

Fothergill

MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK, ZIMBABWE



Fothergill is a story of courage, care & conservation.

This extraordinary water wilderness has a rich history and today offers a safari oasis in the Matusadona National Park on the edge of Lake Kariba.

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SAFARI OASIS. WATER WILDERNESS

Named in honour of Rupert Fothergill, Rhodesia's Chief Game Warden who led the brave wildlife rescue effort Operation Noah, Fothergill is a unique water and land based safari experience that is perfectly sandwiched between Hwange National Park and Mana Pools.

Operation Noah was carried out between 1959 and 1964 after the completion of the Kariba dam wall. As the water levels started to rise, thousands of animals were stranded on small islands that were disappearing as the lake grew. Fothergill, together with a dedicated team, staged a rescue operation that safely relocated over 6,000 wild animals into an area that later became Matusadona National Park.

Today Matusadona is under the management of African Parks and Fothergill is a designated concession in the Park, which at certain times of the year becomes an island. But for most of the year Fothergill is blessed with a kilometre-wide, iconic drowned-forest shoreline that brings in large herds of elephants, buffalo and plains game together with opportunistic predators. The safari activities are diverse and perfectly suited for more active and adventurous travellers, from big game walking and game drives to fishing, boating and river exploring.

The Zimbabwean born owners of Fothergill both have a passion for protecting wild spaces while providing sustainable futures for the people of Zimbabwe.

LOCATION

Matusadona National Park, Zimbabwe.

ACCESS

Fly: MackAir offers daily scheduled charter flights between Hwange – Kariba (Fothergill) – Mana Pools in the safari season. FastJet offer daily flights to/from Victoria Falls (also via Hwange).



What we love

WATER WILDERNESS

Located on the edge of Lake Kariba where fertile floodplains draw in large herds of wildlife and hunting predators.

SAFARI OASIS

Fothergill is a lush oasis halfway between Hwange/Victoria Falls and Mana Pools.

MATUSADONA

Managed by African Parks, this National Park is undergoing an exciting reintroduction of iconic species like cheetah and black rhino.

DIVERSITY OF ACTIVITIES

From boat cruises and catch-and-release fishing, to game drives and big game walks, each experience is led by an experienced guide.



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SEASON
Fothergill is open all year.

WEATHER
Typical Southern Africa weather with cold winters & hot summers.

RAINFALL
Fothergill has a sub-tropical climate and tends to be hot and rainy in summer months from November to March.

TRAVEL VISA
Visas are required for most countries and can usually be obtained upon entry. Enquire ahead of time.

Travel Information

HEALTH

CURRENCY

Malaria area – seek medical advice.	US Dollar (USD)
A yellow fever certificate is not required (however check if travelling via other countries where it might be required).	

GPS COORDINATES

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Latitude	16.420606	S
Longitude	28.395780	E

TEMPERATURE

	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec
Average day	31°C 89°F	28°C 82°F	29°C 84°F	33°C 91°F
Average night	22°C 72°F	15°C 59°F	15°C 59°F	23°C 73°F

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The Impact of Your Stay

Matusadona National Park is managed by African Parks and the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, in a partnership called the Matusadona Conservation Trust. The Trust aims to revive the national park and position it as a leading safari destination that offers exceptional game viewing from both the land and water, and one that benefits people and wildlife for generations to come.

The Fothergill team are 100% behind the Trust's objectives. The property contributes to conservation through funding, as well as responsible practices such as sustainable sport fishing and the complete implementation of a solar-energy-driven infrastructure. Stringent fishery and water-based activity controls are in place and Fothergill also assists with anti-poaching efforts, in cooperation with and under the direction of, African Parks and law enforcement.

Every stay contributes through:

- Fothergill believes strongly in the worldwide need for responsible action regarding our planet and the quality of life for future generations of people and wildlife, and everything they do, from activities to the lodge offering, supports this stance.
- Paying \$75 Conservation, Parks and Tourism Levy per person per night (\$35 for children), a portion of which is contributed to the Trust and the community engagement initiatives, tourism promotion, and the restoration of wildlife populations through reintroductions of indigenous animals.
- By merit of staying at Fothergill, guests are supporting tourism promotion in the area and the establishment of Matusadona as a prime safari destination.
- Supporting the training and skills development of the local Zimbabwean team, all of whom start as apprentices, straight from school, and receive training from Fothergill in the Guide Academy that focuses on a variety of vocations, not only guiding. Throughout this process, the trainees are paid.
- Choosing to stay at a lodge with the highest environmental and philanthropic credentials, including:
 - 95% of Fothergill's energy requirements are fuelled by solar power.
 - Sustainable activities such as catch-and-release sport fishing.
- Supporting the area's anti-poaching efforts, in collaboration with, and under the direction of, African Parks and law enforcement.



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Facilities	<i>Suites & Family Suites</i>	<i>Little Fothergill</i>
MAXIMUM GUESTS	18 adults and 3 children	6 guests*
CHILDREN	All ages	All ages
CHILDMINDING	–	–
FENCED / SECURITY	Fenced	Fenced
ELECTRICITY	240 V Off-grid solar power	240 V Off-grid solar power
CHECK IN	14:30	14:30
CHECK OUT	10:00	10:00
WI-FI AVAILABLE	✓ (Main area)	✓ (Main area)
MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION	✓	✓
CREDIT CARDS	–	–
PLUNGE POOL	✓	✓
KEEP FIT	✓	✓
SPA	–	–

*Little Fothergill can also be booked together with the main camp for larger family groups. If an extra room is required to make Little Fothergill sleep 8, one of the Suites from the main camp is allocated to this exclusive camp.

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Tents & Suites	Suites	Family Suites	Little Fothergill
NUMBER OF ROOMS	5 suites	2 x 2 bedroom suites	3 suites
EXTRA BEDS	✓*	✓*	✓**
IN-ROOM WIFI	✓	✓	✓
AIR CONDITIONER	–	–	–
FAN	✓ Cool breeze cooling system	✓ Cool breeze cooling system	✓ Cool breeze cooling system
IN-ROOM SAFE	– (office safe)	– (office safe)	– (office safe)
PLUNGE POOL	✓	✓	✓
INDOOR SHOWER	✓	✓	✓
OUTDOOR SHOWER	✓***	✓***	✓***
BATH	✓***	✓***	✓***
SEPARATE W/C	✓	✓	✓
MOSQUITO NETS	✓	✓	✓
MINI BAR	✓	✓	✓
TELEPHONE	Main area		
HAIRDRYER	✓	✓	✓
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	✓	✓	✓
DISABLED ACCESS	✓	✓	✓

* Maximum of 3 extra children in camp at any one time.

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***All suites have en-suite bathrooms, which of some include an outside shower or large bathtub.

<p>Consists of 5 individual suites and 2 family suites. The lakeside of the camp has lovely green lawns and is more open. Each of the 3 individual tents and the family tent have sweeping views of Lake Kariba, and we highly suggest this side for families. The bush side of the camp is more vegetated, with 2 individual tents and 1 family tent. This is the side that is closer to Little Fothergill. Each of the suites has a small pool for cooling off. The main area has a larger pool, two separate lounges and dining tents, and a bar area.</p>	<p><i>Suites & Family Suites</i></p>
<p>An exclusive-use camp that offers 3 tents and a main lounge and dining area with a private pool. It is perfectly suited for a family seeking exclusivity or a group of friends travelling together. All meals and activities are offered on a private basis, and the flow of each day can be tailored according to the group's interests. A private guide and assistant guide host the perfect stay while the chef and camp team ensure your creature comforts and guest delights.</p>	<p><i>Little Fothergill</i></p>

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Experiences

Boat cruises	✓	Guided walking	✓
Fishing	✓	Guided game drives	✓
Archery	✓	Half-day Kariba Town & Dam Wall tour	✓