



ZAMBEZI TRADER 3 NIGHTS ITINERARY

DAY ONE

A pleasant welcome by the houseboat crew are to their home for the next few nights. They are shown to their cabins and have a pre departure briefing by the captain. Enjoy a refreshing welcome drink and board our vessel where a light snack will be served as we set sail.

Mooring in the late afternoon – we then head out in the smaller pontoon tender boats to explore this remote area and its stunning scenery, resident hippo and crocodile populations and of course - get our rods in the water.

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DAY TWO

Here in the Matusadona we have many exciting opportunities to go fishing or just cruising in the game viewing tender boats along the many bays and inlets surrounding this magnificent game reserve. We can also go for a game drive in the Matusadona National Park.

The Matusadona National Park was incorporated into one of the now 20+ game reserves in Africa, under the protection of the “African Parks Foundation” this happened in late 2019 and has brought great benefits to the area. There are plans for the reintroduction of Cheetah and Rhino in 2024 and the wildlife populations have been on a steady increase within this reserve. The “Matus” is known for its water-based wildlife viewing with all wildlife coming down to the lake to drink as there is no inland water from May to November. Over and above the great land mammal population lake Kariba is known for one of the greatest populations of Hippo and giant Nile crocodiles in Africa. The Matusadona area alone has over 2500 Hippo and Kariba an average of 1 adult crocodile for every 100m of its 2000 kilometers shoreline. This is certainly one of the last great sanctuaries of the Zambezi River and Southern Africa in general. Each morning we rise around 7am and have a continental breakfast before heading off on the morning adventure exploring the area surrounding our current mooring. We take along some cool drinks, water and tea and coffee. We are searching for the unusual and not so easy to see, lion, leopard, BIG crocodiles, swimming Elephants as well as the various antelope species and incredible birdlife. Those who would like to fish can take a different vessel so that they are able to do this activity. For those interested we will teach you to fish and it's easy to catch on lake Kariba and you can ask the chef to cook you your personal catch of the day. Generally, we head back to the main boat around 10am when it starts to get hot. We then cast off over a delightful Brunch and avoiding the heat of the day to cruise for a few hours to our next mooring point and a change of scenery.

Whilst on board you could swim in the small pool or just relax with a drink in hand as the stunning vista passes you by. We are generally moored at our next destination by 4 pm and ready to head of exploring our current water wonderland. We bring along our cool boxes for a drink or two and our GNTs for the sundowner watching the incredible sunset over this inland sea.

Heading back to the main vessel just as it gets dark for a freshen up and dinner. One of the dinners during the cruise will be served as a braai (Barbeque) and hopefully on a sandy shoreline depending on the water-levels and safety of the areas we find ourselves in.

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DAY THREE

Enjoy a morning of water-based game viewing from tender boats before we then set sail to our last night's mooring on the lake. Off again in the afternoon in our tender boats for some wildlife viewing or fishing followed by a Farewell dinner on board.

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DAY FOUR

Breakfast is served whilst cruising back into harbour, after breakfast guests will have their vehicle waiting to take them to Kariba airport for their flight back to Victoria Falls.

Those guests who will have a late departure are welcome to go to Kariba Safari Lodge to relax at the pool and bar area. Also maybe book some activities such as the Dam wall visit and town tour

CONTACT US FOR ANY FURTHER ENQUIRIES