



# BIRDING SAFARI





# THE START OF A LEGACY

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## Birding Safari

Home of the Specials, the Zambezi River offers birding enthusiasts a unique experience on a Victoria Falls birding safari. Birding jet boat safari on the Zambezi River - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The 16 passenger Darter jet boat taking guests on a Zambezi River bird-watching safari in Victoria Falls.

Both wildlife enthusiasts and birders will find a Victoria Falls birding safari on the Zambezi River a special experience. The Zambezi is a vast river that splits into various small waterways and islands, and the birding here is second to none. This mighty river supports a riverine habitat along its banks, drawing many species of birds to its life-giving waters. Some of the more common species include Blacksmith Lapwing, Goliath Heron, Sacred and Glossy Ibis, Egyptian and Spurwing Goose, Water Thick-knee, Pygmy, Giant and Pied Kingfishers, African Fish Eagle, and a whole host of others.

What makes this area (and indeed this Victoria Falls activity) unique is its "specials". These are bird species that are not only rare and elusive in other parts of Southern Africa but often only occur along the Zambezi River's mighty watercourse. Some of these specials include Rock Pratincole and African Skimmer both of which are seasonal migrants, nesting on the sandbanks and rocks along the river. Dickinson's Kestrel is often seen high in the Ilala Palms that line the banks, while the legendary Pel's Fishing Owl calls the large dense Mahogany that clusters the islands they're home. The secretive Half-Collared Kingfishers, frequent the overhanging trees along the banks. These over-hanging branches also home the even more secretive White-backed Night Heron and rare African Finfoot. Seasonally, Osprey can be seen searching the waters for fish and the rare Grey-headed Parrot can be heard screeching as they fly overhead. As the night moves in Bat-Hawk can occasionally be seen hunting above the river.



## Specials

- √ Black Egret
- √ Rufous-Bellied Heron
- √ White-Backed Night Heron
- √ Little Bittern
- √ Western-Banded Snake Eagle
- √ Osprey
- √ African Finfoot
- √ White-Crowned Lapwing
- √ Half-collared Kingfisher
- √ Rock Pratincole
- √ African Skimmer
- √ Collared Palm Thrush
- √ Grey-Headed Parrot
- √ Bathawk
- √ Pel's Fishing Owl

The Victoria Falls birding safari is offered on a small jetboat (the same one you would ride while on a Sunset Jet Boat Safari) on the Zambezi River. The boat has a maximum capacity of 16 people, ideal for small groups with a feeling of having your own private cruise. Return transfers from your hotel to the jetty are included. There is also a toilet on board.

The Itinerary Is Structured As Follows:

06:00: Approximate pickup time from your hotel, and transfer to the Bushtracks jetty. The transport will pick you up from various hotels before taking you to the jetty.

06:30: Departure- Welcome tea or coffee, while receiving a brief introduction to the boat cruise and the birding tour. Including a brief description of the surrounding area and the vegetation types along the river. Also outlined will be some of the more common species that are likely to be encountered and the rarer specials to look out of on the trip.

06:30 to 8:00: Cruise the Zambezi, viewing birds in their natural environment, taking advantage of local knowledge to visit certain areas where the more elusive species are known to frequent.

8:00- End of tour- A transfer vehicle will be waiting to take you back to your hotel. This trip includes tea, coffee, biscuits and muffins/rusks.



# OUR TRAVELLERS SAY



Google Rating

5.0 ★★★★★

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“ **THIRUSHKA - ZA**  
★★★★★

**RELIABLE, FRIENDLY AND SUPER  
COMPETENT.**

Our Consultant Vimbai was very helpful and accommodating.

We stayed at the Elephant hills hotel which was nothing short of amazing.

Our activities included a helicopter flight, dinner cruise as well as a morning game drive. All the activities were absolutely amazing.

“ **BEV - USA**  
★★★★★

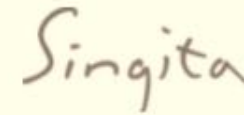
**NEWTON WAS THE BEST TOUR  
GUIDE AND TRANSFER DRIVER  
EVER.**

We had an awesome time on our trip to Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park.



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