

# THE ELEPHANT EXPRESS

## IMVELO SAFARI LODGES

CONNECTING PEOPLE AND NATURE

Experience our one-of-a-kind unique Elephant express rail car which is an exceptional activity and a definite highlight of a stay at Camelthorn Lodge or Bomani Tented Lodge.



The Elephant Express was introduced in 2015; it is a unique railcar, ingeniously designed and built to offer an unforgettable activity to and between our camps in Southern Hwange National Park. This fact sheet outlines how to include it in itineraries as well as some important information on timings and schedules. The Elephant Express makes daily return trips as necessary between Ngamo Siding, near Bomani and Camelthorn, and Dete Railway Station near Hwange Main Camp.



### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Accommodating up to 22 passengers, the railcar has a safari design with open sides, an engine at the front and back and specially trained drivers. It offers individual coach seating at teak tables and a chemical loo on-board.
- Soft drinks, beers, wine and snacks are provided and lunch is served whilst the railcar is stationary before the return trip.
- The railcar is spacious with large aisles to allow your guests to walk around within and spot wildlife.
- There is a highly experienced knowledgeable guide on board to answer all your questions and help make the trip as enjoyable as possible.



Lodges	Departure Station	Time of Departure	Arrival Station	Estimated Time of Arrival	Return Time from Dete Railway Station	Estimated Time of Arrival at Ngamo Siding
Bomani and Camelthorn	Ngamo Siding	11am	Dete Railway Station	1pm	2pm	4-4.30pm

## SAFETY FEATURES

- The railcar is designed to travel both forwards or backwards with an independent engine and a gearbox at each end.
- There are sidings every 10km to allow for traffic to pass.
- Drivers have over 30 years of experience of driving on the rail line next to Hwange National Park.
- There is 25km of visibility and the drivers are in constant contact with the other trains and traffic control.

## PLEASE NOTE

- Please note that the Elephant Express runs according to daily scheduling specified by the National Railways of Zimbabwe and as such may be subject to delays and cancellations, which are beyond our control.
- Times are set daily and communicated to the incoming and outgoing road transfers.
- Timings are important to note when planning transfers. We advise that guests should include a night in Victoria Falls before taking this transfer on arrival off a flight or departure on a flight, to allow for any Zimbabwe Rail delays that may ensue. We understand this is not always possible but wanted to highlight the possibility of a potential delay.
- **Please note the Elephant Express will be closed from 9 January - 13 March 2023.**




## RATES


- Rates are charged at a minimum of 2 passengers.
- Rates are quoted in USD, inclusive of 2% Tourism Levy.
- Subject to availability and terms and conditions apply.
- Drop off and collection is from Dete Railway Station. On arrival at Ngamo Siding, there is a 15 minute transfer to Bomani Tented Lodge or Camelthorn Lodge by game viewing vehicle.
- The Elephant Express is commissionable at 20% for travel in 2023 - please contact reservations to ensure you have the correct rack and nett rates.

## CHILDREN

- No children under 7 years.
- Children 12 and under pay 50% for travel in 2023
- Children must be accompanied by adults.

We look forward to sharing many enjoyable railcar journeys with our guests.

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