 the ever growing Grand Air fleet is a strong 18 crafts, including King Airs, Caravans, Navajos, Barons and C210s. Between the Grand Air team, our pilots have an accumulated 37,000 flying hours under their belts.

Brad and Brad, or "BSquared" as they are known, are both born and bred Zimbabwean, and both are married with a beautiful pigeon pair each. Their wives, Louise and Lee Anne

are an integral, behind the scenes support to the Brads as they grow Grand Air from strength to strength.

The ethos of Grand Air is that each passenger is to be given the warm Grand Air welcome, and every customer is King.

Do not for a moment think that the Grand Air is taught from behind two desks.

Our passengers are often flown to their destinations by one of the Brads. Their hands-on approach to running Grand Air has made them a popular booking choice with agents, lodges and passengers alike.

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**Beautiful home grown Zimbabwe talent!**



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*Unique, individually themed rooms:* Each of our luxurious rooms is distinctively designed and themed after a different African country, offering a unique journey with every stay.

*Supporting African art and culture:* Discover an exquisite collection of art and sculptures thoughtfully placed throughout the lodge and our spectacular gardens.

*Stunning landscaped gardens:* The grounds are a major highlight, featuring waterfalls, rare cycads, and an abundance of birdlife, creating a truly serene atmosphere.

*Acclaimed restaurant:* Indulge in the finest dining experience in Harare at our renowned restaurant, amanzi @amanzi, open for residents and visitors alike.

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# MATOBO CRAFTS

The Matobo Hills, an area in Southern Matabeleland south of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe, is a designated UNESCO Cultural Heritage site due to its abundance of ancient rock art and unique balancing granite rock landscape. Once the territory of the San people, it is now primarily populated by two tribes: the Kalanga (native to the area) and the Ndebele who arrived some 200 years ago.

While the Southern Ndebele have been painting huts with contemporary paints for decades using bright colours and stylised designs, hut painting in Zimbabwe was dying out. However, in 2014 a group of cyclists from Bulawayo happened upon some painted homesteads and set out to revive this unique art.

A competition was started with an initial 30 participants and has grown, attracting up to 850 participants every year. The project, @mybeautiful-homezimbabwe, has done much to revive this cultural tradition while supporting artistry and pride among the local women. Unlike their Southern counterparts, the women of this area decorate using their hands or occasionally an old toothbrush. Their 'paints' are pigments gathered from the earth — mud, ash, sand and charcoal, mixed and applied with awe-inspiring skill. Practical prizes are awarded to almost all participants annually, dependent on donations.

Dot Bekker was born and raised in Bulawayo but for thirty-eight years had lived in various other countries. Nearing sixty, she took the bold decision to drive home from Europe in a self-converted 1998 Ford Transit van. Over nine months she drove solo 20,000 kms through West Africa, arriving back in Bulawayo in 2019.

While promoting *Going Home to Africa*, the book she wrote about her journey, Dot met Katrin Simon, then cultural attaché to the German Embassy. Talk of the traditional hut painting captured Katrin's imagination and prompted a number of German Embassy initiatives supporting these women artists. These initiatives included: the painting of a Berlin Bear called Tshomi ('Friend'), designed to promote local art around the world; a project to upskill the

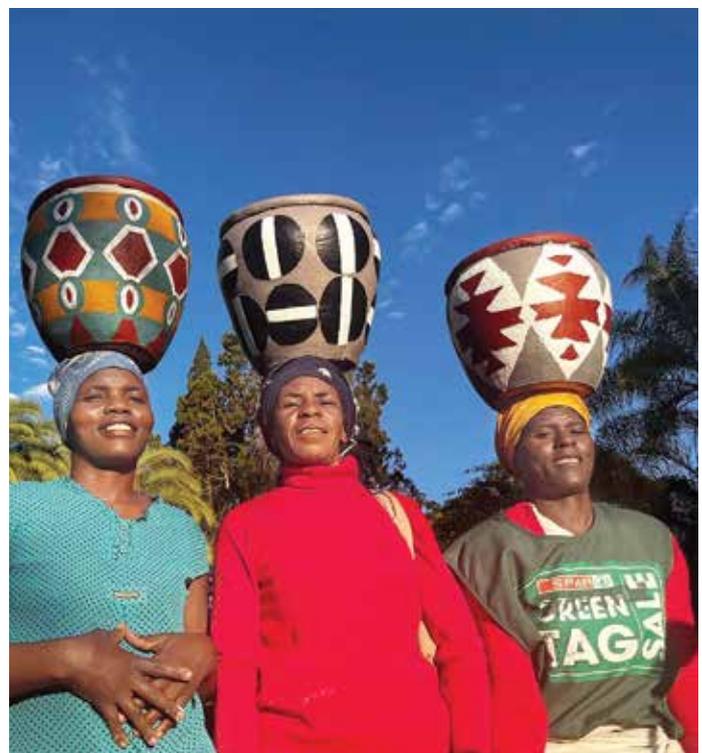
women in the use of more contemporary materials such as paint and brushes on pottery — a significant disciplinary challenge for hand-painting artists. From these initiatives the German Embassy supported new murals: Jairos Jiri Centre, an iconic Bulawayo location, the National Gallery of Zimbabwe, and a cultural centre in Domboshava. Their latest contribution has been a cultural preservation program to transform Ndebele art into fabric.

Dot Bekker was involved in the implementation of several of the above projects. This Centre, which is about to be completed, is set to develop the artists' potential and create an innovative space for learning and creation.

"The area is rife with poverty and yet full of potential," enthuses Dot. "What is significant about these progressions is that we have seen the women broaden their artistry to different mediums and create different products, thereby opening up to new opportunities."

Founded by Dot Bekker in 2021, The Gulathi Community Development Trust has been established to implement projects with the aim of economic improvement for the Community whose members primarily exist below the breadline and live a subsistence lifestyle. Amongst its current job creation initiatives, the Trust is also building a tourism camp and event centre, further offering tours of painted homes during the dry season and offering guided walks and cycle tours.

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A Culinary Haven in Victoria Falls: The Butchers Daughter and Its Flavourful Legacy  
Nestled in the lush residential heart of Victoria Falls, a quiet culinary revolution is unfolding. What began as a humble butchery has blossomed into a trio of vibrant dining destinations - each uniquely crafted, yet united by a passion for quality, heritage, and the magic of good food. It all started in 2020 when Christine and her husband Brian founded The Butchers Daughter. Christine, herself the daughter of renowned Harare butchers Billy and Sandy, was inspired by her family's tradition of excellence. With Brian's support and a shared love for premium cuts, Christine turned that legacy into a thriving butcher-deli known for top-quality meats and its now-famous biltong, drawing loyal customers from Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Botswana. As their reputation grew, so did their vision.

#### **La Piazza: A Taste of the World Beneath the Trees**

Set beneath the spreading branches of mango trees, La Piazza is more than just a restaurant - it's a culinary escape. At its heart are two distinct kitchens, each offering a taste adventure.

The first is 310 on Parkway, where Euro-African cuisine takes center stage. Think premium steaks - sourced directly from The Butchers Daughter, but prepared with a fusion of European technique and bold local flavor. It's sophisticated, yet grounded in authenticity.

Then there's Oh So Sushi, a serene addition to Victoria Falls' food scene, bringing the precision and artistry of Japanese cuisine to the table. Originally established in Harare in 2016, this sushi bar opened at La Piazza in July 2024, offering delicate rolls, sashimi, and more, beautifully prepared and brimming with freshness.

Whether you're indulging in wood-fired pizza or sampling the elegant flavors of sushi, every bite is enhanced by the tranquil atmosphere and the scent of ripe fruit hanging in the air.



#### **The Social Kitchen: Where Community Meets Cuisine**

A stone's throw from the bustling town center lies The Social Kitchen, another gem in the Butchers Daughter collection. Laid-back and welcoming, it's a favorite for locals and travelers alike. Here, hospitality is as central to the experience as the food itself.

Guests rave about the Portuguese Chicken and the signature Maiale Pizza, and the curated menu caters to every mood, from hearty lunches to decadent desserts. It's the kind of place where you arrive for a quick coffee and end up staying for the company, the conversation, and maybe just one more bite.



#### **More Than Food—A Family Legacy**

What unites these three distinct spaces is a singular philosophy: inspired by family, driven by passion. From Christine's roots in a traditional Harare butchery to the flourishing dining experiences she and Brian have created, the Butchers Daughter brand is built on quality, care, and an enduring love for food. Whether you're seeking a gourmet steak under the mango trees, fresh sushi with a view, or a cozy spot to connect with friends, The Butchers Daughter, La Piazza, and The Social Kitchen offer something rare in today's world, a meal that feels like coming home.

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# Mhara River

## BUSH CAMP



Mhara River Camp is a hidden gem in a privately owned and run 32 square kilometer concession in Mana Pools. It is the culmination of a vision to not only offer our guests exclusivity and privacy with great game viewing, but also to expose them to the tranquility and the all-pervading calm which can only be appreciated in the timelessness of nature. The conservancy is stunningly beautiful and is one of the few remaining totally wild and undeveloped areas of virgin bush, situated in the heart of the Zambesi Valley and within the famous Mana Pools National Park. Its ancient baobabs stand sentinel, guarding this piece of paradise as they have done for centuries and, we hope, for centuries to come.

The camp is eco-friendly and runs throughout on solar power. It is a tented camp accommodating a maximum of 12 guests. The 6 semi-luxury tents are all sited to give maximum privacy and are all en suite, with hot water showers and flush toilets. An unusual feature are the wooden stable door entrances, adding extra security and safety for guests. The camp is unfenced, and wildlife wanders through at all times – it is, after all, their domain and we are the visitors!

Our unobtrusive staff are friendly and hospitable and will go to great lengths to make sure you have every comfort, and our guides are highly trained and professional, being extremely knowledgeable of the flora and fauna in the conservancy. The entire team at Mhara will go out of their way to provide guests with the ultimate bush experience.

The wildlife is plentiful, with many varied species including lions, leopard, large herds of buffalo and elephants, impala, grysbok, and other small mammals. Mazunga, our camp elephant, has been with us from the start. Totally unfazed by the clamour of building, he made a daily inspection of progress and, obviously satisfied by the result, has now taken up residence in his new “home,” even sleeping (lying down and snoring – loudly!) next to the guides’ tent! Muffin, the matriarch of one of the cow herds, is largely responsible for spreading her calm demeanor among the other cow herds, and she will often bring her “family” up to the game viewing vehicle for a visit. It is a magical and uplifting experience to be surrounded by these totally wild but calm, gentle giants.

Generally, there are game drives in both the morning and afternoon, but guests can plan their days exactly as they would like, with the guides facilitating your every whim. The scenery in the dry riverbeds is stunning, and our 3 large pans are a mecca for the wildlife, especially during the summer season when the temperatures start to rise. Camp Pan has a hide, which is excellent for close-up photography. Camp Pan, Figtree, and River Litchi Pans all have permanent water. On the morning drive, our guides will set out a relaxing bush breakfast in a pleasant picnic spot where you may be surprised by a passing elephant or lion! The afternoon drive usually culminates at a pan or observation point where guests can sip on ice-cold G and Ts, enjoy tasty nibbles, and watch the sun set and marvel at the amazing colours in the sky. On the night drive back to camp, guests have a chance to see nocturnal creatures such as genets, civet cats, porcupines, and the many carnivores setting off on the nightly hunt.



The conservancy is a birder's paradise, and bird enthusiasts are welcomed and well catered for. There is a large and varied raptor population due to the proximity of the Zambesi Escarpment. Resident species such as Broadbills, Lillian's Love Birds, Southern Ground Hornbills, Eastern Nicator, and many others are present all year. During the summer months, the migratory birds arrive, with several "special species" included among them. Notable "lifers" are the African Pitta, Bronze-winged Courser, Narina Trogon, and large breeding colonies of Carmine Bee-eaters nesting in the cliffs along the riverbanks. The sight and sound of hundreds of these is incredible. There is a newly constructed bird hide within the camp, and it is exciting to see the spectacular small birds, so often overlooked – among them being Red-throated Twinspots, Orange-winged Pytilia, and Cut-throat Finches, to name a few.



Walking is also offered, and a walk up the Chitake Gorge is thrilling and exciting, with the backdrop of the Zambesi Escarpment, rock pools, and giant tangled boulders scarred by the annual floods from the numerous thunderstorms adding to the atmosphere. For those less energetic but wanting to explore, other less taxing walks are available and equally rewarding.



For guests just wanting to relax and chill and soak in the atmosphere of calm, the unique central area is comfortably appointed and offers stunning views down the Chitake River to the Zambezi Escarpment from both its lower and upper deck, which is situated right among the tree canopy. Tea and coffee are available from early morning, where our friendly staff will deliver right to your tent, allowing you to sit outside and watch the sunrise, hear the amazing birdlife come to life with their incessant early morning song, and soak up the amazing bush experience. If you prefer, you can stroll over to the central area, where coffee and tea are available all day at the coffee station. Our friendly staff are available all day to answer your questions, serve you drinks from the bar, and give you an insight into this magnificent wilderness. Don't forget to bring your binos, as bushbuck, buffalo, and elephant frequently cross the riverbed right in front.



We do our best to make sure that every guest has a memorable stay and will, as our logo says:

*Remember The Bush!*

# SPURWING ISLAND



## ACCOMODATION:

At Spurwing Island, we deeply value the importance of family time and have cultivated a truly family-friendly camp. To ensure peace of mind and a safe environment for all our guests, the perimeter of the camp is secured with an electric fence. We understand that families come in all shapes and sizes, with varying needs and budgets, which is why we offer a range of accommodation options. From cozy cabins perfect for fishing enthusiasts, to luxurious tents that blend comfort with the beauty of the outdoors, and spacious, family-friendly chalets designed with your needs in mind, we have something to suit everyone at Spurwing Island.



## ACTIVITIES:

Adventure awaits around every corner. Our diverse range of activities ensures there's something for everyone to enjoy. Embark on thrilling game drives through the wilderness, encountering the local wildlife in their natural habitat. For a more intimate experience, join our guided game walks and discover the smaller wonders of nature. Anglers can cast their lines and try their luck at fishing, while those seeking relaxation can opt for leisurely boat cruises, soaking in the stunning scenery. Regardless of your chosen activity, our knowledgeable guides will be with you every step of the way, enriching your experience with their expertise and passion for the island.



## FUNCTIONS:

At Spurwing Island, we understand that life's special moments deserve an extraordinary setting. Whether you're planning a milestone birthday celebration, a dream wedding, or a signature event that demands attention, our island paradise offers the perfect canvas. Imagine exchanging vows or toasting to another year with the breathtaking Matusadona mountain range as your majestic backdrop. With its unparalleled beauty and tranquility, Spurwing Island ensures an unforgettable experience for you and your guests.

Escape the ordinary and discover the untouched paradise of Spurwing Island, a secluded sanctuary nestled in the heart of Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe. Here, the promise of an unforgettable African adventure beckons, offering an immersive experience designed to rejuvenate your soul. Imagine embarking on exhilarating game drives, casting your line for the catch of a lifetime, or drifting across tranquil waters on a sunset cruise as the African sun paints the sky with vibrant hues.

Spurwing Island goes beyond the ordinary, indulging you in luxurious accommodation and the comforting taste of good, home-cooked cuisine. Our dedicated team is committed to catering to your every need, ensuring a seamless and personalized experience from arrival to departure. Book your escape to Spurwing Island today and create memories that will last a lifetime. Visit

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# The Larry Norton Gallery

Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls

Sited in the Palm Lounge of the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel, the Larry Norton Gallery exhibits fine art prints and original paintings by this internationally recognized and widely collected wildlife and landscape painter.



## ZAMBEZI STORM

A pair of Buffalo Bulls are set against leaden waters reflecting a February storm. Unsettled by the wind and the weather, the Buffalo became as agitated as the sky above. Gun metal blue sky and water, split by the dazzling contrast of the Zimbabwean sand banks on the far shore made this an irresistible scene to paint.



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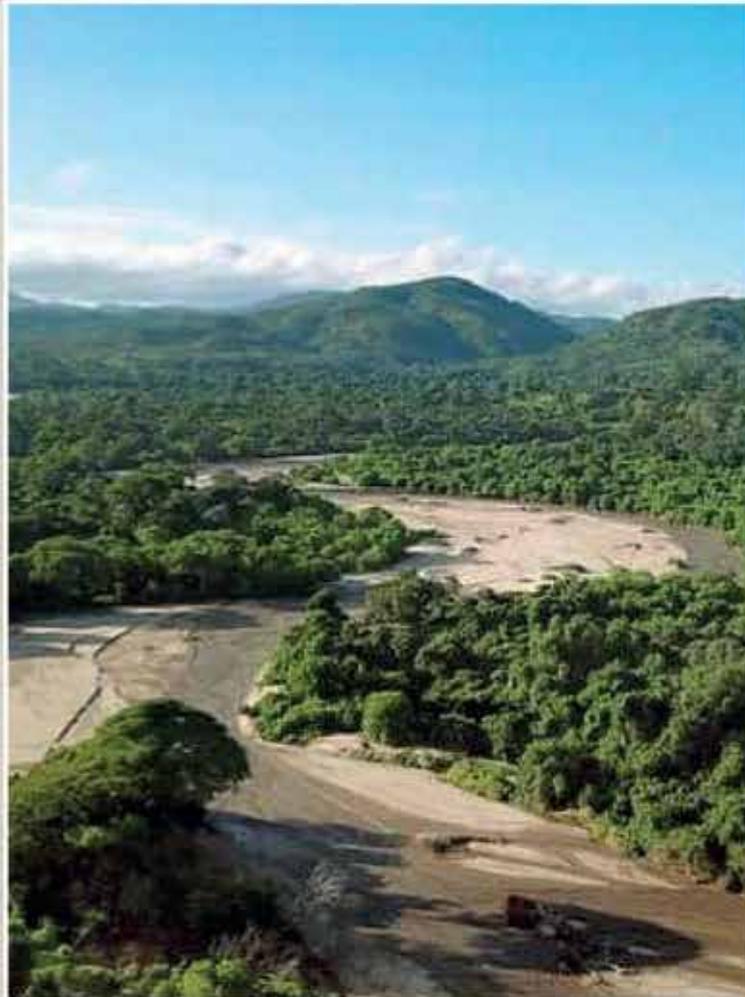
## MOMENT

As dawn breaks through the misted foliage of Livingstone Island, a flight of egrets drifts, backlit, across the face of the Victoria Falls.



# DISCOVER THE UNTOUCHED WILD

Mhara River Bush Camp is nestled in wild, undisturbed bushland within Mana Pools National Park — Where no trees were cleared whilst building the camp and wildlife roams freely. Home to the rare African Pitta bird and abundant wildlife, the camp offers a deeply personal safari experience, tailor-made for every guest. Enjoy warm hospitality, unforgettable bush dinners, and nature at its most authentic.



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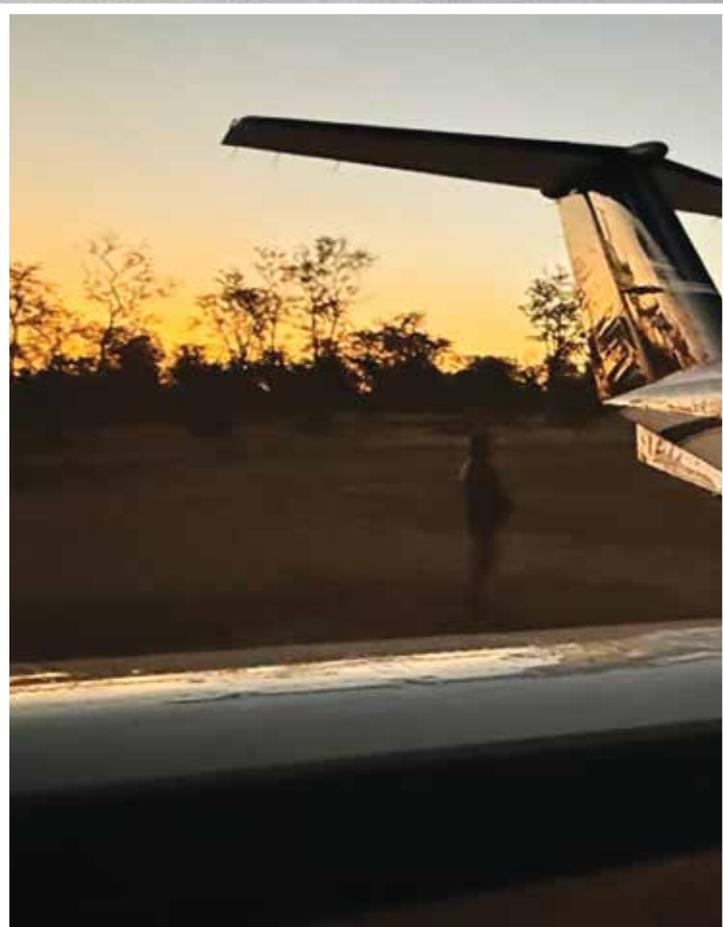
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# New Arrival in August

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Watch this space ..... Coming up in the next issue a new toy for Grand Air





## VICTORIA FALLS

# Premier Destination for Discerning Travelers

Victoria Falls stands as one of the world's most impressive waterfalls, with the Zambezi River plunging 108 meters over a basalt cliff that stretches 1,708 meters wide. The volume of water varies dramatically by season, from the thunderous cascade of the rainy season when mist can be seen from 40 kilometers away, to the more intimate flow of the dry months when individual sections of the rock face become visible.

The Zambezi River itself serves as the region's lifeline, supporting diverse wildlife populations and offering multiple recreational opportunities. Game viewing along the river reveals elephants, hippos, and crocodiles as regular inhabitants, while the area's exceptional bird diversity appeals to wildlife enthusiasts and nature photographers. The river's seasonal patterns influence both wildlife behaviour and visitor activities, with

different months offering optimal conditions for various experiences from white-water rafting to sunset cruises.

For travellers seeking exceptional accommodation near this celebrated natural landmark, the Palm Hospitality Group offers two distinguished luxury properties that cater to different preferences while maintaining consistently high standards of service and comfort.

### **The Palm River Hotel: Riverside Elegance**

Located four kilometres upstream from Victoria Falls, the Palm River Hotel provides direct access to the Zambezi River experience. The property features 73 well-appointed accommodations positioned along the riverbank, where mature indigenous trees frame expansive water views from private balconies.



The hotel's room categories include 60 Deluxe Rooms (including two wheelchair-accessible options), Executive Suites, Honeymoon Suites, a Presidential Suite, and a standalone three-bedroom villa. The villa offers particular appeal for families or groups arriving by charter, featuring its own kitchen, dining area, swimming pool, and private garden with direct river access.

Dining at the Palm River Hotel centres around a main restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows opening onto terraced areas that extend toward the riverbank. The kitchen emphasizes fresh, locally sourced ingredients, with the option of riverside barbecue dining directly on the water's edge. The Riverside Dining Experience has been recently revamped to include an elevated deck positioned under the canopy of indigenous Jackalberry trees, providing enhanced river views and natural shade. Here too, guests can enjoy the hotel's premium High Tea experience.

The property's 34-meter infinity pool runs parallel to the Zambezi, creating uninterrupted views to the river. Additional facilities include a spa, gymnasium, gift shop, and comprehensive activity booking office. A complimentary shuttle operates between the hotel and Victoria Falls town centre, while on-site river cruises provide immediate access to Zambezi experiences.

### **Ilala Lodge Hotel: Falls Proximity**

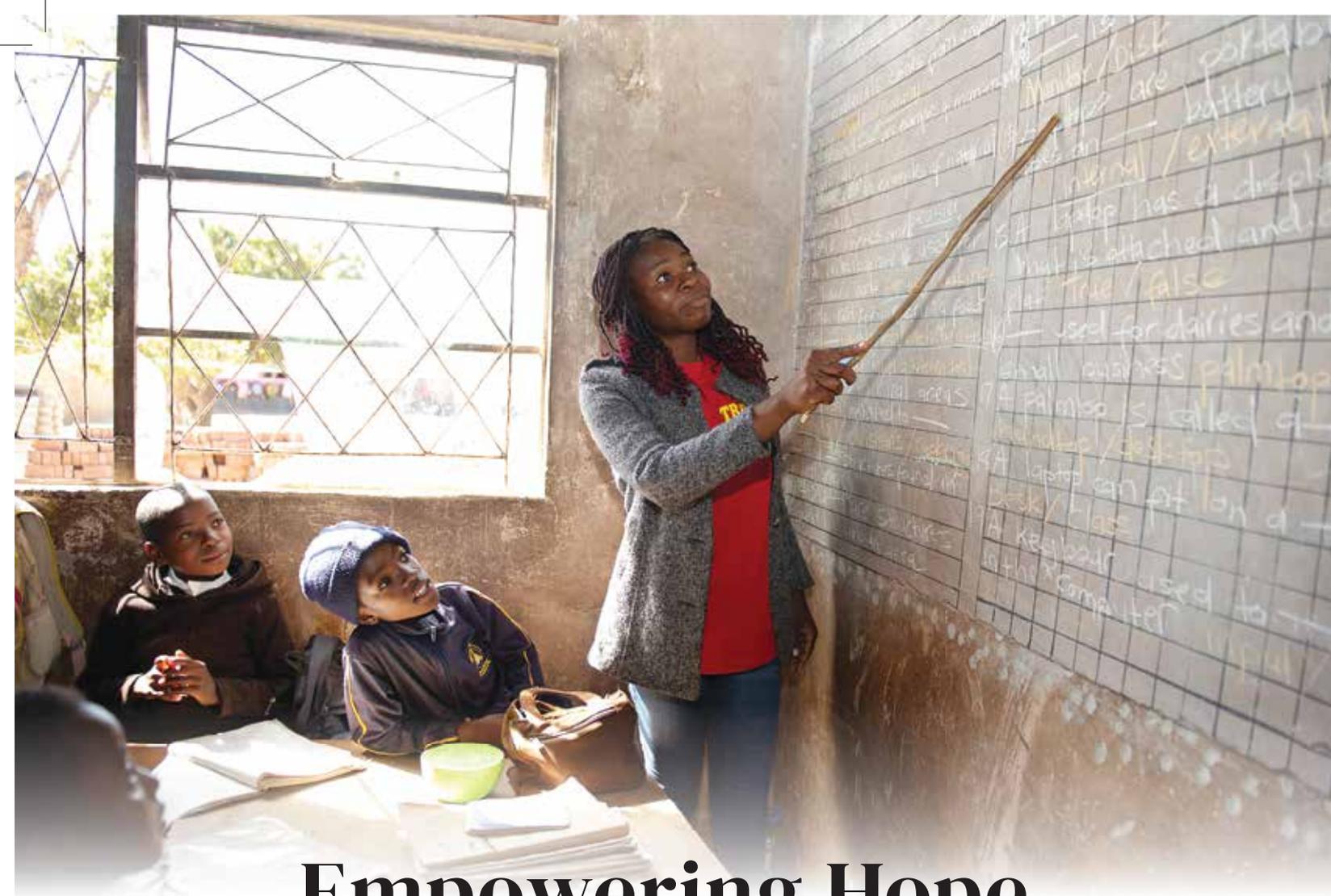
Situated in Victoria Falls town centre, Ilala Lodge Hotel holds the distinction of being the

closest hotel to the waterfall on the Zimbabwean side – an eight-minute walk from the main viewing points. This positioning offers particular convenience for guests seeking immediate access to the falls upon arrival.

The hotel's 73 rooms and suites are configured across multiple categories, from Classic Rooms to the expansive Strathearn Suite. All accommodations feature garden views that extend toward the adjacent national park. The constant sound of falling water – locally known as Mosi-oa-Tunya, "the smoke which thunders" – provides a distinctive atmospheric element unique to this location.

The award-winning Cassia Restaurant has earned recognition for both its cuisine and extensive wine menu, featuring selections from established South African vineyards. The restaurant operates throughout the day, with evening service conducted outdoors under natural lighting. The proximity to Victoria Falls means that the sound of the waterfall provides a consistent acoustic backdrop to all dining experiences.

Two swimming pools anchor the hotel's leisure facilities, complemented by a poolside bar and lounge area equipped with business facilities, games, and reading materials. The hotel maintains an activities office staffed by specialists who arrange activities ranging from helicopter flights over the falls to multi-day safari extensions.



# Empowering Hope - Trintas Orphanage School

One of the most admirable qualities of the human spirit is its resilience in the face of adversity. Trintas Orphanage School in Epworth stands as a testament to the power of determination, love, and hope in the lives of two remarkable individuals, Tsitsi and Chipo. Founded against the backdrop of personal tragedy, this orphanage has emerged as a beacon of light for vulnerable children in the Epworth community. This introductory essay aims to shed light on the compelling story of Trintas Orphanage School, tracing its humble beginnings from the loss of Tsitsi's parents to the establishment of a safe haven for those in need.

Trintas Orphanage School in Epworth is a beacon of equality and respect for children's diverse backgrounds. In this institution, every child, irrespective of their religion or upbringing, is given the freedom to practice their own faith without any discrimination or prejudice. The

school firmly believes in upholding the rights of its students to adhere to their own religious beliefs and traditions. The children who attend this school come from various religious backgrounds, including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and other faiths. The administration strongly believes that no child should feel compelled to abandon their own religious heritage or adopt the beliefs and practices of another denomination. This nurtures an atmosphere of inclusivity and tolerance. It fosters a sense of understanding and empathy among its students, teaching them to appreciate the differences that exist in the world and promoting an environment where they can coexist harmoniously.

## THE EARLY DAYS

Tsitsi's life took an unexpected turn when she lost her mother at the tender age of two.

Devastation struck again when her father, Wilson, passed away when she was merely eight years old. Suddenly orphaned, Tsitsi found solace in the embrace of her elder sister, Chipo. Uncertainty loomed large as the two girls struggled to come to terms with their newfound reality. Luckily the maid stayed with them as all the family members & uncles disappeared on realising they had nothing to gain on estate property ownership.

In the wake of their father's death, Tsitsi and Chipo's uncles convened to settle the matters of the estate. This pivotal moment marked the genesis of Trintas Orphanage School. Fuelled by their own experiences as orphans, they aimed to provide a safe haven for children who had lost their families. Combining their resources and unwavering determination, the sisters set out to establish Trintas Orphanage School in Epworth, a place where vulnerable children could find solace, education, and a brighter future. The road to establishing Trintas Orphanage School was far from smooth. The uncles' initial animosity towards the sisters brought forth numerous obstacles and hardships.

Trintas Orphanage School has become more than just a shelter for vulnerable children; it has become a symbol of hope for the Epworth community. What began as a small, humble initiative has gradually grown into a haven for children in need. Tsitsi and Chipo's vision has extended beyond providing basic necessities, as they prioritize education, emotional support, and skills training, ensuring these children have the tools to build a prosperous future.

It has become a catalyst for change, breaking stigmas associated with orphanages. Through their engagement in various community outreach programs, Tsitsi and Chipo have fostered a sense of unity among the residents, inspiring them to join hands in supporting the promising futures of these children.

The school has become a symbol of hope

and unity in the Epworth community, breaking stigmas associated with orphanages and inspiring residents to support the children's promising futures. Trintas Orphanage School exemplifies the transformative power of resilience, determination, and love, showing how individuals can make a positive impact and change lives for the better

We would REALLY appreciate any donation to assist us to keep helping these vulnerable children.

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### An Amazing Sighting by Our Very Own Vern Mugodo

After a rather amazing day of flying across the beautiful landscape of Zimbabwe and I am sitting by the common area in camp, making best use of my limited time on safari camp WiFi. I'm glued to my phone, just trying to connect to the civil world on this beautiful cool evening.

Along comes a guide, whispering and tiptoeing as though he is on a mission to steal a million dollars from a high security vault with sound detection devices... he whispers.. 'leopard', all while pointing in the direction he is coming from.

Now I've seen this type of thing happen a couple of times before. Enough to know a special moment has just unfolded and I'd be a fool not to immerse myself in it fully.

I, along with the clients that I'm scheduled to fly out of said camp the following morning,

creep in a single file, much like kindergarten kids on their way to assembly, dead quiet so as not to scare this perfect surprise that's come before us.

This beautiful creature gave us 5 minutes of its time by the waterhole and these were a true testament of the magic that lies in the African bush.

These short 5 minutes, that we got to share with this animal, easily printed themselves in my brain as a highlight of life and is a constant reminder that the best moments in your life don't need a million years to unfold. They sometimes just catch you by surprise and I'm truly blessed to get to be in a job that presents such pleasant surprises for our clients and everyone involved in this travel and tourism business.

# KAMAKARA SAFARIS

A RETURN TO THE WILD

## Explore the Untamed Beauty of Shamashanga Camp and Nyamawani Pan



### SHAMASHANGA CAMP - Along the Zambezi's Wild Pulse

Tucked under a canopy of riverine trees on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River. Shamashanga Camp offers an authentic safari experience that speaks to the soul of the tour adventurer.

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### NYAMAWANI PAN - A Hidden Gem in the Wild North

Set in the remote wilderness of Mana Pool's National Park, Nyamawani Pan is Kamakara's private exploration outpost. Best Visited in the dry season, when wildlife congregates at the pan, this secluded destination offers unmatched intimacy with nature. Nyamawani is a photographer's dream and a conservationist's playground. Walking safaris, hide-out sessions, and starlit fireside stories offer a truly immersive bush-veld experience, free from crowds and clutter.



# The Friend Animal Foundation



The friend Animal Foundation is the biggest and only no kill shelter in Zimbabwe. We take in abandoned and surrendered dogs mostly, but we do have some 150 cats. Our dog numbers are usually in the region of 470 odd, we don't tend to fluctuate too much. We are in the process of working with a charity called Dogs4wildlife who are assisting us in training dogs for Anti Poaching. You can find both Charities on FB and Instagram.





The Anti Poaching dogs are in early stages and dogs have only recently been selected for this project. We also have a Farm Patrol dog project which we have been running for 2 years and have various Farmers involved. The Farmers send their security personnel to us for training on how to care for and handle our dogs. We discuss with them the best type of kennel and exercise areas that we hope they can provide. We choose suitable dogs for them who are already trained in the basics. None of our dogs are trained to attack. The dogs are adopted by the Farmer but there is a return spring if the dog is not able to work anymore for whatever reason.

Our Ranger/Guard Training is usually a 10 day course which is held at FAF. We provide

Training, food and accommodation. The guards need to bring work suits, gumboots and track shoes. They will be taught how to care for and handle one of our dogs, from the basics up.

Our dogs are adopted out. These dogs are trained in basic commands. Each dog is vaccinated, registered and microchipped according to FAFs policies. All potential homes either Domestic or Rural are carefully assessed by our Team and all dogs are vetted for their suitability for either a home or Farm environment. The toll is extremely hard. If you would like to get in touch please contact Pippa on +263 77 309 668. We would LOVE to touch your heart as we do every day with these animals. They touch our hearts daily!

# A Gallery Of Zimbabwean Birds

Photography by the talented guide **JIM MACKIE**



## African Hawk Eagle

*Aquila spilogaster*

Locally fairly common. Resident species and a medium sized raptor. Very aggressive and strong! Mainly preys on game birds and small mammals. Usually in pairs soaring together. Breeding April-August.



## Woodland Kingfisher

*Halycon senegalensis*

Fairly common bird intra-African migrant, October -April. Food opportunistic, insects, lizards, small birds, snakes and frogs. Make a loud trilling call especially during the early breeding season. Found in open savanna, particularly along rivers and wetland fringes.



## Western Violet-backed Sunbird

*Anthreptes longuemarei*

Localised and uncommon resident. Found in tall Miombo and Uapaca woodland. Forage in mixed bird parties. Food taken is nectar and invertebrates. A special species sought by many bird enthusiasts! Normally remain in pairs all year. Nesting period starts August-December.



## Silvery Cheeked Hornbill

*Bycanistes brevis*

Uncommon, localised resident, highly threatened species due to habitat destruction. Local nomad in montane and coastal forest. Food mainly fruit also a wide range of animal food taken.



## The African PITTA

An unusual and beautiful bird that is rarely seen, even by those expressly looking for it.

**Pitta angolensis:** Uncommon and localised breeding intra-African migrant. November-March.

**Habitat:** Tropical, lowland, deciduous thicket along drainage lines and rivers,

**Food:** mainly invertebrates, found by birds foraging through the leaf litter. Feeding mainly in the early morning and late afternoon.

**Call:** Distinct and frog-like single pleeup given as bird springs vertically from the branch. Spreads its beautifully marked wings as it does so. Very attractive birds with brightly coloured plumage.

Somewhat thrush like in size and plump in appearance. Also strong flyers and used to long migration flights. Known to migrate at night over the moon phases. Due to this bird's beauty and rarity it is a well sought after bird to view here in Africa. Sometimes referred to as the "Holy grail of birds!"



LEGACY IN MOTION

# How Partnerships Are Protecting Southern Africa's Wild Places

Flying above southern Africa, the wilderness appears boundless. Rivers glint below, acacia trees dot the plains and mountains spill into forests. But the real story is unfolding where few eyes see it: nature is being restored across borders through extraordinary long-term partnerships.

In June, 10 critically endangered black rhinos travelled more than 1,600 kilometres from South Africa to Mozambique. For over 36 hours, they were carefully transported by road to Zinave National Park, a once-depleted landscape now teeming with life. In addition to the black rhino reintroduced to the landscape in 2022, their arrival established Mozambique's first founder population of black rhinos in a national park in over fifty years and is a milestone in one of the most ambitious conservation efforts on the continent.

Since its founding in 1997 by President Nelson Mandela, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and Dr Anton Rupert, Peace Parks Foundation has helped catalyse conservation solutions that reconnect, revive and protect southern Africa's vast landscapes,

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**Relocating Rhinos At Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve in South Africa, a blindfolded black rhino is guided into a sturdy crate designed to transport it securely. The rhino was one of ten that were donated by the government and translocated to Zinave National Park in Mozambique with Peace Parks Foundation's support in June this year, establishing the first black rhino founder population in the park since becoming locally extinct five decades ago**

where wildlife and people co-exist.

Across 10 transboundary conservation areas covering more than 680,000 square kilometres, this model brings ecological recovery and regional stability into alignment. Endangered species return. Migration routes reopen. Communities benefit from nature-based solutions that are rooted in local ownership and designed to endure.

This is not the work of one organisation alone. It is made possible by co-management agreements, government leadership, global philanthropy and the dedication of local communities. Peace Parks works behind the

scenes to help these partnerships thrive.

For those who understand legacy not only as a personal mark but as a shared inheritance, this is a unique opportunity to engage. Together, we are advancing one of the most ambitious conservation efforts on Earth. Southern Africa holds some of the planet's most vital ecosystems and their protection is an investment in the Earth's shared future.

The next time you fly over Southern Africa, look down. The land below is healing. Its future is being shaped by those who choose to back the partnerships restoring it.

Zinave National Park Landscape

**2x** KINGAIR 200 (BE20)

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