

2027 ELEPHANT EXPRESS FACT SHEET

What's New In 2027

We've added Elephant Express **Sundowner Runs** for any guests staying at Bomani Tented Lodge and Camelthorn Lodge. These runs operate out across the Ngamo plains from Ngamo Siding towards Ingwe Siding and return. The Ngamo plains are the largest savana grassland area in Hwange National Park and arguably Zimbabwe's best wildlife-viewing area. Aboard the Elephant Express, traversing along the historic Cape-to-Cairo railway route in the golden hour, guests can enjoy a truly unique experience in a private rail car surrounded by incredible wildlife including lion, wild dog, cheetah, elephant, giraffe, zebra, and herds of wildebeest. With cold drinks in hand, delicious canapés on offer, and expert guides on board, the journey unfolds at a leisurely pace, allowing for stops at prime photographic moments and ending in a breath-taking sunset over the plains - an unmatched, one-of-a-kind experience!

Timings will vary from season to season but as a guideline approximate timings for this activity are as follows:

May to August: depart Ngamo Siding at 16:00 and return by 18:00
September to April: depart Ngamo Siding at 16:30 and return by 18:30

What Else You Need To Know

The railcar was designed with open sides for game viewing and photography, and roll-down canvas screens for use in inclement weather.

Individual coach with seating at teak tables for up to 22 passengers, with a chemical loo on board.

A spacious aisle allows passengers to move around on the railcar as wildlife is spotted.

Snacks and drinks including local beers/wine and spirits are provided on our Sundowner Runs, while a light lunch is served on board at Dete Railway Station before the south-bound trip from Dete Railway Station to our lodges.

Our onboard guide-host will answer questions and serve passengers, while the drivers also love to engage guests in conversation.

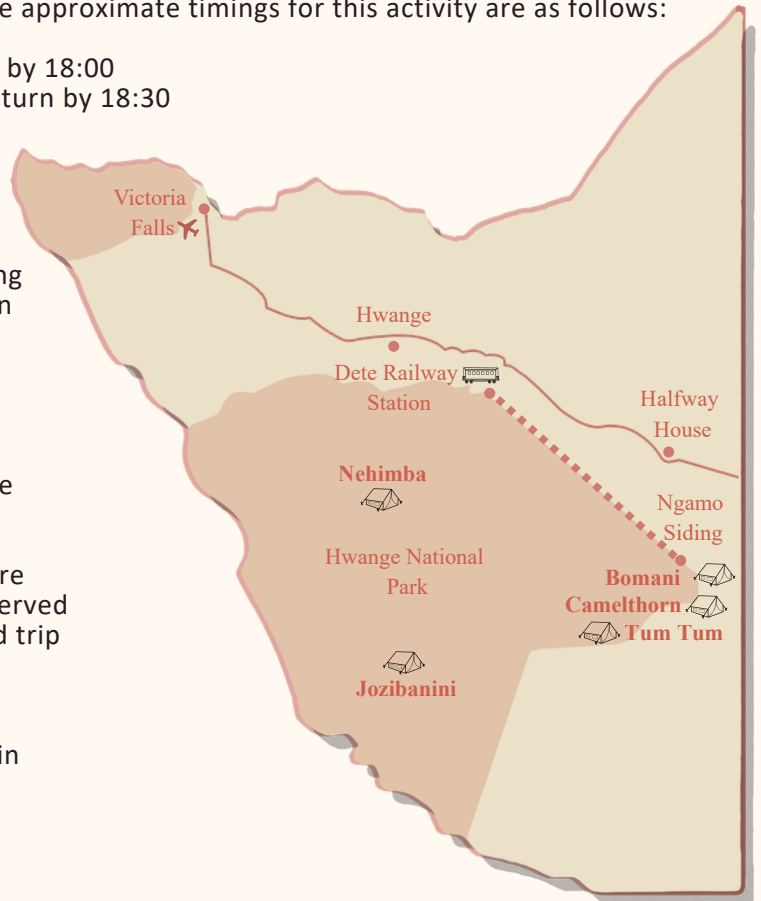
Safety Features

The railcar has an independent engine and gearbox at each end to facilitate travel in either direction.

Sidings every 10 km allow traffic to pass, as directed by Traffic Control.

Drivers are retired NRZ drivers with many years of experience, required to undergo annual refresher training to renew their licenses.

Drivers maintain contact with Traffic Control by radio and/or cell phone, while visibility is a minimum of 10 km, with the entire route using a straight, flat section of track.



Schedule

The Elephant Express runs according to a daily schedule specified by the National Railways of Zimbabwe. Daily movement of the Elephant Express is controlled by NRZ Traffic and may be subject to delays and cancellations which are beyond our control. Timings are communicated to incoming and outgoing road transfers by our Reservations team as necessary.

It is not possible for guests arriving on international flights in Victoria Falls to connect with the Elephant Express on the same day. We advise that guests include a night in Victoria Falls prior to taking the Elephant Express to our lodges, and similarly guests departing on the Elephant Express will need to overnight in Victoria Falls before connecting to their onward flight the following day.

Drop-off and collection is Dete Railway Station in the north and Ngamo Siding in the south. There is a 15-minute game viewing transfer by vehicle to or from Bomani or Camelthorn lodges to the Elephant Express.

Northbound from Bomani & Camelthorn				Southbound to Bomani & Camelthorn		
Departs from	Depart time	Arrival time	Destination	Depart time	Arrival time	Destination
Ngamo Siding	10:00am	13:00pm	Dete Station	14:00pm	17:00pm	Ngamo Siding

Rates

Sundowner Run (subject to availability) - 1 January to 31 December 2027

Rack Rate is US\$75 per person one way (min. 3 pax) and STO Rate is US\$60 per person one way (min. 3 pax). Rates are charged for a minimum of 3 passengers one way.

Dete Railway Station to Ngamo Siding or vice versa (subject to availability) - 1 April to 31 December 2027

Rack Rate is US\$220 per person per way (min. 6 pax) and STO Rate is US\$176 per person one way (min. 6 pax). Rates are charged for a minimum of 6 passengers.

NOTE: By special arrangement and subject to availability, we will operate the Elephant Express between 1 January and 31 March 2027. The same rate structure will apply as per above transfers between Dete and Ngamo or vice versa.

Rates are quoted in US\$, inclusive of 2% Tourism Levy. Reservations are subject to availability and terms and conditions apply.

We look forward to sharing many memorable railcar journeys with our guests!

For more information please visit our website on www.imvelosafarilodges.com or contact us directly on res1@imvelosafarilodges.com

