



Zimbabwe 2027 Itinerary

Travel Dates: Sunday May 16, 2027 - Tuesday June 1, 2027

Day 1 – 3: May 16 -18, 2027: Fly to Harare, Zimbabwe

- We will depart the U.S and arrive in Harare on May 18.
- After meeting up with our tour director, we will head to our accommodation.
- We will then have an Orientation and Cross-Cultural Training and Transformative Assessment pre-check and dinner.

Meals Included:

- Dinner

Day 4: May 19, 2027: Harare (Daisy's House)

- The first half of the day will be participating in some outreach activities with Veterinarians for Animal Welfare of Zimbabwe. VAWZ is a private voluntary organization dedicated to animal welfare in Zimbabwe, formed in 2010 at the request of the Department of Livestock and Veterinary Services after it was identified that there was a need for veterinarians to become more involved in animal welfare issues countrywide. VAWZ addresses animal welfare issues, dealing with domestic animals, livestock, and wildlife. VAWZ provides veterinary services, runs rural sterilization/vaccination programs, and manages two animal clinics. Potential activities including sterilization and rabies vaccinations.
- The afternoon will include visit to The Harare SPCA, founded in 1911, is Zimbabwe's oldest Animal Welfare Organization. It serves as the Official Municipal Pound but is not funded by the government or municipalities. will have the opportunity to get hands on the care and treatment of small animals.
- Then the group will have dinner with EDU Africa team.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 5: May 20, 2027 – Gweru (Antelope Park)

- Today, the group will travel to Gweru. Our road trip will include a stop at Makera Cattle Company. Makera Cattle Company is a partnership that was set up to combine modern cattle farming methods with traditional conservation habits, with the aim of replenishing the national herd. Makera works very closely with the rural community to try and improve the livelihoods of people in rural communities.
- Then, there will be a visit to Continuing onto Antelope Park for Introduction and Orientation. Antelope Park is home to the ALERT lion rehabilitation program, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the facilitation and promotion of sound conservation and management plans for the African Lion. Work is also being done in caring for orphaned elephants as well as monitoring a variety of game species. Service work presents the opportunity to engage with (feed, clean, monitor and treat) lion, elephant, and the polo horses stabled at the park.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 6: May 21, 2027

- The group begins the day participating in local visits in the city of Gweru, which will include a sterilization and vaccination project at the Gweru SPCA. There will also be visit local farms with Veterinarian Dr. Gumbo.
- Later, the group will join a Flora and Fauna walk at Antelope Park with facility staff, to discuss local animal tracking, plant life, and the traditional use of plants for medications.
- The day will end with group reflections following dinner.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 7: Saturday May 22, 2027

- Today, the group will engage with the African Lion & Environmental Research Trust through lectures, discussions, and practical sessions. A variety of options will be available, and our groups will rotate through lion enclosures, participate in field calls, assist with orphan elephant care, and observe on-site horse medical procedures.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 8: Sunday May 23, 2027

- The group is back for day 2 at the African Lion & Environmental Research Trust, where we will continue with lectures, discussions, and practical sessions. A variety of options are available, and our groups will rotate through lion enclosures, participate in field calls, assist with orphan elephant care, and observe on-site horse medical procedures. This day also includes rhino and elephant educational activities.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 9: Monday May 24, 2027 – Victoria Falls (Victoria Falls/Explorers Village)

- Today, the group will travel an extended 10-hour ride to Victoria Falls Wildhub. Victoria Falls Wildhub supports numerous conservation and community projects in the Victoria Falls region of Zimbabwe. VFWH is committed to conserving wildlife and the ecosystems on which these species depend, using a multi-disciplinary approach to conservation. The conservation-focused fieldwork may include observing animal behavior, studying lion play behavior, conducting GIS hyena monitoring, performing predator surveys, engaging in elephant research, and participating in biodiversity studies through monitoring and data collection.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 10: Tuesday May 25, 2027

- Day 2 of VFWH, is filled with activities within the park to include rotations through Wildhub activities including lion, hyena, sable antelope monitoring and medical treatments Evening to include lectures on conservation and human wildlife conflict.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 11: Wednesday May 26, 2027

- For final day of VFWH, the group will participate in Victoria Falls ALERT community projects. There will be opportunities to assist in a local classroom, educating students about their impact on the environment and wildlife in their communities. We will plan games and lessons to enhance the children's learning experience. Additional time may be spent in the village making improvements to structures that help protect cattle from predators.
- In the afternoon, we will visit The Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust. The Trust believes that a holistic approach to conservation is essential to protect southern Africa's wildlife. They achieve this by combining science, research, community participation, and practical management in their anti-poaching efforts, wildlife conservation, rescue and rehabilitation, and human-wildlife conflict mitigation projects. Their mission is to build a culture of coexistence with wildlife throughout the region.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 12: Thursday May 27, 2027 – Hwange (Iganyana Tented Camp)

- Today, the group will travel to Hwange (3 hours). On the way we will stop at Painted Dog Conservation Center Painted Dog Conservation (PDC) was originally established as Painted Dog Research in 1992 by Gregory Rasmussen. During the first two years, the human-induced carnage from snares, shooting and road kills accounted for 95% of all dog mortalities. Early public presentations showed prejudice and ignorance, and it was clear that unless this situation was addressed, the species could become extinct. The initial emphasis was thus to identify the critical issues and develop a pragmatic and holistic strategy that would make a substantial, lasting contribution to Painted Dogs and to the lives of the local people. Time will be spent with PDCT personnel as well as the dogs currently in rehabilitation.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 13: Friday May 28, 2027

- Our group will spend a full day on a game drive through Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's largest reserve. The park is home to an incredible diversity of wildlife, including giraffes, lions, zebras, buffalo, leopards, and approximately 40,000 elephants. It also provides sanctuary for all of the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs believed to be among the most sizeable surviving groups on the continent. The terrain ranges from desert dunes and savannah lands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests.
- Our group will have the choice of experiencing the park and its wildlife through game drives, guided walks, or horseback safaris.
- During this visit, we will learn how the Hwange community has made progress in mitigating human-wildlife conflict while preserving both wildlife and the crops grown by surrounding communities.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 14: Saturday May 29, 2027

- In the morning, our group will take a bush walk outside Iganyana Safari Camp with camp staff. Iganyana Safari Camp is located on a private concession near Hwange National Park, an unspoiled paradise offering sweeping views of the natural habitat of various wildlife species.
- In the afternoon, we will spend time with professional wildlife guide Paul de Montille, who founded DART (Dete Animal Rescue Trust) in 1999 to alleviate the suffering of animals caught in wire snares set by poachers. DART, a registered Wildlife Trust based in Hwange National Park, not only immobilizes and treats snared and injured wildlife but has also conducted snare patrols for many years to remove these devices before they cause harm. Over time, DART has expanded its operations to provide assistance and logistical support—including vehicles, fuel, and equipment—to researchers and National Park Rangers in the field.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 15: Sunday May 30, 2027 – Victoria Falls (Lokuthula Lodges)

- Our group will transfer to Victoria Falls (approximately 3 hours) for a breathtaking viewing experience of one of the original natural wonders of the world. Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, can be admired from the edge of the gorge via a natural catwalk that makes it easily accessible. The spray from the cascading water will cool us from the heat—though it may leave us soaking wet! Around the falls, there are numerous optional activities, including game drives, bungee jumping, helicopter tours, white-water rafting, and visits to souvenir markets.
- In the afternoon, we will reflect on our experiences and visit local markets before enjoying dinner at The Boma – Dinner & Drum Show, a major highlight of any Victoria Falls visit. Located on the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge estate, The Boma offers an authentic Zimbabwean dining experience. The evening begins with a warm welcome from traditional dancers and the ceremonious adornment of each guest in a ‘chitenge’ (African print sarong). Adventurous guests can even sample the mopane worm, a high-protein local delicacy!
- The night concludes with lively djembe drumming, singing, dancing, and laughter, along with optional activities such as traditional face painting and hair braiding.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast

Day 16: Monday May 31, 2027

- Our group will depart early from Victoria Falls, cross the Kazungula border into Botswana, and head to Chobe National Park—famous for its abundant wildlife, including Africa’s Big Five and diverse antelope species. The day begins with a morning boat cruise on the Chobe River to spot elephants, hippos, crocodiles, and birdlife, followed by lunch at a riverbank hotel.
- In the afternoon, we’ll enjoy a game drive through the park to see more wildlife before returning to Victoria Falls in the evening.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 17: Tuesday June 1, 2027

- Our group will enjoy breakfast together before departing for the airport to catch our flight home.

Meals Included:

- Breakfast

