



A long time ago, a scenic pool in the eastern Kalahari was the favored rest place for some of the San people who were the only inhabitants of the area at that time. Today, Tum Tum is the location for Imvelo's new lodge – and what better way to respect the original hunter-gatherer inhabitants of Hwange than to keep their name for the place. Fast forward to 2025 when treehouse design experts from the US flew to Hwange to advise on the innovative project. From the outset, every care was taken to ensure that the treehouses would be built in a tree-friendly manner. Now, Tum Tum is a unique lodge where our guests can slow down and relax on their decks to enjoy the wildlife parade below and in front.



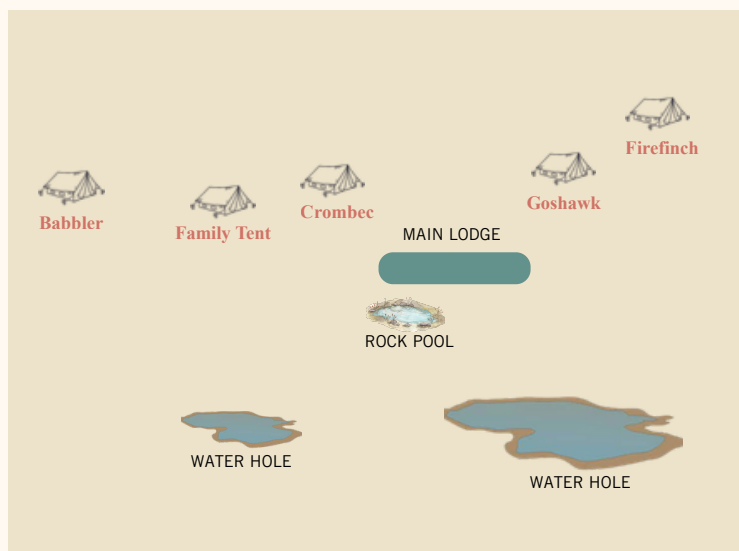
Location

Located in the south-east of Hwange National Park, the lodge co-ordinates are: South 19 15 9034 / East 027 14 0441.

BY AIR Currently: Linkwasha airstrip – co-ordinates are: South 19 07 24 / East 027 12 05 – open year-round, gravel surface. Road transfer to camp 45 minutes approx. 14 km. During 2026 a new airstrip is planned near Mandiseka which will be a ten minute drive from Tum Tum Treehouse Lodge.

BY ROAD One and a half hours by road from Bomani or Camelthorn via communal land or a game drive through the national park, a full day game drive from Nehimba, minimum six hours, allowing for wildlife viewing en route. From Jozibanini a three hour game drive.

BY ROAD AND ELEPHANT EXPRESS With its current timetable allocated by NRZ, combining Tum Tum with the Elephant Express needs to be done on departure from the lodge. Two hours by road from Tum Tum to Ngamo Siding to board the Express at approx. 09h30/10h00 then three hours by rail to Dete and three hours by road to Victoria Falls. Or air transfer from Hwange National.



Accommodation

4 x Treehouses built into woodland overlooking a series of waterholes along a grassy valley. The four treehouses feature ensuite bathrooms, wooden decks with insulated canvas walls, sliding glass doors and windows, showcasing the trees in which they are perched. Each room has a decked openair balcony that is part of the treehouse. Room configuration is two treehouses each with kingsize beds and two each with two double beds. King bedded rooms also feature an outside shower as well as the one inside and they also feature an 'eagles nest' separate deck at the end of a short walkway. The twin rooms have a slightly larger floor area and larger balconies but have only an inside shower. From their treehouses guests are able to view wildlife visiting the waterholes in front and wandering below them.

1 x Tented Family Suite 250 sq m tented structure on a one-meter-high raised deck with lounge area, dining area, plunge pool, and two bedrooms, one with a kingsize bed and the other with twin ¾ beds. Both bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms that include a bath and an outside shower.

Activities

Activities at Tum Tum will provide guests with opportunities to take game drives, bush walks, as well as visiting the rhino and Cobra Rangers in nearby Mlevu Sanctuary. Our village communities around Mtshwayeli are excited to welcome visitors and guests will be able to enjoy Imvelo's immersive community visits known for their respectful authenticity.

Game drives – timing will vary with the season and sightings of special interest, using open 4x4 vehicles specially adapted for unimpeded photography. **Game walks** will be taken by an experienced guide for a more intimate experience of the sounds and scents of the wild. The area is well suited for walks through the camelthorn forests to marvel at elephants. **Mandiseka Look Up blind** – two km from Tum Tum at Mandiseka, one of the famous old waterholes of Hwange, we have installed a ground level Look Up blind with ensuite bathroom. Imvelo's Look Ups are famous for providing excellent photographic opportunities as well as close up experiences with Hwange's famous elephant.

Community Experience – this fascinating morning tour will visit the school and/or the homestead of a local elder and is often the unexpected highlight of a safari, with a welcome sealed with endless smiles and laughter. **The Imvelo Mlevu Rhino Sanctuary** – Imvelo partnered with the Mlevu community to set up a rhino sanctuary on their land. Our rhino are guarded 24/7 by the Cobras Community Wildlife Protection Unit. Visitors will be given an overview of the scope and vision of this award-winning and ground-breaking project, as well as an understanding of Imvelo's broader community and conservation commitments, before heading out to find the rhinos themselves.

Facilities & Amenities

Main lodge is on a raised teak deck with open-fronted bar, lounge and dining area. It also has a lower teak deck with a plunge pool and space for al fresco dining. Fully solar powered; free wifi service; however, no cell phone reception. All rooms have fans, mosquito nets, free daily laundry service.

Children

Families are welcome at Imvelo properties but children must be under the supervision of a responsible adult at all times. Children under the age of 7 years are allowed by special arrangement and may be subject to private dining options and separate activities, at the sole discretion of lodge management. Children 12 years and below pay 30% of the accommodation portion only and must share with an adult. Up to two children may share a room with an adult.

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