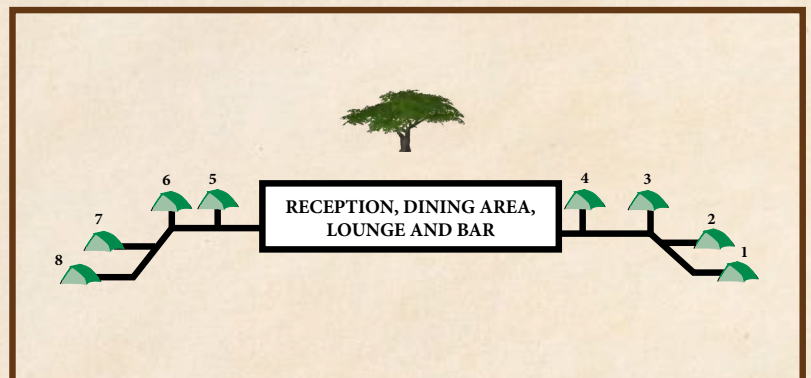




This flagship lodge is nestled in a patch of pristine woodland just west of the famous Ngamo Plains on the edge of the south eastern corner of Hwange National Park. The lodge is unique in its style and design and has as its centre piece a huge ancient Camelthorn tree. On the edge of the Ngamo Plain, and strategically placed to explore the remote and unspoilt south eastern portion of the park, Camelthorn offers a spectacular wilderness experience.



LOCATION

- 4 - 5 hour road transfer from Victoria Falls or Bulawayo.
- Distances by road: Victoria Falls – Halfway House 225 km, and 40 km through Forestry (4x4). Bulawayo – Kenmaur 170 km, and 68 km on Somgolo Road via Gwaai Siding and Sipepa growthpoint (4x4).
- 4 - 5 hour road and rail transfer from Victoria Falls.
- 1 hour small plane charter from Victoria Falls or Bulawayo.
Bomani Airstrip - South 19 04 30.8 / East 027 27 22.7 (Please note that the Bomani Airstrip is open only seasonally. During the rainy season light air charters usually land and take off from Sipepa - about 1 hour drive from camp).
- **Sipepa Airstrip** - South 19 16 45.0 / East 027 38 54.0 (Gravel, open year round. One thousand one hundred metres long).
- Lodge co-ordinates: South 19 06 27.24 / East 027 27 45.73

ACCOMMODATION

- **Eight forest villas:** 82 m sq villa with flat roof, stone walls and an upstairs veranda with hammocks (ideal for a siesta or a night 'under the stars') accessed via a spiral stairway. Large bedroom and lounge area with sliding glass doors and overhead fans. Room configuration – one king bed or twin double beds.
- Four of the villas have plunge pools on the upstairs veranda, please contact reservations for more information.

FACILITIES

- Main lodge is a magnificent stone structure with thatch roof built in an open U around the lodge's splendid name-sake – the Camelthorn tree.
- The western wing is a closed in dining room protected from the elements with 3 fireplaces.
- The central portion of the main lodge is an open fronted reception area.
- The eastern wing has open fronted bar and lounge area on a raised teak deck.
- Within the U lies an open patio area under the Camelthorn, ideal for enjoying leisurely brunches and candlelit dinners under the stars on warm evenings.
- Electricity by solar.
- Free WiFi in the main lodge area.
- Cell phone reception.
- In-house spa treatments available - not included in nightly rate, prices on request.

ROOM AMENITIES

- Ceiling fans
- Fire place
- Stocked minibar facility
- Coffee and tea tray
- Hair dryer
- Mosquito net and repellent
- Emergency whistle and air horn

- Electronic safes
- Mobile LED lamp
- Bath robes
- Free daily laundry (weather dependent)

ACTIVITIES

Hwange National Park at 14,500 sq km, is one of Africa's great Parks and is home to over 100 species of mammals, including nineteen large herbivore and eight large carnivore species, and nearly 400 species of birds. Hwange is elephant country and much of the game viewing relates to magnificent opportunities to view these, the largest land mammals, in a completely wild state. The lodge estate lies within the Tsholotsho Communal area and is directly linked with local communities to make this a true eco-tourism lodge.

GAME DRIVES

- Morning and afternoon game drives with snacks in traditional open safari vehicles.
- All day game drives with a packed lunch and snacks in traditional open safari vehicles.
- Land Cruisers seat up to 9 guests and Land Rovers seat up to 7 guests.

GAME WALKS

- Conducted by an experienced and knowledgeable guide.
- Usually undertaken in the mornings and ideal for photography of big game on foot.

NIGHT DRIVES

- Night drives within the lodge's private concession to view the array of nocturnal creatures.
- Usually undertaken upon return from the afternoon activity or alternatively after supper.

THE LOOK UP GAME VIEWING HIDE

- Experience Hwange's giants up close and only a few meters from the watering hole from the safety of this specialized 6m long underground blind with en-suite flush toilet.

PUMP RUNS

- Imvelo maintain 18 water pumps in and on the borders of the National Park which provide essential water to the wildlife during the dry months of the year. A popular activity is to take an all day trip into the Park to visit the waterholes to drop off fuel and oil for the motors as well as rations and supplies for the pump attendants.
- A picnic lunch is then enjoyed near one of the waterholes followed by a leisurely game drive back to lodge in the afternoon.

NGAMO COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

- Fifteen minutes drive from the lodge our guests have the opportunity to enjoy a look at village life in rural Matabeleland. A fascinating experience of a variety of typical daily village activities, which can be followed by a tour of one of the nearby schools conducted by the Headmaster where guests are given the opportunity to hear traditional songs sung by the children and enjoy a 'class interaction'.

**School visits not available in April, August and December -Mid January during school holidays.*

NGAMO WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

- Imvelo have partnered with the Ngamo community to set up a wildlife sanctuary on their land. This is the home of our famed Cobras Community Wildlife Protection Unit – visitors are welcomed to Head Quarters where they can meet some of the Cobras and gain an understanding of the scope and vision of this exciting pilot project, as well as of Imvelo's broader community and conservation commitments. Visits do need to be arranged in advance to avoid disrupting the Cobras' daily program and responsibilities. To visit the Imvelo Ngamo Wildlife sanctuary and meet our rhino is at an additional cost, please contact reservations for details

ALL RATES ARE

- Quoted in USD.
- Inclusive of 2% Tourism Levy.
- Subject to availability.
- Terms and conditions apply.

RATES INCLUDE

Accommodation, all meals, soft drinks, beers, wines & local spirits, laundry, transfers from Bomani Airstrip, Sipepa Airstrip (1 hour road transfer), or Ngamo Siding (10 min road transfer), and guided game activities as stated above.

**National Park entry fee not included.*


**Camelthorn Lodge is seasonal, please contact our reservations for closure dates.*

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 30 days + before travel = 75% refund .
- 16 - 29 days before travel = 50% refund.
- 8 - 15 days before travel = 25% refund.
- 0 - 7 days before travel or non arrivals = no refund.

CHILDREN

- Children under the age of 7 are only allowed by special arrangement.
- This is subject to restrictions, particularly to do with private dining options and a separate vehicle for game drives and is at the sole discretion of lodge management.
- Children aged 12 and below pay 50% and must share with an adult.
- Up to 2 children may share a villa with an adult.

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