FACILITIES

• Main lodge is a magnificent stone structure with thatch roof built in an open U around the lodge’s splendid namesake – the Camelthorn Tree.
• The Western wing is a closed-in dining room protected from the elements with 3 fireplaces.
• The central portion of the main lodge is an open fronted reception area and lounge.
• The Eastern wing has open fronted bar and lounge area on a raised teak deck.
• Within the U lies an open patio area under the Camelthorn, ideal for enjoying leisurely brunches and candlelit dinners under the stars on warm evenings.
• Electricity by generator.
• Free WiFi in the main lodge area.
• Cell phone reception.
• In-house spa treatments available - not included in nightly rate, prices on request.

LOCATION

• 4 - 5 hour road transfer from Victoria Falls or Bulawayo.
• Distances by road: Victoria Falls – Halfway House 225 km, and 40 km through Forestry (4x4). Bulawayo – Kenmaur 170 km, and 68 km on Somgolo Road via Gwaai Siding and Sipepa growthpoint (4x4).
• 4 - 5 hour road and trail transfer from Victoria Falls.
• 1 hour small plane charter from Victoria Falls or Bulawayo.
  Bomani Airstrip - South 19° 04’ 30.8” / East 027° 27’ 22.7” (Please note that the Bomani Airstrip is open only seasonally. During the rainy season light air charters usually land and take off from Sipepa - about 1 hour drive from camp).
  Sipepa Airstrip - South 19° 16’ 45.0” / East 027° 38’ 54.0” (Gravel, open year round. One thousand one hundred metres long).

ACCOMMODATION

• 8 forest villas: 82 m sq flat roof with stone walls, outdoor maisonette with hammocks (ideal for a siesta or a night ‘under the stars’) accessed via a spiral stairway, large bedroom and lounge area with large sliding glass doors and overhead fans.
• Room configuration – one king bed or twin double beds.

This flagship lodge is nestled in a patch of pristine woodland just west of the famous Ngamo Plains on the edge of the south eastern corner of Hwange National Park. The lodge is unique in its style and design and has as its centre piece a huge ancient Camelthorn tree. On the edge of the Ngamo Plain, and strategically placed to explore the remote and unspoilt south eastern portion of the park, Camelthorn offers a spectacular wilderness experience.
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A picnic lunch is then enjoyed near one of the waterholes

Supplies for the pump attendants.

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GAME DRIVES
- Morning and afternoon game drives with snacks in traditional open safari vehicles.
- All day game drives with a packed lunch and snacks in traditional open safari vehicles.
- Land Cruisers seat up to 9 guests and Land Rovers seat up to 7 guests.

GAME WALKS
- Conducted by a fully licensed and highly experienced professional guide.
- Usually undertaken in the mornings and ideal for photography of big game on foot.

NIGHT DRIVES
- Night drives within the lodge’s private concession to view the array of wildlife, particularly nocturnal creatures.
- Usually undertaken upon return from the afternoon activity or alternatively after supper.

THE LOOK UP GAME VIEWING HIDE
- Experience Hwange’s giants up close and only a few meters from the watering hole from the safety of this specialized 6m long underground blind with en-suite flush toilet.

PUMP RUNS
- Imvelo maintain 15 boreholes in and on the borders of the national park which provide essential water to the wildlife during the dry months of the year. A popular activity is to take an all day trip into the park to visit the waterholes to drop off fuel and oil for the motors as well as rations and supplies for the pump attendants.
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SCHOOL TOURS AND VILLAGE VISITS
- Fifteen minutes drive from the lodge our guests have the opportunity to enjoy a look at village life in rural Matabeleland. A fascinating experience of a variety of typical daily village activities, which can be followed by a tour of one of the nearby schools conducted by the Headmaster where guests are given the opportunity to hear traditional songs sung by the children and enjoy a ‘class interaction’.
- School visits not available in April, August and December during school holidays.

DAILY HORSE RIDING ACTIVITIES
- The open grasslands and forest groves of the Ngamo Plains around Camelthorn and Bomani Lodges are among the most scenic areas of Hwange, as well as being home to a variety of wildlife, big and small. The landscape changes dramatically between the cooler dry winters and warm humid summers. This special scenery is ideal for horse-riding and several activity options have been designed for riders of different experience levels. All rides are led by our experienced, qualified guides and trackers. The pace is determined by safety and terrain and is mostly fast walking and trotting. Where possible in open areas we will canter and gallop. We look at our riders’ experience and tailor the pace accordingly (not included in nightly rate - price on request).

ALL RATES ARE
- Quoted in USD.
- Inclusive of 2% tourism levy.
- Subject to availability.
- Terms and conditions apply.

RATES INCLUDE
Accommodation, all meals, soft drinks, beers, wines & local spirits, laundry, transfers from Bomani Airstrip, Sipepa Airstrip (1 hour road transfer), or Ngamo Siding (20 min road transfer) and guided game activities as stated above.

CANCELLATION POLICY
- 30 days + before travel = 75% refund
- 16 - 29 days before travel = 50% refund.
- 8 - 15 days before travel = 25% refund.
- 0 - 7 days before travel or non arrivals = no refund.

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 to do 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 50% and must share with an adult.
- Up to 2 children may share a villa with an adult.