



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Hide has consistently been voted “**Best Safari Camp in Zimbabwe**” since 1995. Situated on the Eastern Boundary of Hwange National Park in a five square kilometre area, it is one of the few camps **in the National Park** itself. Unlike other camps in the area, long drives from the Camp to the Park are not necessary as we are in reality, a part of the Park itself, and the wildlife migration on our private concession is second to none. The Camp opened in 1992 and has undergone **four major refurbishments** since opening. Our aim is “To offer The Ultimate Wildlife and Wilderness Experience in Zimbabwe”. The Hide features in the book “**1000 Places to See Before You Die – A Traveller’s Life List**”. The Hide is a proud Founder Member of **Classic Safari Camps of Africa**. The Hide also has a marketing relationship with **Africa Albida Tourism**.

### **HOW TO GET THERE**

**By Air:** Most guests fly into Victoria Falls Airport, then take a scheduled 35min flight on Solenta Aviation to Hwange Main Airport, where the guests are met by a Hide representative. Charter flights can be arranged too.

**By Road:** Many guests fly into Victoria Falls, then take a two-hour road transfer to Hwange Main Camp where you are met by a Hide representative.

The Hide is a little over an hours drive from Hwange Airport or one hour from Hwange Main Camp. The transfers are conducted through the National Park and are effectively a game drive.

**Self- Drive:** Guests can also opt to self-drive into Camp in their own 4WD vehicles. Maps are available on request.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

The Hide has 10 tented lodges sleeping a maximum of 24 Guests. The tents are large East African style tents (WITH A TWIST) under thatch, all overlooking the waterhole. Each tent has its own en suite bathroom, consisting of bath (Deluxe Tents only), inside or under the stars shower (or both), hand basin and flush toilet along with a teak dressing table, and most importantly, piping hot water all day. The spacious lodges areas are very tastefully furnished with solid Zimbabwe Teak furniture each with individual décor. We have **4 Classic Twin Tents, 4 Deluxe Tents and 2 Honeymoon or Deluxe Suites**. The two Honeymoon Tents have additional outside baths and showers where guests can relax in a bath and enjoy the stunning view over the waterhole.

The hub of the Camp is our **majestic “A” Frame** which houses the dining room, sun lounge downstairs and a large comfortable lounge and viewing area upstairs. Meals are served in unsurpassed elegance and style around our **magnificent 22-seater teak dining room table**. Breakfast is served Alfresco under our Acacia trees.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The Hide offers a variety of activities focusing on a true Wilderness and Wildlife Experience. A typical day at the Camp is along the following lines: -

**Game Drives** before and after breakfast, both on the Concession and into the National Park – on request these drives can be stretched out to include a picnic breakfast or lunch at one of the excellent waterholes.

Traffic in areas utilised by The Hide, for the most part, is very light and therefore congestion at waterholes seldom occurs.

**Early morning or late afternoon walks** on the concession with one of our Professional Guides is an excellent opportunity to learn about the bush and its flora and fauna in general. A large variety of animals can be encountered on these walks. Our Professional Guides are trained to an extremely high standard in Zimbabwe (often regarded as the best in Africa) and regardless of the amount of game seen, these walks are made into a memorable and highly informative occasion.

A **full English breakfast** is served at about 8.00am and slightly later in winter, and mid-morning activities commence thereafter.

Throughout the morning game drives are available, or guests may wish to relax in our comfortable **underground game-viewing Hides**. These are situated at the edge of the camp's waterhole, offering a photographer's paradise. We have gained the exclusive use of several **superb walking** areas in the National Park itself which makes the combination of game drives and walks a popular choice.

**Lunch** is served at approximately 1pm after which is siesta time. Guests re-group again after a siesta at about 3.30pm in the "A-Frame" for tea. Afternoon drives follow and walks can also be arranged or simply relax on your verandah and watch the wildlife come down to the waterhole for their evening drink. This is an excellent time to be in the underground hides, or game viewing from upstairs in the main A-frame.

**The Dove's Nest**, a romantic tree house above a well situated viewing platform, is also available as an activity whereby guests may **sleep a night-out** away from Camp. It is a five-minute drive from Camp and the guests are dropped off at a time that is suitable to all. Guests are given a radio so they are able to contact Camp and normally collected at their request before breakfast. The Dove's Nest is very secure and there is running water, a toilet and shower there too.

Most **afternoon drives** will end with sundowners on the concession and then time for hot showers. Evening drinks and snacks follow, around a campfire in winter and in the open under a canopy of stars in summer. At this time wildlife can frequently be seen at the waterhole, which is illuminated by powerful arc lights.

**Dinner** is served at about 8.00pm, following which guests have the opportunity of going on a night drive lasting upto an hour. Spotlights are used to find nocturnal animals such as Bat-Eared Fox, porcupine and Genet cat, and hopefully Lion, Leopard and Hyena. This can be a most interesting and exciting drive – on occasions up to 15 species of mammal have been spotted.

By 10.00pm, after a very full day, most guests are more than ready for a restful night's sleep.

We have an extremely wide variety of species including the **"Big Five"**. Many animals can be seen at our waterhole from the comfort of your own tent. The bird life in Hwange is excellent (over 400 species recorded) with brilliant chances of photography out in the open or in the underground Hide at the Camp waterhole.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Hide where you will enjoy warm friendly hospitality combined with the most amazing wildlife experience in Zimbabwe.

