

IMVELO SAFARI LODGES

CONNECTING PEOPLE & NATURE



Camelthorn Lodge
Living under the acacias



Shaded by a patch of pristine forest on the edge of the Ngamo Plains, Camelthorn Lodge has a huge ancient Camelthorn tree as its centerpiece. Built on communal land, our partners the local people wanted a structure that would be a lasting testament to the community's commitment to tourism, so soaring thatch and brick replaced canvas. The lodge is located inside the Imvelo Ngamo Rhino Sanctuary – and our rhino are known to wander past the lodge!



Location

Situated on a private concession within Tsholotsho Communal Land on the southern border of Hwange National Park. Lodge co-ordinates are: South 19 06 27.24 / East 027 27 45.73.

BY ROAD AND ELEPHANT EXPRESS

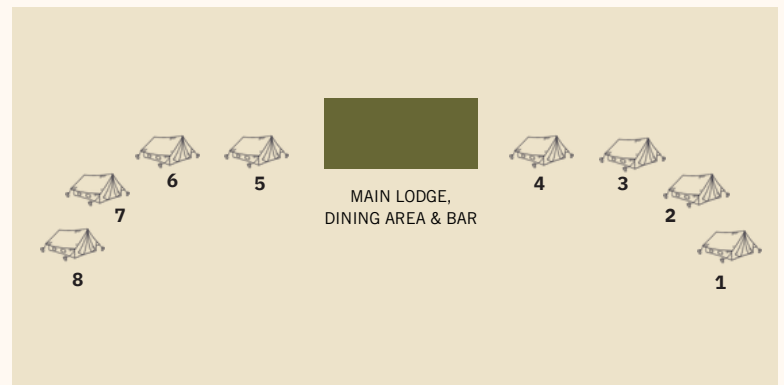
Three hours by road from Victoria Falls to Dete Station, then three hours on the Elephant Express railcar from Dete to Ngamo.

BY ROAD

Five hours by road from Victoria Falls. Distances Victoria Falls – Halfway House 225 km and 40 km 4x4 through Ngamo Forest. Four hours by road from Bulawayo. Distances Bulawayo – Kenmaur 170 km and 68 km 4x4 via Somgolo and Gwayi Siding.

BY AIR

One hour by light aircraft from Victoria Falls or Bulawayo. Bomani Airstrip – South 19 07 30.0 / East 027 27 58.1 – gravel, subject to local conditions. Sipepa Airstrip – South 19 16 45.0 / East 027 38 54.0 – gravel, open year-round. One hour by road transfer from Bomani.



Accommodation

Eight Forest Villas: 80 sq m rooms featuring a canopy-level balcony accessed via a spiral stairway, with a daybed or hammock ideal for a sleepy afternoon.

Large bedroom and lounge area with sliding glass doors and overhead fans. Three villas have kingsize beds while the other five have twin double beds.

Four of the villas feature a small splash pool on the upstairs balcony



Activities

Our guides are among the best in the business and are regularly featured by name in guest feedback. Guides will discuss options for activities with guests the night before, and will always be keen to provide the best possible combinations of variety and experience. Activities are taken in open 4x4 vehicles specially adapted for unimpeded photography.

Morning and afternoon game drives – timing will vary with the season and sightings of special interest. **Full-day game drives** – a longer excursion into the park visiting the waterholes which Imvelo manages for Hwange's thirsty herds. Enjoy a picnic lunch under a shady tree and a leisurely drive back to the lodge in the late afternoon. **Night drives** are taken on our private concession in search of the nocturnal species of the park. **Game walks** will be taken by an experienced guide for a more intimate experience of the sounds and scents of the wild. **The Look-up** – our unique sunken hide gets guests up close to Hwange's gentle giants, providing an unforgettable perspective and great opportunities for photography.

Ngamo Community Experience – a short drive from the lodge live the people who live with the wildlife of the national park – this fascinating morning tour will visit the school and/or the clinic and 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 Ngamo Rhino Sanctuary – Imvelo partnered with the Ngamo community to set up a rhino sanctuary on their land. Our first two rhino, Thusa and Kusasa, are guarded 24/7 by the heroes of the Cobras Community Wildlife Protection Unit. Visitors are welcomed at headquarters where they 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

The main lodge is an impressive thatched structure – the western wing is a formal dining room with three fireplaces for chilly evenings, while the eastern wing provides an open-fronted bar and lounge area. Dining is often enjoyed alfresco on the patio under the Camelthorn tree. Fully solar powered; free wifi service; cell phone reception. In-house spa treatments available – prices on request. All rooms have a fireplace, stocked minibar, ceiling fans, electronic safe, mosquito nets, free daily laundry service.

Children

Children under the age of 7 are only allowed by special arrangement and providing parents sign a disclaimer. This is subject to restrictions, particularly 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 30% on the accommodation portion only and must share with an adult. Up to 2 children may share a tent with an adult.

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