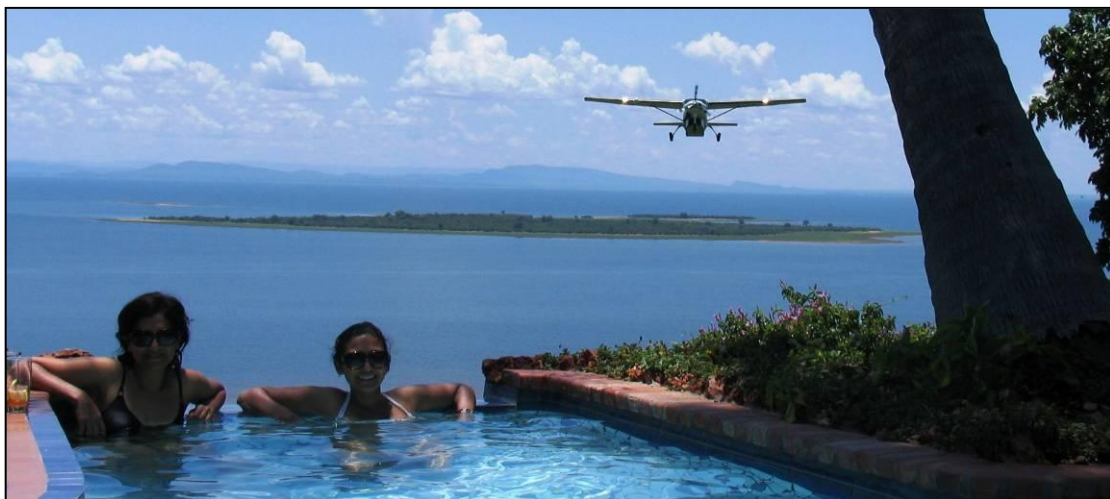


**BUMI HILLS**  
SAFARI LODGE  
**A descriptive overview**  
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## Introduction

Bumi Hills Safari lodge boasts one of Africa's finest wilderness locations with an elevated position on a remote range of hills in Zimbabwe, overlooking the vastness of Lake Kariba. Bumi is easily accessed by light aircraft and boat, allowing you to be swiftly transported into paradise without the stress of a long journey. You are welcomed into luxurious comfort by a team of staff that are unfailingly committed to ensuring your stay will forever be etched onto a treasured part of your memory.



## Access

The Bumi Hills Air Strip and boat harbour are located just 5 minutes from the lodge and form part of our wildlife area. Our team of guides will clear the airstrip's runway of animals prior to any landing and the pilots can communicate with us via the air-to-ground radio equipment at the lodge. The runway is approximately 1,5km in length and the first 150m of this is tarred. The rest of the strip is hard, compacted gravel and accessible at all times throughout the year. There are tie down cables to secure the planes on the tarred parking apron. On special request we can facilitate cold towels, drinks and snacks on the apron of

the airstrip. The airstrip has not yet been declared a port of entry, although we believe this authorization is imminent. In the meantime planes and passengers wishing to charter directly into Bumi Hills from outside of the country need to first clear customs at Kariba airport before taking a short 12 minute scenic flight across the lake to Bumi Hills. Most regional and international flying travellers will first enter Zimbabwe at Harare or Joburg via commercial airlines from Johannesburg. They will then fly into Bumi Hills on light aircraft accommodating 5 to 12 persons.

## Accommodation



Bumi Hills has a total of twenty rooms, all with views over the lake. Ten of the rooms are premium rooms with balconies and uninhibited views across the waters to Zambia. The other ten are garden rooms with slated front terraces and these are set a little way back behind and on a level above the premium rooms. There are tea and coffee trays in each room with fresh milk and baked cookies replaced on a daily basis. All rooms are air conditioned at night and during the day upon request.

## The Special Bumi Experience

Taking centre stage at Bumi Hills is the beautiful infinity pool that seems to blend endlessly into the lake horizon. The exclusive entertainment lounge houses a large flat screen TV with over 200 satellite TV channels, comfortable lounge chairs, a full size snooker table and a darts board. Adjacent to this room is the library lounge with a cosy fireplace and a wide choice of books and board games. This is the perfect setting for a rare rainy day, crisp cool



winter's evening or simply just the ideal social locale to catch up with friends on the day's events.

Our dining area is located both under cover and open to the skies. The dining deck has brilliant views over the lake, but if it rains or gets hot and humid we can seat everyone comfortably in the air conditioned interior dining room. Naison is our Chef and he has a large, modern kitchen to work in with a great team of staff. His cooking rivals that of any international lodge and he adds special touches and flavours to everything he makes.



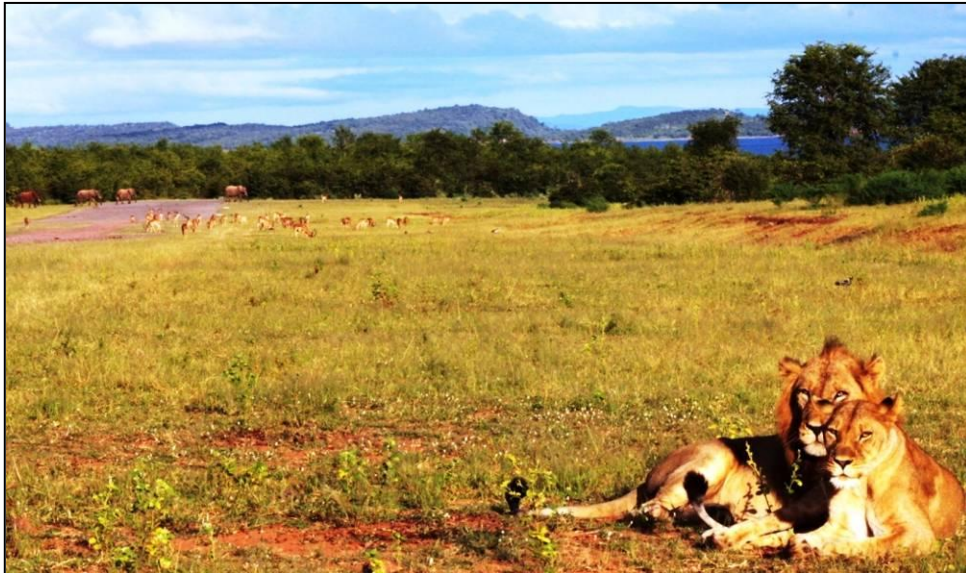
Bumi has an interactive pool bar where our ever friendly barmen can offer you a refreshing drink under the warm African sun whilst you bask in pool's crystal clear waters. On a level there is a sophisticated wine terrace and traditional fire pit that enhance the intimate social atmosphere that Bumi is renowned for. All main building areas have free wifi accessibility and mobile signal is also strong at Bumi Hills.

Nick Milne is the GM at the lodge and always goes out of his way to ensure that all Bumi guests' needs are well attended to and catered for. He has a fantastic management team and very cohesive staff unit to accompany him and together they are on hand at all times. Justine Price is our Reservations Manager and she is situated at the lodge. She has great attention to detail and will be able to answer any of your reservations queries in very quick time.

Bumi Hills lends itself naturally to total relaxation, but we also have some exciting activities on offer. We are situated on our own large, private and pristine wildlife conservation area that is historically wild and thus never required an introduction of wildlife from other areas. Bumi Hills is home to lion, leopard, big herds of elephant and buffalo, as well as a multitude of different plains game. We have superb fishing in the lake waters surrounding the lodge with bream and the fighting tiger fish in abundance. The period from October to March is the best time of year to fish here due to warm waters that make the fish more active.



Our guiding team is headed up by Dean McGregor who has been a Zimbabwean Professional Guide for over twenty years. He is highly respected and has a magnetic personality accompanied by an impeccable safety record. He is very ably supported by his team of assistant guides, all of whom have a minimum of five years of experience and are true ambassadors of the bush. On our wildlife concession and on the surrounding lake the guiding team conduct game drives, boat cruises, fishing and sailing (in a 30 foot catamaran). Guided walks are an absolute must and these are done with Dean in groups of 2-8 people. The activities are conducted generally in the cooler mornings and afternoons, when the light is also best for photography, but for an exclusive group we will be highly flexible on timings. We have two beautiful viewing platforms on the estate, where game and bird sightings are fantastic. We can arrange special meals and drinks in conjunction with any of these activities.



Bumi Hills has a dedicated Cessna 206 (5 passenger seats) aircraft, which may upon request and subject to availability be used for scenic flights over the lake and dam wall. This can be combined with a trip to the nearby Matusadona National Park, which is home to one of the World's last remaining populations of Black Rhino. This is another area that Dean knows very well and again through request and availability we can facilitate walks in this area.



Cultural excursions to the surrounding Tonga Villages are un-contrived and a very uplifting experience. The Tonga, who make up 95% of our staff, are a very proud people, with rich traditions developed over centuries. Many of these are still practiced today.



Our well equipped Spa is run by Shamiso, a fully qualified and highly experienced therapist. She uses the Africology range of products and the spa has two treatment rooms, a plunge pool and a steam room. Spa Treatments can also be performed privately in the comfort of guest rooms during the day time. In some cases, when demand requires, we bring in a second Spa Therapist to assist Shamiso.

Bumi Hills is strongly committed to preserving the environment and uplifting the surrounding community that has held onto many special cultural practices for centuries. The lodge's many positive actions in these areas are far reaching. Apart from providing significant employment to the surrounding community we also regularly assist its schools and health centres. Our wildlife estate is regularly patrolled by scouts on the lookout for any signs of poaching and we run education programmes into the surrounding areas about the benefits of conservation. At the lodge we make use of sustainable energy practices and are constantly looking for ways to further minimise our impact on the environment.

## Further Detail

Please explore our website for further details and look at the links below to find out about the latest news from the lodge or discover a good selection of images in our galleries to compliment the descriptions above. Bumi Hills is also a very popular venue for weddings, special occasions, executive business meetings, conferences and incentives. We the have facilities and know how to accommodate a diverse variety of group requests.

We take great pride at Bumi Hills in boasting one of Africa's finest locations complimented by a set of uniquely diverse services and activities with high levels of luxurious comfort in a beautiful remote paradise that can be easily accessed and where we can facilitate a multitude of requests from discerning travellers looking for unsurpassed experiences.

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