

## NEED *to know*



*Bold patterns feature strongly in this remote part of Zimbabwe.*

### Items to remember to bring for your Safari to Zimbabwe

Since we want your safari experience to be perfect and completely comfortable, we recommend a few items that you should remember to bring along:

- From September to April, it is hot and humid in the lowveld of Zimbabwe.
- Casual summer clothes (shorts and cool shirts) including long sleeve shirt and pants for the evenings - to avoid mosquitoes.
- A light sweater/jersey/fleece for the cooler morning and evening temperatures and a light waterproof rain jacket.
- May to August are our winter months and surprisingly, in this part of the world, it does get very cold in the evening and early morning!
- Casual light clothing including long pants, sweater, fleece and jersey, insulated or padded jacket, scarf, gloves, woollen hat.
- Year round, cap/hat. Good quality sunglasses - preferably polarised. Tinted fashion glasses are not good in strong light.
- Cotton clothing in neutral colours is recommended for game drives and fishing and is compulsory for walks. White is not advisable.
- Comfortable walking shoes, track shoes or boots for the bush walks and sandals for fishing.
- Shorts recommended for walks, fishing and during the hotter part of the day.
- Bathing suits.
- If you wear contact lenses, it is recommended that you bring along a pair of glasses in case you get irritation from the dust.
- Moisturising cream and suntan lotion.
- Insect repellent. We do provide repellent but you may want to bring your preferred brand.
- Camera equipment and plenty of memory and binoculars - although we do have some available for guest use.

We hope that this little checklist will help with your packing. As this is a time for you to get away and escape your worries of the world, formal attire is not required. Wishing you a fantastic bush and wildlife safari with us.

## Accessing Singita Pamushana

### Getting there by air

Federal Air offers a twice-weekly return flight to Buffalo Range Airport from Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport on Mondays and Thursdays respectively. Private air charters are able to fly into Buffalo Range Airport (a short 30km/15 to 20 minute drive from Pamushana Lodge), as well as Malilangwe's private airstrip. Pilots are advised to broadcast their intentions on frequency 123.4MHz.

### Malilangwe Airstrip

The name: Lone Star  
Co-ordinates: Latitude: 21 03' 40.0" S  
Longitude: 31 53' 22.2" E  
Conditions: 1000m gravel, good condition

### Buffalo Range Airport

The name: Buffalo Range  
Co-ordinates: Latitude: 21°00'29"S (-21.008083)  
Longitude: 31°34'43"E (31.578550)  
Tower telephone : + 263 (0) 31 2444  
+ 262 (0) 32 2819  
+ 263 (0) 11 230514 (cell phone)

### Location

Singita Pamushana Lodge is found within the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve in south-eastern Zimbabwe and is set within a remote wilderness area that is bounded in the west by the rich riparian woodland flanking the Chiredzi River, which flows into the larger Runde River in the south-west of the property. To the south-east is Gonarezhou ('place of the elephants') National Park and Mozambique's Banyini and Zinave Parks.

## Arrival and departure

Suggested arrival time would be between 12h00 hours and 13h00 hours. Villas should be vacated by 11h00 hours for the convenience of arriving guests. Late departure times can be arranged at the lodge, subject to the availability of villas.

## Tariffs

### Tariffs include

- Three delicious meals per day, either in the outdoor dining room, wooden deck, open-air boma, indoor dining area or in the bush.
- All teas and coffees.
- Two game drive safaris per day in an open Land Cruiser accompanied by a personal guide and tracker team.
- Walking safaris.
- Fishing and boat cruise safaris.
- Visits to San bushman rock art sites.
- Tracking black rhino with professional guide and team of game scouts.
- Spot-lit night drives.
- Visit to community feeding program, irrigation scheme and local village.
- All drinks whilst on safari.
- All beers, spirits, liqueurs, wines, soft drinks and mini-bar.
- Laundry and valet services, subject to certain conditions and restrictions.
- Road transfers to and from the lodge and Buffalo Range Airport.

### Tariffs exclude

- Telephone calls and boutique purchases.
- Champagnes.
- Air and road transfers to and from the lodge and Harare.
- Health spa treatments.
- Use of Private Land Cruiser.
- Certain special meal requests.

## Health matters

Since Pamushana is situated in a Malaria region, it is essential to ensure that appropriate prophylactics be taken throughout the year. Please consult your doctor or pharmacist for further information.

## Private vehicles

All our safaris are conducted in open Land Cruisers with a maximum of six guests per vehicle. However, should you want complete privacy, it is possible to hire a vehicle on this basis. Private Land Cruisers will need to be reserved well in advance and tariffs are available upon request.

## What you can expect to find

### Accommodation

Singita Pamushana comprises seven villas in total. Four double villas, one two-bedroomed family villa, one three-bedroomed family villa and one five-bedroomed family villa. All master bedrooms feature en-suite bathroom and shower, a bathroom and shower in the 'guest' bedrooms, as well as an outdoor shower, private plunge pool, double-sided fireplace, mini-bar and fridge, room safe, air conditioning, overhead fans, private lounge, direct dial telephones and game-viewing deck with Swarovski spotting scope.

### Facilities at each lodge

Indoor dining room, open dining room, teak-deck dining areas, bar lounge, library lounge, open lounge, wine cellar, two heated swimming pools and jacuzzis, all overlooking the Malilangwe Dam and sandstone hills. Pamushana also has a bush spa which offers a range of massage, feet and hand treatments as well as facials.

### Activities

Early morning game drives, afternoon-into-spotlit-evening game drives in open Land Cruisers, guided bush walks amongst the Malilangwe sandstone features, or along the riverine forests of the Chiredzi or Runde rivers. A system of hides and blinds and waterholes has been developed for that special close encounter, where absolutely anything may appear to thrill the hidden guest. Black rhino tracking, San Bushman Rock Art educational tours, seasonal canoeing on the Chiredzi River or on the 1500 acre Malilangwe Dam with brilliant game fishing throughout the year for Tiger Fish, Bass, Bream (tilapia) and Catfish, community outreach programs and a night in a private hide in the bush. Sporting activities include tennis and golf. We have two tennis courts at Pamushana - clay and Rebound Ace. There is a wonderful 9-hole golf course just 45 minutes away.

### Communication services

High-speed wireless internet, satellite TV, fax facilities and US telephones are available to our guests at Pamushana.

### Major characteristic species

Lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, black rhino, white rhino, brown hyena, spotted hyena, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, Lichtenstein's hartebeest, hippopotamus, eland, kudu, nyala, Cape hunting dog (or 'painted wolf'), roan, sable, wildebeest, waterbuck, grysbok, Livingstone's suni and many other mammal species as well as 500 different species of bird - including a large variety of different species of diurnal raptors and owls.

### Food and beverage

Highly-trained chefs are available to take care of all culinary needs. Ahead of your arrival, please inform the lodge of any special dietary requirements you may have. A wide selection of fine wines, champagnes, cognacs and cigars are available.

### Local culture

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## Temperature chart

	January	February	March	April
Minimum temp	23.7°C 74.7°F	22.7°C 72.9°F	21.4°C 70.5°F	19.7°C 67.5°F
	Maximum temp	32.9°C 91.2°F	31.4°C 88.5°F	29.0°C 84.2°F
Minimum temp	16.3°C 61.3°F	14.5°C 58.1°F	13.4°C 56.1°F	15.8°C 60.4°F
	Maximum temp	25.6°C 78.1°F	23.2°C 73.8°F	23.3°C 73.9°F
Minimum temp	17.0°C 62.6°F	21.1°C 70.0°F	22.6°C 72.7°F	23.5°C 74.3°F
	Maximum temp	29.0°C 84.2°F	32.4°C 90.3°F	33.9°C 93.0°F

The above temperatures are the average daily maximum and the average daily minimum. The absolute maximum and absolute minimum recorded temperatures differ from these temperatures.

## The seasons at Singita Pamushana

Zimbabwe's climate does not follow the classical pattern of the four seasons, but instead, broadly speaking, our seasons could more realistically be described as 'cool dry' (April - August), 'hot dry' (September - November) and 'hot wet' (December - March). The lowveld is a semi-arid area, but due to the influence of rapid atmospheric pressure changes over the Mozambique Channel, sudden cold snaps or wet spells can occur at any time.

### DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH

Our summer months are hot and humid with rain or very typically afternoon thundershowers. Lots of animals are born during these months - notably the impala lambs, zebra foals and wildebeest calves, all of which are beautiful - and vulnerable - to predators. This time of the year is when the Chiredzi River is most likely to flood, creating awesome canoeing waters.

### APRIL THROUGH AUGUST

The vegetation starts changing from thick lush green bush to slightly more sparse browsing bush during this time. The temperatures start cooling down especially at night and it is generally dry, though the odd shower may occur. Warm clothing is recommended at this time of year, especially for game drives both in the morning and the evening. The animals find little water in the bush and so migrate to the various watering holes scattered around the property - and of course, the Malilangwe Dam offers a great place for herds of elephant and buffalo to frolic and bathe in. This time of year is best described as cool and dry and is the perfect condition for black rhino tracking and any walking safaris.

### SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER

This time of year is usually hot and dry, the temperatures start to increase but there is little humidity in the air. There is now very little water available in the bush, giving rise to water sources being concentrated with game - creating a great opportunity for viewing. In the early morning, guided bush walks are one of the best ways to experience the nature at Malilangwe. The first hint of rain starts towards the end of October but often nothing falls until the middle of November when the bush changes almost overnight with new shoots and grasses taking over the lowveld.

### SEASONAL SAFARI TIMING

At all our lodges we try to tailor each day according to guests' wishes and so we are flexible with all our activity times. However, due to the climate, we suggest that the following times are followed as closely as possible, in order to maximise game-viewing opportunities and ensure that guests enjoy a comfortable experience.

	Summer safari times	Winter safari times
Wake up	05h00	05h30
Tea/Coffee	05h30	06h00
Morning Safari	06h00	06h30
Breakfast	09h00	09h30
Lunch	13h00	13h00
Tea/Coffee	16h00	15h30
Sundowner Safari	16h30	16h00
Dinner	20h00	19h30