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VERNEY'S CAMP

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK
ZIMBABWE

VERNEY'S CAMP AT A GLANCE

ABOUT VERNEY'S CAMP

Verney's Camp is based in a private concession in the heart of Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. The Camp is located at Verney's Pan, which is situated on a large open floodplain surrounded by teak forest typical of Hwange National Park. The waterhole at Verney's plays host to numerous animals and is a playground for the famous elephant herds of Hwange. Verney's Camp is part of the Machaba Safaris group and is built in keeping with Machaba Safaris' winning recipe that matches the timeless wonder of a classic safari to Africa. It is aimed at the affordable luxury travel market worldwide for both the novice and the well-seasoned safari traveller.

VERNEY'S CAMP STYLE

Ten tents are tucked away perfectly under the shady arms of the teak trees bordering the open waterhole in front of camp. Each tent has been carefully positioned to ensure the best serenity and privacy so that guests can enjoy the natural beauty of the area. Each room is comfortably appointed and has en suite shower, flush toilet, and double vanity which are all beautifully designed to retain the authenticity and magical feeling of being on safari. Verney's Camp has eight double/twin rooms and two family rooms, all of which are on wooden decks, and are connected by natural pathways on the ground.

WHERE IS VERNEY'S CAMP LOCATED?

Situated on the central side of the south eastern part of Hwange National Park, Verney's Camp is a private concession of 10 000 hectares (24,7 acres). It is in a remote part of the National Park that is not accessed by regular Park visitors, however the camp does have access to the public parts of the National Park.

INCLUDED & EXCLUDED IN OUR RATES?

All our rates are fully inclusive of: Hwange Park fees for full paying guests, accommodation, all meals, laundry, lodge activities, return vehicle airstrip transfers from Manga Three airstrip or Main Camp (for drive-ins from Victoria Falls), alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages (excluding imported and premium drinks) levies and taxes.

The rates exclude: international flights, internal flight transfers, premium imports, travel insurance, visas and discretionary tips and gratuities.

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TRAVELLING TIMES

Main Camp → Verney's Camp / 1 hour drive
Manga Airstrip → Verney's Camp / 45 minutes drive
Vic Falls → Main Camp / 2.5 hours drive
Hwange Main Camp → Kasane / 3.15 hours drive
Manga Flight → VFA Airport / 45 - 60 minute flight

WHAT GUESTS CAN EXPECT TO DO AT VERNEYS

- Morning and evening game drives at times to suit guests.
- All day drives with Picnic lunch.
- Walking, usually done by driving to a good walking area and then going for a walk.
- Game viewing from the comfort of your own tent. During the dry season, animals come down to drink at the waterhole right in front of the camp main area.
- Relax and catch up on some reading, there is always something to see at the camp waterhole.
- There is even an antique bridge table for anyone interested in a game.

VISITS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Village visits entail taking the guests to Mabale village, where they can talk with the chief and have a tour around his homestead. It also includes going to any other homestead in the village and meeting local people.

The village tour gives guests a chance to engage in a cultural exchange, where the locals tell them about their way of life and they are shown the homesteads, different types of food, animal kraals, water sources such as the borehole (of which guests get a chance to learn how to use it).

The tour also includes visits to the 2 schools that we support. The Main camp primary school, which is by our National Parks main gate, and also Mabale village. There is also a nutritional garden, a cattle dip and a church at the village for those who are interested. Also, if any of the guests are interested, it could include a visit to the Mabale clinic. All the tours are within close proximity of each other.

From Verney's camp to Mabale village is about 70km. The roads are good from main camp to Mabale village.

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Half Day Trip - We offer an exciting half day trip that includes visiting our local School, a small rural village near the National Park, and an informative stop over at the Wild Dog Research Centre.

A Brief Description - After an early breakfast at 7am, guests depart on a slow game drive north east towards Hwange Main Camp, which takes around 2 hours. Guests will visit The National Parks Primary School that we as Verney's Camp have adopted and sponsor along with other operators in Hwange National Park. After the visit, guest travel to Mabale Village where we visit this authentic rural village typical to the area, and meet the local people from the district. Following this visit we then head to the Painted Dog Research Centre to learn more about the endangered African Wild Dog, guests also get a chance to meet the researches and get involved in future sponsorship of this critical study. Then it's back to Verney's Camp after a scrumptious picnic lunch at one of the numerous waterholes on the way.

Schedule - Best days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Pre-booking this activity helps us to coordinate with the school and researchers (During school holidays and weekends the school is closed however the trip still operates to the other two venues).

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