Zimbabwe, Botswana & Malawi explored, Laterally

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Because I've always wanted to...

Angola
Zambia
Malawi
Mozambique
Zimbabwe
Botswana
Swaziland
Lubumbashi
Likoma Island
Lilongwe
Lusaka
Victoria Falls
Machaba Camp
Maun
Harare
Bulawayo
Gaborone
Pretoria
Johannesburg
Maputo
Parque Nacional da Cameia
Kafue National Park
Coutada Pública do Longa Mavinga
Coutada pública do Luiana
Coutada Pública do Mucusso
Niassa National Reserve
Kruger National Park
Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
Kolwezi
Likasi
Mansa
Chinsali
Songea
Masasi
Mtwara
Tunduru
Mzuzu
Kitwe
Ndola
Lichinga
Montepuez
Pemba
Chipata
Kabwe
Kaoma
Menongue
Mongu
Mazabuka
Cuamba
Nacala
Nampula
Zomba
Gurue
Tete
Blantyre
Angoche Island
Lugela
Choma
Kalomo
Quelimane
Norton
Rundu
Mozambique Channel
Tsumeb
Grootfontein
Mutare
Chimoio
Gweru
Beira
Nova Sofala
Gobabis
Windhoek
Rehoboth
Thohoyandou
Polokwane
Mokopane
Mariental
Hazyview
Nelspruit
Mahikeng
Keetmanshoop
= One way
= Return flight
= Drive
= Train/Boat

In a Nutshell…

Day 1 - Depart the UK

Day 2 - Land in Johannesburg & Onwards to Victoria Falls. Sunset Zambezi Cruise. Stay at Victoria Falls River Lodge

Day 3 - Visit the Falls & Ziplining. Victoria Falls River Lodge

Day 4 - Livingstone Island, Zambian Falls & Rhino encounter. Victoria Falls River Lodge

Day 5 - Elephant interaction. Victoria Falls River Lodge

Day 6 - To the bush & Transfer to Little Machaba Camp

Day 7 - On Safari. Little Machaba Camp

Day 8 - On Safari. Little Machaba Camp

Day 9 - On Safari. Little Machaba Camp

Day 10 - Fly to Johannesburg via Maun & Overnight at African Rock Hotel

Day 11 - Fly to Likoma Island via Lilongwe & Stay at Kaya Mawa

Day 12 - Kaya Mawa at leisure

Day 13 - Kaya Mawa at leisure

Day 14 - Kaya Mawa at leisure

Day 15 - Kaya Mawa at leisure

Day 16 - Kaya Mawa at leisure

Day 17 - Kaya Mawa at leisure

Day 18 - Homebound

Day 19 - Welcome home

Flights…

Date	Airline & Flight Number	From	Departs	To	Arrives	Class
Day 1	TBC	London LHR, T.5	TBC	Johannesburg T.A	TBC	TBC
Day 2	TBC	Johannesburg T.B	TBC	Victoria Falls	TBC	TBC
Day 6	Light Aircraft	Kasane	TBC	Little Machaba	TBC	n/a
Day 10	Light Aircraft	Little Machaba	TBC	Maun	TBC	n/a
Day 10	TBC	Maun	TBC	Johannesburg T.A	TBC	TBC
Day 11	TBC	Johannesburg T.B	TBC	Lilongwe	TBC	TBC
Day 11	Light Aircraft	Lilongwe	TBC	Likoma Island	TBC	n/a
Day 18	Light Aircraft	Likoma Island	TBC	Lilongwe	TBC	n/a
Day 18	TBC	Lilongwe	TBC	Johannesburg T.A	TBC	TBC
Day 18	TBC	Johannesburg T.A	TBC	London, LHR T.5	TBC	TBC

Baggage allowance on Light Aircrafts

Small aircrafts allow a maximum of 15 kg per person in a soft sided bag with 3kg hand luggage. Bags are required to be SOFT and easy to handle. Please note that large, hard suitcases and heavy luggage will not be accepted on light aircrafts. Suitcases, oyster cases and soft sided bags with trolley handles, metal frames and wheels do NOT constitute as soft bags and cannot fit in the luggage pods of small aircraft. Should you have excess luggage, arrangements can be made to store the excess for the duration of your safari or until such time as you return from Camp.

Your Sample Itinerary...

Day 1 - Depart the UK

Today make your way to the airport and catch your overnight flight to Johannesburg.

Accommodation: Overnight flight

Meals: In-flight meals

Day 2 - Land in Johannesburg & Onwards to Victoria Falls. Sunset Zambezi Cruise

This morning land in Johannesburg and connect onto an onward flight to Victoria Falls.

On arrival in Victoria Falls you are welcomed by a Lateral**life** representative and transferred to the boat jetty where you'll board a speedboat and head upstream for approx. 15mins to reach Victoria Falls River Lodge, your home for the next 4 nights.

Please make sure that you purchase the KAZA Visa upon arrival as you will need it to visit the Zambian side of the Falls on Day 3.

Victoria Falls is one of nature's greatest spectacles, and one of the natural wonders of the world. The town itself, referred to locally simply as 'Vic Falls', straddles the banks of the Zambezi River. It is a great place to be based in close proximity to the falls and with a number of hotels and lodges, a couple of good restaurants and some great bars to enjoy.

Late this afternoon you are collected from your hotel to head out on the mighty Zambezi on a sunset cruise. Keep an eye out for mainly hippos, elephants and birdlife as you cruise the river and enjoy sundowners.

Activities included at Victoria Falls River Lodge: morning and afternoon game drives, selected walks (at guides discretion) boat cruises, picnic on Kandahar island, fishing, guided tour of Falls (excl USD 30 entrance).

Accommodation: Victoria Falls River Lodge

Meals: Dinner

Day 3 - Visit the Falls & Ziplining

This morning your VFRL guide will take you on a walking guided tour of the falls. Walk out along the viewing points on the Zimbabwean side and learn all about the falls and their impact on this area.

After the walk carry on with your guide to the impressive Victoria Falls Bridge. Nearby is the launch point for the zip wiring as well as the brilliantly located The Lookout restaurant where you enjoy lunch with a view (drinks payable direct).

The Zip Line - The longest zip line ride in the world. You will be attached to a pulley then launched over the edge picking up speed as you descend over the water reaching a speed of estimated 106km/h.

Accommodation: Victoria Falls River Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4 - Livingstone Island, Zambian Falls & Rhino encounter

Today you are heading over to the Zambian side of the Falls. You will be collected from the hotel at 09:30 am and driven across the border.

From this side of the falls you catch a boat above the falls to Livingstone Island right on the edge. Only 14 people are allowed on the island at any one time. Explore Livingstone Island with your guide and if the water levels are right take a dip in the Devil's Pool right on the edge of the falls. A real experience! (Of course this is optional and you may just prefer to enjoy Livingstone Island).

After enjoying a light lunch on the island, at 13:30 you will have the once in a lifetime opportunity to walk near and to spend some quality time interacting (at a safe distance) with the rhino. Professional guides give commentary on the rhino as well as wildlife, flora and spore encountered during the walk.

At 4:30 pm you are driven back to the Lodge where you can freshen up or relax before dinner at Victoria Falls Hotel (7 pm pick-up).

Dinner Reservation: 7:30 pm, Jungle Junction restaurant. Buffet dinner payable direct: USD 35 per person plus drinks.

Dining at Jungle Junction offers an unforgettable experience, gazing over the gorge and the spray of the Falls, with a fusion of flavours of Africa. Nightly entertainment from various ethnic groups, including the spiritual, masked Makishi, epitomizes the spirit of Africa.

Accommodation: Victoria Falls River Lodge
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 5 - Elephant interaction

This morning is at your leisure and we recommend an early wake up to take part in a morning safari drive or some fishing.

After lunch, at 2:25 pm, you are picked up and drive to Vicotria Falls' Elephant sanctuary. Upon arrival, you will meet your guide who will provide in-depth information and insight into African elephants - you will learn about the elephant's history and how they came to be in their care as well as the threats facing elephant populations today.

After the talk you will proceed to an area in the bush a short distance away for your interaction. You will be introduced to the elephants and you will be able to touch and interact with them. Marvel at their size and watch them behaving normally; browsing and communicating with one another.

Spend the reminder of the day at your leisure.

Accommodation: Victoria Falls River Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 6 - To the bush

After breakfast you will be collected from the hotel and driven to Kazangula, the 4 countries border (Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia). Here you cross into Botswana and continue on to Kasane Airport (full drive time including immigration 2 hours).

On arrival at Kasane board a light aircraft and fly to the Khwai Community Area.

On the Northern edge of Moremi Game Reserve in the Okavango Delta, the Khwai Community area forms the frontier between Chobe and the Okavango Delta. The Khwai area is a big game experience - buffalo, elephant, lion, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe and many different species of antelope abound. The area offers a blend of open grasslands, seasonal floodplains and the permanent water of the Khwai River system.

On arrival in camp settle into your tent before having some lunch and heading out on an afternoon activity.

Accommodation: Little Machaba Camp
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Days 7-9 - On Safari

Machaba is situated in the Khwai Community Concession, which as a private concession has the advantage of being able to offer walking and night drives, and your guide is allowed to drive off road to get a closer look at animals. The wildlife in the Khwai region is fantastic, with thriving lion, leopard and wild dog populations, and with Machaba's proximity to the game-rich Moremi Game Reserve, it's possible for you to explore both.

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives with the option of heading out on night drives after dinner to look for those nocturnal species as well. Mokoro (traditional dugout canoe) and walking safaris are also available for those aged 16 and over. Visits to the local community in Khwai can also be arranged.

Activities included: morning and afternoon game drives, Mokoro (water dependent but should be fine in August as Okavango Delta in flood), guided bush walks (for 16 yrs and over), night drives.

Accommodation: Little Machaba Camp
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 10 - Fly to Johannesburg via Maun

After breakfast, board a light aircraft flight to Maun where you connect to an onward flight to Johannesburg.

Upon arrival you will be transferred to African Rock Hotel where you will stay for 1 night.

Accommodation: African Lodge Hotel
Meals: Breakfast

Day 11 - Fly to Likoma Island

Fly from Johannesburg to Lilongwe where a Laterallife representative will direct you to where you need to pay your departure taxes ($7 per person) and then you will be shown on to the flight to Likoma Island.

Kaya Mawa is 15 minutes away from the airstrip and staff will be waiting at the airstrip to transfer you and your luggage once you have arrived.

Accommodation: Kaya Mawa
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (drinks not included)

Days 12-17 - Beach days at leisure
At leisure on Likoma Island.

Likoma Island is an enclave of Malawi, completely surrounded by Mozambican waters, and was colonised by Anglican missionaries in the late 1800s. This island is a lovely spot, with beautiful beaches and African scenery featuring baobab trees and open grasslands. There is an impressive Anglican Cathedral here, a large structure in the main town of Mbamba that was built out of stone by the missionaries in 1903. There are very basic dirt roads spanning Likoma Island but most places can be reached on foot or by bike.

The 'town' is a 45-minute walk from Kaya Mawa, at the opposite end of Likoma Island. You are very welcome to walk over to the town and gain an insight into traditional island life as you stroll to the amazing Chipyela Cathedral, which seems like a little piece of Britain in the middle of Malawi, and the cobbled market square. There are also mountain bikes freely available if you prefer to cycle.

There is heaps to do at Kaya Mawa – out on the water kayak, snorkel, dive, kite surf, paddle board, sail, waterski, ringo…etc etc. On land mountain bike, quad-bike, visit the church and the island, visit the Katundu textiles for some beautiful African souvenirs! If it's all too much just kick back on the white sand beach with a good book!

Activities in Kaya Mawa:

<u>Free of charge:</u>
Snorkelling: Masks, Snorkels and fins are provided in your room so ready to use and explore the lake. Ask the staff for the best spots.

Mountain bikes: There are a number of adult, teenage and child bikes available, so if you are feeling energetic go out and about for a cycle and explore the island.

Kayaks and Paddle Boards: These are dotted around the beach so feel free to pull one onto the lake or ask a member of staff to give you a helping hand and go for a paddle. Life Jackets advised.

Laser Sailing Dinghy: One for the experienced and novices. Please ask the management if you would like one set up for a sail.

There are plenty of other activities to enjoy on the island such as Water Skiing, Wakeboarding and Ringo.

There are plenty of island maps available in the office and Likoma is an extremely friendly place, so feel free to wander off and explore the island on foot (or bike!). They say you are never lost on Likoma, someone will always point you the way home or take you there themselves. There are also other fun ways to see and enjoy this beautiful island which can be arranged for you.

Chargeable:

Motor Boat Trips: Around the island. A very relaxing way to see the highlights of the island such as St. Peter's Cathedral and the Katundu textiles workshop. Why not make a day of it and take a picnic lunch and cool box of cold drinks.

Quad Biking Guided Tour: A fantastic way to explore the island and includes going to see the cathedral and market.

Fishing Boat Trip: In the slow trolling boat, rods and lures provided.

Sunset Boat Trip: Starts around 5pm till sundown.

Etc. etc.

Accommodation: Kaya Mawa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (drinks not included)

Day 18 - Homebound

Today you will be transferred by light aircraft to Lilongwe for your flight back to Johannesburg. On arrival connect with your overnight flight to London.

Accommodation: Overnight flight
Meals: Breakfast & in-flight meals

Day 19 - Welcome home

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Laterally sleeping...

Victoria Falls River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Set on the banks of the Zambezi River, the luxury tented Victoria Falls River Lodge is a pioneer in many ways. As the first privately owned lodge situated in the Zambezi National Park, it is the ideal place from which to explore Victoria Falls as it blends the African Safari experience with one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World - the spray of which can be seen in the distance .

www.victoriafallsriverlodge.com

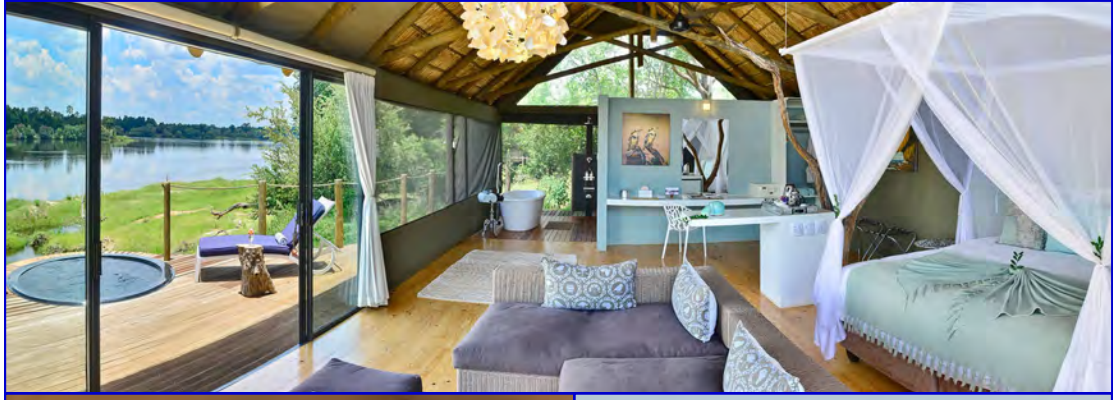
Little Machaba, Kwhai Community Concession Area, Botswana
Little Machaba is situated in the game rich Khwai area. The Khwai Concession is a 180 000 hectarereserve situated in the north eastern Okavango adjacent to the Moremi Game Reserve. Little Machaba is situated on the same island as Machaba Main Camp, but is run separately from Machaba Main Camp. The camp is built in the classic 1950's style, with luxury safari tents, en-suite bathrooms and living areas, not forgetting the romantic outdoor showers. All the tents are situated on decks and the pathways to the tents meander between the large riverine trees. The Main dining and bar area are also on wooden decks overlooking a large flood plain.

www.machabasafaris.com/little-machaba

African Rock Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa
This boutique hotel is located 11 km from the Johannesburg International Airport, O.R. Tambo in a quiet suburb of Kempton Park away from the flight path of arriving and departing planes. It has quick and easy high way access to Johannesburg, the Sandton area as well as Pretoria. A well-established lush tropical garden and swimming pool make for a relaxed outdoor living feel and the interiors are a modern fusion of African, Western and Oriental design. A great spot to overnight within easy reach of the airport.

www.africanrockhotels.com

Kaya Mawa, Likoma Island, Malawi
Kaya Mawa, set on the quaint Likoma Island, was built entirely by hand in conjunction with the local community and is designed cleverly with the rooms built into the rocky headland on which it is set. The feel here is generally Robinson Crusoe-esque with 11 thatched chalets, one private house which is perfect for a family or small group and a pristine golden sand beach. Kaya Mawa means 'maybe tomorrow' and you may find with that in mind you just want relax on the beach and soak up the atmosphere.

However water activities aside you can also walk or bike unguided into the local fishing villages to see the markets, textile workshop or one of the many community projects. Relax at Kaya Mawa or get involved with one of the many optional activities.

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