

A pioneering collective of safari camps and expeditions in remote parts of Africa

These experiences are for travellers who truly value the concept of wild and immersive journeys. The luxury offered is access to extraordinary places and experiences that are only available to a few travellers each year.

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What we love

From Ethiopia and Madagascar to Zimbabwe - and some epic adventures in-between - Wild Expeditions is firmly leading the way in providing travellers with experiences across unique parts of Africa.

At Lale's Camp in the Omo Valley, excursions are made to isolated villages of Kara, Hamer and Mursi tribes. From Masoala Forest Lodge, guests explore Madagascar's largest remaining tract of lowland rainforest, a haven of biodiversity and endemism that is home to lemurs and many other wildlife wonders. At Camp Hwange, get back to the roots of safari with leading Zimbabwean guides and walk, drive, watch, wait and immerse with the pace of nature.

The future of Africa's wildest places and traditional tribes increasingly requires brave stakeholders who are committed to providing meaningful and immersive travel experiences together with conscious and intrepid travellers seeking these bucket list journey.

### LOCATION

Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe; Masoala National Park, Madagascar; Lower Omo Valley, Ethiopia

### **ACCESS**

### Camp Hwange Fly:

Private charter from Victoria Falls to Giraffe Springs & 40 min transfer to camp

### Camp Hwange Drive:

Victoria Falls to Hwange Main Camp (2.5-3 hrs) then a game drive to camp (2-3 hrs) Masoala Forest Lodge Fly:

Seat rate charter from Antananarivo to Maroantsetra on Sun & Wed, & road/boat transfer into camp (2.5 hrs)

### Lale's Camp Fly:

Daily scheduled flight from Addis Ababa to Jinka, & 5-6 hr road/boat transfer to camp.

### **BEYOND THE NORM**

Extraordinary places and experiences that are only available to a few discerning travellers.

### WILD & IMMERSIVE

Operating in some of the most remote and leastestablished destinations on the African continent.

### UNSTRUCTURED

Expedition-style experiences on an exclusive basis, often led by a private guide. Each day is designed to suit your interests.

### TRULY IMPACTFUL

When travelling with Wild Expeditions, positive impact is achieved through supporting a viable ecotourism operation.

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### **SEASON**

Camp Hwange is open all year. Masoala Forest Lodge is closed from mid-Jan to mid-April. Lale's Camp is closed in April.

### RAINFALL

Camp Hwange: wettest in Jan & Feb. Masoala - Possible rain anytime with wettest months from Jan - Mar. Lale's Camp: Possible rain anytime with wettest months from Mar - May.

### **WEATHER**

Camp Hwange: Typical Southern Africa weather with cold winters & hot summers. Masoala Forest Lodge: Tropical rainforest with warm days and cooler nights all year. Lale's Camp: Hot days and warm nights year round.

# Travel Information

### TRAVEL VISA

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

HEALTH CURRENCY

Malaria areas - seek advice from a health professional

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Ethiopian Birr

GPS COORDINATES	Camp Hwange	Masoala Forest Lodge	Lale's Camp
Latitude	15.7225 <b>S</b>	18.8223389 S	5.2695527 N
Longitude	49.95954 <b>E</b>	26.3299361 <b>E</b>	36.199394 E

TEMPERATURE		Jan - Mar	Apr - May	Jun - Sep	Oct – Dec
CAMP HWANGE	Average day	28°C 83°F	27°C 81°F	25°C 77°F	31°C 87°F
	Average night	18°C 65°F	11°C 52°F	9°C 48°F	19°C 66°F
MASOALA FOREST LODGE	Average day	30°C 86°F	28°C 83°F	25°C 77°F	29°C 85°F
	Average night	24°C 75°F	22°C <b>72</b> °F	20°C 68°F	22°C 72°F
LALE'S CAMP -	Average day	28°C 83°F	25°C 77°F	24°C <b>75</b> °F	25°C 77°F
	Average night	13°C 55°F	12°C 54°F	11°C 52°F	10°C 50°F

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### The Impact of Your Stay

Wild Expeditions Africa operates in some of the more remote and least-established destinations on the African continent: Ethiopia and Madagascar. The positive impact of a viable ecotourism operation existing in areas like these for both biodiversity conservation and community engagement must not be under-estimated. This is precisely why Wild Expeditions operate where they do, and every guest who stays with Wild Expeditions contributes to the cause and these positive impacts simply by choosing to travel with them.

### Every stay contributes through:

Some of the more tangible outputs of this contribution are outlined as follows:

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- In addition to the annual fee paid for Wild Expeditions' private concession, guest park fees and a conservation levy (included in the nightly rate) help fund the operation of the national park.
- The primary conservation focus at Camp Hwange are collaborations with independent research and conservation organisations working within Hwange. These range from Bhejane Trust, Hwange Lion Research, and Painted Dog Conservation. Wild Expeditions are able to support them as a result of guests staying at the camp.
- A major threat to wildlife conservation in Africa is growing human populations and the resultant reduction in natural habitat and increases in human-wildlife-conflict. Camp Hwange work with NGO, Children in the Wilderness (CITW), hosting children for what is often their first experience of wildlife inside a national park. Aside from the educational aspect of such experiences, the children are also able to understand employment and career opportunities in ecotourism and conservation.

#### **MADAGASCAR**

- Masoala Forest Lodge is the largest tourism contributor to the operational costs of Masoala National Park through park fees paid by every
  quest.
- Surplus revenue generated by the lodge has been dedicated to either buying or leasing land that has created a buffer zone of some 83ha of coastal rainforest, which was under threat from deforestation. No fewer than 10 lemur species have been recorded here.
- In the small local village of Ambodiforaha, Masoala Lodge has focused efforts on education and women's empowerment.

### **ETHIOPIA**

- The existence of Lale's Camp enables the protection of approximately 400ha of land along 9,5km of Omo riverbank. This prevents overgrazing and deforestation and allows the continued existence of habitat for 5 different primate species.
- Cultural tourism conducted ethically and responsibly has the power to celebrate and entrench traditional culture on the terms of the owners of that culture. Lale's Camp do this in partnership with the local Kara, Hamar and Mursi communities.



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Facilities	Camp Hwange	Masoala Forest Lodge	Lale's Camp
MAXIMUM GUESTS	18	14	14
CHILDREN	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	√ (10+ years)
CHILDMINDING	-	<b>√</b>	-
FENCED / SECURITY	Unfenced	Unfenced	Unfenced
ELECTRICITY	Solar power	Solar power	Generator and solar power
CHECK IN	Flexible, based on flight schedules		
CHECK OUT	Flexible, based on flight schedules		
WI-FI AVAILABLE	-	✓ (dining room only)	-
MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION	-	-	-
CREDIT CARDS	-	-	-
SWIMMING POOL	-	-	-
KEEP FIT	Through the daily activities.	Through the daily activities.	Through the daily activities.
SPA FACILITIES	-	Massages available	-
PRIVATE DINING	On request	On request	Exclusive use camp

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Tents & Chalets	Camp Hwange	Masoala Forest Lodge	Lale's Camp
NUMBER OF ROOMS	8	7	7
EXTRA BEDS	✓	✓	✓
IN-ROOM WIFI	-	-	-
AIR CONDITIONER	-	-	-
STANDING FAN	✓ (ceiling fan)	✓	-
IN-ROOM SAFE	✓	✓	-
PLUNGE POOL	-	-	-
INDOOR SHOWER	✓	✓	✓
OUTDOOR SHOWER	_	✓	_
ВАТН	_	-	_
SEPARATE W/C	✓	✓	✓
MOSQUITO NETS	✓	-	✓
MINI BAR	_	-	_
TELEPHONE	_	-	_
HAIRDRYER	-	-	-
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	<b>√</b>	✓	-
DISABLED ACCESS	✓	-	√ (limited)

Four canvas-walled, en-suite rooms lie on either side of the open-sided thatched lounge and dining area. One is a two-roomed family room with independent bathrooms. The spacing ensures privacy for each room while the guaze windows allow for both a cooling draft as well as the ability to hear the sounds of the night. Whether it is the frogs at the waterhole, a lonely whooping Hyaena or the roars of the Lions, the experience comes with hearing, smelling and feeling Africa.

Camp Hwange



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The seven rooms are stilted safari tents, within the forest canopy and overlooking the beach. The cool breeze off the ocean or through the rainforest acts as natural air conditioning with the tents. Lying in bed and listening to the gentle wash of the ocean on the golden beach below, or the rustling of rainforest leaves cannot help but let you leave the frenetic energy of the city behind. A central 'beach house' is where we lunches and dinners are served and the 'sea deck' overlooks the bay, serving as the perfect place for breakfast and afternoon tea.

Masoala Forest Lodge

A comfortable dining and lounge tent, with nearby fire pit, is the central point of Lale's Camp. Carefully spaced along the high banks of the Omo River on either side of the main area are seven large, spacious Meru tents. En suite, with flush toilets and traditional safari showers, each tent is carefully positioned in the deepest shade of this special patch of riverine forest.

Lale's Camp

Rivet Monkeys, Guereza Colobus and Gambian Sun Squirrels are residents in camp with the nearby Kara village of Dus only a few minutes' walk away.

Experiences	Camp Hwange	Masoala Forest Lodge	Lale's Camp
PRIVATE VEHICLE	✓ (optional)	-	✓ (included)
CHILDREN ON SAFARI	✓	✓	✓
AM & PM GAME DRIVES	✓	✓	✓ (limited)
WALKING SAFARIS	✓ (KEY focus)	-	✓
BLACK RHINO TRACKING	✓	-	-
BIRD WATCHING	✓	✓	✓
CULTURAL & COMMUNITY VISITS	_	✓	✓ (KEY focus)
BOATING	_	✓	√ (river)
FOREST WALKS	-	✓ (KEY focus)	-
SNORKELLING	-	✓	-
KAYAKING	-	✓	-
PIROGUE (DUGOUT CANOE)	-	✓	-
NIGHT WALKS	_	✓	-