



THE ELEPHANT EXPRESS

IMVELO SAFARI LODGES

CONNECTING PEOPLE & NATURE

Experience our one-of-a-kind Elephant Express railcar traveling to or from our lodges in southern Hwange National Park – covering prime game-viewing country all the way.

Introduced in 2015 to access our southern lodges using the historic railway line bordering the park, the Elephant Express was ingeniously designed to combine an unforgettable activity with a unique transfer to or from our lodges. The Express makes scheduled daily return trips between Dete Station near Main Camp and Ngamo Siding near Bomani and Camelthorn.

What You Need To Know

The railcar was designed with open sides for game viewing and photography, and roll-down canvas screens for use in inclement weather.

Individual coach seating at teak tables for up to 22 passengers, with a chemical loo on board.

A spacious aisle allows passengers to move around on the railcar as wildlife is spotted.

Drinks including beer and wine are provided with snacks, while a light lunch is served on board in Dete before the south-bound trip to our lodges.

Our onboard guide-host will answer questions and serve passengers, while the drivers also love to engage guests in conversation.

Safety Features

The railcar has an independent engine and gearbox at each end to facilitate travel in either direction.

Sidings every 10 km allow traffic to pass, as directed by Traffic Control.

Drivers are retired NRZ drivers with many years of experience, required to undergo annual refresher training to renew their licenses.

Drivers maintain contact with Traffic Control by radio and/or cell phone, while visibility is a minimum of 10 km, with the entire route using a straight, flat section of track.



Schedule

The Elephant Express runs according to a daily schedule specified by the National Railways of Zimbabwe.

Daily movement of the Elephant Express is controlled by NRZ Traffic and may be subject to delays and cancellations which are beyond our control.

Timings are communicated to incoming and outgoing road transfers by our Reservations team as necessary.

With international flights to and from Victoria Falls, we advise that guests include a night in Victoria Falls before taking the Elephant Express to our lodges, and similarly guests departing on the Elephant Express will need to overnight in Victoria Falls before connecting to their flight the next day.

Drop-off and collection is Dete Station in the north and Ngamo in the south. There is a 15-minute game viewing transfer by vehicle to or from Bomani or Camelthorn lodges to the Elephant Express.

Northbound from Bomani & Camelthorn				Southbound to Bomani & Camelthorn		
Departs from	Depart time	Arrival time	Destination	Depart time	Arrival time	Destination
Ngamo Siding	10:00am	13:00pm	Dete Station	14:00pm	17:00pm	Ngamo Siding

Rates

Rack Rate is US\$150 per person per way (min. 2 pax) in 2025 and US\$175 per person per way (min. 2 pax) in 2026.

Rates are charged for a minimum of 2 passengers.

Rates are quoted in US\$, inclusive of 2% Tourism Levy.

Reservations are subject to availability and terms and conditions apply.

We look forward to sharing many memorable railcar journeys with our guests!

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