



A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP HWANGE





When guests arrive at our camp they will meet their guide who will take them on safari activities and it is with this person that everything will be planned. The following description of a typical day is just a guideline.

The best thing about a typical day at Camp Hwange is that we do our best not to make it typical. Mostly it is an early start just before dawn, steaming mugs of tea or coffee, a light breakfast of toast, porridge, fruit or cereal and off on an activity.

In the mornings when it is still cool and the light is soft for photography, the air of expectancy is everywhere. It is nice to cruise along in the vehicle getting a few pictures of animals here and there. Your guide will be scouring the road for tracks of some of the animals that rule the night i.e. lion, hyena and leopard to mention a few. Should you not find them in the vehicle, but find their tracks especially the lion, then it is time to get out and track them on foot. Whether you see them up close or as a flash running away, time on foot with lion is a thrilling way to spend the morning.

If there are no animals to track a walk in the rocky hills or along with a spring line with a knowledgeable guide is well worth it. There is always something to see and it gives you time to appreciate your surroundings.

Due to us staying out the whole morning we carry with us fruit, homemade cookies, a savoury snack, tea and coffee and refreshments. As the morning warms up and it starts to get hot this is a good time to be at one of the water points, to wait and see what comes down to drink. It can be very rewarding indeed especially in the dryer months when all the animals congregate around the water points.

Usually toward midday if you have not taken a packed lunch, this is a good time to head back to camp for a large lunch and then a siesta. Full bellies equal a great afternoon nap, fantastic.

Well rested, we meet back late afternoon have tea/coffee with some snacks to keep us going until dinner, and then it is off either on a drive or a walk out of camp. In the dryer months walking to the log hide in front of camp is one of the most rewarding things to do. In the log hide you can have elephants coming within meters of you, zebra

coming in to quench their thirst, warthogs trotting in for a quick mud bath, the sun sets behind the hide and so the light is usually soft and picture taking is at a premium.

As the sun sets in come the double-banded sand grouse with their funny little calls, get a quick drink do a bit of socialising and then off again. During this time a nice cold gin and tonic or whatever your preference is, is a great way to witness all the goings-on at our little corner of Africa.

A night drive on the way back to camp is a nice way to end off and hope to see the nocturnal animals, like springhares, serval, honey badgers, bat-eared fox and if you are lucky a leopard or an Aardwolf!!! All that is left is to gaze at the limitless stars around the camp fire, have dinner and rest because tomorrow is coming and there is always lots of exciting things to do at Camp Hwange