

ZIMBABWE 2019

# ENRICHMENT SAFARI

A SAFARI WITH A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE, THIS ADVENTURE WILL BE A LIFE CHANGING EVENT, NOT ONLY FOR YOU, BUT FOR THE PEOPLE YOU WILL BE HELPING.



Askari Safari is proud to offer a Zimbabwe Primary School initiative, combine a trip to view some of Africa's most impressive sights along with a unique chance to really make a massive difference in the lives of rural children in Zimbabwe.

Askari Safari has 'adopted' Siyanyanga Primary School, located 6 miles from Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. In 2013 we partnered with the Painted Dog Organization, a not for profit NGO specializing in research of highly endangered Painted Dogs (*Lycaon Pictus*) to come up with a strategy that would show rural villagers that there could be a very strong correlation between a healthy wildlife conservation strategy and positive residual benefits to them and their children.



## What is the Duration of This Safari?

Our Enriching Safari will be a total of 9 days in Zimbabwe

- \* 2 days in Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and also the adrenalin capital of Africa
- \* 5 mornings working and immersing yourself in the local culture and environment as a teacher's assistant at a very remote rural African school
- \* 5 afternoons on a traditional land rover safari in one of Africa's top wildlife reserves, with the chance to see elephant, lion, giraffe, zebra, and over 60 other species of mammals
- \* 2 days exploring the acclaimed Hwange National Park
- \* Additional days can be added upon request.

**“THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CRAZY ENOUGH TO THINK THEY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD ARE THE ONES WHO DO.” - STEVE JOBS.**

Rural villagers have (especially in the past 40 years as the human population exploded), been forced to live closer and closer to unfenced National Parks, this has resulted in growing instances of direct conflict between humans and wildlife and led to the current perception among most villagers that the only good wild animal is a dead one. We are attempting to change this mindset, however the challenge is a big one, crop raiding elephant, buffalo, baboons and wild pigs, livestock and in some cases man eating lions, leopards and hyenas are all part and parcel of these people's daily lives. The rural villagers also suffer from an uncaring Government, who has neither the finances nor inclination to compensate the villagers for their losses. As a consequence, poaching has been on the rise for the past 20 years and wildlife that requires large home ranges (painted dogs, lions and elephant) have become particularly susceptible to both poaching and zoonotic diseases. Our mantra to the school children and their parents that we support has been simple,

No Wildlife = No tourists = No benefits.

It is working, to date we have donated

- \* Thousands of dollars of educational supplies
- \* Thousands of dollars of building materials for classrooms
- \* Paid for the education of 30 children, winners of our annual Wildlife Conservationists of the Year Award



Building of new classroom block funded by Askari Safari



## The Results so Far

- \* Not a single case of poaching in the Siyanyanga area in the past 2 years
- \* An informer network that works closely with local anti-poaching teams resulting in interdiction of potential poachers
- \* Young people that have taken to heart our message, the future leaders of tomorrow are now passionate about conservation and that passion can't be faked!

## What Should You Expect to Pay for an Experience Like This?

Normally a safari such as this would cost \$5,000 but as a special to teachers and student we can offer this experience for \$3,000 per person which covers all food and drink and accommodation, parks fees, transport, safari guide and a donation to the school. After discussions with the school headmaster and village elders, Askari is currently embarking on a couple of communal initiatives including a technology plan, solar power charging and laptops and two agricultural 'businesses' that will raise funds for the school. Speak to Askari and let them know how you would prefer your donation to be utilized.



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Did you know *safari* is a Swahili word for *a journey*?



## What Size Group You Will be Traveling With?

The group size for adults would range from a minimum of 2 adults up to a maximum of 12 adults

The group size for teacher chaperoned trips would be 2 teachers traveling with a maximum of 8 students

## When is This Safari Available?

Zimbabwe runs according to a 3 term schedule:

First Term  
7 Jan - 29 Mar

Second Term  
8 May - 27 Jul

Third Term  
3 Sept - 7 Dec

Whilst you can travel anytime within the Zimbabwe schooling terms we would recommend June or July dates wherever possible. Please keep in mind mid November to beginning of April is Zimbabwe's rainy season. The school term dates are based on the 2018 schooling year and may be subject to change. Public holidays will also need to be taken into account when making the booking.



\*Please note the rate quoted does not include international airfares to and from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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