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Zambia Wildlife Capture Experience

"It was an amazing experience I will never forget. I had a great time seeing the animals up close and being able to help treat them. My highlight was working with the lions because it felt like such a special moment." **Marlene**



The Zambia Wildlife Capture Experience is a unique opportunity for veterinary students and vet nurses to get hands-on experience in wildlife veterinary work and to be part of the white rhino immobilisation team. During this 10 day experience, participants will gain technical knowledge and skills through theoretical lectures and hands-on field work in small groups of maximum 10.

The aim of the Zambia Wildlife Capture Experience is to expose students to the behind-the-scenes of wildlife veterinary work and wildlife conservation, learning about immobilisation (darting) and other capture techniques in a variety of wildlife species and to give participants the opportunity to work alongside wildlife vets and conservationists during the immobilisation of the endangered white rhino.

Participants will gain technical skills and knowledge through daily hands-on field work and theoretical lectures. The lectures will cover important topics related to wildlife immobilisation and capture, to name a few: applied pharmacology of different immobilising drugs, species-specific immobilisation and vital monitoring during anaesthetic, principles of darting and safety procedures, stress and capture-related mortality and how to prevent this.

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The program comprises around 12 hours of lectures and clinical cases and around 35 hours of practicals. The lectures will take place during the middle of the day so we can get out of the heat.

Each participant will get the opportunity to practice and improve veterinary skills, like monitoring vitals during anaesthesia, applying treatments, administering injections, drawing blood, etc.

Besides the veterinary work and being involved in wildlife capture ops, there will also be time to join the anti-poaching unit during patrols, learning to track animals, to participate in daily monitoring and feeding of the rhinos and other leisure activities like walking safaris, game drives, boat cruises, visiting Victoria Falls and plenty of evenings spending around the firepit watching the incredible sky full of stars!

Every day is different in Africa and whilst we do our utmost to craft a unique and educational program, it's crucial to acknowledge that plans in Africa may undergo unexpected changes. As a candidate for this program, adaptability and an adventurous spirit are essential qualities.

The program is suitable for veterinary and vet nursing students as well as for those already qualified with a special interest in wildlife veterinary work.



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Snapshot

- **Dates 2024:** 23 June–03 July, 07-17 July, 04-14 August, 18-28 August
- **Pricing:**
 - AU\$4,995 / £2,695 / €3,195 / US \$2,495
 - **Botswana & Vic Falls Tour** from AU\$1,649 / £860 / €997 / US \$1,080
 - **Victoria Falls mini-break** AU\$989
- **Minimum Age:** 18
- **Fly In/Out:** Livingstone, Zambia (LVI) or Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (VFA)
- **What's included:** Return airport transfers, accommodation, all meals and activities
- **What's not included:** Flights, travel insurance
- **Accommodation:** Twin / triple / four-share rooms with ensuite (open air) bathrooms
- **Food:** All meals, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages



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Accommodation: During your stay you will stay at a private 5,000-acre nature reserve in Southern Zambia. The reserve is located in the middle of the bush an hour's drive from the nearest town of Livingstone and the world-famous Victoria Falls. Accommodation consists of rustic 2-4 person chalets with ensuite outdoor bathrooms. Wildlife (including the endangered white rhino and herds of cape buffalo) roam freely around the lodge and chalets, so you will be fully exposed to the real African bush experience!



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Botswana Okavango & Chobe Adventure

Start your African adventure by travelling overland through Africa on this exciting group camping safari. You'll start in Joburg, South Africa and end in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, travelling via wonderful Botswana. 3 countries, 8 days...nice ! Following your tour, it's just a couple of kms to the Zambia border where we'll meet you for your Veterinary Experience.

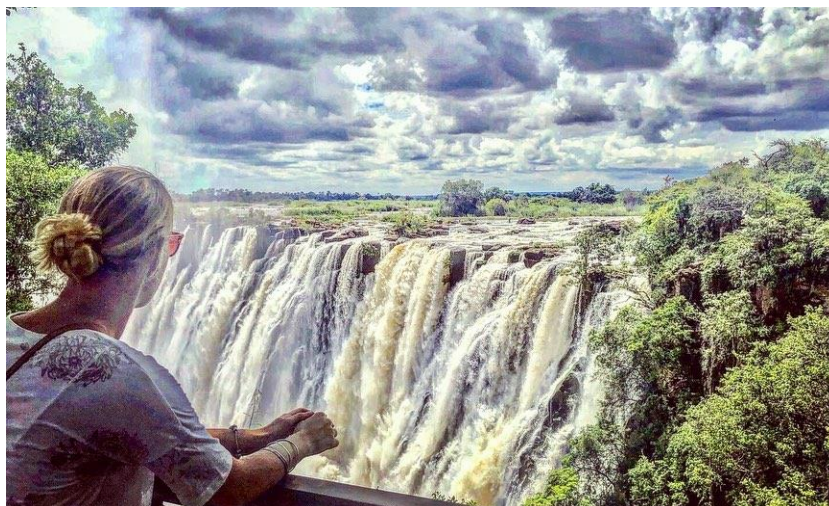
With three bucket-list African destinations in a week this adventure camping safari offers the very best experiences available in Southern Africa. The adventure tour is mainly camping (equipment provided) with one budget hotel night and most meals are included as well as a heap of activities (with others available to book as optional extras).

Upon arrival to Johannesburg airport on the Saturday, our driver will meet you and safely transfer you to a nearby lodge to join your group. Next morning we hit the road and drive north, with an overnight at Khama Rhino Sanctuary and then onward to the world-renowned Okavango Delta. Here we undertake a unique and exciting overnight wildlife safari by dugout canoe, watching the myriad species as they gather at the water's edge to drink.

Chobe National Park is another A-list safari location, here we will undoubtedly see the famous large herds of elephant and hopefully antelopes, lion, hyena and African wild dog.

We finish our journey with an adrenalin fix as you peer over the sheer edge of the thundering waters of Victoria Falls. Go wild if you wish, leap off bridges, take a thrilling white water rafting adventure through rampant rapids of the Zambezi or experience the grandeur of raging Victoria Falls from up high in your micro-light aircraft. Then, cool off with a tranquil sunset cruise along the upper Zambezi River as you watch the African bush go by.

Operated by our partner G Adventures, the tour price is AU \$1,649 (15-22 June) and AU\$1,969 for 29 June-06 July, 27 July-03 August and 10-17 August.



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Victoria Falls mini-break

Precede or follow your Zambia Wildlife Capture Experience with a relaxing 4 day / 3 night break in wonderful Victoria Falls town at the edge of the mighty Zambezi. Stay at wonderful Shearwater Explorers Village or N1 Hotel in the heart of Vic Falls, perfectly positioned to stroll everywhere in town.

After settling in, get ready for your sunset cruise on the Upper Zambezi – with an open bar and a party vibe, finger food is provided and the views and sunset are also free! Keep your eyes peeled for river wildlife such as hippo, elephant and crocs.

Next day is free to kick back and relax by the pool, book any of the many activities available (white water rafting, a safari to Chobe National Park, bungee jumping....), visit the markets in town and of course enter the Victoria Falls National Park to gaze upon Mosi Oa Tunya “the smoke that thunders” that’s the mighty waterfalls themselves. At US \$50 entry fee it’s not cheap, but the lifetime memories you’ll create here are worth every last cent !

Next morning, you’ll experience the amazing Elephant Encounter – an opportunity to get up close and personal with elephants in a pristine wilderness environment overflowing with raw natural beauty. In the afternoon, fly through the treetops on the Wild Horizons Canopy Tour, a series of 9 ziplines traversing the gorge with spectacular views to take your mind off the vertigo !

On Day 4, you’ll either cross the border to join your Zambia program or you’ll head to the airport - an arrival or departure airport transfer is included for your convenience.



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