

# NATURE. IN IT'S PUREST FORM

#### ABOUT SABLE VALLEY

Back in the 80's when safaris were becoming fashionable, Sable Valley was built on a fragile ecosystem called The Dete Vlei. This very camp was made famous in 1991 when her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip chose this lodge for their Safari adventure.

Fast forward a couple of decades, Sable Valley now falls under The Amalinda Safari Collection umbrella. The new Sable Valley celebrates the era of the old 90's with 11 rooms set in stone rondavels and elegantly styled in a "Moroccan" theme. The experience is concentrated around walking safaris and incredible game drive activities on the 15500 acre concession.

#### LOCATION

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Known for its sprawling grassy plains and abundance of wildlife diversity. The Dete Vlei, home to Sable Valley, provides scenic landscapes of exceptional and rare beauty, sustaining an ecosystem of remarkable habitat and species, all whilst maintaining its ecological resilience and amazing natural phenomena.

The Vlei is home to robust populations of some of the world most endangered large mammals such as Cheetah, Wild Dog & Leopard. The natural habitats of the nominated area are diverse, with 1070 plant species which include about 255 trees and shrubs and over 202 grasses, 470 species of bird and 100 species of mammal.

The Dete Vlei plays a pivotal role in the conservation of wildlife. This pristine concession is co-managed and protected by Forestry Commission and The Amalinda Safari Collection's Mother Africa Trust anti poaching unit.





#### SAFARI INFORMATION



Hwange

Hwange is a semi-arid area resulting in temperatures reaching opposite ends of the spectrum through the day. Being located on the Dete Vlei, guests at Sable will experience a drop in temperatures in the evenings, more so compared to other areas in Hwange.



#### SUMMER MONTHS AUGUST TO APRIL

High winds August & September Rain & high humidity

#### WINTER MONTHS MAY TO JULY

VERY DRY SEASON



#### WHAT TO EXPECT





Malaria: Hwange and the Dete Vlei is not a high Malaria prone zone.



# TRAVEL INFORMATION

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Self Drive – Zimbabwe has strict laws on vehicle requirements. If these are not met, fines will be charged by local police.

If guests are self-driving to Sable Valley, we ask that you park at Ivory Lodge and we will transfer you to the lodge. Guests staying at Sable Valley are not permitted to self-drive around the concession.

Please feel free to contact us to find out further information on these regulations.



#### WILDLIFE

Widlife ranges from smaller antelope to a herd of 500+ buffalo. Family herds of The famous Presidential Herd of Elephants or lone bulls. Predators such as lion, cheetah, leopard, hyena and even jackals, as well as over 300 species of bird are found on our private concession.



#### ACCOMMODATION

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Sable Valley was first opened in 1987 by Touch The Wild. It holds a lot of history some of which we did not want to change. The apex structure and dining area is warm and welcoming. The focus of this area is to encourage guests to spend more time relaxing here or down in the hide, reading books or taking epic photographs.

The rooms are built back into the teak forest and are all pool facing. The pool is surrounded by day bed kiosks/salas. Not far from the pool area is a relaxing space for families to make pizzas in our pizza oven after taking a dip.

The 11 round huts, known as rondavels, are set between ancient hard woods providing a canopy of shade and all have pool facing views.

The Queen Elizabeth Suite, named after her visit in 1991, is the only rondavel with an ensuite bath and shower. All the others have showers heated by gas.

No 8 is our family room which has two queen size beds - however we do have the capability to put additional single beds in all the other rooms.



The room configurations are as follows:

Room 1 – Queen Elizabeth's Room ( only room with bath tub ) - King Room 2 – Prince Philip's Room - Kings Room – King Room 3 – Twin Room 4 – Queen Room 5 – Twin Room 6 – Queen Room 7 – Twin Room 8 – x2 Queens \_ Family Room Room 9 – Twin Room 10 – Queen Room 11 – King

Tea and coffee stations are not included here as we adopt the old style of bringing tea and coffee for your early morning wake up calls.

Rooms are pool facing and the outside deck area look onto the pool sala's. Being a vintage camp, we appreciated the history in the rooms and decided to not rebuild. For this reason we made the main entertainment areas, hides and boma more inviting so guests choose to spend most of their time here.



#### HIDES & SITS



We are confident that the game experience from our hides or on our activities make up for the secluded rooms.

Our underground Hide and Tree platform

Now this is the focal point; with 180-degree views of sunrise and sunset, the sunken hide is positioned for optimum photography. It is punctuated by 1000 termite mounds and is frequented daily by resident herds of elephant, buffalo and sable.

Wine, beers and soft drinks are available and accessible all day from the built-in fridge and in cold winter evenings, this is a wonderful space to sit being warmed by the indoor fireplace

However, If you're more inclined to enjoy the breeze in your hair, above the Sidule Hide is the viewing platform, guarded from the sun by leafy teak trees and set with bean bags for longer viewing opportunities, another favorite space for our photographers. Lying up here the views of the massive vlei sprawling out in front of you is breathtaking. In the East, looking right you will see the sun and moon rising. Looking left to the West you will watch the sun setting in all its glory.

We've taken the idea of 'hiding out' to a level where wildlife approaches you naturally - making this the place for the nature purist .... in its purest form. We have also constructed habitually blended wood blinds and viewing decks on the concession where photographers can sit, in a camouflaged space and wait for that epic shot.





# ACTIVITIES

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The 15 500 acre concession has a hard boundary with the Mabale Community, this gives us the ability to incorporate conservation into the community, such as building lion proof bomas.

Together with "Pan sits", "hides sits", and platforms, we conduct walking safaris with our resident professional guides.

We have our own private entrance into The Hwange National Park available to all of our Hwange properties. No longer are we needed to enter The Park through main camp on the main road. Our entrance point brings us out right by the famous Makwa Pan cutting out 2 hours of our previous journey.

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### FACILITIES

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The Pool is surrounded by breakout 'kiosks' - our coined name for sunbathing Salas and moon gazers. Surrounded by 300-year-old Teak and False Mapane Trees which add to the shaded areas for Pizza lunches and outdoor living.

The Wrapped Boma is for traditional African nights and cuisine. This delightful new logged kraal is designed on the experience of the Mabale community and made by these very people.



Recycled plastic and glass bottles have been placed inside the wall cavities for support. Natural clay and mud was garnered from the Gwayi region to complete the look. Delicious braais and soft candlelight bring together the textures of this area.



# A C C E S S

Driving You Wild is available to collect and transfer guests from Victoria Falls or Bulawayo to Sable Valley. If other transfer services are booked, such as Wild Horizons, guests will be dropped at Painted Dog Conservation Centre where we will collect. If guests are self driving, you will be required to park at Ivory Lodge where you will be transferred across to Sable Valley by your guide.

We will be in communication with any outside transfer service companies incase drop off points change, all transfers from Hwange Main Camp, Hwange Safari Lodge, Painted Dog Conservation Center are included in our all inclusive rates.









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Founded in 2006 as a way to build a better future in Zimbabwe. Our vision is to create a way for people to "give back" to both the environment and to the people of Zimbabwe. We aim to make a positive difference in the areas of education, culture, environmental research & conservation.



Driving You Wild is our exclusive transfer division offering comfortable, cost-effective, safe and reliable transfers between our collection of properties. We also service other destinations within Zimbabwe.

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Rooms		•				•
Air-con	X	×	×	×	X	×
Overhead fan	X	X	×	X		X
Mobile fan					X	
In room tea & coffee station		X			X	
Bar fridge		X		×	X	×
Delivered coffee/tea	X	×	×	X		X
His and her basins	X	X			×	X
In room safe		X			X	
Inside shower						
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Outside shower						
Inside bath			~			
Outside bath		<b>X</b>		X	X	
Hair dryers						
Electric blankets					X	
Wall sockets round			<u> </u>		X	
Wall sockets square	×	×	<u> </u>	×		×
Usb charging socket	X	X	<u>×</u>	X	$\checkmark$	<b>X</b>
Bath & shower amenities	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Laundry service	$\checkmark$	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	$\checkmark$	<u> </u>
Room with a view	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\sim$	$\checkmark$	X	$\checkmark$
Pool view	×	×	×	×	X	$\checkmark$
Family rooms	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Facilities						
Pool bar	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	×
Swimming pool	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Private dining	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
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Camp fire	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
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Spa		$\checkmark$	×	X	X	X
Boma	X	×	×	×		X
Gym	X	×	X	X	X	X
Wheel chair friendly	X	X	X	X		X
Show kitchen	X				×	X
Activities		•	•			
Rhino walking			X	×	×	X
Game drives						
Walking safaris						
Pan sits	×	×				
Hide sits	X	X				
Cultural activities			~			
	X	×				
Conservation activities			×	×		× ·
San paintings					X	<u>×</u>
Hiking			X	X	X	×
Rhodes grave			×	X	×	×
Arm chair safari /hide	×	X		X		
Tree platforms	×	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×

Checklist of facilities available at each Amalinda Collection of safari lodges







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